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## A PSALM OF PRAISE

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord, All Ye Lands.  
Serve the Lord with Gladness: Come before His  
Presence with Singing. Know Ye that the Lord He  
Is God: It is He that hath Made Us, and Not We  
Ourselves; We Are His People, and the Sheep of  
His Pasture. Enter into His Gates with Thanks-  
giving, and into His Courts with Praise: Be Thank-  
ful Unto Him, and Bless His Name. For the Lord  
Is Good; His Mercy Is Everlasting; and His Truth  
Endureth to All Generations.—Psalm 100.





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—Editor

A good habit is a good investment.



## THE TRINITY: GOD THE FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT

*Rev. Sherman H. Oakes - W. Gastonia, North Carolina*

"...Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:20.

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come unto you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day (the coming of the Holy Spirit) ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."—John 14:18-20.

Christ, in His glorified body, is sitting at the right hand of God in heaven, yet He is ever present, and in the heart of every born again person. Christ is God the Son, therefore He is omnipresent everywhere. The idea that one can have Christ dwelling in him, and not the Holy Spirit, will not stand the test in the light of God's holy word. Some teach that Christ and the Holy Spirit are separable. The fact that Stephen, when stoned to death and being full of the Holy Spirit, saw Christ standing at the right hand of God in heaven, is used to teach the separableness of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Note what Paul says in Galatians 4:6, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, (my) Father."

The above Scripture has reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit at the last Pentecost, hence you see that the Holy Spirit in your heart is Christ in your heart. According to Colossians 1:27, we read: "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Christ is sitting at the right hand of God making intercessions for us, and at the same time He is dwelling in the hearts of every saved person. You can readily see this when Jesus said, "Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." He said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you." After His death, the world saw Him no more, but God sent forth His Spirit of His Son into your hearts. The words of Christ, "I will come unto you," were fulfilled when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

No one argues that the Holy Spirit is

not the Spirit of God, and that Stephen was full of God's Spirit. If he could be filled with God's Spirit and God sitting on the throne, he could be filled with the spirit of Christ on the throne. The truth is, the Trinity of the Godhead is one, and Christ and God are one in that sense. The Holy Spirit is not separable from the Godhead. When a person believes on Christ as personal Saviour, that person is of God, that is, born of the Holy Spirit. Then it is said that he has partaken of the Godhead. When a person is born of the flesh, he becomes a part of the flesh and blood of his parents. You become God's child when you believe on Christ as your personal Saviour. "He that believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God" (I John 5:1).

Since God is everywhere, it is easy to see how the Father and the Son can be sitting on the throne in heaven, and at the same time be in the hearts of the saved here on earth. It is easy to see that upon receiving the Holy Spirit, one is receiving the Son and the Father also. Christ Jesus, as God incarnate in the flesh, is revealed in the following scripture: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made... He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not... And the Word was made flesh (Jesus), and dwelt among us..." (John 1:1-14).

The sameness, or unity of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are set forth in Romans 8:8, 9 in these words: "So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his." The Devil starts, sometimes, a doctrine contrary of the doctrine of Christ, and his servants frequently twist the word, misconstrue it, to suit their own notions. The worldly minded people misconstrue the scriptures to prop up a doctrine of theirs which is without foundation. But it is the business of God's ministers to guide, by the leadership of

the Holy Spirit, in the right way to explain the meaning of the Holy Bible. They are to show up the false doctrines, and to point people to the right teachings of the Bible. Some will be offended, you will say, but let them be offended if they do not want to believe the true doctrines of the Bible. You had better offend everyone rather than to add to or take away from God's Holy Word.

In the Trinity is meant that there are three persons in One: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If you have one dwelling in your heart, you have all three dwelling in you. We cannot fully understand this mystery, but it is true. You are even a trinity for you are spirit, soul and body (I Thess. 5:23). The word Christ means Messiah—God, and the word Jesus means man—flesh. Therefore, we have God incarnate in the flesh—"The word was flesh, and dwelt among us."

The oneness and omnipresence of the trinity, or Godhead can be understood in a measure by comparing the trinity of God with the trinity of the sun. There is the orb, the light, and the heat—three in one. Physically, you receive life, light and heat from the sun. Without the sun there would be no life on the earth—the cell would not develop; no seed would germinate. You have light, you have life, and you have heat, and all come from the sun, though it is millions of miles away from us. In spite of this fact, you are partaking of its life-giving properties. When you believe on Christ as your sin-bearer, you then receive the Holy Spirit of the Godhead, and are greatly benefitted by His divine power to save, and to give you a new life. "For in him (Christ) dwell all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and in him ye are complete" (Col. 2:9). "...He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9). Unsaved friends, won't you, in all your sins, simply trust Him now as your personal Saviour? He never fails. Christians, won't you see Christ as your all in all, and not forget your resting place in Him?

We are never so high as when we are on our knees.

A man often regret his speech; never his silence.



## GARDENS FOR GOD

Mrs. John Ferguson-Nolan, West Virginia

"The Lord God planted a garden... and the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden... to dress it and tend it."

The word *garden* brings a definite picture to each of us, long rows of growing things, herbs, fruit, vegetables, grain or blossoms.

To one it means an abundance of tender green vegetables for his family and baskets filled for the aged, the widows or orphans, sharing generously with the needy.

To another, it means long rows of shining dimes and dollars to be stored away and counted.

To my neighbor across the way it means roses. Roses to give to the sick, the troubled or the despondent. Beauty to gladden the eye, food for the spirit, a reminder of God's love for humanity. For her roses grow and bloom abundantly. She is a co-worker with God with roses in her heart as beautiful, as fragrant as those in her garden.

The way we tend our gardens and the use we make of it's produce shows some of the character traits we have in ourselves.

Our life is like a garden! After the clods of sin are broken and dissolved by the tears of sincere repentance God plants within us the heavenly seed of Eternal Life. The growth of this seed is manifested to the world by our love for God and our love for our fellow-man.

God has given us the most precious plant for our garden but He leaves us to choose the other plants that we want to cultivate. For one plant does not make a garden. If we choose wisely our plant of Life will grow, bloom and bear strong, healthy fruit fit for the Master Gardener's use.

Our thoughts and ideals are the seed we sow in our gardens. Our daily acts are the life giving force that makes them grow. The things we do, the things we say show the world the kind of plants we are cultivating in our own particular garden for God.

Let's clear out the weeds and see what plants we have growing in our gardens and what plants we need there.

Suppose we begin by pulling up all the weeds of misunderstanding, envy and strife. Uproot them, throw them

away completely out of our garden. We have no need for them and they will smother out the plant that God has given us. We must not allow weeds to dwarf and stunt this precious plant of ours.

Dig up all the thorns of distrust and hate, then watch diligently for the appearance of their offsprings and uproot them before they have time to grow and spread: For all too soon they will distort and twist our plant of Life into something so nearly like themselves that it would take a Solomon to point out the true from the false, and our plants must grow so true to strain that the world can see what they are.

Jesus rebukes self-seeking. He says, "If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all." So let's take self out of the front row and place it far back in the background out of sight and forget it. Just remember that Christ gave His life for the entire human race not just you and I. Let's not be so backward about giving others a chance to grow. We help ourselves by helping others.

