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CROSSING THE JORDAN

By B. F. Brown

(Read Joshua 3:1-17)

Forty long years had passed and the sign of the covenant. since the children of Israel left mount Sinai to go to the land of promise, known then as the land of Canaan. But because of their unbelief and disobedience, these people, known as "God's Chosen People," wandered forty years in the wilderness, until all the men died that were twenty years old, or older, when they left Sinai, except Joshua and Caleb. So when they finally came to pass over the Jordan into Canaan, there were only two men among them that were over sixty years old.

Perhaps there was fear in the hearts of some of the people when they were about to pass over the Jordan, because the river overflowed all of its banks. It was the time of harvest, and the Jordan overflowed its banks at the time of harvest. But they must pass over if they would enjoy the blessings that awaited them on the other side. Every Christian will have his or her Jordan to cross before entering into the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ. In the minds of man Jordan has always been associated with death, though it is not easy to see any connection with death here. After death we enter into rest, and our works follow: but when the children of Israel crossed the Jordan, their work was before them. By their own efforts, they were to drive out the enemy and take possession of their inheritance by the power of the sword. Their deliverance from Egypt was all of grace, but they entered into possession of the land of plenty by the stern works of faith. See how it all came about. There was . . .

A Word of Warning

"When ye shall see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, . . . then ye shall go after it. Come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go" (vv. 3 & 4). This warning is two-fold. 1. They must follow when the ark moved. The ark was the symbol of God's presence,

This is an unalterable condition of spiritual progress; we must be prepared to follow the Lord anywhere and at any time. 2. There must be a space between the people and the ark. "About two thousand cubits by measure" (v. 4). The reason given for placing such a distance between the people and the ark is, "For ye have not passed this way heretofore" (v. 4). Surely this is intended to remind us that there is always a distance between the ETERNAL I AM and the creature of but yesterday (Psalm 89: 7). And also that every new path should be entered upon in entire dependence upon God. Ye have not passed this way heretofore, therefore be sure that the ark of His guiding presence goes before you. And, too, the distance of more than half a mile between the camp and the ark gave every Israelite a chance to see the ark as it marked the way that they must take.

A Call to Preparation

"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (v. 5). It is a law in the spiritual world that, if God is to be glorified through us, He must be sanctified in us (Lev. 10: 3). The Holy God must have holy instruments, in order to accomplish His wonders among men. We must put off the old man with his deeds. Also we must put on the new man, "which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness," if we would enter into the "more abundant life," and the "greater works" of our wonder working God.

A Word of Encouragement

The Lord said unto Joshua, "This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel" (v. 7). On the day that Joshua sanctified the Lord in his own life, and called for a sanctified people, the Lord began to honor Joshua. This crown of divine favor is never placed upon the head of those who seek it for their own

glory. Begin to sanctify the Lord in your own life, and the Lord will begin to magnify you in the sight of the people. Become a prince with God, and you will have power with men.

An Important Halt

"The priests that bear the ark shall stand still in Jordan" (v. 8). The river Jordan is the separating line between the land of Canaan and the land of the Amorites, which land the children of Israel conquered and gave to the tribes of Gad and Reuben and the half tribe of Manasseh. The exact middle of the river Jordan would be the line of separation between the two lands; and there, in the middle of the river Jordan, is where the priests who carried the ark halted and stood still until all the people passed clean over to enter their inheritance.

The ark, being a symbol of God's presence and a sign of His covenant, when halted in the midst of Jordan, was the Lord's guarantee to His people, that all their hindrances and difficulties, in taking possession of their inheritance, would be rolled back before them, if they kept faith with Him (v. 13). Yes, the children of Israel all crossed over Jordan, from the wilderness of their experience into their own milk and honey land; because the ark of the covenant waited on the border to enable them to cross over.

The ark of the covenant was an all-inclusive type of Christ, who is our "Ark of the Covenant". Many years after the children of Israel crossed the Jordan, Jesus stood near the spot where they crossed. Jesus came to John the Baptist for baptism; John baptized Him; and the clouds were rolled back, Heaven was opened, and the Spirit like a dove descended upon Him, and the Father's voice was heard accepting Him. So Jesus, who is the Ark of the Covenant throughout this age of Grace, stands on the border line between life and death. He is the gateway or door through which all who are dead in sins and trespasses may pass from death into life. In this Jordan, which separates between the self-life and the

Christ-life, He stands to keep the way open for all who will enter God's kingdom by faith. He is also advocate to all who would keep faith with Him. Oh, that it were true of God's people now, as it was then, that "all the people passed clean over" (v. 17). We may each one have this wonderful Christ to continually abide with us; without Him what shall one do at the crossing of Jordan?

An Assuring Promise

"As soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord rest in the waters of Jordan, they shall stand upon an heap" (vv. 13-16). "He that hath an ear to hear let him hear". You who have been made priests of God, and who bear the Christ, the Ark of the Lord (Acts 9:15), be comforted and encouraged. No river of opposition whose de-

stiny like that of the Jordan, is the dead Sea, will ever hinder you from the enjoyment of the promises of God, if in your heart you bear the Son of God.

A Proof of His Presence

"Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you" (v. 10). The proof of His presence is overcoming power. The overcomer is always an inheritor (Rev. Chaps. 2 & 3). If we are not living a victorious life, we may well question whether the Lord is with us. Hear the Apostle Paul's testimony, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). "My God shall supply all your needs" (Phil. 4:19). Is God supplying your needs?

to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2:1. We are not left floundering, as it were, about where and how to begin our activities. There is a definite way and place to begin. God alone is the source of truth.

Once the Lord has reaffirmed our faith, and illuminated our vision there is no end to the glory He may reveal. Many times the revelation only comes through obedience to our obligations in paths of rugged service to Him.

Do you not imagine the man Paul, once a man of authority who commanded the respect of those high in ecclesiastical circles, was much humbled before his turbulent life of service ended. He says of himself "of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one, thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in peril of waters, in peril of robbers, in peril of mine own countrymen, in peril of the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among my brethren; in weariness and painfulness in watching, often, in cold and nakedness; in Damascus the Governor under Aretas, the king, kept the city of Damascus with a garrison desirous to apprehend me, and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall and escaped his hands." II Cor. 11: 24-27, 32, 33.

Paul and many others suffered extreme hardship. It would be sad, to be sure, if that were the end of it, but no. They proved God in their endurance in life's sufferings, and more in their victorious testimony in the hour of death. Many, such as Stephen, were given a supernatural insight into Heavenly realms as they took their departure from earth. The glory of God, which was revealed to them in the most adverse circumstances, was probably more than even they had dreamed. If we are to be a recipient of unusual blessings, we must of necessity be willing to be in the place where God wills to grant it.

PROGRESS IN THE SPIRIT IMPOSSIBLE

UNTIL WE FIND HIM

WHO IS THE SOURCE OF POWER

By Thora Arbogast

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us, and they came with haste." Luke 2:15,16.

You who read this will, without doubt, recognize it as part of the familiar, and much loved, scripture used on countless occasions during the Christmas seasons. Perhaps you may think it strange that I should be using this particular scripture verse upon which to base my few remarks, but as I pondered it during the Christmas time, I thought we could so aptly apply it as a pattern on which to base the procedure of our activities as individuals or churches for the new year.

It is utterly useless to attempt to make progress in the spiritual realm unless the fountain of all true spiritual information and inspiration has first been discovered. "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11. With this foundation none need fear his work will be in vain. "They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places, thou shalt raise up

the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." Isa. 58:12. I fear too often "we grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as the night; we are in desolate places as dead men" Isa. 59:10. In this day when the world is expressing so much skepticism to the reality of Christianity, let us not be swerved from our testimony, but be conscious of the fact that "God who in sundry times, and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds."

Heb. 1:1. As more and more we see the infiltration of satanic influences into religious circles, intended to tear down the basic doctrines of the Bible, "we ought

Are we justified in taking our own time in assuming our obligations? No greater example are we given than the Lord, Himself, gave. When only twelve years of age, He recognized His obligation to God above that to His mother. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." Luke 2:49. On another occasion He bade one of His followers, who asked to be excused to bury his father, "Let the dead bury their dead, follow me." Matt. 8:22. Upon the Savior's invitation to discipleship, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, immediately forsook their occupations and followed thus becoming human instruments by which the glad news of salvation was made known to thousands. On one occasion the Spirit spoke to Philip while he was experiencing success preaching in a certain place, saying "Arise, and go toward the south into the way that goeth down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert." Acts 8:26. From a human point of view that probably would not have appeared to be the logical thing to do since he could not have expected to find multitudes of needy souls in

desert wastes. Yet he went and contacted one of prestige and authority who believe and possibly proved to be the avenue through which Christ was made known to a nation of people. We could find many incidents where individuals responded with haste making it possible for God to use them in His great program of making known the plan of redemption to a lost world.

