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Mother Earth is sound asleep;  
Who, oh! who will wake her?  
"I will," said the mild south wind,  
"I will gently shake her."

Mother Earth is wide awake;  
Who will bring her flowers?  
"I will," said the beaming sun,  
"Helped by Springtime showers."

*"... Let the hills be joyful together before  
the Lord..." Psalms 98:8, 9.*

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## PREPARATION FOR DIVINE SERVICE

(Read Isaiah 6:1-8)

By B. F. Brown

This sixth chapter of "The Book of the Prophet Isaiah" tells how, why, when and where the Prophet Isaiah was prepared, cleansed and qualified, then called to be a prophet of Almighty God.

According to this sixth chapter of the book of Isaiah's prophecy, Isaiah, before he was called to prophesy for God, was a sinner and iniquity abounded in his life. He must have experienced what is set forth in chapter six, before he began his work as God's prophet. After he had proclaimed what is written in the first five chapters of his book, he tells how and why he came to be God's prophet, and it is written in chapter six, God may lay His hand on one who is a sinner, but I cannot believe that He would send a sinner forth to proclaim His message.

One day during the year that King Uzziah died Isaiah was at the temple in Jerusalem. He was not in the temple, but on the outside; yet he could see what God wanted him to see on the inside: for the doors were open.

Isaiah had a three-fold vision. He saw the glory and the holiness of the Lord; he saw the Lord upon His throne, high and lifted up; and he saw himself as God saw him. He confessed his sin and was forgiven and cleansed; and when he heard the Lord calling for someone to go with a message to a rebellious people, he volunteered to go with God's message.

Was Isaiah's three-fold vision a pattern or model divinely appointed to be copied by all who would be saved, even during this dispensation? Does God require that all men repent, even as Isaiah repented? And does God cleanse and qualify all whom He would call to His service, even as He did Isaiah?

Since we must answer YES to all the above questions, we will attempt a brief explanation of the Scripture passage (Isaiah 6:1-8), considering that God requires the same things in the salvation of sinners today that He did in

Isaiah's case. All who would be saved, that they might serve the Lord must—

### Behold the Holiness

#### And the Glory of God

God had a place of service that He wished to prepare Isaiah to fill; therefore Isaiah was at the temple, where God wanted him to be, and at the proper time. God knew what Isaiah needed to see and know; so He gave him a vision of His holiness and glory. Isaiah was a sinner, and iniquity abounded in his life, which he fully realized when he saw the holiness and the glory of the Lord.

Now I believe that a change began to operate in Isaiah's life as soon as he saw the vision—God was working in his heart: "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

The seraphims (burners), which were defenders of God's holiness and cleansers of unclean sinners, also appeared in the vision, and one of them cried, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." Doesn't this indicate the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? In some unexplained way they all had a part in the vision, and they all have a part in conversion of sinners. But it was the son of God that Isaiah saw and heard speaking. "No man hath seen God at any time: the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." (John 1:18).

"For we are his (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." (Eph. 2:10). God demands that His people be holy; but we cannot be holy except we be branches in the true vine, and the life which is in the vine, which is Christ, is our life too. Without Him we have no life—"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12). Paul said, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Rom.

13:14). And we must "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

### See Christ as God and Saviour

Isaiah saw not only the glory and the holiness of the Lord, but saw the Lord also; and as he stated it, "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple" (v. 1). The Lord must have revealed Himself to Isaiah in a special vision—no one else saw what Isaiah saw, the vision was for him only. Jesus told His disciples that He would manifest Himself unto them, but not unto the world, and they didn't understand (I Cor. 2:14). Paul speaking of the natural man, said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (I Cor. 2:9).

Isaiah (a sinner) saw the Lord, not on the "Mercy Seat," but "sitting on a throne, high and lifted up." Isaiah must have seen the same Lord that we seek to see and know: for the Lord that sits upon a throne (Heb. 1:3), and is highly exalted (Phil. 2:9), is our Lord. Literally speaking, there is or was no throne in the temple; so God must have provided one for Isaiah's sake, that He might prepare him to carry His message to a rebellious people. Then the most important part of the evangelist's work must be to picture the crucified Christ so plainly that the vilest sinner can see and understand all that he needs to know about the Christ who died for him, and in his stead, that he might have eternal life. The Holy Spirit should do the rest.

### See Ourselves as God Sees Us

When Isaiah had seen the holiness and the glory of the Lord, and seen also the Lord, he then saw himself as a lost sinner; and he cried out "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes seen the King, the Lord of host". Isaiah was now as God wanted him to be, under deep conviction; then one of the seraphims



flew with a live coal from off the altar, which he laid upon Isaiah's lips, saying "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged".

### Hear God's Call To Service

Isaiah was now a new man, and free from sin and condemnation; he now had ears to hear the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us"? Isaiah understood that the Lord's call was directed to him; so he answered the Lord, saying, "Here am I; send me." And, of course the Lord said, Go.

It was now up to the prophet to keep right with his Lord, and be faithful in all the work of his office. He must ever be willing and obedient in all that the Lord might require of him. He must be willing to suffer, if need be, even to giving his life for others. Can you, can I, be and do anything less, and be justified in the sight of our God?

## TITHING

Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Mo.

Tithing is a very important part of our service to God. To pay tithes is to give a tenth part of. However large or small our earnings may be, tithing is the giving of the tenth part to the Lord. In Lev. 27:30-33 the law of tithing was enacted. The tithe or tenth was to be given to the Levites as a reward for their services in the temple. The ministry of today should be supported on a tithing plan.

Let us look into the Old Testament for some scripture references on tithing. In Leviticus 27:30 we find what the tithes are. One tenth of the increase of the field, orchard, herd, or flock is the Lord's. Also one tenth of money gained in any business or occupation, profit or salary.

Lev. 27:31. We should never use tithes in any way or at any time for our own personal use. But if we do, there is a way, and only one way to redeem them. That is to pay them and add one-fifth more to the original sum. We should never make the excuse that we need them and then for-

get it. They are still to be paid and with interest. One fifth more.

Gen. 14:20. Abraham gave Melchizedek, as the priest of God, the tithe, or tenth. Yes, here is proof that God honored and blessed tithing before the law was given. God blessed Abraham and these who object to tithing object to blessings from God.

Num. 18:24-28. Because the Levites had no inheritance the tithes were theirs. They in turn must pay one tenth of the tenth. This was to be paid to the sons of Aaron or the high priest.

Heb. 7:9. The ministers of today are under the same regulations. Ministers, you are to pay your tenth to the Lord.

Deut. 12:5,6. All manner of tithes and offerings were to be brought in.

Neh. 13:5. Tithes of corn, wine and oil were to be given to the ministers. We should give tithes today to support those who give their time in the gospel work. Pastors, evangelists and singers should be supported in this way.

Neh. 13:10-12. If we would all honestly pay the tithe today the ministry would not be lacking, and our ministers would not be compelled to do manual labor to support themselves and their families. If each member of the church, or every christian would pay their tithes, our churches would grow and our pastors and evangelists would be free to work entirely for God as they should.

Prov. 3:9,10. The best belongs to God. Always give God the first fruits, the best. He will bless and multiply gain to you. Don't be stingy. You can't give more than God gives. Hardly ever does a stingy man receive a blessing.

Prov. 11:25. Give liberally—freely, willingly. This is pleasing to God and His blessings will always follow.

Deut. 14:22,23. Keep giving. Not just one time, one year, but every day, and every year. Always. Just as you pay any other honest debts.

