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Why Have a National Headquarters?

The 1946 session of the National Association voted to launch a campaign to secure funds for National Headquarters for Free Will Baptists. Why was such a move started? There are many reasons; we shall mention only a few upon which we believe all will agree:

First. Those who know of the recent growth in our denomination recognize how much we have run upon sentiment and fervor for the present moment. The time is now at hand when competent organization must come to its own. Not only is it important that every department of our National Association move on, but the method whereby we move on is important. Well defined plans for progress must be presented to our people; this can best be done through a central office.

Second. Other denominations have found it to be very practical and necessary to have a National Headquarters. Ask any of them who are not only growing materially but spiritually, and in every instance they will tell you they are wholeheartedly for headquarters. Free Will Baptists have no National directory of ministers and churches. We need to be able to tell any person in any state where we have work, what is the location of the closest church of their faith. Such a record would be kept in National Headquarters.

Third. DOCTRINALLY it will be a blessing. We are having radio programs going out as the "Voice of Free Baptists" or on "The Free Will Baptists Hour." Why not have a headquarters where the program will be the OFFICIAL voice of Free Will Baptists? I do not recognize the voice in some instances as being true Free

Will Baptist doctrine. We shall preach only from headquarters what you have voted to place in your Treatise as Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We can make it a positive program for our people in every state that they will honor and gladly support. I am for such a radio program, and yet give the local minister his right to preach the gospel by radio as he has done in the past; but, I honestly believe a real radio program sponsored by Free Will Baptists would be appreciated and supported by the local radio preacher.

Fourth. Eventually operating expenses of the denominational departments will be reduced. We now maintain different offices in different states. We can have one building where all the work will be co-ordinated. Publicizing of the work can be more effective, each board will continue to have its program of work, but it will be accepted and expounded by all departmental boards—a uniform program for all our people. It will help unify knowledge gotten out to our people.

As to expenses, the office will help maintain itself by your co-operation. Recently I had a conference with two leaders in our denomination who wanted to buy approved books by Free Will Baptists, through our denomination, to the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). Remember this money is ready to be used only in a district quarterly meeting of a district association; not even a district association or a state association is backing this quarterly meeting. Who will get those profits? These people said they wished the National Association would get the profits from such a purchase. Isn't that nice? And don't

you also wish the National Association, through its National Headquarters, were in a position to get the books those people need? Doctrinally, it is essential; financially, it would bless us and them in such an order.

Fifth. IT IS WHAT YOU WANT, now, isn't it? Many have urged such a move to be started; our people do want a National Headquarters, they are willing to work to that end. They can give you other reasons for wanting a headquarters. Such reasons—and the working order of the headquarters will be incorporated within the charter. You in every state have the right to help establish, maintain, and control the affairs or work of your National Headquarters through your National Association of Free Will Baptists. You do want the doctrines of the church proclaimed effectively during these latter days. You do want it done through proper methods; you do want your denomination to have a program where it can direct itself to God's glory and to the greatest good to the greatest number. I believe if such steps are not soon undertaken and recognized by our people, we will soon see signs of decay and disintegration among our people in their organization to do the task for which they only have a right to exist.

There is an account now in a Nashville, Tennessee bank known as "National Headquarters Fund for Free Will Baptists." Will you soon send in your amount ear-marked, and may we have more than fifteen thousand dollars, the initial amount, raised by June 30, 1947. Please send all funds to me. Our Lord is depending upon you, do not fail Him.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford,
Exec. Sec'y and Treas

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HONOR ROLL

We are running a six months
honor roll. One subscription—yours
or a friend's—will put you on the roll.
And, as you send in subscriptions,
your number will be increased.

We are giving a first, second and
third prize. The prizes are our own
secret until the time is up. It will
be a great honor to win one of these
prizes, and besides the Lord will
bless you for your service. Get your
name on the Honor Roll, by sending
in one or more subscriptions; then
send in the most subscriptions and
receive first prize.

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Eulah Wischart, Myrtle, Mo. 2
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T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla. 2
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo. 1
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NOTICE TO STATE
FIFTH VICE PRESIDENTS

The time for our National Aux-
iliary Convention is fast approaching,
and I desire to have a complete re-
port of the work of our Fifth Vice
Presidents for this convention. To
have this report all Fifth Vice Pres-
idents must co-operate. I'm sure
you too are eager to do this; so please
send your reports to me at your
earliest convenience, that I may be
able to make my report to the con-
vention. Thank you sincerely.

Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook,
National Fifth Vice President,
Bryan, Texas, Rt. 3, Box 208.

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN
WORKER'S INSTITUTE

Where? Niangua, Missouri, near
Springfield—at the Missouri State
Free Will Baptist Youth Campgrounds.
When? July 21 to August 1.
Who attends? Every Christian
worker in the State of Missouri.
What is the cost? Fourteen dollars
for two weeks room and board and
registration fee of one dollar.
What will be taught? Bible Doc-
trine, Worldwide Missions, Woman's
Auxiliary, Personal Soul Winning,
How to prepare Gospel Messages,
Sunday School Administration, and
Free Will Baptist League.
Who Teaches? Rev. Robert B.
Crawford, Rev. La Verne Miley, and
Miss Thora Arbogast.
Which Session? The Second. There
will also be a Daily Vacation Bible
School going on at the same time
and place.
What to do? Write to Rev. Mark
Lewis, 2043a Sidney St., St. Louis,
Mo., telling him you are attending.
Also watch for other announcements.

Editorial

"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD"

"Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, now Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire; come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach."
—Nehemiah 2:17.

The King noticed that Nehemiah's countenance was sad, and made inquiry about his sadness of heart. In the preceeding chapter we discover why the prophet was sad in his heart; he had been informed about the desolation of Jerusalem. "And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."

The walls of our publishing house have been torn down, that is the work could not be carried on. Did you weep and mourn? Did you fast and pray unto God? The publishing house is a wall of defence to our Gospel work. It is the FORT from which we carry on the war against Satan, and build up our churches, and ministers to reach the perishing and save souls. It is of first importance in expansion of our denominational work in general. The press is the greatest channel today to carry on the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Like Nehemiah, you can do something about it. If every one will put their hearts and hands to the work, a greater work can be accomplished without much sacrifice. Your co-operation will, in many ways, work wonders. You can subscribe or renew your subscription, and get your money's worth. You can get others to subscribe, and support the work.

Nehemiah said, "That we be no more a reproach." It is a reproach to our Lord to let so important work be a failure. And it is a reproach to us as a great denomination not to rise up and build. With all our churches in the west, northwest, southwest and central states, it would be a shame not to put over the press in a big way. We have multitudes of members, and they are making good money. Let this be our motto: "We can, we will, we must."

We need six thousand more sub-

scribers, and that would be a small percentage of our people. Every home should have the church paper; and it is your duty to try to bring it to pass.

I have spent one hundred twenty-five dollars, as unto the Lord, to help give our Gem and press a new birth. What have you done? When you send one dollar for the paper for one year, you have not sacrificed; you will get a dollar's worth of spiritual good out of one issue, besides God's temporal blessings upon you for your interest in His kingdom work.

I want you to weep and pray, but do like Nehemiah did—put an all out effort toward reaching the goal.

We need ten thousand dollars capital to enable us to put out books, booklets, church and Sunday school helps, that will revolutionize our work in general. We need to become both progressive and aggressive. We need to get out of the rut and reach the masses for Christ. Christ said, "Greater works than these shall ye do." We need the greater vision. Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest" (John 4:35).

The Master said, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you." God help us to get out of our puny attitude, and believe God's promises. Can't and if never reached the goal but faith and assiduous efforts can perform miracles.

Now, what are YOU going to do? I am talking to YOU; do not pass the responsibility to others. God is waiting to move His omnipotent arm as you move. Let us hear from you—not next month, but NOW! I'll be watching the mail for some report or message of encouragement from YOU.

"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD."

Your Wings

First of Series

By the Editor

MAKING UP YOUR MIND

Necessity of a fixed mind—thought dominates—circumstances alter cases

Don't drift—Your calling in life—Inferior or superior.

Making up one's mind, and how you make it up, is very important.

