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GOSPEL SERMONS



God's Plan of Redemption

Rev. J. A. Davidson Antlers, Oklahoma

The Spirit Birth (John 3:3) is not the operation of the Holy Spirit, it is the result. The operation of the Holy Spirit is removing the veil of sin from the heart, the spirit birth is delivering from sin. Other nationalities had to be circumcised before they could become members of Abraham's family. However when it all was complete they became heir to the common wealth of Israel. Spiritual birth is deliverance from sin, becoming a child of God, having your name written in the Lamb's book of life, (Rev. 3:5) being born again. To those who read this message I want you to consider the term AGAIN, note that means one more time. Jesus was very careful to mention the physical birth, and spoke of it in v. 6 "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." Our Lord made it plain that the flesh could not be born of the spirit neither the spirit of the flesh, if water baptism was a birth as some would have you believe, that would be two births for the natural man as it is the only one that can receive water baptism. However baptism in water, is not a birth, neither does it represent a birth, it represents a burial and resurrection; born once more, going from delivering from one state of existence to another. Giving life, as in a physical birth a mother giving life to her child, Spirit life, God giving spiritual life to a soul that was dead in sin. I hope you will notice that every time baptism is mentioned in the Bible it doesn't mean literal water baptism the very ones who preach the water birth (John 3:5) is as silent as death on (Matt. 3:11). The two narratives are parallel, if (John 3:5) means a baptism in literal water then (Matt. 3:11) means an application of the physical body in literal fire. You say it is silly, yes, it

is silly, both statements are silly to say the least of it, still some preachers will continue to preach a water birth. Jesus said (John 3:8) "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof but canst not tell whence it cometh and whether it goeth. So is everyone that is born of the Spirit. Now if it came by water baptism everyone would know how it came about and all about it. It is one thing to hunt up a few scriptural nest eggs, and set on them and turn them over ever so often, and another thing to harmonize the book of God. (Acts 2:38) rendered "in order to the remission of sins," does not harmonize with another text in the Bible. The word for; is a translation from the Greek preposition EIS and can be and is rendered in many instances because of the English word (for). Webster said it most generally meant because of. Cornelius was baptized because he was saved (Acts 10:43). The prison keeper at Philippi was baptized after he was saved. (Acts 16:34). The Ethiopian eunuch was baptized after he believed with all his heart. That is the scriptural way some one may say that Ananias told Saul to be baptized and wash his sins away, yes, but he told him how to do it." Calling on the name of the Lord," that is God's plan. God said through Joel (Joel 2:32) "That it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Peter said, (Acts 2:16) This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." And in the 21v. he said "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In God's plan of salvation there must be one medium by which every soul is saved. God never placed on record two plans. God never gave one man an opportunity to be saved and deprived another.

He never saved one set of men by water baptism, and condemned millions because they never had an opportunity, if our Heavenly Father had intended to place water baptism as a medium unto the remission of sins He would undoubtedly give it in the beginning of the world, before so many souls lost had an opportunity to be saved. Oh! no our God is not like that. The apostle Peter left on record 2 Peter 3:9. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Notice He never said, Come to water baptism, notice my readers I am not trying to mislead anyone or dodge the divine command of water baptism, I am just trying to place it where our Lord intended it to be. It is a sacred ordinance to me it is a christian manifestation to the world that they are dead to sin and made alive o Christ. Peter said, "It is not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God." (1 Peter 3:21). Then anyone ought to know that if baptism is the answer of a good conscience, and it is, then no one could truthfully answer until they possessed a good conscience. Also you know, if you know anything that an unsaved person has not a good conscience, it takes a Christian to have a good conscience, then they are prepared for water baptism. And not before. Webster said that the word born was

in the passive form, only when not followed by the mother. Now in this case the spirit is the deliverer, that places it in the active form. (1 Peter 1:23) "Being born again not of corruptible seed but of uncorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

Then born is in the progressive like (1 John 1:7). "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleaneth us from all sin." Notice it is while we walk in the light we are not affirming that the soul is not complete in the Lord, but you must remember we have a vile body. That must be fashioned like unto his glorious body (Phil. 3:21). Let us return to the water birth. (John 3:5) In a birth there must be life given. a deliverer, there must of necessity be a power of nature or the power of God behind the increase. That power is called the mother or parent in theology. Now I want you to tell me what is the parent in the baptismal birth, if there ever was such a thing. Now the apostle Paul tells us how the Spirit of God is the power of deliverance in the Spirit birth. (1 Cor. 6:11) "And such were some of you, but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and that by the Spirit of our God." Reader if you like this article, personally I would like to hear from you, if not I would like to hear your objections.

Are You Robbing God?

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"Will a man rob God?" Malachi 3:8.

This is an alarming question the prophet Malachi put to his people to shake them into wakefulness. "Will a man rob God?" Will he? There are those who rob their government, their brother, their father and mother, their children. But will a man rob God? We might not get caught in dealing with man, but there is One who knows our hearts and intents. You at first will say—no—a man will not rob God, but Malachi says you have

robbed God in tithes and offerings and that you have not paid God His dues. To Malachi, to refuse to tithe is to be guilty of robbing God.

How were these people guilty of robbing God? What excuses did they give? They, nor you, can plead ignorance for they knew from infancy that the tenth of all their increase belonged to God. They could not plead poverty for poverty never prevented any person from tithing. The truth of the matter is that it is far easier

to induce those with small incomes to tithe than those whose incomes are large. These people who did not tithe did attend church, but they did not love the Lord. Malachi told them the Lord loved them. So does the Lord love all those who do not tithe. Jesus loves those who tithe and give offerings and those who rob Him the same but the blessings received are different. Love delights to give; but when love dies, love ceases to give. Please see the difference between giving and sharing. You can give money and not share in Christ's sufferings, but you can not share sufferings unless you are glad to give.

You answer—"The law of the tithe is an old Jewish law. It is in no sense binding upon us who are Christians. Yes, you must fulfill, not destroy, the past. You will give a tenth or rob God? Why?

I. Tithing is scriptural.

A. God is absolute owner of everything.

"All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." The Lord said to Moses, "The land is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills are mine." "Neither said any of them," those who heard Peter and John preach, "that ought of the things he possessed was his own." Acts 4:32.

B. Since God owns all, we ought to set aside a certain part of our income in acknowledgment of His ownership. Men have always known the above fact. So why not give back to the Giver, for you are not owner, only possessor.

C. Since God owns all—and we ought to acknowledge His ownership, He has the right to say what proportion of our substance we set aside to show that He owns all. The Lord's day was made for man. God wants man's day to be consecrated Holy unto Him. God revealed the law of the tithe to Moses that had been in use for centuries. God will reveal the tithe and offering to you if you will listen to Him. Now, come on. Stop, look and listen to the Lord. There is danger unless you do so. If you do not try to understand, you are dishonest with yourself and God.

May I quote from a highly educated fundamental minister, a man I know and deeply respect. "When we come to the New Testament, we find a fuller and clearer teaching regarding our relationship to

property. Jesus had more to say about this than He did about repentance, regeneration, heaven, hell. Almost half of His recorded sayings relate directly or indirectly to money. In His teachings He affirmed God's ownership of everything. He taught further that man should administer all his possessions as God's steward. There is no indication that He repealed the law of the tithe. Instead He gave it His sanction. This He did directly and specifically. In His denunciation of the Pharisees He said, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23. The sin of the Pharisees was not tithing. They were right in doing that. They were wrong in trying to make tithing a substitute for right living. Tithing is no substitute for salvation, any more than is prayer. But tithing rightly done bears direct sanction of Jesus." Please note God's grace abounds toward our large giving of tithes and offerings, not to stinginess. When Free Will Baptist tithe, we will have the means for carrying on His glorious work. In giving tithes and offerings we are safe above the law. That is good business. Those who tithe soon start giving large offerings cheerfully. The tithe and offering given in love will open the windows of heaven. When we open our hand to give, God will fill it full and run it over. Closed pocket books and hands are those who rob God. Tithing is best experienced, not talked concerning. Then you can tell others as many can testify today.

Please, preacher, laymen and others who read this article take the Word of God seriously. However you take His message you will give an account one day. Stop being a thief and launch out into the deep and take God at His Word. I bow my head and humbly pray to God that this message will be heard.

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The Way of the Cross

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The greatest need of the Christian churches of today is a fuller knowledge of the Cross of Christ. Not only the liberating loosing power of the cross, but the fellowship of the cross in power. Power to be martyrs"—which means "power to witness." How blinded are people of today, in our human vision, of the real meaning of Calvary. Christ saved us by His death on the cross at Golgotha, and God's way of saving the world is still through death. The seed grain must die, if it is to bear fruit. Christ was the seed grain. The "seed grains" that spring from Christ must die for fruit. The cross means the sacrifice of self—that is, wanting anything for self. It means being willing to lose all that others may gain all.

Read what Peter set before the believers of his day. "Christ suffered," he writes, "leaving you an example that ye should follow his steps." I Peter 2:21. "Follow His Steps," writes Peter. To do this the record of His steps as he walked here on the earth as man must be carefully studied, so that He may be followed. His steps led Him to Calvary, and then to the resurrection, and ascension to Glory. We would all like the resurrection and ascension—but not the steps that lead us to there.

Let us think of Christ suffering. How did he suffer? He was not guilty. He suffered innocently. So the Apostle says, "This is grace, if for conscience toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully." If, when ye do well and suffer for it, ye shall take it patiently, this is grace with God. For herunto are ye called.

"Called!" Called to do well and suffer for it! Not called to do well and escape Christian in this world is to follow the steps of the Saviour, who did well, and suffered for it. "He did no sin," yet He suffered. There was "no guile in His mouth," He said no word which could draw upon Him a sharp answer, an unkind rebuke—yet He suffered. "when He was reviled He reviled not again," when He suffered, "He threatened not." He gave no cause in word or manner, thought or look, for the buffeting of others, yet He

suffered. He did well, and suffered for it. And this is the Christian's calling—this is the path of following His steps. This is "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." for this is grace—real grace, real proof of divine power.

We say how is this possible in actual practice? Only as it was possible for Christ Himself. He became man, so that He suffered as a man, and is touched with the feeling of our weaknesses. He suffered as we do when reviled. But He had grace because in the suffering "He kept handing Himself over to Him that judgeth righteously." I Peter 2:23.

However untrue and unjust the accusation, He had grace, and "threatened not," but kept handing Himself over to God! He spoke not of the certain judgement which He knew well lay before the people who cried, "Crucify Him!" He answered not the false witnesses who twisted His words and charged Him with evil purposes. He said nothing to the scoffing, spitting soldiers, of the twelve legions of angels which one word to His Father could bring to His aid. He threatened not! He, "opened not His mouth," but kept handing Himself over to the Righteous Judge; and it was that we might have grace that "His own

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self bare our sins in His body, on the tree, that we, having died (in Him and with Him) unto sins, might live unto righteousness." Because, then, Christ suffered in the flesh, the call comes to us. We must arm ourselves with the same thought. Christ suffered in my stead, suffered innocently in His steps and accept the calling to do well and suffer for it. If I thus suffer in the flesh I shall "cease unto sins"—cease from threatening, resenting, answering again.