Mal. 3:8-12. When you fail to pay the tithe, God has been robbed. Churches fail, ministers are lacking—when the tithe is not paid. Crops fail, nations are curs-

ed because the tithe is not paid. Our health fails, our blessings are taken away when God is robbed. If you rebel against God and rob Him, very often the Devil collects.

Now let us turn to the New Testament. Some people think tithing was only before the New Testament. According to some scriptures given in the New Testament I believe it is one of the main subjects and should be practiced by all christians today.

Matt. 6:32,33. Selfish people bring suffering upon themselves. Seek the kingdom of God first. Your daily life is your best testimony. Often we miss the blessings of God, by seeking our own selfish ways.

Matt. 6:19-21. Where our treasures are there our heart will be also. Giving to the poor is lending to God.

Luke 6:38. Whatever you possess, give the tithe. Give it to support the gospel ministers. Give and your own liabilities will be cared for. The tithe is not yours and not to be used for your personal expenses.

Matt. 23:23. Paying tithes will not buy your way to Heaven. One must also have salvation, faith and mercy. Then paying tithes brings a blessing to the payer as well as the one receiving. Tithes, gifts and offerings always bring a blessing. If you doubt it, honestly try it, and see.

Luke 21:1-4. God blessed the widow who gave her little mite. Blessed her and recorded her deed in the Word of God. God does not ask you to give more than your share. Just the tenth, it belongs to Him. If you think the tenth part of a large pay check is too much to give, watch out, soon your pay checks may not be so large or something will happen to the other nine-tenths and you will be wondering why. Remember the tenth, the tithe, is God's and not yours.

Acts 4:34-37. This, "selling all, and having all things common" plan did not last long. It involved too many problems. God's plan is the best and does not involve any serious problems.

Acts 30:35. This does not al-

ways mean money. Time, spiritual help, strength or knowledge, can be given to God's glory and the giver be richly rewarded. So if you have no money to give, give what ever you have.

I Cor. 9:13-14. The church should support its own minister. Even sinners sometimes pay tithes and are blessed. If you as a christian withhold the tithes, you will lose a blessing, but you cannot stop God's work. Don't just say to your minister, "Trust the Lord, He will take care of you", and then withhold his money for your own use. Give one tenth of your gains to his support.

I Cor. 16:1-3. Just giving to the poor is not tithing. This is a special collection for the poor people who were in need of help. We should put the tithes into the gospel work. Work out a plan or system of tithing and stick to it.

II Cor. 9:6-7. You cannot buy salvation with wealth. It was purchased with the blood of Christ. The Lord rewards those who give willingly. It costs money to support churches, to expand in any way in the gospel work. You can have your part in the God's work by helping with tithes and offerings, and receive a blessing from God by doing so.

Pay the tithe, help promote God's word, and work. Pay all the tithe. Do not rob God even a little.

Be careful and prayerful where you pay your tithes. Give where it will be used to the glory of God.

I Chorn. 29:9. Build churches or places of worship by willing hearts.

Ezra 1:4-6. Willing hands restored the house of Jerusalem.

I Cor. 4:12. Just because Paul worked is no sign the preachers of today should have to do manual labor to live. Sinners should not be charged to have the gospel preached to them. Don't tie the evangelist's, pastor's or missionary's hand by compelling them to support themselves while in the gospel work.

Pay the tithes. They are for the support and expansion of the ministry and gospel work.

Don't rob God. Men rob people today by holding them up. People rob God by holding back. Withholding what belongs to Him. The tithe is God's, no matter who has it in their possession.

Have faith in God. Pay your tithes and leave the results in His hands.

I am only one

But I am one!

I cannot do everything

But I Can Do Something;

What I can do

I Ought To Do—

(And by the grace of God)

I Will Do!

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## REASON FOR THE PROPHETIC WORD

*By Mrs. Emma Moore*

We know that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. We know it was one method God used as Hebrews 1:1 tells us.

A great part of both the Old and New Testament is given to the prophetic word. Much of the prophecy of the Old Testament scriptures are fulfilled in the New.

I call notice to II Pet. 1:19, the definition of prophecy as the Holy Spirit gives it.

"A lamp shining in a dark place." We appreciate the lamp that gives light for our homes, business places, streets, cars and means of transportation. What could we do without the light in dark places.

God lit this lamp and in this

midnight of dark blackness He knew it to be what we'd need. He said "I would not have you to be ignorant.

The human race is heading for horrors of which it is totally unaware. All kinds of destructive production—atom bombs, rockets, etc.

Thanks be to our God who gave us the searchlight which uncovers the dangers ahead and the path by which we can make our escape. He who came will come again and rule in righteousness. Some Christians say prophecy is difficult. God says "it is a lamp that shineth in a dark place."

God prophesied He would destroy all living things on earth by water. Even skeptical scientist

admit the signs of proof that this is true. Then God says in II Pet. 3:6 "The world that then was perished.

But the heavens and earth which are now by the same word are kept in store reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. What? Yes, kept in careful preserve for the specific object—"for fire," II Pet. 3:7. Read II Pet. 3:10. The elements, the elementary particles, the atoms, yes—the liberation and ignition of gases under white hot heat, earth and works burned up.

God is not defeated nor is He slack concerning His promises.

Sin has not defeated His purpose and He is to destroy it even to the places where it has touched.

So prophecy is given to move our souls to practical holiness.

I John 3:3—He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure.

II Pet. 1:19—We have also a more sure word of prophecy where unto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

To every child of God the vital element in prophecy is how he will be found by Christ.

In peace and without blame in His sight is no mere fruit that inevitably follows salvation. This marvelous possibility is the product solely of unceasing diligence. When we give diligence the Holy Spirit produces—we can truly say, "I want a purer heart, lower mind, melted spirit, sensitive penitance, sweeter temper, quicker love, richer grace. Daily as I waken and hear the birds singing listening for the Lord's shout." Only can the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ remedy all this mass of misery. And the date of this final fact is not revealed. (II Pet. 3:10) Cometh as a thief, no dating, no warning, no time for preparations. The sole safety lies in readiness. Psalm 130:6.

Prophecy is not for speculation on future events but for a holier, purer life. Even so Come Lord Jesus.

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## IN THE LAST DAYS

-B. E. Corwell, Woodville, Fla.

The Word teaches us that the endtime won't come except there be a falling away first.

I feel like that time has come. The church and the world is so alike. All, as one, going hand in hand. There are so many church members know they joined the church but don't know whether they are saved or not. All they have got to go by is what the preacher says. He says now you cannot be plucked out of God's hands and they don't know God and never have known Him. While they were little children, fit subjects for Heaven, they did not know God and never have known Him by the discerning of the Spirit like Peter knew Him. They just think they are saved because they joined the church and feel like they have done all it takes to be a Christian. Such folks as that can not be plucked out of God's hands because they are not in His hands to start with and never have been. Since they become to know good from evil and did their first sin, you can ask a person if they feel like they are saved they might say yes, they have confessed Christ, done all the Bible requires of them, and many don't know any more about Christ than they do about Abraham. They just know what they have heard. Look out preachers. Somebody is causing these church members to be drifting to hell, not knowing any better, thinking they are saved.

There are a lot of different ways they may know they have changed from death unto life if they were told. They don't read to find out. They are just drifting along as blind as if they did not have any eyes. Ask one if he loved the brethren the answer would likely be "I like all them pretty well except Jim and Jack. I would not mind being in the church if they didn't belong to it." Well, do you feel like you are living right? "I think I do about as good as the balance do." You use bad words. "Not often." Do you drink whiskey? "Not to the point that I can not control it."

