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## MEDITATIONS

By R. I. Daniel,  
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*"Be still and know that I am God."*—Psalm 46:10

In these days of fast moving life when men's hearts are confused and troubled because of world conditions not knowing if tomorrow they shall have a home with loved ones happy and secure around the old fireside or if they shall be scattered to the four corners of the earth, locked in perilous battles unto death. These questions and many others are in the minds of our people today and tend to lead them away from God, when in reality it should bring them nearer His throne of mercy. If only they would hesitate in the swiftness of their flight toward eternity long enough to meditate upon God who created all things (Gen. 1 and 2.) and that for His own glory, (Rev. 4:11) so then as He created man also for His own glory. (Isa. 43:7; 1 Cor. 11:7.) Man owes unto Him his very life. Then we might meditate upon life itself and see what are the promises with and without God both in this life and that which is to come. Yes, it pays to be still and know that God is GOD.

To know God is a wonderful comfort. It creates within us precious peace, which the world, or the things of the world cannot create or give. It gives us definite proof of the Eternal within our heart, sealed by the blessedness of the Holy Spirit. St. John 14:16-23; 17:20-23. "Through faith (the faith which we have) in the Lord Jesus Christ who gave up, for a time, his place in glory where he with the Father and the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit) looked down upon what was then void and created the world and all things which were created including man." St. John 1:1-3. Yes, He came to this old earth and took upon Himself the form of man that He might redeem man from his fallen state in sin, back to the glory of the Father and the Son teaching that He was the Lord from heaven and as He lived a life without sin and suffered even unto death on the cross. The Son of God from heaven, itself, condemned by man for whom He gave Himself to save, and murdered there between two thieves (Oh, how He loved us) and then He was buried and rose from the grave and appeared to His disciples many times, teaching them and reaffirming His glorious promises of eternal life to all who believe upon Him (St. John 20:19-31; 21:1-24) and thereby giving man the more definite, positive proof of the Eternal, and not willing that those who believed in Him should become unfaithful and turn back into sin, He sent (according to His promise) the Holy Spirit upon the day of pentecost (Acts 2:4) that He might abide in the hearts of His people forever (Matt. 28:20). Yes, to know God the Father and Jesus Christ whom He has sent us is life eternal (St. John 17:3). Meditating upon these things, dear friend, how can you disbelieve the wonderful promises of God? Consider for a moment that when you were born into this

world, God gave to you a soul that shall never die. Those who do not believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ shall die a death of separation from God but shall make their abode in hell there to dwell in a state of consciousness where they can realize the punishment of being among all the demons of Hell and the torture of hell fire (Luke 16:19-23; Mark 9:43-48) through a never ending eternity. (Rev. 20:14-15; Rev. 21:8; This is what is known as Eternal death. This then is a picture of those who do not believe and trust the Lord Jesus Christ. Which group will YOU be in? If you are a Christian and do not have faith to believe that what He has promised He will perform, how then can you expect the sinner to believe?

Now if you profess to be a Christian or if you do not, matters not, unless you have that definite positive faith which is the basis of all His promises. This is the faith that overcometh (1 John 5:1-15).

### Meditations No. 2

Methods, customs, and doctrines. Is man's faith centered in these or in the Lord Himself? Let us consider this question for a little while. Now to begin with, most of us agree that Jesus Christ our Lord did leave us an example that we should follow His steps (1 Peter 2:21) then if we follow His steps we should study the many different methods He used to teach the Gospel to all peoples and try to use the most practical for the people with whom we work.

We notice in studying the scriptures the Lord changed His method according to the occasion and the different people, but He never changed His teaching of true righteousness. Therefore methods are to be used not as customs or doctrines but as a means of reaching more people with the gospel. Some of the different methods used by the Lord are these: Matt. 8:3, "And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean." In this we notice the touch of the Master's hand. Then in Matt. 8:13, "And Jesus said unto the centurion, go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. Here we see the wonderful power of God manifested, not by the laying on of the Lord's hand, but simply upon the faith which this man had in the Lord. Then in Matt. 9:29, "Then touched he their eyes saying, according to your faith be it unto you." Mark 10:52, "Go thy way. Thy faith hath made thee whole." Notice the difference in words used by the Lord in teaching the true meaning of conversion. One instance was "being born again (to Nicodemus) in St. John 3:1-21. Another "living water and bread of life. (St. John 4:14; 6:33-35). Then we hear the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 9:22,23, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the Gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

In connection with these things please read carefully at least 6 times II Cor. 10:5,6,7. V. 5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obed-

ience of Christ." V. 6, "And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." V. 7, "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again that as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's."

Think it over. Can we who claim the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and who have trusted Him afford to have our faith centered in anything less than the Lord Himself?

Methods, Customs, and so called Doctrines. Many of them good, all become as nothing when compared to real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are speaking here of doctrines which men call the true teaching of the Word of God, but also differ greatly as to meaning. Many groups or churches are separated by only a few, sometimes only one or two points of doctrines such as: Eternal Security, Repentance, Baptism, the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit, Its Work (some even question its operation today and many others, the manner of its operation). These and many other things separate men from the love which is in Christ Jesus.

All of these things shall be done away, but God in His triune (three fold) being remains forever.

If we would be happy in the fellowship of the Lord, and of one another, then our faith must be in Him who is able to make us happy. Yes, tolerance is a wonderful thing among men. We tell each other that, but why can't we take some of our own medicine and practice it. Then we would be happy indeed.

We have mentioned these things that we might give them serious consideration. We believe they sometimes become the center of our affection and trust, thereby letting these things we have called methods, customs, and our own interpretations of the word become more important to us than the Lord our God.

### Meditations No. 3

"What is that to thee, follow thou me."—St. John 21:21,22.

Today as we look about and see the confusion, and strife among men, even men who have said, "I will" to the Blessed Lord, we wonder if their ears have grown deaf that they cannot hear the voice of the Lord calling down through the ages of time or do we, like Peter, when we hear the call of the Lord want to question the other fellow's position with Him. But the Lord said unto Peter (in effect) and therefore unto us, it is none of your business what I would have the other fellow do. But to follow me is your business.

Therefore it behooves us who have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to follow Him in all things—in our thinking, in our actions, in our contacts, and dealings with all men. Let us look with faith, believing unto Him who is able and anxious to lead us into all truth.

Some may think one thing and some another about the Lord's work. Some even deny to those who disagree with them any right to heaven and life eternal. And then when our hearts begin to

grow weary and heavy with sadness and a burden of love for them who have taken all things unto themselves, we hear the precious voice of Jesus, (St. John 3:36) "He that believeth upon the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." So then out of all the confusion and hatred about us today we need only call upon Him for wisdom and understanding and He will grant it according to our faith (James 1:5-7). Yes' it is our privilege to follow Him—to love all people for His sake, to have mercy upon all because He had mercy upon us, and upon them to believe all things which He has promised because we know they are true and shall be done, including judgement of all things which is also His to make and shall be performed by Him at the time appointed by the Father.

Then, down through the ages again we hear His precious voice saying of the contentions and strivings of men in their confusion caused by their faith being placed not in Him but in their own or their father's interpretations of the word. "But why worry ye over these things, what is that to thee? Follow thou me."

