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*Now the winter days are o'er and spring is come, now the  
trees and flowers once more call the song-birds home.*



Only God can make a flower. He alone can give life. This beautiful spring season, as we again behold the springing forth of flowers in all their splendor, the bursting forth of buds, the pleasing musical notes of our feathered friends rejoicing in the fact that winter is again past and gone, we are made to say with the poet,

“Heaven and earth are full of Thee,  
Heaven and earth are praising Thee,  
O Lord most high”





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## THE TRUE SANCTUARY

by Rev. O. Stalcup, Oklahoma City, Okla.

TEXT: "Praise God in his sanctuary" (Psalms 150:1).

Consider, please, with me the place where prayer or praise is to be made—in God's sanctuary. The act of true worship is the highest expression of service of man towards God. God created man that man in turn would worship Him. Implanted in man by his Creator is the desire to worship something. Without exception, all men have this desire to worship within themselves. Man is the only creature that has this quality. The ultimate purpose of God is to dwell among men—He being their God, and they His people. (Rev. 21:3). Worship of God is praising and adoring Him for His matchless grace and mercy.

God has decreed that there is only a certain class of people who have the right to come into His presence and worship Him. In perusing the scriptures this becomes evident, clearly so. In the Old Testament the Israelites had the right of worship. If we carefully study the New Testament scripture which portrays our Lord dealing with a Samaritan woman (John 4), we see this teaching there. This woman's sin placed her in an embarrassing position; consequently, she sought to steer the conversation into religious lines. So this woman, as she discussed the subject of worship with Jesus, recognized our Lord as a Jew, so she said, "Our fathers (i. e. we Samaritans) tracing our ancestry back to Jacob, have maintained that the place for worship is at Mt. Gerizim in the land of the Samaritans, and we worship there, but you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

Our Lord answered: "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews, but the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship

the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth". (John 4:21-24). We see in this conversation a transition is revealed by our Lord. He set His seal upon Jerusalem as the place of worship until that hour. He acknowledged that Israel had the exclusive right of worship; that there was only one place where God would accept worship and that was at the temple in the city of Jerusalem; but Jesus said that now that time had passed, and it is now no longer a question of the place of worship; it is a question of the attitude. Irrespective of where a man may be, if he worships in spirit and in truth, the worship is acceptable unto God. Jesus didn't refer to the human spirit. He was referring to the Holy Spirit. When He spoke of truth, He was not speaking in the realm of the abstract. He was speaking of the truth of which He Himself is the personification. Later, He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father but by me". (John 14:6). Yes, God has effected a change so that it makes not the slightest difference where a person might be worshipping, but, it is still true that worship of God is limited to an exclusive company of people—all who worship God in Spirit and in truth; in the Holy Spirit and in Christ.

Whether we are saved or lost—go to heaven or hell—is determined before we leave this world, not after death. All notions to the contrary notwithstanding. That notion of many people—to wit—"A general Judgment day when all men of all stripes will stand before God, and if their good deeds over-balance their evil deeds, they will enter into life and if not, they are lost", has a religious sound, but it is absolutely un-Biblical.

The Bible, when referring to the exclusive company of people

who worship God in spirit and in truth, calls them "Saints". The word, "Saint", means "One set apart for God".

God's offer of salvation is to all who will receive by faith His Christ. It is as free as the air we breathe, the sun that warms us, and the water that cools us. It is His gift to all who call upon the name of the Lord.

We notice in going back to the time of the fiery serpent, the people were complaining to Moses and charging him for bringing them out of the land of Egypt to die in the wilderness. God recommended a remedy for the bite of the serpents. The remedy was within reach of all within the camp; to look was life; not to look was death eternal.

This remedy of the children of Israel was a type or shadow of the real universal plan of redemption to be offered the world in Jesus Christ.

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## FOR WHOM IS CHRIST COMING?

By JOHN WESTON  
(Prophetic News)

TEXT: "Afterward they that are Christ's at His coming."—I Corinthians 15:23b.

You know, if there is any matter under heaven we want to be certain about, it is whether we are the ones Christ is coming for. He may be here any day. The signs of the times read this way. I am certain by all that is happening, that Jesus is coming in our day, in our generation, unless premature death should take some of us away. Well now, for whom is Christ coming? If you are in any doubt, four words in our text are a complete answer to your question.

### "They That Are Christ's"

How beautifully simple! You do not have to understand Daniel's prophecy, nor his seventy weeks, nor the book of Revelation, to be certain that you are going to be taken to heaven when Jesus comes. It is all contained in this simple passage: "They that are Christ's".

Christ's first coming was for everybody. All may participate in the grand result of His atoning death upon the cross if they will. He died for all; He gave Himself a ransom for all.

His second coming is for those who  
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## WHAT DOES OUR NATION AND THE WORLD NEED MOST?

TEXT: JOHN 3:14,15

*"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life".*

by Rev. Chas. R. Porter

Benton, Illinois, Rt. 3

First, this bite was incurable by that with all its churches and man. It was a deadly disease or church membership its august poison, and therefore, if one who members of Congress, so far, fail was bitten wanted to live bad to recognize the need of some law enough, it was necessary to turn that would remove from our midst about and look at the serpent. Not such places forever. They are not that the serpent in itself had any worth 5 percent of the government healing virtue, but it was God's ment revenue received. They are plan. Now the shadows and the a blot to good government and types are all set aside, and today good citizenship. There is no end we are living within the reach of of deaths which can be traced to a universal plan or remedy from strong drink. May God awake the sin that is extended by Grace the Church to cry aloud to do a through our Lord Jesus Christ. way with this evil in our country. We need no more, or no other sac- Everytime our National Associa- rifice for in Ephesians 2:14, "For tion, our State Association, and he is our peace, who hath made our Quarterly Conferences gather both one, and hath broken down may we voice in strong language the middle wall of partition be- and by strong action our demand tween us." Therefore, Christ says to our Representatives to abolish in John 14:6, "I am the way, the from our midst this national evil. truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the father, but by me".

Then we ask ourselves the question as outlined, "What does the world need most?" Is it gold? No. Jeremiah 9:23 says, "Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me". Again in Proverbs 11:28, "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall, but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

Is it pleasure that the world needs most? No. In James 5:5, "ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter". The world is drunk for pleasure. Our taverns, road houses, and cocktail bars (I call them "Hell Holes") are filled to capacity. They are places where homes are broken up, children separated, murders committed, and thousands sent to Hell, all because men and women call it a pleasure to frequent them. The great tragedy in this nation of ours is

Then we ask again, "What does our nation and the world need most". We have reached the place of world apostasy. Ministers who are in large churches and before large congregations deny the Blood, and also the Virgin Birth. Priests of Baal, they are modernists. They offer a program. If they ever had religion, then they are now backsliders, and they ought to be removed from our pulpits or repent. If by joining the church and signing a card, one can become religious and a fit subject to go to Heaven, then the coming of Christ was in vain, but, on the other hand, if the sacrifice of Christ and His shed blood was the only remedy offered to man whereby man can be redeemed, and if it is true as Peter said on the day of Pentecost in Acts 3:19 and Paul in Acts 20:28; also John 3:16 and John 14:6 where Christ Himself said, "I am the way; the truth; and the life. No man cometh unto the father; but by me", then if I preach any other doctrine

or any other way, I would be compromising on the truth, and preaching a program concocted by man. One of our major causes of indifference and apostasy today is caused by modernistic preaching which is to the church what communism is to a Democratic Government—destruction.

What does the nation and the world need most? It is not programs, but Gospel Truth. Not such as silver and gold, neither pleasure either in taverns or road houses, nor Sabbath-breaking ball games or horse racing. The largest gathering of people in any one place to be found on Sunday is on our fields of sport, or in public places of amusements. As a whole, the churches are extremely silent. A vast number of preachers pass up these evils. We need a ministerial awakening to our great responsibility. No doubt the truth will hurt. Sometimes we may lose a dollar over it, but our eternal rewards will be due with interest. May God help all of us, as Free Will Baptist Ministers, to declare the whole truth; for if the Son therefore shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed. There is a vast amount of talk about freedom these days all over the world—national, international, economic, financial, industrial, and so forth. We will enjoy all these both individually and collectively only when we know Him (Christ) whom to know aright is life eternal; therefore, again the real need of the world is freedom from sin. As long as any nation harbors within her borders, endorsed by laws, ungodly and unholy places, seemingly endorsed by a large percent of church membership, there can be no freedom from sin. Why, if the churches of our land were on fire for God, and we stood on our feet and cried aloud to our representatives and government to clean up in a short time there would be a change. We are silent. In the pulpits I preach as I am herein writing. I have been ordered out of town on a rail. I still believe it's up to the church to make the world better. May God have His way with us and may

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## THE CHEERFUL GIVER WHOM GOD LOVES

By Rev. Robert B. Crawford

*"For God loveth a cheerful giver".*  
II Corinthians 9:7.

For a context read II Corinthians 9:6-15. You can see a beautiful scripture here concerning giving and receiving; also sowing and reaping. May we look at "giving" for a time and see what it must be for God to approve of our gifts.

First, in our giving we must be bountiful. That is on the basis of blessings. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully". When we give freely, we open a fountain of blessings both for others and ourselves. The source of our giving is not we but God. Just as He gives rain, sunshine, the power to grow the seed, so is He the source of what we can do preaching the Word, giving money for the Word to be preached is sowing seed.

Second, we must "sow" or give with a purpose. "Every man according as he purposes in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity". The purpose of sowing is to get a harvest. You do not put grain in the ground to get rid of it. We must have an outpouring blessing if we continue to sow. We determine to an extent how much blessing we will receive. If we want an abundance and an overflowing harvest, we sow freely; a small crop if from a sparse sowing. We must sow voluntarily. The early Christians were glad to sell their property and give the money to the apostles that the church work might go on. Do we love as they loved? For every harvest to come, their must be a sowing.

Third, we must give cheerfully. It is a blessing to the one that is getting the gift, but the giver is also the receiver of great blessing. We speak of the tithe which is only the beginning of giving in a Christian's life. The tithe was a necessity under the law, and now the Christian gives gladly. He has the example before him of God

giving His Son. We have the love of God in our hearts, therefore, we give and take Jesus at His Word. If we give, it would be given unto us pressed down, shaken together, and running over. We are also laying up treasures in heaven.

