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By F. F. Ortman

We thank thee, Lord, for all the good
That we have had this year:
For raiment, shelter and for food,
For all the friends so dear.

We praise thee for thine only Son,
Who died to set us free;
We praise Thee for the victories won,
And for the light we see.

We thank Thee for thy keeping pow'r,
And for Thy saving grace;
For blessing us each day and hour,
With Thy sweet, smiling face.

We praise Thee for Thy blessed truth,
And for Thy love divine,



That leads us from our very youth
Until our years decline.

We thank Thee for Thy guiding hand,
And for the way of life,
That guides us safely through this land
Of darkness and of strife.

We praise Thee Lord for peace and rest,
That fills our very hearts;
For blessing us with all the best
That heaven can impart.

We thank Thee for Thy precious Word,
That feeds our hungry souls;
We thank and praise Thee blessed Lord,
Who keeps us well and whole.

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THE HONOR ROL

Our past honor roll closed with October 31st. The new one begins with November 1st and will run over a period of another six months closing with April 30th. Five subscriptions, either new or re-newal, (one may be your own) gets your name on the roll. The prize winners this time were Elzie Williamson, Logan W. Va., first prize, Mo. Youth Program by Wm. Reeves, second prize, and the Hazel Creek Union Church of Mo., third prize.

The list stood as follows on Oct. 31, 1948:

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LEST WE FORGET

We are usually a very inconsistent people. When the annual time rolls around for us to celebrate the birth of our Christ, the majority of us do so by spending lavishly on ourselves and our friends to the sore neglect of the work of the church which institution Christ came to establish. No doubt the most pleasing thing to the Christ, whose birthday we celebrate, would be the concrete evidence of a greater loyalty to the various departments of the

church which He purchased with His own blood. As the holiday season approaches, so many of us seem to forget that our missionaries must live and carry on through this season of the year the same as during other times, that our Bible College with its student body must continue to function and that expenses continue the same as ever, that our Publishing Houses, our Orphanages, and all other enterprises must continue to operate, that the pastor, who serves the local church must continue to live, and all local expenses continue the same, etc. We are sure the Lord is not pleased with all this sin of neglect and omission during the period we refer to as the holiday season. Especially does the Foreign Mission Board shudder as we approach this season. Our treasury usually suffers at this time of the year and immediately thereafter. However, such was not the case last year; but this year the immediate future for our foreign missions department is not looking quite so bright. We can't help but be a bit apprehensive for our foreign mission work as we are approaching the holiday season with the treasury just a little below par. However, we are trying to believe that you out there over the field will not forget. We trust that receipts during the next thirty days will make the picture look altogether different. The solution is with you. Will we forget; or will we treat Christ this season as He wishes us to?

—The Editor

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"WHY THE EVERLASTING ROW IN THE CHURCH?"

By Rev. Ora Stalcup

This Article will be continued next issue.

Dear Reader, has not this question been uppermost in your mind many times?

A young lady (a sinner) remarked to another (a Christian), "If you people who call yourselves Christians, possess what you say you do, (righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost) you should be the happiest people in the world". The overtone of her statement was:

1. "You Christians profess to be righteous people, but you are always doing wrong."

2. "You say you are a peaceful people, yet you are always fighting."

3. "You say that your heart is full of joy, but does not your Bible say 'As a man thinketh in his heart so is he' (Prov. 23:7) Wherein then, cometh backbiting, slandering, fighting among yourselves? Why pray, all this glaring inconsistency in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Professing Christian?"

I have remarked many times, There can never be an EFFECT without a CAUSE. So there must be a cause for the "Everlasting Row in the Church."

I do not claim to be able to fully answer the question, "Why the Everlasting Row in the Church?" But, I do claim to be able to answer the question in part and in doing so state what I believe to be the primary reason why such conditions exist within the church. Today if the preacher is asked the question, "Why this deplorable state of affairs?", they more often times than not blame the deaconate who in turn blame the laity. So the merry-go-round continues on and no one gives the answer and the Row within the church goes on.

Dear Reader, if you are a born again Christian, you are a living stone (I Peter 2:5) in the temple of God (the Church). I Cor. 6:19, 20; Eph. 2:19-22. Every true believer is such, i.e., living stones in the house of God. These stones are not quarried by man, but by God Himself. Lest man having

lifted up his tool upon them would pollute them. It is highly important that every Christian seek diligently so, the answer to our question. All Christians together comprise the church, so if God would quest the church, "Why this everlasting row in the church?", you and I would be obligated to return an answer, would we not?

There is no question but that such inconsistency within the church is a stumbling block to multitudes of people. Our Lord said, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for Him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were cast in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man (or woman) by whom the offence cometh! So my brother or sister, let's try to find the answer to our question.

Of course, all those who comprise the Church (all true believers) are to blame before God for existing conditions in the Church. You may say I don't fight, slander, and backbite; so I'm not guilty before God. Daniel was greatly beloved of God. He was not guilty of Backsliding in company with the nation of Israel. But He prayed, "We (he included himself) have sinned and have committed iniquity and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments." Dan. 9:3-15. All through this passage Daniel uses the pronoun "We". Why? Because he was a part of the nation of Israel. God held the nation of which he was a part to be guilty. So it is with you and me. We are responsible before God for prevailing conditions within the Church. Read I Cor. 12:14 which says, "For the body (the Church) is not one member, but many." Dear Reader, if you are a true believer, that includes you. Elsewhere (I Cor. 5:6.) God says,

"Know ye not that a little leaven (evil) leaveneth the whole lump." The world (earth's people) did not sin after the similitude of Adam but God says that all the world is guilty, all have sinned (past tense) and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 5:14; 3:19,23) All must die.

Adolph Hitler plunged Germany into the war. Many were doubtless not in sympathy with his program but they had to suffer the results of war just the same and the surviving and dominant nations of the world today hold no one individual to be responsible for Germany's past actions and present day plight, but rather, the nation as a whole. Germany as a whole must pay for Hitler's rash act.

Failure (if such a state exists) always starts at the head. Never at the tail. If a business fails, it is not my fault but rather the fault of the person or persons who are at the head of that business.

Although the laity are in a measure, responsible before God for the row in the Church, they are not held responsible before God unto the same degree that the elders are. I believe there are some degrees of sin, don't you? In case you do not let's read John 19:10,11. "Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speaketh thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me except it were, given thee from above; therefore he that delivered me unto thee HATH THE GREATER SIN." Read also Matt. 10:15; 11:21-24 where degrees of sin is also taught. Of course, when He upbraids cities, it is the people living in them. See Luke 12:47,48.

A good rule to follow is: "Where the scriptures speak, we speak; where the scriptures are silent, we are silent." But let's go back to our subject. It is my aim to place the major portion of blame for the row in the church, squarely upon the shoulders of those to whom it belongs, namely ministers and deacons. In these trying days, it seems to me that everyone

is trying to pull the whistle cord and make a big noise and let off steam. But what we need is not "whistle cord pulling" but rather "more fire under the boiler. We need more preacher's and fewer blowers in the pulpit, men who will fearlessly teach the truth as the Bible declared it. God grant us ministers who will refuse to "run greedily after the error of Balaam for reward". God grant us courageous and hardy souls filled with the Holy Ghost who will refuse to "take so much as a shoe latchet from the King of Sodom lest he should say, I have made thee rich." The purpose of the Church is to win the lost and having won them to Christ, her pastors are to feed (not fleece) the flock with the "bread come down from heaven" and give them to drink of the wine of gladness, the elixer of life, the blood of Christ. The greatest need of the hour is for ministers to grace our pulpits who are filled with a holy and all absorbing passion to win the lost.

