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THANK GOD

Mrs. Berniece Thomas - Greentop, Missouri

Thank God for the word "Salvation"

That comes so full and free

To all who will accept it,

Yea, all including me.

Thank God for wonderful parents,

Yea, the kind like He gave to me

They took us to Church and Sunday School,

And always taught us of Thee.

Thank God, I let Him come in,

When He knocked at my heart's door,

And I got peace within my heart,

And I'm safe forevermore.

Thank God, He permitted me

To have the happy home I've got,

Dear friends, I am so thankful—

That's something that means a lot.

Thank God, He gave to me

The most wonderful husband in the land,

He saved his soul, and now

We are walking hand in hand.

Thank God, for the babies He gave us,

Like lilies so sweet and fair;

Help us, God, to lead them

With very tender care.

Lead us, God, and guide us,

May we be up and on our feet,

Doing our duty, telling others of Jesus,

Whenever we chance to meet.

And then, when the gates swing open,

Our loved ones we will see,

Thank God, we'll walk the golden streets

And together we'll always be.

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been a slight increase in the price of
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JESUS PRAYED FOR ME

*How it tends our hearts to stir
To hear our name in secret prayer,
There's One with power to reach the
throne*

*Who prayed for me when all alone,
Though He knew His hour had come,
He prayed, 'Not for these alone,
But for all who ever will believe.'
Blessed thoughts He prayed for me!*

*If this was God's divine will
He'd drink this cup and His life give
That all who on Him would believe
Might have life eternally.*

*It helps me bear the trials of life;
It guides me safely midst the strife;
It thrills my soul with ecstasy
Just to think Jesus prayed for me!*

*I'm so glad that St. John told me
How He prayed in Gethsemane.
Though He suffered mental agony
He cast aside His own misery,
And while His chosen were asleep
He prayed that God would keep
All believing children so safely
That all His glory we might see.*

—Theretha Jackson

GOD HAD NO CHANCE

An Illinois businessman took a dol-
lar bill and pinned a piece of paper to
it, asking everyone who spent the
money to write down what it was for,
and send it back into circulation for
two weeks. At the end of that time it
came back with the following story:

It was spent five times for salary;
five times for tobacco; five times for
cigarettes; three times for candy;
twice for haberdashery; three times
for meals; once for auto parts; once
for groceries; once for washing; twice
for shaves; once for toothpaste.

God never had a chance. There are
millions of other dollars that never
touch the offering plate in any church.
Who should come first in life—God or
self?

—H. E. Zimmerman

Test Yourself

"What did you DO today that only a
Christian would do?"

What did you SAY today that was
Christ speaking through you?

What do the people SEE who on your
pathway fall?

Do they see you alone, or Christ as
your all in all?"

Let others share your sunny days,
And you will find it true,
That others will be glad to share
The rainy days with you.

Jesus is not only a very present
help in trouble, but a help in pre-
venting trouble.

If you want to be rich . . .
GIVE!

If you want to be poor . . .
GRASP!

If you want to be needy . . .
HOARD!

If you want abundance . . .
SCATTER;

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS AS SEEN BY THE WRITER —

Rev. Jas. F. Miller - Farmington Mo.

The National Association convened in regular session, July 11, 1951, in the new Bible College auditorium, with a good representation present. Rev. Bruce Barrow, Moderator, and Rev. Paul J. Kettelman Clerk were both present and did a fine piece of work as officers of the association.

The approval of the Lord upon the association was evidenced in a substantial gain in every field of endeavor. It was most interesting to see how every group charged with the responsibility of supervising a part of the program had applied themselves to the task, and as a result of their efficient effort and the support and cooperation of the people, great progress had been made.

We looked upon the accomplishments in the field of Christian education and heard from the President and Business Manager of the Bible College reports that blessed every heart. More and more our Free Will Baptist are realizing the importance of a better trained leadership and more and more they are responding to the call to support our Bible College. This was most certainly evidenced in the service that was under the direction of the college when, with out any high pressure, the people responded with an offering in cash and pledges payable within sixty days in the amount of just a little less than three thousand dollars. And all of us say, "Praise the Lord."

The report of Foreign Missions given by the Secretary-Treasurer showed a deep interest taken in sending the Gospel to those who live in heathen darkness in regions beyond. Surely the Board of Foreign Missions have done a good work this year, and with the support and cooperation of our people next year should be the greatest year in the history of Free Will Baptist in the field of missions.

The Board of Home Missions report a good year and have some definite plans for the coming year which should bring home missions into their rightful place in the national program.

Superannuation, and Publications and Literature are not to be over looked.

Both have made progress the past year.

Bro. Dodd, our Promotional Secretary, has nothing but good news, his year has been a busy one, but the things that have been accomplished through his tireless efforts have been very gratifying.

If the Lord delays His coming and we have the privilege of serving Him for another year, it is our privilege



Rev. James F. Miller

and duty as Free Will Baptist, to see that 1951-52 will be greater in service than 1950-51 has been.

Editor's Note: The above observations of progress and spiritual blessings are those of Rev. James F. Miller, long associated with the National program. We understand he was busy with duties of his office on one of the permanent committees, but as usual, Bro. Miller absorbed the trend and blessing of this great convention. Elsewhere you will find something of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Also the sessions of the Sunday School Convention and of the League were termed "A grand success." We are not trying to report statistics of the various sessions, as these will be disseminated in fuller detail through State and Local Conventions and reports coming from different departments.

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.

YOUTH CAMP SESSION DECLARED 'BEST YET'

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines in haste, after eight or nine weeks of busy days, to say that we are enjoying the blessings of the Lord and truly they are bountiful.

Since I last wrote to the Gem we have enjoyed the best Youth Camp Session of all. There was an enrollment of 77 students and nearly 100% recieved diplomas, with only a few that did not attend the full 10 days session. A marvelous fellowship was enjoyed by all throughout the session. Eleven souls were saved, and there were a number dedications. One fine young man, Brother John Dale Womack, of Flat River, Missouri, announced his call to the ministry. God did so marvelously answer prayer in breaking down the chains of sin, especially by saving one for whom we had prayed so earnestly for. We ask all who read this to pray for these children.

The Lord blessed also in a financial way. Our expenses are taken care of and there is \$100.00 or more balance. I do not have the total ready now.

I am very busy now getting ready for our State Association and need the co-operation of all our people. We are looking for a good time in the Lord. We would appreciate the co-operation of the churches and associations who have cabins to help supply the bedding and other supplies in your cabins. Also, supply army cot to use for extra beds.

Liberty association is planning to build a cabin, and I understand there are two more that plan to build before the State Meeting. We will sure appreciate the new cabins, for we can sure use them.

The question may arise about the entertainment. Please don't let that keep you from coming. Knowing this district as I know it, I can speak the heart of not only Free Will Baptist, but other denominations and neighbors who are offering their help in any way.