Now look at "Receiving". Paul said, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having sufficiency in all things may abound into every good work". God is able. He gives salvation; but then He gives the grace of giving if we will accept it. God will make us able to give. If God freely gave us Christ, will He not with Him also freely give us all things?" God gives this grace for the purpose of our doing good works. Notice he says, "all grace", "sufficiency", "in all things", and "to every good work". God's grace of giving is sufficient, but we, as a denomination, haven't sufficiently used this grace. When we have this grace, we will give to the needy, worthy causes. The church and its auxiliaries are of God and we hear Jesus say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

We give according to our ability, and God according to His. "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness". What God does in the natural realm, He also will do in the spiritual realm to the bountiful sower. The souls which are saved spiritually are the fruits or harvest of righteousness. Jesus said, "Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruits; so shall ye be my disciples". If we do not bear fruits, it is our fault not God's. We give, denying ourselves that many souls might be blessed. The book of Revelation will tell you how righteousness will follow your going. "Blessed are the dead . . . and their works shall follow them".

Only our spiritual works can follow us to heaven.

What is the result of all our giving? "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness which causeth through us thanksgiving to God".

There is a result of a harvest of thanksgiving to God through others who are benefited by our giving. While the crops are growing, a farmer feels that he is getting richer and richer, and while we are raising these crops of thankfulness to God in others, we ought to give God praise because we are being personally enriched. But most of all think of how others are being blessed on the mission field, in the Bible College, and in the Orphanages, etc. Paul adds, "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saint, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God". Here is a genuine way to worship and praise God, through loving, cheerful, bountiful gifts. This is the way we prove we are surrendered to the Gospel authority.

A result is we are thankful for Jesus as our Savior and Lord. We are debtors to Him and to those for whom He gave His blood. God will bless us as we cheerfully give to the great cause so dear to His heart. Free Will Baptists, be sure you understand Matthew 5:17-21, and note also Matthew 23:23. As we go along toward heaven, we must give more than the tithe. We must tithe and give an offering also. We must teach men to do the same thing by our example as well as our words. Jesus taught the tithe, He also told who would go to heaven as far as money is concerned. He told who would be least in the Kingdom; but verse 20 is very important for you to know. May we decide today that we will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver".

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## STATISTICS TELL OUR HISTORY

by Robert B. Crawford, Statistician

In Luke 15:14 there is a statement telling of an event in the life of an individual. It was necessary to make the story complete to know of the person's activities. "There arose a mighty famine in that land". It was more than a physical famine, it was a spiritual famine. The prodigal knew there was a famine in his soul.

This person made his own choice; his time of decision was given to self-expression. His definition of freedom did not include the "father's house". He wanted to get going. Little did he think his activities would be spoken of in days to come. The Lord knows our records. His eyes are open unto the falling of the sparrow and we are much more valuable than sparrows. God is not a dictator; he notices all our good works and gives us credit for our faithful deeds. Neither is God a competitor; there can be no other Gods than Him. Now why should we not give ourselves credit for what we are doing. We are ourselves; we aren't competing with other denominations, but other denominations keep good records. There is not a famine of statistics in them. It is really regrettable how little we do know about one another. There has been a famine or wasting of personality because others can find out so little about what we are doing and are not attracted to us.

A few days ago there came a letter to me asking about Free Will Baptists. "We have recently joined a Free Will Baptist Church; it is the only church near us. We want to know if you have colleges, mission work, orphanages, etc. The pastor here is very zealous and we believe he is a fine person, but he nor any of the members seem to know much about other Free Will Baptists". This is a part of the letter. In her state Free Will Baptists are very active, but I am not so sure that the records of their work are well-kept and reported to its people.

As a denomination, we should keep better records. We feel that we can report or not report as we please. There has been far too much liberty without discipline. But where you associate, you should cooperate. We know that the chief business of the church is to teach Jesus: He taught and showed in His life that the body was more than raiment, and life more than meat. Yet meat and raiment are very important to the life of the body. Only as we make history under the help of the God who guides the birds, will we have wings to our lives and the greatness of God to give us freedom. So many have made the ends of life the goods of the body. Existence in our material age has been a continuous "bank-run". We are ready to keep a record of how our banking is growing

or diminishing. How about our Christian work? We as a denomination should be concerned about how things are going with us. We should be placing treasures up in heaven, but they have to be expressed here on earth. Our records have been kept very poorly. Then we have kept our records to ourselves.

We must remember we are our brother's keeper. Our brothers in days to come will want a good record of what we are doing today. If you have been negligent, say I will arise and do better for Father's business deserves better attention than I have given to it. Life is very sacred—so are each one of our acts—so please keep a good record of your activities. Dr. Roy Tarwes says in "The Global Christ". "Life is for those who know its sacredness". Life and appreciation for a cause is expressed by those who know and do.

Can you not see today what Hosea spoke of in chapter 4 and verse 6? "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, it shall reject thee, that thou shalt be not priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children". There has been a sowing of carelessness as to making and giving records for reports. We are reaping some of its affects. We should pray as David in Psalms 119:66, "Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments". Men are made free through Jesus Christ. John 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". So Free Will Baptists will be free as they know Jesus and one another better. Proverbs 24:5, "A wise man is strong: yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength". Yes, the Lord knows we are doing things for Him—all our actions, decisions, records, and reports are known by Him. I Samuel 2:3, "The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed". If you know you ought to keep good records and send your statistics to the proper person and so do "happy are ye if you do them", John 13:17. And then blessings will come to you. "He being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds", James 1:25. We should also note James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin". As we build an informed, stable denomination, we will ever increasingly need good statistics. Isaiah 33:6, "Wisdom, and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times". We do remember that some of those in former years (1910-1914) went into captivity—for that we regret, but today is the day of salvation—tomorrow will be too late—so come along with your fellowmen with confidence

and trust. As you read again Isaiah 5:13, *Our honorable men today are not famished*, and they will help give the water of life to the multitude that is calling unto them.

Please cooperate with your State Statistician and get a good report from the local church up to the National Association. May we do things for the Jesus of history but do them today in the spirit of the Jesus of reality—for Jesus' sake we will.

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### IF YOU MUST DRINK

To the married man who cannot get along without his drinks, the following is suggested as a solution to the bondage of his habit:

FIRST, start a saloon in your own house.

SECOND, be the only customer, and you'll have no license to pay. Give your wife two dollars to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are sixty-nine drinks to a gallon.

THIRD, buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have eight dollars to put in the bank and two dollars to start business again.

FOURTH, should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you.

—The Conquest.

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# EDITORIAL

## FIRST GRADUATION EXERCISE AT THE CUBAN SCHOOL

Free Will Baptists are making history. The first event of its kind since the beginning of our late missionary program will take place at the Cuban School of Missions during the forepart of April; namely, the first graduation exercise. The Cuban School is graduating its first class this spring. Our missionary staff in Cuba, along with the natives, is righteously proud of this splendid achievement, and well that they should be. Indeed we all are grateful. As our Mission Schools begin to turn out native graduates who are grounded in the word of God and the Free Will Baptist doctrine, we will then begin to make a showing such as we have not done before. In fact, this is the most acceptable and workable plan.

Train the native and send him out to his own people.

Rev. Raymond Riggs of Detroit Michigan and Rev. Bert F. Rogers of Drumright, Oklahoma will represent the Foreign Mission Board and the Free will Baptist denomination as a whole in this outstanding service on the Cuban field. The Cuban National Convention meets April 2, 3, and 4th and the graduation exercise will be held during the National Convention. Rev. Riggs and Rev. Rogers will fly over from Miami for the occasion returning together with Rev. Willey for the Bible Conference and annual Foreign Mission Board meeting beginning April 5th at our College in Nashville, Tennessee.

## ANNUAL SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE AT THE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE

April 5th will mark the opening of the annual spring Bible Conference at the College in Nashville, Tenn. This is an occasion which here to fore has been proving a great blessing to the entire educational program of Free Will Baptists. We are anticipating another season of refreshing during Bible Conference week this year. Our people will be gathering from east, west, north, and south. It will be a joy to again enter into this assembly and feast upon the good and inspiring messages that will be brought by selected speakers, enjoy the fellowship of brethren and co-workers in Christ, and discuss together vital matters pertaining to the denominational work in general.

Our Foreign Mission Board will also be in session during the week. They will be dealing with the matter of sending out new missionaries this coming summer and will

be laying plans for the furthering of the Foreign Mission work in general. Other of our important denominational boards will perhaps be meeting also during conference week.

Everyone who can should attend the Annual Bible Conference. However, if it is impossible for you to be present, then you should by all means be much in prayer for this gathering and for the various promotional agencies or boards which will be in session during this period of time. The business which these, your servants are called upon to transact is very important, and the problems which they must solve are sometimes very difficult. They need your prayers.

We hope to be able to give you a very interesting report following our soon coming Bible Conference.

## OUR NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

While it has not as yet been the privilege of the Editor to visit our new Springfield Church, yet, we are very grateful to know that at last we do have a church in this thriving and fast growing city with a population of from 75,000 to 100,000. The new church is located on W. Nickles St., and we understand that a nice building has been erected. Rev. Bert Hall is the present pastor. We are hoping the very best for this new Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Springfield.

What we have just seen accomplished in this city is equally possible in many other large cities in Missouri and even other states as well. Just think of the large cities in the state of Missouri alone without a single F. W. B. Church. There is Kansas City, St. Joseph, Sedalia, Jefferson City (our state capital), Kirksville, Chillicothe, Nevada, Neosho, Joplin, Carthage, and many other smaller cities and towns without any F. W. B. organization what so ever. Brethren, such a condition ought not to be. What a challenge to the Home Mission department.

Again we say we are thankful for our Springfield Church. May it make a great impression in that city for the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination.