As I consider the program of our denomination, with the many phases of our work, my heart yearns that every individual member and church in our ranks might NOW go even unto Bethlehem, see God manifested, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us, the plans He has entrusted to us in His kingdom's work, and come with haste, not dilly-dally until Heaven's door of opportunity is closed. Oh, my friend, are YOU being a good steward of the manifold grace of God? Enumerate the possibilities within your hands to advance the cause of our Christ, and answer it conscientiously and speedily "as you see the day approaching." God help you to do this.

lot of people are like that. They are filled with good intentions. The earth is filled with people of good intentions, but let us not stop there. Hell is also filled with the same kind of people who never did quite carry them out. The point I'm making is this—making new year's resolutions and "turning over new leaves" and so on are good as far as they go, but they don't go far enough. They will never clear away the guilt of sin or reconcile a man with God or take a person to heaven—even if every one were kept perfectly. It takes "old-time old fashioned, heart-cleansing, soul-saving salvation that is brand new" and up-to-date. You couldn't buy it if you were rich, you couldn't steal it if you were a thief, but you can have it free for the asking. All you need to do is bring your sins to Christ and cast them upon Him for He is able to bear them. There is only one way to get rid of sins. They must be covered by the blood shed on Calvary's Cross by our dear Savior. That can blot them out forever. The sin question is not the important question with people today. That has been forever settled. The important question is the Son question. It is one that Pilate asked "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" That is the question that you and I must answer.

It is a good thing for people to go to church and to join the church, but neither will save them. Some people often join churches for business reasons. I'm told that when people are being instructed in business and salesmanship, they are told to join one of the biggest churches in town in the beginning: It's good business. But pity the person who does it solely because it is good for his business. There ought to be more distinction between a saved and an unsaved person than that. Actually they are as different as white is from black. It's a discouraging thing that we can't tell one from the other.

A patched up life isn't enough. It must be a new life. You can take an old automobile and give

A NEW LIFE FOR A NEW YEAR

By George W. Waggoner

TEXT: II Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Have you, or are you going to make any new year's resolutions? Every year about this time, people begin making them. Many are made with good intentions too. Most of them are very good. But somehow before the year is finished, and in some cases hardly started, they are broken—piled up in a heap by the wayside. Oh, some of them are kept and practiced and bring results, but this is the exception rather than the rule. There is nothing wrong with the practice and they may do some good, but I never make any myself. If I think a thing ought to be done or not done or changed at any time of the year, I'd like to do it then and there and not fall into the habit of stacking

them all back for the new year. Convictions seem to lose their force if they are allowed to lie dormant for a time. It ought to be our prayer, "Lord help me to keep that that does not need changing. Help me to change that that should not be kept. Most of all, Dear Lord, help me to distinguish between the two."

How many times have you heard the expression "turning over a new leaf"? There is nothing wrong with that either—as far as it goes. When that expression is made, you can be assured of one thing, i.e. the person making it is either doing something he shouldn't or is not doing something that he should. He knows he ought to change. A

it a paint job, put on new tires, and a new motor, which will help the performance and increase its value, but you still have an old car. When Christ comes into a person's life, He makes you a new creature or a new creation. Notice again our text, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." A person may look the same after Christ enters his life, but he isn't the same. What we see is not the real person anyway. It is only the house or tabernacle in which the real person lives, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an

house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." II Cor. 5:1,2. As one man has expressed it, "People will go to my funeral one of these days and I won't be there."

If you haven't already, let's begin the new year with that new life. We don't need an old life added, or new leaves turned. We need an entirely new life. There is only one way to get it—as a gift from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If we have that new life, let's continue to build upon it one that is pleasing and honorable to Him who gave it to us.

PREPARATION THE GREATEST NEED

By Melba White

TEXT: John 3:3, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight."

John the Baptist was the forerunner of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, the redeemer of mankind. The way had to be prepared for the coming Jesus and His ministry. The people had to be warned about their sinful ungodly condition of living. John stated in the second verse of Jn. 3 they needed to repent. What for? Jn. 3:2, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus was soon coming to be in their midst and they were not spiritually fit to meet and receive Him at His coming. People were convicted of their sins and began to repent and confess their sins unto God. God heard their prayers and forgave them and they were baptized by John the Baptist.

We need to preach the very same message that John the Baptist did and "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Jn. 3:3. We need to preach old time repentance unto God a confessing and forsaking of sin. We must prepare the way for the Lord's returning to claim his Bride. We need to prepare for the future to be ready at all times to meet our Lord in the air. Praise His name forever.

"Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut." Matt. 25:10.

We see sin on every hand. The papers are full to overflowing about crime of every description. Rumblings of wars. We cry peace, peace but there is no peace. We have a world organization trying to formalate peace but not asking for Divine aid in their deliberations. The world needs to repent, confess their sins and prepare the way of the Lord; his paths straight. We leave God out of everything thinking we are strong enough for any task however great. But without Christ the hope of our salvation, we can not solve world problems or our destiny. Without me ye can do nothing. " Jn. 15:5. How little we know, how small we are in the sight of our all mighty God. If we lack wisdom, let us ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1:5.

We need to be more on our

knees praying to God to help us to know how to "prepare the way for His coming." I know people who think it's more essential to teach their children how to dance, play cards and see the movies, to learn about their sex life than to teach them about how to live for Jesus and about His love for mankind. They don't want the preacher to talk to their children about their soul for they are too young to understand such things but brother, they are not too young and have understanding enough to go to the show, rodeo or circus or any other worldly amusement. The parents need more of Jesus in their lives.

Then, there are those that haven't any confidence in some of the ministers of the Gospel or the laymen of the Church. Brother, when has it become necessary for God to have you to help Him to judge who is called to be His message bearer. The Bible states in Matt. 7:1,2, "Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

We must prepare our own life spiritually then we won't have so much time to be criticising the other person. We will be in the soul saving business using our talents for the Lord.

We can't all be preachers, missionaries, or teachers but we can all be children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

We can let our lives glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Let the world see that there is a reality in serving the Lord and that it is joy unspeakable and full of Glory. If in our small and limited way we can be just a voice crying in the wilderness warning people against sin and to repent and come home to God, we shall be satisfied.

No spiritual blessings can come without first there is preparation to receive it. We must have a spiritual growth in the service of the Lord. We must work every

day, every hour in living a spirit-filled life for God. Let us work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work. Jn. 9:4.

When we have done our very best in warning men and women,

boys and girls to prepare to meet their Lord and Master, then, like David said in Ps. 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness." Even so. Come Lord Jesus.

THE STATE OF A JUSTIFIED MAN

By Eld. W. L. Easterly, Findlay, Ohio

Dear Gem Readers, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ: I have reason to believe that there are many that need to be set straight on the subject of justification so I endeavor by the grace of God and by much prayer and faith in Him to show by His word that justification is the greatest work of grace that a man can reach in this life, and that it is only wrought through sanctification. We must first take the definition of justification which is righteousness, violating no right or obligation.

I Thess. 4:3, "For this is the will of God even your sanctification that you should abstain from fornications." It is plain to see that if we are not sanctified we are violating our obligation to his will, therefore we could not be just in His sight.

Another scripture, John 9:31, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners, but if any man be a worshipper of God and doeth His will, him He heareth." So we must do His will to be heard of Him and this is His will even your sanctification.

To justify is to pronounce free from guilt or blame and this is only accomplished through sanctification. To prove this turn to II Timothy 2:19-21, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his and, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Note: Sanctification is referred to here as in two parts, namely: man's part which is to depart from iniquity and purge himself from earthly things. Second, God's part as He promises on such conditions that we shall be a vessel unto honour sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

In other words, we have yielded to His will and He has pardoned us from all guilt or blame, saved our souls from sin and made us a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away, and behold all things have become new.

Paul declares in II Thess. 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you brethren beloved of the Lord because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief to the truth. Whereunto he called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Note: It was God's choice from the very beginning to save people through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. It is the call of the gospel, and to preach salvation without sanctification would not be gospel.

In I Peter 1:2 Peter also declares, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

It is very plain to see that we can only be the elect of God through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ and the elect of God can only be those that are just in his sight.

Now, we have only begun to

learn what it means to be just in God's sight. We can be just in the sight of the law, we can be just in the sight of man, and we can be just in our own sight. All of this does not even tend to make us just in the sight of God. To be just in the sight of God meets the greatest measure of perfection that a man can reach here in this life, and the Devil and all of his angels cannot change that fact by preaching a second definite work of grace.

Let's begin our proof by taking a look at Genesis 6:9. It says that Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. Yes, Noah was one of the eight souls saved by water, a preacher of righteousness, perfect in his generation was only a just man in the sight of God. Well thank the Lord for justification. It is not a mere matter to a child of God but it is a reality. One of the wisest men that we have any record of said in Prov. 4:18, "But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." What the shining light? My Saviour said that He was the light. Paul said that Jesus was the Great Light. Then John says, I John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

When we are in the path that Solomon spoke of, what else are we doing but walking in the light of Christ and being blessed with perpetual cleansing of His blood? How could we in the face of these scriptures preach a greater light or a greater blessing through a second definite work of grace?