Will you study the record? Will you cease desiring to escape the cross and choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to have the pleasures of sin for a season? How changed Peter was by his being an eye-witness of the suffering of Christ! Once he sprang with his sword to defend his Lord. Once he cried to the Lord, in view of the path of the Cross. "Pity Thyself, this shall not be un-

to Thee." But now he had followed the Lord, and drunk of His spirit, so that he can tell the believers that to do well and suffer for it is the heavenly calling. "Christ suffered" is now his one answer to all their sufferings. It is enough that the servant be as his Lord.

Again he says, "wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God keep handing over their souls, in well-doing unto a faithful creator." "Keep handing over"—then will God also keep "handing over grace" for every time of need. He is a faithful creator, re-creating the believer in the image of His Son by giving grace to His steps.

Jesus is:

Light to a dark world

Life of a dead world

Love to a cold world

What is He to you?

The Living Laws of Moses

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Moses, the Hebrew baby boy, born in a mud hut in Egypt, was the son of a little mother who, at the time of Moses' birth, was a slave. The devil saw in that baby something which enraged him that he took possession of Pharaoh, causing him to lay a plot where by the baby would be drowned. But God was not pleased with Pharaoh's plan, so, He got busy and laid a plan Himself.

God made Pharaoh take that baby boy, Moses, and feed, clothe and educate him. He made him teach that boy all of the years of schooling. God sent Moses to the back side of mountains and deserts to herd four-legged sheep for his father-in-law.

After forty years herding the sheep of his wife's father, Moses met God at a burning bush. After that day and until his death, Moses herded two-legged sheep for his heavenly Father.

After spending forty years in the sheep herding business, Moses was sent by God back to old Pharaoh's country. Here God

had another plan all made. He had Moses drown that old king. Then God had Moses write the laws, not only for the Egyptians but, if you please, sir, a collection of laws that was to be the foundation of all the laws ever to be written by mortal man in any age of the world.

The laws of Moses are for every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and the best proof on earth that the laws of Moses were inspired is the fact that every atheist and agnostic and skeptic and infidel who has ever lived since the laws of Moses were written has hated them with a perfect hatred. They all have said, "Down with the laws of Moses and up with our laws." But I am glad to say that their laws died in the same generation in which they themselves lived. Yet, after thirty-five hundred years of hard and bitter attacks on Moses' laws, the laws are still God's standard by which a lost world is governed.

When Jesus came on the scene and met the devil in the three greatest battles

ever fought. He knocked the devil out three times with the laws of Moses.

Some years back, right in the nation where I have been preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ for nearly forty years, a great American infidel arose and came to the front challenging the laws of Moses. For twenty years this brilliant gentleman went up and down the country like a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour. From the people he collected five hundred dollars a night so he could show them the mistakes and blunders of Moses. That was after Moses had been in heaven for thirty-five hundred years. And thank the Lord for this one fact, that after that infidel gentleman had been dead for only twenty years, no man could go up and down the nation and collect off the people even fifteen cents a night to lecture about the mistakes he made. This shows the greatness of Moses.

You can't really make a comparison between Moses and the infidel gentleman. They simply won't compare. It's like comparing the Atlantic Ocean to the little pond in your barnyard. In your pond are raised mosquitoes, while in the Atlantic Ocean whales are raised. No comparison there, you just have to smile and give in. The laws of Moses are as unmovable as the Rocky Mountains they have come to stay.

The laws of the skeptic are like mole-hills that can be moved any day in the week or can be plowed under and never heard tell of again. Thank God for some-

thing that abides! St. Paul, referring to Moses and the prophets, said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. For all this we say, "Amen" and "Glory to God." for we have something to stand on which the unbelievers can't shake. "Well Praise God."

I want to speak of a few things pertaining to the greatness of God, that you may see how much greater God is than the devil is. God can take a man who is as crooked as the round-house, give him one touch, and make him as straight as a gun barrel. But let the devil take a straight man, and if the man will yield himself completely to the devil's power he can make him too crooked to sleep in the roundhouse, the devil has the power to make a man crooked, but it takes God to make a man straight.

What was the difference between Abraham and Lot? You know, they were blood kin and lived in the same country at the same time, and were in the same business. But here is a part of the difference between them. Abraham commanded his house, Lot's house commanded him. Abraham had a house of obedience. Lot had a house of disobedience. Abraham pitched his tents toward Jerusalem, Lot pitched his tents toward Sodom. Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked toward the mountains, Lot lifted up his eyes and looked toward the plains of Jordan.

Making Christ Our Companion

By Elder Vera Dowdy Colby, Kan.

Text Luke 24:15-32; John 14:23.

The close companionship of Jesus Christ is an outstanding privilege of the followers of the Master. Redemption through Christ brings the opportunity of walking by His side and knowing the Master's way for a useful and successful Christian life.

In our text Luke 24:15-32; is the record of what happened to the two men on their

way to Emmaus. These two were talking about the crucifixion of Jesus. Then it was that the Master joined them in the way, but "their eyes were holden that they should not know Him."

That leads us to observe that many people have the opportunity of companionship with Jesus, but make nothing of it. Golden moments slip through our fingers like grains of sand, and then, later, when a

great need arises we long for Him who can comfort and strengthen.

John 14:23 contains the Master's promise on this matter of companionship. He said, "If a man love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Thus the high opportunity of your life and mine comes in the decision to obey the word of Christ and receive Him as guest in our hearts.

Perhaps very often we as young people, when we sing of "walking with the Master" wonder if we know just what it means to walk with our Master. Older people who have experienced many joys and sorrows know well the power of Jesus as an intimate companion, and it is for us who are younger to venture through new doors of spiritual growth.

We should take Christ as our companion in our joys and successes. Too many feel that about the only time we need to look to Jesus is when we are in trouble. That, however is not the case. Christ should be at the heart of every joy and success as well as trouble. We remember that Jesus began His public ministry at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and we recall that that joyful occasion was made more joyful just because He was there. The presence of Jesus brought joy to that home in Bethany, where lived close friends of the Master. Anyone who says that there is no joy in living a Christian life, has not tried it, and simply betrays his own manner of living.

Christ is our best companion and help in times of sorrow and suffering and sin. The great problem of this world is sin. We may not quite believe this, but upon closer examination we will become convinced of

this truth.

Because of the underspread nature of the world's sin, occasionally innocent people have to suffer because of the sins of others.

Since we cannot become hermits and shut ourselves up against the invasion of sorrow and suffering, a wise course is to invite Jesus into our hearts, to cleanse us from our sins, and to help us overcome sorrow and suffering by the strong encouragement of the promises He is willing and able to give the words of Jesus recorded in the Gospel make good reading in bad times. Also the book of Acts informs us in the matter of forsaking the road of sin and becoming Christians through obedience to Christ. The letters in the new Testament tell us how to live a victorious Christian life. The fact that every promise in the Bible is ours, should fortify us greatly in times of trouble. Then, too, the wholesome and helpful companionship of Christian friends is a source of great strength. Christ works through them to give courage to those who suffer. In spirit He is always with those who trust in Him. But at the same time the physical presence of Christian friends is a helpful reminder of Christ's concern.

The companionship of Christ is often sought in times of peril. I don't mean that we should wait until danger comes before we turn to Christ as our companion. We have heard of many instances in this war where people who laughed and mocked God before are turning to Him for help and guidance. May we say "Praise the Lord" for the changes in their hearts. that our country will be a land of faith and accept Christ as her companion.

The Influence of the Minority

In a country where government is by majorities it is easy to overlook the influence of the minority. Our attention was called to this by an editorial in the "Gospel Herald," entitled "The Saving Nuclues," from which we are incorporating some ideas with our own on the subject.

SOME MINORITIES OF ONE

There was a time when Noah stood alone in believing God would send a flood. He appears to have been the only man of whom it could be said at the time of the flood that he was "perfect in his generations," and "walked with God." He doubt-

less was a subject of ridicule by the majority, and yet he had more influence on all succeeding generations than all the other people of his day, who doubtless numbered millions.

Abraham was a lonely figure. It is said of him that God called him alone (Isa. 51:2). His departure from Ur perhaps was unnoticed by the majority. He made little stir in the world of his time, but the greater part of the Bible is about him and his descendants. The kings who ruled in his day are mentioned in only a few verses.

Moses left Egypt alone the first time because he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God, who, themselves, did not appreciate what he tried to do for them. The majority remained in Egypt another forty years, but, eventually, the man who was in the minority led the majority to liberty.

Elijah was a lonely prophet in his day. The false god, Baal, had four hundred and fifty prophets to represent him, while Elijah was alone. But the one who was a solitary minority was the only one that could get the fire down on his altar. Even the seven thousand non-worshippers of Baal were a minority in their day, but Baal and his people perished while the descendants of the seven thousand live today.

LATER MINORITIES AND THEIR WORK

Martin Luther was a lonely figure when he nailed his theses to the church door, but his influence has outlived the influence of the popes and kings who had the majority on their side when he lived.

George Fox found no sympathy among the church officials of his day. But the names of the big men who opposed him are forgotten.

John Wesley started with a little group, but the people who call themselves Methodists now girdle the globe with their churches and missions.

William Booth started with a few people whom the world considered ignorant, but the Salvation Army is known wherever civilization has spread.

ENCOURAGEMENT For The INDIVIDUAL

When a Christian walks down the street of a large city today he cannot but feel that he is a representative of a minority.

When a really devout Christian mingles in some great convention of Christians (so-called) he still has a sense that he believes doctrines that the majority either do not believe or, at least, do not practice in their lives day by day.

We often find families in which there is only one true Christian. He is a minority in his own home. But no one can measure the influence he may wield there. Ridiculed and scoffed at because of his conscientious scruples, nevertheless the time will come when he will be sought for in times when the majority is at their wits end what to do.

There are also worldly churches that have but a few devout Christians in them, but they are the preserving salt that keeps the majority from going utterly to the world. Quoting from the article mentioned above:

"Many a revival has come in the Christian church because a faithful few held on to God until the blessing came. The saving thing in many of our congregational situations is the fact that there is a nucleus of spiritual and loyal people with whom and through whom the Lord can work for the transformation of the body. God always has worked through minorities and He still does. The indifferent or unfaithful majority should be for us a source of concern and challenge, but not of discouragement. The Lord delights to show Himself strong through a faithful remnant who follow Him."