We, as is common unto man, are prone to do things our own way and seldom realize that they may be the result of our own personal desires. Therefore, when we analyze our own heart and find this to be the case, then we may know that we have turned aside after our own way and are not following the Lord, for He came not to do His own will but the will of the Father. (St. John 6:30; 6:38). Let's consider for a moment the great grief and sorrow which must have been His as He began the work of establishing His church in the midst of sin and unbelief. As He taught the people the way of eternal life, teaching them not only by word, which was truth itself, but by a living example of God's eternal truth. Then, seeing this true way of eternal life spurned and rejected by man whom He loved so much, is it any wonder that we, weak and helpless as we are become discouraged because our people have drifted into their separate ways and we do not see anything but heartaches and sorrow, trouble and persecution, as the result of our labors when we had hoped for joy and peace, love and fellowship. But such is the example He hath left us may we be willing and ready to follow. So help us Lord Jesus in Thy own blessed way Thy voice and Thy precepts always to obey—AMEN.



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## "THE SON WHO CAME IN THE FULNESS OF TIME."

Galatians 4:46.

By Rev. K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala.

There have been many great Sons born into the world, some from kings, monarchs, poets, authors, inventors, discoverers, explorers, scientists. There has recently been born a new king for the British Empire. There have recently been two queens of the Moslem world dethroned for having girls instead of boys. But there has never been a son born who has meant and can mean what this Son has meant to the world. Notice he was born in the fullness of time. Wasn't it the fullness of time when man fell in the Garden of Eden? There is where the first promise of the Saviour was given? But wait, wasn't it the fullness of time when the flood came and destroyed all the living except Noah and his family? It seems this was the time, but wait. The Ark was a type of the one who was to come in the fullness of time.

Say, wasn't it the fullness of time when God tore down the tower of Babel and confused their languages so they could not understand each other? But wait, wasn't it the fullness of time when they went to Egypt under Joseph seventy-five (75) strong of men, and came out under Moses 600,000 strong besides women and children after a 400 year stay. Wasn't it the fullness of time when they wandered in the wilderness 40 years without a changing of clothes until they become so sinful God killed all of them over 21 years of age for their disobedience and raise up an army who would mind Him and take orders? Wasn't it the fullness of time when the Old Testament ended with a generation of crooked priests and people who were robbers and athiests? Wasn't it the fullness of time when there were 400 silent years without the voice of priest or prophet between the Old Testament and the New Testament? So we read in Matt. 1:17,18, "So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen (14) generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen (14) generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ are fourteen (14) generations."

V. 18, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as His Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

Then He says God sent forth His Son, God's Son not the son of Hitler, Stalin, Pharaoh, Caesar, Herod, ball player, movie star, inventor, discoverer, or something, but the Son of the Creator and preserver, the Son of God. That's why he said in John 3:16, "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." Also Isa. 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called wonder-

ful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Surely He is God's Son although modernism says He was just a good man, good leader, good example, but not the Son of God. Look at John 16:28, "I came forth from the Father, and come into the world; again I leave the world and go to my Father." This emphatically tells us where He came from and where He went.

He said in His own ministry, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day and he saw it and was glad." Again, "Before Abraham was, I am." This fact was confirmed at His Baptism in Matt. 3:16, "and Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him and lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

This was the Father's indorsement at His baptism, confirming the fact He was God's Son. But listen what happened at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:5), "while he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." The voice said at the Baptism and Transfiguration that He is God's Son, but only at the Transfiguration did the voice say, "Hear ye Him."

Why did he say His only begotten Son? Because He was the only one brought forth by the Holy Ghost, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and according to Rom. 8:11, He was raised from the dead by the Holy Ghost.

The King James version says, "Made of a woman," the Revised Version says, "Born of a Woman."

If we can't accept His virgin birth, we can't accept His atonement. If we accept what Luke the physician says, we can accept His Birth. In Luke 1:30 we find, "and the angel said unto her, fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God, and behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. Then said Mary unto the Angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" The answer is found in Luke 1:35, "and the Angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The glorious part of all of is that He might redeem us. In I Peter 1:18,19 we find, "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by the tradition from your fathers, But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Read I Peter 1:22-25.

Christ came and lived under the law and kept it, though they crucified Him for not keeping it.

The penalty of the law was, James 2:10, "If ye

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# EDITORIAL



January, 1949

Time belongs to man. Man and time go hand in hand. Before the creation of man, there was no such thing as time. After man has passed from this stage of action there will cease to be such a thing as time. Time belongs only to man and his limited stay here. With God there is no such thing as time. No past or future tense with Him. All with God is in the present tense. In Exodus 3:14, He said, "I AM THAT I AM." Not I was or I will be, but, "I Am". All things are always and presently before Him. Someone said time is just a short space between two great and long eternities. Time has no effect on the great eternity of God in the least. Eternity "IS", time "WAS", time "IS" and we have hope that time "WILL BE".



As another year has passed by it reminds us anew that all things here are very transitory. That we are just sojourners and pilgrims and that truly here we have no continuing city. But thank the Lord, we seek one which is to come, don't we? As we again come face to face with the first month of the year, it should cause us to solemnly look back over the past year and ask ourselves a few questions concerning our stewardship. Too, we should enter upon this new year with good and firm intentions for improvement along every phase of Christian living and loyalty. This new year will be filled with new opportunities, new responsibilities, new challenges. I wish I could know that Free Will Baptists would faithfully meet every challenge of this coming year. If I could know that, I would feel greatly assured and greatly encouraged, because I am sure that if Jesus tarries this next year will bring before us as a people many a challenge to do greater things in advancing the cause of Christ in the earth.

Remember, the only consistent way to treat a mistake is to profit by it. So if we have made mistakes during the past year, or years, of our life, then, may we by God's grace cause it to become to us a stepping stone to a greater and more profitable Christian life.

We welcome the new year with joyous anticipation of great accomplishments among us before we shall have bid this year adieu.

## NEW ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI

You will notice elsewhere in this issue an ac-

count of the organization of a new association titled, The Mission Association, which organization took place at Mtn. Valley Church near Mtn. Grove, Mo. on the date of Dec. 14th. These twelve churches with their nineteen ministers, twenty-two deacons, and the laity are churches which formerly belonged to the Union Association which association withdrew from the Missouri State Association several years ago.

Personally, we are very happy for this move, and I am sure I speak the sentiments of many others out over the state. We have the greatest admiration for the ministers, deacons, and entire constituency of these churches for stepping out and doing the thing they felt God would have them do and with which He would be more pleased. It is common knowledge that in union there is strength. We need these brethren, and we are grateful to know they feel we can be a blessing to them. Indeed we are grateful to see this new association coming into the state organization.

We feel they manifested timely wisdom in naming the organization the MISSION ASSOCIATION. We are glad they are thinking in terms of missions. After all, if we have not the true missionary spirit, then of what use are we? Missions is the primary purpose God has in all of us.

As a result of this splendid move, we are looking forward to the accomplishment of greater things in this our Missouri State Association.



## REV. AND MRS. ROACH TO VISIT MO.

In this issue appears the itinerary of Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach for their tour of the state of Missouri in the interest of our missionary program. They are laboring under the auspices of the National Foreign Mission Board. As we have a missionary plan layed out this year in this state on a 70-30 basis (70% for foreign missions and 30% for home missions) they will therefore be working in the interest of both phases of the work. We are looking forward with great anticipation toward the results of this itinerary. Missouri must do something. We are sorry to say she has been falling far behind the last few months in her offerings to missions. Missouri has always been one of the leading states in the support of missions, and therefore her slackness of late has had a telling effect on our national treasury. We earnestly ask all our pastors to please urge your people to give Bro. and Sis. Roach a good hearing and a good response when they visit your church.