Remember John's epistle was written to little children or babes in Christ.

No, to preach the second definite work of grace is nothing but the works of Satan.

Now we must look at another great character, Abraham who was called the friend of God. He was not justified by law nor by man but by faith in God. Then by works in obedience to God's command in offering his son up

on the altar. Then the word says Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect. That's why God imputed unto him righteousness. The word goes on and says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only." So again it is plain to see that in a perfect faith Abraham was only a just man. Read James 2:20-24.

The prophet Isaiah says, Isa. 26:7, "The way of the just is uprightness, the most upright doest weigh the path of the just."

How could any one say in the face of this scripture that they were better than a just man? No doubt, it would be only when they wanted to deny the word of God, just like the Devil did to Eve.

There are only two kinds of people spoken of in the Bible, the just and the unjust. Give them any title you may and it does not deviate. You may talk about a second blessing trying to emphasize its meaning with great swelling words, philosophy, theology, but you will never find expression for a blessing that will anything like compare or equal the blessings of the just.

Prov. 3:33, "The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked but he blesseth the habitation of the just."

Prov. 10:6,7, "Blessings are upon the head of the just but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot."

Yes, the just people are the most blessed people in the world. They do not look for a second blessing but a continuous flow of blessings. Why? Because God has promised it and you have read it in the previous verses. And the just can say with the Psalmist, David, I shall fear no evil. Why? Prov. 12:21, "There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief."

Quite a difference to what some so called holiness tell us isn't it? They say if you are only a just man, you are fighting a losing battle and they quote the scripture, "Holiness without which no

man shall see the Lord." Poor souls, don't even know what holiness is. These blessings shall continue with the just and they shall be in the first resurrection. Luke 14:14, "And thou shalt be blessed, for they cannot recompense thee, for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

Paul declares in Acts 24:15 that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. So you see there are only two classes of people to be resurrected, the just and the unjust.

I wonder where those that claim a greater work than justification comes in at. The Bible plainly tells us that only the just shall be in the first resurrection, Rev. 20:5,6, "This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power."

How much more would we need to prove that justification is holiness? And if we cannot accept it as such, we certainly will not have part in the first resurrection.

A just person has nothing to repent of. Luke 15:7, "I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance." But those that preach a second definite work of grace say that you that are merely justified must come back to the altar, fully consecrate yourself to the Lord, and let Him cleanse you from inbred sin. They do away with the purpose of the resurrection, belittle salvation, and justification by the fact that they do not know what Bible repentance is. Bible repentance is to consecrate yourself fully unto the Lord for holy use, a turning away from or forsaking of sin, to die unto sin. So in order to be just you must have done all of these things. As I have proven before, when we have done our part, God will do the rest, for thus He has promised and He is not slack concerning His promises. II Peter 3:9.

Justification reaches everywhere that the law could not

reach. Acts 13:39, "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

The just only are overcomers. Read Rom. 3:3,4.

Please study with me the 5th chapter of Romans. In the fourth chapter Abraham is set forth as an example of faith. And it said his faith was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake only that it was imputed to him, but for us also to whom it shall be imputed. If we believe on Him that raised up Jesus from the dead who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification. Rom. 5:1 says, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Notice that Paul says we have peace (including himself). And elsewhere Paul recommends that peace as the peace that passeth understanding. But not so with those that preach the second work of grace. The justified man has no peace at all until he gets more than justification. They go around in mourning and burdened half if not all the time. They say they know they are justified, but oh, if I could just get a greater work or a better experience. The facts are that if the poor ignorant souls would just study the word of God and yield their lives to it, they would not be in such misery. 2nd. verse, "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."

Now here is where they try again to establish a second work, but we must notice that Paul still says we, and we have, presently. The subject does not change, and it is true that we that are just, presently and continually have access to God through Christ, by faith into this grace where in we already stand. Therefore we do rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Yes, we have peace, we have access, we have hope and we rejoice.

Third verse, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation, also

knowing that tribulation worketh patience. (4th verse) And patience, experience; and experience, hope. (5th verse) And hope maketh not ashamed." And why are we not ashamed? Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

No, we are not ashamed, we that are just have nothing to be ashamed of. It is evident that we have the Holy Ghost because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by Him. Rom. 8:9 tells us we are none of Christ's without Him. Now back to Rom. 5:8 and 9. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Yes, we are saved from wrath through Him and after possessing all of the qualities, we are just in His sight. It all sums up to be eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 5:18, "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

I think we shall examine one more scripture found in Titus 3:4-7, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Here is a plain statement that it takes both regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost to save you. And to say you are saved without both would be a contradiction of the word of God. "(6th verse) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour. (7th verse) That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Now notice the word, abundance, which means full to overflowing, all we need

and after all of that, including eternal life, we are only justified. And again we must say thank the Lord for justification.

We find in Rom. 8:1 that if we are children of God, we are heirs, heirs of God, joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together.

Yes, that is the hope of every Christian. But it is not Christian to place your hope in the the second definite work of grace, and as yet, I have not found a single place in the kingdom of God for those that place their hopes in such, but I fear that they will be found in the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophets are to be tormented day and night forever and ever.

My heart's desire and prayer to God is that many may read this article and profit by the same.

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BAPTIST HISTORY SIMPLIFIED

Rev. A. B. Talbert
Tulsa, Okla.

While Baptists do not claim that there has been a denomination by the name Baptist ever since Christ, yet we believe that there have been peoples called by different names all through the ages since Christ who taught the doctrines believed by the Baptists, which we contend were taught by Christ and the Apostles.

Some claim that John Smith started the Baptist Church, but Orchard said, "Mr. Smith on leaving the Church of England, became a minister among the Brownists."

Robert Brown organized a church about 1581 at Norwich, England. His followers were sometimes called Brownists.

A second church was organized in 1602 in the north of England. John Robinson was pastor of this church and Mr. Clifton was co-pastor.

While the General Baptist Denomination was not organized until about 1607, yet there were General Baptist Churches long before that date.

Orchard said, "It is probable that many Baptists were in Kent, and that the General Baptist Church did ex-

ist at that time (1548) at Canterbury."

Ford said, "Joan Baucher or Joan of Kent was a member of a Baptist Church at Canterbury."

Just how many churches Brown, Smith and others organized in England, we do not know but we have a record of three pastors and a part of their churches that fled into Holland.

Wood said, "The number of Baptists still increasing, a proclamation was issued which all Ana-Baptists, and other heretics were ordered to leave England."

Crosby said, "Many deserters went over to Holland, among whom were not a few Baptists."

Milner said, "When conditions got so bad, Brown with others fled into Holland."

Here in the city of Amsterdam, Brown re-established his church."

Orchard said, "The harrassing conduct of the high court compelled Mr. Smith, with Robison and Clifton, to remove to Holland and there they united with the church at Amsterdam with Robert Brown." of which Johnson was pastor and Ainsworth was teacher at that time.

While some say that Brown returned to the Church of England, yet the church at Amsterdam must have stayed true to the doctrines they had believed for some say that it stood for one hundred years or more.

Mr. Smith and others organized a church at Ley, Holland about 1607 and according to a confession published after Smith's death (about 1611) he must have helped write the Constitution of the first association of Baptist churches that believed in a General Atonement, but that does not mean that he started the Baptist churches.

The churches that believed in a particular atonement organized in 1633.

As most Baptists should know the history of our churches since 1600, I will close this article with this suggestion:

While Baptist churches are called by different names, yet may we as a great family march on in our efforts to win souls for Christ.

Rev. A. B. Talbert
Tulsa, Okla.

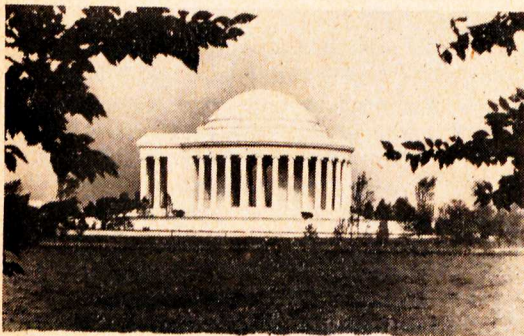


EDITORIAL



FEBRUARY, A MONTH OF PATRIOTISM

In February we celebrate the birth of the two beloved and noted characters George Washington, whom we commonly refer to as the father of our country, and Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator. These, together with others like Jefferson, Franklin, and many more that could be named, have, by the help of God, given us and preserved for us this great democracy, which through the years has been so wonderfully blessed of God.



Jefferson Memorial, Wash., D. C.

