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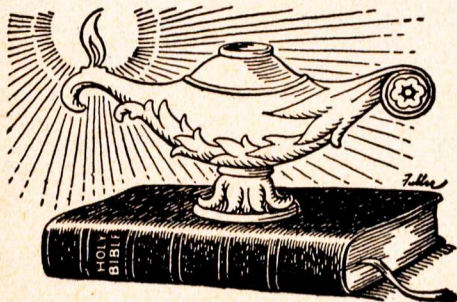
## EMPTY CHURCHES

Empty churches and well filled jails  
Empty churches and mankind fails;  
Empty churches and liquor flows,  
Empty churches and evil grows;  
Empty churches and sin's in style,  
Empty churches and youth goes wild;  
Empty churches and wasted lives,  
Empty churches and Satan thrives.



Empty churches and prayerless hearts,  
Empty churches and Christ departs;  
Empty churches and homes are sad,  
Empty churches and men go mad;  
Empty churches, no Pentecost,  
Empty churches and souls are lost;  
Empty churches and drunkards die,  
Empty churches and orphans cry.

Empty churches and revivals cease,  
Empty churches and crimes increase;  
Empty churches and gamblers meet,  
Empty churches and wrongs defeat;  
Empty churches and war clouds roll;  
Empty churches, forsaken pews,  
Empty churches and bad, bad news.



Empty churches, and nations blight,  
Empty churches, men hate and kill,  
Empty churches, and much ill will;  
Empty churches, O sad the truth,  
Empty churches, defeated youth,  
Empty churches, it's bad to tell,  
Empty churches, men go to hell!

—Walter E. Isenhour



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Above is the new Honor Roll listing those sending in as many as five subs. Some of our leading solicitors have moved to new locations. Therefore, we ask that you check in your church and be a solicitor for us. You will find a pleasure in serving in this manner.

## CHURCH BUYS PARSONAGE

St. Louis 4, Missouri

Dear Sis. Edwards:

It has been some time since we have reported anything our Women's Auxiliary has been doing, but we have still been meeting and studying the manual or having Bible study.

At this month's meeting we opened services with prayer by Sis. Smith. We then had a Bible study of II John which was enjoyed by all and will be continued next month. The women of the Auxiliary have also started a mile of pennies campaign. It will continue through the year, then be turned over to our building fund.

A few months ago we reported our church was building a new parsonage on our church lot, but with all the laws in the city to build by, it was impossible to build on the lot. The basement was dug then the city came out to inspect it and condemned it. The lot had to be put up for sale. The church then bought a five room house for a parsonage.

We thank the Lord for His many blessings and ask you to help us pray that our church might grow stronger and large for the cause of Christ.

Jerry Bullis, Reporter

## F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee  
May 15, 1951

Dear Friends:

Frankly, this letter is an appeal for money. The auditorium under construction will be completed in about three weeks. We lack about \$6,000.00 having enough money on hand to pay off the contractor and not owe a penny on the building.

We know the money could be borrowed from the bank and paid off without any financial burden. All of us hope this will not be necessary. The Bible College has never yet had to borrow money. By faithful giving on the part of Free Will Baptist people and wise management, we have always met our bills.

Can you not send us an offering in the next few days? If so mark "building fund" on it and every penny will be used on our new building.

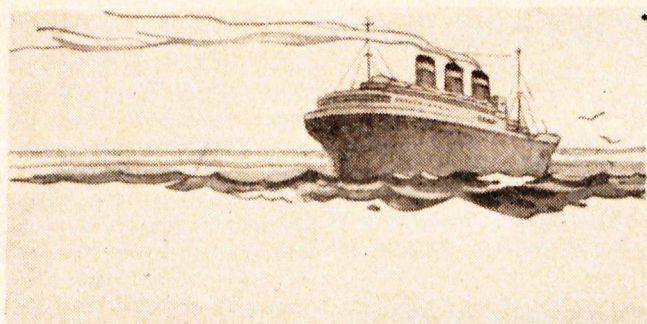
You who have been here know how much we need it. We have enrolled 104 this year and expect more next year. Let us give Free Will Baptist youth the opportunity of a Christ-centered education.

Let us hear from you with an offering large or small. If all of us do our best, the job can be done.

Yours truly,

L. C. Johnson, President





## MISS BARNARD RESUMES HER DUTIES ON INDIA FIELD

Glennville, Ga. From news notes which have appeared in the church papers from time to time from missionaries, you are aware that the past year has witnessed many blessed changes in the India work. A spirit of revival and a harvest of souls in Kctagiri, and the opening of new opportunities of witnessing, all of which has focused on the crying need of purchasing a mission property of our own on that station. Our mission board has authorized us to purchase property up to the amount of \$7,000. The property which meets our need ideally is no longer available to us at that price, as prices have been advancing at an appalling rate in India. We earnestly ask prayer for God's provision of a suitable property not exceeding \$7,000, or for God's provision of whatever amount is needed over \$7,000 to purchase the property which we have long desired. It is His best will we seek, for the sake of the furtherance of His gospel.

Dear Prayer Helpers:

It is hard to realize that a year has passed since I came home, and equally hard to tell where those twelve months have gone. Nevertheless they are gone, and I am booked to sail from New York May 31, on SS STEEL EXECUTIVE. I need not even mention how earnestly I request your prayers. Prayer for all the preparations for departure. Prayer for voyage itself. I am daring to ask the Lord for a calm and restful voyage which will be a preparation, physically, mentally, and spiritually for taking up the task again in India. While I have gained much physically here in the homeland it is patent that there are still gains to be made, and a month of ocean air could be used of the Lord to great advantage at this point. Also, when sailing is good there is nothing like being cut off from responsibilities on both hemispheres, to give mental relaxation. Last, but not least, a month at sea can offer wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Each of these three preparations I realize is a vital need. Indeed I dare not face the tremendous task again without a consciousness of the fulfillment of these needs. And then prayer for the definite advance of the Gospel witness in a new term of service.

Miss Volena Wilson is now in Glennville with me endeavoring to complete final preparations to sail along with me. Arrangements for her going were begun at a very late date and there is naturally some doubt as to whether all formalities can be cleared in time. But, whether Miss Wilson sails May 31 or later, she joins me in requesting your earnest prayers.

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I quote from Trula Cronk's report of the large Fair held in Kishanganj, for which we asked special prayer some weeks ago: "In the two weeks of the mela we (including our visiting assistants) sold over fifteen hundred Bible portions and several New Testaments and there must have been given around a hundred and fifty short messages. Our booth stayed open most of the time. We feel that the booth was a beginning. A witness has really gone out to many of our villages who are able to read and now we must pray the Lord to use His Word to open hearts. We think that the Holy Spirit can better work through the Word than through any other means. Certainly those who are saved are saved because of the knowledge gained from the Word."

Again, I say, I covet your prayers. We go under the High Command of the Lord Himself, the Greater Joshua, and there is yet "very much land to be possessed." Our conquests are not territorial nor material in any sense, but we go in His all-conquering name to reach the hearts of men and lift them by a supernatural power to a better way of life, deliverance from the bondage of sin, and to the assurance of eternal salvation. Our message has not changed since apostolic days; the power of that message is the same; but changes on a world level have caused us to consider new approaches and perhaps new methods of presenting of messages. If the Christian church in America has given India grounds for doubting that the American way of life is the solution to India's problems, it is still an overwhelming fact that Jesus Christ is the answer to the heart-cry of India as of all the world. Pray that the returning missionary, together with those now in the land, and any about to go for the first time, will be equipped by the Holy Spirit to present the all-sufficient Christ in His true light.

I shall be right here in Glennville, or nearby, for most of this month.

Yours in His glad service,

Laura Belle Barnard

## — FROM THE FIELD —

Brownwood, Texas

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a money order for two dollars and twenty-five cents from the Junior League of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas. This group was told the story "The Missionary Penny" and how children made a penny grow so that children in other countries may learn of Christ. Each child was given a penny to grow for Christ and twelve pennies grew into this amount in one month.

I am sending this account on to you because the children took so much joy and interest in the accomplishment. I am sure it could be made to work in any church or community. If you are interested, I can have the story typed and will send it to you.

Yours in service,

Herbert Richards



## WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

*Rev. Raymond Riggs - Highland Park, Michigan*

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

### INTRODUCTION:

It is logical to believe that God who made us would want to communicate with us: that having brought us into existence, He would not leave us in the dark about Himself and His purpose in creating us. Thus the existence of a revelation of God is an essential need of human beings as well as being essential in the very nature of God Himself. Both from the divine and human standpoints, a revelation is to be expected.