Largely what life is to you hinges on this fact. We should do our best to think things through, looking on all sides, and then conscientiously make up our mind. Our thought dominates in how our mind is made up. Circumstances often cause us to make up our mind in a way we'd rather not, but when a thing has to be, it is just that way. Oftentimes we get in an emergency, and have to make up our mind in a few thoughts and sometimes it means disaster; although the course we have been taking, determines largely how we make it up in an emergency. Multitudes drift along, and never arrive, because they do not make up their minds. What they do, if anything, is a result of the influence of some other mind dominating theirs. You cannot make progress in anything, unless you have back of the effort or efforts, a mind that is fully made up. Lots of hurtful things accomplished and many beneficial things left undone, because of the fact: We did not make up our mind. There are innumerable great deeds and accomplishments in this world as a result of minds that were made up.

Find your calling in life, that which you are an adept at, or can train yourself successfully in, then make up your mind and keep your thoughts there, regardless of the detours or sidelines you may have to take, because of circumstances or necessity, and time will see you there. Inferior qualities and qualifications, as well as superior ones, are the result of how you make up your mind. In studying the life of Christ I discovered a mind that was unreservedly made up, a genius that has created more beneficial material and spiritual things in this world than any other mind, and He did it by the influence of His mind on the creative minds of others. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

A QUOTATION

"I am not much of a mathematician," said the cigarette, "but I can add to a man's nervous troubles; I can subtract from his energy; I can multiply his aches and pains; I can divide his mental powers; I can take interest from his work, and discount his chances for success."

National Association Welcome to Detroit

The Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan, have invited the 1947 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The Association is scheduled to convene with the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan, on Tuesday, July 15, 1947.

Host Church Welcomes You

We, The Highland Park Church, do invite you to come and spend these days with us. Our Church is not so large, and we are not too many in number—but we plan to do our very best to entertain you and make your visit to Detroit as pleasant as we possibly can.

How to Come

Detroit, Michigan, of course, is one of the largest Industrial Cities in the world. You can reach Detroit by every known way of transportation. Aeroplanes, trains, boats, buses, automobiles, trucks and hitch-hikers arrive hourly in this great city. So, take your choice and come along. We hope, however that as many as can will drive your cars, that you might have transportation after you get here.

Points of Arrival

Those who come by plane, and arriving at one of the airfields, of course will have limousine or taxi service into the city, and either bus or street car will bring you to Victor Avenue in Highland Park, and remember, the church is only three blocks east of Woodward Avenue, on Victor in Highland Park. Now don't forget.

Those who travel by train will arrive either at the New York Central Depot, or at Union Station, depending on which train you ride. Taxi service is available from these points to the church, or you can take a bus or street car on Woodward Avenue, and ride to Victor Street for ten cents. (That's what I usually do.)

If you travel by bus (Greyhound), you will arrive in down town Detroit, only a few blocks from Woodward Avenue. When you get to Woodward Avenue (the main thoroughfare running north and south), you can board a Woodward bus or street car and ride north to Victor Avenue in Highland Park. Remember when you get here to ask questions and seek information,

for we don't want you to get lost.

If you travel by car and come into the city either from Toledo or Chicago way, and you do not want to drive through the city traffic, then when you come to Michigan Avenue (Highway 112), please make a right hand turn and travel east until you come to Southfield Road. When you arrive at Southfield Road, then make a left hand turn and travel north until you reach McNichols Road. When you arrive at McNichols Road, please make a right hand turn and travel east until you come to Woodward Avenue. Then make a right hand turn and travel south on Woodward until you reach Victor Street. Then turn left and come three blocks east.

What About Rooms?

We are planning to go as far as we can in securing rooms in private homes for the Ministers and Delegates. Of course you understand the housing situation here is still critical and it might be that several will have to resort to hotels, etc. at their own expense. Those of you who are planning to provide your own keep in the hotels will find it quite convenient and the rates are also reasonable. We will be glad to arrange hotel reservations for those who desire this service. If you want it in advance, please let us know.

What About Meals?

Just as soon as you arrive at the church we want you to register and pay the initial fee of \$2.00. At that time we will try to arrange for you a room (if you haven't one). Your breakfast will either be furnished by the home you are assigned to or if the home cannot provide breakfast, you will have to eat out some place at your own expense.