We not only invite you to the State Meeting but to see our camp that we try to tell you about.

Your Bro. and Servant,

Rev. Wm. Reeves

"THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE"

Mrs. Bertha Chappell-Mer Rouge, Louisiana

ST. JOHN 11

The resurrection or a standing up again foretold by Job 19:26, preached by the apostles, Acts 4:2, and proclaimed by Christ John 11:23.

"A certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha." John 11:1.

It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother was sick. We learn in verse four that some times the sickness of God's people is for His glory. Certainly in this case it proved to be so. Time has proved over and again that when some of our loved ones get seriously sick, we always call first, those we love. So, in verse three we find Martha and Mary, Lazarus', sisters, sent word unto Jesus saying, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick."

Yes, Martha found time from her serving to look for the Lord. Speaking for myself, often I find that when all is well I don't have time to call on the Lord, but when trouble comes to me, or mine, the duties and pleasures of this life aren't so necessary and so it is with a guilty conscience that I find myself willing to fall on my knees and call on my Lord.

St. Luke 10, tells us that Martha was a very careful woman about the material things of this life. But we find her in St. John 11:20, not willing to wait for Jesus to come to her but she went to meet Him.

Time and opportunity waits for no man so today is the day for us to be about our Father's business. Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. "When he heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee, and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world."

Meaning that He (Jesus) is the light. Follow Him and we'll have no

occasion to stumble. I am sure the disciples made many excuses about going back to Judea, for in verse 11, Jesus tells them, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead."

Jesus tells the disciples for their sake He is glad He was not there, to the intent that they might believe. Believe what? Believe in the resurrection, that Lazarus was dead, yet, they were to see him raised from the dead to walk in the same likeness he had before he died, as later you shall see. "Then when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had lain in the grave four days already." Many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. As soon as Martha, heard that Jesus was coming she went to meet Him. Oh, what a comfort it was to see her Lord, in the time of her trouble. Listen to her express her faith in Jesus as she said, "Lord if thou hadst been here my brother had not died. But I know, that even now whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me shall never die." The real man, the part wherein God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul, shall never die. In Gen. 3:19, we hear God say, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Ecclesiastes 12:7, says, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." We hear Job say, "If a man die shall he live again?" All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Man's body that

and woman's body that God made from Adam's rib, must surely return to the ground, but the real man where God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," shall never die. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." I am sure Martha didn't fully understand what Jesus was trying to impart to her, for we hear her say, "Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the son of God, which should come into the world. And when she had so said, she went her way." How like Martha we are today we say we believe in Jesus, and go our way. No wonder the Lord said in Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." Wherein have we labored if we go on our way? We know that Martha was cumbered about material things for the Bible tells us so. Surely Mary loved the Lord with all her heart, and with all her soul, and with all her strength, and with all her mind. According to Luke 11:2, Mary was the woman that washed Jesus' feet with her tears and did wipe them with the hairs of her head and kissed His feet and anointed them with ointment.

Oh, what a glorious spiritual feast we can find at Jesus feet. Yes, Martha went her way, and called Mary, her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that she arose quickly, and came unto him."

The Jews that were in the house followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Notice if you please her humbleness, (she fell down at his feet) notice the effect her humbleness had on Jesus, yet, she used the same words that Martha had used before her. "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept." Thank God we have a high preist that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

Notice Jesus again when He heard "some of them said, could not this man which opened the eyes of the blind

have caused that even this man (Lazarus) should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave." Because of their unbelief if was for their good that Lazarus should die, that they might see with their eyes that Jesus was and is the resurrection. "Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days." Here we find a good lesson in obedience. I can almost see the reproach in Jesus eyes as He looked at Martha, and said unto her, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said unto them, Loose him and let him go." We know that Lazarus came forth from the grave in his own likeness because St. John 12:1, 2 says, "Then Jesus six days before the Passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him." The ninth verse tells us that "much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead."

They were already planning the death of Jesus, for in St. John 11:48, we hear them say, "If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation." The chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death. So we see in St. John 12:1, 2, that Lazarus did set at the table in his own body with Jesus and others and Martha served. Jesus sat at meat with two of the disciples, after He arose from the dead. For in St. Luke 24, we read, "And be-

hold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near and went with them."

Here are some of the words He said unto them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures."

The above is enough to make me know that I am a child of God. It makes me rejoice in the scriptures, for in Romans 8:16 I read, "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." St. John 21, tells us about the third time, that Jesus shewed Himself to the disciples after He had risen from the dead. And this time He invited them to "come and dine. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise." This is now the third time that Jesus shewed Himself to His disciples after He was risen from the dead.

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs." Here after Jesus had risen from the dead He gave Peter a great commission, feed my lambs, preach the gospel to my sheep. Three times He ask Peter if he loved Him, twice He told Peter to "feed my sheep."

In closing let me say, if our ministers, would fulfill that command our churches would not be so cold, and our pastors would not have so many occasions to be ashamed of the fruits of their own labor, which is Christian men and women that refuse to separate themselves from the amusements of this world, that they might do a holy work unto the Lord.

JUST A REMINDER

The month of August is meeting time for most of our local Associations. Then comes the State Association in September, a time that most Free Will Baptist in Missouri look forward to as a time of great spiritual blessings as well as a time for laying plans for further advancement in the Masters Service. This year, our meeting place will be at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. As this is a denominational work which the Lord has been blessing, I am sure there will be a goodly number of people over the state who have not had the privilege of visiting the camp before that will plan to attend this time. For some time now, the only means of providing for the entertainment of the State Association has been for the local churches to send in the offerings. This year, the Youth Encampment Board is offering what equipment we have and what service we can render. The Liberty Association is offering to assist with what help they may be able to give in the way of beds, kitchen help and what finance they can give. However, the major part of the finance must be sent in from the various churches over the state if we are to have the money to buy food with. So please begin now. If you have not already taken care of this in your local churches, send a liberal offering for State Entertainment. Send it either to Sister Marie Hyatt and mark it State Entertainment Fund, or send it to Bro. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri, as he will be the chairman of the finance committee there. We expect to bed as many as possible at the camp, however it will be necessary to bring your pillows and bed covers. May we work and pray for the greatest State Association so far in the history of this great work.

Yours in His Name,

O. T. Allred

AGAINST MODERNISM

Dear Free Will Baptist Gem:

It has been a long time since I have written a letter to the Gem. But after reading that wonderful sermon by Bro. L. C. Johnson on the evils of modernism, I have been thinking a great deal on "Why this Spiritual Drouth?"

I think our greatest trouble today is too many preachers are afraid to come out against these modern evils as Bro. Johnson did. We have lost that old time fire in the pulpit and have become cold, and formal. Like the church of Ephesus, we have "left our first love," and too many, like Laodicea, are "neither cold nor hot." All the church means to some preachers is the salary they pay and with them anything goes whether it be Godly or not.