I believe the Bible is the Word of God, and not merely that it contains the Word of God. One of the leading educators of our country, in discussing the nature of the Bible, claimed that it was not an inerrant and infallible book, but that it did contain the Word of God. Answering the question, "who, then, is to determine what is in the Book is the Word of God and what is not?" he said, "The mind and judgment of man." But I would ask, "The mind and judgment of what man?" Is the mind or judgment of any individual we know infallible? For any person to claim such would arouse the criticism of even his most intimate friends. I am frank to affirm my acceptance of the trustworthiness of the Bible in preference to the conflicting opinions of those who do not believe in the divine inspiration of the Book. I believe the Bible has the answer to everyone of our questions. I believe the Bible has the answer to each and everyone of our problems, be they social, moral, domestic or spiritual. I believe the Bible is the revealed will of God. Many of those who have expressed disbelief in its divine origin have confessed that they have never spent much time reading it. Such opinions are not very impressive. Opinions that are not based on intimate knowledge are of little value. What would you think of a man who found fault with a book on biology when he had never taken the pains to grasp

contents? Too many skeptics are only peddler of second hand objections.

Dr. Harris Gregg, a lifelong student of the Word, gives fifty reasons for



**Rev. Raymond Riggs**

believing in the supernatural inspiration of the Bible. I should like to present five basic reasons in support of the position I take.

### *I Because of its unique origination*

No other book in the history of bookdom ever came into existence as did the Bible. While it is one book, it is also a library of books. Sixty six separate books go to make up the sacred volume. It took 1600 years, or about 55 generations, to write it, and 40 authors from all classes of society participated in the writing. This period of time would be as long as from Diocletian to King George V, or from the time of Moses to the time of John on the Isle of Patmos. Those used in the writing of this Book were from all walks of life—kings, peasant, priests, a herdsman, shepherds, fisherman, a doctor, a university man, and others. Furthermore, these 40 men did not collaborate or get together in planning their writings. Yet, when these writings were brought together they fitted into this volume and made the

whole, one Book. When the canon was completed, it was discovered what there was progress and orderly development of thought from beginning to end. The teaching of all the separate parts were consistent with the purpose running through the entire Book. All the writers were in agreement regardless of the truth they were led to write about. In Genesis we have the seed plot of truth, and in Revelation the full-grown flower. The first book tells us about the beginnings: the last books the endings. The first reveals creation; the last consummation. Moreover, the entire volume is a revelation centering in one Person—the Lord Jesus Christ. He dominates its pages from the first to the last. It is like a certain copy of the Constitution of the United States. The document was written in ink and in a running hand, and the letters in certain parts of the copy were so shaded that the face of George Washington stood out in the background. So the entire Bible is the revelation of one Person. Our Lord, as He walked with two of His disciples on the Road to Emmaus, expounded to them all that was written about Him in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. This three-fold designation embraced the entire Old Testament. Now suppose we had an automobile whose parts had been made in the various states of our union—pistons in Florida, crankshaft in Maine, spark plugs in Michigan, engine block in Louisiana, radiator in Iowa, water pump in North Dakota, body in Seattle, gas tank in Mexico, etc., etc., and when all these various parts were brought together and assembled, it was found that they fitted perfectly so that when the gas was supplied and the ignition turned on the car would run smoothly and efficiently. What would be the inevitable conclusion? Just this: A superintending mind planned the whole car and gave out the specifications to the various manufacturers. If you asked me to believe that such a car was just a happenstance, you would ask me to believe a greater miracle than the true facts in the case. You couldn't even build a meat chopper with its 12 or more parts in the same manner without a superintending intelligence. The Bible is in a class by itself. It had no competitor in all literature. Pick out 40 men in our country and get them to write in one year a chapter for a book; when



the 40 chapters are brought together, what sort of a book would you have? I have in my possession a Book that it took 1,600 years to write, involving at least 40 writers; yet when these writings are brought together and incorporated into a single volume, they fit into it naturally and give us a harmonious, progressive and complete revelation of the infinite and invisible God. How do you account for it? There is only one sane and consistent explanation: It is the result of the superintending and guiding mind of God Himself. There is no book on earth today that even faintly resembles the Bible from this standpoint.

#### II Because of Unique Circulation

This is a very simple fact, but one which must not be overlooked. The Bible itself is a big fact in this world of ours. Millions of copies of this Book are scattered throughout every land. It has an influence that does not belong to any other piece of literature, and this in spite of the fact it is a book hoary with age. Our generation feels that it is one of the best informed and progressive generations in all the annals of human history. Today we are in possession of more facts, and our field of knowledge is more extensive than that of any other period of human history. Yet in spite of this, the book centuries old, is the most loved and most widely translated volume in existence. We are familiar with the well-known hymn, "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing." Well, this Book speaks today in over a thousand tongues and dialects to the peoples of the earth. Much has been made of the fact that Mr. Wendell Wilkie's book "One World" has had such an amazing sale, but one might put this book, together with all the other best sellers of the year in a pile, and they would not begin to compare in bulk with the Bibles that have been printed and translated in recent years. During the first World War one Bible society in four years put out 40,000,000 Bibles and parts of the Bible. From its foundation to 1922 it issued over 293,000,000 copies of the Scriptures. These figures apply to just one society. Today Bible societies are unable to supply the demand for this precious Book. Presses are unable to turn them out fast enough. One society has translated the Bible and portions of the Bible into 1055 languages and dialects,

and it purposes to keep on until it has translated the Bible into 2,706 tongues known to man.

#### Korean Scriptures in Great Demand

"New York—The need for Korean Scriptures continues to be tremendous according to word received by Dr. Frederick W. Croop of the American Bible Society from Chaplain Harold Voelkel, who is stationed in Korea. Many Christians who had to flee their homes lost their Bibles in the confusion, reported Chaplain Voelkel, and there is a great demand also from civilian churches for Scriptures.

A recent worship service conducted by Chaplain Voelkel was attended by approximately 5,500 prisoners. Several of the prisoners, who had been left a copy of the Korean New Testament at a previous visit, were called upon to tell something of what they had learned from the book. Their replies showed they had read the Testament carefully and had grasped the spiritual teaching of the Scriptures. When a copy of the Korean Scriptures was again offered nearly every hand was eagerly lifted.

#### III Because of Its Unique Preservation

While it is true that no other book has ever been loved as this Book, it is likewise a fact that no other book has ever been so intensely hated. Probably one reason is that no other book exposes the human heart so realistically and searchingly. "It lays in dust a life's glory dead." This hatred has manifested itself in attempts throughout the ages to rid the world of its presence. It has been confiscated and burned; it has been thrown into the sea; severe penalties have been inflicted upon those who were found with it in their possession; it has been ridiculed and pen-knifed. Every artifice of man, every ingenuity, has been employed to destroy this Book, but in vain. At the beginning of the Christian era, Celsus, the brilliant infidel, made an outstanding attempt in this respect. It has been said that this opponent of the Christian faith anticipated almost every argument of the modern unbeliever, but how many folks in our city ever heard of Celsus? Yet all the while the Bible continues to speak out its message to the entire world. Diocletian brought all the power and might of the Roman Empire to stamp out this new faith. He like-

wise failed. Possibly Christianity never had a keener and more versatile enemy than Voltaire. He once boasted, "It took twelve men to establish Christianity; I will show the world it takes but one to destroy it." Less than a hundred years after he wrote these words, the very room in which he wrote these words, the very room in which he wrote them was stacked with Bibles for distribution. Today the attitude of the world is much the same. It takes delight in pointing out so-called contradictions and inconsistencies, and many take delight in ridiculing the Book. But in spite of these things, the 66 books of the Bible shout at their opponents in the words of the Philippian Jailor, "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here." It was the Son of God who said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." Celsus, Prophecy, Voltaire, Tom Paine, and Ingersoll are dead, but the Bible still lives in all the glory and wealth of its divine revelation.

#### IV Because of the Internal Evidence

Dr. Eugene Stock sums up the evidence for the Bible in an unique and simple story. He recognizes that the evidence is of a threefold nature: historical, internal, and experimental. This he illustrates by the story of a boy who was sent to a chemist's shop to purchase some phosphorus. When he had brought the package back to the one who had sent him, he was asked if he was sure the stuff in the package was phosphorus. He explained that he had asked for phosphorus and that he had seen the chemist take down a jar, put the contents into the bag, wrap it up, and give it to him: that was HISTORICAL evidence. When the package was opened, the contents looked like phosphorus and smelt like phosphorus: that was INTERNAL evidence. When a match was struck and applied to same, it burned like phosphorus: that was EXPERIMENTAL evidence. As we examine the Book itself, the evidence begins to pile up and become impressively convincing. (It Claims to be the Word of God.) No other book in existence more frankly and repeatedly makes this claim. Whatever others may say about it, we are not left in the dark as to what it has to say about itself. Again and again such phrases as these ring out through its pages: "Thus saith



the Lord," "The Word of the Lord came unto," Jehovah said," "God spake," "Hear the word of the Lord," "Al! that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Such expressions occur in the writings of the prophets alone some 1300 times, 700 times in the Pentateuch, and some 3000 times in the entire Book. In this respect it stands alone. Does the evidence confirm this claim? We most certainly believe it does.