We have arranged with two large cafeterias here in Highland Park to provide the noon and evening meals. You will be given a meal ticket for these at the time you register. Now the registration fee of \$2.00 will not be enough to cover your meal ticket. The entertainment committee has decided it will cost about \$5.00. I am sure you will understand that.

Leisure Moments

For the benefit of those who have

never been to Detroit, we hope to arrange at least two excursion trips per day during the off hours of the conference.

A large hall with fountain service has been secured next door to the church. This will provide adequate quarters for lounging and relaxation.

Remember,—We'll be seeing you!

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Pastor of Host Church,
206 California,
Highland Park 6, Mich.

CHURCH REPORT

The Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, located out on R. F. D. 4, from Neosho, Mo., met March 15th. Bro. L. R. Black of Miami, Oklahoma preached Saturday night, Sunday at eleven and Sunday night. There were eight children saved at the morning service. We had a good sermon preached at each service. We observed the Lord's Supper, also feet washing. Bro. Black received the sum of \$12.50. (We have called Bro. Black as pastor for the year. Dismissed one from the church.)

Church met April 19th. Bro. Black was present and preached Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, bringing a good sermon at each service. Paid Bro. Black \$12.50.

Church met May 11th for all-day services, it being Mothers' Day. Bro. Black preached Saturday night, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night, all good sermons. We had dinner at the church and a good Mothers' Day program. Three united with the church: Mrs. Bernice Youngblood, Betty Youngblood and Imogene Cook. Paid Bro. Black \$12.50.

Church met Saturday night, May 24th, at which time Bro. Black brot us a good sermon. Met Sunday morning for all-day services, it being Temperance Day. Bro. Black preached Sunday morning, evening and night, all good sermons. Had dinner at the church, and a short program. Miss Betty Youngblood was baptized in the evening. Paid Bro. Black \$12.50.

Bro. Hublett united with the church May 25th and will be baptized next preaching day, the fourth Sunday in June, at 2:30 p. m., at Lost Creek, near Racine.

Grace Sharp, Church Clerk.

Greetings From Cuba

Dear Friends of Our Missionary Cause: I am writing to you this time from Cuba, having landed here at Pinar del Rio last night, May 14, about 8:00 p. m. I came in by way of New Orleans on the Chicago and Southern Airlines. Had a very splendid trip across. The weather was clear and nice. The airship was a four motored, fifty passenger ship. It was as smooth, or even smoother, riding as the nicest train. The 680 miles from New Orleans to Havana was made in three and one-half hours.

My stay here will necessarily be short. Perhaps no longer than this week only. I came on special business concerning our Cuban mission work, which matter I have been planning to take care of for some long time; but only recently did we finally get all detailed legalities completed so that this transaction concerning our school farm here might be taken care of. It has been a long tedious procedure; but I am happy to report it is all coming to a finish here in the Provincial capital of Pinar del Rio very satisfactorily.

This visit, though short, is proving to be a great inspiration to me. I am going to return with renewed interest, which always proves to be true every time I visit the mission field. I see a marked improvement since my visit here three years ago. Some gratifying improvements have been made, and are being made, on the field, and this is especially true concerning the buildings at the school. I wish you could be here to see all this and to visit this fine student body and faculty. I wish you could see the classes in session, and see the fine young men's quartet in training under Sister Willey, and hear them sing. They are indeed beautiful singers. I wish you could observe the manifest interest being shown around the premises in pushing along the various buildings now in the making. I would be happy if you could be impressed as I have been with the high moral standard maintained, the perfect deportment, and general orderliness of the entire setting. Here the authorities speak and the attendants heed. It is not done in harshness; but is done in keeping with Christian principles and in the Spirit. I am not at all reluctant to say that we, the Board

of Foreign Missions, are definitely behind them in this matter of Christian discipline. When our Cuban boys and girls from the school go into the city of Pinar del Rio with their school uniforms on, and their manifest Christian behavior, they are looked up to and most highly respected. Are you not proud of this? Certainly you are. We all are. I look at all this and joy floods my soul. I am made to say, "Thank God." Oh, how humble and how close to Him it makes me desire to be. I think of our forward steps toward India, and again I say, "Praise the Lord." Then my thoughts turn and I think of the continued struggle we seem to have getting our people back in the states to step up with their financial giving as they should, and as they MUST do if we carry this mission program forward, and then the dark cloud seems to hang low. But I look up by faith in Him who is over and above all, and the cloud seems to be rifted. The light breaks through. Then I say, as I have said through these late years, "Lord, I know you are going to invision our people. I know they are going to rally." So we and the missionaries are laboring with this faith in God, and this confidence in you.