I maintain that unless a local church is giving a large place in her program to evangelistic endeavor and missions, both home and foreign, it is impossible for it to carry out the Great Commission of her Lord and has absolutely no excuse for existing. I say again, that the major portion of the blame for the row in the Church is upon the shoulders of

preachers and deacons. The laity, in a large measure, would do otherwise if taught differently "Faith cometh by hearing". Many don't pay tithes because preachers are afraid to teach it and many that do teach so fail to practice it. An apple tree is not an apple tree because it bears apples, but an apple tree bears apples because it is an apple tree. Fruit is the result of life, not the cause of it. Christian works are the result of Christian life. It is the bounden duty of every child of God to support the work of God with his presence, his purse, his personality, and his prayers. I believe that the true Church Universal is of secret and supernatural origin, is subject to Jesus Christ who is sovereign, is built upon sure foundation, is composed of the saved members, is entrusted with sacred scriptures, is called to a mission of salvation, is provided with ministers supernaturally called, chosen, ordained, and equiped, is certain of Satanic opposition and is guaranteed a destiny eternally secure. I believe that the local church is a congregation of regenerated, baptized by immersion believers, associated for fellowship, ministry of the word, worship, and prayer and the giving of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Part Two continued next month

"THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF DEATH"

JOHN 8:51

By Rev. Ova Stalcup

Our text in the Authorized Version reads as follows:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, He shall never see death".

In the Greek the assertion is very strong indeed. In the Greek our text reads as follows:

"Verily, verily, I say to you, If anyone keep my word, death in no wise shall he see forever".

This is a positive assertion—"Shall absolutely not see death." The death spoken of in this verse in physical death. The Jews were speaking to our Lord relative to

Abraham's being dead when Christ returned answer, He never corrected them by saying He was speaking of spiritual death.

The key word in this verse is "see". Here the word see is used in combination with the word "death". In the Greek it is "Thanaton Theorein". This combination is not found elsewhere in the New Testament. The sight described is a long steady vision, far different from the "quick taste" of death of the Jew's misquotation, "Thou sayest: He shall never taste of death". (Geusetai,

V. 52) which of course all experience, even the Lord, "who tasted death for every man". Jesus uses the word "theorein" again in John 6:20, "This is the will of Him that sent me that everyone which seeth (theorein) and believeth on Him may have everlasting life". "Seeth the Son", i.e., looks upon Him crucified, as the dying in the wilderness, upon Moses serpent, with intense, appropriating gaze.

The word "see" as in John 8:51, is used primarily not of an indifferent spectator, but of one who looks at a thing with interest and for a purpose. It expresses a fixed contemplation and a full acquaintance. Our Lord, therefore says that when a Christian is being ordered to sleep in Jesus (I Thes. 4:14. Greek) as He is dying, He will not look at death with interest and for a purpose. He will be an indifferent spectator of death, for he will have his eyes fixed on Jesus. They will see Jesus only. The terrors of that awful thing called death, are not experienced by the one who puts his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. His attention will not be focused on death, nor will he feel its bitterness. This is the meaning of Paul's expression, "O, death, where is thy sting?" On the other hand those who go out of this life rejecting Him, have before them all the terrors of death. Dear Reader, are you sure that you are trusting in the precious blood of Jesus poured out in the substitutionary atonement on the cross for you personally? Do your works testify that this is so? Does your works make your faith perfect? Do you have unfeigned love for the Brethren? If not, Dear Reader, you're not seeing Jesus only.

We read in Hebrews 2:9 that Jesus tasted death for every man, i.e., He not only died, but He experienced all the terror and bitterness of death in order that those who place their trust in Him as Saviour, will not experience the terror and bitterness of it all.

In connection with the foregoing, please allow me to express myself somewhat in regards to the Greek word "Thanatos".

The meaning is "death-death stroke".

The human race before God is dead. (Gen. 2:17; II Cor. 5:14; I Cor. 15:22). Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead." The human race is "dead in trespasses and sins." One does not have to do something to become a sinner. One is born a sinner. Jesus did not say when the Holy Ghost is come He will convince or convict a person of being a thief or a murderer or an adulterer, but, "Because they believed not on me" was to bar them out of heaven. That was the one sin that would convict them before God. John 3:18 says, "He that believeth not is condemned already, (Why Lord?) because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God."

God's indictment is not against only one individual and his particular individual sins, but rather against the whole world. He says every individual (the world) is guilty before Him. Read His indictment against the human race, Rom. 3:10-20.

So the human race is dead in trespasses and sins before God. There never was an effect without a cause. For a universal effect a universal cause: Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12,19.

Adam died on the day he disobeyed God and hence all mankind is born in the same condition. It is the immutable and inexorable decree of God that everything bring forth fruit after its own kind. Therefore, Jesus said to Nicodemus, ye were born of sinful parents, ye are an earthly sinful being, and God is of too pure and holy eyes to look upon sin; so, "Ye must be born again"—born again of a Holy, Sinless Being (God) so that He can look upon you and care for you through eternity. God cannot die; neither can His family of born again ones (the Church). As the begetter so are the begotten. God is not the God of the dead (unbelievers) but of the living (all born again ones). See Matt. 22:32. Death is the opposite of life; it never denotes non existence. As spiritual life is

"conscious existance in communion with God"; so spiritual death is "conscious existance in separation from God.

All die, infants and old alike. Death proves sin, Rom. 5:12. Adam to Moses, no law. Men died proving that sin was in the world. As regards infants, grace has provided for them. No one ever went to hell for Adam's sin. "Where there is no law there is no sin imputed". No one will ever be able to say they went to hell for any sin other than the "rejection of God's offer of free salvation through His anointed one, Jesus Christ. By the same token no one will ever grace the environs of paradise unless they accept God's free gift, "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

No man can call Jesus Christ their Lord but by (in) the spirit

(Holy Spirit). I Cor. 12:3; Rom. 8:9. He must be one's Saviour before He becomes one's Lord. He must be your Lord before God can become your Father. John 14:6; 4:24; Eph. 2:18.

Death in scriptures is always viewed as the penal consequence of sin and since sinners alone are subject to death (Rom. 5:12) it was as thebearer of sin that the Lord Jesus submitted thereto on the cross. I Peter 2:24.

Death can not abide in the presence of our Lord. He is the (perfect and eternal) life.

Our Lord broke up every funeral He ever attended. Reader, are you "dead in trespasses and sins?" If so, come to Jesus now and ye shall never die. John 5:24. He will raise thee up out of death.

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GOD CALLS TO PREPARATION

By Rev. Wm. Mishler

Clearly one of the major duties of a preacher and Christian worker is to be an educator. I am not thinking of the fact that good preaching always has teaching values, nor of the fact that the greatest of all preachers was a "teacher come from God." But I am thinking of the direct responsibilities in formal education, that will be thrust upon the preacher or Christian worker, when he or she accepts the work of an Ambassador for Christ's Kingdom. Upon them will fall the advisory leadership of the youth of our denomination. The efficiency of their leadership today will determine the progress of our church in the future.

The preacher or Christian worker is no less an educator than is the professional school man. The latter is one who is required by his State Education Board to be fully qualified for the schoolroom, and will not be allowed to teach till he has prepared himself for the task. These teachers are doing a skilled task which is so highly specialized, that it has to omit the most important part of all education—the training of our youth in religious life. Thus the preacher and Christian worker inherits

this task of being able to penetrate the secular wall that has been built around our youth, and give to them the most important of all educational training—the necessity of becoming a Christian, how they may do so, and how to conduct themselves after they become one.

Naturally, the questions will arise in the mind of the preacher and the Christian worker, should I prepare for such service, how and where shall I prepare? Please allow me to reserve the answer till later.

I've been asked the above questions many times. And am fully convinced in my own heart that as sure as God calls among His people those to do for Him different tasks of labor, He also calls them to preparation.