Of course we have kindness in our garden but is it a strong healthy plant, or is it weak and spindly? There are so many ways of being kind and so many people so desperately in need of kindness that we should find it an easy task to revive this plant and make it one of the strongest in our gardens.

Humility is rather hard to grow but we need it so much: For humility is the strongest proof of Christian character. It keeps us from self-love, self-conceit, from voicing our own praise and boasting of our own so-called good deed, and we are still a long way from God when we continually boast of our own deeds. So let's nourish humility, it makes our garden a place where God will love to dwell and builds a wall around our garden that the Devil is afraid to climb over.

Obedience is hard to grow by a stiff-necked people but we must make a place for it. We need to learn to obey God, keep His commandments and obey the laws of our land: they were founded upon the ten commandments. We need to learn obedience because, "Even Christ humbled himself and be-

came obedient unto death even the death of the cross." So why not strive a little harder to make our obedience more perfect.

The winds of doubt will cause our plants to wither and dry up. Perhaps we had better take a look at our plant of faith. H-mmm, it seems to have grown a little lop-sided. We have only been using from the side that the world can see. We must give more attention to the side that is hidden from the world. We must develop our faith in God's power to keep us every hour of every day through the little trials of our daily life. We must believe that God will carry us through all things, that all things that He sends to us is for our own good. Use faith, the more we use it the more it will grow. Soon we will have a plant so strong, so well grown and healthy that no winds of doubt can ever shake it.

Pride is the cutworm that invades every garden, cutting down all the tender young plants of good intentions. Nipping the bud out leaving them to die or to grow fruitless if they grow at all. Search diligently each day and destroy all pride to keep it from killing or deforming our plants.

Forgiveness—what a poorly developed insignificant plant it is in so many of our gardens, smothered and strangled by stubbornness and resentment. These vines, like dodder, wrap and twine themselves around our plants. With no real roots of their own their only object in life is to weaken and sap the life force from other plants so essential to our spiritual growth. Pluck them out and throw them into the fire, they are useless to us but worth their weight in gold to Satan. As long as we harbor them we cannot make much progress in growing our plant of forgiveness. And Eternal Life for us depends upon our forgiving others. Remember, "If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." These are the words of Jesus; read them in Mark 11:26.

Are we going to pay such a stupendous price just to pamper our stubborn resentment? If our plant of love is to grow strong we must forgive. For the heart that truly belongs to Jesus will have no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong done us.

Charity is another important plant for our gardens. But it must mean more to us than just giving. Giving

is important but the word has another meaning that is also important although most of us don't want to remember it. It means the art of thinking the very best possible of others. If we want our gardens to be well-rounded and pleasing to God we must cultivate that branch of charity also. We must stop thinking evil thoughts of others. Read what Paul has to say about this plant in I Cor. 13.

There are other plants that we must grow in our gardens. Those named are important to our spiritual growth. We will find others as we study the Word of God. After we have found and planted the things we want to cultivate, then cram every spot, every corner with brotherly love—let our gardens overflow with it. We will need it. For if we love our neighbor as ourself it is going to take a tremendous amount of brotherly love.

Our gardens are warmed by the sunshine of God's love and watered by the dew of our prayers. If we pray much our gardens will grow and bloom abundantly. If our prayers are few

and listless our plants will be weakly and small. But we must remember that much praying does not mean just loud praying with many words. Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart. Jesus spoke simply to the Father: we need only do the same. He will hear and answer.

If we have chosen wisely then our gardens will be filled with joy and gladness, thanksgiving and the voice of melody will abide within its walls. It takes work to raise these gardens but a working Christian is a happy Christian and our garden of life will be like a garden of roses: its beauty and fragrance will be a joy and inspiration to others, its crowning reward will be the perfect fruit of Life Eternal.

Our songs of thanksgiving will be turned into the dirge of mourning if the reapers find our gardens filled with the thorns and weeds of sin growing because of our carelessness and neglect. For Paul says, "That which beareth thorns and briers is rejected... whose end is to be burned."

it doesn't matter how difficult, if it is to reach the lost.

Some few have sent help direct as Brother Riggs requested and we are profoundly grateful for your ready response. You have received your receipts by now and Bro. Davis will give you credit on his books. Our hearts have been deeply moved by the interest from Bro. Riggs' church. Without having been solicited his members have sent \$156.00, besides their regular \$200.00 per month gift to missions. I am sure this has been a sacrifice, but I am also sure that the Lord shall doubly bless them. They will never know on this earth what their offering has meant to us.

This letter to you is not one of criticism. You have always been so ready and so willing to respond. Every night at seven those who live here on the school campus meet in our thatched-roof chapel for prayer. How God has blessed us! If you could hear the prayers that ascend in thanksgiving for you. Thanking God that you have made it possible that they have the Gospel, and asking Him to reward you according to His riches in glory. They are deeply grateful, as we all are, and we are sure in this time of need you will not fail us.

We plead your prayers that school can soon start, that we will not have to run on so long in the intense heat. Pray that our students will not become discouraged as they wait, and that our workers will be kept strong in faith during this testing.

We have taken this burden to a Throne of Grace, and left it there. He knows best. He has promised never to leave us alone, or forsake us. We believe Him, for He has never failed.

At this writing Mr. Willey is in the States planning to attend the Missionary Conference in Nashville. Our children are in school at Toccoa for another year. This is Tommy's last year in High School, and Barbara is a Junior. This shortage has effected them also as it has been registration month, so please remember them in prayer. I have felt quite alone here these days, and feeling the strain of the responsibility, but how precious it has been to feel His everlasting arms about and underneath, keeping, sheltering.

With deepest devotion to you,

Mable Willey

## "AND IT FELL ON A DAY"

I have been meditating these days on a few words found in II Kings 4:18, "And it fell on a day." You remember the story. The Shunamite had been blessed of God with the desire of her heart—a son. The boy was her pride and joy, but when he was about twelve years old "it fell on a day" that he became ill and died. The mother took him to the prophet's chamber and closed the door, left him there.

God has wrought what has been termed a miracle of modern missions in our work here in Cuba, and today our work as a whole is in the best condition that we have seen it for years. God is blessing. We have had a large number of young people begging for entrance in the school but have only been able to give permission for entrance to a few because of lack of space and the funds to maintain them. We think we have the finest group of young men thus far, waiting to come in,—but "it has fallen on a day," our school doors are closed and our students waiting, prepared to come at any moments notice, but as yet we are helpless to give that notice. The opening of school was announced for the 11 of September. Now it is almost

the first of October, and there is no hope, human hope, that we can open soon.

This is a grief to our hearts but not so much as to see our workers in dire need. The last salary that any of us received was the first of August. With the very small amount that they receive it is all that they can do to live, then when they have to live two months on one month's meager salary it is next to impossible. If we, the American missionaries were the only ones effected there would be no complaint, but it is all that I can bear to see these your workers, our workers suffer,—for that is what they are doing. I do want you to know that they are not complaining. I have my first word of complaint to hear from them. They always say, "God has a purpose in it all."

These nights I haven't been able to sleep, their faces come before me, and I cry and pray that God will supply for them and not let them go hungry or the renters be angry with them for not paying the rent. We have a large family now, a precious one, so willing to sacrifice, to suffer for His sake, willing to go at any time, to any place,

## SANCTIFICATION

### What Does it Mean To be Sanctified?

Sanctify means to set apart. The Hebrew is rendered both sanctify and set apart (Ex. 13:2, 12).