#### (The Testimony of Jesus Christ.)

The loveliest and finest life that ever existed in this world has left His testimony on record. He is the one Man who lived a sinless life. Even those closest to Him could not and did not ever point to a single act of sin in His life. His testimony ought to carry the greatest weight. He claimed to be God incarnate, and no man has successfully disputed it. Believing He was God manifest in the flesh, whatever He said was authoritative and final. He knew whether the Book was the Word of God or the writing of men. He who was from the beginning knew the facts; therefore, His testimony has the authority of God behind it. It is very significant, according to the records of His closest followers, that not once did He raise a question about the Old Testament; not once did He express doubt concerning anything in it; rather, He referred to it on many occasions to back up His teaching and enforce the truth He was uttering. The entire influence of His life backed up the authority of the Book.

Just what did He say about the Bible? In Matt. 5:18 He said, "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished." The law to which Jesus referred included at least the first five books of the Bible. These have been a battleground for criticism throughout the years, yet Christ said not "one jot or one tittle" shall pass away till all be fulfilled. The jot was a mark about the size of the dot over an "i", and the tittle was a mark about the size of the cross on a "t". Not that much of the law would pass without fulfillment says the Lord.

Note: Other testimonies of Jesus Christ treated upon by the author, are contained in Mark 7:13; Luke 16:31; 24:44; John 5:45; 10:35; 14:26; 16:13.

#### (The Testimony of Prophecy)

This, I am persuaded, is an unanswerable argument. It is one phase of evidence of which the skeptic and the unbeliever are utterly ignorant. I have never met an unbeliever who was familiar with this evidence. To understand the facts in this body of truth would most certainly dispel doubts. The fact is, prophecy is an unknown country to the skeptic. It is something about which the brainiest unbelievers know little or nothing.

In Isaiah 41: 22, 23; 42:8, 9; 44:7; 46:9, 10 God is challenging other gods to declare things to come. Here is a sphere in which God alone moves. Omniscience and fore-knowledge are attributes which belong only to Deity. Christ, in speaking for the Holy Spirit said, "He will show you things to come." This is a realm where man cannot enter. Man may make his guesses about the future, but he knows nothing with any degree of certainty about it. Let us examine the Bible from this viewpoint.

(1) Prophecies concerning the first advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. No sooner had our first parents sinned than God promised that "the seed of the woman" should bruise the serpent's head (Gen. 3:15). Only one Person born into this world answers to this description. All others were the seed of the man. In line with this early prophecy is the word through Isaiah, that a virgin should conceive and bring forth One whose name would be called Immanuel (Isa. 7:14). Matthew, in the first chapter of the gospel, connects the birth of Christ with Isaiah's word.

Many outstanding events in His earthly life were predicted hundreds of years before He came. It was for this reason that the Scribes could tell Herod where He should be born. Micah the Prophet some 700 years before had foretold of His coming to Bethlehem of Judea. (Micah 5:2).

The twenty-second Psalm gives the most graphic description of death by crucifixion that occurs anywhere in the Bible. The striking fact about this prophecy is that this method of capital punishment was not in vogue when the Psalm was written; that it came into existence centuries later under

Roman rule. The Psalmist gives us the picture of the crowds, the taunts, the cry from the cross, the dividing

of the garments, the thirst, the bodily sensations of one dying by crucifixion, and many other striking details. This was written 700 years before Christ was born.

(2) Prophecies having to do with the Jewish people: Even before they entered the land of promise, their faithlessness toward their God was foretold, together with their captivity and the sufferings that would follow. Someone has said that Deuteronomy 28 is an "epitome of Jewish history." A similar outline is given in Deuteronomy 32, which embraces their entire history. In Jeremiah chapters 30-32 we have some very graphic prophecies telling us of the time of Jacob's trouble and the intense suffering that awaits them in a day yet to be born, but more than that, the prophet foretells their regathering, their future elevation, and their prosperity. Many such prophecies are to be found in the writings of other Old Testament prophets.

(3) Prophecies relating to Gentile nations: These take in a very wide sweep, covering such nations as Egypt, Babylon, Tyre and Sidon, Nineveh, Ethiopia, Moab, Damascus, Arabia, and others.

In Isaiah 13:19-22 we have the prediction of Babylon's fall and utter desolation. This was uttered centuries before its fulfillment, and is graphically borne out today by the fact that this once proud city is but a heap of mounds, and the habitation of wild beasts. Some years ago Dr. Cyrus Hamlin of Constantinople, was asked by a Turkish colonel to give him just one proof that the Bible was the Word of God. Dr. Hamlin asked him if he had ever visited the ruins of ancient Babylon. "Yes," he replied, "and let me tell you my experience. I hired a rich shiek and his men to take me there to hunt. We found all manner of wild animals, owl, and birds dwelling among the ruins, so we had the best hunting of our lives. It was good that we were annoyed when the Arabs told us that we must go miles away to pitch our tents for the night. We tried to bribe them to camp there but they refused saying that no Arab had ever been known to camp there because it was haunted after dark by evil spirits who would surely kill them or bring evil upon them." Then Dr. Hamlin opened his Bible and read: "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,

the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: NEITHER SHALL THE ARABIAN PITCH TENT THERE; neither shall shepherds make their flocks to lie down there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and wild goats shall dance there. And wolves shall cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces." Isa. 13:19-22.

Thus the internal evidence of the Bible leads us to the conviction that it is what it claims to be, what Jesus Christ claimed it to be, and what prophecy proves it to be—the Word of God.

#### *V Because of Its Unique Verification*

Professor James of Harvard is remembered because of his philosophy of pragmatism. He would apply this philosophy to various theories and teachings, asking the questions: "Do they work?" "Are they practical?" The Bible gladly welcomes such a test. It has a way of proving its divine nature to the sincere and honest soul. Like the One it reveals, it has nothing to offer the trifler and the soul with dishonest motives, but it welcomes honest investigation and bestows its light and blessing on the obedient heart. Jesus Christ, facing His critics one day, said: "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from myself." This is the laboratory test, and Christ challenges men to make it. One who is unwilling to put the teachings of Christ to a test in his life must be labeled insincere. Obedience to the Bible leads to the finest kind of living, while the doubt of it weakens the moral fiber of the individual. When I meet folks who are living fine, clean, godly lives and hear them say, "Yes, I believe the Bible is God's Word", I realize that that kind of life and that kind of belief just naturally go together. When I meet a man who is profane, impure, and godless, and he tells me he does not believe that the Bible is the Word of God, I realize that that sort of life and belief go together. Dr. R. A. Torrey puts this fact in words that are unforgettable: "A book that lifts men up to God as no other book lifts

men up to God must have come down from God in a way no other book came down."

Yes, this Book holds the message that satisfies. It waits to meet your need and quench your thirst. It has the words of eternal life. Where else will you find them?

I believe the Bible to be God's Book not only because of its unique character, because I have put it to the test and it has met it gloriously and satisfyingly.

### **EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT OF F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE**

The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, May 20, by Rev. Robert Crawford, pastor of First Church in Bryan, Texas. The graduation exercises were held Friday evening, May 25, at 8:00 o'clock, with Dr. Clyde W. Meredith, president of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, delivering the commencement address.

#### **Historic Occasion**

This eighth commencement of the Bible College was a historic occasion for two reasons. It was the first time in more than 40 years that a Free Will Baptist institution had conferred an academic degree and marked the graduation of the first four-year class of the Bible College, which consisted of the following members: Wesley Calvery, Waco, Texas; Marie Hanna, St. Louis, Mo.; Walter Reynolds, Creswell, N. C.; Adam Scott, Mountain Grove, Mo.; and T. O. Terry, Jr., Cordova, Ala.

#### **In New Auditorium**

All commencement services were held in the recently constructed auditorium. This building has been erected since February and meets a long-felt need in the work of the College. This building has been made possible by the gifts of our people since last October. It was erected at a cost of \$24,000.

.. Degrees, Certificates, Diplomas ..

Besides the five Bachelor of Arts Degree conferred on the four year class, the following received certificates and diplomas as indicated: Teacher Training Diplomas (Evangelical Teacher Training) Wanda Conkey, Patty Creech, Dorena Davis, Wanda

Edwards, Ruth Floyd, Christine Hooks, Helen Johnson, Jane Kettelman, Patricia Norris, Eloise Phillips, Jaen Reeder, Mary Belle Smith, Tressa Wiggs, Lucy Wisehart, Kenneth Carter, Billy Sherrill, Cadell Dowdney, Donald Ellis, Wm. B. Hughes, Irvin Hyman, Fred Kirby, E. B. McDonald, D. J. Merkh, Roy O'Donnell, Olin Phillips, R. E. Picirilli, Reedy Saverance, N. R. Smith, Jr., Ralph Sumner.