The Lord's blessings have so noticeably rested upon this great land simply because He was duly acknowledged from the beginning. This nation was conceived and born in a true spiritual atmosphere, founded by those of puritan faith. Among the very first structures was a building in which to worship God. Crude it was, yes, but charged with the spirit of true devotion. The sincerity and faith which characterized these early founders of our country is what it has taken to bring us to where we are, and what it is going to take in order for us to hold what we have. The greatest tragedy that has ever befallen this country is this noticeable present day falling away from the faith of our forefathers. The men who builded this country were men of faith. It is a matter of historical record that George Washington, during the dreadful winter at Valley Forge where his soldiers could be tracked in the

snow by the blood which was oozing from their frozen feet, had an old log cut a distance from the camp which he made his altar; going there often and bowing over this old log, he pleaded with God to spare his men and give them the victory. Abraham Lincoln, the night of the fierce battle at Gettysburg, said to his secretary, "We will enter our room tonight and spend the entire night in prayer. God forbid that we should sleep while our men are dying as they fight this, the fiercest battle of the entire war." Oh, Lord! give us leaders today with a sincere faith in God. If these early national heroes could know some of the things that are tolerated in this fair land today, I wonder if they would not almost turn over in their graves.

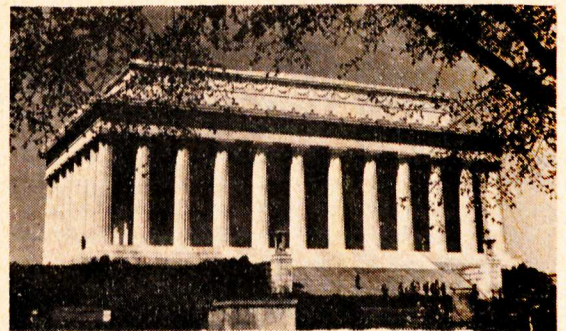
The Strength of Democracy

The strength of democracy is to be found in the high moral and spiritual state of the individual citizen. In a true democracy the individual citizen is the government. Representative government is the strongest form of government ever founded by man so long as its citizenship maintains a high standard of morality and spirituality. It is the weakest form of government ever known when morality and spirituality drop to a low ebb. Dictatorship preys on moral and spiritual weakness. It thrives on iniquity and vice and hatred toward God. Such is what gives rise to dictatorship. When a nation drops low spiritually and morally, it then falls easy prey to its would be devourers. Such is the danger facing this country today. Our most to be dreaded enemy today is not on some foreign soil.

No, indeed not, but it is that which is being harbored right here within our own gates. If we had maintained our moral and spiritual integrity before God as a nation, all unchristian, un-american, and unwanted goings on could be routed; but in a great measure, we are like the diseased body. We have become too sickly to throw off the germ. The principles of Christ and the principles of democracy are unseparable. Both are based on individual rights and privileges. The one does not exist without the other. So when Christ is left out, democracy automatically fails. It cannot stand without Him. God grant that we may come to a national revival before we come face to face with the grim reality of national revolution.

Have YOU Seriously Considered THE CIRCULAR LETTER YOU RECENTLY RECEIVED

We recently mailed to each subscriber to the Gem a circular letter in which we asked you for a donation to help us purchase an automatic job press. We trust you have already given this your serious consideration. If not will you please pick it up and read it again? I believe the Lord will lead you to do something about this appeal. Rapid and mass production is the secret to the fi-



Lincoln Memorial, Wash., D. C.

nancial success of this enterprise. An automatic job press will speed up our production tremendously.

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CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

St. Louis, Mo.

Jan. 18, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

It gives me great joy to report the way in which God is blessing His flock at our little Southside Free Will Baptist Church, 5418 Idaho Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Through the Holidays we had a wonderful Christmas play which I know filled every heart with the spirit for which Christmas stands. I am also very proud to report that one of our young ministers, Bro. Roger Reed was home from Bible College for the Holidays and he, along with Bro. Bill Hill and Bro. Bob Hill, two of our other young ministers brought some soul stirring messages through the Holidays.

I and all our members request your prayers for these young ministers whom God has called to help carry on His work, for they have many trials in their way, and these young boys are trying so very hard to do the work, which God has laid out for them.

We are having some wonderful services at our prayer meetings on Wednesday night.

Our Sunday School attendance is around and over a hundred in average, and God is hearing our prayers and souls are being saved. We are praying and asking God to save at least one soul a week at our little church for God does so much for us the least any of us can do in return is to be saved and live a Christian life and pray that others may find God and live for His honor and glory. We covet your prayers; also that more souls will be saved.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is doing some marvelous work and they truly enjoy and look forward to doing everything in their power to help our little church prosper.

We thank God for our little group of ladies.

I also am happy to report our League presented to the church a Bible in which the classes that held the highest average for three months, wrote their names. The Adult Class

was first and then the other two classes wrote their names next. The Bible will stay with the church forever, and we ask your prayers that our League will continue to grow for God's honor and glory. Our membership is now 64.

God has truly blessed our church with a wonderful group of young boys and girls, for they willingly and cheerfully do anything that they are called upon to do.

I and all our members ask your prayers for our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill and his family who are laboring so very hard to win souls to the Lord and to build our little church so it may be filled to overflowing with true consecrated Christians who will help carry on God's work, and live as

1001 S. Terrell St.

Midland, Texas

Jan. 3, 1949

Dear Gem Editor & Readers.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have bid adieu to another year and are looking forward into the new year of 1949. We are still working for our Heavenly Master and are happy to send in the following report from our church. We had a week's revival services before Christmas. Christians were greatly revived. Sinners found the Lord precious to their souls. We had one addition to our church during the revival and one just before the revival began.

Our church is a band of consecrated saints of God in perfect peace and harmony.

Our Sunday School and mid-week prayer meeting is truly a boast to our church.

We are establishing a medical mission work with our churches as we have a medical doctor and a registered nurse who are members of our church. Truly they are workers for the Lord. We have licensed 2 ministers in our church. Saints of

God all over the whole universe, we covet your prayers and may God bless each of you through out the new year.

Prayerfully yours in the cause of Christ.

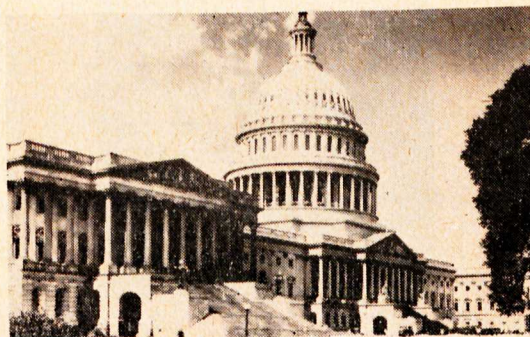
First Free Will Baptist Church of Midland, Texas.

Mrs. Giola M. Onley, Clerk-Treas.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

October 31st, 1948 I accepted the pastoral work of the Turley Free Will Baptist Church. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us here in the past few months, spiritually and financially. There have been 21 precious souls saved in our regular services since October 31st, and six additions to the church. We have almost completed our new church, and by the time you read this report, we hope to be in our new parsonage, which is now being completed. Rev. Ralph



Our Nation's Capitol, Wash., D. C.

God would have us to live; also I wish to tell every member of our church and other churches that if you are not getting the Gem paper, you do not realize what a soul inspiring and happy feeling you receive when you read what wonderful things God's people are doing for I didn't but now I wouldn't be without it.

Sis. Dorothy Beard
Correspondent

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DEMOCRACY is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

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DEMOCRACY is direct self-government, over all the people, for all the people, by all the people.

—Theodore Parker

Brown was the former pastor here and it is good to follow a man of God like Brother Brown. We hope to have a picture of our church and parsonage for the paper real soon.

Your brother in Christ,
Bert F. Rogers
Box 697
Turley, Okla.

P.S. Everyone that reads this article, send me 10 cents for our new pews.

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January 26, 1949

We, the Central Avenue Senior Leaguers, would like to let other leaguers know of the progress of our league. The Lord is truly blessing us.

One of our New Year Resolutions was to have more prayer in our services. It has proved a great blessing to everyone. We have prayer two, three, and sometimes more throughout the service each Sunday night. The spirit that prevails is marvelous. It makes you wish for more time in which to worship our Saviour.

We recently started a special fund which we call the "Help Someone Fund." We plan to help just anyone in need in our small way. Our first people were an elderly couple 65 years of age. We are buying a radio for them since their radio just recently wore out. The husband is unsaved and needs the prayers of us all. Don't forget him.

I could not go any further without mentioning our sponsor. She is a wonderful person, truly a lady of God, and has been a great encouragement to us. She is Mrs. Verdunn Bingham. Our motto is truly the kingdom of God first.

May God bless each of you.

Central Avenue Senior League

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Greetings to Gem Readers:

It has been some time since we reported to you concerning the work of the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. However, God has been blessing all along. The church, under the capable leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Staires is progressing in every department. We have just recently completed a new educational building but if our Sunday School continues to grow, which we are sure it will, we will find ourselves in another building program.