Our missions treasury is in much better shape than it was two months back. Let's give it a big boost between now and the National Meeting at Detroit in July. Will you co-operate with us?

Your servant for Christ's sake,
Winford Davis.

How Long Halt Ye?

(1 Kings 18:20, 21)

By Greeneth Talley, Aurora, M.

Elijah's message to the children of Israel was: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Baalism was a form of heathen religion. The worship of Baal as a god prevailed in the time of Moses among the Moabites and the Midianites. Thru them it spread to the Israelites; and many of God's people had turned from the true and living God to worship Baal the false god.

Elijah was a man of God and was much troubled by this idol form of worship. He wanted to prove to the people that they were wrong and that

Jehovah God was the true God.

That also was the message of John the Baptist. All down through the ages this call has gone out to the world. Just before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes a movement is to sweep the nation to the earth's remotest bounds, calling to men: "How long halt ye between two opinions?" "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." It is to come with the spirit and power of Elijah, to make ready a people for their God.

And that message is sounding now to earth's remotest bounds. Thru our missionaries, over the radios and by the printed pages. The world of today has its Ahabs, Jezebels, false priests, and its idol worship. There is a growing contempt for human and divine law, a tendency to exalt creed and church, to lean on the fathers and founders. In the midst of it all, God's final appeal is being given. He is calling for moral reform on the part of the individual. He is pleading judgments and calamities. The only safety is the return to the principles and practices of the Bible. Once again the voice of stern rebuke is heard ringing over the world.

"How long halt ye?" One year? Two years? Three and one-half years? Until the fields are parched, the cattle dead, the people starving? "How long halt ye?" Until the Bread of Life be withdrawn, the dew of heaven be taken away, and the water of salvation removed? "How long halt ye?" Ten years? Twenty? Thirty? Is it not enough? How many graves must be dug? How many more times must the hearse drive up to the door? Choose you! There is no neutral ground. We must be for or against. We must accept or reject. Where do you stand now?

Six thousand years ago, when the evening clouds curtained the setting sun with crimson glory, the voice of God called to Adam hiding out in the garden: "Adam, where art thou? You old men and women, living in the sunset of life, where are you today? Young men and women, in the strength and prime of life, where are you? Boys and girls on the threshold of maturity, where are you? You may laugh and scoff at the Bible and its message, you may defy God,

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REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREAS.

Receipts for the month of May, 1947

Ashland City Church of Tenn., \$50.00
John Moody, Anderson, Tex., 25.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Waggoner,
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 10.00
Olivet Church of Kentucky.... 125.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper,
Ransomville, N. C. 1.30
Rev. R. Purdom, Ft. Smith, Ark., 3.00
Mrs. John T. Holland,
Walnut Ridge, Ark. 1.00
Fender Sunday School of Ark., 5.00
Union F. W. B. Sunday School,
Johnson City, Tenn. 5.00
Mrs. P. J. Wood, Huntsville, Tex. 5.00
Mrs. Marion Greene Poole,
Neptune, Tenn. 1.00
Preston E. Slocum & Prayer Band,
Highland Park, Mich. 10.00
T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga., 10.00
Ivan Helsley, Hartsville, Mo., 10.00
Mrs. Mary Parker,
Nashville, Tennessee 5.00
Rev. C.J. Hearron, Bellmead, Tex. 4.00
Mrs. Mattie Gay, Moultrie, Ga., 15.00
Mt. Zion Church, Eufaula, Ala., 5.00
Rev. E. E. Brooks, Uriah, Ala. 1.00
Mrs. P. C. Conlee, Austin, Tex., 1.00
Goldie and Dorothy York,
Ft. Worth, Texas 3.00
Mrs. N. L. Hurst, Detroit, Mich. 5.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Ok., 10.00
Malcom Rogers, Baxter, Tenn., 2.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. M., 10.00
State of Ohio, by Grace Peach, 600.00
Mrs. Frances L. Oliver,
Clarksville, Tennessee 5.00
Fannie Smith,
Ashland City, Tenn. 2.00
Mrs. Forest Kemper,
Wheelersburg, Ohio 2.00
Central Quarterly Meeting
Union Association of Tenn., 50.00
National United Program Fund,
by R. B. Crawford 180.00
F.W.B. Mission Board of Ky.,
by G. E. Ratliff 13.16
First F. W. B. Church,
Elizabethton, Tenn. 15.40
Oak Grove Church of Tenn., 16.30
Eld. J. E. White,
New Edinburg, Ark. 5.00
M. B. & E. L. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio 6.00
Mrs. Lillie Pordue,
Chapmansboro, Tenn. 4.00
John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Neb. 5.00
H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala., 21.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Moore,