Not long ago, I saw in this states largest daily paper pictures of a pastor and some of his flock in action. One picture showed the pastor and one of the young lady members. The preacher was teaching her how to dance. This was taking place in the church. Another picture showed the preacher shooting craps with the boys. Their excuse is, "We must have some recreation in the church to hold our young folks." Well, what good has the church done the young folks if we have to bring the Devil into the church for them to play with in order to hold them?

Another thing that is killing the churches is the great amount of infidelity taught our children in our schools. Now I am not against education, but having taught every thing from the primary grades to the 12th grade, and having taken the courses of study to qualify, I know what I am talking about. They call this teaching by some high sounding name like "Biology", "Science", "Our Environment", when it is nothing but rank atheism. One girl, after being taught from the last book mentioned, said, "I don't know, God may have a tail like a monkey or a rat."

Just a few days ago, I heard one of the professors of the great Tulane University say over the radio, "After all, man is only a monkey shaved."

All these things are directed at the church and the Word of God. Our higher schools are filled up with teach-

ers who do not believe the Bible. Recently in Oklahoma a number of teachers in the State Agriculture School at Stillwater, and the State University refused to sign a "Loyalty Oath." Why? Because it would break into their communistic scheme to make infidels of our young men and women who attended these institutions. And these same schools are riding the tax payers to death. So called ministers of Christ and the people of God set still and fail to lift their voices against them. Men and women who believe the Godless doctrine of evolution should go to Russia where that doctrine is popular. Of course they will say like one of our preachers did not long ago when called in question for preaching something that was not Free Will Baptist doctrine, "You folks have listened to old man Hearron until you have got in a rut." Today, anyone who believes the Bible is in a "rut" and ignorant with these people who are the apostles of modernism. Brethren, what we need above all things is a return to the old time religion, the old time Gospel as taught by the Word of God, a Gospel of repentance, faith and regeneration. Let people know that they are going to miss heaven if they are not "born again." Let them know they are either for God or against Him. And preach it with all the power that God will give you. Quit compromising with the world and the doctrines of the Devil and souls will be saved and God glorified.

Yours in Christ,

Eld. W. A. Hearron,
Sulphur, Oklahoma

UNDER LAW OR GRACE

"For Christ the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth." Romans 10:4. Believeth what? Believeth on Christ. Verse five, "For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law..." But it is plain that righteousness, which is of the law, neither was, nor is able to save the soul of man and God's righteous law had been violated in the Garden of Eden. So, man was under sentence of death. There must be a sacrifice for that sin and Christ was the only one

found worthy. He was the only pure and sinless to pay the debt for us. God gave His only begotten Son to die the crowd death on the cross for all mankind. He died to make us free from the law of sin and death. Yes, free from the law. Oh happy condition. Jesus has died and there is remission. Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall, Christ has redeemed us once for all. Yes, once for all. For He ascended unto the Father and is set down at the right hand of God there to intercede for you and me. So, some say that we are not living under the law anyway. Yes, the saved are living under the dispensation of grace. But how can the unsaved be living under grace when they won't accept the means of grace, Christ who died to set them free from the law. Listen what He said when a Ruler once came to Jesus by night to ask Him the way to salvation and light. The Master made answer in words true and plain. "Ye must be born again." Nicodemus said, "How can this thing be?" Christ saith, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." Trust in the Lord and "Kneel at the cross. Christ will meet you there." Truly say, "All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give; I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee my blessed Saviour, I surrender all." Then the "Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace" which makes one realize, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to know 'thus saith the Lord.'" Then should come the thought "I want to be a Worker for the Lord, I want to love and trust His holy word..." Yes, "My life, my love I give to Thee, Thou Lamb of God, who died for me: O may I ever faithful be, My Saviour and my God." Be sure to "Take the name of Jesus with you" and tell to all the "Wonderful Words of Life." Always strive to "Rescue the Perishing, care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the erring ones, Lift up the fallen. Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save." Then, "I'll be a friend to Jesus, My life for Him I'll spend; I'll be a friend to Jesus, Until my years shall end." Trust the Lord that we can realize "How beautiful Heaven must be."

Sweet home of the happy and free;
Fair haven of rest for the weary, How
beautiful Heaven must be."

Mrs. J. W. Wilky
Mammoth Springs, Ark.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

For many weeks, plans had been in the making for launching a Revival campaign in the city of Florence, South Carolina, for the purpose of organizing an Original Free Will Baptist Church. On June the third at eight o'clock the revival got underway with several hundred people in attendance. The choir stood and began to sing "Revive Us Again", at the command of the leader Rev. Reedy Servance of Timmonsville, S. C., while the evangelist, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Professor from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee and others prayed for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. As the Hammond organ and the piano furnished the music for the singing, hundreds and hundreds of people filed in to hear the young evangelist bring forth God's message and declare war on Satan and prescribe the way of salvation.

Truly our hearts were overjoyed as people from all walks of life and from the many denominations in this section of the state came out to learn what the Original Free Will Baptist really believed in. Many thought that we were affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Holiness here in the City since they do not identify themselves as a branch of the Holiness Church. So, perhaps we here in this section of our state can appreciate this revival for this very reason more than we can explain.

Many weeks were spent in preparation, and hundreds of prayers had been offered up on behalf of the campaign. The National Home Mission Board with the Local Home Mission Board had been laboring with great pains to make it a great success, and I believe it was the greatest campaign in the history of South Carolina Free Will Baptist.

In the ten years that I have been in the Gospel Ministry, I have never at any time witnessed the leadership of the Holy Spirit more than I did in this endeavor. Truly it was a great

undertaking for one person to make all the arrangements, and just as I was beginning to realize the tremendous responsibility, Rev. Paul J. Kettelman pastor of Mt. Elem F.W.B. Church stepped in to help and was very active throughout the revival. The men from his church along with some of the men from the Darlington Church, labored faithfully in putting down the shavings erecting the platform, building seats and an altar all of which was covered by a 40x90 tent.

The Banning Music House furnished the piano and the Electric Hammond organ, while Rev. Jimmy Caston, pastor of the Independent Baptist Church, furnished us a loud-speaker system. Three Lumber Companies in this section furnished the lumber and the revival was underway. On Friday evening of the first week a storm came up and blew the big tent down, and in just a few minutes Bro. Caston came up and informed us that we could use his church for that night or any night that he wasn't using it, so we had service in his church and two souls were saved. By the next night the tent was up again, and we worshiped under it.

The Florence Morning News, a daily paper here in the City, carried several writeups in it concerning the revival, then we had a nice advertisement running for several days. We had a 15 minute broadcast over radio station WJMX, a 5000 watt station, every day Monday through Friday.