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## MO. STATE ASSOCIATION TO MEET WITH SUBLETTE C. IN ITS 1948 SESSION

Word has just been received from the State Secretary, Rev. Marie Hyatt, who is pastoring in North East Missouri Association that the decision has been made to the effect that the Sublette Church will entertain the Mo. State Association in its 1948 session which is to be held in September. Sublette Church is located six miles north of Kirksville on highway 63. Rev. Archie Cooper is the pastor. We shall be happy when the time comes for us to be wending our way toward Sublette for another grand session of our dear old Missouri State Association. Get ready North East Missouri, "We'll be seein ya".



## JOHN 6:9, "THERE IS A LAD"

by Rev. W. A. Hearron

The scene of this story is on a mountain. Jesus had crossed the sea of Galilee and had gone up on a mountain, "and there he sat with his disciples". Isn't this a beautiful setting? He must have been able to see a long way for we read that He saw a great company coming, and He, who looks after our needs, asked Philip, "Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" It seems that Philip was a practical kind of man, and he figured that it would take \$200.00 to feed them. Two hundred dollars would have fed a large number of people.

Andrew had already been investigating a little it seems for he said, "There is a lad here which hath 5 barley loaves and two small fishes". According to this the lad was the only one there who had thought about this meeting and got ready for it. Today we have young people who are looking forward to taking care of their needs and to go and enjoy God's services. They are ready and present to give bread and meat when the need comes. But Andrew said further, "what are they among so many?" We are saying this today. These young people standing around are prepared, but "what are they among so many?" or what can they do with so little?

But this lad had come all fixed to take care of himself and, perhaps, share a little with someone else. Chappell says, "5 biscuits and 2 dried fish". I have no doubt that he just thought about eating his lunch when he got hungry not knowing that he would be used by the Lord. Just prepared in case of being hungry.

The Apostles were so carried away with the service—Jesus healing, working miracles, and doing good—and like our own people forgot the necessary things of this life. It wouldn't hurt us in the midst of our highest emotions to be ready, when they subside, to care for the needs of our body. Now here was our Savior, sur-

rounded by "His own" and a multitude of followers, asking His own (asking Philip) to "prove him" for He knew what he would do.

Jesus tried this experiment to see how he (Philip) would respond. We are told He said this to prove Philip. But Philip had been too busy watching and listening to find out what was going on around him.

However, Andrew, who wasn't expected to take such a great part in the service, no doubt, had visited a little in the crowd, and seeing a young fellow with a package had, perhaps, ask him what it contained.

I believe Andrew was more interested in individuals than the other apostles for we find him in St. John 1:41,42 bringing his brother, Peter, to Jesus; we also believe he brought Philip to the Lord. Anyway, he talked to this lad and found out how much lunch he had and told the Lord about the lad. Now Jesus said, "Make the men sit down" and there was much grass in the place, and they sat down. There were about 5,000—quite a picnic! "Now, laddie, what can you do to feed all this crowd?" "Nothing, just give Him all I brought" and Jesus took it, gave thanks, and did He serve the people or make a waiter out of the lad? No, the Disciples served the crowd and then had a basket full apiece to pay them for their labor.

Who was this lad? We do not know, but I fully believe he was St. Luke for he said in Luke 1:3, "he had perfect understanding of all things from the first."

I think Luke followed Jesus when a boy, and he knew the needs of a person when in a long service. So Jesus took his gift and fed the multitude. No wonder Jesus said "Take heed that ye despise not one of these". (Matt. 18:10).

I believe this lad followed Jesus from the beginning and he was ready. Now, we, too, have many

such lads who are ready, and the very thing they have is needed by our Lord; so let's give them a place in our churches with their little "loaves and dried fishes", and it may be their gifts will be what is needed by our churches when we meet a crisis in the work of the Lord.

## THOUGHTS ON REV. 20

by Rev. W. D. Martin, Gun, Ala.

TEXT: Rev. 20:20

John saw an angel come down from heaven with the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. This must have been Jesus because He was the only one that could take the keys from the devil, who came in possession of them in the garden of Eden when he deceived Adam and Eve. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive". (1 Cor. 15:22).

In this chapter there are three things taught:

First, Satan bound a thousand years.

Second, the first resurrection.

Third, the last resurrection.

Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. The seed of the woman bruised the serpent's head. In Rev. 1:18 Jesus introduced Himself to John in the following manner: "I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death". In other words He holds the keys. He tasted death for every man. He also holds a greater chain in His hand which is the chain of love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". John 3:16. When Jesus arose from the dead, He conquered death and He conquered hell. He led captivity captive. He is the life and the resurrection. Oh! what a wonderful Savior He is. He has promised to raise us up at the last day.

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1948 see the best real advancement in God's cause the Free Will Baptists have ever had in any one year is my prayer.





## Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis, Promotional Secy.-Treas. National Board

### OUR GOAL: SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES

by Thomas H. Willey

As a denomination, we need to have some definite concepts and objectives and constantly affirm them.

I am happy to say to the inquiring mind our work and our people are definitely evangelical.

As to higher criticism and modernism among our people, we abhor it. The fundamentals of our holy faith are definitely adhered to by our ministers and the students from our halls of learning who go forth with a firm conviction of the reality of the virgin birth, the Death of Christ, His vicarious death, the inspiration of the Holy Bible, the resurrection of Christ, and His second coming. Numbers of friends in these days of tottering and shaken convictions have confidence in our soundness evangelically.

We are committed to an intensive evangelical program. Any thinking individual is bound to admit that the supreme purpose for the existence of the church is to evangelize the world. To Christianize the nation in a certain time is an impossible task. If, however, our saved people in all denominations were sufficiently interested in world evangelism, we might **EVANGELIZE the WORLD** in this short time.

Our work, as a denomination, is not committed to a social program. We make no pretense to give ourselves to social, political, or industrial betterment. The education that we are interested in is of the intensely practical type that will prepare our natives to give an intelligent answer for the hope that is within them. Were we to commit ourselves to a program to change the manners and the customs of a people, we would defeat our purpose in reaching them with the gospel. If we teach them the fundamentals of the three "R's", reading, writing, and arithmetic, it is to help them read the Bible, and we are not going to defeat our purpose by putting them, first, and if we do commit ourselves to any social effort, it is as it contributes to the winning of souls.

Our money has gone into living stones in the temple of our God. Our principle objective is that our mission must be a native work. The church manned by natives is thus our whole interest in the preparation of an efficient native ministry.

The foreign missionary must multi-

ply himself in the loyal natives who have set in his classes. We can not only depend solely on a native trained ministry that has been in our classes, but it must go down to a lower strata with the native Christian become witnesses and soul winners. We train the native boys and girls, and they in turn set up units in their allotted fields so that each unit becomes a training center with the native pastor giving the layman the benefit of his years of study. We believe that this is the plan that Jesus used. He trained the twelve and the seventy and sent them forth. We insist that the people be taught.

The people must be taught to give and support. Tithing is presented as a part of their obligation and they observe systematic giving. We encourage self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating churches. As missionaries, we come not to lord it over the people, and we have observed the success of this plan. No one can be healthy and vigorous while living as a parasite upon another. Much of our extension money supports the boys who go into new fields where the gospel has not entered. We, as a mission, have entered the unoccupied areas. We have avoided going in where some other group is meeting the challenge. We do not care to build on another man's foundation.

We are propagating. We believe in the printed page. "Inspiration comes often from information". We have published and have pouring from the press, "El Mensejero Fiel", "The Faithful Messenger", which is our official organ of propaganda of the Free Will Baptists in Cuba. Not only do we use the printed page but our radio program is going into the remote corners of the provinces. The people are buying radios and listening to our quartets and messages.

Our policy is to owe no man anything. We, as a result could get material running into the thousands of dollars by credit, but we pay as we go or do without. To disobey the admonition, "Owe no man anything", is to court disaster. George Muller, the giant of faith and prayer, spent only as God gave him. We are not incurring debts for others to pay.

We must watch our overhead at home. One of our greatest criticisms of missionary work today is the amount of money it takes to send the

balance of the offerings to the field. I think if you study the reports in the minutes of the expenses, you will find that our people are conscientious. Nothing is concealed from our people. We are confident that God will continue to bless these principles of missionary endeavor because we believe that they are both practical and scriptural.

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REV. T. H. WILLEY TO FLY  
FROM CUBA TO SERVE AS SPEAKER IN BIBLE CONFERENCE

Rev. Thomas Willey, Director of Free Will Baptist Missions on the island of Cuba, will leave Cuba immediately following the Cuban National Convention, which closes April 4th, for the States to attend the annual spring Bible Conference which opens on Nashville, Tenn., and to serve as one of the principle speakers during the Bible Conference week, which opens April 5th. He will travel all the way by plane. He expects to be in Nashville the morning of April 6th. Let us be much in prayer for him as he makes this hurried trip.

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MRS. WILLEY'S MOTHER VERY ILL

The mother of Sister Mabel Willey has been very ill for some time and the doctor gives no hope that she will last much longer. Sister Willey has recently been by her bedside in the home in Georgia for several weeks. Because of the heavy duties in the work, she was compelled to return to the Cuban field, having returned not many days ago. Let us remember her mother and the entire family in prayer during these anxious and trying days ahead. God gave great victory while they were together, and great assurance at the hour of Mrs. Willey's departure for her return to the field, which was of course, a great comfort; but such is not easy only as grace abounds.

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REV. AND MRS. WOOLSEY  
TO ENTER PURNEA DISTRICT  
IN OCTOBER

It is now definitely decided between Miss Barnard and the Woolseys that Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey shall enter Purnea District in October of this year. This district has been the objective of our missionary efforts in India since Miss Barnard first went out in the year 1935. How thankful we should be that there is now definite plans for the realization of these hopes. Let us join in praise to the Lord. ....

...Purnea District is located in Bihar Province in the northern part of India, bordering on Nepal. Purnea challenges us with a ripe missionary field. There is comparatively little being done in this district; therefore it affords us the greater opportunity, and presents to us the greater challenge. Furthermore anyone working in this district has the opportunity to contact the Nepalis along the border of their country (Nepal) which country is, so far, closed to the gospel.