The itinerary as it appears in this issue is incomplete as yet. They will be spending most, if not all, of March in this state, but the balance of the itinerary will be planned and published in the February issue.

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

This is the most important question any one could ask, and I hope I can answer it in a way that anyone can understand the condition of pardon.

I believe one reason many are not able to answer this question is, they do not know the difference between a belief based upon evidence, and a saving faith.

If enough evidence is given, we believe a thing whether we want to or not.

The devils had that kind of belief (James 2:19).

Because of evidence, many a mother has been forced to believe her boy was a drunkard, regardless of how bad she hated to believe it.

But when Paul told the Jailer to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" it was something the Jailer had the power to do.

While God does give every responsible person the power of choice, yet He does not force anyone to accept Christ as their Saviour.

The condition of pardon is so clearly stated it seems that anyone could understand it.

Just "Believe on (Rely on, or trust in—see Young's concordance) the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 16:31).

Writing to the church at Ephesus Paul used the Greek words translated Believed and trusted, referring to the same thing. (Eph. 1:12,13)

I am sure no one could read water baptism into the condition of pardon without doing violence to the Holy Scriptures.

We will notice some Scriptures referred to to try to prove water baptism for the remission of sins.

We quote Acts 2:38: "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Peter stated to the ones he was talking to on the day of Pentecost, the condition of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Please read carefully, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST."

We read in Acts 10:45 that the GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST was poured out on the Gentiles.

Peter evidently referred to the Holy Spirit because we know that it was the Spirit that was poured out at Pentecost. (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17).

John's disciples received the Spirit after baptism (Matthew 3:11).

"For the Holy Ghost was not yet given" (John 7:38,39).

But now all receive the Spirit when they are saved and that before water baptism, as did Cornelius (Acts 10:44-47).

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." (1 John 5:10).

"And it is the Spirit that beareth witness." (1 John 5:6).

Water baptism never anymore washed away sins

than the offering the Priest offered for the cleansing of the Leper healed leprosy. (Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14; Levi 14:3,4).

The Priest would not have offered this unless the Leper had already been healed.

Another Scripture referred to is 1 Peter 3:20: "Eight souls were saved by water."

You will note that only the eight that got into the Ark before they got into the water were saved. All the others were drowned.

We are not ready for the water until we get into the Ark (Church or Body of Christ).

Baptism is: "The answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21).

Paul said, "If Christ be in you the body (and that is the only part of man we can baptize) is dead" (Rom. 8:10).

And dead people are the only ones that should be buried.

To baptize a man before he is saved would be, spiritually speaking, burying a live person.

Some one said, "After we confess, we must be baptized before we are saved," but John said, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God" (1 John 4:15).

And since God only dwells in saved people, that someone must be wrong.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9,10).

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that BELIEVETH; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

"Wherefore the Law was our Schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by FAITH."

"But after that FAITH is come, we are no longer under a Schoolmaster."

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:24-26).

"For by grace are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God . . . not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9).

Jesus told the woman, "Thy FAITH hath saved thee: go in peace" (Luke 7:50).

The Angel told Cornelius to send and get Peter "Who shall tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:14).

Peter told him about Jesus and said, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever BELIEVETH in him—Jesus—shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43).

They heard the word of the gospel and believed. (Acts 15:7). Their hearts were purified by FAITH (Acts 15:9). And they received the Holy Ghost before they were baptized, (Acts 10:47).

One might repent—I believe many do—and fail

to trust, but no one ever trusted in Christ without first giving up sin.

If you are a Sinner and want to be saved bad enough to give up sin and live a Christian, I beg you to come now and trust in Jesus.

He saved the woman at the well. (John 4),

The woman off the streets (Luke 7),

The thief on the cross (Luke 23),

And all kinds of sinners for the last 1900 years. He will save you too.

"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).

God grant that this little pamphlet may be used for His glory and cause many to accept Christ as their Saviour, is my prayer.

A Servant

Rev. A. B. Talbert  
Tulsa, Oklahoma



## TIME TO GO FORWARD

(Read Deuteronomy 2:1-7)

By B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.

As pilgrims and strangers on the earth, there are two dangers to which Christians are constantly exposed, that of sitting at ease in their present comfortable condition, or of rushing impatiently into things which seem right unto men.

The Israelites set out in faith to go from Sinai to the "Promised Land," but when well on their way something upset their faith, and they were beset by doubts and fears—they lacked the assurance that the Lord's Word and promises would turn out to their satisfying good. Rather than to accept God's word and trust all to Him, these Israelites desired the word and counsel of men; so they sent twelve men over to spy out the land. These twelve unanimously reported a wonderful land "flowing with milk and honey," and they all reported that they saw the giants and the walled cities. Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, who trusted in the Lord, advised going at once to possess the land; but the other ten, who saw and reasoned as men without God, said it would be impossible for Israel to overcome the giants, take the walled cities and possess the land. So God's chosen people rejected God's word and accepted the word and counsel of the ten worldly-wise spies, and were doomed to wander in the wilderness until they all perished. How like the Israelites of old are many modern day Christians—millions are wondering in the wilderness, and will most certainly perish, except they turn back to God in willing obedience. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He will bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).

### Loitering Pilgrims

When Israel left Egypt, it took them forty-five days to reach Sinai. Here the people sanctified themselves, and received the ten Commandments,

spoken by the Lord from mount Sinai, and the "church" in the wilderness was inaugurated fifty days after the Passover, instituted just before they left Egypt (See Exo. 12). During the eleven months and nineteen days they tarried at Sinai, they received the Law, built the tabernacle, ate manna and drank water from the smitten rock, being all the while reminded of God's presence by the pillar of cloud by day and by the pillar of fire by night.

When all things were ready for the journey, when the people had done according to the commands of the Lord, spoken by the mouth of Moses, they set out on their journey from Sinai, bound for the "Promised Land," and arriving at Kadesh-Barnea on the eleventh day, just one year after reaching Sinai from Egypt. It was at Kadesh that Israel made the fatal mistake of accepting the counsel of the ten worldly-wise spies—then began her forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

After many days spent at Kadesh, Moses led the people on their journey, as the Lord directed. Journeying into the wilderness by way of the Red sea, they came into the land of Esau (Edom) unto mount Seir and compassed mount Seir many days. As the pilgrims loitered about the mountain, the Lord said unto Moses, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn ye northward" (verse 3). They had wandered a long time, and were not so far from the land of promise, yet they seemed loath to leave the mountain. It was time for them to go forward; so the Lord said, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward." And since the land of Canaan lay north of Edom, they were commanded to journey northward—they set their faces toward the land that the Lord had freely given them. It is a blessed thing to be saved from the wrath to come, but it is a miserable thing to waste time in idleness and miss God's blessings. The mountain may be fascinating to look at, and it may be a pleasant place to rest; but there is a very scant supply of spiritual food there.