Porterville, Calif. 5.00
Mrs. O. A. Munyan, St. Paris, O., 2.00
C. M. Payne, Edge, Texas, 10.00
Mrs. Esther Smith,
Woodlawn, Tenn. 10.00
Central Ave. Church, Okla. City, 4.55
Amanda Duvall Skelton,
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PRETTY WATER LEAGUE REPORT

Sapulpa, Okla., May 28, 1947.

Dear Gem Readers: We are happy to report that Pretty Water League is still progressing and going forward for the Lord.

Our League has a social once each month. We had a Hamburger supper at Bro. and Sister Cutsinger's home. The purpose of the supper was to raise funds for the new league room, which we are planning to build.

Our League sponsored the Weston Brothers Quartette in a concert. They broadcast over KHBG, Okmulgee.

Bro. and Sister Hurt gave a very nice hay ride and weiner roast for the young people.

Every year we have our annual picnic at Mohawk Park in Tulsa, Ok.

We also want to express our thanks to Mrs. Myrl Wilson for her fine teaching and sponsoring of our league.

Pray for us, that we may be better workers in the service of our Lord.

Shirley Norton, Corr. Sec'y,

A GREAT NEED

By Rev. Bert Hall, Springfield, Mo.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

All the world is not just a part, it is the whole, containing all the parts—that which is complete in itself. The world is very large and the need is very great. I am sure that we Free Will Baptists know something of this need. When we are told of the need in India, China, Japan, and in scores of other places—need in all the world, it makes our hearts sad.

Then too, when we stand in our own door, we realize that the door in which we stand is but a part of the whole world. We see scores who know not God, of all ages—children who have never been inside of a church house. Sin is spreading, crime is mounting, modernism fills the scene, there is a great falling away—the end of this age must be near at hand; and we wonder: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" What if his neighbor, his friend, his son, his daughter, or someone whom he has never seen, should lose their soul? Now we see the great need.

Then we begin to think of the strategy used in the last war (and we are fighting a war against sin); when the need of sending troops abroad was realized, what were the first steps taken by our government? They began to build at home: Camps for training soldiers, and factories to supply the needs of a great army. If more soldiers had been sent abroad than we had supplies for; what would it have meant? No stream is stronger than its fountain head. Our Foreign Missions can be no stronger than our source of supply. Our soldiers were supplied from home after the factories were built—battles were won, and victory is ours.

We may not need any more churches (factories) to supply our present Foreign Mission work; but Cuba and India are only a small part of the world—the text says: "All the world." We cannot say too much for our Foreign Missions; but we see the end out there, just before the horizon. Come, take a little walk with me,

though we need not go far. Now look at the country; there are small towns and cities, most any way you care to look. What is our No. 1 need? Churches, churches, churches, in the country, towns and cities? Let us make our churches strong; then the text can be realized, and the stream will flow into all the world.

We moved to Kansas City some five years ago. There was no Free Will Baptist church there. Then we moved to Springfield, Mo. There was no Free Will Baptist church here. Our heart has been made sad to see Free Will Baptists coming here to make their homes. Many of them are now members of other churches. Why? Because we had no church to offer them.

Three years ago we began to feel God dealing with us in regard to a Free Will Baptist church in Springfield. We have prayed much, as I am sure others have. About three months ago, after talking with some F. W. B. here, we went to the moderator of our State Association to see if there were any funds available to help us build a church house; which we must have; for you know we have a real housing problem. I am sure it brought much sorrow to Bro. Alfred's heart, to have to inform me that no funds were available to help us build, as it did to my own heart.