When the Lord Jesus selected His helpers while here on earth, He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." In other words, Jesus was saying to them, give up your nets and give me your time, I'll give to you the necessary training and also the desire to be a soul winner for me. But the religious doctors of that day looked upon these men as unlearned men, men who were

ignorant. This was not because they were hopelessly illiterate men void of all knowledge, but because they were not graduates of the established schools of that day, they classed them as unfit for this service to mankind. But Jesus was wise to perceive that these men were not of the Parochial schools of that day, and to be sure He wanted just such men, men who were not impregnated with teaching that had hardened their minds and rendered them unfit to be followers of His.

It was for three and one-half years that these men were under the careful training of the great Master Teacher, for three and one-half years in His school they stayed; they followed Him; they heard Him teach, saw Him perform miracles, slept with Him, lived with Him and ate with Him. His method was "learn to do by doing," by combining theory and practice. But after this school closed, we see these same men as they stumble at His crucifixion. Some of their lessons were poorly learned, but we see them later being taught the hard way.

If this great Master-Teacher found it necessary to school and train these men three and one-half years, who are we to think after He calls us He will fill our mouths with words and our minds with knowledge without our trying to learn? Foolish are we indeed to even surmise it to be thus.

We hear the ringing exhortation of the Spirit through Paul to the young minister Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Surely then all men who are divinely called today, are called to preparation. Does God put a crown on haphazardness, laziness, or triflingness among our Preachers and Christian workers today? To this I say an emphatic no; He requires the same of us today as of those whom He Himself schooled. While some of them were men of culture, yet they had to be taught by the Master. But the facts are for us to face honestly. The majority of our preachers and Christian work-

ers are those who have to secure their training after God has called them to service. If God always saw fit to call those who possess a good basic education, we would not be confronted with such a baffling problem. But we are not to question God's workings. For reasons better known to Himself, the Spirit calls forth both the learned and unlearned. For those called early in life, the problems of preparation are considerably fewer. Only for those well up in years is the educational problem baffling; for with it is accompanied the responsibility of family support, and this presents to most of us a very serious problem. However, preparation has been made under these circumstances, it is being done today, (I speak from experience) and can be done tomorrow.

Preparation is necessary. We might as well face the issue squarely and honest. For even in the remotest mountain district the young boy and girl faces us with a high school education. They note our speech. If we mutilate the English language, they know it, and they then can question our ability to rightly interpret the Word of God, as well as our ability to be a successful leader for them to follow.

We are forced to keep pace with our people in learning if we expect to be able to win them to Christ, and to lead them to believe in that form of Christian discipleship that we believe is approved unto God. Christ called around Him those who manifested a real interest in His teaching, calling them disciples, or pupils. Later He commissioned them as helpers that they might, by constant association with Him, enter into His way of life and share His passions. Truly, it was a school of learning for them. So well were they taught and trained, that they, in every problem of life were able to cope with every situation.

Allow me at this point to present to you what I believe is, and will be in the future, the answer to our educational problem, and to be sure this is the major problem among Free Will Baptists.

Here it is, the Free Will Baptist Bible College founded six years ago, with the very purpose in the minds of those in its founding that I have been discussing. A Bible centered College with an evangelistic fervor, with men at its helm whose lives are dedicated to the betterment of our people, men who believe in sound Biblical teaching, as being the remedy for the many ills of our denomination today.

From this College have already gone those who are proving themselves to be efficient leaders, such as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and youth leaders. Yes, I am fully convinced that this is the answer, and, furthermore, I believe God has given Free Will Baptists another opportunity to take part in the greatest of all educational programs. The preparation of workers to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

In conclusion, I repeat the words of a noted minister, "We have no choice. The die is cast, argument is over, the evidence is all in and it is against us. We must study in self-defence if for no other reason. But the chief motive for our study is not self-defence. It is the Spirit's clear, clarion call found in second Timothy 2:15. Read it, heed it, and obey it."

I make the above statements after two years of study in this God given institution of Free Will Baptists. May He lay on the heart of our people the responsibility of supporting this institution, which will solve our most serious problem, **THE NEED OF PREPARED LEADERSHIP.**

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EDITORIAL



"... OFFER A SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING ..."

Amos 4:5

As a rule we celebrate thanksgiving day by feasting. We bring together much of the good things the Lord has blessed us with and feast to the satisfaction, and sometimes to the hurt, of the fleshly body. I have always wondered if this is very pleasing in the sight of the Lord. In the above scripture, we are admonished to manifest our spirit of thankfulness by making a sacrifice unto the Lord. Surely, it would be more pleasing to Him if at thanksgiving time we put just a little more into His devoted service rather than to selfishly feast on what we have; and that in view of the fact He has given all these good things to us in the first place. It is quite natural that we desire to prove our gratitude to those who have been kind to us by doing something for them in return. The same is true in the law of the spirit. If we are truly appreciative of what the Lord is doing for us, we will evidence the same in loving service.

Truly, at this time, we all have much for which to be thankful. Crops and fruits are bountiful. Such as we have not seen for many years in this country. It is indeed a beautiful picture all over the land. How deeply thankful we should be. How eager we should be to render to God the things that are His. Most people could give to His cause and give liberally and still not have fulfilled the above scripture, because they still would have made no sacrifice. We are blessed with so much we in turn have much we could give. As we approach thanksgiving day let us be mindful of our obliga-

tion to Him from whom all blessings flow.

The law of the sacrifice of thanksgiving is to be found in Lev. 7.

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A NEW CHURCH IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

A Free Will Baptist Church has recently been organized in Kansas City, Mo. This is the first time Free Will Baptists have had an organization in this city. We are very glad for this new inroad into this district. Rev. Alice Diekey and Miss Thora Arbogast had much to do with bringing about this organization. Mrs. Diekey is the present pastor. The membership is small as yet; but prospects are good for steady growth. They have purchased a building very suitable for their use and at a reasonable price.

What has been done in Kansas City should be done in many more places. It could be done if some one would go in and camp on the job for a while. It takes hard labor and much sacrifice sometimes; but it is certainly worth it. We have too long failed in our church extension program. We are glad to note that some are rising up and doing something about it.

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DO YOU WANT TO HELP ONE OF OUR WORTHY RETIRED MINISTERS?

Dr. John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebraska, one of our very able and worthy ministers, who has been very active in former years, has now practically lost his hearing. A number of his friends have desired to start a fund with which to purchase a hearing aid for Bro. Wolfe. At our recent Missouri State Association it was mutually agreed to start such a fund, and we expressed our desire and willingness to launch the drive through the columns of the Gem. Sis. Mary Wellbaum of Haddam, Kansas is treasurer for this

fund, and so we ask you to send what ever you will for this good purpose to Rev. Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas stating that it is for the above stated purpose.

Dr. Wolfe has made much contribution to our denominational work in the years past, and is just as enthusiastic about the work today as he ever was; but of course his years of age and physical condition prohibits his being active on the field. You can do no better deed than to make a contribution toward a hearing aid for this good man to whom we owe a great deal. Please do not pass this by but send in your offering right away. Thanking you,

—The Editor

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NOVEMBER IS OUR SPECIAL MISSIONARY MONTH

The month of November has been designated as SPECIAL MISSIONARY MONTH in the state of Missouri by Rev. Damon Dodd, our Missouri State Foreign Missions Director. The suggested quota for Mo. this year in the foreign missions department is \$7,250.00. In connection has been launched a \$10,000.00 campaign in this state for "Missions" which is to be divided on a 70-30 basis: 70% going for foreign missions and 30% going for home missions. With all this missionary effort and interest being manifested, we feel sure Missouri will go over the top this year. We urge every church and individual in the state to make a special effort in behalf of missions during this month. Strive to make your offerings a little larger than ever before. As we approach the holiday season our treasury usually suffers. Such ought not to be, and we plead with you to stop and think of your missionaries as you undertake to do extensive Christmas shopping this year.