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A Message and a Challenge to Free Will Baptist of Missouri

For a number of years now we, of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, have been talking of a project for our youth. In our talk we have expressed a desire for a youth encampment. With this encampment to be a place for religious training, and recreation for the youth that we love so very much. I am overjoyed with the privilege to announce the beginning of such a vision being realized. However, I regret that all the people of the state were unable to be at the State Association on Sept. 13th, 1945. The reason for my regret is that you surely did miss a wonderful outpouring of the blessings of the Lord. I will be able to explain to you, through the Gem, the plan. But, I will be utterly unable to explain to you what we experienced from the Lord on that day. By His presence being so visible we deem that His divine approval was stamped on the plan. The plan is as follows:

A recommendation was brought to the body by the business Committee, that the State Association elect a Committee of three to serve with the President of the State Sunday School Convention, and the President of the State League Convention thus forming a Committee of five to formulate plans for a youth encampment. That this committee be given the authority to purchase a site, construct buildings, hire instructors, and make every necessary plan for the opening of the camp. The recommendations was passed unanimously. **NOT A VOTE WAS CAST AGAINST IT.**

The committee that was elected consists of Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator of the State Association; Rev. Mark Lewis, President of the State Sunday School Convention; Rev. Kermit Esther, President of the State League Convention; Rev. C. B. Dees, Editor-Mgr. Free Will Baptist Gem; and Rev. Noel Greenway; Pastor Carterville Free Will Baptist Church. This Committee was given, by vote of the body, the official title of, "Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment Board. Then amidst all the shouts, and praise of the delegated

body to the Lord for His wonderful goodness; pledges for the support of the cause poured in. And amounted to well over \$2000.00 with \$670.00 of this amount being given in before the session closed. It was stated by some one on the grounds that, "This is one of the very few times that I have seen Free Will Baptist shout while giving money." But, to you who did not see the expression of love for the youth, and hear the shouts, I repeat, "You missed a real Blessing"

After all this, the Board met and organized with the following officers, Rev. O. T. Allred, Chairman; Rev. C. B. Dees, Assistant chairman, Rev. Mark Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer. The Board decided that we would like very much to have all the pledges in our hands before March 1st, 1946. Then we can truly begin to do things for the Lord.

We are asking for pledges and donations from all who desire to be a part of this great work of saving our youth. We ask, especially, for the whole hearted support of Pastors, S. S. Superintendents, League Presidents, S. S. and League workers in General; and, to be sure, that field covers about all our church field; and surely we know that the Woman's Auxiliary will do its part for the cause. The time has come, "LET US RISE UP AND BUILD A YOUTH CAMP." Make all checks payable to Rev. Mark Lewis, and for your peace of mind I am to be bonded for the full amount of the money collected. Which bond will be announced in a later Statement to the Gem.

As for me, this move and plan is very close to my soul. I am well aware of the fact that our youth of today will be the church, and citizens of tomorrow, and I am persuaded to believe that, "As we train them today, they will live tomorrow." I can now just close my eyes and see your children, and my children sitting at the feet of some competent teachers, and instructors learning to serve the Lord; and to be big in soul, and turning out to be one of the most loyal gen-

erations of Free Will Baptist that ever has existed. Won't you join in with us in our dreams by joining in with us in giving to this all worthy cause. Here is a suggestion; "If some of you happen to be behind in your giving to the Lord th's would be a good place to get caught up. Just make your check or money order payable to Rev. Mark Lewis, put it in an envelope and address it Rev. Mark Lewis, Then Pray God to lead the Board in its

operation, and all will be well.

Now Christians, the message is, "WE HAVE STARTED."

The Challenge is, "WILL WE FINISH THAT WHICH WE HAVE STARTED."

The answer is, "BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE WILL."

Yours to serve,
Rev. Mark Lewis
Secy.-Treas.

The National Association

ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT

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The Price of Peace in the Post-War World

Had we but served God and promoted the principles of Christ with half the zeal we served mammon and promoted political and economic rivalries, the millions of the slain would not be in their tombs today. If a tithe, or the tithe of a tithe of what we have shot away had gone into the world mission of Christ—if we had sent one missionary for each platoon of soldiers—undoubtedly we would have a different history to record. Shakespeare put on the lips of Cardinal Walsey in the day Walsey turned his back upon the church for the glory of the state and politics. "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my King, He would not in mine age have left me naked to mine enemies." Walsey's lament seems pertinent now as the world lies prostrate in it's own blood.

Not that trade, treaties, and diplomacy are unimportant, but they are limited. Surely it should be clear by this time that mechanical manipulations offer no hope of lasting peace. To the customary methods of international relations there must be added an inner power. I haven't found or felt that this inner power has had much to do so far in the closing out of World War II—or to any table to any great de-

gree. When Christian brotherhood pervades the world, morality and justice are loved for their own sakes, and Christ's soul saving inner program eliminates the ignorance which enables evil men to control the masses and the woes which drive men to desperation, then will be provided the basis on which an enduring peace can be built.

You who head this article know that there is a tie that binds Germans, Americans, Japanese, English, etc. together. That tie is an experience of God through Christ Jesus. How this tie can become a reality subjects one to dreams, if one is to designate as to the plan for the Prince of Peace in a Post-War World. Some things should be followed.

First Prevent Isolationism.

Christians and Americans must not withdraw from world affairs, but co-operate in preserving peace by carrying the Prince of Peace. If we are anti-missionary, we are anti-Christian. Christianity stands for participation—bearing one another's burdens. After World War I America did not co-operate. The Church lost its passion for evangelizing the world.

More and more we saw the task at home. Less and less we extended the borders of the Kingdom. Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Methodist Church makes the following statement. "Missionary gifts in 1924 were \$7,750,000.00 and fell to \$3,350,000.00 in 1940. In 1924 there were 2,389 foreign missionaries. In 1940 there are 1,291, including all those who would have been at work had the war not disturbed them." Thus half our missionary money and workers were lost during the past twenty years. Wise people do not make the same mistake twice in similar situations. The state must be leavened by the spirit of the Prince of Peace—not politics—but establish the state with a firm faith in the Prince of Peace.

Second—Evangelize America.

It is our business as the Church to see that America has as clean hands and pure heart as possible to help keep peace and justice alive. The Home Mission task is great today. Since Pearl Harbor the changes have been known in our homeland. The shifts of population are to war areas where sin has increased. Small rural churches have been neglected or closed doors. So we must help solve the problem of the returning group and neglected areas. Also do what we can to give the Prince of Peace to the returning persons from service. I am deeply sorry that Free Will Baptists have no program of reconstruction and rehabilitation as other denominations have. I pray that every phase of our program will grow as Christian Education, Foreign Missions, etc., and one of these days I can or some Executive Secretary can say we are doing something for the people of Japan and Germany who have been over run. We can take to them the Gospel if we will do His will.

We Have a Challenge to Present Christ.

Give China, Japan, Germany, etc., the Prince of Peace now and the roots of democracy will get life for growth. Sister Barnard tells of India—so do the magazines and books concerning India. Will India get her independence? India must be christianized, educated, and given a sense of brotherhood or she will continue to be a menace to the world. Latin America calls to us—Cuba—really we ought to act out the Good Neighbor Policy and give them Christ. What Christians do in

His name now will influence civilization for centuries to come. If Christians are capable of learning anything from history and reading the signs of the times they will not fail to see that in all this God has placed the future in their hands. It is as if He had spoken audibly to them: Here is the need. Here is the opportunity. What will you do? Is it your will that the world shall be Christian and free or will your negligence permit a recurrence of savagery?

A supreme test of our consecration and loyalty is near at hand. To make the Prince of Peace influential in the post-war world will require unstinted much of our money, a new army of our youth, the utmost of our devotion in equipping a world-wide missionary organization adequately to meet the demands of the new world now being made.

We must follow our Leader as He goes His way redeeming, healing, transforming men and nations. Our allegiance to Him and His Kingdom must be so genuine that we make the Church the "salt of the earth." We must recover a militant faith which will make us alive in every fiber of our being and inspire us with a passion to follow Christ on His redemptive pilgrimage. This lofty endeavor demands high aspirations steadily cherished and a single unflinching purpose to discover what allegiance to Christ means in a time like this. It calls upon us to make the Cross no longer a decoration but an incarnation.

WHAT THE INSTITUTE MEANS TO ME

"The Institute is of vital importance to those who love God with their whole heart, soul, and mind, and want to see His name glorified. The class in Personal Soul Winning means much to me because of the wisdom and strength it gives for proper approach and tactful appeal that each Christian should have to win lost souls. "He that winneth souls is wise."

The Institute gives us a chance to study and learn more about how to do more effective work for the Lord. The glorious fellowship with other Christians

and the teachers mean a lot, too. The opportunity to play games in a Christian way is very glorious. The teachers who have had special training and experience are a great help to leaders who haven't had much training. It is a valuable way to spend a part of my summer.

"We believe the efforts put forth by the Institute will be utilized by all who have attended while we "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). We have learned the necessity of Bible study and God's Word has been revealed to us in a deeper way than before attending the Institute. As we meditate in the various classes we are made to realize the necessity of being better informed about His work and a closer walk with Him. The course in World Wide Missions has given us a greater zeal to do more for the advancement of our Master's great commission and to realize the fact that we have a very large part in the spreading of the whole Gospel for the whole world. The course in Free Will Baptist League has stirred us on to do more for our League and all the young people of our church."

The Lord has been made more real and dearer to my heart through the information and inspiration of the Institute. I have learned more about Missions, both home and foreign, how to be a better Christian and I want to be able to benefit other members of my church and other churches. It has helped me to appreciate and to be better informed as to my duty to my church and to Christ. I feel better qualified for dif-

ferent duties in the church. My Lord deserves the best and I want to see His work progress. "The educational value of knowing something of Bible Doctrine, the training for personal soul winning, and information of the work in general gives me a feeling of confidence and I feel that it is of great spiritual value for any Christian's life."

"I have greater faith in God and love for the Lord Jesus Christ through more information of the Bible. The fellowship with other Christians and to know of their experiences has been of great help to me toward working for the Master, and to speak to people personally about their salvation. The information about the missionaries has made me want to support foreign missionaries that heathen might know of Jesus. I am going to set aside more time for studying, and conferring with God and for helping my friends and neighbors in their needs."

The above are statements from different ones in one Institute. Hundreds have made such statements. Please get together as a state and give us a time and place for an Institute in your state. Write to me for Institute advertising materials, also for application blanks, when you have as many as fifty applications in from different Christian workers, above twelve years of age, please let me know. For five years the Institute has sold itself, as a valuable portable Bible College. We expect more from you this year than ever before to make it a success.



Our Bible School



THE \$100,000 EXPANSION PROGRAM FOR THE BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rev. J. R. Davidson

Our people over the several states associated with our National Association are hearing a great deal about the \$100,000 Expansion Program approved during the recent session of the National Association.

However, I am, in this article, presenting information which should be invaluable to all these states in setting their goals and arranging their plans for raising the quota allotted unto them. The responsibility of working this out, as nearly on an equitable basis as possible, was placed upon me, and I have conscientiously apportioned according to the best knowledge I have on the basis of numerical and financial

strength; however, being governed in some measure by the response from these states in the past.

There are many Free Will Baptists that are not in either of the states receiving allotments in this case, and I should like to suggest that any response from these will be highly appreciated by everyone concerned in this work. So may we have your response even though your state is not listed here. We shall be glad to communicate any information necessary to anyone or to groups which would enable them to be most effective in executing their plans for this work.

Incidentally, we mention the fact that the Annual Endowment Plan which has been used throughout the history of the institution will fit in perfectly for those who care to use it in raising their quota.