We now have three assemblies in

Sunday School with a general Superintendent and two department Supts. We have 14 classes and have real men and women of God teaching them.

God has answered prayer in sending us new workers. We have had several conversions and additions to the church in the past few weeks, some children, mothers, fathers, and some that are silver-haired. In the past three Sunday nights, Bro. Staires hasn't brought a message in two of them. Conviction is siezing people and they are falling in the altar for prayer. There has been much rejoicing.



Washington Monument, Wash., D. C.

The leaguers brought home the program banner from the League Rally held at Dramright, Okla. Jan. 2, and they lost the attendance banner by only a very small count, it going to the Cushing Church.

The ladies auxiliary meets once a month in an all day service in different homes. They have a program covering the support of missions, orphanages, and college students. They will sponsor a rummage sale Jan. 21 in downtown Tulsa and also a bazar April 15.

We are having good spiritual prayer meetings, good attendance, and a study of God's Word after devotional services. We have been studying the seven churches of Asia.

All in all we are going forward for God and have a desire to do a greater work for Him.

Mrs. A. F. Fipps
2415 E. Marshall
Tulsa 6, Okla.

Climax Springs, Mo.

Report of revival meeting and the organization of a new Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Tabor Church 12 miles east of Climax Spgs., Mo.

On October 17, 1948 to Oct. 24, 1948 a revival was held by Rev. C. E. Butts of Climax Spgs. God blessed this revival with a wonderful saving of lost souls. There were 12 giving their lives to Christ and one renewal.

It was a good old fashioned revival, with shouting and singing, and at the close of the meeting, the church was organized with 28 charter members.

The church was organized by Rev. C. E. Butts, Rev. Curtis Wilson, and Rev. Bert Taylor. Deacons Flavel Butts and Arie Warren were present to assist them. The church is asking the prayers of everyone that they



might be more strengthened and more faithful with each passing day.

There has never been a church in that neighborhood and this church is very greatly appreciated.

The church chose as its pastor, Rev. C. E. Butts who with the Lord's help and the prayers of everyone will try and preach the Lord's word to these people and lead them on to a greater glory for Christ.

We are enclosing a picture of the baptism at Green Mills where the 12 who were saved were baptized.

We are asking the prayer of everyone for this new church and its people and pastor.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. C. E. Butts
Climax Spgs, Mo.

Central Avenue Church Has Watch Service

Services began at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31, 1948 at Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, 1815 S. Central Ave., Okla. City, Okla. After a devotional period of thirty minutes, we adjourned to the league room where supper was served. The woman's auxiliary, assisted by all the women of the church, provided the supper.

Following supper, services were resumed, and lasted until 1:15 a.m., January 1, 1949. There were seven visiting ministers who took part in the service. Each minister had his turn to preach. First to preach was Rev. Fred Potter. He was followed by Rev. W. M. Land, E. S. Morris, F. A. McCage, Everett Kieffer, Charles Sapp, and Arthur Hearron in that order. The pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham, was the final speaker, and he was preaching as the year ended and the new year began. Each preacher brought an inspiring message, and a good time was had by all.

The ladies prepared several plates of food, and sent them out to persons in the community who were ill. Several church members were ill and unable to attend the service.

Mrs. Cora Campbell
205 S. E. 19th
Okla. City, Okla.

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Kansas City, Mo.
January 3, 1949

Editor of the Gem.

Dear Editor:

I am writing these few lines of comment after so many years of silence hoping that in some way it might reach the pages of the Gem. For I would love to subscribe to the publication and at this time have no idea just what the price is; so if you would please send it to me with the price will send the money by return mail. I will pause here briefly and try to identify myself. For a number of years I was a subscriber of the F. W. B. Gem, and also a member of the Oak Grove Church which had to go when Camp Crowder was built at Neosho, Mo. But now for the last 6 years I have been in K. C. Mo. because of illness. Over this period of years I have just neglected to get in touch with you or the church there at Monett. But would love for you and all the members of the church and

Gem readers to know that I have steadfastly held to the church as my ideal life, and am still a Free Will Baptist and will be as long as I live.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. R. H. Castal



BIBLE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO GROW

Six new students registering at the beginning of the second semester brings the total enrollment for this year to eighty—which is an all-time high. Fifteen states and Canada are represented in the student body. The breakdown by states is as follows:

North Carolina	28
Missouri	17
Tennessee	5
South Carolina	5
Oklahoma	4
Texas	4
Virginia	3
Michigan	3
Illinois	3
Mississippi	2
Alabama	1
Arkansas	1
West Virginia	1
New York	1
Georgia	1
Canada	1

A constant missionary and revival spirit is prevalent throughout the school with a fine spirit prevailing between the administration and the student body.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Thigpen of Tarbeville, South Carolina, were added to the college faculty in September. Mr. Thigpen teaches the Christian Education and Church History Courses. Mrs. Thigpen is head of the English and Speech Departments. This is the first time Speech has been offered, and it is proving to be a most popular and helpful course.

STATION WAGON PURCHASED

A new Chevrolet Station Wagon was

recently purchased which fills a long-felt need in the Practical Work Department. The college has always sought to give practical as well as theoretical training in Christian service. This calls for the student body to go out by groups, holding services in hospitals, jails, juvenile homes, and various other places. Transporting these groups on their assignments has always been a big problem which the station wagon now solves, thus equipping the college for a larger and wider field of service.

THE FUTURE

Prospects for an even larger student body next year are most encouraging. However, the number we shall be able to admit will depend upon our possibilities of expansion. All space—dormitory, classrooms, dining room, office, library, chapel, and campus—is overtaxed now.

Free Will Baptist young men and women in ever increasing numbers are seeking training for Christian service. The fields of the pastorate, music, religious education, and missions are encouragingly challenging to our youth. They are seeking training at our hands. We cannot afford, we must not fail in offering to them the best. Your support in money and prayers will guarantee the future.

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OBITUARY

Walter O. Doll

Walter O. Doll, son of William and Margaret (Knapp) Doll, was born in Scioto county, Ohio, July 19, 1894, and departed this life December 28, 1948, at the age of 54 years, 5 months, and 9 days.

When a mere child, he lost his parents and made his home with his grandparents and later with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cockrell until his marriage.

He was united in marriage with Charlotte Opal Downing of Waverly, Ohio, May 1st, 1914. This union was blessed with six children. He is survived by the following: his wife, Charlotte Opal; Charles Walter Doll of Akron; Mrs. Helen Thomas of Waverly; Mrs. Mary Rheinfrank of Gahanna, Ohio; Robert and Ronald, at home. One son, Homer J., preceded him in death at the age of three years. He is also survived by six grandchildren.

Walter, as he was familiarly known, knew the various walks of life. He was a trusted employee of the Detroit

Toledo, and Ironton and Norfolk and Western Railways for twenty-four years.

In 1934, he entered into the coal business and during the war bought scrap iron for the government. He was also the local agent for the Kaiser-Frazer automobile and was operating a hardware store of his own in this city.

But he looked beyond the glitter of the "Golden Calf." In 1931 he yielded himself to the wooings of the Holy Spirit and gave God his heart and life.

Then he was called to be a watchman on Zion's Wall. He entered the ministry and was ordained in 1931 by the Free Will Baptist Conference. He was moderator of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and a member of the Scioto Ministerial Conference of the Free Will Baptists and pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church at Slocum Station.

In the span of half a century, Walter has wrought well in the garden of humanity. After entering the ministry, he had an eternal welfare for his fellow-man. For seventeen years he labored in the Kingdom of his Lord.

No night so dark, no road so rough, no obstacle so great as to turn him from the call of his Master. With labor unstinted he gave his best to his community. His faith was unshakable, his courage undaunted, his industry was untiring. His life is a challenge to the youth of today.

As he drove down U. S. Route 23 Christmas Day with his son, the evil that he had openly fought with the courage of David overtook and destroyed him, "the evil of the liquor traffic."

Shakespeare said "Oh, thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil!"

Walter was a citizen of whom the community, the county and the state may well be proud. Across the span of time and space the Big Brother who is Jesus Christ stretches forth a welcoming hand. May a holy peace rest upon his sorrowing family.

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OBITUARY

Rev. Delia S. Wolfe

Delia S. Wolfe was born in Indiana October 14th, 1863 coming to Iowa with her parents when six months old.

Most of her girlhood days were lived in Jones and Carroll Counties, Iowa. She received her high school education in Carroll City, teaching several terms of school following. She was converted when 14 years old and has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church all her life. She was united in marriage with John H. Wolfe in Marshalltown, Iowa Oct. 14, 1884 and the five years were spent on a farm in Jones County, Iowa after which both entered College and the Theological Seminary in Hillsdale, Mich. where they carried the same studies for eight years graduating in the class of 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Together they were ordained to the Gospel Ministry in Jackson, Michigan January 10th, 1897. After graduating they came to Lincoln, Nebraska where Mr. Wolfe had accepted the call as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church. For a few years she occupied the Chair of History in Tecumseh (Oklahoma) College.