Winford Davis

CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

A glorious revival has been in progress at our church beginning the 20th of September and ending October 3. Rev. Paul Williams from Carterville, Mo. was the evangelist. The Spirit of God was felt in every service. While there was only one precious soul saved, it was a seed sowing time and very much good was done within the church; many returning back to worship which made our hearts glad. Our crowds increased steadily at the last the house was filled. Anyone desiring the gospel preached in love, truth, and righteousness will make no mistake in calling Rev. Williams. Our pastor, Rev. Alice Dickey from Kansas City, Mo. was permitted to be with us a few nights during these services.

Mrs. Pauline Warren
Church Clerk
Arlie, Mo.



REPORT OF MTN. GROVE CHURCH

September 30, 1948

To the Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, we the Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove send the following report of our Sunday School.

Our Ladies' Adult Class

Report for 3rd quarter:

Enrollment	27
Ave. Attendance	22
Visitors	38

Ave. Daily Bible Readers 11
Ave. Collection \$4.25
Total Collection for Qtr. .. \$55.31
Total Col. 3 past Qtrs. \$147.08
Collection for Flower Fund \$6.62

Viola Upshaw is teacher and Marie Kelley secretary of the Class. We have a good Sunday School with the average attendance of the entire school 107 for the 3rd quarter for which we pray that God will continue the good work for the Lord and that our Sunday School will continue to grow in number and spiritually as well.

Marie Kelley
Reporter

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MICHIGAN REPORTS

That the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan have just closed another successful, spirit-filled, quarterly conference.

This setting of the conference was well entertained by the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church, of which, the Rev. Wm. T. Newsome is the pastor.

Recently, through the efforts of our Home Mission Board, Rev. Everett Hellard of Okla., and a recent graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was elected, and accepted the pastorate of a church in Breckenridge, Michigan. Under Rev. Hellard's leadership this church has been organized into a Free Will Baptist Church and was received into the Association at this setting.

The Wolverine Association is not only growing in numbers, but, praise the Lord, it is also growing spiritually.

The program for this conference was centered around the aims and plans of not only our local work, but the National plan of work. Thanks to our Program Committee, our vision has been enlarged and our people have been enlightened.

Undescribable blessings were

received through the preaching of God's Word. One young married couple completely surrendered their lives to the Lord for service.

On Saturday afternoon, the Leaguers of this Association, presented a program which enlightened our people on the work being done for orphans throughout our denomination.

Praise the Lord for our young people.

From The Highland Park Church of Michigan

Pray for our revival which is to begin on Oct. 24th, 1948 with Rev. Damon Dodd of Flat River, Mo. as evangelist.

The Junior Bible School of the Highland Park Church is now in its second year. We have forty-five students enrolled this year with a director and seven teachers at work.

Our largest class is a group of Junior and Senior High School students who are making a Synthetic study of the Bible, with Rev. Raymond Riggs as their Instructor.

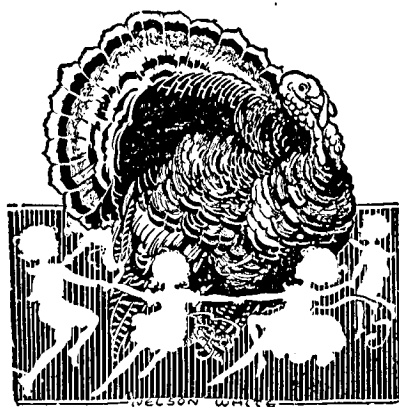
Last year we had twelve youngsters receiving certificates for memory work completed. The memory work required is as follows: The Lord's Prayer, First Psalm, Twenty-Third Psalm, Books of the Old Testament, Divisions of the Books of the Bible, Ninety-First Psalm, Beatitudes, and the Ten Commandments. Our prayer is that we will have many more this year receiving certificates.

Two of our young people, Mary Satterfield and Derald West are in the Free Will Baptist Bible College this year. Some of our Junior Bible School students are planning on entering the College next September.

May we, as Free Will Baptist people claim God's promise when He said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This exhortation with promise can

be applied to and claimed by teachers, pastors, and churches as well as the parents.

Mrs. Herbert B. Sloan
19404 Havana,
Detroit, Mich.



Midland, Texas
October 11, 1948

To the Free Will Baptist Gem,
Monett, Mo.

Greetings in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I would like to place our church in Midland on the map, so to speak.

We are small in number, but we are a new work and have had a hard fight in the battle to get our church going as we unfortunately got the wrong party in our church as a leader and a shepherd last April, but, praise God, we are on the road to victory now. Since we got him out, we have taken in seven members since our Association met this yer. We covet your prayers. One of our new members has already been licensed to preach the Gospel; also one has been licensed as deacon. We are very thankful for them, and pray the Lord will greatly bless them in his vineyard.

Bro. Davis, I am enclosing \$1.00 for one year's subscription to the Gem for our new minister.

Prayerfully yours for
Christ,

Mrs. Giola M. Onley
1001 S. Terrell St.
Midland, Texas

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Kansas City 5, Mo.
October 14, 1948

Dear Friends:

We, the people of the First

Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo. wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Mission Board of S. W. Ass'n., the Central W. Association, and to all who have given any part of the mission fund, for the generous donation toward the beginning of a new church here. We were organized on October 5 by the State Executive Board, in our church building at 43rd and Garfield with a small membership of eleven charter members. Though we are small in number our enthusiasm for the Lord's work is great, and we are looking up to Him from whom all blessings flow, for the strength and wisdom to prove a spiritual blessing to our city.

It has been our prayer and yours to see a new Free Will Baptist Church born in Kansas City for years, and the Lord has been good to us. We solicit each of your prayers that we may grow in grace and knowledge of truth, and spread it round about us to bring lost humanity into His fold. Thanks again to each donor for helping to make this new branch of His work possible. May we, as a church, prove ourselves worthy of your help and of the great trust He has put into our hands. May we keep our eyes upward, and our hands busy doing His divine will. Pray diligently for our efforts in Kansas City for we as a church, know that "we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us."

Mrs. J. Weaver Welch, Clerk
3312 E. 73rd St.
Kansas City 5, Mo.

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NOTICE INDIAN CREEK AUX. MEETING

The Indian Creek Woman's Auxiliary of Free Will Baptists will meet with the Carterville Church November 17. The morning service will start promptly at 10:00. Every church is urged to attend. A special invitation is extended to all ministers.

Dear Auxiliary Workers:

May we start this new year with greater zeal than ever before. Let's all put our shoulders

to the wheel and get much accomplished for the Lord. We are truly thankful for the progress in the woman's work the past year, but also happy for the vision of greater things yet to come. Women, there is no place for us to stop and rest. We must ever be working "glorifying the King that the generations to come might know."

We are looking forward to a great day in the Lord at our first meeting of the year at Carterville November 17. Carterville extends special invitation to each church and all ministers to attend the meeting.

Your humble servant,
Sis. Lola Anna Williams
President

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JESUS' LOVE

Gweneth Talley
Aurora, Mo.

*Oh the wondrous power of Jesus' Love!
My trials here on earth will cease,
Every lingering pain He will remove,
And I will have unending peace.
Yes, I know Him as my Saviour,
And I now His praises sing,
I will love and serve Him ever,
My risen Lord and coming King.*

*My loving Saviour I shall see,
His love divine at last I know;
Now the Holy Spirit witnesses to me,
And I do not fear the foe.*

*It is so sweet to trust in Jesus,
As day by day I journey on,
I seek to gain the heavenly treasure
Around His glory gleaming throne.
What a happy time is coming,
When this toilsome life is o'er,
My heart will rejoice in that morning,
On that bright eternal shore.*

*What wondrous love to me is given,
The love of Jesus will never end,
Eternal bliss with Him in heaven
He is the sinner's only Friend.*



Dear Gem Readers and Youth for Christ Workers:

Well, another year is past and one to look at with thanksgiving in our hearts for the wonderful progress in Free Will Baptist History.

