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## "REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR"

ECCLIESIASTES 12:1

Remember, God is still on the throne and that prayer changes things. (II Chron. 7:14). The great need of God's people today is confessing of our sins, repenting, and forsaking sin. Whatever sin is in anyone's life must be punished and dealt with by a Holy, Divine, and Loving God who is no respecter of persons and who hates sin. God deals with all in loving kindness and tender mercy. How sweet it is to remember God while we are young and to give to Him the very best of our life, the One who loved us and sent the Jewel of Heaven, the Son of God who was crucified, suffered, and died, shed His precious blood on the cross, was buried, rose the third day victorious over death, hell, and the grave, and is now at the right hand of God in heaven.

Remember that believing, obeying, and trusting God is the only way we will receive anything from God. We have peace that passeth all understanding and joy unspeakable. When God's people are not happy in the righteousness of God, it is because they have turned to gods other than the Loving God and Creator. We see those that never take Christ as their Saviour, live to be old, but have no pleasure in life as God's word says, Remember, God's word says he that thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing deceiveth himself. Eph. 2:8-9 says we are saved by grace; kept by grace. All we are are by the grace of God. We are a sanctified vessel of clay for God's Spirit to work through.

When Peter denied our Saviour, he remembered the words of Jesus and went out and wept bitterly. The rich man that went to hell (Luke 16) remembered also but too late, I am sad to say. Sinner remember now your need of a Saviour. You are lost—not going to be. Don't wait until too late and have to say as this man did. He had five brothers, but was in such an awful place of torment he wanted someone to warn them not to come there in hell. Remember, God has said "prepare to meet thy God." All must meet God prepared or unprepared. How awful will it be to meet Him unprepared. Those sad words, "depart from me into ever-

lasting punishment prepared for the Devil and his angels." It isn't the will of God for any to be lost. He has graciously and wonderfully provided all things for us in this life and the life beyond the grave. Eye hath not seen or ear heard, neither hath entered the heart of man the things God has prepared for those that love Him. Our finite minds can't think how wonderful heaven will be. Jesus said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Also the Word says there is great reward in keeping God's word. Jesus is not only a physician for the soul but also for the human body and worthy to be trusted for all things we need in this life, and the life to come. Remember, we can't sin and get by. If we are Christians, we should be very careful of our walk of life that we will not lose our reward nor lose the joy of our salvation. Many are doing that very thing. They are turning to gods of this world and bringing swift judgment and destruction to their spiritual life. There is no hope for man only in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Remember, God's Spirit wants to lead us into all truth and righteousness for His Name's sake. May God bless this message to some lost soul and to the salvation of their soul; backslider be brought back in fellowship with their loving Creator; God's people edified, and His precious Name glorified and magnified.

In Jesus' Name,

Servant of God, Edith Mayfield

### THREE KINDS OF TIME

We have three kinds of time; namely, past, present, and future time. There is nothing we can do about the past except to learn from the people of the past. A high school girl who did not like to study ancient history told me that she did not like to study about dead men. This was a good earnest, energetic girl who thought that people should be active at the present and prepare for the future, but she did not realize that practically all our knowledge comes from the people of the past. This knowledge is the foundation on which we are to advance in the present and the future. The great thinkers of the

past are not dead as we make use of their thoughts at present. Our wonderful present-day civilization is made possible by the thought and work and sacrifice of the great men and women of the past.

We should learn from the experience and observations of the great characters of the past. This of course, is found in the biographies and literature of the past. The greatest of their literature, of course, is the Bible with Christ as the outstanding character in this collection of religious literature. But all through the Bible we find admonitions and helpful verses that should have our own prayerful consideration.

One of these verses is by Solomon, the wise man, who said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Solomon wrote this almost 3,000 years ago but there is great need for prayerful consideration of this verse at the present.

"Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Wine is intoxicating because it contains alcohol, and alcohol is a habit forming drug. Solomon had seen the effect of people drinking wine and considered anyone unwise who drank it.

Any liquor that contains alcohol is a narcotic or habit forming drug. At the present time beer is sold in the greatest quantity of any of the alcoholic beverages. It contains from 3.2 to 5% alcohol. I hear people say that a glass of beer won't hurt anyone. I beg leave to differ with them there. Each bottle of beer that a person drinks is a step toward the life of a drunkard with all the sorrow and suffering and disgrace that go with that kind of life. In time beer does not satisfy and the drinker resorts to stronger drink.

I have seen so much of the evil effects of drinking liquor that I have to come to the conclusion that the only safe way to deal with the alcoholic beverages, which include wine, rum, whiskey, and beer, is to abstain from drinking them and abhor them.

J. M. Doughty

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## THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Missouri

It has been some time since we have written to the Gem. We are still in the fight for the Lord. We are enjoying our work here at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River. God is blessing our work in a great way. For the last two Sunday nights we have had two saved, three fine young men and a fine young lady have been saved. We thank God for His blessings. We believe in preaching the Word; let it hurt who it will. What we need today is old time conversion. God is just as able to save as He ever was. Our faith needs to be greater.

I am getting anxious to get out somewhere in an old time revival as I enjoy that work so much. We are sending this sermon to the Gem. We hope you who read it get a blessing.

F. C. Zinn

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself am persuaded of you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another" Rom. 15:13, 14.

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD.** This is the true Christian life, the life of fullness, depth, power and reality, the only life emphasized in the Word of God, the only life that can glorify God or satisfy His purpose concerning us. It has no less than six aspects of the full, rich, abundant Christian life.

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD IS THE FULLNESS OF JOY.** "Fill you with all joy." Joy is one of the most important and prominent elements of the Christian life. It is a condition of soul which is the immediate result of our definite personal relation to Christ. There is a twofold joy in the Bible—the joy of salvation and the joy of satisfaction. The joy of salvation comes from the experience of sin forgiven, from the consciousness that the burden has been rolled away, and that all the past is covered in the righteousness of Christ. This was the experience of the jailer at Philippi, who "rejoiced believing God." Acts 16:34. It was the restoration of this joy for which David prayed. (Psa. 51:12).

The joy of satisfaction is the other element of fullness of joy. "Satisfaction," someone answers. "Is it possible to use such a word in connection with the Christian life of the present? Should we not limit this idea of satisfaction to the life to come? Satisfied with what?" Not with ourselves, nor with our own attainments or service, but satisfied with Christ. The Apostle Peter's glowing words are not to be postponed to the life to come, "Whom, having not seen, ye love: in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." I Pet. 1:8.

This is one of the searching and supreme tests of life—our satisfaction with our Lord. How easy it is to sing, "Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find;" and yet, how possible it is for the words to be really meaningless and no true expression of our personal experience. God's purpose for us is fullness of joy. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice." Phil. 4:4.

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD IS THE FULLNESS OF PEACE.** "Fill you with all... peace." As with joy, so also there is a twofold peace in the Word of God—the peace of reconciliation and the peace of restfulness. The peace of reconciliation is the foundation: "Being justified by faith we have peace with God." Rom. 5:1.

The enmity has been removed; the barriers are broken down; and the soul is reconciled with God through Him who is our peace. And then comes the peace of restfulness. "The peace of God." Phil. 4:7. The soul at peace with God enjoys a precious realization of His presence as the God of peace and restfulness arises and abides moment by moment in the heart. This again is part of the fullness of His own peace. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee" (Isa. 25:3).

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD IS THE FULLNESS OF HOPE.** "That ye may abound in hope." Hope in the New Testament is a Christian grace wrought in the soul by the Holy Spirit. It is to be carefully distinguished from our modern use of the word as equivalent to hopefulness.