It should be pointed out that, notwithstanding the resolution passed in the National Association calls for the raising of this \$100,000 over the period from July 1, 1945, to December 31, 1948, that many are strongly advocating stepping up the tempo of the appeal to complete this job by July, 1946. This may be done if the will of our people is strong enough.

I am quoting here Resolution No. 6 dealing with this particular campaign which was adopted during the recent session of the National Association in July, 1945, in Middlesex, North Carolina:

That the trustees of the Bible College be and are hereby directed to conduct an intensive appeal among Free Will Baptists everywhere for funds with which to provide adequate buildings and equipment for the effective and efficient administration of the Bible College. It is authorized that a goal of \$100,000 be established as a means to this end, and that this amount be raised by the end of the year, 1948, according to the following schedule: \$20,000 by December 31 1945; \$50,000 by December 31, 1946; \$75,000 by December 31, 1947; and \$100,000 by December 31, 1948. It is further proposed that the amount, designated to be raised during each interval, be allotted to Free Will Baptists of the several states on the basis of their numerical strength and past support of the Bible College. The following apportionment is recommended:

ALABAMA:

July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945..	\$1,000
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	1,500
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	1,250
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	1,250
Total	\$5,000

FLORIDA:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$500
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	750
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	625
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	625
Total	\$2,500

GEORGIA:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$1,500
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	2,250
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	1,875
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	1,875
Total	\$7,500

ILLINOIS.

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$1,000
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	1,500
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	1,250
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	1,250
Total	\$5,000

KENTUCKY:

July 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$750
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	1,125
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	937.50
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	937.50
Total	\$3,750

MICHIGAN:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$1,000
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	1,500
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	1,250
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	1,250
Total	\$5,000

MISSOURI:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$2,000
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	3,000
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	2,500
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	2,500
Total	\$10,000

NORTH CAROLINA:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$4,000
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	6,000
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	5,000
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	5,000
Total	\$20,000

MISSISSIPPI:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$500
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	750
Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947	625
Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948	625
Total	\$2,500

OHIO:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945	\$1,000
Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946	1,500

Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 1,250
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948, 1,250
 Total \$5,000

OKLAHOMA:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$1,000
 Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 1,500
 Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 1,250
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948 1,250
 Total \$5,000

SOUTH CAROLINA:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$1,000
 Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 1,500
 Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 1,250
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948 1,250
 Total \$5,000

TENNESSEE:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$2,500
 Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 3,750
 Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 3,125
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948 3,125

Total \$12,500

TEXAS:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$1,000
 Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 1,500
 Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 1,250
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948 1,250
 Total \$5,000

VIRGINIA:

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$750
 Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 1,125
 Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 937.50
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948 937.50
 Total \$3,750

WEST VIRGINIA

July 1, 1945 to Dec. 31, 1945 \$500
 Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946 750
 Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947 625
 Jan. 1, 1948 to Dec. 31, 1948 625
 Total \$2,500

Grand Total \$100,000

A GIFT TO CHRIST
 FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *September 15, 1945*

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Free Will Baptist Bible College* \$*25.00*

Twenty-five and 00/100 No. *100* Dollars

First National Bank
Halifax, Tenn.

John Doe
 SIGNATURE OF MAKER

RELATIONSHIP OF ANNUAL ENDOWMENT TO THE EXPANSION PROGRAM

By J. R. Davidson

Surely, things are taking on fine form for some real activity in relationship to our \$100,000 Expansion Program for the Bible College approved during the recent session of the National Association. Quite a few gifts have come in voluntarily from various sections, and some in amounts to cause unusual interest. No doubt, our people in the several states associated with the National Association are thinking of best methods and plans by which to execute in the raising of their allotment. We shall be happy for the use of any effective program, but would like to call the attention of our people in all the states to the unique

way in which the Annual Endowment Check Plan will fit into this plan for raising the \$100,000.

The above cut is of one of the checks in which the amount is not printed; therefore, \$25.00 is used as a basis. This is the way it would look. Should there be individuals, church organizations, Sunday schools, women's auxiliaries, or Free Will Baptist Leagues which would like to give the amount of \$300 during the next twelve months, but would not find sufficient convenience to give it in a lump sum, yet could give \$25.00 each month, the checks would be filled out as follows: To begin on the fifteenth day of September, 1945, the first check would be dated of that date, the second for October 15, 1945, etc. until all twelve of the checks are dated on the fifteenth of their respective months

which would cause the last one to be dated August 15, 1946. The name and address of the bank on which these drafts would be drawn should be inserted on the lines arranged beneath the cut of the main building on the check, the name of the organization and its treasurer on the endorsement lines in lower right hand corner, or the name of the individual. The two lines in the endorsement corner will serve for the name of an organization and its treasurer or for double endorsement of individuals. This is only an example of the amount designated in this particular check. This same type of check book may be used to insert any amounts desired by those supporting this cause.

We also have check books with the following amounts to be given each month printed in them: ten dollars, five dollars, two and a half dollars, and one dollar.

It further occurs to me to suggest the fact that union or quarterly meetings may use the check book in which the amount is not printed and fill out four of them for the year designating the amount which these organizations will give. Women's auxiliaries, league conventions, and Sunday school conventions meeting more often than once a year could use this plan very effectively.

When any of these check pads are executed according to the above instructions they should be mailed to the college office and in turn they will be filed in the file of the state designated in the checks. In cases of checks being drawn regularly

on banks, they will be taken out each month as the date matures and deposited in our bank just as any other check. We shall be happy to supply organizations and individuals with these materials as need may justify, only with the understanding that they will be executed by filling out and returning to the office, or, in cases where, for some reason, the organization declines to use the plan the books will be returned just the same.

There has already been filed with the "Free Will Baptist" and the "Free Will Baptist Gem" manuscript reporting the allotments to the several states of the \$100,000 to be raised during the next forty months. The action of the National Association calls for raising the \$100,000 by December 31, 1948; however, many of the leaders are advocating the stepping up of the tempo to raise the full amount by July, 1946. Surely, the Lord would rejoice and all of our people, too, for such an achievement in such a short period of time, and I am sure that it is easily within our reach. As we make the appeals, and wait upon the Lord, we shall see whether this is to be done during the first twelve months of the launching of the plan or whether it shall be spread over these many months. May we look forward in the execution of our plans under the leadership of the Spirit of the Lord. We shall be looking to hear from our people from every direction in the near future, and if in any way we can render helpful service to any group we shall be happy to respond.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE,

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

Financial Report of Bible College for August

Surely our people everywhere will be delighted to read this report which is one of the best rendered for any month during the history of the college. May this report create a stronger desire in our people everywhere to throw themselves fully into this plan of work for the glory of the Lord. The receipts and disbursements follow in proper classification:

	Endowment	Gift	Total
Alabama	\$33.00		\$33.00
Florida	74.00	\$41.45	115.45
Georgia	23.50	207.46	230.96
Illinois	12.00	5.00	17.00
Kansas	1.00		1.00
Kentucky	1.00		1.00

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EDITORIAL

YOUTH CAMP

The Missouri State Association was really a place of great rejoicing this year, the Auxiliary Convention Monday night and Tuesday morning was inspirational and a blessing. The League Convention began with morning worship at 11:00 A. M. and the afternoon session will not be forgotten for many years.

The topic for discussion was open and closed doors for Free Will Baptist Leaguers, and truly we saw a great door opened and we took advantage of it. For several years we have looked forward and hoped and planned for this youth camp to materialize and now our hopes and dreams are almost a reality.

The way it all came about surely was the handiwork of God who doeth all things well. Tuesday afternoon during the discussion of the topics the fervor of some of the people was stirred as was never before in regards to the youth camp, and the Bombarang was when a man said I'll pledge one hundred dollars and another said I'll pledge Fifty and I don't know what would have been the outcome of this service had we continued, but the suggestion was made that the League petition the State Association to buy or build a suitable camp ground, which suggestion was accepted by the League Convention, and the League continued with the remainder of the program.

After the close of the session a dear woman of God (Sis. Young) came to me and said we will give you enough ground to build a camp and maybe the timber to saw the lumber.

On Thursday when this matter came before the Association "WELL YOU OUGHT TO BEEN THERE" "YOU'D A SHOUTED GLORY," there was giving and pledging from all around and shouting and the tears of joy was really flowing, and in just a short time there was over \$2400.00 raised for this camp, and also another man offered to give us a plot of ground for the camp, Say God can do great things with his children if they will only let

Him have control of their lives, and by the help of God we plan to have a camp ready for a grand time in the Lord next year.

A Board was elected and instructed to buy or build and put into readiness a Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

Now listen you folks out there that wasn't at the Association, I know you want to have a part in this great movement of God's, and you can do so by sending your contribution to Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043A Sidney Street, St. Louis, Mo. who is the Treasurer.

We as the Board solicit your prayers and your suggestions, we want this to be carried on in a way that will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH

The Associated Church Press which represents more than two hundred periodicals of the Protestant Church world is observing Protestant Press Month during October. The purpose of this emphasis is to stress the place and influence of the church and other religious papers in the home and nation, and to create a greater interest in this most vital branch of the field of journalism. President Truman is endorsing this observance says:

"It seems to me most fitting that the month of October should be observed this year as Protestant Press Month.

"In this period of rejoicing over the surrender of the last of our Axis foes, we must not lose sight of the solemn obligation which victory brings.

"We have defeated forces of evil which knew neither conscience, justice nor mercy. This should quicken our appreciation of the part which spiritual forces must play if we are to bring back to a war-torn world. I hope, therefore, that all of the editors of journals affiliated with The Associated Church Press will in the observance of Protestant Press Month emphasize anew the need of a revival of the religious life of this Nation.

"Without Divine Guidance and a renewal of our reliance on the everlasting

GLEANINGS

By the Editor

reality of religion, we shall labor in vain to make the world a better and a happier place in which all men may dwell together in peace."

This observance presents a fine opportunity for us to stress the value of our own church paper to the individual, the home and the church, also to emphasize the place and influence that religious papers have had and should continue to have in national life and in international relationships.

THE PLACE TO BEGIN—Let us begin to solve the national problems in our own homes. Let us begin by setting up a family altar. Yes, some of us may discover that we are not fit to serve in the place of high priest of our own homes, and that discovery in itself will be a great gain. The lack is quickly met. In your first prayer confess your failure, and God will supply your need. The family altar did as much to make America free and great as any influence in our life, and the family altar will do more to restore our lost or obscured ideals than any other institution.—D. A. Poling.

MARTIN NIEMOELLER is reported to have said, "Hitler was unable to eradicate the church, in its faith and practice. Beneath the oppression fires burned, he could not quench them. They were of the Spirit."

PREACHER DIES FROM SNAKE BITE—A preacher, in a meeting near Chattanooga, Tenn., trying to demonstrate his mistaken idea of the meaning of Mark 16:18, in handling a rattle snake, received a bite that resulted in his death.

DEPARTMENT STORE AND THE BIBLE—Moody Monthly tells of "The Fair," recently put a three-quarter page ad in one of the great dailies urging the reading of the Bible. The featured headline was "A New World Dawns When You Start Reading the Bible." Another department store in Oakland, California published a similar advertisement.