I am sure I speak the desire of the board when I try to express my thanks to all our people who have cooperated with us both in prayer and their financial support in such a marvelous way. I am sure you will know what I mean when you read our report for the past year, and I feel we will do greater things this coming year for God so wonderfully proved Himself on our side by crowning our session with the saving of nine (9) precious souls.

We also thank the people at the Missouri State Association at Sublette, Mo. for the good offering and cooperation we received there.

Let's all join in with our young people now in their effort to raise the needed amount to make this year a greater year than last, for there is much that we need at the camp, that we plan to list in the next issue of the Gem. We want to get our program started as soon as possible.

Last year we were late with our program, but our people responded wonderfully to it.

I would like to explain some points of our financial report so it will be clearly understood. The report was included in the Gem up to August 15. From then to September 1st concludes the year's report.

The amount paid out is itemized. The notes and interest was the money borrowed for the Youth Camp session of 1947 and a small note made to retire the other. The traveling expense included our traveling introducing our financial plan to our churches and Sunday Schools. The Bibles for the Youth Camp teachers were given by the Board as a token of appreciation for their willing service they did as a donation to our youth program.

In our October report of disbursements for material used to pour the concrete floor in the din-

ing hall, pump for well and labor in cleaning camp after session.

We still owe at the time of this writing a note of \$500.00 that will be due November 1, 1948 or before you read this article. We are praying it will be retired in full at that date. Please help us do that as we can only do what you make possible to do.

We are ready to visit your church, convention, or association as we are offering our service this year to the field in the interest of our Youth Camp and His cause in general. Let us hear from you.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secy.-Treas.
Phone 15 Irondale, Mo.

Financial Report of Youth Camp (For year Sept. 1, 1947 to Sept. 1, 1948)

Amt. brought forward ..	\$ 241.46
Received to August 15 including \$500.00 note	2,189.47
Received from Promotional program treasurer	55.79
Desloge (on pledge)	10.00
Hickory Grove S. S. (Pledge)	6.37
3rd St. Louis S. S.	37.53
Total	\$2,540.62
Disbursements:	
Labor on camp	\$ 850.92
Note paid with interest	667.25
Postage, supplies phone calls, etc.	51.11
Chairs and printing	46.72
Gem printing and supplies	42.60
Stigman Lumber Co.	17.75
Bro. Walton, seed	3.71
Light Plant	75.00
Traveling (including promoting financial pro- gram	220.23
Rev. Turner (Pictures)	31.25
Youth Camp entertain- ment	326.71
Bibles for youth camp teach- ers	27.00
Total disbursed	\$2,360.25
Balance	\$ 180.37
Received Sept. 1 to Oct. 15 :	
Liberty Ass'n.	\$ 10.00
Liberty Q. M.	5.00
Fredericktown S. S.	30.69
St. Louis South Side	9.00
Refund on Bibles for Youth Camp teachers ..	6.61
Mrs. Lillie Drowley	5.00
Mo. State Meeting	167.88

St. Louis South Side	14.25
Buddy Hill (Pledge)	5.00
Fredericktown	14.46
Cross Roads C.	8.83
Total	\$277.72
Grand total	\$458.09
Disbursements:	
Stigman Lumber Co.	\$202.46
Jim Clemens (labor)	8.00
Champer Sell (Labor)	15.00
Total disbursed	\$225.46
Balance	\$232.63
Wm. Reeves, Secy.-Treas. Irondale, Mo.	

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GREAT REVIVAL IN POTEAU, OKLA.

The Free will Baptist Church of Poteau held its first revival in their new church August 15 to 29 with Rev. Bert F. Rogers as the evangelist and Rev. I. L. Florence, pastor. There were 21 souls saved and reclaimed.

Baptismal services were held September 5 for 11 converts.
Mrs. Lloyd Thompson,
Poteau, Okla.

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EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING OF TENN.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association met with the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Oct. 15 with Rev. C. Y. Elkins, Moderator and Rev. C. E. Holder, Host Pastor.

We all had a good time in the name of the Lord and as good a dinner as it is possible to have, by the good ladies of the Fairview Church for which we are all thankful.

Welcome Address by Rev. C. E. Holder.

Response by Rev. E. F. Drayne.
Devotion by Rev. Ray Burchfield.

Reading of minutes; enrollment of ministers, Deacons, and delegates.

Some beautiful singing by the Byrds Duo.

Adjournment for the 11:00 o'clock worship hour. Rev. Orville Stokes brought a fine message.

Ministers present: Revs. J. C. Howington, W. L. Gilton, E. F. Drayne, Orville Stokes, John Harris, Ray Burchfield, C. E.

Holder, Bill Beam, Jesse Curtis, Dennis Crowe, George Dunbar, and C. Y. Elkins.

This little Fairview Church was not doing so well until about a year ago. It had only 27 members, so Rev. C. E. Holder took it over and now it has 102 members and over 100 in Sunday School. It is on fire for God all the time. They have put Sunday School rooms in, dug a basement, and bought a furnace for heating, over \$3,000 of improvements.

Ladies Auxiliary reports.

Orphanage report.

Collection, over \$30.00.

The next conference will be at Keensburg Church, Rev. Dennis Crowe, Pastor.

Another church was added to this conference. Rev. J. C. Howington has organized and is building a church on Roan Street in Elizabethton, Tenn. Mrs. J. C. Howington is Clerk of this conference.

Rev. George Dunbar gave instructions here for the 12 point program. It is to collect 10c per member per month in the churches and mail the amount directly to the Executive Secretary on the first of each month beginning on Sept. 1st, 1948. This is to finance the different institutions of the churches, except the Home for Children.

There are several associations and conferences in some of the states that never report any of their activities to the Denominational papers, and I and others would like to hear from the churches all over the U. S. A. We never hear from the Stone Association, and do not hear from Virginia and West Virginia very much, and never hear much from the Toe River Association, nor the Jacks Creek Ass'n. and these papers at Ayden, N. C. and Monett, Mo. will be pleased to publish anything from these states, and they are asking for people to send in their reports. Please do it, and let's get closer to each other in our denomination in the name of the Lord. Another important thing is that there are such a few that are subscribers to our denominational papers. It is

shameful. If you want to be stirred up in your soul, take these papers, and you will have a revival in your soul every time you read them.

Jack McCoury

Box 14

Johnson City, Tenn.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN K. C., MO.

The Missouri State Executive Board met at 43rd and Garfield St., in Kansas City October 5th with the groups that so anxiously waited at their new church home purchased from the Latter Saint Church with all the necessary equipment and fixtures for a church located in a nice residential district. Services were opened by singing and prayer. Rev. F. C. Zimm opened devotional service called for a gospel message. A brief message was delivered by Rev. Harry Beatty from Isa. 54:2, "Enlarge the Place of Habitation." Bro. Zimm took charge and gave the Order of Organization, called for members, eleven members came in. These accepted the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant, followed by prayer of consecration led by Sis. Dickey, and concluded by Sis. Lowell Martin. The right hand of fellowship was given with the power of God and unity of love prevailing. Election of officers: Bessie Welch was elected Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Warren Moffett, Raymond Dickey and Weaver Welch were selected as deacons, and Rev. Alice Dickey was elected pastor.

With this splendid group of God fearing members in the midst of Kansas City, by the help of God, Free Will Baptists have one of the greatest opportunities in the state of Missouri.