God sanctified the seventh day (Gen. 2:3). It was like other days, but was set apart for rest and worship.

The vessels in the temple were sanctified (Ex. 30:26-29).

Moses sanctified Aaron and his sons' garments (Lev. 8:30).

The temple sanctifieth the gold (Matt. 23:17).

The altar sanctifieth the gift (Matt. 23:19).

Yet none of these had any sin in them.

God told Moses to sanctify the first born of man and beast (Ex. 13:2; Deut. 15:19).

Jesus sanctified himself (John 17:19). The Greek word here translated sanctify means set apart.

I have heard ministers refer to I Thess. 4:3 to try to prove sanctification as a second work of grace. The Greek word here translated sanctification means setting apart, and is something that God requires of us and not something that God will do for us.

Paul said, "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lusts of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified," I Thes. 4:1-6. Paul tells us here how to possess (keep, not get them sanctified) our vessels in sanctification and honor.

If you will read the 15th and 21st chapters of Acts you can find how Paul knew what God's will was, for it had been decided at Jerusalem by the Apostles.

Rom. 12:1 has a similar meaning.

I Thes. 4:1-6 requires us to continually abstain from sins, and Rom. 12:1 requires us to continually yield our bodies as instruments of righteousness. Both of these scriptures mean a continuation.

Paul states this thought clearly in the 6th chapter of Romans. He said, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace," Rom 6:11-14.

Paul told the Thessolonians that God had "chosen them to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth," II Thes. 2:13.

Every Child of God has been sanctified and should live a holy sanctified life.

May God bless his ministers that preach the truth.

Your Servant,

Rev. A. B. Talbert  
119 South Florence  
Claremore, Okla.

## A TRIBUTE TO REV. DAVIS

*By Rev. Raymond Riggs*

At the special called meeting of the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in conjunction with the Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, October 3-5, Rev. Winford Davis submitted his resignation on the Foreign Missions Board. Motion carried to accept his resignation.

The Free Will Baptist Church is indebted to Bro. Davis for the many years of service he has rendered in this department. For almost a quarter of a century he has served our church as chairman, treasurer, promotional secretary, and in many instances he almost carried the burden alone. He has been faithful; his heart has been in the foreign mission work since its beginning with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Davis had expressed a desire to be relieved as a member and officer of the Foreign Mission Board before now. Many of us felt that his experience, his wisdom and counsel would be an asset to the activities of the Board. Thus, he continued to serve until his recent resignation dated October 4, 1950.

Bro. Davis will still be interested and will still promote the work of Foreign Missions. He is not mad at anyone, has a heart of love for all his brethren and a compassion for lost souls everywhere.

The present members of the Foreign Mission Board extend to Bro. Davis our heart felt thanks for his services rendered and we want him and all of our people to know that we appreciate what he has done. The compensation that he has received for this laborious task he has performed has certainly been inadequate but the Lord of Heaven knows how to reward his servants and some day Bro. Winford will experience a real pay day.

## Rev. Bert Rogers Also Resigns

Rev. Bert F. Rogers also submitted his resignation at the recent session of the Foreign Mission Board. Motion carried to accept his resignation and we have notified the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the two vacancies now existing with the Foreign Mission Board.

We ask our people to pray that God will lead in the selecting of men to fill these important positions.

## NOTICE

Having tendered my resignation as member of the National Foreign Mission Board, which of course terminated my office as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Raymond Riggs having been elected to this office, you will therefore from this time forward send all remittances for foreign missions to the following address: Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Sec'y.-Treas., 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan.

Very Sincerely,

Rev. Winford Davis

By inspiring others we kindle new enthusiasm for our own souls.

**HOME MADE FREEDOM**

Freedom is a heritage from our forefathers. Most of us do not appreciate freedom as much as we should. Freedom is a blessed heritage that we should pass on to our posterity.

In II Cor. 3:17 we find the Apostle Paul saying, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." So if we have the Spirit of the Lord with us we have freedom. We are free from hatred, malice and anything that separates us from the love of God. If we have Christ's Spirit with us we will want our acquaintances and associates to enjoy freedom.

The tobacco habit and the drink habit enslave a large per cent of the people of the United States of America. The loyal Christian citizen will try to win the friendship of children and young people, and tactfully try to get them to abstain from the use of either tobacco or alcoholic beverages. So long as we have intoxicating liquors—which includes beer—sold, we will not be free from accidents on our roads and highways. So long as parents smoke, little children in homes will often be compelled to breathe poison tobacco smoke.

Prejudice is something we should try to eliminate from our lives if we and our associates are to enjoy the greatest freedom and happiness.

God grant that we may pass on to posterity a full measure of healthful freedom.

J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

**IT IS LOVE—**

There isn't a chance

For a life to advance

Where selfish desires  
are instilled.

For a life to aspire,

It is full of desire

For the other man's  
cup to be filled.

We may not surmise

What all underlies

A desire in the  
heart to bestow,

But when we discern

Our cause for concern,

It is love that has  
caused it to grow.

—Selected

**MUST DEMONSTRATE**

A real man accepts the fact  
That he must demonstrate some act,  
Must play some part, must lend a hand,  
If he's to prove himself a man.

Do all such thoughts belong to you,  
Mixed up in all you daily do?  
Until such thoughts are given birth,  
There's no way one can prove their  
worth.

—Selected

**MISSION DEPARTMENT  
NEEDS \$3,200.00 MONTHLY**

*By Rev. Raymond Riggs*

In order for the Foreign Mission Department to effectively and efficiently operate we must have at least \$3,200.00 every month. Even this is not a safe margin for us to operate on but is just about the actual cost of maintaining the budget on the respective fields and the promotional work at home.

We appreciate so much the response that has been given to our emergency need. However others must be enlisted and rally to our cause. Our present plans and hopes are to bring our Foreign Mission Department out of the red and on an even keel by January 1, 1951.

Recent communications from the mission field in Cuba and upon the recommendations of the Foreign Mission Board, the Cuban school of missions expects to open this month. All of us regret very much that school had to be delayed for even one month because of lack of funds. Let's not let it happen again. Surely there are thirty churches (there are 30 students) in our denomination who will be responsible for the support of one student at a minimum cost of \$20.00 per month. There also must be twenty-eight churches in our ranks who would be responsible for the support of one of our full time native workers (there are 28 workers) at a minimum cost of \$30.00 per month.

Send your endowment cards, pledges and all offerings immediately to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board Promotional office, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

**NORTH EAST MISSOURI MEET**

The North East Missouri Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Green Grove Church October 29, 1950 with Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. The morning worship service followed with Rev. Orville Dobbs bringing the morning message, reading for a scripture lesson the 3rd chapter of Revelation and using the 13th verse for his text. A very inspiring message was delivered. After a congregational song we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alta Mikel. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by the president, Agnes Smith. Following a congregational number we were led in prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. The president read for the scripture lesson Psalm 100, and brought a short Auxiliary message. Congregation sang "Revive Us Again." Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek Union, Green Grove and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted.

The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be with the Grazeville Church with Rev. Rolla Smith bringing the eleven o'clock message, Rev. George Haines alternate.