Two-year Certificate in Bible: Wanda Edwards, Janie Sumner, Irvin Hyman.

Two-Year Diploma in Bible: Dorena Davis, Helen Johnson, Roy O'Donnell, Mary Belle Smith, Catharin Smith.

--Contributed

### **TRI-STATE MEETING**

The Tri-State Free Will Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting was held April 29, 1951 at the Mt. Olive church near Seneca, Missouri. The meeting was opened by Rev. Bert Walgamott of Granby, Missouri, preaching the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 o'clock; scripture, Gal. 6:7,8, after which a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all.

At 1:15 the meeting was called to order by Rev. Noman Green, moderator. Message by Rev. Jesse Pierce; scripture, Samuel 3. Song by Sister McDonald, "Heart Aches." Message by Rev. Noman Green, Matt. 8:22. Message by Bro. Gerald Heard, Luke 11:33. Song by Sis. Nadine Box, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do." Message by Rev. Orville Johnston; scripture, Luke 12:18. Song by congregation, "The Lilly of the Valley."

Message by Bro. Russell, Matt. 22:1-13. Song by Sis. Gertie Green, "The Upper Window." Message by Rev. Bert Walgamott, St. Luke 15:20. Message by Rev. Wiley Stacy, Col. 3:2. Song by quartet, "I Just Steal Away and Pray." Song by Sis. Freda, "Hand in Hand with Jesus." Message by Rev. Henry Bellah; scripture, St. Luke 13:24; Matt. 7:13,14. Song by quartet, "You Never Mentioned Him to Me." Message by Rev. Jess Johnston, St. John 15:13. Song by Green sisters, "It's In My Heart."

Bro. Gerald Herd was nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon next Fifth Sunday, which will be at Granby, Missouri, July 29, 1951.

Beulah Owens, Clerk



# From The Editor's Desk



## YOUTH SESSION NEAR

Of paramount interest to Missouri Free Will Baptist at present is the Youth Camp session to start June 20, at the State Encampment grounds near Niangua, Missouri. Last minute tidying up and the usual hustle and bustle is in evidence. Many improvements have been made and many others are in process.

The annual Youth Camp session has become a very popular event in the state. Though still quite a young project it has made rapid progress and sets forth a very progressive plan of improvement and enlargement as funds and labor are available.

The popularity of the camp is enhanced by the tremendous value of the session in reaching and teaching our youth. Many conversions have been the results of the personal contact work and evangelistic efforts of the camp each year. Acknowledgements of special calls to definite service for the Lord and deeper consecration and higher spiritual attainment of those in attendance emphasizes the importance of this work.

Just as in any other field of the church this institution deserves and needs your support. The hour is late and the need urgent. Please send your offerings of money, food or other useable materials at once.

Above all, help your children attend.

## CONVENTION TIME AGAIN

The summer months are here. With them comes the setting of almost every annual conference of the Free Will Baptist Church in the United States. These annual meetings provide a time of spiritual fellowship among the brethren and a time for church business to be transacted.

Illinois has set their annual meeting ahead to early June and thus are among the earlier sessions. They will convene June 6 at the Youth Tabernacle this year. The earlier date makes possible a more accurate report to the National Association, as well as other desired features.

All National Conventions meet in succession this year for the first time,

and will convene at Nashville, Tennessee beginning July 3, with the League Conference leading off. The Sunday School Convention follows on July 6-7. The W.N.A.C. and the National Association follow in that order and conclude on July 12. All business sessions will be in the new college auditorium. A large delegation is expected and much progressive business is proposed.

Many Missouri churches terminate the year's work in July and hold a special business session to prepare for the coming year. It is here that much can be done toward the success of local and state associations. The state association will be with the Youth Camp this year, and the individual church is urged to increase their offering for entertainment to offset rising costs of foodstuffs and other necessary items.

Yes, association time is here. It is a time of importance and great interest to the Free Will Baptist denomination. Help your organizations all you can by praying, giving and going.

We will be very glad to carry a brief and appropriate announcement of your conference—wherever located—if you will send us this information.

## WOMEN IN SALOONS

One need not visit battlefields or devastated regions to see the ravages of war on human beings.

One needs only a casual glance into the dim, noisy, crowded saloons that have sprung up thickly in American towns and cities to realize what havoc war has played with moral fiber, with social decorum.

The pre-prohibition saloon was exclusively a masculine center. It had developed and enforced certain standards of conduct. With infrequent exceptions, it was operated in a seemly and quiet fashion.

But the modern version is something else entirely. The majority of customers are women, many of whom are unescorted. The talk is excessively free and shocking... Young girls who should be in school and young married women who should be at home accept too many drinks from utter strangers. Every decent restraint and convention

is either relaxed or hooted down.

The result is obvious. Criminal news and police blotters are heavily loaded with accounts of shameful brawls, indecent embroilments, jealous revenges and—worst of all—the now routine cases of abandoned children, broken homes, and juvenile outrages.

This is not a pretty picture, but unfortunately it is an accurate picture.

It is a picture that strikes the eye everywhere—whether its locale is a "cocktail room" resplendent with plate mirrors and chromium, or an obscure hole-in-the-wall gin mill.

Clearly, something must be done to reawaken our social conscience; to open our eyes to the degrading inevitable consequences; and to return to the usage of dignity and self-respect.

It is obviously wrong for women to frequent saloons, especially when alone. It is wrong for them to drink with strangers, to engage in lascivious talk, make hasty or questionable connections.

Women know this, and men also know it; both despise each other for it.

Their own sense of self-respect and decency, of course, should keep women out of saloons.

But if appeals to virtue and propriety are not sufficient or effective, then the community should act to protect its mothers and daughters from their own folly, by making illegal their presence in public drinking places.

Rioutous misconduct and depravity... callousness to immorality and immodesty, can as surely destroy a generation, and the children of that generation, as an epidemic of disease or annihilation in the field.

It is merely a slower and more painful process.

—Selected (Chicago Herald-American and Tem-Press Tract.)

Our greatest temptations come to us when we are off duty. How and where we spend our spare time will react upon our Christian experience.

It's not what you'd do with a million, if riches should be your lot; the question is, What are you doing with the twenty-five cents you've got?



## LET'S GO TO NASHVILLE!

Those who plan to attend the national meetings at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee, should get their reservations for rooms in immediately.

### ACCOMODATIONS

A limited number of private homes will be available, for those who prefer them, at a nominal cost and will probably include breakfast. Those desiring hotels or tourist courts will find ample provisions for their needs. In reserving rooms, please observe the following:

- (1) Write directly to the manager of the hotel and state your desires, giving a second choice in room, and ask for a confirmation.
- (2) State when you will arrive at the hotel.
- (3) Get your reservations in before June 16th, if at all possible. If later than this date, you run the risk of not getting reservations.
- (4) If you prefer a room in a private home, write to Rev. L. C. Johnson, Hospitality Chairman, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, for details.

You will be responsible for your own meals while here, and a list of recommended eating places will be furnished you upon arrival.

For further information on reservations, write to Mr. Johnson, address above.

### HOTELS

HERMITAGE, Ed Doty, manager. Single, \$5-\$10; Double, \$8-\$10. Dormitory rooms, 4-6 persons, \$3.

ANDREW JACKSON, Leon Womble, manager. Single, \$4-\$10; Double, \$7-\$10. Dormitory rooms, \$2.50.

NEEL, Ben Bass, manager. Single, \$4-\$9; Double, \$7-\$10. Dormitory rms, \$2.50.

JAMES ROBERTSON, J. B. Moore, assistant manager. Single, \$3.50-\$9.00; Double, \$6.50-\$10. Dormitory rooms, \$2.50.

SAM DAVIS, J. C. Pritchett, manager. Single, \$3.50-\$6; Double, \$6-\$10. No dormitory rooms.

TULANE, Royal Coats, manager. Single, \$3-\$5; Double, \$5-\$7. Dormitory rms, \$2.00.

MAXWELL HOUSE, F. M. Woods, manager. Single, \$3-\$6; Double, \$5-\$8. Dormitory rooms, \$2.

NOTE: All dormitory rooms are for 4-6

persons. Rates listed above are, of course, daily rates. There may be some variation. Inquire about prices.

### TOURIST COURTS

ALAMO PLAZA, L. B. Harrison, manager, \$6-up.

NASHVILLE TOURIST COURT, Franklin Road. \$6-up.

NOTE: There are many other courts available upon your arrival. For further assistance, call Mr. Johnson at 9-1283.

C. F. Bowen  
Public Relations Director

## THE GREAT NEED OF A CHRISTIAN WALK

Niangua, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

It seems as though God has placed these scattered remarks upon my mind and I must impart them unto you.