During this revival a great number found their way to an old fashioned altar and surrendered their lives to our blessed Lord and Saviour. Sunday, June the 17th at three o'clock, we organized a church with 52 charter members. For the first time the Original Free Will Baptist Church in Florence met in Sunday School June 24th at 10:00 o'clock with 87 in attendance, and the total offerings for the day amounted to more than \$82.00. These fine people have as their pastor, Rev. Luther Saunders of Betsy Lane, Ky., a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and also a graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C. Bro. Saunders and his congregation certainly deserve our most sincere prayers and any help we might be able to give them. Their aims are to erect in the City a church building that will be a credit to any denomana-

tion. I am sure that anyone reading this article who feel the Lord leading them to send a contribution and will do so, will be greatly appreciated by the writer and also by them. At the present they are meeting in the Masonic Temple basement but after July 8th they will have to make other arrangements. Please pray for them. Anyone wishing to contact them may write the pastor Rev. Luther Saunders, 1001 King Ave., Florence, S. C.

Rev. Seldon Bullard,
Home Missions Director - S. C.

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GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

What was "The Gift of the Holy Ghost" that Peter spoke of? (Acts 2:38).

You will notice that he did not say "A gift of the Holy Ghost," If he had, he could have meant anyone of the gifts of the Spirit.

"The promise of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:33) and The gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38) mean the same thing.

The Holy Ghost was not the giver, but was, and is a gift (the Holy Spirit) that God gives every Christian.

Peter said, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" Acts 2:39.

He had just quoted Joel, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, sayeth God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh," Acts 2:17, and that was the promise He referred to. When Peter preached at Cornilius' house, "The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word," Acts 13:44.

The next verse says that the Gift of the Holy Ghost was poured out on them. I repeat, the Gift of the Holy Ghost is not something that the Spirit gives, but it is the Holy Ghost that God gives His people.

Your servant,

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



From The Editor's Desk



ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT

As a further word of encouragement to you we wish to urge you to start at once to gather funds for the entertainment of the State Association. The Association convenes at the Youth Camp grounds on September 11. Most of you are familiar with the method of entertainment. Always, many of the churches and individuals send some money ahead, while others wait until they are in attendance before giving anything. The combined fund thus obtained generally is insufficient to supply the food and other needs to take care of the assembly. That leaves a financial load for the entertaining body, as well as a very heavy schedule of work. We have always felt the work was certainly enough obligation for the host. It is quite exacting and very exhausting.

This year, there will be perhaps more than the usual work incumbent with the session. Since no church or association is the host it means that assistance will have to come from outside. We understand several of the nearby churches have offered their help at various times, thus partially meeting the labor demands. We could hardly expect them, in addition to this fine gesture, to also contribute heavily to the necessary funds. Certainly that is every churches responsibility. We urge you, therefore, to start immediately collecting your offerings to this fund and send them at once to Rev. Marie Hyatt, Treasurer, Center-view, Missouri, or to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri, and specify that it is "Entertainment."

Further, as many as it is possible to accommodate, will be kept right at the camp site. If you have cabins on the ground, you are asked to furnish sufficient bedding for your cabin. Extra folding cots, blankets, sheets and pillows are needed. Bring these with you when you come if you can't get them there earlier.

Officials of the camp are busy preparing for the session. They urge that you come. It's disappointing to prepare for you and then for you not to come. It's inconvenient for you to come and then not have sufficient to

care for you properly. So it is hoped and urged that you will come and that you will send an offering ahead of you to help in the entertainment. With this carried out, I am sure there will be a very profitable session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

REV. MISS LORENE BOWMAN GIVES A TESTIMONY

On May 20, 1951, I was attending church services at my home church, Hannon, when our pastor, Rev. Lowell Martin, informed us of the desperate need of help at the Gem Office. She urged us to pray that the Lord would lead someone to go. When I heard that, I thought, "Well, it seems queer that someone wouldn't be willing to work there." Then, the thought came to me, "I wonder if I could help them any." By the time I got home from church that morning, I was still thinking about it. After mentioning my thoughts to my parents, I was surprised to find that they had been thinking the very same thing. After discussing it for sometime, arrangements were made the following day by telephone and I began work on the following Wednesday.

During the past two months here, I've had experiences and blessings that perhaps I would have not known anything about otherwise. All my work here has been real enjoyable.

I have known Mr. and Mrs. Jeffreys for a number of years. I have always thought a great deal of them as a fine Christian couple. Now, I think of them as being even more than that. I have an apartment just behind their home. Therefore, I eat all my meals with them. How wonderful it is to be in a fine Christian home where God is the Supreme Head. I have seen Lloyd and Opal during times of sickness and in a time of death of their infant baby girl. Certainly during those times they still maintained their Christian characters and faith. In their work here at the Gem, I find them both laboring faithfully and sacrificing in

different ways in order to publish a fine Christian paper such as our Free Will Baptist Gem.

I only wish that it were possible for me to continue on trying to help them here. Even though I am fully aware of the fact that my laboring here has not been fully efficient help that is needed, I'm thankful that the Lord has been so good to allow me to do what little I can. I feel that I must discontinue my work here sometime this month in order to be in preparation to enter College in Nashville, Tennessee this September.

May I urge you readers of this paper to pray with me concerning the Gem? Pray that God will again lead someone here to help lift some of the heavy loads from Mr. and Mrs. Jeffreys. May I also urge you to support the Gem financially in every way you possibly can. The editor, his wife and the Gem itself needs you, your prayers and God's leadership in every decision.

Lorene Bowman

The foregoing is by Rev. Miss Lorene Bowman. Since we have known her several years she has become just Lorene to us. It was a pleasant surprise to us at the office to find that she could come here for the summer when she learned of a vacancy in the office. She has proved to be quite capable and energetic. We regret that it is nearing time when she will enter school to further prepare for a full gospel ministry. We realize this is entirely selfish on our part, and so we rejoice to know that she is called to a special work and is preparing to do that work more efficiently. Her going will again create a shortage in the office. It has been helpful and pleasant to have her with us for the summer. Though reluctant to release her, we are quite anxious for her success in her appointed field of labor for the Lord. Remember to pray for Lorene, and all the other young folks, who, like her, will enter our college this September for further Christian training and service.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

BLIND MINISTER IN NEED

Following is the text of a letter received recently in this office. It tells its own story without any comment necessary.

Council, Virginia
July 5, 1951

The Free Will Baptist Gem
Monett, Missouri
Dear Friends:

This is to ask your kind co-operation in a matter which is very necessary, and very near my heart. It concerns my brother, Rev. Orville O'Quinn, a blind minister who has, for twenty some odd years, given his life for the purpose of saving souls. All this time he has worked without a salary. Now, because of ill health, he has lost his home and has no way of buying another, since debts which piled up because of his illness had to be paid. He has an invalid mother and father to care for, and we must find a home in which to live and take care of them and other unfortunate members of the family. I would be glad to do these things for my brother, but I, too, was ill for a number of years and have not been able to find employment since my health improved. I am trying, and perhaps you may know of some work that a blind lady can do. I could proof-read braille; I could teach, either in blind school or school for sighted children; and I could use dictaphone and do typing. This is not a good example of my work, since the machine is not sitting on a desk or table and is hard to use in this position. (The work was excellent indeed. Editor.)