The following program was given: "Still Sweeter Every Day," by Green Grove; reading—"Twin Ballots," Leola Parris; "Stand Up for Jesus," Charley and Patty Peterson; reading—"Dig Down," Chloe Gates; "When God Dipped His Love in My Heart," Annabelle White and Iva Daniels; reading—"Leave the Miracles to Him," Alta Mikel; chalk talk—"Jesus Saviour Pilot Me," Marie Peterson; play—"Yield not to Temptation," by Hazel Creek Union. At the close of the play Sis. Agnes Smith sang, "Yield not to Temptation." We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Archie Cooper.

Leona Thompson, Sec-Treas.

**INDIA CAR FUND READY**

There is approximately \$3,200.00 designated money in the Foreign Mission treasury to be used in the purchase of an automobile for missionary travel in India. The majority of this money was sent in by friends in North Carolina and is ready to be used for the purpose designated at the discretion of the India Missions Director.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treas.



## From The Editor's Desk



### DO OUR TROUBLES REFLECT A SPIRITUAL APOSTASY?

The predominating theme of almost every discourse of today, be it religious or political, centers around the troubles of the world, and naturally our own ills are accentuated. The Korean conflict and its complications have brought this theme into a sharper focus. The uneasiness radiating from Moscow tends to make all the ills even worse. We are literally a sick nation.

Much has been said along this line. Learned men have sought the solution. We have tried to legislate our way out of our troubles. We have tried to buy our way out through a staggering "give away" program. We have tried to talk our way out at the council table. We tried, to our own hurt, to compromise our way out. We attempted to "police" ourselves into good health again. Now we are engaged in the first phase of a second major war in a decade. Veterans of the first conflict and not yet 30 years of age have died in Korea. And we are sick.

In the second World War, or the first of the two current conflicts, this writer was called upon to serve with the United States Army. We were assigned to the Infantry and went ashore as a unit commander on D-day when the shell of the German wall was penetrated. We saw many of the horrors of war in our experience in combat. We saw the things that really make a nation sick. Beside the useless slaughter of life we saw hunger, filth, illness, and needs of all kinds.

During this conflict we were informed by friends at home how the people humbled themselves while this engagement was in progress. Churches opened their doors. The bells invited the people to prayer. The people, out of a heart bowed down in despair and need, used the opportunity and prayed. We went on to gain the victory—temporarily.

After that so-called "victory" we engaged in the above mentioned program hoping to clear up the rest of our ills. It didn't produce desired results. We have lost more men in battle because it didn't work. This time we were not called upon to go. We observed the reaction at home for ourself.

At *NO time* did we hear a church bell calling to special prayer. At *NO time* have we seen or heard of any special time of prayer coming spontaneously among the people. Like other nations that have experienced several wars, we too, seem to have become calloused and accept our lot as something "we just can't help."

As we near the conclusion of the fighting in Korea, and as our leaders become panicky about how to turn it into peace and health, almost everyone is trying to add something to the formula. We know the old remedies have failed. We don't seem to know what to do next. We are sick economically. We are sick militarily. We are sick morally. Most of all we are sick spiritually. Yes, our land is sick and needs healing. For this healing we prefer the remedy found in II Chron. 7:14, "Then if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

### GIFTS AND SUPPLIES

Already the stores are beginning to stress buying for Christmas. This emphasizes the fact that Christmas isn't so far off after all. Recently many of you were sent a catalog of supplies. This lists many items entirely suitable for many or most of your needs for the Christmas time when remembrances are often given among friends and loved ones. Also, listed is an assortment of religious Christmas cards. Beside the fact that it is often impossible to get religious cards, we think these as nice as you can find anywhere. We urge you to make your selections early and order as early as you can to be assured of delivery. Mail service is becoming increasingly slower as the volume increases.

### —FROM HERE AND THERE—

October has marked the holding of several revivals and the starting or planning of many others in Missouri. This has been so pronounced that it almost resembles a simultaneous revival time which many have advocated for some time.

A two-week revival at the Monett church resulted in two decisions for Christ and a time of fellowship for all. Rev. Rella Smith was the evangelist; Rev. Noel Greenway is pastor. Rev. Smith went immediately into another revival in Northeast Missouri. Other revivals in Indian Creek Association include the following: Macedonia, with the pastor, Rev. Winford Davis, bringing the messages; Blue Eye where the pastor, Rev. Frank Linton, received help of Rev. O. T. Allred when his own illness forced a rest; Aurora Church with Rev. Paul Williams as the evangelist, Rev. Bert Hall is the full time pastor; the congregation at Neosho are at press time in a revival with Rev. Cecil Campbell and Rev. W. K. Weston, evangelist, and Rev. Roy Alyea assisting with the singing; Merl's Chapel is now in a revival with Rev. Cecil Garrison of Arkansas bringing the messages, Rev. O. T. Allred is pastor.

In Central Western Missouri the Hannon Church will hold a revival with Rev. Harvey Hill of St. Louis as the evangelist. Verdella will conduct a revival with Rev. Frank Linton doing the preaching. Rev. Lowell Martin is the pastor of these two churches. Rev. Benjamin Scott will bring the messages at Hickory Grove where Rev. Marie Hyatt is the pastor. Independence is now in a revival that started in a regular service with the pastor, Rev. Callie Achord bringing the messages. As soon as circumstances permit they expect Rev. H. F. Ford of Pitcher, Oklahoma to take over the regular preaching services. Wagoner church is scheduled to go into a revival about the first of the year with Rev. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois as evangelist.

Rev. O. T. Allred, pastor and Rev. George Scott, evangelist have completed a revival at Myrtle where three souls were saved. Bro. Allred is scheduled in revivals for some time to come.

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Rev. Kenneth Turner is in a revival at Haddam, Kansas in the Northwest Missouri region. Rev. Vernie and Mary Wellbaum are the faithful pastors of this work.

Several other revivals have been in progress but we were unable to get the evangelist or pastor's name. All these revivals are so much needed in this time of trial. We feel it is worth your time to include them in prayer. America needs Christ.

### WE ADMIT THIS

Getting out a paper is fun, but it's no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, we are too serious.

If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write ourselves. If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the page is filled with junk.

Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other magazine.

We did.

### T A L E N T S

*Mrs. Florence Grimes - Tulare, Calif.*

Oh, say my friend how are your talents spent?

Those talents which the Lord to you has lent.

When He returns to call you to account,  
Will you give back to Him the same amount?

Or, will you with your talents others gain,

That your time spent on earth be not in vain?

Although, they seem to you so very small,

They'll grow with use and be a help to all.

And on that day we stand before the King,

How many other talents will we bring?

To show Him for the use of those that He

Entrusted to the care of you and me.

—Submitted by Mrs. Ida Grimes

### MOUNTAIN GROVE (MO.) W A

The Woman's Auxiliary of Mt. Grove F W B Church met in its regular session in October. The President, Mrs. Velma Elliott, took charge. The meeting opened with singing. Mrs. Coffman read a short scripture lesson. Prayer by Sis. Graham. The 4th vice president had charge of the program.

Topics were as follows: "Advancing with Christ in Exodus and Acts," by Zellen Altis; "Advancing with Christ in India," by Mrs. Graham; "Through Influence of the Individual," by Muriel Hutsell; "Through Influence of the School, and General Work," by Cinda Vandivort. A report on Auxiliary Day at the State Association was given by Mrs. Ray Dennis.