The Christian hope will undoubtedly

produce hopefulness, but the two are never to be confused much less identified. The one is the cause; the other the effect. Hope always looks on the future and is concerned with the great object which is put before us in the New Testament. Joy looks upward; peace looks inward; hope looks forward. The Christian hope is fixed on the coming of our Lord, and this is a very prominent element of the New Testament teaching. Today, the general idea is that death will come, and the Lord may come; but the Scripture reverses this and says, "Death may come; the Lord will come."

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD IS THE FULLNESS OF GOODNESS.** "Ye also are full of goodness." Joy, peace, and hope are intended to have their personal and practical effect in producing goodness. Our experiences are intended to result in character, and if they stop short of this, there is something greatly lacking in our Christian life. The finest testimony that can be given to any man is that which was said of Barnabas, "He was a good man" (Acts 11:24). "The fruit of the Spirit is... goodness" (Gal. 5:22).

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD IS THE FULLNESS OF KNOWLEDGE.** "Filled with all knowledge." The meaning of this can hardly be intellectual capacity, or even intellectual attainments. It must be that spiritual knowledge, that perception of spiritual realities which is the mark of a true and growing Christian. This spiritual perception is the result of the foregoing elements of joy, peace, hope, and goodness and is a sure proof of spiritual growth and maturity. Spiritual perception is of the greatest possible importance in view of the various forms of error that are rife on every hand. It is for the lack of it that many Christians are led astray. They have not that ripe spiritual apprehension which enables them to perceive the error and to cleave to the good. The Apostle's prayer for his friends at Philippi was that "their love might abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, and that they might distinguish things that differ" (Phil. 1:9, 10).

This is our need today—a sense of spiritual discrimination to "approve those things which are excellent" because they are in accordance with the mind and will of God.

**THE FULLNESS OF GOD IS THE**



**FULLNESS OF CAPABILITY.** "Able also to admonish." This is the practical outcome of all our experience, character, and knowledge. They ought to be and must be put to practical account. The Christians at Rome did not keep their blessings to themselves. They had become capable (able) and this capability expressed itself in testimony, in passing God's truth and grace to others through the medium of lips and life.

This type of Christianity is sorely needed today. It ought to be true of every genuine follower of Christ that he "is able to admonish"; able to express spiritual experiences; able to bear witness to his Master's grace; able to help fellow Christians in spiritual difficulty; able to work for the Master either at home or abroad. It was this kind of an experience that enabled Paul to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." II Tim. 4:7,8.

## MANUAL OF METHODS IN USE

*Mrs. J. E. Frazier, W.N.A.C. Sec.-Treas.*

The Manual of Methods, from which one may glean answers concerning the activities of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, as well as keep in line with the latest plans concerning the work. It is ready information and a "very present help" to each officer, also to every member of the local auxiliary each of whom should possess her own personal copy of the Manual and also the current copy of the Year Book of Programs.

At the 1949 session of the W. N. A. C. held in Columbus, Georgia last July a very important resolution was adopted. The resolution is "an officer-training day shall be held annually in each state or district."

As soon, then, as the officers are elected for the new convention year, the president or some other informed member designated by the auxiliary should plan an officers' clinic using the New Manual of Methods as the textbook. Such study will enable re-elected and new officers to become informed concerning added information or changes that have been made in

the Plan of Work for the year. To assure a worthwhile study, and to attain results, many things should precede the actual work, chief of which is **THROUGH PREPARATION.**

A true leader will fortify herself with much praying. She will become personally acquainted with her official body. She will not be satisfied until everyone has been enrolled and enlisted in the clinic. She will reach beyond her immediate officers, seeking to enlist other women who are good officer material. She will plan an interesting presentation through use of posters, tracts, scrapbooks, impersonations, questions, and the like; supplementing these with her own thorough knowledge of the content of the New Manual of Methods and the current Year Book of Programs.

A true leader will learn the needs of each officer that she may be able to reveal those needs to the individual and point out an answer to the problem through the information contained in the Manual. To emphasize the importance of the study, she will place a copy of the Manual and the Year Book of Programs in the hands of every member of the clinic. (Extra copies of these books can be had from the National Auxiliary Headquarters.) Thus armed, the leader is ready to guide the members into another important item in a worthwhile study course—**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.**

Individual participation in the study of a book leads to inspiration and realization of needs and responsibilities. Each officer should take part in the class discussions, emphasizing those phases which have to do with her department of work. A successful study of the Manual and the Year Book enables one to **PRACTICE CONSTRUCTIVELY.**

Knowledge without practice is of little value. Each officer should use as a ready tool the knowledge attained through her study of the Manual. A personal desire to do the task well, reinforced through study, will create confidence, incite effort, magnify the aims of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and quicken service in Christ's name.

An informed body is the pride of an organization. A clinic on methods, using the New Manual of Methods as a text, is invaluable to the members as a whole. The third vice-president should plan such a study course with

every member of the local auxiliary present; the district third vice-president should plan such a study with every local officer within her district; the state third vice-president should plan such a course with every district officer, creating interest through information.

The New Manual of Methods is ready reference. It is the "official communique" from headquarters to the local organization. Use it, thus becoming "endued with knowledge ... ready always to give an answer to any ... that asketh you a question."—James 3:13; I Peter 3:15.

(The last edition of the New Manual has been corrected and copies are now available from W. N. A. C. Headquarters, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tenn. Price, 30¢ per copy).

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—Rev. Winford Davis, Treas.

## PREACHING OR PROSELYTING

*Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.*

MARK 16:15

The text of scripture comes as a commission or command from our Saviour to the eleven as they sat at meat. Jesus had been crucified, buried, and had risen victorious over the grave. It was the end of His earthly ministry and just after this commission, He was received up into heaven. The text is strangely introduced by the account that He "upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen." So we have a picture of a group of men who apparently believed many things about the Saviour and about God but who were refusing to believe about the resurrection because of a "hardness of heart." They had ignored the truth from others. It seems to me that until Jesus appeared to them they were in position to proclaim something short of the full Gospel truth and set out to win followers to their narrow views.

Now back to our subject for a moment. To preach in a broader sense, is prophesying. Prophesying is actively proclaiming. The text said, "preach the gospel." The New Testament "gospel" is really "Christ-message" or, in other words, the true message. Therefore, what Jesus wanted was for these men to proclaim the truth! He had no use for any proselyting campaigns; the winning over of someone from one opinion or sect or party to a different one. He wanted us to hear and believe the "Christ-message." That is the message He Himself proclaimed to all alike from Satan to His most devoted followers. That is what He still wants. That is what we need. But let us see if we are carrying out such a commission today.

### Fraternal Orders or Christ

Just a few years ago we moved into a new home in a strange town. Not long afterward a man and his wife called at our home and spent a long evening stressing the importance of our joining a certain fraternal order. In fact, he spent far more time and energy and offered more reasons for joining his order than any individual ever did in behalf of my lost soul. One

reason was that it would in no way conflict with my Christian ministry. Yet I learned from him that it would prove embarrassing to his order to



**Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys**

lead a soul to Christ within their chambers. To be sure they stressed important things such as aiding the less fortunate, moral and certain social reform, statesmanship to replace politics, and so forth. But to be a channel through which one could proclaim the "Christ-message" would be awkward to them. Yes, they would proselyte me to their order and neglect to preach to me Christ.

This experience caused me to investigate beliefs and practices of other orders in the town and in my section of the country. They included about all the leading ones and the story was the same: "We would like to have you join us but must not let you speak your Christian experiences in our chambers." Yet such orders enjoy increasing membership while the old time, God-called minister preaching the Christ-message has smaller and smaller congregations, fewer and fewer souls reached by his messages, and it becomes increasingly difficult to exist on the support given him.