Dear Christian friend, could it be said with regard to your spiritual experience, "You have compassed this mountain long enough"? If so, it is time for you to go forward unto the place where the Lord will bless you and fit you for fruitful service. Press on to the mark of your high calling in Christ Jesus; and see that your neck is not stiffened looking only at the things of earth. "Turn you northward." Look up and expect the fulfillment of God's exceeding great and precious promises. Look not for the muck of earth; but look up! Just above is a crown of glory waiting for you.

### Warning

"Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren, the children of Esau . . . meddle not with them" (verses 4 & 5). They were not to meddle with the Edomites, nor distress the Moabites, neither should they distress the Ammonites. These people were all descendants of Abraham; God had



given them their lands; and their possessions were not to be shared with Israel—Israel must not expect any possessions among them. We should not be officious with the people of the world, neither should we have fellowship with them: but by our daily living, we should give the world a pattern of true Christian life. When God blesses His people, He does it righteously, even in the presence of the ungodly. It is time now for all Christians to go forward in all things which pertain unto life and godliness, even as flaming lights which shine in the world.

### God Blesses His People

"The Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand" (verse 7). God's favor always means blessing. God gave His people food and drink and took away all sickness. There were no doctors among the Israelites; so God blessed them with perfect health. God caused their garments and their shoes to wear for forty years. Just to be in God's favor is far better than to have an abundance of the very best the world can give.

### God Knows All Things

"He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness" (verse 7). God knoweth the way we take—He knows all about us. Our Lord and Savior was tempted in all points like as we are, and is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Yes, He knows thy walking, whether it is through great trial and suffering or along the sunny path of painless prosperity. And every faithful Christian may safely say—

"Where He may lead I'll follow  
My trust in Him repose,  
And every hour in perfect peace,  
I'll sing, He knows, He knows."

### God's Presence

"The Lord thy God hath been with thee" (verse 7). Do we not have evidence that the Lord our God has been with us? Do we know His presence now? Will His faithfulness toward us fail in the future? If your heart honestly seeks His honor and His glory, you may be sure He will not leave you nor forsake you. God cannot deny Himself. But He would be denying Himself and robbing His Word of its power and glory, if His presence failed the humble, child-like spirit. He hath been with thee: He will bless thee still.

### God Satisfies Every Need

"Thou hast lacked nothing" (verse 7). Jesus said unto His disciples, "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything?" And they answered, "Nothing." (Luke 22:35). Out of heaven and from the flinty rock the God of all grace supplied all His people needed. There may be many things we want, but we shall lack no good thing when He is with us. "But my God shall supply all your need" (Phil. 4:19). Many times the Hebrews murmured for the things they wanted in the wilderness, but the Lord their God declared that they lacked nothing. "Be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb.

13:5). David said in Psalm 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteousness forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." In the face then of all God's providence, why should any Christian worry about things yet to come,



### IN MEMORY

*In memory of Rev. W. C. Hill  
St. Louis, Missouri*

*A loving husband and father who passed away*

*January 8, 1940*

Daddy has gone from us forever  
Gone from a bed of pain,  
Into eternal gladness  
Never to suffer again.

The face we loved is now laid low,  
The voice we loved is still.  
We often sit and think of him,  
As he lies in death's cold chill.

What would we give to clasp his hand,  
And his dear face to see,  
To hear his voice, to see his smile,  
That meant so much to me?

The Saviour who loved him so dearly,  
Who walked by his side all the way,  
For him He had furnished a mansion  
So he's gone to that mansion to stay.

We weep with hearts that are breaking,  
Yet, smile as we read God's Word,  
For we know his spirit is waiting  
In the paradise of God.

—Mrs. Birdie McCauley



### Greetings and Appreciations from Rev. R. B. Crawford

Dear Reader:

Thousands like you have prayed many prayers for me. Hundreds of you have sent either a card or letter to me expressing your wishes and trust for my recovery. Words have come from the most distant places of the earth to me. I can assure you I keenly feel a sense of humility and gratitude to God and you for all these expressions of love and interest in me. May I say, "Thank you and God Bless you."

I am so grateful to be able to write that I am yet improving. I have been doing limited service with the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina since November 3. The Lord is gloriously blessing this church.

Sincere and personal greetings to you during this Holy season.

Robert B. Crawford  
303 Meade St.  
Greenville, N. C.

# CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

## Revival at Rock Chapel

Rev. Mark Lewis of Myrtle, Mo. has recently closed a ten night's revival with our church at Rock Chapel near Norwood, Mo. Four souls saved was the result of the meeting besides the good that was done in the church. This was Bro. Lewis' first visit to this church. The people of the church and community learned to love him dearly during his short stay with them, and would like to have had him stay longer could he have done so. As this is a church we are serving as pastor personally, I am very grateful for the meeting and the good it did in the church and community. We have a fine group of people to work with at Rock Chapel, and they are very loyal to our denominational program. Bro. Lewis, you will be welcome to come Rock Chapel way again.

Winford Davis

## A Great Revival Now In Progress With Our Church in Monett

Dr. Jack L. Neville, Th'D, Litt'D, is now into the fourth week in a revival with our church in Monett. A number of souls have been saved to date. I am unable to give the exact number. Large crowds have been in attendance every night to hear the marvelous messages of power Dr. Neville has been delivering. Dr. Neville is a man of wide experience in the evangelistic field. He has travelled extensively, having spent several months on the mission field in the Belgian Congo in Africa. People from over a wide area of this section of the country are attending these meetings and are being greatly blessed by them. Dr. Neville is a very deep man in the Word, a very humble man and consequently a very powerful man in the spirit. You will make no mistake in calling this man for a revival should you be able to secure his services.

## TWO GOOD REVIVALS

I had the privilege of conducting to revivals for Rev. Cecil Campbell. One was at the Hannon F. W. B. Church and the other was at the Jones' Chapel Church.

There were six professions at the Hannon Church, and one of the happiest scenes of this revival was to see a man nearly seventy years of age kneel at the altar and give his heart to God.

There were also six professions at the Jones' Chapel Church.

At both revivals we met and fellowshiped with many brothers and sisters in Christ that we had never met before. We enjoyed the fine fellowship with Bro. Campbell. God used him in both revivals in a marvelous way in bringing forth messages that touched the unsaved.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Albert Halbrook

## REPORT OF REVIVAL AT HAPPY HILL CHURCH

After closing a very pleasant revival and time of

Christian fellowship with Rev. H. B. Smith and his church at Macedonia, eight miles from Monett Sat. night December 4th, we went through Springfield to be with Rev. Bert Hall and his church for the 11 a.m. service December 5th and enjoyed a good service with this church and a splendid dinner and visit with Bro. Hall and family. Driving on to our Happy Hill Church in Laclede County to begin a meeting with Rev. Henry Long on Sunday night, we found some people who loved the Lord and who were ready to work. On Monday a man of the church took us out to call on people who were not regular attenders at the church. On Tuesday another man went out with us. During these two days we called on 18 homes and three schools. On Wednesday we began our day services. Yes, God still puts His approval on the good old fashioned day service with prayer, praise and the study of His Word. Bro. Long was in a meeting at Niangua and did not get to come until Friday night of the first week. During the 15 nights we were with these people, 13 came to the altar and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and 11 united with the church. Yes, God is still on the throne and in the soul saving business.

Your humble servant,

Rev. O. T. Allred

## Newly Organized Association

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It gives us pleasure to report in part the organization of the Mission Association, and that all may know the purpose of the organization, I shall state the Preamble and Art. 2 of its Constitution.