Rev. Harry Beatty,
Secretary

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Dear Readers of the Gem:

I think the Gem for October was the best issue that we have had for some time.

All that know me know that I have pleaded for 30 years for our

people to get a Home Mission program. Not that I do not believe in Foreign Mission work, but as Rev. Bloss and Rev. Dodd have expressed it, if we expect to do very much Foreign Mission work we must take care of our Home Mission work.

I don't want our young ministers to be forced to work and preach, but unless we get an extension program, if they go into new fields and organize churches they will have to work and preach as we older ministers have been forced to do.

May God help our denomination to see the need of an extension program here at home.

Rev. A. B. Talbert
Rt. 2, Box 187B
Bristow, Okla.

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YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Lemay, Mo.
October 25, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

It's again we come to you in behalf of our youth encampment, for which I'm sure we, as Free Will Baptists in the State of Missouri, are proud. Some of our people over the state have been asking the needs of our camp for the coming year, so I will try to tell you of some of them in as brief a way as possible. We need about 6 large kettles, 2 tea kettles, several large skillets, several water buckets and wash pans, about a dozen salt and pepper shakers, a gross of knives, forks, and spoons, 3 dozen tea towels, and also mirrors and first aid kits for each cabin and many other such items. Come on, leagues, Sunday Schools, churches, League Conventions and Sunday School Conventions, get behind your youth camp and supply them with these needs before the next session. Don't wait until near the session and then start your project but start now, and I'm sure when the next session comes around then you will be able to enjoy the blessings from your giving. If your league or Sunday School wants to take one of these as your project then write to the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Reeves at Irondale, Mo. and tell him of

your project so that others won't take the same needs as their project.

The Fellowship Church of Flat River, Mo. has taken as their project for this year the completion of a basket ball court, the completion of the soft ball diamond and a volley ball court.

The Southside League in St. Louis is going to buy the silver ware and furnish some of the Tea towels and perhaps others have notified Rev. Reeves of your intentions. If you have not then why don't you take it up at once and help us meet these needs. A little from all will meet our needs.

Rev. Wm. Reeves has informed the Youth Camp Board that he will have considerable time to work in the cause of our camp so if any association would like to become better acquainted with our youth camp work then write Bro. Reeves and arrange an itinerary with him, and I'm sure it will prove a blessing to your churches. The Youth Camp Board has approved this plan so write Bro. Reeves and arrange an itinerary with him soon. Free will offerings will be taken at each church visited by Bro. Reeves and 75% will be used for his expenses and services, and 25% will be turned in to the Treasury. We are anxious for our youth camp to become better known among our churches so will appreciate your interest shown in this respect.

We also need your finance to make our camp what we are praying for it to be. Pray for us and the work that God may do all the leading at all times and that we as the Youth Camp Board may be able with your help to make this great work a blessing to our beloved denomination.

May the good Lord bless you,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill
Chairman, Youth Camp Board

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MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

September, 1948

State Unified Fund

St. Louis 3rd C.	\$ 32.93
Leadington S. S.	2.70
Southside C.	13.55

Carterville C.	17.67
Indian Creek Ass'n.	10.00
Northeast Mo. Ass'n.	4.42
Liberty Ass'n.	10.00
Mo. State League Con.	5.00
Niangua Ass'n.	10.00
Mo. State Aux. Con.	5.00
Verdella C.	7.30
Harmony Ass'n.	5.00
Mine La Motte C.	4.55
Desloge C.	10.55
Southside C.	13.80
Total	\$152.47

Expansion Program

Mo. State Aux. Con.	\$ 20.00
Mrs. Goldie Elsey	3.00

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Merl's Chapel C.	\$ 5.00
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Home Mission Fund

St. Louis 3rd C.	\$ 23.37
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Superannuation

Mrs. Goldie Elsey	\$ 1.00
Flat River Aux.	20.00

Total

State Entertainment Fund

Mine La Motte C.	\$ 5.00
St. Louis 3rd C.	25.00

Mrs. Samantha Fowler

Fredericktown C.

Fellowship C.

Monett C.

Verdella C.

Total

Youth Camp Fund

Merl's Chapel C.	\$ 5.00
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Cuban Student Fund

Merl's Chapel C.	\$ 5.00
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Foreign Mission Fund

Mt. Olive C.	\$ 9.66
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Learning Meditations, Rev.

Archie Cooper, Director

Hannon C.

Green Grove C.

Union Third Fork S. S.

Blue Ey eC.

Indian Creek Ass'n.

Jewel C.

Amity C.

Aulsbery Chapel C.

Carterville C.

Mo. State Aux. Cen.

Mrs. B. A. Stafford

Union Light S. S.

Independence C.

Flat River Aux.

Southside C.

Pleasant Grove S. S.

No. One C. (Huggins)

Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Davis

Blue Eye C.

Clarence Dunn

Buffalo C.

Mrs. B. A. Stafford	5.00
Golden Oak League	2.00
Golden Oak S. S.	5.63
Total	\$338.93

Missions Fund

Mo. State Ass'n.	\$250.00
Union Third Fork C.	10.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) C.	200.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) C.	8.00
Flat River C.	9.63

Total

Marie Hyatt, Treas

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REPORT OF ORPHANAGE RINGLING, OKLA.

(September, 1948)

Money Received:

9- 2 Old Panther C.	\$ 5.00
9- 2 Gaar Corner C.	5.00
9- 2 Spring Hill S. S.	10.00
9- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis	2.00
9- 3 Zion Hope Ass'n.	
No. 2	17.50
r- 3 Earlsboro C.	5.00
9- 5 Dibble League (Sept. & Aug.)	5.00
9- 5 Ada C.	19.30
9- 5 Wolf C.	5.00
9- 5 Blue Bell C.	5.00
9- 5 Mrs. Verna Edison ..	5.00
9- 6 Iron Chapel C.	5.00
9- 6 Capital Hill C.	30.00
9- 8 1st C., Vernon, Tex.	5.00
9- 9 Healdton C.	16.40
9- 9 Hopewell No. 2	
Ass'n. League	2.00
9-11 Bryant C.	14.20
9-11 Hawkins C.	4.10
9-11 Central Ave. C.	15.00
9-11 Drumright C.	15.00
9-11 Rev. Clay Richey	25.00
9-11 Bro. W. J. Price	50.00
9-11 Bro. T. O. Dunn	25.00
9-11 Rev. W. F. Lee	25.00
9-11 Bro. R. E. Clagg	10.00
9-11 Jack Hopkins & wife	50.00
9-12 Springhill C.	5.20
9-11 Canadian Ass'n.	13.00
9-11 Tecumseh C.	10.00
9-11 Shahan C. & S. S.	13.20
9-14 Lewis Ave. Aux.	5.00
9-14 Paden C.	4.00
9-14 Wewoka C.	22.00
9-14 Canadian Ass'n.	8.80
9-17 West Fork Dist. A. ..	65.40
9-17 Mrs. B. A. Stafford	5.00
9-11 Christian Grove S. S.	5.00
9-20 Cushion 1st F. W. B.	4.00
Mission	15.00
9-20 Deer Creek C.	5.00
9-20 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis	5.00

9-20 Sulphur C.	32.53
9-22 Rev. & Mrs. Jack Edens	10.00
9-22 1st C. Shawnee	9.50
9-22 Canadian Ass'n.	1.00
9-24 New Bethlehem C. ..	5.00
9-22 Haskell C.	23.60
9-24 Stratford C.	14.00
9-24 Clemseot C.	23.82
9-27 Cedar Grove C.	10.00
9-28 Aux. Poteau C.	7.85
9-30 Wolf C.	5.00
9-30 Friendship C.	3.30
9-30 Sulphur C.	34.66
9-30 Al Creek C.	8.00
9-30 Dibble C.	10.00
9-30 Bridge Creek C.	5.00
9-30 Mrs. Allen	5.00
Total	\$764.95