### Social Disintegration

History emphasizes to its readers that a group of deeply spiritual people were the founders of our country. From them came a Christian heritage that was cherished by most of our

early forebears. By them was formed a new world known as a Christian nation. This nation's people were known to be devoted to our Lord to the extent they offered much or all their available time to the study of God's Word, fellowship with His saints, assisting the needy, carrying the Christ-message into the by-ways. This almost entirely constituted their social life. Though frequent disaster and grief was their experience, yet they also enjoyed great manifestations of God's love. Their social life was in a service for God. Today in Monett, Missouri, (some will not like this) we have had occasion to notice at different times there are more automobiles at the movie house on Sunday night than at any church in town. On prayer meeting night there are more automobiles there than at all the churches combined. As a result, some churches (not our Free Will Baptist) can no longer have Sunday night or midweek prayer services. I do not know of any church able to hold regular old-time Saturday night services here. Yet short distances from town there are roadhouses that are well filled. They have never produced a Christian but have often been blamed for loss of character, loss of virtue, and even loss of life. These things sound black indeed. Many other instances can be made pointing to a downward social trend. Too often we hastily blame it on "the younger generation." Perhaps we had better start preaching the Christ-message instead of proselyting them to a mere code of ethics and manners.

### Is Church Today an Asylum

Space doesn't encourage the listing of any more examples such as the above mentioned. Probably someone is now saying, "Perhaps this writer should go to church." We are happy to admit we have found comfort and joy in many churches who proclaim the Christ-message. But may we give you some startling examples of what happens in some churches?

We lived not long ago in a town where there were five churches representing five popular and leading Protestant organizations. Besides our objection to doctrines taught in four of them, we found them preaching a building program, educational program, social attainment, moral reform, and kindred subjects instead of the Christ-message. We then turned hope-



fully to the fifth church group. We visited with the pastor and found him anxious to preach the truth. It looked as if we could have an adopted church home. But our joy was short-lived. This minister was newly installed and did not know his congregation; nor did they know him. However, they soon were well acquainted. The man of God dared to stand and preach the truth. It left too many of his congregation stripped of their threadbare cloak of righteousness and pointed an accusing finger of shame at them. They didn't like it. They told him so. Their spokesman told this good man what they wanted and that he would be expected to comply. He inquired as to what they desired and discovered some startling things. He must not discuss the liquor situation for they must serve some at their private social affairs. Besides, one leading member operated a liquor department in his place of business. He was not to condemn card playing for the ladies wanted to play bridge and some men enjoyed poker. The pool halls, picture houses, roadhouses were all just places of recreation and they wished to be free to go. On and on went the list until he, too, had nothing left but programs, socials, reform, and such to preach. He stood for Christ, testified to his Divine calling to preach the truth, sought his messages on bended knee, and preached the truth fearlessly. He was doomed! His congregation quit attending and quit supporting him, and he was forced to leave. Now a spacious church building and a comfortable parsonage stand empty. This congregation had developed a hardness of heart from previous ministers who had merely proselyted them during special campaigns and correctly timed maneuverings. Their house was on sinking sand. The breath of truth from one courageous soul was storm enough to destroy it. It will take the truth preached with equal boldness and at much sacrifice to rebuild.

Our article is now lengthy or we would give other alarming experiences in this line. The church of today is not perfect. It is a great battleground. Satan knows how to fight. He and his forces know that the best defense is a good offense. They are not waiting. They are aggressive. They use the pulpit to proclaim everything but the "Christ-message" and to proselyte every soul they can. They are

gaining in many quarters. Christians are scorned, ridiculed, persecuted, and harmed in many instances. So was our Christ, and it was He who said, "Go...preach the gospel to every creature." He preached it even unto the death on the cross. Can we afford to do less? When tempted to preach something besides the Christ-message, why not identify yourself as a truth preacher instead of a proselyter?

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St. Louis Southside.....	\$ 14.65
Verdella .....	18.00
Myrtle .....	6.00
Leadington S. S.....	8.75
Merl's Chapel.....	8.55
Mine LaMotte.....	10.11
Carterville .....	9.79
Merl's Chapel.....	5.00
Southside .....	20.00
Desloge .....	19.78

Total .....\$120.63

### EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 14.98
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### TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 4.99
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### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Sublette .....	\$ 18.15
Hazel Creek Union S. S.....	15.00
Providence Junior League....	4.00
Providence Senior League....	8.25
Merl's Chapel S. S.....	40.00
Twin Oaks.....	5.23
Amity .....	8.50
Hannon .....	5.00
Hazel Creek Union.....	19.97
Hartville .....	6.60

Total .....\$130.70

### MISS BARNARD FUND

Merl's Chapel S. S.....	\$ 5.00
West Wayne W. A., Mich.....	5.00
Verdella League.....	5.00
Verdella .....	21.16
Golden Oak League.....	10.00
Hickory Grove.....	5.00
Neola .....	6.60
Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Lawson, Brashear, Mo.....	5.00

Total .....\$ 62.76

### MISSIONS FUND

Union Third Fork.....	\$ 21.11
Carterville .....	5.12
Golden Oak League & S. S.....	6.00
Jewel .....	6.60

Flat River.....	63.65
Aurora .....	3.30
Neola .....	7.19
Independence .....	20.62
Morning Meditations, Archie Cooper, Director.....	15.00
New Harmony S. S.....	57.79
Total .....	\$ 206.38

### ROACH'S ITINERARY

Verdella .....	\$ 18.00
Hannon .....	23.60
Mt. Olive (Neola).....	21.01
Independence .....	15.44
Hickory Grove.....	51.20
Kansas City.....	25.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	15.62
Hope Well.....	5.85
Buffalo .....	34.25
Green Ridge.....	20.40
Mt. Taber.....	12.22
Mt. Calvary.....	5.35
Union Chapel No. 2.....	23.25
New Hope.....	18.51
Sunny View.....	40.03
New Home.....	9.00
Cross Roads.....	35.00
Happy Hill.....	19.05
Liberty .....	16.00
Amity .....	12.55
Macedonia (Liberty Ass'n.)..	17.00
Niangua .....	13.11
Rock Chapel.....	32.92
Hartville .....	18.60
Gladden .....	20.78
Black Oak.....	6.22
Wolf Creek.....	22.74
Mt. Valley.....	25.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25.64
No. One (Texas Co.).....	26.30
Oak Grove (Texas Co.).....	5.00
Myrtle .....	22.75
Blue Eye.....	14.32
Macedonia .....	36.00
Aurora .....	25.50
Jones Chapel.....	25.00
Granby .....	15.60
Pleasant Grove.....	37.09
Monett .....	61.05

Total Received.....\$ 871.95

Total for Missions Fund \$1,078.33

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## PROMOTING THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CAUSE

During the few days in which I have actually engaged in the promotional activities of the Denomination, I have been pleased to note one great



Rev. Damon C. Dodd

desire on the part of every Free Will Baptist with whom I have come in contact, the desire to "get something done." Action seems to be the watchword of us all. And that is a healthy sign for any organization. Now, it is not enough just to want to do something. We must see to it that these efforts are channeled in the proper direction, for effort that accomplishes nothing is discouraging to everyone involved. I have concluded the following relative to our needs in the promoting of our Free Will Baptist program.

### I Evangelism

WE STAND IN NEED OF A DENOMINATIONAL REVIVAL. Of course, the primary object of such a revival should be the salvation of the lost. This we need to emphasize. But another important need that could be realized by such a revival is the rededication of the lives of Christians who make up our ranks here and there. I do not mean to infer that we are not Christians, but I believe that we need to be "re-empowered" for the task which faces us at the hour. We have the grave responsibility of preparing against the day of the Coming of the Son of God. And we must be ready to take part in the final surge

against the forces of evil.