Would you please be kind enough to print a piece in your paper in behalf of my brother. Perhaps some of your readers are more fortunate and would be able to help him financially. They can reach him by writing to him as follows: Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Council, Virginia.

Anything which you can do for my brother will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth O'Quinn

If you have sufficient of this world's goods, we feel sure you would be blessed in sharing it with these good folk. Send your contributions directly to them at the above address. Editor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April, May, June, 1951

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Mine LaMotte	\$ 9.48
Oak Grove	5.50
Flat River	355.32
Southside St. Louis	60.00
St. Louis Third	90.66
Monett	82.58
Merl's Chapel	34.00
Verdella	12.74
Fredericktown	163.63
Myrtle	17.17
Fredericktown Ladies' Home Mission	5.00
Total	\$336.08

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Mt. Pisgah	\$10.76
Hazel Creek Union	5.62
Sunbeam Class, Haz. Creek Un.	11.50
Total	\$27.88

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$22.48
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JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines	\$1.00
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YOUTH CAMP FUND

Shibley's Point	\$10.00
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FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Hickory Grove	\$ 17.97
Verdella League	10.00
Mt. Zion	16.39
Hickory Grove (Kansas)	63.00
Verdella	25.08
Rock Springs	53.89
Oak Grove	18.71
Pleasant Grove	8.40
Hartville	35.99
Copper Mines S. S.	10.89
Hannon	82.40
Rock Chapel	23.35
Mrs. Chas. Bullimore, Morrowville, Kans. (Cuba)	3.00
Independence	12.31
Faith & Hope League	1.36
Hannon League	30.00
Mountain Grove	20.00
New Harmony	34.12
Mrs. Elsie Heard, Oakland ..	4.00
Monett	30.00
New Harmony Mission	3.45
New Home	10.00
Carterville	2.50
Wolf Creek	10.00
Mission Association	73.05

Southeast Mo. Association ...	1,180.29
Wilfongs	\$450.00
Estencio Garcia	60.00
Mt. Olive	1.60
Phyllis Fast, Liberal40
Northeast Mo. Association ...	125.28
Hazel Creek Union	28.11
New Prospect S. S.	10.55
Niangua Quarterly Meeting ..	7.05
Total	\$1,953.14

Special Report of gifts to Foreign Missions from Southeast Missouri—

Union Light	\$ 9.00
South Side St. Louis	18.88
Mill Creek	24.00
Leadington	37.00
Third St. Louis	40.00
Aulsbury	41.03
Tent Revival in Flat R. Dist.	58.50
Berkeley	60.00
Desloge	84.12
Fredericktown	150.00
1st Church, Flat River	207.76
Fellowship, Flat River	450.00
Total	\$1,180.29

MISSIONS FUND

Old Bethel	\$ 17.54
Aurora	5.00
Carterville	15.00
Monett	24.37
Jewel	12.30
New Harmony	71.79
Green Grove	20.07
Mt. Valley Sunbeams	5.24
Mt. Valley	25.70
Rock Chapel	53.35
Flat River	41.61
Amity	72.00
Mt. Olive	14.10
Copper Mines	36.00
Wagoner	39.61
Mine La Motte	17.61
Mrs. Ross Thomas, Liberal ..	10.00
Macedonia	70.00
Blue Eye	3.50
Mrs. A. L. DeWeese, Easton ..	6.00
Green Ridge	10.00
Fredericktown	9.83
Philadelphia	5.25
New Harmony S. S.	74.25
Total	\$660.12
Total of all funds	\$3,510.70
Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treas.	

Appreciate bargains? If so, you will like the Free Will Baptist Gem!



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



NO STOP LIGHT IN WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Mrs. J. E. Frazier - W.N.A.C. Treasurer

Those who travel—and almost every body does—are familiar with stop-lights. As we pass through the crowded cities and towns we are constantly delayed by the red signals to stop. Sometimes at dangerous crossings on country roads there are warning lights. But, have you noticed that in ascending the mountains where the roads are perhaps more dangerous than anywhere else, there are no stop lights? There are precipices on one side and steep walls of rock on the other, but the only way we can go is forward. There is no room to turn around. We must keep going with faces toward the top. Dangers? Yes! The roads are crooked, and most of the time we can see but a few feet before us. But the only way is to look ahead and move ahead. And so it is as set out upon our W.N.A.C. program of work this new convention year. There are no stop-lights. There may be dangers and warnings; but we must go ahead. The top of the mountain beckons us on. The light says, "GO." These are the only orders we have and they come from the ONE who controls the road and who sees the top as we ascend. Some of our missionaries are returning to the fields and younger men and women are heeding the call. Again the light says "GO" to Free Will Baptist Laborers together with God, for truly "The hour has come... to glorify the Christ." And in the light of HIS countenance the road will challenge us everyone for our very best in 1952.

Below is given the second semi-annual financial report of the WNAC. This report includes the offerings coming in from January 1, 1951 through June 30, 1951.

Examine your WNAC record and see what it is revealing about you and your state auxiliary work. Remember "Today only is ours to make tomorrow

God's." Then, "Count your obligations Name them one by one, And it will surprise you, What the Lord wants done."

	(1)*	(2)*	(3)*	(4)*
Ala. . \$	5.00.	\$	9.70.	14.70
Ark. .	51.63.			51.63
Cal. .	20.00.		15.80.	35.80
Fla. .			10.00.	10.00
Ga. .	35.00.	5.10.		40.10
Ill. .			11.70.	11.70
Ky. .	14.24.			14.24
Mich. .			5.70.	5.70
Miss. .	4.00.		5.30.	9.30
Mo. .			27.99.	27.99
N.C. .	382.19.	28.00.	164.83.	575.02
Ohio .	27.00.		3.40.	30.40
Okla. .	66.76.		21.30.	88.06
S.C. .			56.60.	56.60
Ten. .	224.28.	68.00.	42.10.	334.38
Tex. .	37.00.			37.00
Va. .	24.00.		1.70.	25.70
WVa. .	15.00.			15.00

Tot. . \$854.47 \$152.73 \$376.12 \$1,383.32

*Note: (1) Co-Laborer Offerings, (2) Designated Offerings, (3) Convention Dues, (4) Total

"Unusual abilities of the churches are the exultation of hell, the surprise of heaven, the loss of man and the grief of God."