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Kellog Memorial Church

Where The Landour Language School Is Held

"Shamrock"  
Kotagiri, South India  
March 1, 1948

Dear Friends:

As I continue my news-epistles to you, I am thinking back over the year 1947 and the blessing of the Lord upon the work. Although two full months of the New Year have gone, we should surely pause and give thanks for all that He has done over here. First, and foremost, comes to my mind the fact that the New Year of 1948 smiled upon three Free Will Baptist missionaries definitely representing our denomination in India! This is a great boost to our work out here, and is wonderfully significant to our future witness here. I do feel we should be careful to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for these two, who, although circumstances were mightily against them, dared to step out and offer themselves for a task so tremendous and so difficult.

A harvest of two souls in one year would, to most of you, seem too small to mention. Nevertheless, in a field such as this, we do truly praise God for two souls. These two young men who were baptized during 1947 have continued to grow in grace (John Raju's story you have already read in part), and both have fought out great spiritual battles and have triumphed in their new-found faith. As you give thanks for them, please pray that, as they now face new and more difficult trials, they will keep humble and conscious of their unworthiness and utter dependence upon the Lord for daily renewal. When young Christians come out of heathenism there is a real tendency to feel self-righteous. This is because that even in a nominally Christian life there is so marked a difference from the old life that it is easy for one to come to feel he is now a very good and righteous person as contrasted to old friends still in heathenism. This, of course, is from Satan and it is fatal to growth. Pray that these new converts will constantly remember the depth from which they have been lifted and realize that even now any goodness or righteousness in

perience of failing in exams, not only in school but in the larger sphere of life, and we can sympathize with Ganeshan now. Please pray the Lord will open the right door of opportunity for him in the India of today, and much more in the India of tomorrow, the young people do need to be well trained for a life-work. Ganeshan has seized the opportunity offered him of entering a garage to learn automobile mechanics. We feel that India will have a great need for expert mechanics, and, although this is a far-cry from the kind of service Ganeshan had desired to follow, it is a good trade. However, the environment in which he will have to work daily is very evil and I earnestly ask you to pray that God will shield him and set him apart in that place as one who will wholly follow the Lord. Meanwhile, pray also that if the Lord does have in mind something else in which Ganeshan can better serve, He will open the door and show it. You will remember that he is still a very young man, and (the parents claim) is not yet of age and therefore cannot step out and be baptized without their consent. In praying, please remember that his spiritual need is always the greater.

The other young man, Manicham, a boy of stunted growth and only about the size of a twelve-year-old, has passed his "Selection" exam and is going ahead. Be sure to shield this lad with prayer. You know how often learning can turn one's head, and divert him from dependence upon the Lord. ....

Moonswami, the young man who was in the Indian Army during the war, and at one time was very eager to be baptized, is still much in need of prayer. He is working at a tea-shop in a railway station about 40 miles from Kotagiri, and I saw him there as I had to spend a night at that station on my recent trip. This city, Coimbatore, which before the war was only a railroad junction, has grown to be second only to Madras in our Presidency, and now has many factories which offer employment to the people. Many of our young people have migrated there for work, along with Moonswami. I have recently met some very genuine, Tamil-speaking Christian workers in that place, and I have asked them to try to reach and keep in touch with our people there. So pray the Lord to use these dear servants to this end, and that Moonswami may be brought into a very clearcut experience that will erase doubts from all minds. To this time he has been importunate enough in asking for baptism, but we have not had sufficient reason to feel that he had repented of and forsaken all sin.

I have written previously of two other young men, Ganeshan (named for India's elephant-god) and Manicham, whom the Woolseys and I had been helping through high school. Ganeshan, although he has done well throughout, has failed to pass his "Selection" exam, and so cannot go on for teacher's training as he had hoped. He is now at a loss as what to tackle. Some of us know the humiliating ex-

Then, there is our sixteen-year-old Chinna Mutthu, Moses Raju's younger brother. He has been very naughty for the last few years, refusing to come to Sunday School, and recently has run away from home after some bad conduct. He, too, is now working in Coimbatore. Try to put yourself in Moses Raju's place and feel how he longs for his little brother to be saved. Pray for



Chinna Mutthu as if he were your own little brother. He was not given a fair deal by his employer to whom he was apprenticed as tailor for several years, and this has hardened the lad's heart considerably. This is too often the case, however. Business men take these young striplings and get the benefit of their unskilled labor over a period of years, with little or no pay, and then when they have become expert and are no longer willing to work for nothing, they do not give them employment to meet their qualifications, and the lads have to go out and find work in an entirely different line. This

is disappointing indeed, but Chinna Mutthu's biggest trouble is that he is a lost, straying sheep. When he finds the Good Shepherd, he will find all his needs supplied in the Fold. It is for his salvation that we pray.

And so, on and on, I could keep writing and telling you of individuals, including many of our girls, who stand in such great need of your prayers. But the other stories must wait. We do so much need your help in praying these individuals through.

Yours in His glad service,  
Laura B. Barnard

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## THE MORAL, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, MENTAL, AND SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PEOPLE

by Rev. Paul Woolsey

Morality may be said to be the doctrine or practice of the duties of life, the conformity to right and clean living. Again it may be said to be the quality that conforms to the ideal principles of right conduct and true living. Morality, interpreted in the light of Christianity, includes or incorporates the proper relationship of man both with himself and with his fellowman in every field of human relationship. Although human interpretation of morality changes from country to country and from generation to generation, the moral law itself is as fixed as the laws of nature.

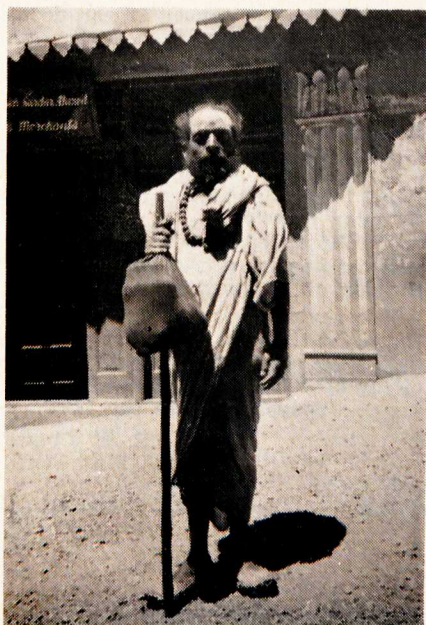
By our western and Christian standards, most of the low caste Indians could hardly be said to be ideal examples of high morals. Among the low and out castes the truth is the exception and falsehood the ordinary thing. Little more can be said for the members of the higher castes. Even the more reputable business men are not

always exceptions. The marriage vows are broken more or less at will—if the husband dies his brother lives with his wife without the benefit of a ceremony and the sanctity of the marriage relationship is notable for its absence. Work is rather widely looked upon as degrading. Many would almost starve before they would do any work considered beneath their station in life. Self abuse is much too widely practised by the members of both sexes.

Since I have never lived outside the United States before, I can not compare the physical conditions of the people with those of other countries in

als and vitamins in the food, the general health of both Indians and Europeans is very poor. Health is so tied up with the moral, social, and mental life of a people that if the relations in any of these fields are not what they should be, all the others are affected. Thus around and around goes the vicious circle.

It would task the ingenuity of a sociologist who had spent his life studying the social conditions to discuss the social life of the people in an intelligent manner. Race, language, tribe, caste, religion, locality, past condition of the immediate family, clan and tribe, and present status of the individual all must be taken into consideration in order to even faintly understand his social status and the reasons for it. To illustrate, a young Christian man, educated in Christian schools talks excellent English as well as three or four Indian languages, refused to pass the refreshments at a tea here at "Shamlock". If he had done so, he would have lost prestige. Not only is this boy a Christian but his father and grandfather were Christian workers. This social inequality causes injustice in every human relationship. Be it a question of law before the courts, of a job, concerning education, riding in a public conveyance or one of a thousand other things, the social standing of those concerned too often is stronger than the laws on the statutes. One of the problems in Christian Missions is finding suitable companions for our Christian young



A "Holy Man" of India



An Early Congregation a Little After "Sun-up"

the Orient. However, I can truthfully say that one will see more physical deformity here in a day than he would in the southern states of the United States in a year. An immeasurably large percent of the people are suffering from physical ailments. These ailments range from all manner of skin diseases—some are covered from head to foot with plain itch, raw sores and swollen limbs—to various blood diseases including the venereal diseases, malnutrition, worms and many other terrible diseases. Of course, some of these ills are not as prevalent among the better classes. However, due to the climate, general sanitary conditions, lack of necessary miner-

men and women. If a young woman accepts Christianity, she decreases her chances of marriage appreciatively. This, in India, is a catastrophe indeed. In most cases, even today, to become a Christian means more or less to lose caste—a real economical and social calamity.

Perfect health, high moral standards, and social, economical, and political freedom and a sane spiritual development all bring about a normal wholesome mental condition. Without these, it is hard indeed to be normal mentally. It is true that some of the deepest thinkers in the world today are found in India. Her people are naturally quick witted and are natur-



al linguists. However, too often the thinking is twisted and warped by these other conditions. It would not be surprising if India should furnish more than her quota of the world's thinkers of tomorrow. The thinking in a moral and spiritual sense will be dependent upon the people's freedom from immoral practises and from religious superstitions.

Spiritually speaking, the people are at the cross roads. Many are giving up former beliefs and practises. Today there are hundreds of religions in India. tomorrow will probably see the death of most of these. Shall atheism and agnosticism sweep the country? Shall one of these hundreds of religions take on new life? Or shall the kingdom of God come into the hearts of India's millions?

We have found the people—of all castes and classes—most kind and hospitable. When we remember the fact that too often peoples from other lands have entered India only to exploit her resources and her people, we can but say that, indeed, this is a most kindhearted and considerate nation.

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### REPORT OF TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY

By Rev. R. E. Conner  
Buffalo Springs, Texas

We do not have much to report for February as the weather defeated us. We drove to East Texas to be in the Texas Association Feb. 7. We only got to visit two churches, New Hope, and Good Hope, both near Henderson Texas. Rev. J. L. Bounds, Waco, Texas, is pastor of both churches. We do appreciate the invitation and welcome he gave us to visit his churches. The people of the New Hope Church have already repaired and fixed their church up nicely, and the Good Hope members are working on theirs. We like to see this interest; after all, we should be as interested, or more so, in the Lord's house as we are in our own.