In these days of so much strife, envy, hatred and wars, I am often made to wonder if the good Lord should decide to call an end to time, just how many people, even so-called Christians, would be ready and prepared for His arrival.

Christians, if there ever was a time in history when we, who profess Christ as our Saviour, should live a Christ-like life, it is now! We must live a Christ-like life that we might teach sinners and the weaker Christian friends the truth and reality of living for Christ who gave His all to redeem us from our sins.

God created man in His own image, and even breathed into his nostrils the breath of life so that man became a living creature. In other words God loaned man His breath for awhile. When we borrow anything from an earthly friend, we try our best to return it in as good condition as we borrowed it do we not? Then why shouldn't we as individuals try to do the same to our Heavenly Father in appreciation of what He has done for us? So we should try to purify our hearts. As our thoughts are, so is our mind and heart. We can not harbor impure, unclean thoughts in our minds and it not affect our spiritual souls. Our minds and souls were very pure in the beginning. Have we striven to keep them that way or do we allow unclean thoughts, malice and hatred seeds to crowd out the good,

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pure thoughts? This can be so easily done that some times we ourselves are unaware of how we are slipping in our Christian lives.

The remedy to keep this from happening to our lives is to accept the Word, live the Word, study that we might be able to teach others to receive the Word, and believe and be saved from their sins. Good thoughts can no more live in an unclean, uncultivated mind than good seeds can live in poor, unimproved soil. So we must cultivate our minds by reading our Bibles, studying what we have read, and then act daily as the Bible directs us.

Some Christians seem so gloomy and are always down hearted and throw a "gloom daze" over all they meet, until some times a person is made to question if life is really worth striving for or living.

Then again you meet another Christian who is full of love, zeal and whose life just radiates the happiness and love of God. They encourage the weaker Christians, overlook faults of sinners, whom some would seem to love to crush, and by knowing this individual, life becomes a very delightful thing again and you can continue on knowing God has just given you a demonstration of the difference in a true Christian and a weak, child-like Christian and to give you a greater desire to press on to the prize before you in the next world.

So in conclusion I would say Christians, put on the whole armour of God and lay aside childish things and work for the salvation of souls while time is at our hands, for the harvest is ripe now. It has been rightly spoken so many times, that the person who has conquered weakness, lifted their thoughts to Higher powers, then proceeds with watchful eyes, lest success, being near and assured, should cause him to fall, is the person who will make a successful landing on the other shore.

Your Sister in Christ,

Vada Reeves





# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



## BRIEF TIME OUT DURING WNAC EXECUTIVE SESSION

"Interest in missions is the strongest cementing force that humanity knows." Mrs. J. E. Frazier, executive secretary-treasurer of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention, said to the executive committee in session at Nashville, Tennessee on April 17, 1951.

Department chairman present and presenting plans for the promotion of their departments of work in the 18 states holding membership in the convention were: Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, Enlistment and Promotion Chairman; Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Nashville, Tennessee, Study Course Chairman; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, N. C., Program-publicity Chairman; Mrs. Alice Childers, Lucasville, Ohio, Benevolence Chairman. Other members of the committee present were Mrs. Geo. McLain, Kerman, California, recording secretary and Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Detroit, Michigan, who presided over the sessions.

On Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the home of President and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Johnson entertained at an "All States Tea." Miss Laura Belle Barnard was the honored guest. Miss Barnard is soon returning to India after a year's furlough in the United States. Miss Barnard expressed her sincere thanks for every prayer and remembrance of her and the work of India. Women representing 14 states were present to pledge their prayers and all other available support to Miss Barnard as she returns to India as a Free Will Baptist missionary. A gift of bed linens from the group present was presented to her by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. The states represented and their representatives attending the tea were as follows: Alabama, Mrs. J. B. Bloss; Arkansas, Mrs. Huey Gower; California, Mrs. George McLain; Georgia, Mrs. K. V. Shutes; Illinois, Mrs. Eunice Edwards; Michigan, Mrs. Hubert Sloan; Mississippi, Mrs. Luther Gibson; Missouri, Mrs. Myron Hyatt; North Carolina, Mrs. J. R. Davidson; Oklahoma, Mrs. John West;

Ohio, Mrs. Alice Childers; South Carolina, Mrs. Paul Kettelman; Tennessee, Mrs. D. C. Dodd; Texas, Mrs. Robert Crawford.

## HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS W. A.

We have just closed another year in our women's work. Some of our members have been handicapped because of illness in the family but God has wonderfully blessed as you will see by the following report covering the period of May 1, 1950 to April 30, 1951:

Membership, 26; new members, 12; No. meetings, 23; study classes, 6; cash to orphanage, \$12.01; value of supplies to orphanage, \$22.00; education, \$4.20; foreign missions, \$11.78; value of commodities to needy, \$350.48; souls saved, 6; amount of cash used in local church, \$35.60; amount of dues to conventions, \$9.35; amount of dues collected, \$14.20; No. members subscribing to paper, 6; No. members attending week of prayer, 11; condolence and convalescent cards, 90; gallons of milk distributed, 2; No. chapters read in the Bible, 2,758; No. religious services conducted, 41; No. visits to the sick, 546; trays of fruit, etc., 77; flowers to sick, 43; miscellaneous offering, 13.39; sale of chore girls, \$14.70; sent to Co-Laborer Band Fund, \$12.00; sale of soap, \$2.80.

Pray for us,

Mrs. Opal Koehl, Sec., Treas.

## HAZEL CREEK UNION W. A.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Union church met Thursday May 4, with Lola Filkins for an all day meeting. A quilt top was set together during the day. The president led the devotional by all singing "Close To Thee." Scripture reading, II Peter 1:5-12. Song, "More About Jesus" and "Heavenly Sunshine."

"Working together with Him through study" was introduced by Dora Sponsler and topics were given by Mary Filkins, Agnes Smith and Dorothy Houston. We will meet with

Lizzie Filkins in June. Dismissed with prayer by Lola Filkins.

The eight members present reported having read 247 Bible chapters, made 15 sick calls, and sent 8 cards.

—Contributed

## DECLAMATION CONTEST

Rules for the "Declamation Contest."

Participants are to be between the ages of 12 and 18.

Each state in our convention may represent with one speaker. The declamation must be on Stewardship. It may or may not be original. The time limit will be ten minutes (eight minutes preferred). Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time.

The contestants will be judged on the following basis. Presence (poise and sincerity) -25 points; Composition (accuracy and effectiveness) -50 points; Oratory (powers to thrill, quicken and compel) -25 points.

Attention state second vice presidents, any state that will be represented, should mail the contestants name and title of the declamation, to the National second vice president not later than June 15.

A medal will be given to the winner and also to the runner up.

Mrs. Verdun Bingham

1922 North Lewis

Tulsa, Oklahoma

2nd V. P. of W. N. A. C.

## W. N. A. C. EXHIBIT

**WHERE?**—At Free Will Baptist College Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

**WHAT KIND?**—One of yours and of other Auxiliary plans or pieces of good work.

**WHY?**—Because exchange of ideas stimulate future effort.

**WHEN SEND?**—By June 20, 1951.

**WHERE SEND?**—To W.N.A.C. Headquarters, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tenn.

(For further information contact WNAC Executive Secretary at the above address.)



## COLLEGE PLATES READY

Att: 2nd Vice Presidents.

The plates are being sold for the Bible college. They are now ready to be placed in each home. The picture is of the new administration building of the Bible college.

This is a project of the W.N.A.C. This was voted in the executive committee meeting while attending the National Association in California. The price of the plates is \$2.00 each, the holder is .25¢. Each purchase of a plate is an offering to the Bible college.

Also the time for Daily Vacation Bible Schools is here again. If your plans are not made for a D.V.B.S., do so now. If you have never planned a Daily Vacation Bible School, contact your 2nd Vice president of the Woman's National Auxiliary.

Mrs. Verdun Bingham  
1922 N. Lewis  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
2nd V. P. W. N. A. C.

## REPORT WOMEN'S EDITOR

(Two Months)

St. Louis, Third .....	\$ 2.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary .....	6.00
First Church Auxiliary .....	
Flat River .....	4.00
Mrs. Opal Koehl, Texas .....	1.00
Total .....	\$13.00
Expenses .....	\$ 1.00

## NEW QUOTA PROPOSED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

"And finding a ship sailing we went aboard, and set forth."

*Barnard's Passage Money Needed—*

Miss Barnard expects to be back in India by the 10th or 15th of July. Going by boat it will take three or four weeks. So you see, she will sail in a few weeks, the Lord willing. Of course the board is obligated to pay her fare. The overall transportation cost will be between five and seven hundred dollars. Again we say, we are depending on you to supply the need and I'm sure the Lord will supply.