Do you believe that God answers prayers? "Oh yes." Do you feel like He answers your prayers? "I suppose He would if I were to ask Him but I have never tried Him to see if He would. There hasn't been anything I wanted to ask Him for." Do you love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? "Oh, I reckon I love Him about as good as most anybody else." Do you love all the sisters in the church? "All except Aunt Fannie. She wanted me turned out of the church because I went fishing on Sunday. That is not any worse than killing a chicken and Aunt Fannie does that."

I intended this article to show how blinded some church members are, and that the preachers are responsible for their blindness. They should be told what it takes to inherit eternal life. Some will strive to enter that will not enter. They are striving but not in the right way. They don't actually know what it will take to inherit eternal life.

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### MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP TO CONVENE AUGUST 1-12, 1949

I do not know, as yet, who the personnel will be at this coming session of the Youth Encampment, but I do know there will be youth there. And where there are children there are needs to be filled. I am humbly grateful for all the needs that were supplied last year, and, for the additional needs that are being supplied for the coming session. Not only am I grateful but I feel that I speak the sentiment of every person connected with this great movement in any way. From those who were in charge, to those who sent their children in the confidence they would be cared for, we say "thank you."

The last session was a success from every standpoint; financially, physically, and last, but certainly not least, Spiritually. The encampment paid for its own expenses plus some (I do not know the exact figures) that was left over. I don't know of a single child who lost weight while there, with the possible exception of one little girl who became ill. In fact, I know of several who gained from five to eleven pounds. Then every child who

went to the camp a sinner, went home, a Christian!! Also, I personally witnessed some who went to the camp Christians, found the will of the Lord in their lives while there and surrendered their lives to Him in service. These are facts and as I said in the beginning, we are humbly grateful to the Lord for any and all accomplishments. "He gave the increase."

We are praying and planning for an even greater session this year in that more of our people will send or 'bring' their children, their Sunday School classes, their League classes, their "Go Tell Girls Auxiliaries" and the sinner boys and girls whom they are trying to win for Christ. Far shut away, as it were, from the world, the Holy Spirit has a greater opportunity to draw these boys and girls to Jesus for salvation and consecration.

The greatest item of expense in last years session was food. Do you know how much food a growing boy or girl can eat? Well, if you do, multiply that by a lot of activity, fresh country air and old fashioned cooking and you will get a fair estimate of the needs of the Youth Camp in the way of food supplies.

I suppose you have guessed by now that I'm asking for something? Well, I am, and here it is: While it is yet early for us to be planting gardens, etc., it certainly isn't too early for us to think about what we are going to try to raise this year. So, in your planning, will you give one row of your garden to the Youth Camp? I realize you are wondering how you can do this. Just simply plant one more row of tomatoes, corn, green beans, spinach or what ever kind of vegetables you decide to plant this year and then take the fruit of that row and can it and send the same to the Youth Camp. Now listen, please, Missouri Free Will Baptists, this is our camp, our responsibility, so won't you give this plan your most earnest and prayerful consideration? You wouldn't think of going to your neighbor when your child needed shoes would you? Of course you wouldn't, but we do just that in principle, when we expect others to care for our Youth Camp. Now, I'm asking you to do this over and above any pledge you've made or your regular support of the camp.

Now, if you live in the city and do  
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# EDITORIAL



## ARE THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD UPON US?

It seems now a days we are seeing some very strange and unusual occurrences. Such as has never been before. Yet when we consider them in the light of the prophetic word we need not be alarmed, or disturbed. God said these things would come in the end time of our age, and so what He hath written He hath written.

According to the Revelation there will be great upheavals in the realms of nature before His return to earth again. In fact under the opening of the sixth seal, which takes place just before the middle of the seven year period of tribulation (Daniel's 70th week), all nature goes into literal convulsions. This will be the very creation of God speaking out in attestation to the fact of His true existence, His sovereignty and His power. Well, it will not be the first time such has occurred, because that is exactly what took place at the time the Son of God was dying on the cross. At that hour all nature spoke out in thunder tones to the fact of the true deity of Him whom they had pierced.

These peculiar occurrences in nature's realm today are nothing more than a forerunning of that which is coming in greater force a little farther on.

### NEVER BEFORE—

Have we seen the freakish ice storms come with such destructive power as we have seen them during this past winter. Yes, we have seen ice to be sure, but not as we have seen it and heard about it lately. Communication systems literally torn to pieces, buildings crushed down, timber torn to pieces. One young man said, "It looks just as the timber in Germany after it had been shelled." These places that were the sore victims of the ice storms were pitiful sights to behold.

### NEVER BEFORE—

Have we known the citrus fruit of the Rio Grande valley and southern California to be frozen on the vines and on the twigs. These people have always been exempt from such and have made no preparation for anything different. The news papers featured the picture of a young lady in California amazingly pointing to an icicle on the eave of the building; the first she had ever seen. Very strange indeed.

### NEVER BEFORE—

Have we known the destruction to both humanity and livestock (especially livestock) because of the terrific snow storms as they have known them in the central western and north western states this past winter. Lots of snow and ice is common for these states most every winter, yes, but not like it has been this past winter. No, nothing to compare with it.

### NEVER BEFORE—

Have we known the destruction of the dreaded tornadoes in the middle of the winter as we have become to know them in late years. When I was a child we never once thought of a tornado in this country in mid winter. They were always expected in the spring and summer months, especially in the spring. These times we may look for one any month in the year. The terrible tornado with its destruction in central Arkansas this past winter is one concrete example.

### Yes, and NEVER BEFORE—

In our dispensation have we seen men so far from God as they are in this present day. Never was this nation of ours quite so corrupt as now. This grim reality explains why the judgments of God are so noticeable upon us. God has already begun to pour out His judgments on a Christ hating and Christ rejecting world. What we have seen is nothing to compare with what the world will see as man continues to ignore God, His word and His efforts to call man kind

to a halt. No, what we have seen and experienced as yet are very minor things indeed, but they are out spoken evidences of what is coming upon man as he continues to persist in having his own way.

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## THE GEM DESIRES TO BE OF SERVICE

We are happy to be of service to every phase and department of our denominational work just as far as possible. We welcome reports from all parts of the work; the only requirement is that they be made as brief as is convenient.

We realize the National Association has no publication of its own and therefore we are glad to be of service to all our national work. We have several papers whose columns are open to the national program, but they are all locally owned and controlled; either by individuals, local or state associations, or stock holders companies. In reality we have no national paper. So long as the national association does not have a paper of its own our columns stand open to our officials and leaders throughout the states. While this enterprise is a Missouri owned and controlled institution, yet the Gem has always been known to stand one hundred percent with and for the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

We appreciate all the work you have been sending this way. Any job you may direct to us will get prompt attention and will be back to you at the earliest possible date. Thank you.

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### CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT AT THE GEM OFFICE

Our linotype operator, Donald Greenway, has been compelled to give up his work with us because of the condition of his eyes. Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, one of our young ministers from Lockwood, Mo., has moved down to take his place.

Donald has made us a splendid

operator, having been with us from the time we began here in September 1947. We regretted to give him up. Yet, we realize the linotype work is strenuous on the eyes and we could not expect a young man like Donald to continue on to the extent that it would ruin his eyesight for life. Some how his eyes have never been too strong and so he felt it wisdom to give up the linotype work and seek some kind of employment of a different nature.

Rev. Jeffreys is one of our finest young men. He has been employed with the Lockwood newspaper as linotype operator for some time, and so comes to us not without experience. He will make us a good linotype man. He is now preparing to purchase a home here and so he and his family will become residents of Monett. As Donald could not continue we are glad to have Lloyd in his stead.

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### **SPLENDID RESPONSE TO THE LETTER SENT OUT**

We have had a splendid response to the letter we sent out asking for contributions toward an automatic job press for the Gem enterprise. Many of the Gem family have responded, and contributions continue to come in. Please remember if you have not made yours it is not too late yet.