We enjoyed both services, and we know that the people who came made a sacrifice because of the bad weather. I believe the Lord will bless us in a special way when we make sacrifices for Him. We also enjoyed the homes we visited, and we feel that we have made some new friends. Because of bad weather, we had to call off the rest of the services until some future time.

I met with the Home Mission Board in Ft. Worth, Texas Feb. 24th. The board was well pleased with the progress we had made and voted for me to stay on the field the rest of the year. The board consists of three ministers, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, and Rev. Jewel Brandon, and two laymen, Bro. N. C. Cole, and Bro. Clyde Goen. They are outstanding men of our denomination in Texas and have a great responsibility upon them. Let

us stand behind them with our prayers and support.

The offerings for Home Missions were:

New Hope Church .....	\$ 5.55
Good Hope Church .....	4.22
First C. Weatherford, Tex. ...	4.00
Pleasant Mound Church .....	11.00
First C. Dallas, Tex. ....	17.00
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Bonnie View Church .....	4.00
First C. Waco, Tex. ....	7.00
First C. Vernon, Tex. ....	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Farley ....	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Webster ...	2.00
Mrs. Mae Haston .....	1.00
Total .....	\$124.00

We wish to thank every one who has contributed to the Home Mission. We hope everyone will see the great need of this work.

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### REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER Receipts by states during Feb., 1948

Brought forward .....	\$488.02
Received by states—	
Georgia .....	604.81
North Carolina .....	263.52
Michigan .....	239.97
Missouri .....	163.90
Illinois .....	85.00
South Carolina .....	70.00
Texas .....	62.02
Tennessee .....	55.90
Virginia .....	50.00
Arkansas .....	37.50
Florida .....	36.05
Oklahoma .....	24.79
Alabama .....	21.28
New Mexico .....	20.00
Kentucky .....	15.00
West Virginia .....	4.07
Nat'l. Aux. Convention .....	14.73
Sale of Picture Poster Set ..	4.00
Offerings for the Review ...	3.00
"His Name Among All Na- tions" .....	8.00
Total .....	\$1,783.54
Grand total .....	\$6,663.54
Disbursements .....	\$2,460.40
Balance in treasury March 1, 1948 .....	\$4,203.16

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## ARE WE FOLLOWING CHRIST?

It is the general sentiment of the people that there are good people in all churches. I believe, myself, that their intentions are good. Now LISTEN! I am not writing this to fight other denominations any further than the truth goes. I don't want you to go up face to face with the Lord to be judged and be condemned and have to turn away into everlasting darkness.

First: Can you read? Yes. Didn't

you read where I told you, "Ye must be born of the water and of the Spirit or ye could in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven"? Yes. Why didn't you do it? Some said there are good people in all churches. I thought one was as good as another. Well, you took people's word instead of mine. Who are you looking to save you, Me or the people? You obeyed the people.

Second: Didn't you read where I told you that you ought to wash each other's feet? Did you do that? No. Why some told me that I could show love in some other way. So you listened to the people again instead of Me. Now listen! I died for you, suffered death for you, lived the life before you and made the way plain for you to follow. My Father has raised me from the dead and I am now in my Father's Kingdom and I told you to take up your cross and follow me so he would raise you up as He did Me. But you listened to the People. Who are you looking to save you, Me or the people?

Now, listen again. What do you really think Christ ought to do with you? Just answer the question for yourself. You have refused to do the things He told you to do because you were made to know just through choice, because so many of the people told me that one church was just as good as another—just so I lived right. Well, what is living right? Some say tithe. What do you say? Have you kept the first Commandment? "Love and obey the People"? No, it is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Then you will follow me instead of the people. Oh! people! why do you want to follow some other way than what He told you? What did He say? "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber". Dear people, when you climb up some other way just as good, you are putting down His word—making it of no effect. Oh! my God, don't let me side track and say it is as good as your way. Well, I will tell you as one who loves your soul to follow Christ not people, for His Word teaches us that some will strive to enter that won't enter. So, if you will follow God instead of people, it will not be such a trial to face Him in the day of Judgment.

Take heed of yourself and the doctrine. Continue in them for in doing this, thou shall both save thyself and others that hear thee.

Your brother in the Lord,  
B. E. Coxwell  
Woodville, Florida

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# CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

Huntsville, Ark.  
March 8, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

I will report as follows:

First, a report of a revival at the Rose Hill Church. We were there for ten nights, and four precious souls prayed their way through and were converted. We had one renewal. Thank God for His wonderful blessings.

Second, Our fifth Sunday Council Meeting which was held with the Pilgrim Rest Church Feb. 29th.

Services were called to order by our Chairman, Bro. Willie Capps. A fine devotional was enjoyed by everyone present. Then Bro. Burl True preached a great sermon on tithing. I hope and pray that God will help our people to accept the light and walk in it.

A nice dinner was then enjoyed by all.

Afternoon services were opened with Bro. I. T. Lynch conducting the singing. Two special songs were sung by the Lynch Quartet which revived our hearts. Then Bro. George Lynch brought a fine sermon on the fruits of sin, and Bro. Bill Oxford brought one on the fruits of faith.

God certainly did bless in a wonderful way, and people were made to shout the praises of God.

Our next meeting will be held with the Clifty Church. Pray that we will have another good one.

We are conducting a revival at Metalton, Ark. now. Two souls have been in the altar, and many are under conviction. I'm trusting God to save many souls here. Pray to God for us that He may use us to His glory.

Yours for Jesus,  
Eld. Cecil Garrison

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## THE NEED OF WELL ORGANIZED HOME MISSION WORK

I was glad when I read Bro. Miller's article on Home Missions. Our denomination has never supported an organized Home Mission Work. The majority of us ministers that have done extension work in our church have had to work and preach. Our denomination should support men that are able to preach the Free Will Baptist doctrine and get at least one association in each state. When we get our Home Mission Work well organized, we can better support our Foreign Mission Work.

A Home Missionary,  
REV. A. B. TALBERT  
TULSA, OKLA.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE NOTICE

The annual spring Bible Conference will be held from April 5 through 8, at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

This has become an established event in the college program and is looked forward to each year with great interest by the college as well as many people who have attended in the past. We are expecting the largest attendance that we have ever had at this conference.

We especially urge ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, and young people to make plans to attend this year. We are limited in our space here in the college and will not be able to furnish room and board to all who will come; but we will be able to take care of a goodly number and are registering them as they send in their names asking for reservations. We are charging the nominal amount of \$2.50 per day for those who sleep and eat at the college. We are forced to do this in view of the high cost of food. If you prefer to take your meals in a local cafe, you may do so. Those whom we are not able to care for at the college, we will be glad to make reservations for, either in private homes or hotels, if we know in advance.

May we suggest to churches that you send your pastors to this conference? We believe that they will return to their churches as greater ministers. To Sunday Schools, we suggest that you make it possible for someone in your Sunday School to attend. This suggestion may also be taken by the Leagues and Women's Auxiliaries.

You who would like to come and will not be able to do so, will you not pray that a great revival will grow out of this conference that will bless our entire denomination. You who plan to come, let us know in the near future.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT INDEPENDENCE CHURCH

On the fifth Sunday in February your Editor took the entire family early in the morning and headed the car toward the Independence Church near Stockton, Missouri to attend the fifth Sunday Meeting of Central Western Missouri Association. Miss Thora Arbogast, who is staying with us, also went along; this being her own home Association.

We certainly enjoyed the day. A large crowd was present. Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey delivered a splendid message at 11:00 o'clock. A wonderful dinner was spread at the noon hour and a very inspiring program was rendered

in the afternoon. We returned feeling it was a day well spent. We also brought home some subscriptions to the Gem for which we are thankful.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting of this Association goes to the Hannon Church.

—WINFORD DAVIS

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## REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE TREASURER (For February, 1948)

FOREIGN MISSION FUND	
Carterville Church .....	\$ 14.62
Sublette Church .....	12.30
Hickory Grove Church .....	5.66
Union Light S. S. ....	13.54
Union Third Fork S. S. ....	6.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo. ....	5.47
Hannon Church .....	5.00
Monett Church .....	18.81
Total .....	\$ 81.40

CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT	
Hazel Creek Union C. by Mrs. Adelman Newcomer .....	\$ 15.00

HOME MISSION FUND	
St. Louis 3rd F. W. B. S. S. ...	\$ 14.63

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND	
Copper Mines Church .....	\$ 3.00

\$50,000 CO-LABORER BAND	
New Harmony Mission .....	\$ 17.97

STATE UNIFIED FUND	
Carterville Church .....	\$ 12.05

Leadington S. S. ....	2.34
Copper Mines Church .....	3.00
Fredericktown Church .....	172.13
Norman Church .....	8.55
St. Louis 3rd F. W. B. C. ....	49.79
Monett Church .....	18.27
Total .....	\$271.90

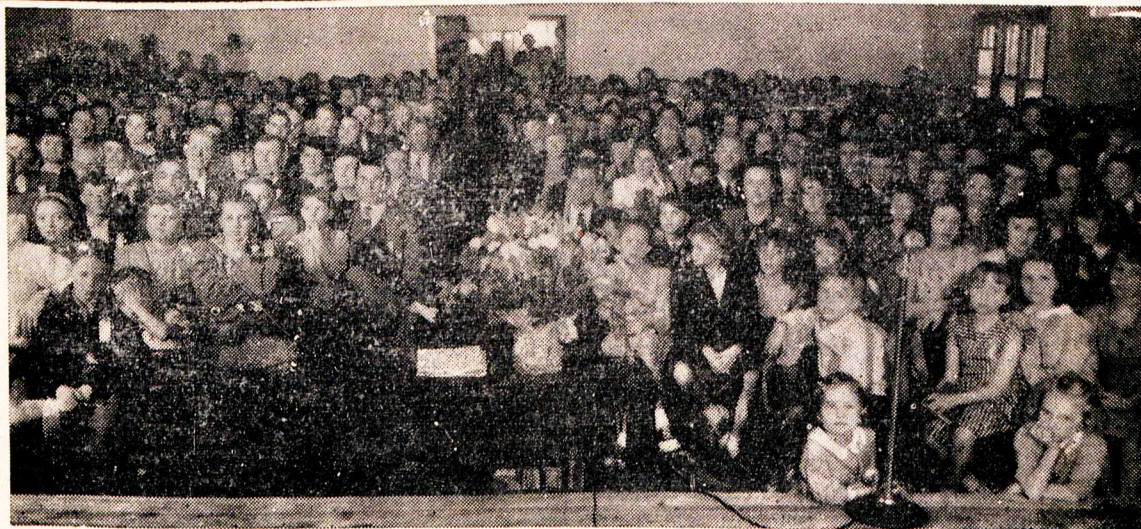
MARIE HYATT, STATE TREAS.