*Psalm 126:3—The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.*

Herewith is another monthly financial statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Our hearts are grateful indeed for this splendid report, and we feel confident that our people will continue to rally toward the support of this all important cause that is so dear to the heart of our Lord. Please remember, we must send our offerings in regularly.

*Hats Off!*

Yes sir, we take our hats off to the following six states who have already exceeded their Foreign Mission Quota for this year. They are: California, Rev. Ralph Hampton, director; Georgia, Rev. E. C. Morris, director; Michigan, Rev. Homer Willis, director; N.C., Rev. Rashie Kennedy, director; Tennessee, Rev. Adam Scott, director; Texas, Rev. H. Ray Berry, director. We are sure that by June 30th these states will have given much more and we are trusting that the other states will not be satisfied with giving less than their respective quota. What is your state doing? What are you doing?

### Foreign Mission Board Meets

Your Foreign Mission Board held its annual meeting last month and we are glad to report to you a very harmonious session. We are proposing a \$60,000.00 budget for Foreign Missions next year, with the states quota as follows: Alabama, \$1,550.00; Arkansas, 1,000.00; California, 800.00; Florida, 900.00; Georgia, 2,000.00; Illinois, 3,000.00; Kentucky, 1,200.00; Michigan, 7,000.00; Mississippi, 850.00; Missouri, \$5,500.00; North Carolina, 12,000.00; Ohio, 2,000.00; Oklahoma, 5,000.00; South Carolina, 3,200.00; Tennessee, 5,500.00; Texas, 2,000.00; Virginia, 1,500.00; West Virginia, 2,000.00. We trust these suggested quota's will meet the approval of the National Association, and especially of each state.

The following excerpts are from the minutes of the recent board meeting:

1. It was mutually agreed that we request the State Convention, Executive Committee, or State Mission Board of the various states to suggest and certify to us, as soon as possible, the individuals we could appoint and use as Directors for the Foreign Mission Program in their respective states.

2. On motion that Bros. Riggs and L. C. Johnson be instructed and authorized to set the date and arrange

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a program for a Missionary Conference to be held during the month of October, 1951, preferably during the first week of the month.

3. It was agreed that we make a child's allowance of \$15.00 a month for the Wilfong baby in Cuba, this being retroactive to the birth of the child.

4. Recommendation—On motion we recommend that Section 10 of the By-Laws of the the Foreign Mission Board be amended to read as follows: "The corporation shall have a corporate seal."

*Wilson being considered for India—*

Miss Volena Wilson, of Marion, N. C. is being considered for our Mission field in India. She is a graduate of the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, N. Y. and has a very high scholastic standing. Please pray that the Lord's will might be done in her case. *Seven Thousand Dollar Building Fund*

*Approved for India.*

The Foreign Mission Board recently approved the purchase of Mission property in India, not to exceed \$7,000.00. This is a must for our work in India. Please pray that God will supply the necessary finance. If He lays it on your heart to make a special offering toward this project, I shall be grateful. Remember, we can only do what you enable us to do through your prayers and support.

*Penny a Meal Stickers.*

We have a new supply of penny a meal stickers so if you need any just let us know. Continue to encourage this plan of missionary giving. Keep your offerings coming—we cannot operate without them.

Matt. 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Rev. Raymond Riggs,  
Promotional Sec'y.



# NEWSY BRIEFS

## OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUTH CAMP ACTIVITIES

Just a few lines in the interest of our Youth Camp, as the session season is at hand, and to report the activity about the camp.

We are glad to report the work being done on the cabins. Central Western Missouri Association was here this week redecorating their cabin. Myrtle Church has their's remodeled; Fredricktown and Flat River are planning remodeling. We also have the two State cabins under remodeling. Our water system is installed except for piping which we plan to have done in time. The Liberty Association plans to build a cabin in time for camp.

I have just received the programs and application blanks for the session and will be sending them out, so if you plan to come and do not receive your application by the time you read this, drop me a card and I will send you one so you can have your insurance. If you don't get one, please mail me your registration of \$1.00, your name and address so I can register you with the insurance company.

Please be sure and send in your offerings and food collections, as we will need them.

We cordially invite you to visit our camp at any time you wish, and especially at the camp session June 20-29.

#### Youth Camp Daily Schedule

- 6:30- 7:00—Rise and shine
- 7:00- 7:45—Breakfast
- 7:45- 8:10—Free period
- 8:10- 8:30—Morning devotions
- 8:30- 9:15—Lessons in Old Testament
- 9:15-10:00—Personal Soul Winning
- 10:00-10:30—Supervised play
- 10:30-11:15—Doctrine
- 11:15-11:45—Music
- 11:45-12:00—Prepare for lunch
- 12:00- 1:30—Lunch
- 1:30- 2:15—Missions
- 2:15- 3:00—Music
- 3:00- 5:30—Play, hikes, etc.
- 5:30- 6:00—Prepare for evening meal
- 6:00- 7:00—Evening meal
- 7:00- 7:45—Cabin prayer meetings
- 7:45—Evangelistic services
- 9:30—In cabins
- 10:00—All lights out—Quiet

Rev. Wm. Reeves  
Niangua, Mo.

### NORTH CAROLINA CHURCH SUPPORTS MISS WILSON

We think it a fine gesture on the part of the Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, North Carolina in underwriting the monthly salary of Miss Volena Wilson. It is also commendable of Miss Wilson to know that her home church is behind her. If we do not have the support of those who know us best, I question the extent of our influence among those abroad.

The Marion Church has also sent \$500.00 toward the passage expense Miss Wilson to India.

Let us not forget however, that there is more expense involved than actual passage and salary. There is travel expense upon arrival, rents, language school expense, etc., which must be met by the board. Repatriation money is also needed in case of emergencies. Also, money for furloughs.

Perhaps other churches would like to assume partial support of this new missionary, which hopes to sail—before too long.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

### ATTENDANCE RECORD SET

Richwoods, Mo.

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

Just a few lines to let everyone know about our work at Richwoods. The Lord is blessing us with showers of blessings. We are thanking and praising Him for everything.

On April 9 we started revival services at our church with the Ministers Alliance of St. Louis conducting the services and special singing each night. We had good crowds every evening. The meeting lasted through April 22. During this time we saw 19 souls pray through and find Christ their Saviour. Then on May 6 one other young man was converted. This made 20 in all saved. We had 13 additions to the church. We sure do thank God for hearing and answering our prayers.

On May 13 we had an all-day service. We had the attendance of 101 in our Sunday School that day which broke the record attendance of 76. This made us all rejoice in the Lord.

We had a large crowd throughout the day.

The Gospel Friends String Band and City visited us that day. The band furnished the music and special singing for us. Our pastor, Rev. Roger C. Reeds, brought an inspiring message in the morning. This was food for every soul. Then a good meal was enjoyed at the noon hour by all.

Rev. Charles Miller brought the message in the afternoon. This message was very inspiring and every heart was filled.

After the service we all gathered at the waters edge and saw eight precious souls follow their Lord and Master in baptism, with our pastor, Rev. Reeds doing the baptizing.

So we all had a wonderful day working for the Lord and rejoicing in His Spirit.

We know God is still on the throne, waiting to save sinners and hear and answer His people's prayers. We truly thank Him and praise Him for all blessings.

We ask each Christian to pray for us that God will continue to bless us. Pray that our church will continue to grow and glow for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson

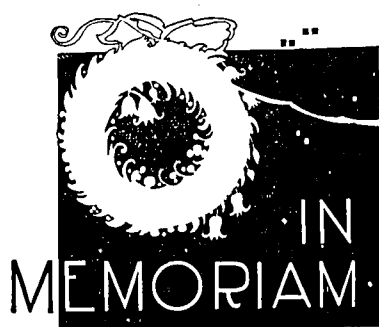
### CENTER ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

The Center Association of the Free Will Baptists of California held its Fourth Annual Session at Kerman on May 17, 18 and 19, with Rev. Orbin Doss as Moderator. The audience was the smallest that has ever attended an annual setting but the churches were all represented by the delegates and much business was accomplished. Rev. H. E. Dixon of Selma and Rev. Lewis of Santa Paula, a visiting minister, brought the messages on the evening of the 18th, when the largest crowd was present. The biggest news of this setting was the writing and adopting of an Associational Constitution, of which we are very proud.

Gladys Messengale, Clerk

The humblest follower of Christ is acknowledged by Him as His brother.





## MOTHER AND SON PASS

As I have not seen an obituary of Waldo Dunn and his mother, Rowena Dunn, I am sending in this tribute to them, although I am not familiar with all the dates.

### Waldo Dunn

Waldo Dunn passed away February 26, 1951 at his home near Cassville at the age of 39 years. Death came suddenly of a heart attack after reaching home from the days work. He was a son of George S. and Rowena Dunn and grew up in the Odin community. He was converted at the age of 16 at Pleasant Hill Church where he remained a member until death.