We thank you very much for this consideration you have given our appeal. It proves to us that you are with us and for us. A united effort can accomplish great things, and how much we need to be pulling together in this present day. We have not undertaken as yet to make a purchase of the press. We have sufficient now that we could install a press without incurring any indebtedness, but we are going to wait just a bit yet that more funds may come, because as you know the more funds we have the better press we can buy. When we make the purchase we want it to be something in true value for the money expended. I am sure you agree with us on that. So please just keep the donations coming for this specific purpose and some of these days ere long we will install a job press that will make us all to

be grateful. Again we thank you.

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### **BIBLE CONFERENCE NEAR AT HAND**

It does not seem possible, but never the less another year has almost passed and it is again nearing the time for our annual Bible Conference which is held every spring at the College in Nashville, Tennessee. No doubt many are laying plans to be there. At least we hope you are. Many of us have learned that the annual spring Bible Conference is an event we cannot afford to miss.

The National Foreign Mission Board will be in session during this conference week which is our annual board meeting. Sister Wiley is to be present from Cuba to serve as one of the regular speakers, and will of course be in conference with the board concerning our work in Cuba.

If you have not already, then begin now to make preparation for attending the entire sessions of this conference which will be held the very forepart of April.

### **National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention**

*Gertrude Bonte, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Columbia Bible College, Col., S. C.*

#### **Pray for—**

1. Executive Board meeting, April 5, 1949.
2. Location of annual convention, August 9-11, 1949.
3. Planning of program for convention—speakers especially.

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT**

According to the latest available statistics, the total number of missionaries of all groups bearing the nominal classification of "Christian," in proportion to population, shows there are:

- 2 missionaries per million people in French Indo-China.
- 13 missionaries per million people in China.
- 14 missionaries per million people in India.
- 21 missionaries per million people in South America.
- 30 missionaries per million people in Mexico, Central America and the West Indies.
- 56 missionaries per million people in Africa.

—The Free Will Baptist.

## **NEW TREATISE SOON**

We have just received the news that the new Church Treatise, the Revised Issue, will soon be ready for distribution for those who want copies. They will be ready for orders to be filled on or about the first of March.

The price per copy will be thirty-five cents, three dollars per dozen, or twenty-two dollars fifty cents per hundred. Orders may be sent in now and the Treatise will be mailed to those making orders as soon as possible. Order from The Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri.

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not have a garden, will you buy one dozen cans of fruit or vegetables and send that or the equivalent in money? Will you purchase ten pounds of sugar, coffee, lard, or whatever you use in your kitchen at home? It requires the same ingredients to bake a cake at Youth Camp as it does in your own kitchen.

If you will respond to this call won't you drop a card to Bro. Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Mo., and advise him as to which of these things you plan to supply and then he will let you know when and how to send them.

Perhaps you are wondering why all this since I clearly stated in the beginning that the Youth Camp paid for itself last year. Just simply because there is still an indebtedness against the camp and there are so many, many things that are needed that if we could cut down on the cost of the camp food bill we could do so much more for the children in other ways.

So come on, you loyal F. W. B. and get behind this movement. For as surely as "you cast your bread upon the waters" you will find it after many days standing in your pulpit, before your Sunday School or League classes, yea, even out there on the mission fields, and know this too, our children shall "rise up and call us blessed." May God richly bless you for your every effort in His name.

Yours In His Glad Service,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards.



# CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

Cabool, Missouri

"Where there is no vision the people perish; But he that keepeth the law happy is he."

A vision defined—A vision is something seen otherwise than by ordinary sight, the unseen made real. People perish because their lives are taken up by the things they see and behold. These are temporal and not enduring. The things which are seen will soon be seen no more. Jesus said Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away. We need to look into the unseen things. Things that are holy, spiritual, heavenly, and eternal. We need to look beyond this life into yonder world and decide in which one we really do want to abide.

Paul never could get away from or forget his vision, and late in life he could say "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." He was the greatest evangelist of the New Testament. The vision of his call never grew dim. Follow this great man through his missionary tours as he went to different places led by visions. See how he suffered, sacrificed, labored, denied himself, prayed, wept, and preached for the salvation of the lost. He stood before rulers and kings testifying of his obedience to the Heavenly vision.

Silas was with Paul on his second missionary journey and it was while they were at Troas that Paul had the vision of a man from Macedonia saying "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:10—And after he had seen the vision immediately we gathered to go into Macedonia assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them. Paul immediately made preparations to sail for Macedonia and landed at Philippi which was the chief city of that part of Macedonia. While there preaching to that people the way of salvation, it didn't suit some of the people whose hearts were set only on temporal gain and not on things eternal. They caught Paul and Silas and drew them into the market place unto the rulers saying "These men do exceedingly trouble our city," and the multitude rose up together against them. They were beaten of many

stripes and cast into prison. I marvel at their faith and courage in God. Their vision never dimmed. They sang praises unto their God at the midnight hour and the prisoners heard them. They were not ashamed to be heard even though they had been shamefully mistreated. God heard too and suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundation of the prisons were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened. God opened the doors of opportunity to Paul and Silas so their vision from God might be revealed and realized. People began to inquire what they must do to be saved. A great meeting began. Many lost souls were saved. This was the beginning of the church at Philippi, Macedonia. All the result of them answering the vision of God.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." There is a great need for parents to get a vision of our children's future welfare lest they perish spiritually. We spend much time preparing them for this natural life, seeing that they have the proper diet so as to develop strong, healthy bodies, and go to much effort and expense for their education which is our responsibility and duty. But, oh, so little time we spend preparing them for the eternal life. A child so soon comes to the time when there is a choice for them to make, God or Satan. Who are we training them to yield themselves servants to obey? Where will be their destiny according to our visions for them? Heaven or hell.

God's Word says train up a child in the way he should go. If we want them to go to Heaven when they die they must have a vision of Heaven. Tell them Heaven is a place of happiness, a place of life eternal. God is there and all good people of this life are there. The tree of life is there. A river of life is there. Everything there speaks of life. There will be life without death.

A vision of hell should also be taught so they can know what they are choosing. Hell should be taught as a place as real and literal even as Heaven. It is a place of eternal death, eternal punishment, of weeping, wailing and

gnashing of teeth. Hell is the very opposite of Heaven.

Let us not under estimate the value, beauty and glories of Heaven, the agonies of hell, the seriousness of this life with its golden opportunities that are ours but once. Oh, the preciousness of time and the endlessness of eternity. Let us cherish a vision from the Lord and be obedient. Trust not in the temporal things of this life which cannot save the soul. Take the children and go to church. Teach them to love God and keep his commandments and in the end reap a rich reward.

Good Lord, help each of your children to be obedient unto the Heavenly vision, that we may be able to help others see your way of salvation. Grant unto us faith and courage that we all will work till Jesus comes and then be gathered home.

Mrs. Herbert Vandivort.

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St. Louis, Missouri  
February 18, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

I wish to report that through the wonderful spirit of Christian leadership of our pastor Harvey E. Hill and his family, and the fervent prayers of all our members at our little Southside Free Will Baptist Church at 5418 Idaho Ave., St. Louis, Mo., we have had to add three more classrooms in our basement which soon will be completed. Also we have installed a new furnace, and just as soon as the class rooms are finished we are going to redecorate the church.