Dr. S. D. Gordon said, "Love is ambitious. God is Love. Therefore, God is ambitious for us." He is ambitious for our Christian lives, for our Christian service. Are we ambitious in His service, seeking first and doing well His Kingdom's work? Surely "The Hour Has Come" for all 6,572 members of W.N.A.C. to be good stewards. Be ambitious to know our convention plan for offerings and then adopt that for your plan.

NATIONAL WNAC OFFICERS

Mrs. Ballard and I spent Wednesday morning preparing an article for the papers so I am hoping you have received a copy by now. For fear you have not received it yet I will give you these facts.

Officers elected were: Pres., Mrs.

H. B. Sloan, Detroit, Mich.; 1st V. P. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge Mo.; 2nd V. P. Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow, Okla.; 3rd V. P., Mrs. Damon Dodge, Nashville, Tenn.; 4th V. P., Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, N. C.; 5th V. P., Mrs. Huey Gower, Pochontas, Ark.; Recording Sec., Mrs. Geo. McLain, Kermua, Calif.; Asst. Sec., Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.; Exec. Sec. Treas., Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, Tenn.

We gave \$200.00 to the Bible College, \$100.00 to Foreign Missions and \$61.67 to Home Missions. (Total Missionary offering was \$161.07.)

Mrs. Geo. McLain, W.N.A.C. Sec.

D.V.B.S. AT FIRST CHURCH FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

The First F.W.B. Church of Flat River, Mo. held a most successful D. V. B. S. in June of this year.

The school opened June 4, and continued for two weeks with the closing program on Friday night June 15.

There was an average attendance of 67. During the school there were seven decisions for Christ. The daily missionary offerings totaled \$20.00.

Officers and teachers were as follows: Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Director; Mrs. Hazel Scott, Assistant Director; Miss Mary Lou Shirrills, Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Burcham, Beginners Teacher; Mrs. Vernon Black, Assistant Beginners Teacher; Mrs. Jean Maze, Primary Teacher; Miss Virginia Watkins, Assistant Primary Teacher; Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Primary Teacher; Miss Mary Lou Shirrills, Assistant Primary Teacher; Mrs. Delbert Adams, Junior Girl's Teacher; Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Assistant Junior Girl's Teacher; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Junior Boy's Teacher; Mrs. Floyd Scott, Assistant Boy's Teacher; Mrs. Christine Fryman, Intermediate Teacher; Mrs. Elva Mae Head, Assistant Intermediate Teacher.

The serving committee was Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Mrs. Clara Gammon and Mrs. Margaret Darnell.

For their handwork projects the Beginners did finger painting; the Primaries made Noah's Ark with the animals; the Junior girls made scripture verse shoe bags and the Junior boys also made scripture verse shoe bags and molded the Nativity Scene; the Intermediates made leather bill-folds and "Shower Umbrellas" out of handkerchiefs.

The Lord graciously blessed every effort and it was a very good school. The cooperation of everyone was outstanding and it goes without saying that good cooperation is a secret of success in any endeavor.

The pastor, Rev. F. C. Zinn was on the job every minute bringing children to the school, taking them home, assisting wherever and whenever he was needed.

A generous offering was given to Mrs. Edwards for her help in the school during the closing program.

HAZEL CREEK W. A.

The Hazel Creek Women's Auxiliary met Thursday, July 5, for an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Filkins. There were six members, five visitors and several children present.

The President, Maizie Sevets led the devotionals as follows. All singing "Close To Thee". Dora Sponsler led in prayer. II Cor. 6:12, Psalms 67:1-7 was used for scripture reading. The lesson "Working Together with Him in Cuba" was introduced by Dora Sponsler and topics were discussed by Lela Freeman, Lizzie Filkins and Maizie Sevits. We were dismissed with prayer by Mary Filkins.

One hundred sixty six Bible chapters, ten sick calls and ten cards reported. \$1.00 paid in for dues.

Lela Filkins, Sec. Treas.

Missouri Officers! Attention!!

Please send your combined reports to the Secretary as soon after your District Convention as possible. It is nearly time for our State Convention again and we are looking forward to a real good report from each district convention. Send your reports to: Mrs. Evelyn Alyea, 703 Pearl Street, Neosho, Missouri.

—Women's Editor

FETES W.N.A.C. OFFICERS

Mrs. Chas. Sublette, President of the Cumberland, Tennessee Women's District Convention, with the members, entertained the National Auxiliary officers and their families at a picnic supper at McCabe Park, Nashville, Tennessee, following the close of the business session, July 10, 1951.

It was a most delightful time of fellowship for everyone, and sincerely appreciated by the guest.

The affair was termed a "picnic" but it could only be rightfully called such as to the manner of serving. Really it was a culinary banquet.

—Editor

UNION W. A. OF ILLINOIS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Union Free Will Baptist Church of near Thompsonville, Illinois met Wednesday afternoon, July 11, at the church with nine members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened with prayer and singing.

Mrs. Wm. Ice, president, conducted a brief business session after which Mrs. Elmer McClerren read and discussed the Bible study taken from II Cor. 6:12 and Psalm 67:1-7. The mission study lesson "Working Together with Him in Cuba" was directed by Mrs. Ice and topics presented by Mrs. Herbert McClerren, Mrs. Ocie McClerren and Mrs. Wendell Dillon. The meeting was closed with prayer. Other members present were: Mrs. Buford McClerren Mrs. Hardin Mocaby Miss Mae McClerren and a visitor, Miss Shirley McClerren.

It has been some time since a report has been given, so we wish to say that our church has been growing for the Lord. We have recently had a revival. We thank God for the one soul that was saved and for the spiritual uplifting and good time had by all His people. Several of our young people are looking forward to attending the Youth Camp which is being held at Benton Illinois.

We solicit your prayers that our auxiliary will grow and continue to serve God.

Mrs. Wendell Dillon

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D. V. B. S. ATTENDANCE 127

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Lucille Beatty on June 21, for our regular monthly day meeting with eight members and one visitor present. Service was in charge of the president and was opened with discussion on playlet and way of creating interest in our auxiliary. Business meeting was adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon session was in charge of president and opened by singing, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," and "Some Golden Daybreak." Prayer by Lula Freeland. Song by Margie Hahn and Hallie Dettmer, "Drifting too Far from the Shore." Prayer by Margie Hahn. Topics on Prayer: "What to Pray For," by Marie Tripp; "Answer to Prayer," by Easter Graham; "How often We Should Pray," by Hallie Dettmer. A motion was made that the auxiliary sponser a shower of groceries for a needy family. \$3.45 was collected for flowers to send Sis. Vera Bennett in the hospital. There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned.

We had our D. V. B. S. the first two weeks in June. There was an enrollment of around 127. The Bible School was well attended each day. There was around 115 certificates awarded. Eight out of ten day attendance was required to receive a certificate. We are very thankful for the Bible School, those who were teachers and all who helped the Bible School in any way. We thank God for everything. Some of the boys and girls were saved during Bible School. We are very glad to see our young people working for and serving God.