Six girls presented a drill at the end of the program on Stewardship. They represented Foreign Missions, Home Missions, College, the Aged Ministers, Orphanages, and Benevolence.

The next meeting will be Friday night, November 3, at which time a lesson on "Advancing with Christ through Tithing" will be presented.

—Reporter.

### HUMAN SACRIFICE

In the Korean war many American boys are being sacrificed in battle for the principles of right and justice. Democracy stands for the right of the individual to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and to grant him the privilege to pursue gainful occupations for the good of self, family, and the nation.

It is because of the stand which our country takes for human rights and Christian privileges that many of our American boys are suffering. It is tragic that this war was brought on by those who have little regard for the rights and privilege of honest people. War is always a poor means by which justice for any people can be obtained. Then when it is over, the devastation and ruins of the areas of the country where the battles were fought become practically useless for a long time. Poverty and starvation among the masses of the citizens of those areas are always tragic and heart-breaking.

Things accomplished by this war when it is over, can never justify the loss of human life and the expense to which the warring nations were put to

end the struggle. And usually the signed agreements do not stand very long before further trouble arises. The truth is many soldiers have died in vain and many a family has born sorrows and heartaches through the passing years, all because their sons were forced in the conflict of battle.

Peace among the different peoples of the earth cannot be secured for long by wars, treaties, and parliaments. Those are not the source for lasting peace, nor are they a panacea for the shedding of blood. Lasting peace will have to come another way. It will have to come through the Prince of Peace. Christ came to give peace to all mankind, but the nations, as a whole, will not seek peace for the world through and by His divine teachings. As long as men seek peace through their own knowledge and wisdom, that long will they fail to effect a lasting peace among men.

In view of these things, we believe that the great need today is for the Christian people to turn to God in sincere prayer, petitioning Him to intervene in this great struggle, and to bring peace among the nations that are in this heart rending struggle. God can in some mysterious way bring the conflict to a speedy end, but the Christian people are to call upon Him and to trust Him to effect a lasting peace. Think how multitudes of people would rejoice, and think how many lives would be spared, if this war would cease without further destruction and carnage.

Free Will Baptist (Editorial)

**BUTLER-DUNN THEOLOGY**  
Price, Post Paid ..... \$2.00

My son, if God has called you to be a missionary, your father would be grieved to see you shrivel down into a king.

—Charles Spurgeon

### THE HANDSHAKE

The handshake clasp between two men  
It is today, has always been,  
The greatest way on earth to greet  
Each other when we chance to meet.

A handshake seems to start, begin,  
Arousing something from within.  
It seems to rather touch a spot  
That otherwise would be forgot.

—Selected

# NEWSY BRIEFS

# OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EXETER (CALIF.) PASTOR READS "HOME STATE" GEM

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I would like to enter the circle and once again read a church paper printed in my old home state.

I have been in the church work in this state since 1940. At the present time we have 24 churches in California. Our first F. W. B. church was organized at Porterville in 1941. I happened to be the minister there at the time. Since then several Oklahoma ministers have been in this work and we really have some nice church buildings put up in this state.

Our little church at Exeter is composed of about all Missouri folk. I want to say they are workers for the Lord, and we are having success by God's help. The church is one year old and has bought a church building that includes two lots.

I am looking forward to a trip back to old Missouri in the future and hope to see some of your faces then. May the good Lord bless you all.

Rev. C. D. Findley, pastor.

## FLAT RIVER (MO.) REVIVAL

601. Buckley Street  
Flat River, Missouri

Bro. Jeffreys and Gem Family:

I would like to report the wonderful revival meeting that we have just closed at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River. Rev Homer E. Willis was the evangelist. The presence of the Lord was richly manifest in every service, and the house was filled to capacity in nearly every service. Bro. Willis delivered some great messages under the leadership and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The people of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church have learned to love Bro. Willis in a great way. He will always occupy a place in our hearts. But, the great part of the revival is—twelve precious souls prayed through to victory in the Lord. We are grateful!

Sincerely in Him,

Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor

## THIRTY-THREE SAVED

Grove Springs, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am happy to report the wonderful revival recently conducted at the Cuba (Mt. Zion) Church by our pastor, Rev. Curtis Wilson, and Rev. Bland Massey. There were 33 conversions and 28 baptised. We had services both day and night for three weeks. I am thankful for all the good revivals that are being conducted this fall.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Delia Marcum

## Q. M. IN NEW TEXAS CHURCH

The West Fork Quarterly meeting convened with the Denton Church, at Denton, Texas. Thirteen churches were represented. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

The church in Denton is a new church, organized last January, and has an average attendance in Sunday School of 77.

Good reports from all the churches were received. The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Alby Hudson; his text, "Going Down to the Potter's House." A. F. Ferguson delivered the morning message; his text, "Failure in the Christian Life." Rev. H. Z. Cox brought the afternoon devotional. "Filled with the Spirit," and "Getting the Vision," were the two thoughts that were brought out in the devotional. Two young men gave their testimonies, surrendered to the call of the ministry. They were Bro. Gene Zellars, from the First Church in Dallas, and Bro. Sheets from the Denton Church. One of the highlights of the meeting was the interest, enthusiasm, and discussion of our Home Mission Program, which was set in motion at our association.

The next Quarterly meeting will convene with the Weatherford Church, December 29-30 (Friday night and Saturday). We are looking forward to a great feast in the Lord, and great things being wrought for our Master.

Humbly Submitted,

A. F. Ferguson

## REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

September, 1950

Brought forward .....\$1,130.69

Received:

Michigan .....	\$1,480.77
Missouri .....	557.44
North Carolina .....	494.73
Tennessee .....	485.86
Illinois .....	181.62
Oklahoma .....	143.95
Georgia .....	122.93
South Carolina .....	97.90
West Virginia .....	81.51
Virginia .....	51.47
Texas .....	49.89
Alabama .....	43.15
California .....	29.81
Florida .....	21.00
Arkansas .....	14.92
Ohio .....	10.80
New Mexico .....	5.00
Kansas .....	5.00
Mississippi .....	3.00
Sale of Barnard books .....	72.00

Total receipts ..... 3,952.75

Grand total .....\$5,083.44

Disbursements ..... 546.30

Balance—October 1, 1950.....\$4,537.14

Winford Davis, Treas.

## COTTAGE DEBT RETIRED; IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Greetings:

Just some lines to thank each and everyone of you who rallied so nicely to help us clear our Youth Camp Caretakers Cottage of its indebtedness. We truly thank God for each person and for the pledges and free will offerings sent to us. We are sure God will bless you for it. Some pledges have been paid in and others are coming in soon. So we have very much to be thankful for these days.

We also want to thank each church, Sunday School, League and all personal donors for their monthly support. Without all these put together



we could not move out for the Lord in our Youth Camp movement.

We will improve the camp as fast as finances (by regular monthly offerings) will allow and try to have it in good shape for the State Association next fall.

We now have the congoleum to fix the kitchen walls of the caretakers cottage and hope to have the water installed as soon as enough money comes in to enable us to do so.

We have recieved in the pledges up to the present time \$195.50; leaving \$254.50 in pledges yet unpaid. We made arrangements by the help of the Lord, for a loan to pay off the rest of the debt on the Youth Camp cottage. We will appreciate the pledges being paid in as promptly as possible that we may repay this amount.