So you see why we are so happy, for God is truly blessing our church and souls are being saved. Of course we pray that God will show us the way in which we can bring more precious souls to Him, for there is sin on every hand and God intends for each and every one of us, as His children, to bring lost souls to Him so that they can also be saved and work for His honor and glory and be on the road to Heaven and everlasting peace and happiness. God is hearing our prayers and an average of one soul has been saved at each Sunday service since my last article in Febru-

ary. So now we are going to pray to God to send us at least two precious souls to be saved at our Sunday services, and God will hear and answer prayers if we just pray with complete trust and faith.

God is truly blessing our prayer meetings on Wednesday night. Our Woman's Auxiliary is progressing marvelously, and our League has two new members to help carry on God's work, and we ask your prayers so that it may continue to grow and prosper. We are also very proud of our young boys and girls who take great joy in doing anything that is asked of them.

In closing, I and all our members ask your prayers that God will continue to bless our little church and help us bring more lost souls to Christ.

Sis. Dorothy Beard, Correspondent.

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#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT CARTERVILLE F. W. B. CHURCH

Mission calls .....	23
Tracts and papers given .....	2
Special Missionary program....	3
Amount Mission offering sent through church treasury ....	\$35.78

Mrs. Harry Sterling,  
Third Vice-President,  
302 North Terry,  
Carterville, Missouri.

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Rev. Bingham has accepted the New Home Church at Tulsa, Okla. His new address is: Rev. Melvin Bingham, Route 9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.

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Dear Gem Readers:

Why and how in the name of our dear loving Saviour, is it that people are just going on with out God? It is time for people to wake up and get to business. Let us be honest with ourselves and God. Col. 3:9 we read, lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds. So we must be just as this following scripture says: We must put off the old sinful man and put on the new man. In Col. 3:10 we read where we put on the new man, and if we do our life is hid with Christ in God. So if God dwell in us and us in Him, we are His. So therefore the Spirit of God dwells in His people. In Rom. 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God. Gods people can feel the Spirit

of God. And Brother according to the Scriptures, if we are a child of God His spirit shall dwell in us and our in Him. God is just, He gave His only Son for us that we might be saved. Rom. 8:16 says: The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, so our spirit has got to bear witness with God. I am proud that God has power that man can tell when he is in you and you in Him. Yes, sir. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

We have to search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have life. You know that there is a way that seemeth right, but the end is death. No, if we dwell in Him and Him in us our love is grounded in Christ. People don't seem to want to hear the Word of God, but in His Word we read where people will not endure sound doctrine. We can see this in full filling. I don't see how people will turn God away when He has made the way so plain. I don't believe it will be long until our Lord will come and it is going to be awful to hear the cries. And every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, but then it will be too late. Whosoever believeth in Him shall never die, says the Word of God. That is worth living for isn't it. I am proud that it has been made possible for man to be saved. So if we love God and have passed from death unto life we are His. I wish that people would read the Bible and be filled with God's Spirit. I John 2:29 If you do righteousness you are born of Him.

Roy Kindrix,  
R. 2, Magazine, Ark.

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## NOTICE

The General Rally has been changed from the Jones Chapel Church to Macedoria Church.

Rev. Paul Williams, President  
Indian Creek F.W.B. League

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Dear Gem Readers and Youth-for-Christ Workers:

I take this pleasure in writing you through the Gem the plan of our Youth Encampment program.

The Board met February 4 at the Camp site to plan our season's activities.

1. We are planning a two-days working at the camp on May 13 and 14, inviting everyone to come and give a hand. If you can come for both days then we will camp at the Camp site. If you can only come one day, come, bring your tools. We will find something to do.

Our camp session will begin August 1 to 10, followed by the State League and Sunday School convention, so let's get our camp ground cleaned and set in order to have a good time at the session.

We are planning to give certificates to those attending the session this year both for the Vacation Bible school and Youth session too.

We want to encourage our financial system. Let's not let down the good work that we have so splendidly supported. Our giving has fallen off since November, but I am sure we will be hearing from you as spring comes on.

We did so enjoy our visit back to the Camp to see the Camp looking so nice. Our roads are good, the playground only needs a little tidying up. We have another new cabin, making six in all. Everything looks good.

We are glad to indorse the article in this issue of the Gem by Sister Eunice Edwards in regard to a garden program for our Youth Camp session. This can be a big help in defraying the expense of our session. So let's right now start planning to do our part and God will abundantly bless our session with victory.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT, YOUTH CAMP

Brought forward .....	\$183.93
Received—	
Mrs. B. A. Stafford .....	5.00
Carterville League .....	8.00
Jewell Church .....	9.25
Monett Inter. League .....	5.00
Madison Co. S. S. Con. ....	25.00
Mill Creek Church .....	5.60
Southside Church .....	10.00
1st Flat River Church .....	16.13

Total .....\$267.91

#### Disbursements—

Rev. Mark Lewis (tr ex)	\$12.90
Rev. O. T. Allred (tr ex)	5.10
Rev. Harvey Hill (tr ex)	14.00
Rev. Wm. Reeves (tr ex; post and sup)	16.20

Total .....\$ 48.20

Balance on hand .....\$219.71

We also have a note of \$250.00 due May 1st.

### NOTICE

Our Youth Camp is in need of mattresses for the cabins and the Board authorized me to make an appeal to our people for them. Perhaps you have a used mattress that you would like to give to the camp. We can use a  $\frac{3}{4}$  or full mattress, or if you or your League, Sunday School or Church would like to buy, one we have located a place we can buy them for \$5.59 each. We need 40 or 50 to meet the need of our session this year. Please let us hear from you as early as possible.

- 12 10 qt. water buckets—Richwood C.
- 2 No. 2 wash tubs—H. L. Alexander
- 1 wash board—
- 1 doz. wash pans—
- 6 dippers—Leadington League
- 3 large dish pans—Niagua Church
- 2 large bread pans—
- 6 19 qt. kettles—Flat River League
- 3 large frying pans—Mrs. J.S. Reeves
- 6 10 qt. serving pans—
- 2 large coffee pots—Jessie Stout
- 2 tea kettles—Mrs. Coy Rader
- 3 butcher knives—Twin Oak
- 4 pairing knives—F. R. & Leadington
- 2 serving forks—
- 4 serving spoons—
- 6 face towels—M.C. & Carterville C
- 3 doz. tea towels—Prospect Church
- 1 doz. wash cloths—Mill Creek L.
- 50 mattresses—
- 1 pencil sharpener—Monett Inter. L.
- 11 first aid kits—S.E. Mo. League Con.
- 1 gross set of silver ware—Southside C
- Base ball—Fellowship Church
- Basket ball—
- Volley ball—
- Tennis—Fredericktown Church
- Croquet—

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secy.-Treas.  
Irontdale, Missouri

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Mountain Grove, Mo.  
February 7, 1949

To the Free Will Baptist Gem:

I am sending in a brief report of our church here in Mountain Grove. Our Sunday School and church attendance which is usually about 120, has been off some because of bad weather and sickness. We had a wonderful service on Sunday Feb. 6. A mother came to the altar and was saved in our morning worship service. The pastor,

Eld. George W. Scott, brought a message using for his subject 'The Gospel.'

At the regular business session on last Saturday night, our church adopted a system which we think will prove helpful to us in helping to support our church and denominational work. The church adopted a tithing system. All money coming into our church treasury will be divided and used according to the following plan: Our home church .....90 pct. Home and Foreign missions ...3 pct. Bible college .....3 pct. Children's home .....1 pct. Youth encampment .....1 pct. Home and State Association ....1 pct. Quarterly meeting .....1 pct.

We have been supporting most of these departments of our work but we were not supporting them systematically.

We have very good Leagues in our church with good interest in the Story Hour, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult Leagues. We feel that the league work has been very beneficial to our church. We are planning to have some representatives from our leagues to attend the National League Conference in Tulsa.