NO RELIGION NEEDED—After making an appeal to munition workers in their factory canteen, an evangelist invited questions. A man stood up and said bluntly: "We don't need religion. We have everything we want. We have plenty of money. The firm provides recreation. Food is put before us and we don't even have to clear away or wash the crockery. What need have we of religion?" The evangelist found his reply in the poster prominently displayed in the canteen: "Twelve hundred knives and forks have been stolen from this canteen during the past month. In future those using the canteen must bring their own cutlery."—Flame.

THE PRAYER TRACK—The story is told that in a certain West African village the native Christians had no privacy for prayer in their huts. So each Christian made off to the bush, behind his hut, for seasons of prayer. After a while there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. Then if it ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother, there is something the matter with your prayer track."—News in the World of Religion.

WHERE ART THOU?—In, preaching on the text, "Adam, where art thou?" a negro preacher said: "I make three divisions to dis tex'. Fustly, in de fust place, ebry man got to be somewhar. Secondly: Some men is whar dey ought not to be. Third, dey dat is whar dey ought not to be, is gwine to find demselves whar dey don't want to be."—Pillar of Fire.

PALESTINE THE WORLD'S CENTER—A recent visitor to Palestine says that 1900 years after Pentecost, when so many nations are mentioned as represented, one can find there representatives of every nation of western Europe and even of America and many parts of Asia, west, north, and south meet at this key land on the earth's surface.

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Michigan	20.00		20.00
Mississippi	7.50		7.50
Missouri	15.50	7.75	23.25
North Carolina	217.50	2289.44	2506.94
Ohio	13.00		13.00
Oklahoma	5.00	12.00	17.00
South Carolina	23.08	125.00	148.08
Tennessee	65.00	125.49	190.49
Texas	34.50	48.52	83.02
Virginia	3.50		3.50
West Virginia	7.50	14.26	21.76
Station Wagon Fund			4.00
Matriculation Fees			40.00
Registration Fees			10.00
Room and Board			180.00
Miscellaneous Receipts			19.72
Total Receipts	\$556.58	\$2876.37	\$3686.97
Disbursements:			
Heat, Lights and Water			\$58.68
Books			137.87
Telephone			13.14
Traveling Expenses			60.00
Salary			736.45
Labor			66.80
Promotional Services			200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses			46.00
Total Expenses			\$1318.94



Missionary Department



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

A LETTER FROM MISS BARNARD

Today our Mr. Mulli brings me the information that there have been requests for us to open a night school in the Bazaar District of Kotagiri. I have written of the need in this section before and of my desire to find the Lord's own means of witnessing there. I am furthering investigation on this and hope it will meet the mind of the Board if I take advantage of whatever opportunity opens there I am looking forward to your letter which I trust will give me good council in these matters.

In addition to the above, I also learn that the Kota teacher is available and that there is every likelihood that we can re-open the Kota school. They have petition-

ed Government to re-open the school, but it seems that the Government would have to refuse this request on the same ground on which they withdrew the grant and closed the school. If these two prospects work out, it will mean two other teacher salaries on our monthly budget. I am not sure what we would need to pay, but possibly more than we are paying our Kotagiri teachers, because they would have to be up to Government standard. But these two schools would give us a ready access to the people.

I am more than eager to hear that workers are coming out to India. I wonder if your letter will have news. Opportunities and joys in this work grow richer all the while. I sometimes feel very selfish enjoying it all alone! If all of you knew

faintly the blessings of it, you would not be willing to forfeit it to yourselves. So do try to encourage a good couple to come out. I am hoping your letter will contain some information as a basis for my reopening the North India case. As I mentioned in my previous letter, I have as yet taken no steps in this direction, pending news concerning prospects of new missionaries. It seems folly to undertake to go further with the matter without having more definite assurance that we can do what we set out to do in opening and maintaining a work there. It would only reflect upon the name of our Denomination. I still do intend to follow up this opening even if Free Will Baptists as such do not take advantage of it. But if I should have to go in independently (God forbid that it should ever come to that), I would not need to approach the work in the same way. I am looking and praying each day for missionaries! I am still believing that Free Will Baptists will have a work, with an American staff, in India, and thus restore the years the canker-worm hath eaten. But, as you will remember, I said to you briefly before leaving home, our Denomination cannot expect to have a really denominational work here or elsewhere with only one missionary and that one unordained minister. No matter how large an Indian staff I build up, if I am the sole link between this country and the home constituency, the people here will always think of the work as "Barnard Missi-ma's Mission." That is deplorable; to you at home, but much more to me. I assure you. But such is human nature, and the only way on earth to correct it is to multiply the American personnel so that the people are compelled to think of us as a Society and not in terms of the one person who is on the field. I sometimes wonder if the folk at home have fully grasped this point.

Mind you, I am not "nagging" or berating. Rather, I am pleading! I am so deeply grateful for all the liberality our people have shown financially. In fact, I am humbled by it. And I am melted to tears as I review the workings of the Spirit and the beautiful response our people have shown, the vision grasped. Yet, "one thing thou lackest." The actual dedication of lives to India's cause. And all

the material liberality cannot never make up this lack. Through the years I have undergone no little distress of spirit on this account. Being the sole link between India and Free Will Baptists, I realize that in a peculiar way I am responsible for making the needs known in a way that will compel our people to give themselves. When a full decade has passed and still I am left alone in the field, I literally travail in my soul over it. Have I been a hindrance in the very thing for which my whole life is yielded? Have I failed my Lord in this? Have I reached out and embraced aught through the years that has blighted my testimony even as of the Gospel in this land? Or have I failed to embrace something of the Spirit and through this lack failed to leave the message burning in the hearts of our people? Of sins and blunders in my life I have been painfully conscious but I have also in every such instance been conscious of cleansing, restoration and strengthening. Is there yet something hidden, lurking? I humbly and earnestly ask prayer that the Lord may so command my life that I may not be the hindrance to the furtherance of the Gospel here or elsewhere. I am not saying this for affect, but rather out of a heart that is in agony. The Lord must fulfill all His Word concerning our Church and the cause of missions. I cannot accept as vain and meaningless the vision given in past years! Free Will Baptists must come into their missionary inheritance! And people I am willing to recede in any way the Lord might lead, if only our people will send out recruits and "possess the land."

The little girl of whom I wrote last month has passed away, after months of suffering and gradually growing weaker and weaker. I am believing that she is now with the Lord. Will you believe with me now for the salvation of the family. The child's illness has opened that home for weekly Gospel meetings, which we aim to continue perhaps with even greater freedom now that there is no sickness in the home. The parents have been definitely moved toward the Lord, and so far as I can tell have not been turned or embittered by the death of their child. To the contrary, the father manifested unusual strength during the dark hours of

sorrow, and even witnessed by word of the mouth that the Lord had given him special grace for the trial. The mother naturally feels this grief more deeply, but all seem to feel that even she was comforted by an unseen Hand. The Christians were thoughtful and helpful to the family in this time of need.

Our Christians on the whole are being revived. Praise God! When I arrived here the outlook was rather depressing. But, thank God, the Spirit seemed to whisper: "Try the uplook!" So, looking upward to Him, we have begun to see His Glory and all are beginning to truly believe that the Lord liveth! We are now again having our mid-week prayer service Wednesday nights. You would get a blessing yourself to attend one. Fly over and visit us! One of our men, head of quite a little family, has entered wholehearted into our evangelistic work and never misses an opportunity to go along to a meeting at night, to give his testimony, or to pray. His prayers are so simple—almost like a child's, but there is no doubt that they touch the Throne. It now seems evident that in the future we shall have "witnessing Christians." Esther, the little school teacher who found the Lord as a little girl in our Sunday School years ago, is all on the altar and is always ready to offer herself for any and every service to Him. Mr. Mulli, who of course comes to our work from another tribe, is also wholehearted in the Lord's work. We cannot afford to be forgetful of the unstinted service of these two workers. And, in fact, through the years the Lord has given us only workers who worked for the sheer joy of serving and the glory reflected to His worthy Name. And, from the human standpoint, it is because of this kind of cooperation in the work that we can report blessing in the work we are doing and the opening of doors into yet other quarters. One and all, we do count upon you for prayer support.

Day by day I wish for some one to share the little joys and satisfactions in this glorious work. Oftimes clues to the quiet workings of the Spirit are caught in a chance remark or casual observation. A few days ago an illiterate woman, who I think has truly believed on the Lord, came to me for treatment for a minor complaint.

As she took in her hand the dose of medicine I had prepared for her, and lifted it to her mouth, she closed her eyes and whispered "Dear Lord Jesus, bless this medicine and make it heal me! It was with restraint that I kept back the tears as I heard this and realized that this poor, ignorant woman, in her simple faith, had done what I, in my haste, had neglected to do. I need not tell you that the Lord did answer this prayer with amazing quickness.

A lad of about twelve years, son of the Christian man mentioned above, sustained a very bad cut on his hand and has been coming to me daily to cleanse and bandage it. One morning when he came, he found me lying down, resting, and, somewhat concerned to find me on the bed at that time of day, he asked if I were ill. I told him that I had not rested well during the night on account of a head cold and that I was feeling rather worn. Then he said, "Oh, yes, Amma, you are going out too much in the rain these nights, and so you are sick. You must take care of yourself, for who can look after you when you are sick. We don't know how to take care of you like you do us, and you have no relatives here. And, besides, who can help us if anything happens to you?" I see in such observations a transformation of life, interest and outlook. The same lad is always most attentive to take his lantern and see me home at nights; and one night as he was about to leave me at my door and return home in the dark night alone, he said, "Even though I am only a boy, I am not afraid to go alone at night. I am not really alone, for the Lord is with me, and nothing can harm me."

The small girl who has recently passed away called my name as she was slipping out, and left this message, "Salaam!" That word means "peace" and it is an appropriate farewell greeting, as well as a salutation.

Although I was not present when the child died, her sister related to me the story. The sick child had for many days and weeks been unable to utter more than a word at a time, and I am confident that this one last word, "Peace", bespoke her peace with Him and her farewell assurance of meeting me in His presence in the Mor-

ing Up There.

"Had I a thousand lives to give, Lord,
they should all be Thine." And, especially

so, when the fruitage is so rich.

Submitted by Reverend Winford Davis.