Your friends in Christ,

Fredericktown W. A.
Marie Tripp, Cor. Sec.

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

July 16 1951

Dear Readers:

This is an urgent request for your prayers.

We are trying to build up the kingdom of God here in Oregon, but at times our efforts seem so weak.

I am a F.W.B. minister. I have been holding services in my home since this past March. At present we have an enrollment of 45 in the neighborhood. Our average attendance is between 20 and 30. They are mostly children, but a few adults attend. My wife and I have no one to help with the classes except the older girls. We are on record with the State of Oregon as being the First Free Will Baptists in the State. We have come far since March but we desperately need someone who loves the Lord more than anything else who is willing to give of their time and talent to God.

Working conditions are good here. Oregon is world famous for lumber. I myself am working in a lumber mill.

We ask your prayers that God will send help and soon.

Our college in Nashville, Tennessee is praying for us as are several of our home churches in Illinois where we came from.

We ask only that sinners be brought under conviction and souls be saved as a reward for our efforts here.

A word from you Readers would help to strengthen us as we toil for Him.

Yours in His Service

Rev. E. C. Pearson
1648 N. 16th
Springfield, Oregon

ADDRESS CHANGE

Mrs. Evelyn Alyea, Secretary of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, has recently moved to 703 Pearl Street, Neosho, Missouri. Your Auxiliary reports should go to her at that address. Please note the change and get in the reports as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL PATIENT ENJOYS FREE WILL BAPTIST HOUR

Mt. Vernon, Mo.
July 15, 1951

Dear Christian Friends:

A big hello to each of you and greetings in Jesus' name. I do so much enjoy hearing from the different churches through our dear little Gem paper, and to know God is still on the throne and blessing our denomination.

Today finishes my ninth month as a patient here at the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium, and the Lord has so wonderfully blessed and healed me. I am recuperating now, and expect to be released within the next two or three months.

I want to make mention of the Free Will Baptist Hour which is broadcast each Sunday at 7:15 a. m. over station KRMO Monett. I always receive a blessing from each program. There are so many good Gospel programs on the radio each Sunday and I can just tune in right at my bedside and feel almost as if I had attended church. They are a great blessing especially to the ones who are shut off from the outside world, like we are up here, and are deprived of the privilege of attending church services regularly. So I do earnestly pray God's richest blessings upon programs of this type, and I just want to add a little from a poem which I think should be very fitting.

*"I like to feel that in the
Work thou hast to do,
That I, by lifting hands of prayer
May help thee too.*

*I like to think that in the
Path His love prepares,
Thy steps may stronger prove
through prayers;*

*I like to think that when on
High, results we see,
Perchance thou wilt rejoice
That I thus prayed for thee."*

I still enjoy the Gem and look forward to it's arrival each month. Let's don't forget to pray for our good editor and wife and little son, Marvin. Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys are as fine a Christian couple as I have ever met, and I

am sure God will ever comfort and bless them as they press onward in their great work for Him.

Yours in His Name,

Opal Frazier
Mt. Vernon, Mo.

COPPER MINES CHURCH

We are indeed grateful for the privilege of giving you a bit of news from our work here. God has wonderfully blessed us during the past year.

Our church is in the country but God gives us many blessings just the same. We have seen the church and Sunday School grow both in number and spiritual power. We have 106 enrolled in Sunday School and the average attendance for the past quarter was 93. Five of the boys are away in service.

We closed the second term of D. V. B. S. in June, which was a great success for the Lord. We thought we had a wonderful time last year, but this term was far greater in every way. There were 48 enrolled in school, 30 having perfect attendance and 45 receiving certificates.

During the session Sis. McAdams came our way and delivered a message to the children. An invitation was given and 17 of the group surrendered to the Lord. Some were already Christians. No, they were not all small; several were well up in the teens and knew what it was to have God deal with them before. We were glad that even the young came to the Lord while their hearts were still tender. Twelve were baptised and united with the church. Never have we seen a group more eager to learn of the Lord than we find here. Truly we thank the Lord for our young people and pray that they may ever go forward in their service for Him.

On Saturday night at the close of the school, the children gave a short program of their work done during the two weeks. Each part was well rendered. The service was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. Please remember us here at Copper Mines when you pray.

Mrs. Woodrow Matthews

NORTH ZULCH REVIVAL ITINERATE WORKER REPORT

The revival meeting began at the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church at North Zulch, Texas June 25, with Rev. W. F. McDuffy, the pastor serving as song director, and Rev. B. F. Rogers of the Rosewood Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas as evangelist.

God manifested His power and spirit in a mighty way. His very presence was a most potent factor in every service. Rev. Rogers, the servant of the Lord who brought the messages of salvation, was endued with power from above and poured them out with his whole body, strength and soul. God bless and preserve him that he may long remain in His service.

The church and community were greatly revived, and the sunlight of God's love seemed to be shed abroad. May it prove to be a spiritual awakening from which no sleep will follow.

There were ten additions to the church by baptism and the baptismal services were conducted Sunday afternoon, July 8, by the pastor.

Effie R. Hibbetts, clerk

Monett, Missouri

To the Foreign Mission Board:

In reporting the services held in the interest of Foreign Missions during the past year, though we held only 59 services, we are glad to report it has been the most favorable year yet. While we appreciate all the cash offerings turned to us that was sent in to the Treasurer during the services (totaling \$1,597.07), our effort was to impress the churches of the need of future support. They have responded in a wonderful way as the report shows the pledges to total \$5,358.20. We spent 70 days on the field, during which time we had 59 services, traveled 11,200 miles. We presented pictures 65 times in five different states.

Offerings and pledges	\$6,855.27
Salary for 53 services	\$371.00
Expensses	94.64
Total expense	465.64
Clear above all expenses	\$6,389.63

We presented pictures to about 4,000 persons, and distributed approximately 3,000 pieces of literature. There were 19 conversions and consecrations.

A Brother in Christ

Rev. Kenneth Turner

NEW TENNESSEE CHURCH

The Seventh Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Tennessee was organized on Thursday evening, June 28, with Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman of the National Home Mission Board, in charge assisted by Charles B. Craddock, evangelist for the Home Mission Board. The pastor of the new church is Rev. Craddock, who was sent to Lewisburg the first of June for the purpose of conducting a two week's revival meeting, contacting Free Will Baptist people of this area, and organizing a church. Through the means of radio broadcasts, newspaper and poster advertisements, and personal contacts, many people came to the meeting which closed June 29 with eleven members joining the new church. A Sunday School, League and Womans' Auxiliary have been organized and the church is running on a full time schedule. A nice church building valued at \$5,500.00 has been purchased and Rev. and Mrs. Craddock are living in the parsonage at the church. The Lord is blessing the work in a marvelous way.