We feel that our church is in good condition spiritually and we are thankful unto God for the blessings He bestows upon His children.

Pray for us.

Mrs. Burl Halliburton  
Reporter

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### TRISTATE MEETING

The Tristate Free Will Baptist 5th Sunday meeting was held January 30, 1949 at the South Pitcher F. W. B. church. Rev. Elda Crain preached the introductory sermon followed by congregational singing, after which a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all.

The moderator Bro. F. E. Crain called the business meeting to order. Congregation sang Some Day and Kneel At the Cross. Talk by Bro. Millott. Songs by the Lawson family Bound For the City and I'm A Millionaire. Song by Mary Ruth Millott and Colleen Johnston, Down on My Knees. Message by Bro. F. E. Crain Luke 16-26. Song Bro. and Sis. Tommy Goodwin, A Good Time Is Coming. Song by Sis Lillian Johnston, When He Died for All. Song by the Lawson family, You'll Reap Whatsoever You Sow. Message by Sister

Elda Crain scripture Deut. 32-11. Song by the Lawson family, Just A Little Talk With Jesus. Song by Bro. and Sister Tommy Goodwin, When the Ransomed Shall Assemble. Songs by The Lawson family.

Our next fifth Sunday, which is May the 29th will be held at Gramby Mo. Bro. Norman Green and Sister Leona Mayfield were nominated Bro. Norman Green was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

F. E. Cain, Moderator,  
Beulah Owens, Clerk.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
February 7, 1949

Editor of the Gem:

We are happy to report again this month and say again we are still enjoying the blessings of God.

Several of our people have been absent from Sunday School due to illness, yet our attendance as a whole is holding up well in spite of the ice and snow. If we love God the weather doesn't make so much difference.

We are having good attendance in prayer meeting, Women's Auxiliary and League. We have a teachers and officers study preceding prayer meeting, and a study from Revelation immediately after.

A men's fellowship meeting was organized last month with 22 members. Rev. W. C. Hastings is the president. This meeting will be held once each month and all men and boys are invited to attend.

Rev. Jack Neville brought the Sunday evening message February 6. Truly it was good to be there. He reported having just closed a revival in Monett Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Staires will leave the last week of February for Breckenridge, Michigan, where Rev. Staires will be in a two-weeks revival with Rev. Everett Hillard as pastor. We are sure to hear a good report from these meetings if Bro. Staires preaches like he has been from his pulpit at Lewis Avenue. God has really spoken through him and it has been a feasting place at Lewis Ave., and if you are in need of a good spiritual uplift we invite you to our services.

We are still rejoicing today over the good service at prayer meeting this week. One of our mothers brought her husband to services and he lifted his hand for prayer. Bro. Staires,

feeling the need of an altar service, gave the invitation and this man was wonderfully saved. We can't tell you just how God is blessing us, you would have to be present to understand.

Yours in His Service,

Mrs. Fipps, Reporter.

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#### MOUNTAIN GROVE AUXILIARY

The Mountain Grove Women's Auxiliary are happy to greet you in this new year of 1949. May we all be laborers together with God and work for His glorious cause.

At our last meeting we elected officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President ..... Mrs. Cinda Vandivort  
1st V. P. .... Mrs. Velma Elliott.  
2nd V. P. .... Mrs. Artha Hutsell  
3rd V. P. .... Mrs. Edna Carder  
4th V. P. .... Mrs. Bertha Dennis  
5th V. P. .... Mrs. Mary Halliburton  
Secy.-Tres. .... Emegenne Smith  
Cor. Secy. .... Beatrice Brumley  
Chaplain ..... Mrs. Elmer Ellington

We are thankful for the interest that each member is showing in this new year. In the past year the Women's Auxiliary have sent donations to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, \$25 to Foreign Missions in India, \$25 to the Bible College, paid \$23 for dental work for a cripple girl, bought a set of commentaries of the Bible and other books for the library, gave Christmas baskets to the aged and shut-in persons, and besides this many other acts of kindness and benevolent work to reach those lost souls and bring them to Christ, and help the needy.

Remember us when you pray,

Beatrice Brumley, Cor. Secy.

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#### SIXTH BIBLE CONFERENCE AT BIBLE COLLEGE APRIL 4-7

We are approaching the time of the sixth annual Bible Conference, which will be held at the Bible College April 4-7. This annual spring conference has been a source of great blessing and inspiration to many Free Will Baptists in past years.

Each successive conference has had an increase in attendance until last year it became necessary to erect a large tent on the campus in order to care for the large number present. The attendance was double that of any previous year, and we are expecting almost the same proportion of increase

this year.

Every year careful consideration and much prayer is given to arranging the program. Speakers are selected whose messages and lives have proved a great blessing to the people where they have labored. We believe this year's program will bring great blessings to all who attend. Speakers have been selected who are outstanding in their particular fields of labor.

A very special feature this year in our conference program is a SPIRITUAL LIFE HOUR. This will be conducted on an open forum basis, during which the spiritual problems and needs of Christian young people will be discussed. This will be especially helpful to young people and we urge all the young men and women to attend.

We hope that all pastors will make a special effort to be with us during this week of spiritual blessing. We moved the conference away from Easter in order that it might not interfere with local church activities. If at all possible, do not schedule services in your church for this week so you will be able to attend this conference.

We believe this period of Bible study and fellowship can be one of the greatest blessings of any meeting held in the ranks of our church. We have our National Association, district conventions and associations, and other meetings, where we come together to transact business; but in the Bible Conference there is no business to divide our interests and we give ourselves wholly to the study of the Word and Christian fellowship.

Each day is climaxed with a great evangelistic service. The music is under the direction of the Music Department of the school and is an outstanding feature in almost every service.

We hope you will plan now to come to Nashville and the Bible College, April 4-7, for what we trust will be the outstanding conference in the history of our church. Let us know if you plan to attend.

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#### FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION F. W. B. LEAGUERS HAVE RALLY

On January 30th with the ground covered with about eight inches of snow and sleet, and with some roads impassable, the Leaguers of the First Oklahoma Association of Free Will

Baptists held their first rally of the new year. The Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, 1815 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City, was host to the rally. The Leaguers showed their love for the Lord, and their determination to fulfill their motto (The Kingdom of God First), by turning out 190 strong in spite of the snow and sleet.

The keynote of the rally was, "A Closer Walk With Thee." This was the theme around which the entire service was built. The rally was called to order by the president of the Association League Rally, Norman Ray, who is also a member of the League at the host church. He opened the services with a rendition of his own original poem entitled "League Rally Day." The poem is as follows:

Free Will Baptist Leaguers have gathered here today,

To take care of League business that might come our way.

Of course we will sing songs of gladness and joy,

Because that's the type of mind we Leaguers employ.

Then we will call on some good old saint to lead us in prayer,

To make us better Christians, for our Savior we prepare.

She will pray for the sick, the widows, and those in sin,

And give thanks to Him for His kindness, and mercies Amen.

Then there will be someone stand before us to lead the devotional.

Not a custom, but a must; perhaps someone will get emotional,

'Cause we are not afraid to testify, or pray, or shout.

This is FREE WILL BAPTISTS I am talking about.

On through the day comes the eleven o'clock hour,

That's when the preacher brings down the power.

If you look around you will see some mother brush away a tear;

By that you know, to her, the Savior is near.

The minister will tell us of some great man, maybe of Paul, or John,

Or give us some pattern to follow, as his message goes on.

He will labor hard for his Master, then his message is done,

Though still praising the Lord for the souls he has won.