He served two years overseas in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Hale) Dunn, and small daughter Rosalie, his parents, five brothers, Clarence, Clifford, Hadley, and Gayford of Odin, and Glenn of Marshfield, and one sister, Effie Todd of Odin.

Funeral services were conducted at the Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where he and his family attended church and Sunday School. A very efficient sermon was rendered by the pastor of the church, Rev. O. T. Allred, and the quartet sang beautiful hymns.

Waldo was always a good boy, his friendly smile and mild disposition won him many friends which was demonstrated by the large congregation attending the funeral, many coming from a long distance. We can not understand why he could not stay with us longer, but God knows and some time we'll understand.

### Phoebe Rowena Dunn

Phoebe Rowena Dunn, daughter of John D. and Susan Jones, was born February 27, 1878 and departed this

life April 16, 1951 at her home at Odin, Missouri, age 73 years one month and 17 days. She was converted at about the age of 16 years and united as a charter member with the Parks Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Grove Springs, now known as Mt. Zion or Cula church. Although she moved away and worshiped in other churches she never moved her membership.

She was married to George S. Dunn in September 1902 and in that home grew up seven Christian children, six boys and one girl. Clarence, Clifford, Hadley and Mrs. Effie Todd of Odin, Glenn of Marshfield, Gaylord of the home, Waldo of Cassville, who preceded her in death by seven weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pleasant Hill Church by Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, who had been in their home many times in the two years he preached at the Odin church.

Ena is sadly missed by her husband and children, her three brothers and five sisters. Noah and Emmett Jones, Martha Hickman, and Ava Young of Hartville, Selph Jones of Aldrich, Thula McCubbin of Conway, Zilpha Young of Bronaugh, and Effie Richardson of Mountain Grove, and many other relatives and friends. But we sorrow not as others which have no hope. By her Christian life she left the assurance that she is now with Jesus and taking a long needed rest, where mother and son can be united.

*I can not say, and I will not say,  
That they are dead,—They are just  
away;*

*With a cheery smile and a wave of the  
hand,*

*They have wandered into an un-  
known land,*

*And left us dreaming how very far  
It needs must be since they linger  
there,*

*And you—O you, who the wildest  
yearn,*

*For the old time step and the glad  
return,*

*Think of them faring on, as dear,  
In the love of There as the love of  
Here*

*Think of them still as the same, I say,  
They are not dead—they are just  
away!*

Thula Jones McCubbin  
A Sister and Aunt

## VISITING MINISTER SPEAKS AT N. E. MISSOURI MEET

The North East Missouri Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Jewell Church April 29, 1951, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour. The morning worship service followed with Rev. Kenneth Turner of Monett, bringing the message. Scripture lesson, Luke 22: 39-46; text, the 42nd verse. His subject was "The will of God." He brought out how we could either live in the Premissive will of God or the Directive will of God. This was a very soul stirring message. The congregation then sang "Just as I am." We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Junior Evans.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by the President, Sis. Agnes Smith. The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." We were lead in prayer by Sis. June Truitt. The President read for a scripture lesson Romans 12. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek, Green Grove and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be with the Low Ground Church with Rev. Mildred Gilliam bringing the 11:00 o'clock message, and Rev. June Truitt, alternate.

The following program was given: Piano solo—"Variations of Sweet By and By," Leona Thompson. Song—"Just A Little While," Green Grove. Reading—"Thank God," Mildred Gilliam. Solo—"It Is No Secret," Linda Smith. Solo, by Andy Lay. Reading—"The Story of the Praying Hands," Mildred Gregory. Solo—"Jesus Is A Friend of Mine," Velma Wellman. Duet—"He Was Nailed to the Cross for Me," Ina Daniels and Annabelle White.

The congregation then sang "At the Cross." Sis. June Truitt brought the afternoon message using for the Scripture lesson Matthew 20:8-18. She delivered a very inspiring message. After this the meeting was turned to the Executive Board for the purpose of examining Sis. June Truitt for license to preach the Gospel. They found Sis. Truitt worthy of receiving the license. The congregation then sang, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and a fellowship handshake was enjoyed.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.



## IS FEET WASHING SCRIPTURAL?

Rev. Clarence J. Hearron - Waco, Texas

Free Will Baptist have always contended that Washing the Saints' feet is an ordinance to be observed in connection with the Lord's Supper. There are some among our number who would ignore "custom and tradition" by observing the Lord's Supper without observing Feet Washing. There is also tendency to observe what is called the Communion in the morning rather than at night.

If custom and tradition is all that is being ignored, then no one is to be blamed. But Free Will Baptist believe the Bible. We affirm that the Scriptures are our only infallible rule of faith and practice. If Feet Washing is not observed along with the Lord's Supper we believe that the Scriptures, as well as custom and tradition, are being ignored. We also contend that the only time that the Lord's Supper can be properly observed is at night.

After Christ instituted the Lord's Supper, there was strife among the disciples regarding who should be the greatest. Jesus rebuked them by washing their feet. "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? But I am among you as he that serveth." Luke 22:27. Compare John 13:2-16. This assures us that Christ washed the disciples' feet after the Lord's Supper and not before.

The question immediately arises, "Is Feet Washing an ordinance?" In a Short History of the Baptist, Henry C. Vedder sets out three things that are needful to constitute an ordinance: A command of Christ Himself; intended for all Christians for all times; and generally obeyed by the apostolic churches. He says that Feet Washing is a command of Christ, but it is not universal, and evidently was not practiced in the apostolic churches. Just why he used this arbitrary definition of an ordinance is of no importance. But to say that the apostolic churches did not practice Feet Washing is another matter. J. R. Dummelow of Queen's College, Cambridge, in his Commentary makes this statement regarding John 13:14, "This precept was obeyed literally by many ancient churches...." It looks like there's a pole-cat in somebody's wood pile!

Regarding the universal command, does Feet Washing really fail here? The same ones to whom Christ said, "Ye ought also to wash one another's feet" were told regarding the Lord's Supper, "This do in remembrance of me." If the Lord's Supper fits the test of universality, so does Feet Washing, because the same group was given both commands the same night. Feet Washing, then, meets the above test without a doubt.

Another test has been suggested for an ordinance. "It must set forth a central fact of the Gospel and one's vital relationship to Christianity." It is stated that baptism sets forth the fact of Christ's death and resurrection, and the believer's profession of faith in Christ, and the Lord's Supper sets forth the atonement and the believer's continued allegiance to Christ. Thus Feet Washing has been neatly set aside.

O, foolish men! Remember that Jesus said, "I am among you as he that serves." Jesus, knowing that He was come from God, and went to God, "he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and begin to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded." John 13:3-5.

Christ was teaching us that we should be humble, but there is more involved. He washed the disciples' feet knowing He was come from God and that He went to God. In other words, this act of washing feet was to set forth the fact of His having left heaven and His life among men. He "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself..." Phil. 2:7, 8.

Feet Washing, then, sets forth His humble life upon this earth. It also sets forth His ascension for He washed the disciples feet knowing that He went to God. When believers observe this ordinance, they show their relationship to the Gospel in that Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself....the same is greatest in

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the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:4. Feet Washing meets the test of setting forth a central fact of the Gospel and the Christian's relationship to Christianity. Christ's life certainly central, and there is nothing more important than serving in Christianity, "Faith without works is dead." Jas. 2:26.

Another question arises, "Is it necessary to wash feet each time the Lord's Supper is observed?" There is only one answer to that question. The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing were both instituted the same night. They are inseparable. If Feet Washing is left off, the emblem of the Lord's Supper is destroyed.

These ordinances are symbolic. They are representative. If one takes a flag of the United States and removes one star from its proper place, he has destroyed the emblem. The flag is no longer Old Glory. If Feet Washing is not observed in connection with the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Supper has ceased to be the real symbol. If part is removed the whole is destroyed.

The time of day is also important. The above illustration holds true here as well. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper at night. The word, supper, indicates the time of observance. The Lord's Supper cannot be observed in the morning or at any other time other than at night. It ceases to be the Lord's Supper when observed out of the proper time.

A story is told of a man who hired a Negro to work for him. He fed him his breakfast and suggested that while they were at the table they should eat dinner so they could work without stopping for the noon meal. This was agreeable to the Negro. After the Negro ate an immense amount, the white man suggested that they eat sup-



per so they could work without stepping when supper time came. The Negro ate some more. "Now let's go to work," said the white man. "No suh, Boss," replied the Negro. "When dis niggah eats suppah, he goes to bed!" A similarly ridiculous situation exists when people try to observe the Lord's Supper in the morning.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's death till he come." I Cor. 11:26. When Jesus died, there was darkness over the whole land, Mark 15:33. This darkness formed a part of His death. How can this darkness be shown if the Lord's Supper is observed in the morning? The answer is obvious.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA CHURCH SEEKING RESIDENT PASTOR

Our Brother in Christ:

Just a line to say I'm very sorry I've not mailed my sub before now, but it seems like I've neglected it long enough. So please forgive me this time and I'll try to do better in the future. I've missed the Gem more than words express, but it doesn't look that way I know, by waiting so long to renew. So enclosed you will find \$1.00 for renewing my sub to the Gem.