We need a revival of PRAYER. We must pray primarily for the success of the program of righteousness everywhere. Then we will be justified to pray for the welfare of our particular denomination. Our denominational prayers should be two-fold: for our program of work and that the Lord will send more laborers into the fields. We need several full-time evangelists! We need pastors! We need writers! We need home missionaries! We need! and we must see our needs fulfilled by the power of Almighty God through a revival in our Free Will Baptist movement.

### II Stewardship

WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF A GREAT DAY. Entrance can be had only as we make it possible through our faithful stewardship. We must become good stewards. "Every Free Will Baptist a Good Steward" the battle cry of us all, should be the over all goal for our denomination's stewardship program. This phase of the work will be emphasized, of course, by the National Commission on Stewardship. This commission plans to carry on through a series of Stewardship Study Courses in the various churches through out the summer with a view to getting the stewardship message to all people everywhere. If everyone of us become honest stewards in the near future, there is no reason why we should not pour into our denominational program more than one million dollars by 1952.

### III Denominational Loyalty

We gave to all causes of our denomination, locally and nationally, during the year 1948-49 nearly \$900,000. Of this amount, less than \$90,000 went into the promotion of our denominational programs, such as Foreign Missions, Home Missions, superannuation, etc. We gave slightly less than 20 cents per capita for our Bible College, less than 15 cents per capita for Foreign Missions, less than one-half of one cent each for Home Missions. At the same time, we gave nearly \$3.00 per capita for the local church activities. Now, it is a good thing to carry on a strong local program, but we must also learn that denominational pride calls on us to support our denominational programs at least as well as we support the home cause. If we were to support the national program with just 50 percent of our record of

local support which we gave last year, we would have on our present basis of prorating, \$170,940 for education, \$129,360 for Foreign Missions, \$92,400 for Home Missions, \$46,200 for superannuation, \$13,860 for publications and literature, and \$9,240 would go to our Free Will Baptist League Board. This would all be possible if we were giving but \$1.50 per capita to our denominational programs per year. There are so many things within our immediate grasp that we can't help but attain to some of the possibilities if we put forth even the minimum of effort. In the name of our God, let us rise up and claim the victory.

Damen C. Dodd, Promotional Secy.

### MRS ROACH RECOVERING

I use this means to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who remembered to pray, those who sent cards, letters, and flowers to Mrs. Roach while she was so very ill in the hospital. I wish I could say an individual thank you to each of you, but our church paper is the best means I know to use. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was much appreciated by us both. I would like to express our appreciation to Rev. W. A. Hales and his people at the Fairmount Park Church of Norfolk, also to Dr. Sparks W. Melton and his people at the Freemason Street Baptist Church of Norfolk for their financial assistance. It was certainly appreciated and you will never know how badly it was needed. With almost a month in the hospital, the expenses were a big item.

Mrs. Roach is much better now and the doctor says that she will be able to continue with me in my work in another month. Please, may we ask you to continue to pray. Mail will always reach us at our home address, Box 1201, Durham, North Carolina. With your prayers Mrs. Roach will be able to carry on as we begin two months of work in our own state of North Carolina, beginning March 5.

Thank you again, all of you everywhere, that helped so much.

Yours in His Name and service,

Maurice W. Roach

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# From The Editor's Desk



## WE ARE GRATEFUL

Since assuming the editor's duties, we have received many letters from valued friends of God's work expressing their good wishes for us and offering their assistance and prayers for the success of the Gem. We feel God is answering these prayers and blessing all efforts. We are very grateful indeed. In contrast to this are the few—very few—who have tried to render our position untenable by their letters, words, and deeds of scathing criticism—mostly from those whom we have never met. These few letters and remarks have literally balanced the books, and we again state we shall attempt to please God at all times and shall seek His forgiveness for our shortcomings! We know we cannot please ALL men. We need your continual prayers for God to lead us in all our decisions.

## MANUSCRIPT

We still stand in need of your manuscript. This issue contains about all we have. Indeed, we have had to solicit a few of the articles. The ones contacted readily responded. We would rather that your article came spontaneously as God inspires you. We sincerely appreciate all our good writers and reporters. However, we can use still more articles. We do not intend to drop any of our faithful ones; just add new ones. We look forward to a day when manuscript, finance and labor will all justify a larger paper. Send in your sermons, reports, and testimonies. We need them.

## AUXILIARY ARTICLES

Rev. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri, is editor of the Woman's Auxiliary department. A few of our Auxiliary workers and boosters are not aware of this arrangement. Therefore some very nice articles have bypassed her desk. She is doing a very nice job, and we suggest you assist her in her work by sending your Auxiliary articles to her. She co-operates with this office by sending her manuscript to us early. Please keep this in mind and get your articles in as early as possible.

## SHARE THE GEM

We have some friends of God's work occasionally direct some of their finance to the general operation of the Gem. This is a decided help, and we urge others to consider our needs. One very progressive minister in thinking of our needs was impressed with a plan to "Share the Gem." He paid the office a visit and made a nice offering which he designated to pay subs for someone who will enjoy reading the Gem. By his thoughtfulness a number are now receiving the Gem who were not subscribers. He suggested we present the plan to other friends. We think it is a worthy idea. If you have funds you would like to direct our way but would rather they go directly for subs, just mention your desire. If you have names for which you wish it applied, we will do so. If not, we will select names and notify you who is receiving the paper because of your gift. Don't put it off—"Share the Gem."

## CHURCH IN ARIZONA

This edition of the Gem carries a report from a new F. W. B. church in Phoenix, Ariz. It is a joy to us to learn of this organization. The work in California is expanding. But previous to now there has been no connecting work eastward to Texas that we know of. This work should encourage the organization of other groups in our western states. If you know of any Free Will Baptists in or near Phoenix, we urge you to tell them of this church.

## PRINTED PAGE POWERFUL

One of our better known Free Will Baptist workers residing out of our state offers his co-operation and best wishes for the success of the Gem. This friend writes, "The printed page is far more powerful than F. W. B. have ever realized I fear." And again, "May God hasten the day when F. W. B. by the thousands will realize that it is the medium of the printed page that will unify us and keep us marching ahead gloriously together as one body. Without such information, any organization will soon perish." We are

in full agreement. We look forward to the day when our papers will be accepted and supported according to their true values.

## C. W. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION PLANS YOUTH CAMP CABIN

Following is an article of much interest to our youth and to all who are interested in a Christian Youth Program. Sister Lorene is a fine young girl preparing for mission work in India and looks to the Youth Camp for part of her training. The editor attended the League Rally at Hannon on January 29. Rev. O. T. Alfred brought a fine morning message. The afternoon program featured the youth. Enthusiasm was high and the groups directed the Executive Board to proceed with the proposed cabin.—Editor.

Central Western Missouri Association plans to build a cabin on the Youth Camp Grounds.

It was decided at the local association that it would be up to the leagues of the association to see that the money was raised. It has been said that if anything is to be done, just put it in the hands of the young people. This is surely true because the young people of this association are taking a great interest in our denominational work. Each league has appointed pledge-takers to take pledges from the people of the church who wish to pledge any amount toward the financing of this building.

We must not, however, give the young people all the credit for all of these efforts because it is the older people of the churches who are furnishing most of the money. Some of the men intend to donate their time to build the cabin. The women and girls intend to make curtains and other decorations for the inside.

This association was only represented at the last session of Youth Camp by two. By building this cabin, we hope more people will become interested in sending their children to the Youth Camp.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10.