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**FIRST OKLAHOMA ASS'N.  
HAS RECORD ATTENDANCE  
AT LEAGUE RALLY**

A record attendance of 577 persons registered at the First Oklahoma Association League Rally held in Oklahoma City, February 29.

This attendance topped a previous high of 379 which attended the last Rally at Tecumseh, Oklahoma on November 30, 1947.

A resolution opposing any form of liquor in "dry" Oklahoma was passed by the young people. The resolution stated: "We, as Free Will Baptist Leaguers, oppose liquor in any form in Oklahoma, and we will not patronize any business establishment selling alcoholic beverages".

"We hope this will set the spark for other League conventions, and even youth groups outside of our denomination, so that we might make our state and country a decent place in which to live", W. S. Mooneyham, the President of the Rally, said.



*Rev. C. F. Bowen*

Rev. C. F. Bowen, Secretary-Treasurer of the National League Board, was present at the all-day meeting and spoke to the young people about the National League Conference and further plans of the board.

sion program, 10% for the unified headquarters fund, 10% for the Association campground fund. Twenty per cent of the income will be kept as operating expenses, and 10% will be sent as tithes to the State League



*President Mooneyham Presents Mrs. Annie Magino, 500th Person to Register*

Rally.

At the close of the services a check for \$46.91 was presented to Rev. Bowen for the National League Work as that part of a unified budget system which was adopted by the leaguers earlier in the day.

Besides sending 20% to the National League Board; other phases of the budget included 10% to the State Orphanage, 10% to the Cuban dormitory fund, 10% to the Bible College expan-

One hour of the rally, from 3 to 4 p.m. was broadcast over a local radio station. Eight of the nine leagues in the Association presented special numbers on the program. There are only nine churches in this Ass'n.

The rally was held at the Central Avenue Church, 1815 S. Central, Okla. City. Rev. Melvin Bingham is pastor.



When a Free Will Baptist customer of the Central Market, 1920 S. Central, Oklahoma City, told the owners that he would not trade there anymore because they sold beer, they immediately called a store conference.

After the meeting, they sent word to the members of the Central Avenue Church that no more beer would be sold in their store.

Said one: "If 577 young people can unite to do away with beer, we can sure stop selling it".

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#### HELPFUL INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

This is valuable information regarding rooms, meals, etc., for those who plan to attend the First Nation-Wide Free Will Baptist League Conference, June 15-17, 1948, at East Nashville F. W. B. Church, 518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee. For further information write to Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, Secretary National League Board, 518 Woodland St. Nashville, Tennessee.

#### ROOMS

##### I. IN PRIVATE HOMES—

A limited number of rooms in private homes are available. These are especially for Intermediates and Juniors, but anyone may have them. The cost is \$1.00 per night with breakfast. In applying for rooms in homes, state (1) whether Adult, Senior, Intermediate, or Junior; (2) how many will be in your group; (3) whether boys or girls, husband and wife, etc. For these rooms write to Mrs. H. E. Simpson, 1401 Calvin Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

You should write as quickly as possible.

##### II. IN HOTELS—

###### A. Andrew Jackson Hotel:

1. Dormitory rooms with 4-6 persons in each room at \$2.00 per person.
2. Rooms with twin beds, \$6.00 per room.
3. Rooms with double beds, \$5.00 per room.
4. Single rooms, \$4.00 per room. Write to Mr. L. L. Murrell, Manager, Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville.

###### B. Hermitage Hotel:

1. Dormitory rooms with 4-6 in each room at \$2.50 per person. Three persons at \$3.00 each.
2. Rooms with twin beds, \$7.00, \$8.00 per room. (State which.)
3. Single rooms, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 each. (State which.) Write to Mr. W. H. Caldwell, Manager, Hermitage Hotel, Nashville.

##### III. IN WRITING FOR HOTEL RESERVA-

TIONS, Please Do This—It Is Important:

- A. Give a second choice in case your first choice cannot be granted.
  - B. Ask for a confirmation of your reservation.
  - C. State the time of your arrival at the hotel.
  - D. State that you represent the Nat'l. Free Will Baptist League Conference.
  - E. Remember—June 1st is the deadline for hotel reservations. After that date you run the risk of not getting a room in either hotel!
- IV. These hotels are selected because of their proximity to East Nashville bus routes. All rates quoted above are, of course, daily rates.

#### Meals

You will be responsible for your own entertainment while here. The Hospitality Committee will furnish you with a list of good cafeterias and cafes accessible to bus routes. Two hours will be allowed for lunch each day and about three for dinner, so you will have plenty of time for meals and refreshment.

#### THIS IS IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTIFY MR. BOWEN: (1) of your coming, (2) how many in your group, (3) where you are from, (4) where you are applying for room, and (5) the time of your arrival and whether by car, bus, train, or plane.

You should arrive in Nashville Tuesday, June 15. The opening session of the Conference will be at 7:30 p.m. You will ride from your hotel on the Gallatin or the Englewood (local) bus to the church at 518 Woodland Street. The buses will go out from town on Woodland Street. Get off at Sixth Street. Inquire at hotel for bus service. Those staying in homes will come directly to the church and will be directed from there.

The Conference will close Thursday at 9:30 p.m. Please plan to stay throughout.

IT IS TO YOUR OWN ADVANTAGE TO GET YOUR RESERVATION IN FOR ROOMS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION.

YOU'LL BE SORRY IF YOU MISS THIS CONFERENCE!

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Stuart, Okla.  
March 1, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

As I have about finished reading the February issue of the Gem, it fills my heart with joy to know that Free Will Baptists are still preaching the old time Gospel. There are not many Free Will Baptists in this little town, and I long to be in another good old Free Will Baptist meeting as there is no Free Will Baptist Church here. Of course, I go to the other churches here, but I just don't feel as free as I could if there were a church of my choice here.

But I ask all of you readers of the Gem to pray for a real revival to come this way in the other churches for there are many unsaved here that need Christ and pray that there may be an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit among us Christians everywhere.

MRS. CLEMMIE WARREN  
Box 764, Stuart, Okla.

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#### FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH REPORT

To our brethren scattered throughout the land, greetings in Jesus' name. We are still in the fight for the Lord here at Fredericktown Church. We have been having some up lifting services with some saved during the regular services. This really brightens our hope for the coming revival which starts April 12th with Bro. Damon Dodd as evangelist.

The Sunday School has held up good through this severe cold and snowy weather. The attendance has been good. Bro. Wm. Dettmer is superintendent. We have nine separate classes and the teachers are doing a fine job. We are on the Six Point Sunday School System.

The league is doing well only we don't have near as many enrolled in the league. Bro. Don Matthews is the League President with five classes. The league is helping support one of the girls in the Tennessee Orphanage, and we are all together (League, Sunday School and Church) supporting the Youth Camp movement.

We are having a good time in the Lord here and look for greater things as we go. Pray for us and come visit with us, too.

Yours for the kingdom of God,

Rev. Harry Beatty  
Pastor of Free Will Baptist  
Church at Fredericktown, Mo.

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#### CAVE SPRINGS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RALLY

The League Rally of the Cave Springs Association met Sunday, Feb. 29, 1948, at the Lulu Church.

Service opened with congregational singing and a duet by two small girls. The two leagues represented were



Myrtle and Garfield. Both leagues gave a good program. Bro. Mark Lewis was in charge of the Myrtle League. He read for a scripture lesson Psalms 139:1-10. Some inspiring talks were given on topics as follows: "Do you get homesick for Heaven?" and "Daily obedience best goal".

The Garfield League program consisted of poems by the juniors; lesson topic for seniors, "What we find in the Bible"; adult topic, "God our Savior".

Bro. Davie Combs gave a talk to encourage other churches of the Association to organize leagues. We would like to have more leagues represented at the next rally. It will be on Sunday, May 30th, at Shiloh Church.

Let's remember the words of our League Song, "Onward Christian Leagues" and move onward and upward.

May the Lord bless and keep us all.

Carl Sanders, President  
Eulah Wisheart, Secretary

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#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

(From Feb. 15 to March 15)

Brought forward .....	\$116.04
Jr. League Verdella .....	3.50
Mrs. Bowers, Baxter Sp. ....	10.00
Mrs. J. W. Allred, Rogers, Ark. ....	5.00
Co. Side S. S. of St. Louis .....	13.11
1st F. W. B. S. S. Flat River ..	40.00
1st F. W. B. League Flat Riv. ....	10.00
Fellowship S. S. Flat River .....	12.31
Total .....	\$209.96

Expenditures—	
Traveling expenses .....	\$ 22.40
Postage & supplies .....	3.00
Total .....	\$ 25.40
Balance .....	\$184.56

#### PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM REPORT

Brought forward .....	\$103.79
Travel expenses .....	26.10
Balance .....	\$ 89.69
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas. Irondale, Mo.	

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#### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME OF ALABAMA

(For February, 1948)

PAID OUT—	
Salaries .....	\$357.55
Coal (Halcumb and Galloway) ..	97.30
Jordan Hdw. Co. (Carbon Hill) ..	14.80
Hicks Plumbing Co. Supplies Fountain, Comode & labor .....	109.25
Fayette Bakery .....	2.64
Office Supplies .....	16.50
Kitchen Supplies (Spiegel) ..	4.70
Ala. Power bill .....	21.14
Electric Motor Serv. Co. ....	17.50
Payment on stove .....	39.96
Winfield Dry Cleaners .....	5.25
Dental Work (Dr. Hill) ....	4.00
Buttons & Thread .....	1.70

Clothing (Harry Center Co.) ..	8.97
Gro. & Feeds (T. R. Willie Co.) ..	141.20
Tucker & Co. (Supplies) ....	48.22
Hospital Ins. on Children ..	10.25
Total Paid out .....	\$900.93

W. H. RYLAND, SUPT.

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#### REPORT OF THE F. W. B. ORPHAN'S HOME RINGLING, OKLA.