Now a word to you for some help. We are in need of a pastor at our little church here in Phoenix. We've not had a regular pastor since our pastor went back to California a year ago last April. That is about 11 months with a temporary pastor. At first a minister from the General Baptist. Well, he left. Then we elected temporarily, Rev. J. L. Burris of the Nominated Church of God Denomination. He told us at our last business meeting that he would like for us to get us a pastor, as he wants to leave Arizona. The church doors for new members to join hasn't been opened for almost a year and he hasn't time to work with the church to build it up, as he has a business.

We all think there is a great work here for the F.W.B. in the state of Arizona, if we can get our denomination woke up to the fact. Everyone that has come to our church says that it's the best singing in the state, even though there is only a small crowd. One lady was there the other night and she said, "I go to a church with

500 in Sunday School and they never had anything like this singing at our church." What our F.W.B. need out here is some minister to get out here and start up or help us.

Now we are in need of a pastor. There are only 10 active members, but there would be about six added to that number the first time the doors were opened, and possibly more than that. Is there any chance of our visiting brothers coming to visit us? We would sure greet them wholeheartedly. We would like for some of them to come and visit us and hold us a revival. Would you put something in the Gem about our needing a pastor? It will take a minister that will be interested in building up a new church.

We all here do believe with a good pastor that has the church at heart, in a year at the longest, we will be able to pay a pastor a full salary. Now we are so few that with buying the church and the payments on it we can help the pastor with \$12.00 or \$15.00 a week, and we can keep him till we get him a job. We don't think he'll have to work long, perhaps not a year, for as soon as the church grows a little we are sure the tithe and offerings will be large enough to where we will put him on full salary where he can put in full time with the church. But we would continue to give him \$12.00 or \$15.00 while he works. There are people some have talked to about coming that said when we got a F.W.B. pastor they will come. Two of our old members say they will come back when we get one. We kept thinking there would be a minister come this way, but seems like they don't come to Arizona.

We have our Ladies Home Mission going with good spiritual meetings in all our services. God pours out His blessings on us.

Well, I'm writing for our First Free Will Baptist Church of Arizona located in Phoenix. We covet all your prayers that God will send us a good pastor.

Your Sister in Christ,

Alma Henry, Cor. Sec'y.  
Box 3911  
Phoenix, Arizona

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### BARNARD SAILS FOR INDIA

Miss Laura Belle Barnard is scheduled to leave New York harbor for India on the S.S. Steele Executive on May 31. Please relay this message to her many friends and PRAY for safety of travel, and strength for service. Money from the Missions Treasury has been advanced for her passage. Will you help replace same?

Send an offering today.

F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board  
(Too late for last issue.)

We urge you to be a solicitor for the Gem in your church. Thus you can help us and serve the Lord and the denomination.

### WILL WE MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Youth Encampment time is almost here. Do you as pastors, churches, and parents plan to encourage and help make it possible for your children to attend?

In observing the great spiritual blessings which the young folk who attend receive, I am mindful of the blessings the church to which these young people belong receive during the entire year, as they see these efficiently taking their place in the work of the church, and with a much greater consecration and devotion than before attending the encampment.

Someone said recently, "It is always a good investment when we take money out of our pockets and put it in our heads." This was said concerning buying good books. Surely we can say, "It is a good investment when we take money out of our pockets and invest it in the spiritual training of our youth."

The State Sunday School Convention will begin at the Camp Monday night, June 18; the State League Convention will be Tuesday afternoon and evening of June 19th, and the Youth Encampment will begin Wednesday, June 20 and continue through the 29th. Officers of this session are: Superintendent, Rev. Harvey Hill; Principal, Rev. Rolla Smith; Registrar, Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Will you join with us in making this session another real success to the glory of God.

Rev. O. T. Allred



## THE SECRET IS OUT

Are you an ALERT Free Will Baptist? Then I know we'll be seeing you in Nashville, Tennessee, July 3 to 12.

Plans for the annual National Sunday School Convention, sponsored by the Free Will Baptist National Sunday School Board, will be held July 6 and 7. And I want to tell you a secret about that convention.

Some of the best leaders in Sunday School work among Free Will Baptists have been chosen to direct the workshop sessions for each department in the Sunday School. And we haven't heard from all of them, but just this week we got a little taste of what those sessions are going to be like when we received a letter from the lady who is going to direct the session for the Cradle Roll and Nursery workers. She wrote that to really demonstrate what a Nursery in the Sunday School is like, in co-operation with the officials at the Bible College, she is planning a Nursery to accommodate the little children who will be attending the national meetings with their parents. So mothers you can know in advance that your children will be well supervised and you can enjoy the meetings more, by placing your children in the Nursery. And if you are a Cradle Roll worker or Nursery group teacher, you will certainly want to see the Nursery and take back ideas to use in your own Sunday School.

This is just an idea of what you're going to get at the Ninth Annual National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists. We're sure the other workshop leaders are working just as hard and will have workable ideas to present to you for improving your own Sunday School teaching.

Besides the workshop sessions, there will be a feature speaker who will bring inspirational messages, there will be an open forum session, a message from the chairman of the Sunday School Board, and a message from the President of our Bible College on Christian Education.

And you will like this too. Saturday afternoon—the entire afternoon—is given over to seeing the city. And to climax the Sunday School Convention, on Saturday night our promotional secretary will show a film presenting the challenge of the teaching ministry through the Sunday School.

You'll want to have a representative from your Sunday School there, we

know. If you aren't there, we are sure you're going to miss the best Sunday School Convention we have ever had. Don't miss it!

Oh! you're wondering who that Cradle Roll and Nursery workshop leader is? She is Mrs. LaVerne Miley, wife of an instructor in our Free Will Baptist Bible College and the mother of a Cradle Roll daughter and Nursery age son. Good? Of course, she'll be good. She has to practice every day in the year!

Gertrude Bowe, Sec'y-Treas.  
National Sunday School Bd.  
51 W. Delaware Place  
Chicago 10, Illinois

## LEAGUERS VISIT SICK; SING AND PRAY IN HOMES

Farmersville, Calif.

Dear Gem Readers:

We of the Free Will Baptist Church would like to report a progress in the past year. We have a real man of God for our pastor, Rev. Fred Marler. Thank God we have him for another year.

We have had 21 conversions, 19 baptized and 34 added to the church.

Isn't it wonderful to sit and hear the old fashioned gospel preached, when most of the world has gone modern in the teaching and preaching.

Our Sunday School attendance is around 80 or 90. On Mother's Day we had an all-day service with dinner on the ground. Sis. Barker arranged a very nice program. A good time was had by all in the name of the Lord.

We also have a wonderful League class, one hundred per cent Christians.

The League sets aside the first Sunday in every month, to send an offering to our foreign missions. Every Tuesday night with our sponsor, Sis. Prewett, we go to visit the sick, sing and pray.

God has been so good to us. From the depth of our heart we thank Him for it. Truly it is something out of this world to sit in service and feel the presence of the Lord so great that the young people shout, as well as the old people.

Pray for us and our pastor that God will use him this year as He did last year.

Yours in Christ,

Margie Miller, Reporter

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We only have less than thirty days left in which to raise our quota for this fiscal year. Remember we close our books on June 30, so please send all offerings in time to reach us by that time.

Strong demands are coming from each of our fields to increase their budgets. No doubt these requests are justified, but we can only do what our people enable us to do through their support. Would you please be reminded to pray for our Missionary Program and also to give one more time before June 30.

## Financial Statement for April

Cash on hand April 1, 1951 .. \$ 9,187.13

### Receipts

Alabama .....	\$ 37.00
Arkansas .....	14.90
California .....	29.96
Georgia .....	78.12
Illinois .....	55.00
Kentucky .....	443.97
Michigan .....	463.60
Mississippi .....	54.00
Missouri .....	1,079.78
New Mexico .....	5.00
North Carolina .....	1,611.27
Ohio .....	.52
Oklahoma .....	144.32
South Carolina .....	24.54
Tennessee .....	494.35
Texas .....	182.93
Virginia .....	1.04
West Virginia .....	80.15
Sale Barnard Books .....	2.00
Total Receipts .....	4,802.45
Grand Total .....	\$13,989.58

(Itemized disbursements, listed in this report from the office of Rev. Raymond Riggs, totals \$4,082.45 for the month of April. This leaves a cash balance in all funds of \$9,455.24 as of May 1, 1951.)