**PREAMBLE**—From experience, we the Free Will Baptist Churches, in order to form a more perfect union and that we may affiliate ourselves with other Free Will Baptist Bodies, have come together and organized into an Association.

**Art. 2**—It shall be the purpose of this Association to cooperate with the Mo. State and National Associations in their efforts to solicit, combine, and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church; for the promotion of home and foreign missions, Christian Education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptists Leagues, Ladies Auxiliary Work, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in General.

The meeting for the organization was held at the Mtn. Valley Church located nine miles northwest of Mtn. Grove on Dec. 14th with a very large crowd of God-loving people in attendance. Services were opened by singing and prayer.

Rev. Ben Scott, pastor of the church, opened devotional services after which Rev. H. B. Smith stated the purpose of the meeting.

Rev. O. T. Allred was elected Moderator for the organization with Rev. F. C. Zinn Assistant Moderator, and Rev. Harry Beatty as Clerk.

We are grateful indeed for these good men together

with Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Henry Long, Rev. Paul Williams, and others who assisted in the organization.

A very able gospel message was brought at the eleven o'clock hour by Rev. Henry Long. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served by the women-folk. The good spirit of union and love prevailed throughout the day.

There were 19 ordained ministers, 22 deacons, and 12 churches which came into the organization. One deacon, Bro. Jess Young, from the Pleasant Hill Church was ordained at this service. We pray that by the help of God we may help further the cause and ask the prayers of God's people everywhere.

Rev. H. B. Smith, Reporter



### Social Justice Report at Central Texas Association

By Effie R. Hibbetts, North Zulch Church  
North Zulch, Texas

The home was instigated for the propagation of society and to serve as a medium through which society might best function. In some respects the home has failed thus placing it on the problem list for social justice. When I begin thinking about a subject or some phase of God's work to discuss as a social justice problem, I become interest in the home. This seems to be a very timely subject as different phases of the home are being discussed by educators, juvenile courts, psychologists and people of all ranks and professions.

The home in general is far too broad a subject to be discussed here. In order to be brief I have a few remarks about the home, the need for Christian homes, and what Christian homes need.

The home is one of our greatest heritages; it was directly instituted by God. In God's creation He provided for the home when he made man and woman. Man was the crowning work of God's creation and then woman was made to complete the unit. Is this unit now crowning God? You can answer this for yourself.

It is a universally accepted fact that the home is the basis of all civilization. For home to be abolished would mean national suicide; history relates many sad catastrophes which have befallen nations and individuals because of unstable family life. The head of households were unwilling to say, as Joshua, "As for me and my family, we are going to serve the Lord."

Today we need homes which are willing to serve the Lord. We need homes to give Him an abiding place. Many Christians are still making the Son of God sleep in the manger. There seems to be no room in the homes; others are leaving Him at the church house to await their return on Sunday morning; some have Him at home but keep Him put away until no one is around and then they quietly talk to Him. The one who gave His life that we might have life everlasting is deserving of the best that any home can afford. He should be talked to, talked about, and studied about that He might be as familiar a figure as any member of the family. Many children whose parents claim to be Christians, have never heard a prayer said, word read from the Bible, or the name of Jesus ever mentioned in the home.

If Christian character is to be built in the home, Christ must be made supreme. A child is influenced by its home

life more than any other environmental source; therefore the home must accept the responsibility of giving the proper training.

The poet has said: "It takes a lot of living to make a home," and a lot of living is what most Christians need to be doing. Has your church checked to see what kind of homes you have, how many read the Bible and discuss God's Word, how many have family prayer, how many in the family pray aloud, how many offer thanks at meal time, and how many discuss God in relation to everyday problems?

God says to teach thy children. Many older people who reared their families can now see the error of their ways and will openly admit how differently they would do if they could only re-live their lives. Time never turns backward, so let's make good use of today for we know not what tomorrow may bring.

Homes built upon God's foundation are more stable and can often weather a storm which may completely destroy an ungodly home. If the very presence of a Bible is of value in the home, and some people consider the mere presence of this book as somewhat of a good luck charm, how much more valuable the open Bible would be; the open Bible is one that is read and studied from day to day.

Here are a few brief reasons why the open Bible should be a part of every home:

First. The Bible teaches systematic living. Life itself is more or less a routine affair. Even in the Creation, God did His work in an orderly and systematic way.

Second. It teaches the supremacy of God. The closer we live to God, the more we feel His power and great strength and learn that we may do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us.

Third. The Bible serves to unite the family in the closest bonds of love, and how sacred are these memories when the members of the family begin to drift apart.

Fourth. The Bible builds respect for one's self and his fellowman. Very few lawless people come from homes where an open Bible is found.

Fifth. The Bible fortifies for temptations which come into the lives of boys and girls. When they have the word of God hid in their hearts, they can not easily sin against it. It serves as their breastplate of righteousness and makes saying No to sin easy, although their many associates may say Yes.

Sixth. It trains for personal work. One feels no timidity in testifying for Christ when He is a part of his daily life. Often a sinner has been heard to testify for the Christ his mother knew. Boys and girls may not always live up to the things they are taught; yet they never forget them and often pass them on as a testimony of the Christ who died for all.

As Christian people, let's resolve to try to do something to improve our homes and the homes of our denomination for Christ.



Drynob, Mo.

November 12, 1948

Dear Gem Family:

As I am renewing my sub., I'll try to send a word from the Cross Roads Church. I don't want to miss one of our Gems its like a visit with our friends. I wish every church

could send a report. There have been many changes at Cross Roads since I wrote 'but there is still a faithful few trying to carry on and God is still blessing.

In July, 1946 Bro. Curtis Wilson refused to accept the church as pastor any longer as he had been here 12 years. Then we called Bro. Roy Jones, and he moved away in a few months leaving us without a pastor. We then called Bro. Lonnie Ruble to finish his time; then in July at our regular time to call a pastor, we called Bro. Dale Jones who is at this time our pastor.

Bro. Dale has only been preaching a few years, but is a real man of God and a wonderful pastor.

We had a two weeks revival in October with 3 praying through and accepting Jesus in their hearts. Many times during this revival, praises were heard all over the house. God in His wisdom has called home several of our worthy members who are sadly missed. Among them were two ministers, Rev. Nelson Reud, and Rev. M. E. Brashur; also Bro. and Sis. George Bingham, Bro. and Sis. Pete Myers. We realize our great loss is heaven's gain.

There have also been new workers added to the church to help carry on God's work at this place.

May God bless our Gem family and our good editor. Let's keep our paper going and growing in the name of our Blessed Lord.

Yours in His service,  
Alpha Jane

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Hatcher, W. Va.  
Dec. 13, 1948

Dear Editor:

I wish to give you some news concerning our church. We have built a new church we have named Little Hope. Our church is growing and we have a wonderful Sunday School of 135, and it has just started. I am Bible Teacher. We are collecting for our foreign mission program after we receive our Sunday School collection. Bro. Russell Esteppe is Superintendent, and Rev. Ernest Spince is our pastor.

Respectfully yours  
H. L. Tilley

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318 S. Blanchard St.  
Findlay, Ohio  
December 16, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis.

I am enclosing one dollar for renewal of my subscription to the Gem for one year.