We have not been able to audit our books so far this year. This will be done as soon as the Youth Camp Board meets and we will report through the Gem. But according to my figures there was at close of the year (September 1) \$6.99 in the treasure.

Again I say God Bless you all.

Yours for Christ,

Wm. Reeves

## C. W. MISSOURI RALLY DAY

A large congregation representing all but one church of Central Western Missouri gathered in their regular Fifth Sunday Rally Day with the Independence church.

At the conclusion of the Sunday School hour Sis. Lorene Bowman brought the morning message using as a subject "Faint Not." Those present recieved much good from this message. The noon hour featured an abundance of good food and a time of fellowship.

The afternoon session was in charge of Rev. Lowell Martin, president. Many recitations, drills, instrumentals, solos, duets, chorouses and congregational numbers, each magnifying God, were enjoyed by all. The report of the Associational Treasurer revealed sufficient funds to pay off all debts on the Youth Camp Cabin and a reasonable sum remaining for maintenance and improvements. This brought joy to every heart.

The next Rally will be with the Verdella church. Rev. Opal Jeffreys will bring the message.

## AMANDA JANE WILLIAMS FOREIGN MISSION TREASURY SHOWS DEFICIT OF \$7,000.00

October 19, 1950

Amanda Jane Williams, daughter of Arch M. and Amanda J. Williams, was born in Webster County, Missouri January 29, 1870, and departed this life at her home in Windyville, Missouri, October 11, 1950 at the age of eighty years, eight months and 11 days.

Her parents moved to Dallas County when she was a small child and settled in the Benton Branch community where she grew to womanhood. On December 22, 1890 she was married to John R. Hackler and this union was blessed with three daughters and two sons: Mrs. T. P. Little, Joplin; Mrs. R. H. Burd, Denver; J. W. of Cassoday, Kansas; Mrs. O. I. Wimberly, El Dorado, Kansas; and Vernie M. of Collins, Iowa. Her husband was taken in death January 1, 1897.

In 1902 she was married to George G. McCoy and to this union was born three daughters: Mrs. Cecil E. Horner, Belleview; Mrs. John Long, Windyville, and Mrs. John Junkins, El Dorado, Kansas. Mr. McCoy passed away April 19, 1941.

She professed a hope in Christ in her youth, united with the Benton Branch Free Will Baptist Church and lived a consistent Christian life until the end.

Funeral services were conducted at the Benton Branch Church by Rev. Henry Long, assisted by Rev. G. W. Sturdevant. Burial was in the nearby cemetery.

Calm on the bosom of thy God

Fair spirit, rest thee now!

E'en while with ours thy footsteps trod,

His seal was on thy brow.

Dust to it's narrow house beneath!

Soul to it's place on high!

They that have seen thy look in death

No more may fear to die.

Lone are the paths and sad the bowers,

Whence thy dear smile is gone;

But oh! a brighter home than ours,

In Heaven is now thine own.

Mrs. Cecil E. Horner, (daughter)

An infidel is a man who builds a house without windows, and then blames God because he has to live in the dark.

Rev. J. L. Welch,  
Chairman, General Board,

Dear Brother Welch:

I am sure you have been informed that there is a vacancy of two men on the Foreign Mission Board as a result of resignations of Brothers Davis and Rogers. I think it becomes your duty to take the initiative in seeing that these vacancies are supplied. At least I would like for you to notify the Executive Committee of the National Association and take what ever steps you deem necessary. Of course if you think it best for us to go along with just three men until the next annual setting of the National Association, we shall do our best to function.

As of this date (October 19), the allocations for Cuba have not been paid for September nor October. The allocations for India have not been paid for August, September nor October. This means that in reality our mission fund is \$7,000.00 in arrears. Then, too, the current expenses will keep mounting as the November payments will be due soon. I trust you will help to relay this information to all our people and do what you can to enable them to share the burden at this time.

I didn't quite realize the tremendous weight of this thing until I assumed the responsibility as Promotional Secretary and Treasurer. I shall actually set my books up as of November 1, 1950. Bro. Davis is supplying me with the information that enables me to disclose these facts. I see nothing else to do but to inform our people as a whole of the existing conditions. We have put our hand to the plow and we cannot afford to turn back. This job is too big for one man, it is also too big for one board, it becomes the task and responsibility of every Free Will Baptist pastor, evangelist, teacher and layman to rally to our support at this time. Please do what you can as soon as you can and send all monies to the Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Raymond Riggs  
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.



# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

WOMEN'S EDITOR: MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS—DESLOGE, Mo.



## W. A. WORKING TOGETHER THROUGH RECORDS IN 1950

Sixteen states reported and sent in W. N. A. C. dues. They are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

States reporting the most new members are Arkansas, California, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Eleven of the sixteen states are co-operating in the W. N. A. C. Financial Plan of Work (The Co-Laborer Band Fund). They are Alabama, California, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Special recognition is due the following states for their regularity and faithfulness in supporting their National Convention's adopted financial plan of support to the National Boards of our denomination: Virginia, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Texas. These names appear here in the order of their Co-Laborer offerings.

Two states report having carried out the OFFICER'S TRAINING DAY as suggested by the W. N. A. C. Plan of Work, and with gratifying results relative to better reports, and more members informed concerning the Auxiliary Plan of Work. (See the 1950 Statistical Report for proof of this statement.)

Study Course records as compared with last year's records reveal the following facts:

(1) For the first time every woman in five auxiliaries read a mission study book.

(2) There were 1,123 women who read mission study books.

(3) More study courses were held than ever before, but with fewer pupils.

6. There were 25 new Woman's Auxiliary organizations reported organized and off to a good start this year, and 16 new G. T. A. organizations were reported off to a good start. The states in which these organizations were reported are as follows: Arkan-

sas, California, Georgia, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

7. Some items in which our records show that we have made some progress over last year are as follows:

(1) Offerings made to the Co-Laborer Band Fund are the largest since the plan was adopted.

(2) Convention dues were nearer to being 100% than ever before in the history of W. N. A. C.

(3) The training of Auxiliary Officers is gaining recognition and bearing fruits.

(4) The organization of Free Will Baptist youth into auxiliary groups for missionary education is noticeably on the increase.

(5) There were more F. W. B. women enlisted as new members in Woman's Auxiliary organizations than in any year of its history.

(6) There were fewer inactive members reported. This speaks well for Auxiliary organizations and their plan of work. We are sorry to hear of any inactive or suspended from roll, even temporarily.

8. The offerings contributed by Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Women to all phases of the National Association's program last year was the best record ever made by them. The total offerings from the 16 co-operating states was \$38,922.67.

9. Being true to our Auxiliary Motto "Laborers together with God," and also true to the purpose of our organization "aid the Church in its evangelistic and missionary work," we used less than ONE-TENTH of this amount for the promotion of our own program. Thus you will see that more than NINE-TENTHS of all our offerings as well as our activities went to the support of that Body of which we are an auxiliary, both in name and in deeds. Is there any wonder, then, that Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary continues to grow and be blessed of our Lord and Master? Read Malachi 3:10, 17-18 for an explanation.

Yours sincerely for more and better "Laborers together with God" in 1951.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Ex. Secy-Treas.