Lorene Bowman, Field Worker



# NEWSY BRIEFS

## OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LUTESVILLE F. W. B. CHURCH

I am sending a letter in behalf of our church to try to express in some small way our deep and sincere appreciation for an act of kindness by the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church. Their offer came to us when we were feeling very low and our faith beginning to waver. It is a missionary act and is an example for every Free Will Baptist in our country. There are far too many communities where Free Will Baptists are almost unknown. Many times we don't realize the opportunities that are at our very door, and, too, our Bible says "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." So after you read of this fine example of Christian love and good will, I'm sure your church will find some way to be of more help in the cause of Christianity.

We organized our church November 27, 1949 in a building known as Drums Hall in Lutesville, Mo. There were 11 charter members so our church is small in numbers but we want to move on, and we think there is a wonderful opportunity here for a real spiritual church to move on and do something for the Lord. Our building had plenty of room but was very uncomfortable and hard to heat in winter weather. So we were looking forward to a better place to worship. Then one of our deacons was offered a church building complete with all fixtures at a price we couldn't afford to miss. Our church treasury was small so we paid \$100.00 down to hold the deal until we could borrow the money to finance it through some sort of loan. We tried everywhere but received the same answer. No money! And the building is worth more than twice the amount we needed. That was, of course, the powers of Satan binding us down. But thank the Lord, our friends and fellow believers in Christ from the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church heard of our fight. They called a church meeting and agreed one hundred percent to mortgage their own church property and finance our church. And we think that is wonderful. We do appreciate the confidence they have in us.

We will have possession of our new

building Jan. 9. We need your prayers as we hope to build a real soul winning station here, and our church will now be known as the Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." I Cor. 13:1.

Basil Smith, Reporter

### Sunday School Convention

The Madison County Sunday School Convention convened with the Mine La Motte Sunday School on January 22, 1950.

The convention was opened at 1:30 p.m. by our president, Bro. Bill Dittmer. Songs, prayer and Scripture reading. There was a large number present from each Sunday School; a total of 153. The Lord did wonderfully bless in this service.

Business session: There was a letter from each Sunday School, and each had a good report. It was voted to take \$50.00 out of the Convention Treasury to be used in the Lord's work. A committee of three ministers was appointed to spend the money as they see best in the service of the Lord. The Convention is interested in helping organize new Sunday Schools, where ever they might be needed. We have this vision for the future.

After the business session, two good topics were enjoyed by everyone: "Why we must keep our Sunday School growing" by Bro. Clifford McGraw and "The three values of the Sunday School" by Bro. O. D. Matthews.

Each Sunday School was represented by a song or playlet. Mine La Motte presented a very spiritual playlet entitled, "The Sunday School on a Firm Foundation." Several special numbers were given by different groups of singers present; everyone was enjoyed.

The Lord is blessing in each Sunday School Convention. Pray for us that the Lord will keep blessing us in our Sunday School work here.

Mrs. Virginia Myers  
Sec'y.-Treas.

### MAKES FILM OF LEAGUE; SHOWS OTHER PICTURES

Dear Editor:

I will endeavor to make a report of Rev. Kenneth Turner's last two visits to the Hannon Church in the interest of making new pictures and showing many very sacred films.

The second Saturday night and Sunday in November he showed pictures of the various activities of the denomination over the state and other religious films. On Sunday he took pictures outside, people at dinner, other groups, the older couples, the oldest charter member, Grandmother Thomas with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Thornton, who is the youngest charter member. Also six of the seven living of the original 19 charter members. L. C. Wade is the only living man of the original number. The highlight of the services was the picture made of the League in action Sunday night. The young folks of the Verdella League gave a special chorus number. They are a group of fine young folks who are interested in every phase of the work of their church. A fine fellowship exists between the members of these two groups.

Two months later on January 8, Bro. Turner visited the church again to show the pictures he made on the former visit. Everyone was greatly pleased with every picture as all were so clear and plain. By special request he showed some films he had shown in former visits, together with some new ones.

We realize we have a very modest rural church but every scene of the League in action and the interior of the church looked beautiful on the films. Bro. Turner loves the work and meeting people and does the work in the interest of the Free Will Baptist missionary work. He is always a welcome visitor in our church and is greeted with large audiences on his visits.

We hope our many church friends over the state will be privileged to see the pictures and enjoy them as much as we do seeing the films of our sister churches.

Just a Lay Member of the church



**GEORGE EDWARD WADE**

Bro. Ed Wade was born on a farm near Danville, Ill., May 4, 1870, the fifth child of a family of ten. He, with his parents, Samuel Louis and Marelda Wade, moved to Missouri to a farm east of Nevada in 1893, coming to Barton County in 1896 where the remainder of his life was spent.

He was united in marriage Dec. 23, 1896 to Mary Alice Ritchie. To



**Bro. Ed Wade**

this union three children were born.

He was a farmer by occupation until the children were all married and in homes of their own, when he and his wife moved into Liberal in the spring of 1929 where they have since made their home.

During these years he was a salesman dispensing household products and other necessities to the farmers of Barton County. He enjoyed meeting people and in this line of work made many warm friends beyond his immediate home neighborhood.

He was converted in Illinois when a young man and on coming to Barton County, placed his membership with the old McCabe Chapel, later moving it to the Free Will Baptist Church at Hannon nearer his home where he has since held membership.

He was ever interested in the activities of the church and the civic affairs of his community. He loved young people and began teaching a class of boys and young men in the Sunday School more than thirty years

ago. This class was soon combined with the young ladies class now known as the True Blue Class. Though a class ever changing as to its members married or moved away, new ones came to take their place. He was compelled to give up this task of love about three years ago because of failing health.

He left to mourn his loss his wife, his daughter, Ivy B. Hartfield of Los Angeles; two sons, Glenn of Coffeyville, Kans; Merle of near Bronaugh; two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Also three brothers and two sisters: L. C. Wade of Bronaugh, Fred of Nevada, Kelly and Mrs. Mary Spain-Howard of Hannon, and Mrs. Nettie Stoller of Milo; a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

His parents, two brothers, and two sisters preceded him in death.

He had been in failing health the past two years though never really bedfast.

He passed away quietly at his home Monday morning, January 2, 1950, being 79 years and 8 months of age.

**CECIL EUGENE YOUNG**

Cecil Eugene Young, son of Jason O. and Adaline Young, was born at Hartville February 13, 1905 and departed this life December 26, 1949 at the age of 43 years, 10 months and 13 days.

He was reared in the Odin community and received his education in Newton and Dry Branch schools of Wright County, the Hartville High School where he was graduated with the class of 1925, and the State College of Springfield.

On November 8, 1941 he was united in marriage to Miss Delpha Helsley of Hartville.

He was converted at Odin Church January 20, 1920, and later united with the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Norwood, where he remained a faithful member the remainder of his life.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the faculty of the Mountain Grove Public School, where he efficiently executed his task.

His entire life was spent in public service, having taught school 23 years in Wright and Webster Counties, and was president of the redistricting board of Wright County.

He was a member of Joppa Lodge No. 4 N A F & A M of Hartville.

His mother preceded him in death on February 5, 1932.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Delpha Young of Norwood; his father, Jason O. Young, and a sister, Aloth Young of Hartville; a host of relatives and friends.

Cecil was loved by all his neighbors, students, and fellow teachers. He was never known to refuse help, aid, or assistance to any. His entire life was one of service to mankind.

During his years of teaching, he has helped to mold the lives of untold hundreds of young people in whose lives he will live on.

**IN MY FATHER'S HOME**

*No, not cold beneath the grasses,  
Not close-walled within the tomb  
Rather in my Father's mansion,  
Living in another room.*

*Living, like the one who loves me,  
Like my child with cheeks abloom,  
Out of sight, at desks or school book,  
Busy in another room.*

*Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?  
Shall I think of death and doom,  
Or the stepping o'er the threshold  
To a bigger, brighter room?*

*Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?  
Shall I sit ensuathed in gloom,  
When I know my loves are happy,  
Waiting in the other room?*

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. S. Jones at the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church December 28, 1949. Burial was in Steel Memorial Cemetery at Hartville, Mo.