I assure you that you have my sincere desires and prayers for the progress of our denomination for the cause of Christ.

In return I ask you and the Gem readers to support me by your prayers that I may do the Lord's will in my efforts to organize a church here in Findlay. We feel that a church is needed here badly since the closest Free Will Baptist Church is about seventy-five miles from here.

Perhaps, if we will pray and trust the Lord, He will send some Free Will Baptist people here to help us as I am the only one around here that I know of.

Yours for the advancement of the cause of Christ

I Remain,  
Elder W. L. Easterly

Dear Gem Readers:

It is with a sad heart that I write these few lines. My dear husband passed away December the 9th at 3:25 o'clock a.m. We laid him to rest in the evening of the 10th of December at Lemley cemetery. Mr. White, the undertaker, had charge of his body which he brought home. He lay in state at the home with me and the children the last day and night he was here on earth. I am so sad and lonely without him. We were married sixty years ago the 1st of November, 1948. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at New Hope 9 miles west of Weatherford, Texas in December, 1943 shortly after the church was organized and was put in for clerk of the church shortly after he joined the church, and served till about three years ago when his hearing got bad and he resigned, and we moved to Weatherford about two years ago and went into the Weatherford Free Will Baptist Church of which he was a member when he fell asleep in Jesus. I will send in his obituary. Pray for me.

Mrs. R. L. White

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### Free Will Baptist Bible College Experiences Revival

We should like to share with you news of the blessings we have recently received in a revival that came to the students of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

There was no evangelist with stirring messages, but a revival accomplished by prayer. God has come into all our hearts with such power and blessing that we feel that we have been lifted to higher heights of God's love than we have ever experienced.

Here is how it happened. We had gathered this school year with a great love for our Lord and a determination to serve Him, but it was not long until we felt the need of a deeper work of His grace in our hearts.

The girls, in their prayer meetings, began to ask the Lord for a greater outpouring of His Spirit. This spirit of desire continued to grow, and it was not long until they were experiencing an unusual sense of the presence of the Lord.

It was then that they became burdened for the entire student body, that everyone might share in a richer experience of God's grace. It soon became evident—as different girls related their experiences—that they had received blessings that others had not. Then it was that the student body as a whole began to make supplications unto the Lord that He would draw near unto us and enrich our lives with His presence.

It soon followed that the thoughts and interest of the entire student body were so taken up with spiritual things that our regular class schedule was set aside and we entered into a praise service which lasted for several hours. No one was ashamed of his tears as the entire group abandoned themselves to the Holy Spirit as He worked mightily in our hearts causing them to overflow with joy and praise for this unusual work of grace.

Such earnest prayer must have results, and we mention some we have observed. Each feels a love for his brothers and sisters in Christ that he did not have before. One student confessed that he had never been really saved—that his had been an empty profession—and he



was gloriously saved. Eight persons announced calls to foreign mission fields—some to China, some to Japan, and some to India—while others rededicated their lives to the Lord Jesus. Among us now, is a unity in love. Students and faculty all feel more closely drawn together in bonds of Christian fellowship—for which we are praising the Lord.

We praise the Lord, too, for a praying faculty for we believe that it was through their prayers that all this came about. We trust that this revival may spread to our home churches and out over our denomination.

We are impressed with the news that the Lord has been bringing revival blessings to our missionaries in India

So the Holy Spirit is working on the opposite sides of this great earth, and that should encourage our hearts and strengthen our faith.

We ask that you pray with us that the revival may continue to burn in our hearts and may spread until all our people may feel the influence of God's Spirit working in an unusual way in us and through us to bring a lost world to Himself. Pray, too, for the physical as well as the spiritual needs of our school so that we may continue to grow and to keep the spiritual atmosphere we enjoy now.

—Students of Free Will Baptist Bible College

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

From Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, 1948

Sublette League .....	\$ 5.00
Merl's Chapel C. ....	5.00
Golden Oak .....	1.79
Rev. Curtis Wilson .....	5.00
Fredericktown C. ....	23.73
3rd St. Louis C. ....	12.25
Southside C. ....	10.00
Rev. Robert Wilson (pledge) .	10.00
Golden Oak .....	6.70
Merl's Chapel C. ....	5.00
Total .....	\$ 84.47

We do appreciate the good response we are receiving to our list of youth camp needs. We have a number of pledges to add to our list this month. If you have pledged, watch for your name opposite the article. If it fails to appear, please notify me. If you would like to pledge, let me hear as early as possible.

Wm. Reeves

Here are the names of the pledges this month:

2 tubs, 1 wash board—Mrs. H. L. Alexander.

6 dippers	}      Leadington League
4 pairing knives	
2 serving forks	
4 serving spoons	
6 10 to 14 qt. Kettles	}      Flat River League
4 pairing knives	
2 serving forks	

Rev. Wm Reeves  
Irontdale, Mo.

### MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT (November)

#### STATE UNIFIED FUND

Leadington S. S. ....	\$ 3.83
Mine La Motte C. ....	6.13
Carterville Church .....	17.06
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, .....	5.00

Monett C. ....	23.22
Total .....	\$ 55.24

#### EXPANSION PROGRAM

Merl's Chapel C. ....	\$ 5.00
Myron Hyatt .....	2.00
Total .....	\$ 7.00

#### TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Sunbeam C. H. C. U. S. S. ....	\$ 15.00
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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND

Independence C. ....	\$ 16.57
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dunn ....	25.00
Amity C. ....	10.00
Hannon C. ....	5.00
Union Light S. S. ....	15.29
Total .....	\$ 71.86

#### MISSION FUND

Morning Meditations .....	\$ 20.00
New Prospect S. S. ....	10.00
Niangua Q. M. ....	3.25
Campbell S. S. ....	2.95
Golden Oak S. S. ....	3.09
Golden Oak League .....	2.77
Southside C. ....	7.80
Independence C. ....	15.78
Carterville Church .....	7.50
Hickory G., Haddam, Kans. ..	15.45
Jewel C. ....	8.72
Flat River .....	22.17
Necla C. ....	7.35
Monett C. ....	12.50
Total .....	\$ 139.33

Marie Hyatt, Treas.

### REPORT OF ALABAMA F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME

Nov., 1948

#### Total paid out:

Salaries .....	\$386.50
Grocery and feed bill .....	231.84
Alabama power bill .....	21.58
Payment on stove .....	18.21
Payment, washing machine ..	15.40
Hospital insurance .....	17.75
Postage and office supplies ..	18.58
Electric supplies .....	1.02

Drugs .....	15.79
Doctor bill .....	2.00
Coal .....	70.20
Dry cleaning children's clothes	3.25
Expenses and gasoline for bus	69.97
Telephone bill .....	5.56
Freight charges .....	2.40
New furnace installed .....	628.16
Automatic water pump .....	68.65
One Holstein Jersey Cow ....	190.00
One Jersey Cow .....	180.00
Delivering charges (cow) ....	10.00
Total .....	\$2,956.80
Amount received, Nov. ....	\$1,342.35
Brought forward, Oct. ....	\$1,425.10
Total .....	\$2,767.48

Amount overdrawn for Nov. .. \$189.32

We trust that our heavy overhead expense is about over. The new heating system is in and doing a splendid job. The two cows have been bought and are here for use.

We are planning to show on our next report sheets the person or group and the amount donated during the month. If your offering does not reach us by the last day of the month, it will be counted on the following month.