She passed to her reward January 9, 1949 at the ripe age of 85.

She was laid away Jan. 11th, 1949 in the Pawnee City, Neb. Cemetery.

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REPORT OF SEC'Y.-TREAS. OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE INDIAN CREEK ASS'N.

For Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1948

Received as follows:

O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	\$ 5.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Henderson, Purdy, Mo.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Henderson ...	1.00
Monett Church	9.00
Mrs. Bodkins, Carterville	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Montgomery ..	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Will Slagle	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Montgomery ..	1.00
Mrs. Bodkins	1.00
Paul Williams	1.00
Mrs. Lon Carter	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Montgomery ..	1.00
Mrs. Atwell	2.00
Mrs. Herald	1.00
Mrs. Will Bates	1.00
Mr. Roy Alyea	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Montgomery ..	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Henderson	2.00
Total	\$32.00

Expenditures: None.

Carried over from Sept. \$36.00

Total in Treasury \$68.00

J. T. Montgomery, Clerk-Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

Dec. 15, 1948 to Jan. 15, 1949

Brought forward \$173.19

Received:

Southside Church	10.00
Golden Oak	4.26
Fredericktown	13.11
Merl's Chapel	5.00
Total	\$ 32.37
Grand total	\$205.56

I wish to publish our youth campment needs as they stand at this writing (Jan. 20).

12 Water Buckets—Richwoods C.

1 Wash board } H. S.
2 No. 2 Washtubs } Alexander
1 doz. Wash Pans—

6 Dippers—Leadington League

3 Large Dishpans—Niangua C.

2 Large Bread Pans—

6 Large Kettles—Flat River C.

3 Large Frying Pans—Mrs. J. S. Reeves

6 10qt. Serving Pans—

2 large Coffee Pots—

2 Tea Kettles—Mrs. Coy Rader

3 Butcher Knives—

4 Parring Knives—Flat River and

2 Serving Forks—Leadington L's.

4 Serving Spoons—Leadington L.

6 Face Towels—Golden Oak L.

3 doz. Tea Towels—Prospect C.

12 Wash Cloths—Golden Oak League

20 Bed Ticks or Mattresses—

Dishes of choice—

1 gross Silverware—Southside C.

10 First Aid Kits—S. E. Mo. L. Con.
Playground Equipment

Base Ball, Basket Ball, Volley Ball
Courts—Fellowship C.

Tennis Court—Fredericktown C.

Croquet & Court—

I wish to express our thanks to you who have responded to our youth camp needs so willingly that to date only a few articles are unsponsored, and we feel that these will be taken soon. If you would like to sponsor one or more of these articles or if you would give to our needs, please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

The Hannon League has pledged \$25.00 to be paid in the spring for play ground equipment.

We are solisiting the cooperation of all our people, especially all of young people, to get behind our youth program and make it a real success for Christ.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Sec'y.-Treas.

Irontdale, Mo.

Sunday School Convention In Oklahoma

Over one hundred delegates, representing Sunday Schools all over the state, attended the Oklahoma Sunday School Convention at Sulphur, Okla. Jan. 14.

This was the second meeting of the convention—the first since the initial organization meeting last October.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, keynoted the one-day convention with his message on consecration. Stressing the need of Sunday School teachers and workers, Rev. Sutton said: "When we are consecrated we will get a vision, and when we get a vision, we will go."

Theme of the convention was "Getting Results in Our Sunday Schools."

The convention aimed a blow at the prohibition repeal movement now underway in Oklahoma by unanimously adopting a resolution opposing any change in the present prohibition laws. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the president of the state senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

During the business session, the report of the Finance Committee was adopted, asking each Sunday School in the state to send one dollar a month to carry on the work of the convention.

Delegates elected to represent Oklahoma at the National Sunday School Convention were: Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Tulsa; Mrs. Lois Lamb, Ada; Mrs. Grace Brandon, Healdton; Mrs. LaVerda Mooneyham, Tecumseh; and W. W. Hent, Oklahoma City.

Rev. John H. West, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, is president of the convention. The next session will be held October 7 at the Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

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REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME RINGLING, OKLA.

For December, 1948

Money received:

Balance brought forward	\$918.64
Christmas stockings and folder funds	808.45
Drumright Church	81.20
Wewoka Church	66.36
Sulphur Church	48.00
Clemson Church	32.26
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Price	30.00
Greenbrier Sunday School	25.09

First Church, Tulsa	25.00	Expenses:	
Weatherford Church	21.86	Rex. Weatherman, salary for	
Duck Creek Sunday School ...	20.49	1 and 1/2 mo.	\$225.00
Ada League	20.32	Delbert's Gro. & Mar.	121.53
E. C. Ketchum	20.00	W. D. Bodenhamer butane ...	59.84
Tecumseh Church	18.80	Hamilton Supply Co.	36.80
Trinity Church	18.00	Aunt Betty Bread	34.24
Shawnee League	16.52	National Farmers, Union Ser..	28.20
Healdton Church	15.35	Com. Credit Corp (for ice	
Stobtown Church	15.06	box)	18.50
Milford E. Bowlan	15.00	Tyler & Simpson	16.21
Central Ave. Church	15.00	A. G. Frye Mfg. Co.	16.10
Olive Church	15.00	Schuler Fruit Co.	14.36
Orang Cove, Calif. Church ...	14.00	Paid out by Supt.:	
Kerman, Calif. Church	14.00	Clothing for 5 new children ...	\$ 51.00
Mission Rally, 1st. Mission ...	13.61	Versie Ledbetter	50.00
Ralph Howdeshell	10.00	Christmas money for children	
Jackson Church	10.00	(\$2.00 each)	30.00
Haskell Church	10.00	Shoes for 4 boys	14.00
Earlsboro Church	9.00	W. R. Floyd	12.50
Shahan Church	8.95	Trip to Mission rally	12.50
Huntsville, Texas Church	8.00	Laundry	11.00
Dibble Church	7.50	Ringling High School Band ...	10.00
Collinsville Church	7.20	Electricity	8.10
Junior Class Cushing C.	5.32	Telephone	4.80
Blue Bell Church	5.00	Book for bookkeeping	4.00
Non Church	5.00	Total	\$239.00
Old Panther Church	5.00	Less produce sold	21.00
Wolf Church	5.00	Total	\$218.50
Mrs. Clara Caton	5.00	Grand total expenses	\$789.28
Iron Chapel	5.00	Balance in Treasury	\$1,635.13
Lewis Ave. Aux.	5.00	—oOo—	
Spring Hill Church	4.82	REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME	
Stratford Church	4.14	ELDRIDGE, ALA.	
Clayton, Texas Church	3.30	Dec., 1948	
Mr. & Mrs. Ray McMullen	3.00	Amount paid out:	
Mission Ladies Cushing 1st. ...	3.00	Salaries	\$391.00
Shawnee Aux.	3.00	Feed & Grocery Bill	259.52
Cushing 1st. League	2.67	Ala. power bill	19.50
North Heights Church	2.09	Hospital ins.	21.50
Total	\$2,424.91	Continued on next page.	



Rev. and Mrs. Rex Weatherman (left rear) are "father and mother" to these twenty children at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Ringling, Oklahoma.

The picture was taken at a Christmas party given for the children. The two marines, standing behind the group at the right, dropped in for a visit that day.

Payment on stove	18.21
Payment on washing machine.	15.40
McGaugh's Bakery	3.84
Coal	59.60
Telephone bill	6.13
Drugs	14.40
Dental Work	4.00
Drygoods and shoes	26.03
Window rods and supplies	6.88
Labor on bus	15.00
Supplies for well pump	6.60
Office supplies and stamps ...	10.88
Indebtedness from Nov.	189.32
Total expenses	\$1,067.42
Total amount received	1,067.42
Balance on hand	\$289.07

Remember the GRAND OLD SINGING CONVENTION is to be held here in the Auditorium on Saturday night before the 5th Sunday in Jan., 1949. We are looking for you to come and bring some singers and a special offering for the Home.

During the month of Dec. two of the little girls were hospitalized for toncil and adanoid operations. Both are well and doing fine:

On Jan. 2, 1949 Sis. Louise Lambert who is working with us was rushed to the Hospital with acute appendicitis. She was operated on and is doing fine in the Walker County Hospital, Jasper, Ala. We did not have any insurance to cover her expenses.

We have received some nice gifts of corn and food during Dec. Others have promised to bring in some gifts of canned goods and corn. We will need hay and feed and especially corn to run all the winter. Our four fine cows are all doing fine and we are now having milk to supply all the children. We have 26 children in the home and expect to get 4 others at an early date.

We want to thank everyone for the many nice Christmas cards and gifts. The children had a big Christmas with all toys and fruits they needed. All of them send their thanks to all that help make it possible for them to get so many nice things.