Then come the lunch hour which we all like,

From standing in line until the last bite.  
 Laughing, and talking, so happy and free,  
 I know this is the way our Savior wants us to be.  
 Then back to the building for those outstanding plays.  
 Something Leaguers have worked on the past few days.  
 It's all for the Lord and His glory, they put on this action,  
 But, of course, it has to be to the judges' satisfaction.  
 Some will be happy, some will be sad, But they all will make you so glad  
 You serve a Savior that is kind and true,  
 He was old fashioned, we are old fashioned, too.  
 Some League will win a banner, and hold it high.  
 And before you know it, it's time to say good-bye.  
 This rally is over, every one still happy and gay,  
 Already planning for the next rally, the 29th of May.  
 This was followed by the welcome

address given by Miss Wilma Gable of the host church. Delbert Akin of Shawnee, gave a very gracious response, after which there was a short business session. Then came the eleven o'clock hour and an inspiring message by one of our young ministers, Rev. Perry Argo, from the Pleasant Hill League.

The noon hour brought about a great fellowship. Baskets, tubs, and boxes of food were brought in and spread together. There was plenty of food for all, and it was very good. Everyone was very happy during this, to some best of all, part of the day.

The afternoon session was spent in presentation of the programs, and in awarding of the program and attendance banners. Three Leagues presented plays. Shawnee's play was entitled "The Sword That Divides." The title of Pleasant Hill's play was "Twentieth Century Home Sweet Home." Central Avenue presented a play entitled "Seeing is Believing." The Shawnee League won the program banner with their very inspiring play, and Pleasant Hill won the attendance banner.

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C. R. Romberger, Myrtle, Mo. .	5.00
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Pattonsburg Church .....	6.22
Minnie Martin, Stockton, Mo. .	1.00
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Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine LaMotte, Mo. ....	2.00
Rev. Harold Hoover, Webb City, Mo. ....	5.00
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Rev. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo. ....	5.00
Mrs. Grace Lawson, Brashear, Mo. ....	5.00
Edna Archambo, French Village, Mo. ....	3.00
Sublette Church .....	12.00
Buffalo Church .....	11.30
Mr. & Mrs. Artie McClanahan, Niangua, Mo. ....	2.00
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Mrs. A. J. McCoy, Windyville, Mo. ....	5.00
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Rock Chaple Church .....	21.34
Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting .....	10.00
Rock Springs Church .....	10.00

Total .....\$499.03

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

January, 1949

### STATE UNIFIED FUND

Flat River Church .....	\$160.43
Mrs. Goldie Elsea, Novinger ..	5.00
Fredericktown Church .....	156.87
Desloge Church .....	12.96
Cartersville Church .....	12.05
Leadington S. S. ....	2.50
Mine LaMotte Church .....	7.47
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo	5.00
Monett Church .....	31.73

Total .....\$394.01

### EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hickory Grove Church .....	\$ 5.00
Merl's Chapel Church .....	5.00

Total .....\$10.00

### JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines Church .....	\$4.00
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CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT FUND	
Merl's Chapel Church .....	\$5.00

### MISSIONS FUND

Flat River Church .....	\$ 13.12
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Adkins, Kirkville, Mo. ....	75.00
Desloge Church .....	20.58
Cartersville Church .....	10.96
Shibley's Point Church .....	14.00
Union Third Fork S. S. ....	10.00
Richwoods Church .....	10.00

Morning Meditations, Archie

Cooper—Director .....	20.00
Jewel Church .....	8.83
Monett Church .....	11.00
Flat River Church .....	14.95
Hannon Church .....	5.00
Neola F.W.B. Church .....	8.32
Golden Oak League .....	1.47
Golden Oak S. S. ....	7.89
Green Grove Church .....	7.00

Total .....\$238.12

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Hickory Grove Church .....	\$ 4.49
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dunn, Hartville, Mo. ....	15.00
New Harmony S. S. ....	31.13
Verdella Church .....	22.00
Golden Oak League .....	1.52
Golden Oak S. S. ....	5.62
Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Wade, Liberal, Mo. .	5.00
Amity Church .....	8.50
Copper Mines Church .....	12.00
Mrs. G. W. Hopper, Poyner, Mo.	2.00
J. A. Newcomer, Greentop, Mo.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hollinsworth, Archie, Mo. .	10.00
Mrs. Goldie Elsea, Novinger, Mo.	5.00
Campbell S. S. ....	5.00

Mrs. W. I. Jemes,

Fredericktown, Mo. . 2.00

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# Missionary Department



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

## HIS COMMAND IS OUR CHALLENGE

The command of Christ is the Christian's authority for missionary service both at home and in the far away places of the earth. While human ideas might differ and some might argue the value of one religion against another, the Christian's marching orders are still the same; the command of Christ is that we go to ALL nations. With all the authority of a King whose right it is to rule supreme, our Lord Jesus has commanded us to teach all nations to observe all that HE has commanded. As men and women obey this command it takes them to India, China, Japan, Cuba, yes to every part of the world where there is a human being to hear the Gospel. They go presenting the claims of Jesus as the Christ, God's Son, the only Saviour of sinners.

The cause for this command is explained in Romans 3:10-23. Here God explains that all men are hopeless sinners, but that Christ died to provide a pardon for ALL who will receive it. There is no respect of persons with Christ. The Black, the Red, the Brown, THEY ALL can have this pardon in Christ. Do we believe this? Then there is a need to obey Christ's command to tell these glad tidings to all the world. Some of our own precious ones have obeyed this command. They have gone to tell those who are in darkness of this Great Light.

The crisis is laid before us all in Romans 10:14, 15. Salvation from sin's fetters and from eternal punishment depends on a man's admission of his sinful need and his calling upon Christ to save him. Can they call upon a Saviour in whom they do not believe, whom they have never heard about? They must not only KNOW the name of Jesus, but

must be made to BELIEVE that He is the Son of God who offers them salvation as a free gift before they can commit their souls to His keeping.

Millions of the people of the world have never heard about Jesus, let alone having been taught enough about Him to know that He died in their place that they might have eternal life. These millions have no churches; they have no Bibles; they have no friends to tell them the story of the love of God. Our own missionaries have gone, in obedience to the command of Christ to tell them the good news. Can we do less than give of the material things that He has blessed us with that our own precious missionaries may have the small salary that is being paid them each month?

I know that many of our people say, "don't believe in FOREIGN MISSIONS." May I ask that you really ask yourself WHY you do not believe in it. Then ask God to enlighten you.

Our missionaries have answered the call of the Holy Spirit and have gone. They can only be kept there by the gifts of the people at home to supply their material needs.

Millions of souls are facing eternal death, needing Jesus Christ for eternal life, but knowing Him not. What will you do in carrying out your part of His command during this coming year?

May we ask your prayers as we go from place to place trying to arouse and awaken our people to the great need of Foreign Missions.

Your Co-Laborers in Christ,

Maurice and Vera Roach.

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REV. AND MRS. ROACH  
ITINERARY IN OKLAHOMA

Thur. night, March 17, Lewis Avenue Church; Rev. Harry E. Staires,

pastor.

Fri. night, March 18, New Home Church; Rev. Melvin Bingham, pastor.

Sat. night, March 19, Lawnwood Church. Rev. Gene Winfrey, pastor.

Sun. morning, March 20, Bristow Church; Rev. Paul Purcell, pastor.

Sunday night, March 20, Turley Church; Rev. Bert F. Rogers, pastor.

Mon. night, March 21, Drumright Church; Rev. C. B. Denton, pastor.

Tue. night, March 22, First Church Tulsa; Rev. John H. West, pastor.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Director.