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# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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## PRAYER

*Mrs. Harry Beatty, President Missouri Auxiliary Convention*

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or expressed; the motion of a hidden fire within the human breast. Prayer is an essential to a Christian character and in the sixth chapter of Matthew we find Christ gives us the best example of prayer.

### Place of Prayer:

In Matt. 6:6 Jesus recommends to us private prayer. Surely there is no place we can get closer to God than to meet Him in secret where we can pour out our hearts to Him in earnest prayer. Jesus separated Himself from His disciples on different occasions to be alone with God. On one such occasion He returned to find His disciples (co-workers) fast asleep as are many today. Very few Christians are wide awake to the signs of the times. If so, there would be more having sleepless nights because of the burden of lost souls.

### The Purpose of Prayer:

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41. If our Lord felt a need of prayer in His own life in order to be able to consecrate His will to do that of the Father's, then how much more we ought to feel our need of the same. Small wonder that He advised His disciples to watch and pray, instead of sleeping. Paul also bade us pray without ceasing, and in this day of turmoil and discontent, the more we adhere to this teaching, the more effective our lives as Christian workers will be.

The reason many Christians are falling by the way is the failure to pray for the things we stand in need of.

### The Privilege of Prayer:

We have a right to ask for salvation, for guidance, for deliverance, and for daily necessities. Jas. 5:16 "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye be healed. The effectual fervent prayer

of a righteous man availeth much." Therefore the privilege of prayer is great; however to pray an effectual prayer, we must be in earnest. Not a "dutiful" prayer, because it is expected of us, or, because we have promised someone to pray, but rather because we are intensely interested in communing with God.

In conclusion, I will say that I believe the power of prayer is the greatest power on earth. It exceeds atomic force or any other force, if properly used. So Auxiliary women and all professing Christians, let us take advantage of the power in our hands and use it for the glory of our Lord. Amen.

Mrs. Harry Beatty, President  
Mo. State Auxiliary Convention

### Cumberland District Auxiliary of Tennessee In Officers' Workshop

An Officers' Workshop was held recently at East Nashville Church, for the benefit of the officers within the Cumberland Districts of Middle Tenn. Free Will Baptist Association.

Local and district auxiliary officers, three ministers, and several visitors attended. Twelve churches were represented.

At 10:00 a.m. the district president, Mrs. Avis Sublette, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Adam Scott led the devotions. Mrs. J. E. Frazier, National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, began the study of the "Manual of Methods."

Using two charts, Mrs. Frazier very clearly presented the general plan of a Woman's Auxiliary and the specific duties of its leaders. This able discussion was followed by some very fine music under the direction of Rev. C. F. Bowen, host pastor. After this the large group was inspired by the Rev. T. O. Terry, a former student of the F.W.B. Bible College, in a stirring missionary message.

Group meetings were held for one hour following the delicious fellow-

ship lunch served in the church dining room. Each district officer was in charge of her respective department or group where discussions and questions concerning their departmental plan of work, duties of the office, reports were held. Immediately after these group meetings, a question period was conducted by Mrs. Frazier.

Many officers all left with hearts filled with gratitude and many expressions of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Sublette and Mrs. Frazier for the opportunity of gaining such clear and thorough knowledge of their duties as officers. Everyone present felt that it was one of the most profitable days ever spent in the Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention, both in study and in fellowship. All are looking forward to another such day in the spring.

Mrs. Myrtle Felts, Pub. Chairman  
District 4th Vice President  
Joelton, Tenn.

### MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND STATE W. A. CONFERENCE

#### Tentative Schedule—June 6-9

##### MORNING SESSION

- 6:30 Rising bell
- 7:00 Chapel Devotions...Alice Dickey
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Cabin Devotions
- 9:00 Personal Soul Winning, Lowell Martin
- 9:30 Auxiliary Hour...Lucile Beatty
- 10:00 Recess
- 10:15 Stewardship...Jewell Campbell
- 11:00 Missions...Laura Belle Barnard
- 12:00 Noon Lunch

##### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—5:30 Recreation and Fellowship
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening Services, Eunice Edwards, Consecration Services

Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Director  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

Greetings from the Fredericktown Auxiliary:

The Lord is still blessing us in our work here; our number is growing, and other women are becoming interested in our progress. We humbly offer unto God our praise for what He is doing for us. At this time a number of our Auxiliary workers are ill and we ask your prayers for them. Also pray for all of us that we may each one do the will of God and be a blessing to others in His Name.

While I am writing this, I also would like to offer a word of praise in behalf of our Women's Editor, Eunice Edwards, for her efforts and the work she is doing for our auxiliary in getting our reports ready for the Gem. We thank God for her and pray His richest blessings upon her as she labors in His vineyard. I notice, in the reports that our women are slow in backing her as agreed at the State Association, so come on auxiliary workers in Missouri, let us do what we can. The Lord loves a cheerful giver, and it is more blessed to give than to receive. I believe we receive from our labors and service, what we put into it, and the more we put into serving the Master the wider the windows will be opened and the greater the showers of blessing that fall upon us. So you pray for us that we will always be found faithful in our love for the Master.

Madeline McFarland, Cor. Sec.  
Rt. 1, Fredericktown, Mo.

## THIRD CHURCH AUXILIARY

We are glad to send in this word of greeting. The Lord is blessing us in our work. The auxiliary had the privilege of giving six nice baskets during the holidays. Each one was received with thanksgiving. We gave \$75.00 to the building fund of our church. So you see the Lord is blessing us for we are only few in number. We need your prayers that we may grow during this coming year. We give all our thanks to God for the success of our auxiliary thus far. Mrs. Benjamin Scott is our president, and she joins us in asking that you remember us in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Jerry Bullis, Sec'y-Treas.

## Auxiliary Editor's Report

JAN. 12, 1950

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Fredericktown Aux.....	2.00
Third Aux. St. Louis.....	1.00
Total Received.....	\$16.00

Disbursed:

Typewriter .....	\$ 2.68
Postage .....	.15
Supplies .....	.60
Total Disbursed.....	\$ 3.43

## "VITALIZING VISITATION"

Mrs. Myron Hyatt, 1st V.P., W.N.A.C.  
Centerville, Missouri

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen." (Isaiah 43:10). God expects



Rev. Marie Hyatt

us to be witnesses which will bring the lost, sin-cursed souls into His fold and also bring that saved soul into service. Visitation is scriptural. When Jesus said, "Ye are to be my witnesses," "He defined very definitely their fields of service—" Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and uttermost parts of the earth." In other words, they were to begin right where they were to enlist souls to eternal life as well as saved lives to service, and then enlarge their service in everwidening circles until their witness should be heard throughout the whole earth. The early disciples practiced visitation in their ministry. When Jesus called His first disciples, two things were involved in the call: the invitation to follow and the promise that they would win others as followers.

They were to follow Him not just for their own sakes but that they might win others to Him. In like manner, every woman who has caught a vision of the necessity of organized missionary endeavors, should consider herself a member of Christ's enlistment committee, working through the Woman's Auxiliary to enlist every resident woman member of her church in active participation of giving the Gospel to the world through their personal witnessing. This can be done through visitation.

Visitation is fruitful. There is nothing that blesses lives more than the thoughtful visit of a person that is a real Christian witness. The following is a suggestive plan whereby enlistment chairmen can prove to be a real blessing in their communities. This plan is patterned after "The Welcome Wagon Service, Inc." which operates in many cities in the U. S. and Canada. If you have this service in your community, you have an opportunity to work through them. If not, try this method—"The Free Will Baptist Welcome Service."