Expenses:

9- 7 1 male hog (auction) \$	27.60
9-15 Rev. Weatherman	75.00
10- 4 Moores Drug Store ..	58.65
10- 4 Delbert Gro.	141.74
10- 4 Cummins & Colson Gro.N	22.78
10- 4 Hamilton S. Co.	36.30
10- 4 W. D. Bodenhamer ..	49.50
10- 4 Aunt Betty Bread ..	13.44
10- 4 Rev. Weatherman ..	75.00
Total	\$500.01

Rev. Weatherman, Expenses:

8-30 Hair cuts	\$ 4.00
Vessie Ledbetter	40.00
Laundry	6.50
Ice for Sept.	4.00
Lewis Wilson	40.00
Cutting Feed	29.80
Electric Bill (July & Aug.)	16.20
Telephone Bill (July & Aug.)	10.80
Dry Goods & Notions ..	2.00
Total	\$153.30
Milk Sold (\$54.00)	
Eggs Sold (\$5.00)	\$ 59.00
Balance	\$ 94.30
Total Expense	\$594.31....
Endebtedness from Aug. \$	165.99
Total	\$760.30
Balance in Treas.	\$ 4.65
Jack Hopkins, Treas.	

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**MISS DOROTHY DAVIS
SUCCUMBS**

Miss Dorothy Davis, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Davis near Iantha, Monday morning, Aug. 30th. Dorothy had been in poor health since a small child.

Funeral services were held at a smile. the Verdella Baptist Church Tuesday, August 31, at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Lowell Martin assisted by Rev. O. T. Allred in charge. The Berkey Funeral Service was in charge of the body.

Miss Ellen Newport of Springfield sang a solo "Have Faith in God" and a quartet composed of Wm. Campbell, R. L. Nutting, Edna Denny, and Mary Hizar sang, It Is Well with My Soul and No Night There.

The flower bearers were Rosalie Nutting, Ruby Fast, Joan Fast, Gona Reser, Eva Meadows, Theda Smith, and Annabelle Fisher. Escort, Wm. Bowman, Earl Phillips, Paul Fast, Orville Foger, Gene Coonrod, and Robert Murray.

**Obituary**

Miss Dorothy Jane Davis, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Davis, was born August 6, 1926 near Liberal, Mo. Departed this life August 30, 1948 near Iantha, Mo. being at the time of her death 22 years, 24 days old. She leaves to mourn her passing, her father, step mother, and three sisters, Lois, Joan, and Joyce, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Travis, also relatives, including uncles and aunts, and a host of friends.

Dorothy's mother passed away March 16, 1937 leaving her to help care for her two sisters which were very young to be left without the care of a loving mother. Dorothy, being a sufferer all her life, was very courageous, cheerful, and patient amid her trials and suffering and met them with

Dorothy was converted at the age of 13 years and lived a very sweet devoted Christian life, fighting the victorious fight of Faith. She joined the Free Will Baptist Church later moving her membership to Springfield, Mo.

She graduated in 1945 from Liberal High School with honors, winning a scholarship to Springfield Business College of which she availed herself to study for office work. The past two years she had been employed with the Murray and Kent Insurance Co., of Springfield, Mo.

The remainder of her life was spent near Iantha and Liberal. In Dorothy's last illness she had the loving care of a step mother, daddy and two sisters and a host of friends to care for her and make her as comfortable as possible. But Dorothy must answer the call of a Loving God, who knoweth best in all things. Dorothy as she was passing from this life left the sweetest testimony one can leave, "That she was entering into that home God has prepared for those that love Him. Sorrow not as those that have no hope." If Dorothy could speak to us today, I'm sure she would say, "Prepare to meet thy God."

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,

He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;

To added affliction He addeth His mercy,

To multiplied trial, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,

His power no boundary known unto men;

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus

He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Annie Johnson Flint

OBITUARY

James Ivan Hovis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hovis, was born February 27, 1931 at Farmington, Mo. and departed this life on October 1, 1948 at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. at the age of 17 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

Jimmie was a member of the Senior Class at the mine La Motte High School at the time of his passing.

He was converted to the Christian faith at the age of 15 and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Copper Mines, where he remained a faithful member until death.

He leaves besides his parents, three brothers and one sister: Lloyd, Walter and Evelyn at the home and Milton of Oak Grove; a grandfather, John Tawfall of Farmington; 9 uncles, 2 aunts, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jimmie was a devoted son, a loving brother, and a friend to all who knew him. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

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"IN MEMORY OF A MOTHER IN ISRAEL."

Mrs. Fannie C. Page, for 53 years a resident of Verdella, Mo. neighborhood, passed away at the old home there on Thursday, September 23rd at the age of 88 years. She was born in New York State on October 19, 1860 and was married there October 18, 1882 to Ruel H. Paige.

They came to Benton County, Missouri to make their home in 1895 where they were to spend the remainder of their married life together. Mr. Paige passed away 6 years ago.

After his death she went to live with her only son, Dr. R. S. Paige and wife of Alexandria, La. But when she went away, she left the old home just as it was when they lived there, and it was a great joy to her to get to return once or twice each year and spend a week or two and visit again with all the old friends and neighbors who were all so dear to her, and it could be truthfully said that she was loved by everyone, young

and old of the entire community. For she was a real "Mother in Israel." And I think there isn't a home far or near there, but have sometimes, and perhaps many times, to remember when she came in sickness or sorrow, and her coming was such a consolation in those times. She was never too



tired, nor the night too bad for her to go when some neighbor needed her. She loved God and her church, and their home was always the "preacher's home" too.

Just two weeks before she went "home to be with God", she begged her son to bring her back home once more. This he did and she was so happy to have all her friends call on the Sunday before her passing, so many came in to see her, and she was so overjoyed with the fellowship of that day.

She leaves to mourn their loss the son and wife, who so tenderly cared for her in their home, two grandsons, Chester of Alexandria, and Harvey of Baton Rouge, La., and one great granddaughter, Gail Paige of Alexandria, La., and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Verdella F. W. B. Church by her pastor, Mrs. Lowell Martin, and interment was in Barton City Cemetery, near by where all that was mortal of this great and good

woman was laid to await the great resurrection morn when they that are in the graves shall hear His voice and come forth.

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Prov. 31:31.

Lovingly written by one of her friends,

Roena Thomas
Hannon, Mo.

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SEVEN RULES FOR GIVING

1. Give something (I Cor. 16:2).
2. Give without display (Matt. 6:2)
3. Give Wisely or Proportionately (Luke 12:42)
4. Give systematically (I Cor. 16:2)
5. Give liberally (Rom. 12:8)
6. Give Cheerfully (II Cor. 9:7)
7. Give expectantly (Prov. 11:25)

"A CHILD OF THE KING"

Poor? No, of course not! Why how could I be,

When Christ, the King, is taking care of me?

Tired? Sometimes: — Yes, more than tired; but then

I know a place where I can rest again! Lonely; Ah, well I know the aching blight;

But now, I've Jesus with me day and night!

Burdens? I have them; oft they press me sore,

And then,—I lean the harder, trust the more.

Worthy? Oh no! The marvel of it is That I should know such boundless love as this!

And so, I'm rich. with Christ I am "joint heir."

Since He once stooped my poverty to share.

—Edith Lillian Young

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Missionary Department



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

DAY OF REVIVAL IN INDIA

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Many of you have heard me say, "If your life is lived close to the Lord, sinners will pound on your door begging to be shown your Saviour." I have seen this very truth illustrated today. This is how it all came about.