We vowed to God in prayer, that if He would give us ten members, we would build a church to His glory. On April 22nd He gave us exactly that number, and is giving us more as the weeks go by. It looks like a big task for so few members; but is anything too hard for the Lord? Our building is to be 30x50 feet, with full basement, which we have dug. It is to be constructed of stone, and at a possible cost of \$4,000.00, of which we have \$150.25. But we know that God will not fail us; and we hope soon to be able to ask you to worship with us, when you are in Springfield, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, at the corner of Nichols and Ethel streets.

ALA. CHILDREN'S HOME

We hope to open the Children's Home at Eldridge, Ala. the 5th Sunday in August. We bought this property on March 5, 1942 and gave ourselves six years to pay for it, but we paid for it in three years, and we

have spent \$9,000 repairing the Home, and there is some yet to be done.

We can care for 30 children there now, and it will care for 75 to 100 at its maximum capacity.

This was a standard Junior College of the Missionary Baptists and we bought it just as it stood, furniture, library and all.

There is a 45 room two-story girl's dormitory made of the most beautiful red brick; there is a 14 room boys' dormitory made of mountain rock and wood and a six room academy building, with six class rooms and auditorium made of mountain rock.

We could not build either one of the three buildings for what we have in it. It is the best buy I have seen in the Free Will Baptist Church. It is gift from God for the interest on our money.

If you know of any children in Alabama or the adjoining states that need to be in the Home, write to Bro. V. C. May, Eldridge, Ala. so he can be investigating before 5th Sunday in August.

We need \$5,000 to open with and there are Free Will Baptists in Ala., and out of it, who can give \$1,000, \$100, \$10 and \$5. We must have it now if we open on the fifth Sunday in August. Ask the Lord what He would have you do about this.

We thank God for the Trustees, who have so faithfully, sacrificially and untriflingly given themselves to this task. There were also field workers in several of the associations who have shared a great deal in his sacrificial service and are due much of the credit for the success of all of it.

If the Lord puts on your heart something to do, send it to Mr. W. B. Children's Home or to Mr. V. C. May, Eldridge, Ala., but pray before you give.

We are still carrying on the Faith Program on WKAX, 900 K. C. from Birmingham, Ala. at 7:30-8:00 a. m., on Saturday and Sun. from 7:00-7:30. This costs \$40. per week. If you desire to help, you may do so. We had to drop WWVB, Jasper, Ala.

The Free Will Baptist Church is growing, so get your ostrich head out of the sand and lift up your head and eyes with thanksgiving to the hills from whence cometh your help.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
704 Long Avenue,
Cordova, Alabama.

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you may crucify Christ afresh; but don't trifle with the Spirit of God until the gates of mercy close.

Oh, men and women, choose for eternity, and choose now! The Hand that puts the blush on the rose will take you, tangled lives and make them straight. Choose to serve Him now. Let Him prepare you now for His soon coming. "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

The great decisive day is at hand!

The day when Christ will come
To call His children home,
And to seal the sinner's doom,
Is at hand.

Where will the sinner hide that day?

It will be in vain to call,
"Ye mountains on us fall,"

For His hand will find out all
In that day.

MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

(For May, 1947)

Foreign Mission Fund

Hickory Grove Church	\$ 7.25
Jewel Church	8.26
Flat River Church	7.28
Verdella Church	14.00
Monett Church	13.40
Carterville Church	15.90
Mrs. Jessie Thompson	
Anderson, Mo.	10.50
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J. W. Adkins, Kirksville, Mo.	25.00
Amity Church	19.50
Union Light S. S.	17.70
Shibley's Point Church	3.85
Carterville Church	20.60
Hickory Grove Ch., Haddam, Ks.	2.11
Monett Church	10.69
Mt. Olive Church	6.21
True Blue Class (Neola)	1.00
Independence Church	51.92
Golden Oak League	2.69
Golden Oak S. S.	14.89
Jewel Church	10.34
Mrs. Orene Rader, Nlangua, Mo.	2.60
Isaac Hunt, Leota, Mo.	1.00
Glenn Briddle, Kirksville, Mo.	2.00
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