## GREETINGS FROM THE FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

Our Woman's Auxiliary and Go-Tell Girl's Auxiliary met at the church on October 3rd for a joint meeting, with the girls having charge of the program. This was their first time to take over the program for us and we thank God for the help and willingness of our youth to serve when and where needed. Since we made our last report our Go-Tell Auxiliary has elected new officers as follows:

President.....Ethelda Hedicke  
Vice president....LaDonna Freeland  
Secretary.....Patricia Dettmer  
Treasurer.....Georgia Tripp  
Reporter.....Anette Cox  
Enrollment at present.....13

Elizabeth Hesselmeier, our new 2nd vice president, is helping them now.

We enjoyed a total attendance of 26 at our October meeting.

We desire an interest in your prayers for our labor in His vineyard and may His blessing continue to be upon our Women's work throughout the land.

Cor. Sec.—McFarland

## Report of Women's Editor

September 1949—September 1950

Total Received.....	\$74.00
Total Expenses.....	56.00
Received in October:	
First Church Auxiliary.....	1.00
Third Church Auxiliary.....	1.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary.....	2.00
Total .....	\$ 4.00
Expenses:	
Supplies and postage.....	\$ .35
Typewriter .....	.50
Total .....	\$6.85

Young man, my advice is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures.

—Benjamin Franklin



## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IS BEING SCHEDULED

The South East Missouri Yearly Meeting is planning for a local Missions Conference to be held near the first of December. Realizing that the December issue of the Gem would arrive at your home too late for you to make plans to attend, we take this means to announce the incompleting plans, and to invite you to visit us during this Conference.

The Committee will meet Friday night October 20 to complete the Program; but we can announce now that it will be held somewhere in the Lead-Belt, and that Rev. Thomas Willey, our Cuban Missionary Director, will be the principal speaker. It is hoped that plans may be laid in this meeting that will formulate a pattern for the rest of the state of Missouri to follow in our work for the Master in fulfilling the great commission; "The Whole Gospel For The Whole World."

Plans for this Conference are under the direction of the newly appointed Director of Missions for Missouri, Rev. Mark M. Lewis. It is hoped that others from over the state will make a point of attending this meeting. If you will write Brother Lewis at 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Missouri, he will be glad to furnish you the information you will need to attend the Conference. If you will not be able to attend then PRAY with us that the meeting may be a great success for the Lord and the Cause of Missions.

## ATTENTION! CHRISTIAN WOMEN!!!

Martin Luther once said, "I have so much to do today, I'll never get through except I take two hours out for prayer."

Elsewhere, you will note the Missions Conference that is being planned for the first of December. It promises to be the most inspirational, informative program we've ever had in Missouri, so won't you please make plans now to attend this meeting?

If you are thinking, "Oh, but that is so near to the Christmas season and I'm always so very busy at that time," I want to refer you to the words of Martin Luther.

I believe this Conference will be the spark to set our Auxiliaries afire for

the Master, if you will only come and participate in it. I believe we will have a greater zeal, an enlarged vision and a deeper love for Christ and His Cause after this Conference. Won't you do your best to attend? If you cannot, please join us in prayer for its success.

Mrs. Edwards

## MISTAKE IN NAME

In the October issue, Mrs. Evelyn Alyea of Monett was listed as the new State President, it should have read Mrs. Agnes Smith, Greentop, Missouri. (Note: This error on page eight due to a noncast line. Listing was correct in W. A. department.—L. T. Jeffreys.)

## NEW DIRECTOR ORGANIZING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

To Our Loved Ones in Missouri:

This is to acknowledge my appointment as Missions Director of the State of Missouri as announced in the last issue of the Gem. I accept this position humbly, realizing the responsibility that goes with it; but glad to be of service to my Master, and the cause of Missions. But as I accept this place of responsibility I sincerely hope the rest of our Missouri Free Will Baptist may, also, feel the responsibility of—"The Whole Gospel, For The Whole World."

I'm sure you agree with me that the place to start to work is at the home base. Therefore—my first move is to organize a Missions conference in my Local Association, the South East Missouri Yearly Meeting. The plans for this conference are incomplete as yet. The Committee is meeting Friday night, October 20 to plan the program. It will be held somewhere in the Lead-Belt and Bro. Willey, our Cuban Director, will be the principal speaker. If you will write me after the above mentioned date of the meeting of the committee I would be happy to send you the time schedule, and exact location of the conference. We would welcome our brethren from over the state for this conference. We hope to lay the plans that will form the pattern for the rest of Missouri in our efforts for the great cause of Missions!

It is a well known fact that the quota for Missouri this year is \$8,000.00. If we are to meet this quota,

and surely we don't want to go under it, we must all be alive and giving for the Master. Let me suggest that we get our giving ORGANIZED: I mean get a system that will get the job done, and work the system. If you have any questions as to your need, or plan I would be glad to hear from you. I will do my best to assist you in any manner possible.

Watch the Gem for a report of the Missions Conference in South East Missouri. Then we hope that others may be held over the state—maybe in your conference. I would be glad to assist in plans for such conferences. Would do so by mail or in person. But above all—"Let us all get behind the cause of Missions." It is the fulfilling of the great Commission.

Yours for souls,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

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## FELLOWSHIP W. A. MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met at the church for our all day service. With song and prayer we went into our program for the day, the theme being "Building for God."

Topic No. 1—"Building with Prayer," by Sister Hilderbrand. Topic No. 2—"Building with Study," Della Getz. Topic No. 3—"Building with Possessions," Alberta Turley.

There were 13 members present, two visitors, and six children.

We went into our noon hour with sweet fellowship. The afternoon session began with song and prayer. We went into our Bible study period led by Sister Hilderbrand.

We had two new members added to our number, making a total of 15 members.

Ida Wilfong

Folks who never go to church until the pall bearers take them, seem out of place when they get there.

**STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

JULY - SEPTEMBER, 1950

**STATE UNIFIED FUND**

Southside Church .....	\$ 60.00
Monett .....	16.10
Desloge .....	23.32
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo. ....	12.90
Fredericktown .....	173.50
Leadington S. S. ....	23.87
Myrtle .....	20.71
Fredericktown Ladies' Home	
Mission .....	10.00
Mine LaMotte.....	14.22
Merls Chapel.....	43.40
Mrs. Goldie Elsea, Novinger...	5.00

Total .....\$403.02

**EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND**

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 29.99
Mo. State W. A. Convention....	15.00

Total .....\$ 44.99

**JEHOIDA CHEST FUND**

Copper Mines.....	\$ 4.00
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Total .....\$ 4.00

**TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND**

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 7.49
Sunbeam Class—Hazel Creek	
Union .....	12.00

Total .....\$ 19.49

**STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND**

Jewel Church.....	\$ 2.50
Aulsbury Chapel .....	10.00
Copper Mines.....	10.00
Hannon .....	15.00
Desloge .....	15.00
Hickory Grove.....	1.00
Central Western Missouri.....	2.50
Rock Chapel.....	15.00
Fredericktown .....	31.73
Green Grove .....	9.00
Shibleys Point .....	20.00
Southside .....	20.00
Macedonia (Liberty Ass'n.)....	5.00
Leadington .....	7.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	5.00
Hickory Grove (Haddam, Kan.) ..	6.00
Monett .....	20.00
A. W. Hartley, Wichita, Kan....	5.00
Sunny View .....	25.00
Verdella .....	10.00
Cedar Ridge .....	6.00
Rev. D. Selph Jones, Aldrich...	10.00
Walnut Grove.....	10.00