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION

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

Mrs. Roy Minor, Walnut Hill, Ill.	\$ 5.00
Antioch Ladies Aid of N. C.	10.00
Clarence Heanon of Arkansas	10.00
Rosco Church and Sunday School	300.09
Offering at Old, Mt. Zion Ass'n. of Arkansas	67.09
Altona Church of Ohio	5.00
Union Meeting of S. C. Conference	75.00
Jennings Church of Oklahoma	10.66
Porter Church and S. S. of Ohio	200.00
Daniels Chapel of N. C.	1.00
Hickory Grove Church of Florida	16.45
Ina Church of Ill.	15.90
Bear Point Church of Illinois	22.50
Offering at Ala. Orphanage	64.84
Cordona Church of Ala.	32.82
Oakmund Church of Ala.	7.49
Easton Church of Ala.	25.00
Birmingham Church of Ala.	81.61
Sylacauga Church of Ala.	21.00
Prospect Church of Ala.	30.11
Springhill Church of Ala.	10.13
Cowarts Creek Church of Ala.	3.00
First F. W. B. Church, North Carolina	25.00
Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, N. C.	25.00
Mt. Zion Church by Berry Puryeau of Ark.	6.00
Cumberland Ass'n. of Tennessee	99.59
Missouri State Association	236.44
Poplar Ridge S. S. of Tenn.	5.00
Aux. of Kenley Church of N. C.	8.00
Core Creek S. S. of N. C.	9.09
Central Ave. Aux. of Okla. City	2.00
Texas Quarterly Meeting by C. F. Coen	17.64
Nat'l. Aux. Convention	126.26
Trinity Church of Ft. Worth, Texas	100.00
Weatherford Church of Texas	16.78
First F. W. B. of Dallas, Texas	30.09
First F. W. B. of Ft. Worth, Texas	36.48
Cross Church of Texas	16.64
North Zulch Church of Texas	23.10
Keith Church of Texas	70.00
Mo. State Association	147.13
Total	\$1,950.88

Winford Davis, Treasurer

MISSOURI STATE TREASURERS REPORT

\$50,000 Auxiliary Membership Fund

Turned in by Mrs. Alta Powell, Monett, Mo. \$4.00

Shilah Auxillary	Home Missions	\$4.00
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Jewell Church	State Entertainment Fund	7.50
Sublette Church		6.00
Macedonia Church		15.00

Fowler Union Sunday School	Foreign Missions	4.86
Amity Church		52.32
Buffalo Sunday School		3.65
Monett Church		13.10
Willey Aux. of Flat River Church		15.00
Hickory Grove Church		4.26
N. E. Mo. Mission Band		25.00
Shilah Auxillary		4.00
Connelsville Sunday School		10.00
Fredricktown Church		12.95
South Side Church		6.45
Sublette Church		10.00
Macedonia Church		4.90
Aux. St. Louis Third Church		18.65
Mrs. Jesse Thompson, Anderson, Missouri		12.09
Rock Chapel		15.00
Hickory Grove Church		2.04
David England in the army		10.00
Leadington Sunday School		2.26
Jones Chapel		10.00
Rev. and Mrs. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri		20.00
Verdella Church		15.07
Jewell Church		11.03
Central Western Mo. and S. E. Kansas Ass'n.		61.12
Mrs. Goldia York and daughter Dorothy		1.00
True Blue Class Mt. Olive Sunday School		1.00
Mt. Olive Auxillary		1.00
Mt. Olive Church		7.88
Monett Church		11.27
Green Grove Church		10.90
New Harmony Mission		2.76
Shibleys Point Church		1.00
Fowler Union Sunday School		2.50
Carterville League		1.80
Leadington Sunday School		2.29

Garfield Church, Couch, Missouri	State Unified Fund	3.00
Martintown Church		5.65
Berkley City Church		5.77
Monett Church		40.66
Rev. Archie Cooper, Novinger, Missouri		10.00
Fredricktown Auxillary		6.80
S. E. Mo. Auxillary Convention		4.50
Hazel Creek Union Church		49.89
Hannon Auxillary		.60
Flat River Church		36.27
Norman Church		5.00
Twin Oak Church		6.86
Fredricktown Church		42.66

S. E. Mo. Minister's Conference	15.00
New Harmony Mission	4.53
Copper Mines Church	1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00
Twin Oak Church	1.90
New Harmony Mission	1.00

Winford Davis, Treas.

The Great
Commission
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



THE FIFTY THOUSAND CO-LABOURER PLAN

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, National Recording Secretary, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Since the Unified Program is the Association's adopted program for the support of all denominational work, both State and National, and since it is to be magnified and promoted by the Co-Labourer's Band; and since all undesignated funds are to be distributed according to the Unified program percentages, it has been requested that our minds be refreshed concerning this Co-Labourer plan, which was adopted by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention while in annual session in Flat River, Missouri, last year. (1944).

WHAT IT IS

First— The Fifty-Thousand Co-Labourer Band is a plan for supporting every denominational cause. It is a way, and the best way we have so far discovered for enlisting the largest number of our people in the intelligent, systematic, fair, and cheerful support of every phase of our work, as launched by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Second— The Co-Labourer's Plan is a means and not an end. We do not give TO this plan, but THROUGH this plan to Missionary, education and benevolent causes fostered by the National Association. Orphanage work is State work, and whatever plan that may be used for the support of the Orphanages must be originated in State Associations.

Third— The Co-Labourer Plan is a co-operative effort. It will not work itself,

and it cannot be successfully worked by just a few of us. We must all labor together, and "tote" fair, if the Plan succeeds.

HOW IT STARTED

The Co-Labourer's plan did not spring into existence suddenly and full grown; nor was it the work of any one person. It was the result of much prayer and thought, and grew out of dire needs and devout desires.

Auxiliaries wanted to help denominational causes without disrupting or interfering with the local church work. This could not be done if every National Board were permitted to present its cause and take an offering for it. Such a plan means first to come will be the first to be served, and the one presenting the most pathetic plea receives the largest contribution, irrespective of importance or need.

First— To meet this situation, some churches, urged by Auxiliary organizations in them, began taking offerings and dividing them between the causes, either upon a percentage basis or otherwise.

Second— Soon district and state organizations suggested plans for division of offerings to prevent conflict, over-lapping, and omissions.

Third— Then at Flat River, this Co-Labourer's plan was presented as the future financial program for Woman's Auxiliaries, recommending that 90% of all such funds raised in 1944-45 be sent to the National Association for distribution according to the Unified Program percentages.

Again at Middlesex, N. C. at the annual session held there in July, this same plan was adopted as the financial plan for Woman's Auxiliaries for 1945-46, through

which all denominational causes as fostered by the National Association will be supported. This year two thirds of all such funds will be sent to the Unified Program of said National Association.

HOW IT WORKS

First— The local auxiliary Stewardship Chairman sponsors the plan in her church, beginning of course, in the Woman's Auxiliary, and then on through the church until every church member has made an offering. She receives the money from the subscribers, both in the Auxiliary and in the church. She hands all such funds to the church Treasurer, as every Auxiliary is organized to help the church of which it is a part. The Church Treasurer sends this money MONTHLY to the district, the district to the State, and the State to the National Auxiliary Treasurer, who immediately sends this fund to the Treasurer of the National Association for distribution according to the instructions of the National Association. The National Association at present distributes this fund as follows: The Bible College, 40%, foreign missions, 30%, home missions, 20%, Superannuation, 10%.

Second, There are different types of membership, one for most any amount you can, or will, subscribe.

URGENT REQUESTS

First— An every-member (church) canvass should be put on every year as early in the Convention year as is at all possible. Adequate preparation, patient promotion by the Stewardship Chairman as sponsor, carrying through and following up, will bring results, both financial and spiritual.

Second— That accurate records be kept, that honest efforts will be made to collect, that prompt and full remittances will be made through the proper channels, and that regular reports will be made to the Auxiliary.

FINALLY

Pray for the Fifty-Thousand Co-Labourer's Plan, the Stewardship Chairman, whose responsibility the success of this plan becomes, and all of our National Association Boards. This is the Lord's business, and we are His stewards. Let us give Him first place in the partnership. Truly, God has blessed Woman's Auxiliary societies in the

past Now let's join hearts and hands and heads together, in promoting His interests. The Fifty-Thousand Co-Laborers Band plan.

THE MISSIONARIES' NEED

I am appealing to our Auxiliary women throughout the several States, to respond as speedily as possible to the needs of our Missionaries in Cuba, as given through this article which has been submitted by our Third Vice President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes. Already, too much time has been lost, so may we, as we pray for our Missionaries, be willing to help answer our prayers with our works, thereby "showing ourselves approved unto God, workmen who needeth not to be ashamed. II Tim. 2:15.

Alice E. Lupton
78 1/2 New Street
New Bern, N. C.

Many of you who attended our National Association at Middlesex, N. C. in July, heard Rev. T. H. Willey and Miss Van Syoc, two of our Missionaries from there. It really hurt me to know that our Missionaries had been suffering because of lack of proper food, while we at home were faring so well. I asked Miss Van Syoc what we could do to help supply some of the needed food for them. She gave me a list of some of their most urgent needs, and I am passing them on to our women, through the denominational papers, hoping to meet with a ready response. It is true that there are not many items we can send, but what we can send will be a great help to them.

I have recently had a letter from Mrs. Willey, stating some of the needs of the Bible School in Cuba. The letter was a reply to one sent to her by Mrs. Marie Hyatt, my predecessor, as Third Vice President of the W. N. A. C. Mrs. Willey had hoped to get this letter in the hands of Mrs. Hyatt in time for our National Auxiliary Convention, but failed to do so. I am hereby passing on to our Women the needs, as they have been given me, praying and hoping that we will have an immediate response.

Following is a list of foods we may send; Small cans of milk, Whole powdered milk, canned meats, dehydrated foods, such as

soups, coffee, tea, powdered puddings, Ritz, or Graham crackers, dried fruits, and another much needed item, that is not a food, which is laundry soap and washing powders.

You may send these items direct to Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba. It will be nice if you will send some money to help pay the heavy duty on these packages. We do not want them to have to use their money, so let's join hands in taking care of this, together with our combined efforts to supply the necessities as listed.

Perhaps it would be better if we could send these packages at intervals, instead of all going at once. If each Auxiliary desiring to send a package of food, would let me know, I could name a definite time to send shipments, and in this way, we would not all be sending at the same time. Now I will give you a list of the Bible School needs: Flour, or sugar sacks, for dish towels, large aprons for the cooks, (not exceptionally large), first aid equipment, such as: cotton, gauze, aspirins, swabs, band-aids, adhesive tape, and Citro-carbonate in large supplies. These are all very urgent needs, and I would like for our women to respond at once, if possible. If we can get these items together for the Bible School, right away, we can send them by Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, when they go to Cuba, where they are to join the Willeys, and other Missionaries, I am asking that you send these items direct to me, and I will pack them all together in one package, and send them to Dr. Lydia Mason, and Rev. and Mrs. Dodd can pick them up there.

Mrs. Willey also stated in her letter that they needed a piano for the School. If there is an Auxiliary Convention, District or State, that would like to take this as your Mission project for the year, please notify me as early as possible, and I will find out how much it will take to purchase the piano in Cuba. Women, I am counting on you to supply these needs of our Missionaries, and I know you will not disappoint me. Let's get these things out of the way as soon as we can, so we can be ready to assist Miss Barnard, in India, when she makes a call to us. Let us be much in prayer for the cause.

Your Third Vice President of the Wo-

man's National Auxiliary Convention

Mrs. K. V. Shutes
704 Long Ave.
Cordova, Ala.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Cem Editor and Co-Workers,

As we close out our summer's program and prepare for the coming fall and winter seasons we want to report the progress of the woman's Auxiliary work in the Tulsa church. Our ladies have labored hard all through the spring and summer and the flame of enthusiasm is burning high. God is blessing our efforts and giving to us willing workers.

We met for an all day meeting August 30th and it was a spiritual feast from beginning to the end.