Please see that we get a copy of your associational minutes as we will need them for our new mailing list.

If you have some kind of band instrument you will be willing to donate to the home, we will appreciate getting it. We hope to begin training a musical class soon.

We are getting some corn and feed but not enough to last long. We are still calling for CORN, HAY, COTTON SEED, and FEEDS of any kind. We still need one piano. Foods of any kind can be used, and money is still a need.

Yours sincerely

W. H. Rylans, Supt.



# Missionary Department



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

*Received too late for last issue.*

Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Our Dear Colaborers:

Is it possible that weeks have slipped into months, and the months of another year almost gone? We haven't been intentionally negligent about writing to you through the papers, it is only that we have such full days—with the labors so great and the laborers so few.

We have felt your prayers during these months of school. God has richly blessed and we are having one of the best years in the history of the school. The students themselves have manifested a spirit of cooperation and a willingness to get under the burden that has been a joy to our hearts. However, more than that has been the joy of seeing their hunger for a deep consecration. We have been praying so much for a real out-pouring of His Spirit upon the school and the field—we believe we are seeing the first fruits. Each noon the students who do not have duties meet for a season of prayer, praying only for a revival. Their hearts are burdened, so are ours, that God shall call out of our midst a Moody, a John Wesley, or Spurgeon for Cuba and Latin America. He has the power, the only lack is the consecrated life. Latin America has never known a revival!

The Conquistadores came to this Latin World looking for gold. The conquerors of North America went looking for religious liberty. The results for the search of gold is darkness, rebellion, and ignorance. The results for the search of religious liberty has been the birth of the most progressive, the richest, and, most blessed nation on earth.

The challenge and opportunity of the youth of this rich and blessed nation is manifold. He holds in his hand and heart that for which the whole world consciously or unconsciously hungers—the salvation of his soul. He knows the Pearl of great price that has made him free! How blessed have we been to be born the first time in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Thank God for those early pilgrims, our forefathers, who adventured for religious liberty and not for gold.

The Latin Christian youth does not have this history of freedom and light in which he has been nurtured. His has been a background of superstition, ignorance of the Word, and bondage to a church system that has taken the place of God. Now he feels he, too, must become a conqueror! The task will be harder than those who came to look for a new land because the years have formed a mold that is set. His challenge is greater—his debt to his own people weighs heavily upon his heart.

This is why our hearts are burdened—that from our own school God shall call forth a yielded life that shall be as a flaming sword conquering the land in the name of Him whose name we hear, whose torch shall never be quenched and whose banner shall never lose a victory. God grant that we shall be so on fire with the marching

orders that we shall not look back or faint along the way. In His glorious name we shall conquer and become conquerors of souls.

Because of this background Latin America does not have a Thanksgiving Day. However, since the first year of school, we have declared a holiday on that Day and our students look forward to it as one of the happiest days of the school year. They really love Thanksgiving Day! On this past Thursday again with you in the States, we celebrated this Day of giving thanks to our Heavenly Father. There was over the school in the morning a spirit of worship and reverence. Rev. Carlos Estevez, a pastor from one of the neighboring towns brought the message. He held us spellbound for almost an hour on "Why Give Thanks." The faculty and students were deeply moved and stirred. God did speak to our hearts. After the service, we gathered in our new dining room, so beautifully decorated by the girls and teachers, to a real Cuban feast. We had roast pig, rice, beans, fresh lettuce, and radishes from our own school garden. For dessert we had fruit from our own trees. As I looked about these long tables at our spiritual children, saw the joyful, clean cut faces, knowing the transformation that has been made in each of their lives, the homes from which they have come, my own heart was overwhelmed with thanksgiving. Surely God has been good to give us a small share in this reformation.

After the dinner there was a program, prepared mostly by the students. They had a delightful time with their Bible quizzes and questions. Their prank this year was on Miss Yeley. Since her birthday was the following day, and since no one on the field has ever been able to ascertain her exact age, the students decided to fix one for her. I am thinking she would have done better to have told her age, for now they have her at 62! !

There was then a time of testimonies and prayer; afterwards the boys played ball. It was a glorious day. Though we all missed my husband who was in the states, we realized anew that for the Christian every day should be a Thanksgiving Day and it is our blessed Lord who causes us "in everything to give thanks."

Now Christmas is almost here with its many programs and activities. It hardly seems like December, the heat has been so intense this year. We are praying that there shall be days in which hearts shall be born again, and the message shall be given out to many who have never heard. God help us not to think of ourselves but of the millions to whom Christmas is a foreign word.

You shall, perhaps, want to know about the children. They are having a good year at Toccoa Falls Schools, Toccoa, Ga. They will be staying there for the holidays—Their first away from any of the family, so you'll pray for them on Christmas, won't you? They are finding their Lord sufficient to meet their every need, and are beginning to put into practice that which they have learned

on the mission fields—"being thankful in every little thing."

May I take this opportunity to wish for you, our dear friends and fellow workers in the Gospel, a most blessed Christmas season. May He be born anew in your hearts with reviving fires, and a passion to reach out to the uttermost parts of the earth with His glorious message of salvation, until every nation tribe and tongue shall rise up and call Him blessed.

Please know that we love you, that we are depending upon you, that we are trusting with you for even greater victories in 1949.

Yours in His bonds of love,

Mabel Willey

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Dahari Kothi, Katihar  
Purnea District, Bihar  
Nov. 26, 1948

Dear Friends in the Home Land:

Here we come with greetings from Purnea District in Northeast India, possibly the most malarious district in all of India. It is said that during the rainy season that practically all travel is done on the back of elephants and buffaloes. For these and other reasons there are few Americans, Englishmen or any other foreigners. A white face is still enough of a novelty to cause a crowd of curious men, women, and children to gather around you everytime one of us stops at a shop. If we have to haggle about the price of an article, traffic is apt to be held up for some distance. Of course, one reason may be our halting speech. In the first place the High Hindi taught in the Language School is not exactly the language of the masses; in the second place, we are not far beyond the beginning stages in the speaking of the language; and in the third place, we have a marked foreign accent in the few sentences that we use without pausing to think what comes next. We live about a mile and a half from the town and the villagers who live near are not familiar with foreigners. Almost every day one sees men riding on huge elephants or buffaloes.

Due to the fact that the land is not far above sea level, it is very warm here. Although it is the last of November, and we are in the midst of the cool season, the days can be rather warm and the nights are very comfortable. Since clothes are not needed for warmth, many of the children of the poorer folk do not wear them. As far as we know there is no electricity in the private homes of the town unless some have a private plant. There is light and power at the railroad station and to or three theaters of the town generate their own power. There is no general sewage or water system. Three years ago the population of Katihar was ten thousand people. Today the population is probably in excess of forty thousand. The same holds true for the entire district of Purnea. Ten years ago the population of the district was two and a quarter million. Today it is, perhaps, three times that many. The principal reasons are: first, the great influx of refugees from East Pakistan which is near by; second, huge jute mills and other industries have and are being opened in the district; third, for many reasons many came to the district during World War II and have remained.