(For February, 1948)

PAID OUT BY TREAS.	
2-13 Rev. Rex Weatherman ..	\$ 75.00
2-13 Maher Implement Co. ..	51.22
2-28 Rev. Rex Weatherman ..	75.00
2-28 Moore Drug Co. ....	30.83
2-28 W. D. Bodenheimer .....	54.01
2-28 Delbert Gro. & Mar. ....	120.42
2-28 Roland Clothing Store ..	21.15
2-28 Hudson & Huston Lumber ..	15.58
2-28 Schuler Fruit Co. ....	30.66
2-28 Hamelton Supply .....	35.64
2-28 Tyler & Simpson .....	84.21
Total .....	\$593.72

#### PAID OUT BY REV. WEATHERMAN

Hair cuts for boys (7) .....	\$ 4.25
1-20 Mrs. Sallie Stow .....	10.00
1-21 H. S. Laundry (3 hrs.) ....	1.50
1-27 Mrs. Sallie Stow .....	10.00
1-27 Wooden sucker rod .....	7.00
1-31 Children's allowance ....	2.75
2-1 Laundry (4 hrs.) .....	2.00
2-2 Telephone (Dec. & Jan. ..	11.80
2-3 Sallie Stow .....	10.00
2-3 Electric Bills .....	6.19
2-8 Pans and bowls .....	4.20
2-8 Sallie Stow .....	10.00
2-13 Shoe repair .....	2.80
2-16 Laundry (4 hrs.) .....	2.00
2-17 Sallie Stow .....	10.00
2-21 Children's Allowances ...	3.50
Total Expenses .....	\$101.49
Produce sold .....	11.10
Balance .....	\$ 90.39
Total expenses for Feb. ..	\$684.11

#### MONEY RECEIVED

Carried over from Jan., 1948 ..	\$ 23.89
2-3 Iron Chapel Church .....	5.00
2-3 Old Panther F. W. B. C. ....	5.00
2-3 F. W. B. C. Earlsboro ..	3.00
2-3 Tecumseh Church .....	6.30
2-3 Pleasant Hill C. ....	23.26
2-3 First C. Shawnee, Okla. ..	8.00
2-3 First C. Tulsa .....	15.00
2-4 Dibble League .....	2.50
2-5 Snemac Church .....	5.00
2-5 Allen Church .....	30.51
2-5 Bridge Creek C. ....	5.00
2-5 Mrs. E. E. Eagleton, Ft. Worth, Texas .....	6.00
2-5 Ethel Brady, Ft. Worth ..	6.00
2-7 Healdton Church .....	4.00
2-7 First Church Okla. City ..	39.00
2-11 J. T. Mostus, Stratford ..	9.50
2-11 R. D. Norwood, Sulphur ..	100.00
2-11 Center Ass'n. Aux. ....	7.10
2-11 Gaar Corner C. ....	5.00
2-11 Gaar Corner C. ....	5.00
2-11 Lewis Ave. C. ....	20.00
2-11 First C. Wewaka .....	23.00
2-11 Central C. Okla. City ...	15.00
2-11 Paden Church .....	3.00
2-11 Canadian Ass'n. ....	15.20

2-13 Sulphur League .....	8.00
2-13 Spring Hill C. ....	4.70
2-17 Pretty Water C. ....	10.00
2-17 Jas Holliday, Ft. Tex. ...	1.00
2-17 Rev. & Mrs. John Elliston ..	1.00
2-18 Canadian Ass'n .....	4.00
2-19 Wirt Church .....	11.51
2-20 Ada Church .....	26.62
2-20 Cedar Grove C. ....	5.00
2-20 Jackson C. ....	5.00
2-21 ClemScott C. ....	17.13
2-21 Oil City Union C. ....	10.00
2-21 New Home C., Tulsa ...	10.00
2-21 Dibble S. S. ....	10.00
2-25 First C. Shawnee .....	7.50
2-26 Cedar Grove S. S. ....	10.00
2-26 New Hope C., Henderson ..	5.00
2-27 S. P. Easley, N. Mex. ...	10.00
2-28 W. W. Woodworth, ....	100.00
2-28 Stratford Church .....	2.45
2-28 Bryant Church .....	18.05
2-28 Bridgecreek Church .....	5.00
2-28 Rev. W. V. Woods .....	21.00
Total received for Feb. ..	\$687.23
Total paid out .....	\$684.11
Balance .....	\$ 3.12

Jack Hopkins, Treas  
Blanchard, Okla., Rt. 2

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#### LORD, HEAR MY PETITION

Lord Jesus, help me day by day  
To follow in the narrow way;  
All evil ways, henceforth, to shun  
And let in me, "Thy will be done".

Thine hands, alone, can guide me right  
Tho I should try with all my might.  
Aloof from Thee, I'd faint and fall,  
For, Lord, Thou art my all in all.

Lord, let me place my hand in Thine.  
Uphold me with Thy pow'r divine;  
Till I can ev'ry storm out ride,  
And rise above temptation's tide.

Content to live in poverty,  
That I Thy servant here may be;  
I'll count the cost all joy and gain,  
Thy comradeship, Lord, to obtain.

But grant, Dear Lord, that I while here  
May point the way to others near;  
That I'll not empty handed come,  
But bearing sheaves when I get home.

W. RANDOLF OLLER  
EAST VAUGHN, N. MEX.

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have been saved by His first coming. Christ died for sinners, and, therefore, He died for you. He died for the ungodly, and, therefore, His death was in your behalf. As regards His second coming, He is coming for His own people. "They that are Christ's". Many of them have been the worst of people, some not so bad, but all sinners who have come to Jesus, put their trust in Him and His atoning work upon the cross.

Are you Christ's? That is the thing. But, you say, I have been in the church a long time, I am one of the officials of the church. That doesn't matter. Are you Christ's? You say, the Pastor thinks no end of me. That doesn't matter. What does Christ think of you? Everyone has to ask himself or herself this question: Am I Christ's? So far as I am concerned, if I were to say, "I am not Christ's," I should be a liar. I am Christ's, not because I have been good, but because I was a poor sinner, and I came to Him, and become His through putting my faith in Him and His wondrous grace.

According to the "Book", the Lord Jesus is coming for the dead who belong to Him. "The dead in Christ shall rise first". In Revelation 20:5, we read "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished".

If the Lord were to come tonight, all the dead in Christ would quit their tombs and rise to meet their Saviour, but,

### The Unconverted Dead

would remain for another thousand years. Men and women, it is a serious and solemn thing to contemplate that during that wonderful reign of glory of our Lord, that glorious millennium, when the saints of God will be reigning over this renewed earth with all its wonders and beauties, where there will be no sin, where an infant of days shall be 100 years old, and where even the lower creation will not know pain or sorrow nor grief, we shall be walking over the graves of the unconverted dead. They will know nothing of it, they will sleep ten centuries. "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished".

For whom is Christ coming? He is certainly coming for the dead in Christ, but He is also coming for the living,

"We Which Are Alive and Remain unto the coming of the Lord". Do you think you will be included in that number? Jesus may come in a day or two, and if He comes, He is coming for His own—"we which are alive and remain". A great number will remain here until the coming of the Lord. He is coming for His sheep. "My sheep hear My voice". Do you belong to the Lord? Does the Holy Spirit give you

the assurance that you are a child of God? Remember Christ comes only for such who belong to Him, who are members of His Church. They will be taken from every nation under heaven. When He comes, the people of the Lord will fly to meet Him as steel flies to a magnet. Paul says, "If we believe he died and rose again", and it is for people that the Lord is coming, those who believe that Jesus died for them and rose again for their justification. Is that your faith? Are you trusting simply in the work of Christ on Calvary?

### Are You Ready for His Coming?

"They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage, and the door was shut". The great thing is to know you are ready for His coming. Many think you cannot be sure this side of the grave. Some go on hoping and trusting that maybe, perhaps, after all, somehow or other, perchance, they may be Christ's but they cannot be too sure this side of the grave. What must the Lord think of that? Hasn't He given enough assurances? When the disciples came back to Him flushed with victory because the demons were subject to their power, He said: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not . . . but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven". We may all know. If you don't, I have some doubt as to whether you have been converted or not. Some of us are not all we should be spiritually, sorrowfully we admit it, but the Supreme Judge of all says that the blood of Jesus has met our guilt, and who dare lay anything to our charge? "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified".

In the days of the apostle Paul they were waiting for God's Son from heaven as the next thing, and it is the next thing for us. Christians, don't be too disturbed about what is happening down here, because the Lord wants us to put our gaze up there, to look for a move up there, not down here. It is all very sad, but we are waiting for something very glad.

Do you feel disturbed at the thought of Christ's return? Supposing when you got outside, you found people rushing about and calling out: "We have just had news that

### Christ Is Coming Tonight

at 11 o'clock", would you feel a little sorry, a little disturbed and distraught? If so, there is something wrong, there is some sin you are hiding, confess it. Oh, come to Christ, that you may have the joy of knowing you are Christ's. "They that are Christ's at His coming": Christ will come. Will He call for YOU?

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OBITUARY

Hurshel Wilford Patton, son of Robert and Martha Patton, was born June 28, 1914 near Monett, Missouri. Departed this life Nov. 23, 1943 at the

age of 29 years, 4 months and 25 days. He was married to Evelyn Edwards Dec. 27, 1941. To this union was born one son, John Edward.

Besides his wife and five year old son, he leaves his aged mother, two brothers, Cecil and Winford of Monett, one half brother, Elmer of Phenix, Ariz., two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Simmons of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Jewell Wadley of Tulsa, Okla., and one half-sister, Mrs. Mintie Points of Okla. City, Okla., his father and one sister having preceded him in death. He also leaves 21 neices and nephews, one uncle, Andrew McDunner, and many other relatives and friends.