Our Stewardship class, which meets once each month is an inspiration to all of us. We are beginning to see that there is no end to the work to be done in God's vineyard and that there is a place for each of us, no matter how small we think our talent is.

Womans Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lynn Hamilton.

FLAT RIVER, MO. AUXILIARY

President—Juanita Moore

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3rd. Vice President—Mildred Hilderbrand

4th Vice President—Letha Sikes

5th Vice President—Alma Graff

Secretary-Corr. Sec.—Gussie Hamblen

Since the arrival of our new Pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham with his fervor and Spirit of going forward the auxiliary has taken on new life, attendance is good, new faces are seen each time at the auxiliary service. Bro. and Sis. Bingham's vision for auxiliary work has inspired the auxiliary workers to a new determination of reaching the goal that is set before the Auxiliary, the co-laborers band and the salvation of lost souls throughout the world, recently the Auxiliary raised the amount of \$20.00 on the operation of one of the workers in Cuba, also \$16.00 on a bed for Sister Laura Bell Barnard, which she needs so bad. They also have supported in the amount of \$15.00 per month one of the

missionaries in Cuba the past four and one half years, liberally supported the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn, their hands never tire in the work for the Lord, they like Dorcus assist and aid those in the vicinity of the church, rendering service to any and all they see in need, thus fulfilling the scripture, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40.

We are happy to have in our church and auxiliary the First Vice President and State field worker, Mrs. Melvin Bingham,

who is taking a hold of the work and doing her very best, she is securing books for all study courses, tracts and all material that is available for the auxiliary work.

We are sorry to report the recent illness of the womens' auxiliary National president, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, we ask each of you who read this article to pray for her, come on auxiliaries everywhere, lets make this the best year for the auxiliary.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Reporter
Flat River, Mo.

GENERAL ARTICLES

RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT

President of U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Truman,

We, the members of the Missouri State Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, wish to express our gratitude for the stand you take for Christianity.

The recent assembly at the White House for special day of prayer and other calls for days of National prayer are evidence of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God richly bless your life; also continue to use you in His hands to establish peace to our own dear country and the entire world.

Written by order of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists while in Session September 14, 1945.

Signed:

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator
Marie Hyatt, Clerk

THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER

In compliance with Item 2 (In compliance with request of Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kans. Association, we recommend that this Mo. State Association send a letter to President Truman commending him for his stand for Christianity and pledge our whole-hearted support in the Cause with him.) of the Business Committee which was adopted at the State Association while in session at the Mt.

Olive (Neola) Church Sept. 12-14, 1945, the following letter was received by your State Secretary-Treasurer:

October 2, 1945

My dear Mrs. Hyatt:

The expressions conveyed by your letter of September eighteenth have touched the President deeply. He is very grateful to you and your associates of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists for your assurances and good wishes which mean a great deal to him.

Very sincerely yours,
William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President

STATE UNIFIED PROGRAM FUND By Rev. O. T. Allred

By request of the Missouri State Association, we are writing this article relative to the State Unified Program Fund adopted by the Missouri State Association in the 1944 Session feeling deeply the need of a system whereby every Church could systematically support our Denominated enterprises both within the State and our National Programs. This plan has been adopted wherein all funds given by the various churches of the Free Will Baptist Faith in the State of Missouri. Send their offering to our State Clerk and treasurer Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo., designating it as State Unified Program fund. 75% of this amount will be forwarded to

our National Treasurer which in turn is allocated 40% for Christian Education 30% Foreign Mission; 20% Home Mission; and 10% Superannuation. The remaining 25% to remain in the State to promote our Denominational Enterprises within the State. This amount to be allocated by the State Executive Board. This plan was not given much publicity in our churches until in February 1945—from then until the State Association September 10th, some over \$2000 was given by our various churches to this fund, putting it in round numbers \$1,500 was sent on to the National Unified fund of the \$500 sent within the state, 50% went to retire indebtedness against printing/ equipment at Gem Office, 25% \$125 went in to the general expense fund of the State Association, 15% or \$75 went into maintainance fund to keep the Free Will Baptist Gem building repaired, 10% or \$50 went to State Superannuation as soon as the remainder of the indebtedness is paid (and it was only about \$76.00 at the time of the State Association). The State Executive Board will meet and re-allocate the amount to be spent in State. A percentage will be given to aid students. From this State attending our Bible College at Nashville Tennessee, two plans are suggested to the local churches in raising this fund.

First, It is recommended each church have one general Treasurer and the tithe of the churches income be given to this promotional work. As God honors the tithe from the individual member to her local church. He will honor the tithe from the local church given to our denominational enterprises.

The second plan for churches who have not as yet learned the joy of tithing, that a special offering be taken one Sunday each month and sent our State treasurer designated State Unified Program fund.

This does not affect any special offering that may be taken for any phase of our work.

On Thursday night of our State Association following a message delivered by our beloved brother Damon C. Lodd. An offering for State Unified Program fund in the amount of \$143.15 was given and this was just following the afternoon Session when over \$2000.00 in cash and

pledged (\$670.00 cash) had been given to build a place for our Summer Youth Encampment. No high pressure method was used to get people to give. Folk gave as the Holy Spirit moved upon hearts. Shouts of praise heard. Fathers and Mothers wept for joy as they visualized a camp where our youth could enjoy christian fellowship and be trained as soldiers of Jesus Christ.

SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers,

Greetings from the Pretty Water Free Will Baptist Church.

We would like to give you a report of how the Lord is blessing us here at Pretty Water.

We are happy and thankful for our new pastor and wife, Rev and Mrs. C. C. Wilson, formerly of the Tulsa Church, who we believe the Lord has sent our way after much praying for a pastor. Since they have been with us we have had thirteen conversions, eight additions to the church. We also have re-organized our League which is a great blessing to the church. Most of our young people are just new converts, so we covet your prayers for them. so that when they are tempted and have trials they will have the faith to resist temptation. The League pledged and paid \$10.00 to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Home at Ringling.

We are starting a Revival right away, and we desire your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless, save souls and that we might prosper, grow in grace and be better workers for the Lord.

Valeria Varner, Reporter
Sand Springs, Okla. R. R. 1, Box 66A

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Editor and its readers,

Greetings from the Tulsa Church, of Tulsa Oklahoma. To all the Gem readers, we are glad to report to you of our church. We are still on fire going forward for God and His glory. We are in a revival at this time, with Bro. F. A. McCage, of Bristow, Okla. holding the meeting. The spirit is good and we are trusting God for great results with many souls saved. We know God's word does not return unto Him void. We are striving for 200 in Sunday School Sunday Sept 23rd. We feel our goal will be

reached. We are glad to see some of our boys returning home, after months over seas. It makes us want to do more, to see prayers answered, we have prayed many prayers for the boys as they had to leave home and church, and praying for these who are still having to go. We are sending a poem one of our boys wrote one Wednesday evening as he was sitting, thinking of home, wife, church and the Christian people at prayer meeting.

It makes our heart ache to think how glad these boys would be to be able to go to church. Let's continue to pray for them. We trust you will continue to pray for us and we will pray for you.

John H. West, Pastor
Margarette West, Reporter

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

I wish to report on the affairs of our church for the month of September. We are still finding the Lord good to us, and blessing our efforts in his work.

Last Sunday, Sept. 16, Bro. Stairs, our pastor, gave us a Message on "Singing in the spirit, and in the understanding" and that very afternoon the Oklahoma Singing Convention met at our church—and they all sang, to the glory of God. There was none of the usual "Let's out-sing that other crowd" spirit. Everyone went away feeling blessed, and glad for having come.

We want to make mention now, about the forthcoming Oklahoma State Free Will Baptist Association, which will convene at the Central Ave. Church Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October. This is going to test the quality of some good old Free-will hospitality. So let's be on fire for God and our fellow-man and really make our visiting delegates know they are truly welcome.

We have been grieved about the appearance of another gold star on our Honor Roll. Pvt. Houston Fletcher of the Coast Guard is the last. Only recently, did his family receive word of his death. He was one of one hundred and fifty who were surrounded in an air-raid shelter on Corregidor. The Japs threw in gasoline, which they then ignited. The men who were still alive ran out, only to be machine gunned to death. Only ten escaped.

We are grieved about the passing of

Bro. Fletcher, but we know it is Heaven's gain; for he was a Christian, and a fine church worker, up until the time he heard the call of his country, and heeded that call.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." We know that Pvt. Houston Fletcher did just that.

We have had two saved the last month. And we are glad to announce that our Sunday School is growing.

We earnestly ask you to pray for us, for we know the true worth of prayer.

Fred Potter, Reporter
Rev. Harry Stairs, Pastor

OKLAHOMA YOUTH CAMP

Dear Gem Readers,

I received such a blessing and encouragement from attending the Camp Meeting and Youth Camp this year. I want to tell you a little about it.

During such trying times as now, I think it is wonderful to find a group of young people who are on fire for the Lord. The First Mission Association of Oklahoma have a group that are really on fire.

On Saturday night, August 4th, the Camp Meeting began. Rev. F. A. McCage and Rev. C. C. Hood, both inspired men of God were the Evangelists.

On Monday morning, August 6th, Youth Camp School began with an enrollment of 69. The Lord taught the classes through Rev. John H. West and Sis. Bessie Stairs. Both morning classes studied "The League Manual." In the afternoon class, the seniors studied, "Personal Evangelism." The Intermediate and Junior classes studied, "Investments In Christian Living." A great interest was shown in all of the classes.

During these 10 days, 19 precious souls were saved and began their work for the Lord by leading Grove Prayer Meetings and having charge of Testimony and Devotional Services.

On Monday, August 13th the Diploma's were given out and legal business for the coming year was transacted. The meeting was opened by the group singing, "Showers of Blessings" led by Bro. Austin DeJarnett with Sis. LaVern Lee at the piano. Prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Welcome by Rev. Hattie Newman.

Response by Bro. Austin DeJarnett.

Special song, "Rocked On the Deep" by Sisters Norma Hutson, Fern McCage, Ava Hellard and Bro. Austin DeJarnett.

11 o'clock message by Rev. John H. West (Gen. 5th chap.)

1:30 service opened by songs led by Bro. Charles Smith, with Sis. LaVern Lee at the piano.

Scripture reading, I Tim. 5:1-4.

Read by Bro. Troy Hellard.

Prayer by Sis. Norma Hutson

Officers elected:

Sponsor Bro. Strauther Yocham
President Bro. Austin DeJarnett
Vice Pres. Sis. Margarette West
Rec Sec. and Treas. Sis. LaVern Lee
Corres. Sec. Sis. Ava Hellard
League Evangelist, Rev. Everett Hellard, (USN)

Senior Girls Dormitory Sponsor, Sister Hattie Newman

Junior and Intermediate Grls Dormitory Sponsor, Sis. Margie Weatherman

Boys Dormitory Sponsor, Rev. Charlie Wilson.

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Sister Margarette West

Sister Paddie Reese

Resolution Committee:

Sister Beulah Oliver

Sister Barbetta Flowers

Sister Jackie Sheridan

Bro. Troy Hellard

Bro. Darvin Tipton

Installation Service was held with Sis. Bessie Stairs in charge.