Early this morning Miss Barnard called us to her bungalow for a reason unknown to us. Upon arriving, we found that she had reached a crisis physically and could not go on unless the Lord touched her body with healing strength. Also, she felt that we must have special prayer for the unreached Kotas and for our workers.

Miss Barnard began the prayer and it seemed that the Master came very close to us. His presence made us feel sin's presence. Thus she had a great heart searching that seemed to kindle "Holy fire", and each of our hearts in turn were melted by His presence. We each felt our own great weakness and cast ourselves in utter abandon upon Christ. Thus He gave us a prayer heart, sufficient victory grace, and abounding praise.

But God was not only working in us but also through us. "His wonders to perform." When we had finished praying, we found that William, a Free Will Baptist Indian, who helps Miss Barnard on the compound, had felt moved with a strong desire to come to the prayer room. On coming in he fell upon his knees and begged God to forgive the sins he was feeling deep conviction about. He rose to testify that he had consecrated himself as never before and that Christ had given victory over sins which had become such binding habits in his life. Thus God began to answer our prayers.

Instead of stopping for lunch at that time we felt that we should

go to prayer again to pray for the native workers. Before he could begin the three teachers from the school appeared, and we all knelt and prayed. They were awed by the presence of the Holy Spirit and upon leaving, went and told other workers and people of the community that God was raining blessings in our bungalow.

Again we began to prepare for prayer when we were interrupted by Muthu, the young man who helps Trula and me around our bungalow. He told us that he felt he must come to our prayer meeting because he was a sinner and wanted to be saved. Loosely translated, he prayed thus: "Jesus Christ, I hearing of you in mission school when I a boy. I forgetting about you. I spending much rupees buying Hindu boogs, many nights reading till three o'clock in the morning. I not finding good teaching, ging books away. My friends who call themselves Christians are mean, fighting each other, I not wanting this. I wanting to be a real Christian like Jesus Christ. Please make me like Jesus Christ." So on he prayed until he found forgiveness for his sins and Christ as his Savior. He then told us that he had heard in the morning devotion which we had had together during the week before, "He died for me." So all morning this phrase came to him over and over and that it made him feel bad in heart. None of the religious books which he had read had ever said, "He died for me." So he felt strongly moved to come to our prayer meeting.

We had no sooner led Muthu to Christ than another young man, Moonsami, came to our house to see Miss Barnard. He had the day off and felt impressed to come to see her. Nothing did he know of the prayer meeting in which God was working so marvelously and

what it would mean to him. He came into the room and felt God's convicting power. This young man had heard of Christ through Miss Barnard and had gone so far as to renounce Hinduism, yet he had not until this time given his life to Christ. Now he felt he must be saved at all cost, bowed himself at the foot of the cross and gave himself completely to Jesus Christ. Oh, how marvelous is our God! God still had some work to do.

We had no sooner led Moonsami in confidence of faith than William appeared at the door and said, "Missie, I think God led Joseph to come here and he says he feels the need of coming in to pray." So, William was already putting his new consecration to work by telling Joseph of God's presence. Joseph, the tinker, came in and sat down and stated his desire to pray and felt the need of a blessing. We explained the need of a clean life and the resulting desire to win others to Christ. Joseph knelt and confessed to Christ that though he had been a Christian many years his testimony had been so bad that he had not led anyone to Christ and that there has much sin in his life and he here and now renounced them and was giving himself totally to Jesus. He then told us that he had a feeling that he must come to our house even though it was dark. He realized that God had moved him with this irresistible urge to come to the house although he did not know that we were praying.

So a holy benediction seems to be on this day as late evening comes upon us. We feel humble. We feel that we have been on holy ground today. Two young men coming out of heathen Hinduism in one afternoon, coming of their own accord and will, they were moved, yet not knowing why or what was going on, and two Christians came seeking the "mir-

acle life." Three of our workers were revived and are reviving others. That you might feel the atmosphere of His Presence, I'll tell you of a lady missionary who came to see Miss Barnard. As she came in she was so moved by the spirit of prayer that she tipped from the room feeling as we that we were near "the burning bush."

Miss Barnard felt the healing strength touch her body to enable her to continue on in His work. Three times our faces were wet with tears, tears of repentance, and then blessing, tear of sorrow for the lost and then rejoicing with those saved, and finally tears of thanksgiving as we meditate on the day. Praise our Mighty God, His ways are past finding out. We feel, know, and pray that Free Will Baptists of India will be stirred to revival.

In His service

Daniel Cronk

REPORT OF TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY

(For September)

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

We attended our West Fork Association Aug. 31 through Sept. 2. The Lord was with us, and we had a wonderful Association. Rev. and Mrs. Weatherman and some of the children from the children's home at Ringling, Okla. came and put on a program that was enjoyed by all. The congregation was deeply touched. We are very proud of our children, and thankful for the great work Bro. and Sis. Weatherman are doing. A nice offering was given them.

Sept. 6 Rev. Tiff Covington and I began a two week's tent revival at Bowie, Texas. Large crowds attended, and a great interest was manifested. The Lord blessed with the salvation of the lost and the organization of a new church. We had 14 charter members. The past week, the Lord has given us 12 more members, and prospects are good for many others. Bro. Covington is chairman of the Home Mission Board, and his heart has been in this work. He has been a

great help to me all through the years. The church called me as pastor. The responsibility is very heavy right now as we don't have a building. Last Wednesday night we met at a cabin out at the Bowie Lake, and Sunday we met in a double garage. It is wonderful to know wherever you go, you can find the Lord present with you.

We would like to make an appeal to you who are interested in this new church, and feel led to send a donation. It will surely be appreciated. Everyone that is saved or any thing that is accomplished in this church, you will have a part. The winter months are just around the corner, and we need a building so bad before it gets cold. Please send to Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas. I will mail you a receipt.

Money Received for Sept.

Rev. W. W. Winters	\$ 1.00
Trinity C.	14.50
New Salem C.	9.00

Bonnie View C.	6.00
Dallas 1st C.	12.00
Vernon 1st C.	5.00
Weatherford 1st C.	7.00
Pleasant Mound C.	8.25
Bowie Revival	114.93
Total	\$177.68

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will appreciate the privilege of supplying your Christmas card needs this year. Last year we were not able to get into the Christmas card business in time to give the service we would like to have given; but this year we are getting started in time to give you satisfaction in this line. Boxes of 21 beautiful religious folders artistically designed \$1.00 Extra for printing name on them if desired35

Why not give us your order for your Christmas cards?

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (For September, 1948)

	Receipts State	Endowment	Expansion	Gifts	Total
Alabama	\$ 11.00		\$	\$	\$ 11.00
Arkansas	2.50		51.12		53.62
California			25.00		25.00
Florida	2.00				2.00
Georgia	10.00		503.70	23.50	537.20
Illinois	2.50		100.00	8.00	110.50
Kansas	1.00				1.00
Kentucky	2.50		10.00		22.74
Michigan	59.50		163.24		222.74
Mississippi	27.50		4.89	9.25	41.64
Missouri	25.50		104.50	46.06	176.06
New Mexico	5.00				5.00
North Carolina	101.00			321.05	422.05
Ohio	8.50		11.25		19.75
Oklahoma	10.00		21.00	65.00	96.55
South Carolina	5.00				5.00
Tennessee	32.50		143.00	57.35	232.85
Texas	21.60		120.75	33.18	175.53
Virginia	2.50				2.50
Student Accounts					2,224.77
Matriculation and Registration Fees					992.00
Tuition					1,396.00
Room and Board					1,587.00
Other Fees					198.00
Music Fee (Student's)					22.00
Woman's National Aux. Con.					60.00
Miscellaneous Income					13.11
Totals	\$330.10		\$1,258.45	\$563.95	\$8,645.41
Final Total Expenses					\$3,767.14