Please pray for this great work and let us hear from you in a financial way. We have no paid field worker but will depend entirely on each church to make its contributions and gifts.

In His all abounding Grace

Sincerely yours,
W. H. Ryland, Supt.

Ashland City, Tenn.

January 25, 1949

Dear Co-laborer in Christ:

You have possibly had the same urgent appeal from India that I have, but I am deeply impressed to make an urgent appeal in behalf of this earnest call from our most recent missionaries there.

As you no doubt know, women of the W.N.A.C. have long been concerned for this field in India. We have prayed silently and openly, in private and in public for it. We have made many worthy contributions to the cause there. Today we are on the threshold of our answered prayers. God is giving us the Purnea District for which we have prayed in unison with her whose very soul and body has been so long wrapped up in those poor sin-cursed souls there. God has also given the workers for which we have united our prayers. Four of these workers who are now entering that field are in desperate need such as they have never experienced before in their lives. They are calling on us. Their call is so simple—"Pray for the things itemized and for the work in general." What an easy request! Or is it? Well, if heeded it will benefit us as much as it will them because it is still true that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Will you join me each morning at 9 a.m. in a special prayer for Paul and Nell Woolsey, Dan and Trula Cronk, and the work they are undertaking for Jesus in the Purnea District through channels made and kept possible by us Free Will Baptists?

In his letter which I received yesterday, Paul paid a very high compliment to F. W. B. women. "So far as I know," he wrote, "every organized and successful campaign of specific prayer throughout our denomination has been started by our women. I know that you will not fail us now." Will we? You and I can answer as we will.

With this responsibility set by our missionaries before us, I am appealing to you to set aside the 9 o'clock prayer time suggested by the W.N.A.C. Prayer Program, for this special prayer request so needed NOW. Then on February 14, 1949, that day known as "Love Day," I want us as a group of united Christian friends to go to our churches for a special prayer meeting solely in response to this re-

quest. I urge you to do this because of the LOVE in your heart for Christ and His messengers, our representatives in India. At 2 p.m. then on Feb. 14 in the quietness and holiness of our churches, I do trust we, on our knees, will send up many earnest fervent effectual prayers for these four missionaries who are undertaking such a huge task. We are not forgetting any others, to be sure, but just on this special day we are in unison for this very present need. A copy of the reasons and the objects of prayer such as Paul mailed to some of us back home will also appear in the church papers he said. If you can't get a copy, let me know, and I'll gladly type you one for your "Love Day" prayer meeting on Feb. 14, 1949.

There may be just a few of us who can assemble at our church on Feb. 14, but don't be discouraged even if you are the only one there. Go and just pray all the more, remembering that God has always used the few to do mighty things for Him. "Where two or three are gathered to gather in my name, there I am to bless," He promises us. Let's do our part as individuals and leave the results in the hands of Him who is able and willing to do all we ask and more for those who are the objects of our unified prayers.

Sometime after Feb. 14, won't you please send me a card telling me about your "Love Day" prayer meeting? I'd love to hear how the Lord blesses as we unite our petitions on that day. Too, I believe Paul and Nell, Dan and Trula will also be inspired when I send the bundle of cards on to them. Don't you?

This is not an official Woman's Auxiliary prayer request; just a personal request from one friend to another friend because I believe that I can depend on you to get your friends together for this united effort made in answer to this appeal from India. Maybe you would like to pass on this appeal to some of your friends there in your district and state work. Fine! I'll be so happy to share with all, for "whosoever will may come."

No planned program is needed for the day, I think. Just meet and PRAY as the Holy Spirit directs. An old-fashioned prayer meeting will be fine and, just to my liking. God bless you.

Sincerely yours and His,

Agnes B. Frazier

P.S. No offering was mentioned in India, but would it not be thoughtful at least if we brought what we had planned to spend for Valentines, or a similar amount if we want both. Just a last minute idea of mine. Do it or not as you want, but do not fail to meet and pray for those things that our missionaries need and are asking us to pray about NOW.

Don't send any offerings to me, should you do this. Send it where all mission offerings are sent.

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Fredericktown, Mo.

January 5, 1949

Greetings to all Auxiliary Workers:

We of the Fredericktown Woman's Auxiliary are very thankful to the Lord for blessings received the past year. He indeed is blessing our auxiliary here. We are thankful for the response our women have given in answering the call for more workers. We are expecting to do more and greater things for the Master in the year 1949 than in this past year. We met on January 4th for our devotion and fellowship and enjoyed a wonderful service together for the Lord was truly in our midst. All officers were retained for the coming year. We are very happy to work with our pastor's wife, Sis. Beatty, as president. At the close of our meeting we had a candle lighting ceremony while Bro. Beatty gave a charge to us auxiliary workers. We do thank God for Bro. Beatty, and he is a great help to us in our work. There are many things yet to learn but we are determined to go forward. Our attendance was 19 members present and 15 visitors and several children. We do ask an interest in your prayers that we as an auxiliary, will continue to serve and be a blessing to others.

Corresponding Sec'y.
Madeline McFarland
Fredericktown, Mo.

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AUXILIARY MEETING AT LONG RUN

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Long Run Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dever for their December meeting on Dec. 21.

Opening songs were: Silent Night, and O Come all ye Faithful.

Scripture lesson Luke 10:25-37 was

read by the leader, Sis. Alice Childers.

Introduction was given by Alice Childers.

Prayer was offered by Sis. Iona Buchanan.

Topics were as follows:

Topic 1: "The Need for Personal Service."—Mrs. Emma Dever.

Topic 2: "Christ our Example in Personal Service."—Mrs. Mabel Shoemaker.

Topic 3: "Rewards for Personal Service."—Mrs. Lorraine Deemer.

Special song, Give of Your Best to the Master, given as piano solo—Miss Stella Florence Buchanan.

Prayer—Sis. Ann Fetters.

After the business period, secret pairs were revealed and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Dismissed by prayer by Sis. Carrie Sparks.

AUXILIARY HOLDS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Central Ave. Church of Okla. City held their Christmas luncheon at the church on Thursday, Dec. 16. Gifts were exchanged by sixteen women. We also honored our pastor, Rev. Melvin Bingham on this day with a lovely birthday cake and a gift. Our guests at the luncheon were Bro. Jasper Clark, Bro. Smoot, Rev. John Elliston and Mr. Holiday. Our auxiliary is being greatly blessed. A sweet spirit and fellowship was felt at this meeting and on this day our \$50.00 pledge to the college was completed. For this we are very thankful.

The Central Ave. Church of Okla. City entertained the Minister's conference Dec. 2. Lunch was prepared and served by the Woman's auxiliary.

Mrs. Campbell

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MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

December, 1948

State Unified Fund

Leadington S. S.	\$ 2.48
Merl's Chapel S. S.	10.00
Carterville Church	13.48
Aulsbury Chapel Church	25.00
Merl's Chapel S. S.	10.00
Total	\$ 60.96

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Hazel Creek Union Church	\$ 14.79
Expansion Program Fund	
Merl's Chapel Church	\$ 5.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	39.43
Total	\$44.43

Cuban Student Fund

Merl's Chapel Church	\$ 5.00
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Foreign Mission Fund

Hickory Grove Church	\$ 6.12
Mine LaMotte Church	2.50
Sublette Church	15.00
Hannon Church	5.00
Amity Church	19.50
Fellowship Church	70.71
Sublette Church	6.70
Union Light S. S.	11.81
Monett Church	50.32
Hazel Creek Union Church ...	44.36
Total	\$232.02

Missions Fund

St. Louis 3rd S. S.	\$ 14.67
Fredericktown Church	44.04
Mrs. Grace Lawson	5.00
Blue Eye Church	7.65
Mrs. Samantha Fowler	5.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	12.00
Geneva B. Mitchell	17.50
Rock Chapel Church	18.00
Indian Creek Woman's Aux. ...	10.00
Morning Meditations	23.50
Southside Church	10.00
Golden Oak League	1.61
Golden Oak S. S.	6.06
Union Third Fork S. S.	8.70
Macedonia Church	20.97
Carterville Church	15.92
Myrtle Church	12.75
Jewel Church	8.06
Neola Church	14.66
Martinstown S. S.	10.00
Leadington Church	10.18
Blue Eye Church	11.15
Rock Chapel Church	18.20
Total	\$305.56

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

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We have got everything going good at the Gem office and we want to keep it that way. I know you are grateful, and I know you do not want any more "backsets" at this enterprise. Neither do we, and for that reason, we are striving hard to get it on just as sound and solid a financial basis as possible. We were able to give the hired help a raise in salary the first of January. They are still working for a common salary as compared to what some people are getting; but we are thankful we could give them a raise from what they were getting. I promised them I would give them a raise when the financial status would justify it. Thank the Lord that the work here is on the upward trend and if you will stay with us we will continue to climb.