Far be it from any of our Woman's Auxiliary groups to ignore the newcomer to our community. But unless we're wide awake, how are we to keep account of every new family that arrives in town? Many times the new family doesn't get around to coming to church right away, so that you can not discover them by this means. Sometimes they will even start attending a different church which is nearby, simply because the town or community is strange to them and they have no idea where their church may be.

Is there any way to remedy this? Yes. At least one solution is offered here. There is an organization (Welcome Wagon Service) that makes a business of acting as greeters to every family moving into a new locality. They have taken over a philanthropic service of early days in America and are making a thriving business of it, too. In the days when families moved westward in covered wagons, they would send a rider on ahead to announce their arrival as they approached a town. Another wagon was sent out from the town to meet the weary travelers with a cheery greeting of fresh water and provisions.

Today, the Welcome Wagon Service is a personalized method of adver-

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tising which extends a warm and friendly greeting to every new resident of a community. By some means, the Welcome Wagon Hostess always seem to get wind of every new arrival long before anyone else, and they come calling with their pretty baskets of gifts. In their baskets, they carry gifts from the merchants they represent, information about local churches, libraries, schools and organizations.

Through the F. W. B. Welcome Service, you can be the one which welcomes the newcomer into your community and church. Make them to feel they are wanted and needed in our work for the Lord. Your basket of welcome will prove to be a great blessing. This plan can readily be adapted to fit your needs and resources.

If you prefer to carry a basket of gifts along with your welcome, let it contain cake or cookies, fruit, hankies, church calendar, etc., but above all carry information of our church activity for the Master. I think it would be well in every visit to leave a small Bible or New Testament. The Word of God is what we should offer more than anything. Enlistment Chairmen, inaugurate the F. W. B. Welcome Service in your auxiliary society.

May I also urge all first vice-presidents to cooperate fully with your second vice-president in enlisting the girls and young women in youth auxiliaries by organizing the three groups suggested in "Working With Our Youth." These organizations do not interfere but rather strengthen league work. They serve to help F. W. B. young people realize religion is not something for Sunday morning and evening, but a week-day essential which is just as important as "reading, writing, and arithmetic" which they learn at public schools; so our Youth Auxiliaries emphasize or Educate in Missions. This is the greatest, largest and most productive enlistment field today, so work it!

I would appreciate a personal report of your progress or results achieved with the above suggestive plans. If I can be of assistance to you, feel free to call upon me. We are "co-laborers together with God." May God bless each of you as your service through our Enlistment Department blesses others.

## TITHING OR TIPPING?

Whether to tithe or to tip is the question before Free Will Baptists. The Bible recognizes no portion of one's income less than a tithe as a full recognition of Christian stewardship.

When we give less than a tithe we have appropriated unto ourselves the right to determine the value of the Lord's service to us and the amount of our obligation to Him. In other words, we offer the great God of heaven and earth a gratuity—a tip.

Thus far the cause of Christ has been advanced by our tips rather than by our tithes. In 1948 Free Will Baptists contributed, according to their records turned in at Columbus, Georgia in July, 1949, a total of \$421,315.52 to all our churches, institutions and boards. An estimate based upon Income Tax returns, indicates that Free Will Baptists as individuals received nearly twenty-six million dollars, or that a tithe of Free Will Baptists' income in 1948 would have been \$2,508,000.00. On this basis Free Will Baptists are giving, roughly one percent of their income to the Lord's work instead of the 10% they should give.

## Fifty-Thousand Co-Laborers

"Fifty-thousand Co-Laborers in 1945" was the goal adopted by the W.N.A.C. meeting held in Flat River, Missouri. Each state convention was asked to and did through state delegates present at that meeting, adopt a goal toward securing these 50,000 Co-Laborers. Thus both state and national convention were united in the appeal. Many have adopted the Co-Laborer Band Fund as the standard of their offerings to the promotional program launched by the Boards of the National Association.

If every member of every Woman's Auxiliary organization would become a member of this Band and bring regularly her offering to the monthly auxiliary meeting and there combine her gift—little or much as she has been prospered—with all other auxiliary members' gifts then we would truly be "laborers together" for the cause of missions, the Bible College, etc. All Co-Laborer offerings should be sent monthly through the proper local channel to the W.N.A.C. treasurer. Then each month the National Auxiliary treasurer sends to each National Association treasurer his proportionate part of all such funds that she has received during the month.

If W.N.A.C. members would all tithe instead of tip the Lord, soon we could see greater things being undertaken and accomplished by our foreign missionaries and also by our Bible College personnel as well as by all other Free Will Baptist agencies.

An easy way to be a Co-Laborer is to calculate your tithe for the month. Take one tenth of this tithe with you to your auxiliary meeting as your Co-Laborer Band offering. It all eventually goes through the channel of your church, or should. Thus the auxiliary is really 'helping' the church of which she is a vital part with the budget for missions, Bible College, and so forth. If the Woman's Auxiliary treasurer will explain to the pastor where by this offering they are helpers, there can be no objections. The Auxiliary Co-Laborer offering, however, must eventually reach the W.N.A.C. treasurer whose duty it is to distribute this fund to associational treasurers. Either the auxiliary treasurer, the church treasurer, or the convention treasurer may send this offering to the W.N.A.C. treasurer. This depends upon what plan has been adopted within the respective state by the Woman's Auxiliary for distribution.

What would happen if Free Will Baptists caught the vision of the increased power of the forces of Christ backed by tithing Christians? Tithing for example, would transform the Free Will Baptist foreign mission effort. Instead of 12 missionaries on two foreign fields there would be support for 30 missionaries without changing the way in which we now divide the gifts to our boards. A similar increase would be felt by all other F.W.B. agencies.

## Suggestions for 1950

A special three month's period for a tithing test by all W.N.A.C. members is being set for February, March, and April of 1950, climaxed at the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer Services. Of course, the spiritual blessings and the participation in the extension of the gospel should not be limited to Woman's Auxiliary members, or even to 50,000 out of more than 400,000 Free Will Baptists.

An excellent plan would be for the Auxiliary treasurer and 3rd vice-president to meet with the pastor and arrange to make this three months' Tithing Test a church-wide test. It can be done. It has already been tried by



Free Will Baptist churches and wherever tried it has proved a lasting blessing and souls were converted as a result of this plan and the series of stewardship messages brought by the pastor as he cooperated with the auxiliary members of his church in the promotion of Christian stewardship.

The Co-Laborer Band plan is to challenge every Free Will Baptist to purpose for a minimum of three months (February, March, and April) to give a tithe of all he or she makes to the Lord, and that one-tenth of the tithe will be channeled through the Woman's Auxiliary Co-Laborer Band Fund. Thus we are true to our name "Auxiliary to the church" and true to our Heavenly Father who says through the Apostle Paul to us "let every one of you lay by . . . as God hath prospered."

Certainly every leader in every Woman's Auxiliary believes that the Bible is God's word. In Malachi 3:10 is God's promise and His appeal that we prove Him. So, every effort should be made to enlist every member in the Woman's Auxiliary and every Christian woman in the church to sign one of the Co-Laborer membership slips, thereby indicating definite commitment to tithe for these three months. (Co-Laborer Membership slips are FREE for the asking from the W.N.A.C. Treasurer, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tenn.). January, the first month of the year, the month of beginnings, is the month of preparation and slip signing for this Tithing Test.

The test is not of God but is rather a test of Christian women and a test of the tithe as the expression of our Christian stewardship.