Hurshel was a kind hearted, likeable boy and was loved by all who knew him. He attended Monett schools and at the time he entered the service he was employed at the V. B. Hall Wholesale Co. He entered the service of his country Nov. 10, 1942 and lost his life on Makin Island in the Gilberts Nov. 23, 1943 while serving with the 27th Division. He is sadly missed in the home and family circle, yet we know he gave his life for a noble purpose, so we bow in submission to him who death all things well.

Service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in the Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett, Mo. Interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

### OBITUARY

Last rites for the Rev. Miles Evens Breasher, 92 years old, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Hicks, Feb. 23, were held at the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church Feb. 24 with the Rev. Curtis Wilson of Brown field officiating. Burial was under the direction of the Palmer Funeral Home of Lebanon.

Rev. M. E. Breasher was born in Kentucky Sept. 6, 1856. He came to Missouri with his parents when he was 1 year old.

In 1881 he was united in marriage with America Jane Dobbs, who preceded him in death. To this union one child was born, Nancy Adaine Breasher, in whose home he died.

He leaves to mourn his departure 1 daughter, Mrs. R. A. Hicks, 5 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren, and 1 Great Great Grandchild; 1 sister, Mrs. Anna Mae King of Cushing, Okla.

Rev. Breasher was converted when a young boy, joined the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and was ordained to preach the Gospel when he was about 21 years old. He was a member of the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church which he organized October, 7, 1892. He also organized in his early days the Free Will Baptist Church in Wright County which is called New Home Church and the Cedar Ridge Church in Dallas County.

We, as a church and Association, have lost one of our oldest members, but we feel our earthly loss has been heaven's gain.



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## Woman's Auxiliary Department

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*Continued from the March issue*

### CONQUERORS WITH CHRIST

And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army". As we study have you seen the willingness of David to go that he might be a help to his brethren in winning the victory? We see here David was willing to do the small task that he might assist in their conquering the enemy. Next we find, "he saluted his brethren. And as he talked to them, behold, there came up the champion, Goliath this great giant, again out of the armies of the philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw Goliath, fled from him and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? Surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be that the man that killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his fathers house free in all Israel. And David spake to the men who stood by him, saying, what shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. And Elihab, Davids eldest brother, heard when he spake unto the men; and Elihab's anger was kindled against David, and he said why cometh thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou hast come down that thou mightest see the battle". We see here the unjust accusation that was brought against David by his brother and reading on you will find by his other brethren, also. These accusations were brought against David because of Jealousy. How often we see the same thing among brethren of the church today and many times it has caused

defeat. But not so with David, he was not discouraged in the least because his brethren had falsely accused him. But he went forth to do his part to conquer the evil that had befallen his people. David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of Goliath; I will go and fight with this Philistine". See the willingness of David to present himself that the enemy might be conquered. Saul said, "Thou are not able to go against Goliath to fight with him; for thou are but a youth, and Goliath a man of war from his youth". David could very easily have become discouraged at Saul's words but he did not. We find David telling Saul of his past experiences when he was caring for his father's sheep, a lion and a bear had come and taken a lamb out of the flock, and David had gone out after the lamb and delivered it out of the mouth of the lion and bear and slew both the lion and the bear, and he said, "this Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said, the Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the bear and the lion, he will deliver me out of the hand of Goliath". And Saul said, go and the Lord be with thee". Can't you see the unwavering faith of David. Oh that we too might have that unwavering faith in the Lord today. We must have dear fellow workers or we will not conquer over the forces of evil.

Now we find Saul arming David for the battle, Saul armed David with His armor, and he put an helmet of brass on his head, and he armed him with a coat of mail. Yes, Saul chose the very best armor for David; but David said, "Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them". And David took them off. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistines. When Goliath saw David, he disdain-

ed him: because David was but a youth. And he said unto David, Am I a dog that thou cometh to me with staves? and Goliath cursed David by his Gods." Do we not today find those of Satan's army disdaining those who will be faithful unto God? David paid no attention but went forth to conquer over the evil. Let us notice the answer David gives to Goliath. "Thou cometh to me with a sword and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied".

As you study verses 46 and 47, you will find how David told Goliath of his destruction. David was taking no praise for himself but he told Goliath the battle was the Lord's, and He would give Goliath in their hands. This is the faith that it will take today to conquer. David had proven the Lord and he was confident of victory. Do you dear brother, sister have the assurance of victory? We must have if we are conquerors. Just think what through the faith of one lad: For a wonderful victory was won here when Goliath drew nigh to meet David, David hastened and ran to meet him, and he took a stone from his bag and slung it, and Goliath fell upon his face to the earth. David then ran and took Goliath's sword and cut off his head. David did not stop until complete victory was won.

Dear auxiliary workers and all that take the name of Christ, we, too, can conquer through Christ that loved us. Christ has prepared the way, it is up to us as individuals to accept the way. First we must listen to His command, for only through the leadership of God can the victory be won. Second, we must present ourselves to be used of Him, don't let material possessions cause you to make excuses and hinder you in presenting yourselves to God. Third, we must have an unwavering faith in God, don't let man tell you it can't be done, but be as David was, trust God for the victory. Fourth, lay



aside the worldly armor of unrighteousness and put on righteousness and purity of Christ, that we may be holy and acceptable in God's sight. When we have met these requirements, we will go forth and be conquerors over the devil and his evil forces which are defying the armies of the living God today.

May the Lord richly bless each one of you is our sincere prayer.

Yours for Christ,

Mrs. Alta Mikel,  
President & Field Worker

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Plattsburg, Missouri  
March 14, 1948

Dear Co-Laborers:

As your State Third Vice President, we wish to speak to each of you this afternoon through the pages of our Gem.

I hope we haven't forgotten the vows we made while in session at the State Association that we would make this year the best yet in our Woman's Auxiliary work, and that we would be faithful in sending in our reports and corresponding with our State Officers, etc. It's so easy to put off doing things though we intend to some time. I'm so glad when I read reports of your work and the reports from State and National workers for we then know that we are going forward and are indeed "Conquerors with Christ" and nothing can hinder when we let Him have full control of our lives.

We think of the ones who have given their lives in His service, counting not the cost but thinking all to be lost that is not for Christ. Our mind is made to think of the various missionaries who have answered the call and have been conquerors through Christ. They had the Spirit of Christ and a passion for lost souls. We think of David Livingston who gave his life in Africa that the dark Africans might know of Jesus and that they might have life and have it more abundantly. He suffered physically, sick in body and soul but never doubting a minute that Africa could be conquered for Christ, ever going forward farther and farther into the interior where white man had never dared to penetrate before. Why? Because he had that burning zeal, a passion for lost souls. Christ ever inspired him to go farther forward that others might be saved. When he had been given up as lost by the people in England and the New York Herald sent Henry Morton Stanley to find him and when found, although very sick, refused to leave Africa, why was it that he refused to leave? That he might yet win a few more to Christ. Have we that zeal to win the lost to Christ? It is true that we can't all be Livingstons and go to

foreign fields, but we can make it possible for others to go and pray for them and encourage them all we can.

We are thanking the Lord for those who are in India and Cuba and pray for the time when others can go to other lands and carry the message of Christ the Redeemer of mankind. While we look forward to sending others to foreign fields, Oh! help us not to forget the "Homeland" and be conquerors with Christ to win the lost here in America. Sin is on every hand. To be conquerors with Christ we must have on the "spiritual Armour" of God Eph. 6:11,12, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual weakness in high places."

April or May has been set aside for the Mission Study Course. If you haven't the literature you need, you can obtain it from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, N. C. The names of the list of books for each study course and the price list is given in the November, 1947 issue of the Gem. If you have lost or misplaced your Gem, you can write to me, and I will be happy to supply you the desired information.

I hope each church over our state is planning on having a Daily Vacation Bible School and also planning to attend the State Youth Encampment with the intention of supporting it in every way possible.

May the Lord bless each one of you is our prayer.

Meiba White

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### DATES FOR TEXANS TO REMEMBER

State Ministers Conference:

April 6th. (1st Tues.) At Waco, Texas.

Tex-Homa Ministers conference:

May 5th. & 6th. (Wed. & Thur.) At New Home Church, Tulsa, Okla.

District S. S. Convention:

May 15, & 16, (Sat. night, & Sun.) At Weatherford, Texas

West Fork Quarterly Meeting:

May 29th. & 30th. (Fri. night & Sat.) At 1st. Church, Dallas, Texas.

State S. S. Convention:

June 17th. (Thur.) At Trinity Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

National Association of F. W. B.:

Tue. Evening following the Second Sunday in July 1948.

West Fork Association:

Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, (beginning Tues. night) At Trinity Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

State Association:

Tues. night Nov. 24th. At New Hope Church, Henderson, Texas.

Yours For Christ,

A. F. Ferguson

Publicity Director

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The Editor

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IT'S GOD

*There's a friend who lights my pathway,  
As I journey here below,  
And His Spirit gently guides me  
O'er this rugged path I've trod.  
But I long to be still closer  
To this precious friend - it's God....*

*The sometimes the path grows dreary,  
And I'm prone to doubt and fear.  
Then I lift my voice to Jesus,  
And He whispers I am near.  
So I want to follow closely  
Till I'm laid beneath the sod,  
To this precious friend who grows  
more precious  
As the years go by - it's God.*

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Have you made your contribution to our Youth Encampment Fund? Have you talked to the youth of your church of the advantages offered in this time of Christian training, fellowship, and recreation? Are you praying daily for the success of this Youth for Christ movement?

If you have failed in any of these points, now is the time to make amends. Get in and help make this work what God would have it be.

Our Youth Encampment Board is ready to go forward with the work of making the necessary improvements in preparation for this year's session. Our Program Committee, Rev. Damon Codd, Rev. Mark Lewis, and Rev. Harvey Hill, is planning the daily program of activity, and the State Sunday School and State League officers are laying plans for the Sunday School Convention, Aug. 5th, and the League Convention, Aug. 6th. But, someone is withholding the support that should be given this work, is that someone YOU?

"Will a man rob God?" Matt. 3: 8. We appreciate greatly the support that is being given, and you who intend to make your contribution but have just neglected it remember that good intentions never build a house. Our good intentions become effective only when put into ACTION.

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