Missionary Department



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

PRAYER—OUR GREAT MISSIONARY NEED

By Rev. Damon C. Dodd

Sometime ago I was listening to one of our own Free Will Baptist Missionaries deliver her soul in an impassioned plea for missionary support from the homeland and it was no surprise to me that she made the following statement by way of concluding her message: "We need more power today in our missionary program. That power will come only through prayer." And how very, very true is that statement. Our need has been too long set as financial. And it is true that we must have finances to carry on properly in our missionary endeavor. But if we could have a genuine revival of prayer out of which would be born some prayer giants and warriors and which would engulf our people in the spirit of intercessory and agonizing prayer, the problem of financing our work would be the least of our worries. **WE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO PRAY AS A DENOMINATION.**

One outstanding missionary, faced with the staggering task of penetrating the dark fastness of Africa with all the accompanying superstitions and vices, as well as dangers physically, said, "We must advance every inch of the way on our knees." It is said of Judson, the great missionary to Burma, that the carpet in his study by the side of his desk was worn through with the print of his knees where he had spent hours in prayer. Henry Martin literally left the imprints of his knees in the sweltering sands of Persia and the east as he went relentlessly forward with the Good News, only to lie down and die, completely burned out for his God. Yes, through all time, prayer has been the secret of missionary endeavor.

But it is not enough that only the missionary on the field pray.

Each Christian in the homeland ought to be a willing volunteer to strengthen every mission station and outpost through daily prayer. The call from the missionary staff for prayer too many times falls on deaf or unheeding ears. Only recently I was in receipt of a list of prayer needs from our missionaries in India, and accompanying the prayer call was a letter, expressing the fear that our people wouldn't respond as they ought. Friends, let us remember, that we are responsible to God and to those whom we have sent in the name of our denomination to back them to the utmost in any way possible. Now it may be that scattered here and there across the land are those who cannot help financially as they would like. But there is not one but that has access to God through prayer. And everyone of us can do our part through prayer. We dare not be slack in this thing. **PRAY for Cuba, for India, for all the world. And God will answer in His own good time, but HE WILL ANSWER!**

Itinerary of Rev. & Mrs. Roach

Thur., Feb. 3 Berkeley City, St. Louis
 Fri., Feb. 4 .. Third Church, St. Louis
 Sat., Feb. 5 .. Southside C., St. Louis
 Sun. a.m. Feb. 6 Desloge Church
 Sun. p.m., Feb. 6 .. First C., Flat River
 Mon., Feb. 7 Leadington Church
 Tues., Feb. 8 Richwood Church
 Wed., Feb. 9 Fellowship C., Flat River
 Thur., Feb. 10 Mine La Motte C.
 Sat., Feb. 12 Mill Creek Church
 Sun. a.m., Feb. 13 .. Aulsbury Chapel
 Sun. p.m., Feb. 13 .. Fredericktown C.
 Mon., Feb. 14 Travel to Monett
 Tues., Feb. 15 Monett Church
 Wed., Feb. 16 Macedonia Church
 Thur., Feb. 17 Jones Chapel
 Friday, Feb. 18 Merl's Chapel
 Sat., Feb. 19 Granby Church
 Sun. a.m., Feb. 20 ... Pleasant Grove
 Mon., Feb. 21 Blue Eye

Tues., Feb. 22 Carterville
 Wed., Feb. 23 Aurora
 Thur., Feb. 24 Neola
 Fri., Feb. 25 ... Independence Church
 Sat., Feb. 26 Verdella
 Sun. p.m., Feb. 27 Hannon
 Mon., Feb. 28 Hickory Grove
 Tues., Mar. 1 Kansas City
 Wed., Mar. 2 Union Third Fork
 Thur., Mar. 3 Haddam Church
 Fri., Mar. 4 Mt. Zion Church
 Sat., Mar. 5 Hartville
 Sun., Mar. 6 Mtn. Grove Church
 Mon., Mar. 7 Pleasant Hill C.
 Tues., Mar. 8 Rock Chapel
 Wed., Mar. 9 Mtn. Valley
 Thurs., Mar. 10 Sublette C.
 Fri., Mar. 11 Hazel Creek Union
 Sat., Mar. 12 Jewel Church
 Sun. a.m., Mar. 13 New Harmony
 Sun. p.m., Mar. 13 Green Grove
 Mon., Mar. 14 Sunny View C.
 Tues., Mar. 15 Happy Hill C.
 Wed., Mar. 16 Amity Church

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WE WELCOME A MAN OF GOD INTO OUR MIDST

Dr. Jack L. Neville, a man of wide experience and a deep man of God, is heartily welcomed into our midst by all who know him having recently united with the Monett Free Will Baptist Church. Dr. Neville comes to us from the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been very successful in his evangelistic work through the past number of years and has travelled quite extensively over Europe and the African continent. He is now in direct correspondence with the President of Liberia relative to going there and establishing a mission work. Free Will Baptists are indeed honored to have a man like this in their midst. A man well educated, yet truly consecrated and filled with the spirit. If you should see fit to have him with your church, he will certainly prove a great blessing to your people. Dr. Neville, we welcome you. Please feel at home with us.

Dahari Kothi,
Katihar
Bihar, India

Dear Friends & Co-Workers:

"Rejoice and be exceeding glad for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people." Thus did the angels herald the news of the new born King, Jesus, the Saviour of the world. The greatest possible joy is the giving and receiving of this glorious message. The giver and the receiver are both alike blessed. This is Christmas Eve and all true Christians are anxious to follow the example of the wise men and bring their gifts to the feet of Jesus. But when we think of the "Unspeakable Gift of God", the Son of God and His gifts of Salvation, Eternal Life, the Holy Spirit, and the blessed privilege to tell this Wonderful Story to others, our hearts overflow.

"Our God is great and worthy to be praised." For almost a decade the eyes of Sister Barnard, the Foreign Mission Board, and those of many Free Will Baptists throughout the denomination have been on Purnea District in North India as a field of labor for the denomination. Through the years thousands of prayers have been offered in this connection. There is no doubt but that these prayers were prompted by the Holy Spirit. Today, Dec. 24, 1948, there are four Free Will Baptist Missionaries in the District.

Eight years ago there were between two and three million people. Due to natural increase, the building of new industries, and the influx of thousands of refugees from East Pakistan, which joins it, the population today is more than twice that figure. There are only a mere handful of widely scattered missionaries in the entire district. At the present we are here in Katihar, Purnea District, studying the language and testifying for the Master as the opportunity is given. I have given some few talks in the Hindu Language, particularly with the aid of the Flannel Board but about a week ago delivered my first "ful-fledged", regular sermon in Hindi. Mr. Cronk and

I have visited Kishanganj from all appearance. After many rebuffs, it seems as though all concerned are willing for us to enter. The one thing needed is suitable quarters or any quarters. With thousands of refugees from Pakistan which it joins, houses are almost impossible to obtain—one or two land sites are yet available. However, God who has gone before so far will open a way if you do not sin in forgetting to pray much over this matter. Bro. Cronk and I will attend a conference of all missionaries in this area beginning January 1, 1949.

Purnea District borders on Nepal, a country in which there are no Christian workers, on Eastern Pakistan, Assam, where missionaries are very few and almost borders on Butan where there are no missionaries. It is probably the most malarious district in all of India. Until recently the district had been neglected by the government. For these and other reasons the preaching of the Gospel in this entire district has been almost entirely neglected. Pray that God will wonderfully bless in the Work in this district. Since we first came to this district, we have seen wonders for American eyes—hundreds of elephants, dromedaries, the on lump camel, men traveling on elephants, water buffaloes, carriages similar to the ones seen in pictures of the 17th and 18th centuries, bullock carts such as were used in Bible Times. There are a few motor cars but far less than we have seen elsewhere in India. Since the land is extremely low, it is very hot here except at this time of the year and during the day, it is rather warm even now. For this and other reasons many of the boys and girls of the poorer people wear no clothes at all. We live about a mile outside the town. Within one two day period, I counted the carcasses of six dead animals between our house and the town: there was a goat, two dogs, a cow, a horse, and the remains of another animal which was beyond recognition. They were all within a few feet of the road and covered by huge vultures. The third day I saw nothing but the skeletons left. Before and since, we

have seen many similar sights. During the first few hours succeeding daylight, literally hundreds of men and children can be seen on and near the roads and streets answering the calls of nature. Most places in India, in business places and particularly in the post office and railroad offices and department, most of the clerks and officials speak and understand English but few here can be said to be really able to use it fluently. From all appearances we have met men, women, and children who have never seen white faces before—at least not often. As far as we know, outside of a jeep and truck and probably one car used by the police department, there are not more than three or four cars in this city of forty thousand people and the surrounding villages of fifty more thousands. However, there are a few motorcycles and scores of bicycles.

The Hindi used here is mixed with local dialects and is vastly different from that learned in the language school which will, however, be the official language of the country. Of the two hundred and seventy "main languages" of the country, most of them are based on Hindi which must be learned first.

Yours in Him,
Paul Woolsey

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