There is a Pentecostal Mission in Katihar. Until recently there have been only two ladies but at the present there are four missionaries and two Indian evangelists and their families. The final decision where our permanent station will be located in the district has not been made as both land and houses are almost impossible to rent or lease. We had intended to settle at Purnea for the cool season while we continued the study of the language and do what the Lord brought our way. However, we were unable to find quarters there and we will be here at the present or until the Lord directs us to other fields. There are very few in the district that have heard of the "Old, Old Story of Jesus and His Love." Christians in the district are very few and most of them are refugees from Bengal part of which is now Pakistan.

The Cronks live in a house next to us and our fellowship together has been sweet indeed. May the new year open wider doors of service to both you and us.

Your Missionaries,

Paul and Nellie Woolsey

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#### OBITUARY

R. L. White died Thursday in this city at the age of 86 years. A pioneer of Parker County, he passed away at his home at 114 East Third Street in Weatherford at an early hour Thursday following a gradual decline in health of the past three years. He and his family had lived in the New Hope Community for more than Sixty-nine years until he and his wife moved to Weatherford two years ago. He was born in North Carolina, and when a boy his parents came by wagon train to Grayson County, Texas where they lived for a time; then, like all pioneers seeking a better place, moved to Arkansas for a year or so and then to Parker County where they settled permanently. Uncle Bob, as he was familiarly called, was a good Christian and an honorable man who enjoyed the love and friendship of his neighbors and friends throughout his community.

He is survived by his wife, one son, R. O. White of Roswell, N. M., and three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Willhite, Weatherford, Mrs. Bertha Smith, Odessa, and Mrs. K. A. Walker, Mineral Wells, two sons preceded him in death, Max W. White and L. C. White, also by 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, one brother, C. O. White of Lubbock, and five sisters, Mrs. Maggie Stanley, Weatherford, Mrs. Lizzie Lemley, Phoenix, Ariz, Mrs. Fannie Richardson, Parker County, Mrs. Nora Porter, Pauls Valley, Okla., Mrs. Hattie Boyd, Perrin, Texas.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock from White's Funeral Home by Rev. E. A. Ferguson, our pastor, and J. A. Brooks, a former pastor. Rev. J. H. Measures, a former pastor prayed and the Brooks sisters sang. The pall bearers were A. J. Measures, Weatherford, Harry Grimes, Ft. Worth, Earl Grimes, Ft. Worth, Roy Lankin, Weatherford, George Hendrickson, Wichita Falls, Estes Melton, Weatherford.

Weatherford, Texas

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#### OBITUARY

Charles Frank Hamby, age 76 years, 3 months, and 2 days, passed away December 17, 1948 to be with his Lord. He was converted at an early age and lived a faithful

and devoted Christian life. He was a patient and kind father to his children. He was married to Eliza Ida Catherine Russel in the year of 1872. To this union were born 8 daughters and 3 sons. His wife, one son, Oscar, 18 months, and one daughter, Velma, age 26 years, and 2 sisters and 4 brothers have preceded him in death. Mr. Hamby was both father and mother to his children. He encouraged his children to be saved and always live for the Lord. He had a kind word and a smile for everyone. His Christian influence was far reaching and he was kind, patient, and gentle to the end never complaining about anything. The last words he told his children were. "Goodby, I will meet you in the morning. I am going to

sleep now and rest."

Survivors are: 1 brother, Alfred Hamby of Ava, Mo., and the children are: Mrs. Arnella Points of Aurora, Mr. Ralph Hamby of Springfield, Mrs. Doshia Baines of Aurora, Mrs. Ethel Watson of Malta, Ill., Mrs. Edna Wilson of Springfield, Mo., Mr. Raymond Hamby of Aurora Ill., Mrs. Dorothy Findley of Visalia, Calif., Mrs. Lena Ballard of Malta, Ill., Mrs. June Butler of Rochelle, Ill. There are 28 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by Rev. Roy Keith in the Free Will Baptist Church in Aurora, Mo. with the King Undertaking Co. in charge. Interment in the Osa Cemetery.



### Rev. and Mrs. Roach to Tour the State of Missouri

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach of Durham, N. C. are soon to cover the state of Missouri in the interest of our foreign mission work. They will enter the state in the forepart of February and will continue here through most of the month of March.

Rev. and Mrs. Roach have been doing itinerant work for missions going on two years now, confining their labors mostly to the churches in the eastern states. They are working under the auspices of the national Foreign Mission Board. Splendid response from our people where they have gone has been the fruit of their labors. They are indeed doing the mission cause a great good. They have never visited our work in the west before, and we do urge our people to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these fine people of God. They will have no pictures to show, but just the personal message of power. However, Mrs. Roach does present some very effective work on the flannel graph. Their itinerary for this state so far as it has been arranged is given below. Please notice carefully the date for their visit to your church and begin now to plan accordingly. I have personally known these folk for many years, having held revivals for Bro. Roach in both the states of Michigan and Kentucky in former years. I am happy to recommend

them to our people as being real people of God. Please let's give them a good hearing and a good response as they contact the churches of our state.

#### ITINERARY

Thur., Feb. 3	Berkeley City, St. Louis	Sat., Feb. 19	Granby Church
Fri., Feb. 4	Third Church, St. Louis	Sun. a.m., Feb. 20	Pleasant Grove
Sat., Feb. 5	Southside C., St. Louis	Mon., Feb. 21	Blue Eye
Sun. a.m. Feb. 6	Desloge Church	Tues., Feb. 22	Carterville
Sun. p.m., Feb. 6	First C., Flat River	Wed., Feb. 23	Aurora
Mon., Feb. 7	Leadington Church	Thur., Feb. 24	Neola
Tues., Feb. 8	Richwood Church	Fri., Feb. 25	Independence Church
Wed., Feb. 9	Fellowship C., Flat River	Sat., Feb. 26	Verdella
Thur., Feb. 10	Mine La Motte C.	Sun. p.m., Feb. 27	Hannon
Fri., Feb. 11	Copper Mines Church	Mon., Feb. 28	Hickory Grove
Sat., Feb. 12	Mill Creek Church	Tues., Mar. 1	Kansas City
Sun. a.m., Feb. 13	Aulsbury Chapel	Wed., Mar. 2	Union Third Fork
Sun. p.m., Feb. 13	Fredericktown C.	Thur., Mar. 3	Haddam Church
Mon., Feb. 14	Travel to Monett	Fri., Mar. 4	Mt. Zion Church
Tues., Feb. 15	Monett Church	Sat., Mar. 5	Hartville
Wed., Feb. 16	Macedonia Church	Sun., Mar. 6	Mtn. Grove Church
Thur., Feb. 17	Jones Chapel	Mon., Mar. 7	Pleasant Hill C.
Friday, Feb. 18	Merl's Chapel	Tues., Mar. 8	Rock Chapel
		Wed., Mar. 9	Mtn. Valley

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### The Son Who Came in the Fullness of Time

offend in one point ye are guilty of the whole." Christ kept it so He could afford to redeem us from the law. Paul said, "As touching the law I am blameless." The rich young ruler said, "all these have I kept from my youth up, what lack I yet?"

The Son who came in the fullness of time has redeemed us and adopted us into Abraham's family, and made us heirs of God and Joint heirs with himself, and we are rightful heirs to what our Big Brother, Jesus, owns. And He says, "The gold is mine, the silver is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills." But Robison says, "and the taters under the hills." "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."

The one who was born in the fullness of time is coming back in the fullness of time. When the bride gets ready, He will come for her, are you READY?