The meeting was dismissed by Rev. Charlie Wilson.

Sincerely,

Sis. Ava Hellard

MT. ZION FREE WILL AND GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT THAYER, MO.

Greetings in the name of Jesus our blessed Redeemer:

We have never before attempted to write to the Gem, but would like to tell others of the progress of our church. God has so wonderfully blessed us in the past year, we cannot begin to express in words His great goodness to us.

First of all in the beginning of this years work He graciously blessed us with

a beautiful new rock church house. We truly thank the Lord for the fine people of our community and also our dear brothers and sisters elsewhere who contributed to the fund and backed us up with their prayers in this under-taking. Our church is small in number but I am sure every member feels his or her responsibility, and is on fire for God.

The new church building was dedicated unto the Lord the Second Sunday of Oct. 1944. What a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested on that day. The Church along with our noble pastor, Rev. E. E. Simpson also dedicated ourselves unto God we would strive to do more for the up-building of Christian worship, and try to point lost souls to Christ. Truly the Lord has heard and been answering prayers. We are very happy to say 8 precious souls have been saved and 5 came into the church since our church building was completed, in which we indeed thank God very much. We have good spiritual prayer meetings each Sunday night and also a good Sunday School. May God bless all the good people throughout the land who carry on this great work for the Lord, as I feel sure each one realizes the great necessity of prayer meetings as our church does.

The Lord so granted us the privilege of having the last quarterly conference in this last years work with us. What a glorious meeting it was and God only knows what an uplift it was to the church. I am sure I am speaking the sentiment of every one that was present, when I say each heart was lifted to higher plains of living. It made us anew to realize God was still on the throne to hear those who cry out unto him. The very windows of Heaven were opened and God came in as a mighty rushing wind of power to an over flowing of shouting and praising God all over the house.

Spirit filled and uplifting messages were heard throughout the weeks revival, which closed on August 5th. How much it pleases God when souls are being led to Him. It seems that God has been so near to bless us throughout the entire year, and we could go on and on telling His great goodness toward us.

We feel our faith has been increased by the studying of the word and through the inspiring messages our good pastor has

given us and knowing God has blessed, and feel confident He will continue to bless our efforts at this place. Calling our pastor for half time the coming year we hope and pray to accomplish more for the Lord.

When you pray we earnestly desire your prayers that we will let our light shine out, and that we will stay in the very center of His will.

May the Lord richly bless you all is our prayer.

A Sister in Christ,
Mrs. Jettie Bowers—Church Clerk
Rev. E. E. Simpson—Pastor

SOME RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By Rev. E. C. Morris

Since it will be sometime yet before the Minutes of the National Association will be out, and since many will not obtain a copy when they are distributed because of the limited supply, it is thought best to submit some of the most general recommendations and resolutions for publication in our Church papers, therefore, we are asking for space now in which to inform the readers of a partial report of the Resolution Committee herewith:

"It is called to our attention that some associations and other organizations constituting this body fail to send a proper letter. We urge that each delegate or representative here-after make diligent effort to obtain the letter from their respective bodies, so that the Clerk can make proper record of representation."

"We urge our churches everywhere to support all the institutions and program of this Association, and earnestly beg each pastor to acquaint himself with these, that he may properly present them to his churches."

"That, inasmuch as the Free Will Baptist Bible College is launching an expansion program, and which will require at least \$100,000 for its goal, we urgently recommend that each state and district association strive to attain the quote as has been recommended by the National Association, as soon as possible."

"In view of the many veterans who are now returning, and who will be returning

for many months to come, resolved that each pastor in our Association be entreated to set up in each local church such organization as may be required to contact and draw into the church these veterans and give them all spiritual sustenances and comfort to the end that they shall be spiritually rehabilitated."

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASS'N.

The Annual Meeting of the Northwest Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Hickory Grove church near Haddam, Kans. Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in August. Rev. T. C. Ferguson delivered the introductory sermon.

Rev. A. H. DeWeese was elected Moderator and Rev. Vernie Wellbaum Assistant Moderator. All business was transacted leaving ample time for a number of splendid sermons.

Ministers belonging to the Association are: A. R. DeWeese, Vernie Wellbaum, Mary Wellbaum, W. R. Rush, John D. McKown, Melba White, T. C. Ferguson, W. B. Fadley, G. S. Latimer, Vera Dawdy, Chas. S. Ballinger.

Churches comprising the Association are Carlow, Center Point, Hickory Grove, Mt. Zion, Philadelphia, Union Third Fork.

The next annual session will be held with the Mt. Zion church near Plattsburg, Missouri, August, 1946.

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Mrs. J. L. Welch, Secretary

FIELD WORKERS REPORT

Dear Co-Workers,

Greetings in the name of our Master. How much I would like to see you face to face this morning and start in with the very first day of the National Association and tell you the many wonderful things that were accomplished during the few days we were assembled together. First

came the Womans Auxiliary Convention which always brings joy and inspiration and to all present, Sister Edwards our president made us a splendid presiding officer and knew just how to lead us on to higher grounds. We all feel that we have made great progress in the last few years with new workers coming in all the time. Then we feel that our brethren made some forward steps to greater victory for our entire denomination. It was marvelous how Bro. Evans, our superintendent of the North Carolina Orphanage took care of the entertainment throughout the entire session. It was a wonderful opportunity for many of our people from the various states. Had the pleasure of visiting our orphanage at Middlesex and knowing for themselves what a wonderful work is being carried on by our people of the "Old North State" as we see it both conventions were a grand success. After leaving Middlesex, I visited in Rockingham for a few days with Bro. and Sister Carter and their splendid church. They are alive and going forward for the Lord in all their work. During our short stay 8 precious souls were saved and then we were called to the hospital to visit 5 that had been in a serious car wreck. When the call came Bro. Carter was ready to go and in a few minutes after we entered the hospital we saw 10 souls saved, 4 were out of the wreck. How we did praise God for His wonderful saving power. One young man that was saved was near death door and he and another man had a fight over the brand of whiskey they were drinking. Oh! such sorrow and heartaches every where. Bro. Carter and wife are doing a wonderful work in Rockingham and may God ever bless them. My next stop was with Bro. Seldon Bullard of Darlington S. C. The stop was indeed wonderful. Only one service, one precious soul was reclaimed. This fine young man and wife are doing a great work in the town. They have bought a parsonage and now building Sunday School rooms. After leaving S. C. we went to Flat River for a revival and Mr. McAdams was with me and the meeting was a glorious success from the start. After we had been running for two weeks, Bro. Melvin Bingham came to take the pastorate of the church and it was indeed a great privilege to work with him and his good wife. We feel that the church

will grow under their leadership. The league, Sunday School and Auxiliary increased in number during the revival and we feel the meeting was a great spiritual uplift to all. It was a great blessing to have Bro. and Sister Dodd with us the last few days of the meeting. Bro. Dodd brought the message the last Sunday morning. It indeed was a powerful sermon on a spirit filled life. We closed with a wonderful service Sunday night. We hated to say good bye to our many friends in "The Lead Belt." God richly bless the church and new pastor. We are visiting Sister Franklin and her mission work in Huntsville, she is doing a fine work and we will be here over Sunday. Then we go to N. C. and then to S. C. for some mission work. Pray for us and may this be a great year with all our workers.

Yours for Christ,
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

MY CHURCH

There is a little church in Tulsa
And it's very dear to me
It shall be in my heart forever
Whether I'm on land or sea.
It seems like I have it with me
That little church so dear
For when I get blue and lonely
To think of it makes my blues disappear
It was there I learned about Jesus
It taught me the way that's right
Many times I think of it dearly
In daytime and deep hours of night.
I wish I was there tonight
To sing and praise God's name
It's prayer meeting time at home now
But I can pray here just the same.
Many hours I worked 'round the church house
I even liked to mow the lawn—
Satan told me I did too much
But, oh, if I could work there again.
I've heard many sermons preached there
And sung many songs there too
One of these days I'll be back there
To sing more songs so true.
But until I get back there to worship
I'll keep its teachings in my heart
And I know, God will stay beside me
For He promised He wouldn't depart.

Written by:

Harold L. Hancock, S. 1-c

CHIPS

BY ELD. T. C. FERGUSON

Beware for temptation has a thousand disguises.

If your religion does not make you happy here below, it has no chance to in the next world.

When you hate sin it ceases to be a temptation to you.

If all the members of the church that you belong to were just like you what kind of a church would it be.

We can't be blameless but praise God we can be faultless.

If you want others to be good be good yourself.

Allow no one to live better than you do if you know it.

It is better to try and fail than to not try at all.

It is better to wear out than to rust out.

When we die to sin we are just beginning to live.

It is better to be a fool for Christ's sake than to be a college graduate and go to hell.

An education is a fine thing to have but it can be a curse or a blessing to you it will depend on how that you use it, for the more that you know the meaner you can be or the better you can be.

IN MEMORIUM

What is home without a husband and daddy, this home is quite and lonely.

At table a vacant place, no Daddy patient and cheerful. Smiling faced children come home to visit, no smiling face there no more to see, no more he's there to greet them or bid with him stay.

Mother is moving around like a shadow from morn till close of each long day, no one to do or care for, Daddy dear, since you've gone away.

In loving memory of Husband and Daddy who passed away one year ago today Oct. 13th, 1944.

Mrs. Alice Finn and children.

OBITUARY

LATIMER— Sarah Ellen Latimer, daughter of Andrew and Susan Ann Brown, was born in Schyler County Missouri July 10, 1867, the 9th of 10 children. She was the only surviving member of the family.

Her parents died when she was very young, and she was adopted by J. Q. and Ella Dickerson of Livonia, Missouri, with whom she lived until her marriage.

She was married December 22, 1887 to George Sherman Latimer of Livonia, Missouri. Four children were born of this union: Ethel Stone of Vinland, Kansas. Juanita Manning of Hingwood, Okla., Paul C. of Bothel, Wash., and Portteus of the home. She leaves 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She was converted and united with the Friendship Baptist church of Livonia in early life. She became a member of the Hickory Grove church near Haddam, Kans. in 1926, where she held her membership at the time of her passing.

She departed this life at her home near Haddam, Kansas September 2, 1945, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 2 days. She had been in failing health for several years, but had seemed better during the past summer. Her passing was sudden, and was a shock to the family and to the community.

Services was conducted by Rev. A. H. DeWeese Easton, Mo.

ODLE— Silas Odle, born at Cedar Gap, Missouri January 16th, 1878, departed this life Sept. 22nd, 1945 at Lindsay California at the age of 67 years. Bro. Odle became a Christian at the age of 14 years. He became a member of the First Free Will Baptist church of Porterville, Calif., Sept. 9th 1941, with his wife, Laura. He was a devoted husband and father.

He leaves to mourn his departure: His wife, three sons, two daughters, one brother, and eleven grandchildren. One son, one daughter, three brothers and two sisters have preceded him in death. He had been in bad health for some time, but his death was a shock to his many friends. His death was also the first in the membership of the Porterville church. But we feel our loss is Heavens gain.

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