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## REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts by states—January, 1949

Brought for'd from Dec. ....\$ 963.10

Rec'd during January:

North Carolina .....	1,117.89
Michigan .....	677.74
Missouri .....	670.71
Tennessee .....	605.86
South Carolina .....	301.25
Georgia .....	249.51
Illinois .....	207.64
Kentucky .....	115.00
Texas .....	103.00
Oklahoma .....	89.15
West Virginia .....	59.31
Alabama .....	58.46
Virginia .....	56.58
Mississippi .....	36.00
Iowa .....	25.00
Florida .....	17.00
California .....	16.00
Kansas .....	12.00
Arkansas .....	6.00
Ohio .....	5.00
Colorado .....	5.00
Nat'l. Program Fund, by	
E. C. Morris .....	251.51
Nat'l. Auxillary Convention ..	7.60
Cuban Association,	
payment on loan .....	25.00
Sale of Picture Poster set ...	4.00
Subs. to the Review .....	3.00
Total (January) .....	\$4,725.21

Grand Total .....\$5,688.21  
Total disbursements during  
month of January ..... 2,990.30  
Balance in treasury  
February 1, 1949 .....\$2,698.01  
Winford Davis, Treasurer.



## A CALL TO SPECIAL AND EARNEST PRAYERS

### Reasons and Objects of Prayer:

1. OUR INDIAN DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS AND OUR FOREIGN MISSION BOARD HAVE AUTHORIZED THE FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARIES IN NORTH INDIA, REV. AND MRS. CRONK AND REV. AND MRS. WOOSLEY, TO PROCEED TO OPEN A NEW WORK IN THE NAME OF THE LORD AND FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN NORTH INDIA.
2. WE HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED A TERRITORY EMBRACING SOME 1,000 TO 1,200 SQUARE MILES IN WHICH THERE ARE NO PROTESTANT MISSIONS.
3. THERE ARE FEW IF ANY CHRISTIANS IN THIS AREA.
4. THIS TERRITORY BORDERS ON OR IS NEAR THE BORDER OF FOUR FOREIGN STATES OR COUNTRIES, IN THREE OF WHICH THE GOSPEL HAS NEVER BEEN PREACHED.
5. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF VILLAGES IN THIS TERRITORY. MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THESE VILLAGES HAVE YET TO HEAR THEIR FIRST GOSPEL MESSAGE.
6. SO FAR NO LIVING QUARTERS HAVE BEEN FOUND—NOT EVEN A SIMPLE INDIAN HOUSE.
7. IN ONE TOWN THERE ARE ROMAN CATHOLICS WHO MAY OPPOSE US.
8. A CONSECRATED INDIAN EVANGELIST AND A CAPABLE AND DEVOTED BIBLE WOMAN MUST BE ENGAGED—A MATTER OF MUCH PRAYER.
9. THE GOOD WILL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS NECESSARY.
10. THE TERRITORY IS FIFTY MILES LONG AND FROM FIFTEEN TO THIRTY MILES WIDE, FOR THE MOST PART OFF ANY RAILROAD OR BUS ROUTE, MAKING TRAVEL DIFFICULT.
11. THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS CAN ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGH PRAYER.

Paul Woosley.

## GREAT RESPONSE FOR MISSIONS IN JANUARY

During the month of January we received into the National Missions treasury \$4,725.21. How grateful we are for this nice response the Lord alone knows. It was sorely needed indeed. Now everything is paid up on all our fields and some money left in the treasury. No, not too much to be sure. In fact our treasury is too low for everything and everybody to rest in comfort. Brethren we are going to have to respond like we did in January, not just one month, but every month if we keep up with our obligations in this missions program. If we could receive something near \$5,000.00 monthly into the missions treasury we could get along nicely and no part of our work would be endangered, but it is going to take just about that amount of support, and, of course, the more as we continue to launch forth. May the Lord bless one and all for this response, and please continue your liberal offerings, won't you?

Winford Davis.

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Dahari Kothi, Katihar  
Purnea Dist., Bihar, India  
January 15, 1949

Dear Readers:

I seriously doubt if I could write to a group of people that believe more in the value and in the necessity of special and earnest prayer for specific objects. In the last ten years Our People have taken God at his word and have once more proven that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever more. And that He is not slack concerning His promises, but is faithful in their fulfillment.

During the last few days many of you have been receiving "Calls" to SPECIAL AND MOST EARNEST PRAYER for SPECIFIC OBJECTS mentioned in "The Call." We will make any financial wants known through Sister Barnard, our Indian Director, to the Foreign Mission Board. This is merely a sincere and urgent Call to every Association, Organization, Institution, Group, Church, Church Leader, and to each and every Minister and Pastor with his Official Boards and every Individual Member to set aside a stated and specific time

for both public and private prayers for these objects.

We urgently ask that every local group and individual would at once, as soon as possible, appoint a definite time and place for this purpose. Later the larger groups and bodies may be able to do likewise on a wider scale. God does not call everyone to the Mission Field. Everyone may not always be in the position to contribute as much as he or she would like to do but it is possible for every truly born-again person to do this that is even of greater importance.

We realize that we have been having your prayers from day to day. These prayers have indeed been most beneficial. But special tasks and new and specific needs call for special and specific prayers. As we continue to wait upon the Lord in prayer, we know that each and all of you are thus engaged with us. May God keep and bless you.

Paul Woolsey.

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

*I know you not by the song you sing,  
Nor by the smile you wear;  
It's rather by the love you have,  
And by the fruit you bear.*

*I know you not by the word you speak,  
Nor by your knowledge fair;  
But by the joy that's in your soul,  
And by the fruit you bear.*

*I know you not by your giddy song,  
Nor by your spirit of cheer;  
It's the way you endure long-suffering,  
And by the fruit you bear.*

*I know you not by position in life,  
Small or great they appear,  
But by gentleness, goodness, faith in God,  
And by the fruit you bear.*

*I know you not by costly apparel,  
Nor by your lack of fear;  
But by meekness and temperance you have in life,  
And by the fruit you bear.*

*I know you not by the prayer you pray,  
Although you shed a tear;  
But Matthew seven and twenty reads,  
Isn't by the fruit you bear.*

*I know the grapevine by the grape,  
The pear tree by the pear;  
And so by these, my friend, you're known,  
Isn't by the fruit you bear.*

—E. A. Harris

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Fredericktown, Mo.....	30
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Samuel S. Clay, Holden, W. Ya.	6
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Illinois.....	6
M. S. Todd, Lake City, S. C.....	6
Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.....	6
H. H. Haston, Paducah, Texas.....	5
Bert F. Rogers, Turley, Okla.....	5
Opal Hughes, St. Louis, Mo.....	5
Mrs. Floyd M. Swan, Neptune,	
Tennessee.....	5
George Sturdevant, Buffalo,	
Missouri.....	5
Hannon Church, Hamon, Mo.	5
Gum Springs League,	
Winfield, Ala.....	5

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and see if you can get us a nice list of subs for the Gem? Remember 3,000 is our goal.

Thanks to all who are securing subs, and thanks to all who we believe are going to become solicitors.

The Editor.

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Paid Out—

Salaries .....	\$350.00
Feed and groceries .....	211.78
Hospital insurance .....	21.50
Alabama Power bill .....	22.45
Payment on stove .....	18.21
Payment on washing mach. ....	15.40
Telephone bill .....	6.20
Doctor bill .....	4.00
Drugs .....	11.12
Curtains for dining room .....	23.72
Post. and Off. supplies .....	15.17
Drygoods and shoes .....	39.78
Hardware .....	26.95
Music bill for four girls ....	8.00
Veterinarian for cows .....	2.00

Total Paid Out .....\$776.28

Total amt. rec'd., Jan. ....\$ 847.95

Brought for'd. from Dec. .... 289.07

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