It yet remains to be seen what God will do to bless a denomination of people who recognizes God's ownership of all and His lordship of life by the practice of Christian stewardship—tithing not tipping.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,  
W.N.A.C. Finance Chairman

### Indian Creek Auxiliary Workers

Our quarterly fellowship meeting will be held at the Black Fox Church, one mile south and three miles west of Wentworth, on Feb. 15 (Wednesday after the second Sunday). Will you all make an effort to be present and enjoy a great day of Christian fellowship.

Lola Anna Williams, President

Edna Gentry, Secretary

### NEWLY ORGANIZED F. W. B. CHURCH IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Dear Gem Readers:

We are happy to say God has answered our prayers. We now have a Free Will Baptist Church in Phoenix, for which we have prayed so long. It is the first of our denomination in this state.

A little band of Free Will Baptists gathered October 14 and organized. God has wonderfully blessed us in many ways in the short time we have been meeting. We are now buying our church. It is located at 25th Avenue and Tonto Street in Phoenix. The dedication of our church was December 25, 1949. The services were by Rev. Orbin Doss of California. A wonderful service was enjoyed by all and will long be remembered. We also had a watch service New Year's eve. A wonderful spiritual feast was enjoyed by all in this service.

We ask the prayers of all God's praying people everywhere that God will always be our guide and that we will ever keep our minds centered on our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Yes, we know the devil will watch for a place to creep in. But if we keep hand in hand with Christ He will take us through. So pray for us in our work for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Brothers and Sisters, you know our denomination is a new work in Arizona, and that's another reason for the need of prayers from all our churches every where.

We have organized the League. We only have a few young folk as yet. But we hold to faith in God that we will grow and that God will send in more young people. We do have a few good Christian young folk for leaders in the League for which we thank the good Lord.

We have a wonderful pastor. He and his family are a great inspiration to our church, League and Sunday School. He is Rev. Wm. D. Morris from California. We are so thankful the good Lord put it on their hearts to come here and help us and pastor our church. He is sure a God sent preacher. He hasn't been in the ministry but about three years. The Lord sure does fill him with good spiritual messages to feed his flock. He and his family are also fine singers. We just can't praise God enough for all the blessings He has sent our way.

If anyone knows of any Free Will

Baptist people in Phoenix, or anywhere here in Arizona, we would like to have their names and addresses.

We want to get in contact with them. We sure would like for them to come to our church. If there are some who live too far to come to the church here we would do all we could to get a church started, for we are looking forward to other Free Will Baptist churches. Then we can have our Quarterly meetings in Arizona. We are praying that the Lord will strive with all for that time when we will have churches in numbers here in this state. We know there are lots of Free Will Baptists out here. We are praying for much, but nothing is impossible in work with the Master. If all God's children will work as He has asked us to, He will never fail us.

Pray for us that God will send workers and that we will grow in number and grow spiritually and financially.

Again I will say we need your prayers for the new work here in Phoenix.

Your Sister in Christ,

Alma Henry, Clerk

P. O. Box 3911

Rev. Wm. R. Morris, Pastor  
2408 W. Maricopa St.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Your editor is encouraging treasurers to submit itemized financial reports only as often as will best serve their departments. In most instances they will probably appear quarterly or semi-annually. More general information, reports, and promotional articles will, of course, appear in their proper place.

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**NIANGUA CHURCH REPORT**

Dear Gem Readers:

I would like to report the activities of our church, this being the first time we have reported for a number of years. Our pastor for this year is Rev. Wm. Reeves of Irondale, Mo., who is living in Niangua vicinity now, but will soon be moving his family into their new cottage at the Youth Camp which is now nearing completion.

We have an enrollment of fifty in our Sunday School. There are six classes.

Our league is very interesting every Sunday evening with a senior and a junior leader. Questions are asked by our quiz leaders. Thirty members are enrolled. At the end of each quarter we have a league social. Last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sell entertained the league group.

As for prayer meeting, we have a good prayer service. We study one chapter each Wednesday night. Our lesson now is found in I Corinthians 11.

For Christmas we had a very good program—songs, recitations, a monolog, and a three act play, "The Guiding Star" by the young people; we also had a beautiful Christmas tree, and exchanged gifts.

The last of October we had our revival meeting with large crowds each night. No souls were saved, but the Lord was very good blessing everyone. Rev. Dale Jones of Lebanon, Mo., assisted Rev. Reeves in the meeting.

We, as the Niangua Church, desire the prayers of the Christian people.

Mrs. Lucille Sell, Reporter  
Niangua, Mo.

**YOUTH CAMP REPORT**

October 15, 1949—January 15, 1950

Balance brought forward	\$300.05
Received:	
Mill Creek.....	\$ 15.35
Merl's Chapel.....	10.00
Third, St. Louis.....	40.37
Niangua League.....	17.67
Fredericktown .....	61.46
Myrtle .....	8.20
Mo. St. Ass'n.....	54.57
Mt. Grove.....	13.83
Carterville .....	15.00
Flat River.....	32.70
Leadington .....	6.00
Rev. & Mrs. Archie	

Cooper .....	4.00
Rev. Rolla Smith.....	5.00
South Side.....	20.00
Kenneth Turner (Itin. of S. E. Mo.).....	25.10
Total .....	\$329.25
Total Receipts.....	\$629.30
Expenditures:	
Mich. Bulb Co.....	\$ 3.38
Stigman Lumber Co.....	32.46
Recorder of Deeds.....	2.00
Rev. O. T. Allred (Travel Expense) .....	5.10
Rev. Harvey Hill (Travel Expense) .....	12.44
Rev. Rolla Smith (Travel Expense).....	9.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner (Films) .....	3.60
Homer Sell (Electrician)	92.68
Webster Electric REA..	3.80
Floyd Letterman.....	17.00
B. J. Eubanks.....	213.00
Harvey Young.....	4.00
Wm Reeves.....	162.50
Total Expense.....	\$570.95
Balance .....	\$ 58.35

The work is coming along nicely on our new cottage at the camp. We are at this writing putting up the sheet-rock, hoping to soon be living at the camp. We have had a nice number of volunteer helpers that help speed the construction of it, and we do appreciate them.

Pray for us and the work.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

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**LET'S GO TO NATIONAL IN CALIFORNIA IN JULY!**

Perhaps it is a bit early to remind you, but here goes. The National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Richmond, California on Tuesday evening, July 11, 1950. This will be a meeting of utmost importance to every Free Will Baptist for three

reasons:

First, our Free Will Baptist work in California is comparatively new and the National Association will be a good means of encouraging the growth and expansion of the Cause in that state. On the other hand, a meager attendance could do much toward discouraging our California brethren, thus impeding the work there to a great extent. Out of respect to our California Free Will Baptists, our westernmost representatives, let's attend the National Association.

Second, there are matters of vital importance to every Free Will Baptist church member which will be coming up at this meeting. The National Stewardship Commission will report for the first time. Our entire missionary program will be dealt with and it is hoped to have one or more Missionaries from the fields present with us. The National Headquarters campaign will be renewed, the Free Will Baptist Bible College will present her reports and proposals, and our entire plan of work will be set up and approved at this meeting. In addition there will be great Gospel messages by some of our outstanding preachers, marvelous singing, and unsurpassed fellowship, plus the additional privilege of seeing new sights and being entertained royally in typical California style.

Third, denominational loyalty demands that we make this as big an affair as possible. Many religious bodies have chosen the west coast as the scene of their major meetings in the past, and they have attracted thousands of people. Last year, one church group numerically inferior to ours reported 10,000 persons present in their annual denominational meeting in Seattle, Washington. Another denominational affair similar to our own National Association drew some 15,000 persons from all over the United States. This group reported a constituency nearly 75,000 members less than our own Free Will Baptist group.

We must be present for the National Association when it convenes in Richmond, California on Tuesday night, July 11, 1950.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

Damon C. Dodd  
Promotional, Sec'y.

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