Total .....\$260.73

**FOREIGN MISSION FUND**

Verdella League .....	\$ 10.00
Sublette .....	15.00
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo. ....	20.30
Hickory Grove.....	26.99
Union Light S. S. ....	24.31
Hannon .....	10.00
Independence .....	20.10
Providence Junior League.....	5.00
Providence Sr. League.....	7.00
Hazel Creek Union.....	37.47
Happy Circle Class—Hazel	
Creek Union S. S. ....	12.00
C. R. Roberger, Myrtle.....	10.00
Leadington .....	30.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Niangua, Mo. ....	6.00

Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Montgomery,	
Carl Junction, Missouri.....	20.00
Richwoods .....	25.92
Mrs. Samantha Folwier, Green	
City, Missouri.....	5.00
Mrs. G. E. Wade, Liberal.....	5.00
Amity .....	15.00
Shibley's Point Young	
People's Class.....	5.00
Golden Oak S. S. ....	10.00
Hartville .....	5.05
Hickory Grove (Haddam, Kan.) ..	30.00
C. W. Missouri Association.....	32.78
Buffalo .....	25.20
Macedonia D. V. B. S. ....	4.03
Faith & Hope League.....	1.60
Timothy J. Ewing, K'ville, Mo. ....	10.00
C. A. Crooks, Worthington, Mo. ....	25.00
Pleasant Grove S. S. & League	24.04

Hickory Grove League, Haddam,	
Kansas .....	1.75
Brock Franklin, Mt. Grove....	2.00
Fellowship .....	23.14
Desloge .....	24.42
Mrs. Martha Rickets, Liberal...	5.00
Mrs. Emma Thomas, Hannon...	1.00
Merls Chapel.....	43.41
LaRue Thomas, Liberal.....	5.00
Dr. Poole, Monett.....	20.00
Golden Oak.....	19.50
Total .....	\$623.01

**MISSION FUND**

Monett .....	\$ 20.98
Mountain Grove .....	56.91
New Harmony S. S. ....	45.28
Fredericktown .....	26.03
Aurora .....	6.66
Carterville .....	15.00
Mine LaMotte.....	41.23
Flat River.....	142.67
Jewel .....	18.02
Stahj .....	20.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) .....	13.30
Copper Mines .....	38.45
Waggoner .....	2.00

Fellowship D. V. B. S. ....	10.13
Blue Eye .....	17.41
Rock Chapel.....	56.12
Jewel and Hazel Creek	
Union D. V. B. S. ....	21.93
Fredericktown Ladies Aux. ...	5.00
Union Third Fork .....	5.05
Mt. Pisgah.....	34.00
Missouri State Association.....	107.56
Missouri State W. A. Convention	15.00
Macedonia .....	31.00
Total .....	\$750.23

Total of all funds—July 1 to  
September 30, 1950.....\$2,105.52  
Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

**THERE'S AN "IF"**

If there's promises  
we're claiming from  
that book we love  
to read,

Isn't there some bit  
of service we're to  
render those  
who need?

There's an IF somewhere  
connected with God's  
promises to  
man.

We're required to do  
a something, and it's  
something that  
we can.

—Selected

**GREATER INTEREST IN W. A.**

The Pleasant Grove W. A. met October 18 with six members present. Prayer by Mrs. Ollie Crosby. The theme song, "Onward Christian Soldier" was sung. Our women show greater interest each time we meet.

We have just closed our revival. We all had a wonderful time in the Lord. There was a great attendance each night. Bro. Virgil Greenway brought wonderful sermons.

We are happy to report a fine time was had by all who attended the Youth Rally here the Fifth Sunday. However your reporter was absent because of illness. There are several sick folks now. Some are yet unsaved. We desire your prayers for their salvation and for their bodies.

Mrs. Frank Jackson, reporter



# THANKSGIVING

## Thanksgiving and Repentance

Thanksgiving is one of our most important holidays. It is the special day set apart for the acknowledgement of God's providential dealing with us as a nation. It should be more than a day of feasting and fiesta. It should be a day of repentance and renewal.

Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1863 blended in excellent fashion the two elements of thanksgiving and repentance. Speaking of "the great gifts of the Most High God," he went on to say:

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity, and union."

We wonder if a proper sense of gratitude doesn't always kindle the emotion of sorrow for sin. It is when we consider who God is that we remember what we are. Our meditation should include not only His provision for our physical needs, but His matchless grace in caring for our spiritual and eternal needs. It is then we lift our eyes beyond the gifts to become occupied with the Giver Himself.

"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance," said the apostle. How good God has been to this country! And how much we need His wisdom



and His power on our behalf during these present critical months. He is interested in nations and a real spirit of praise to God would undoubtedly bow us down in conviction of sin and failure and send us forth on a new highway of peace and victory.

## What Happens When You Give Thanks

We cannot out-give God. He will not even allow us to praise and thank Him without blessing us richly for being thankful!

Many a saint of God has had the experience of finding his soul in such a state of barrenness that no devotional exercise seems capable of loosening the iron bands and releasing his gloomy spirit—nothing except praise and thanksgiving. But when we stand before the throne of grace and there count our many blessings, naming them one by one, the pulse of the spirit grows stronger and warmer, until with a burst of joy the song of salvation is restored once more.

As Christians we therefore need to remind ourselves that a day of national thanksgiving to God, which we commend, is no substitute for daily and constant thanksgiving; for continual praise is not only natural but necessary to the greatest development of our souls. The more we see of God's good hand upon us, the more we thank Him; and because of our gratitude, new blessings are then bestowed. This is a never-ending process and goes on into eternity. The fruitful and blessed soul is the one that has learned the secret of rejoicing and thanksgiving.

And there is yet more that comes from thanksgiving than the inward blessing to the soul. We are exhorted by the apostle Paul with prayer and

thanksgiving to make known our request unto God. Notice that there is more to prayer than mere petition. Thanksgiving is equally important.

Mrs. Charles Cowman, beloved author of *Streams in the Desert*, likens prayer without thanksgiving to a bird with a broken wing. The bird cannot fly without two strong wings. The wing of petition is strong enough with most of us, but the equally important wing of thanksgiving has shrunk away or has never grown. No wonder then that our prayers sometimes circle so slowly heavenward. For the gracious Father who hears them instantly and answers far beyond the small proportion of our faith, yet longs for that moment when we shall with joy thank Him for blessings not yet received, in faith that He will answer.

If there is turkey on your table Thanksgiving Day, notice the two wings.

—Moody Monthly

## LOOK UP

Mrs. Florence Grimes - Tulare, Calif.

Look up, lift up thine eyes unto the hills,

Until the Lord, thy soul with Glory fills,

Be thou not overcome with great despair

For whom the God of Heaven with love, doth care.

Look up, lift up thine eyes and praise the Lord,

Let all the people be of one accord  
For all these things must come to pass; and then

The Lord in power shall return again.

Look up, lift up thine eyes unto the throne

For soon our Lord shall come and take us home,

To dwell with Him beyond the crystal sea

That where He is, there we shall also be.

—Submitted by Mrs. Ida Grimes

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