—Contributed

TULSA PASTOR IN DAILY BROADCAST

Greetings from the Lawnwood Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma:

A two weeks revival has just closed, Rev. Ralph Brown was the evangelist and God certainly blessed in a wonderful way. Many souls were saved and Christians brought closer to the Lord.

We held our first baptismal service in the new church Sunday night, June 17, with 13 precious souls being baptized. The McDonald quartet was with us in the service and when they had given their message in song the invitation was given and a precious woman came seeking God. After the message by the pastor, two other souls surrendered their hearts to God. There was real old time shouting, singing and praising God throughout the service.

The attendance of the church and Sunday School is holding up well considering the fact many are on vacation and the Lord has given increase of workers, finances and blessings.

A men's fellowship meeting has been organized with Bro. C. B. Sterns as president. This meeting is held each second Monday night of the month and all men and boys are invited to attend and enjoy the Christian fellowship regardless of the church affiliation.

The pastor, Rev. Gene E. Winfrey can be heard over radio station KAKC, 970 on the dial, each evening, Monday through Friday at 6:30 to 6:45 and each Saturday and Sunday evening at 6:15 to 6:45 with the quartet, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Benton, Sis. Winfrey, Bob Roberts and Patsy Boggs as pianist.

We have been enjoying the good singing of the Temple, Trumpeters and McDonald quartets and we appreciate so much their visits to help us in the service of the Master. We are looking forward to July 31 when our Free Will Baptist College quartet, The Gospels, will be in our service. We are expecting a wonderful service.

Mrs. A. F. Fipps
Tulsa, Oklahoma

THIRD CHURCH OF ST. LOUIS

2622 Rutger St.
St. Louis Mo.

Dear Editor:

I would like to report a little about what is going on at the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis. We have just finished another year. This month was the election of officers for the new year. Bro. Ben Scott was retained as our pastor, Sis. Blanche Francis as treasurer, Bro. Avery DeWitt as Clerk, Sis. Lois Hughes as pianist and Bro. Clarence Burton as choir leader. Each and everyone elected has a great responsibility upon them and needs the prayers of each member of the church and its friends, that a good job of winning souls might be accomplished.

The Southeast Missouri League Convention was held at our church recently. A large crowd was present. Bro. Sterling Tucker was the speaker for the evening, speaking on "Youth for Christ." There were several special numbers that were enjoyed by all.

We thank the Lord for His many blessings, and earnestly desire the prayers of every Christian that our church might do more in winning souls for Christ.

Jerry Bullis, reporter

P R O G R A M—

38th Annual Session of Missouri State Association when convened at the Missouri State Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri, Tuesday, September 11-14, 1951.

THEME: *Evangelism the Answer to World Crisis.*

Tuesday, September 11, 1951—7:45 pm
Call to order by Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt
Welcome Rev. Wm. Reeves
Response Rev. Bob Hill
Devotional Rev. Dale Jones
Intro. Message Rev. Harvey Hill
Alternate, Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite

Wednesday, 9:00 am

Devotional
Receive letters, seat delegates
Election of officers
Receive corresponding messengers and recognition of all visiting brethren
Appointment of Committees
11:00 am—Woman's Auxiliary Hour

Wednesday P.M.

Woman's Auxiliary Business Session

Wednesday Night—7:45 pm

Devotional period
Message

Thursday—9:00 am

Devotional
Registration
Report of Executive Board
Report of Free Will Baptist Gem Office
Report of Youth Camp Board

Thursday—11:00 am

Devotional period
Message

Thursday—1:30 pm

Devotional
Report of S. S. and League Convention
Committee reports
Treasurer's report
Select place for next Association

Thursday Night—7:45 pm

Devotional period
Devotional period
Message

Friday—9:00 am

Devotional
Final Committee reports
Report of Superannuation Board
Statistician's report

Unfinished business

Friday—11:00 am

Devotional period
Message

P R O G R A M—

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

THEME: *"Now is the hour."* Jno. 12:23,
The hour is come that the son... be glorified.

Watchword: "Laborers Together with God."

Convention Hymn: "Jesus Calls us."

Wednesday, 11:00 am

11:00 Convention Hymn
11:00 Devotional: "Now is the hour for Consecration." Mrs. Eunice Edwards
11:00 Organization of Convention
1. Seating Delegates
2. Appointment of Committees
Welcome and Response
11:20 Hymn: "More Love to Thee,"
11:25 Devotional Message Rev. Mark Lewis
11:40 Play by Mountain Grove Auxiliary
12:00 Benediction

Wednesday, 1:00 pm

1:00 Convention Hymn
1:05 Devotional: "Now is the hour for Greater Missionary Visions and Endeavors." Rev. Marie Hyatt
1:15 Reports of Vice-President's by Secretary
1:25 Committee Reports
Appreciation
Business
Nominating
2:40 Miscellaneous Business
3:00 Officers Clinic
"Now is the Hour for Questions"
President Presiding
Participants are: Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 1st V.P.; Mrs. Harry Beatty, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Cecil Campbell, 3rd V.P.; Mrs. Winford Davis, 4th V.P.; Mrs. Bob Hill, 5th V.P.; Mrs. Roy Alyea, Secretary-Treasurer.
4:00 Adjournment

SEEING THROUGH CLEAN WINDOWS

Mrs. Holmes was embarrassed when she discovered that the spots she first thought were on her neighbor's clothes, so neatly hung on the lines, were really on her own windowpanes. It would not have been quite so bad if Mrs. Holmes had not called the attention of her visiting friend to the matter while she was herself still illusioned. For Mrs. Holmes was a good woman, and felt it morally necessary to correct her statement and take the blame both for having spots on her windows (a housewifely crime in Grandville township second to putting gray or spotted clothes on the line at the weekly wash), and also for judging her good neighbor hastily and harshly. "To think," said she, "that I could have accused Molly, when the fault was my own! Why, I might have gone on thinking Molly was sloppy, if you had not noticed that those spots were really on my own windowpanes!"

No doubt the neighbors do hang spotted washings on the line sometimes—for only an impractical idealist would contend that there are no careless housewives—but even so, it often happens that when we are occupied with window cleaning the neighbor will have time to take her washing in before we have time to notice its faults. At any rate, we are better qualified to inspect our neighbor's wash if our own windows are clean.

Of course it would be a mistake for us to leave our windows unwashed just to make our neighbor feel comfortable with spotted washings on the line, even as it is reprehensible for us to make our clean windows certificates of appointment as critics of our neighbor's washing. Better than either of these is that we keep our windows clean, and by this means encourage our neighbors to hang up immaculate washings that they may appear well when seen through clean windowpanes. The language of example is understood even by neighbors of foreign tongues.

Then, besides all this, clear windows serve to give the well-done washing of the careful neighbor a chance to give unhindered testimony. A white washing looks white when seen through a clean window. To the pure the pure is pure.

Your subscription to the "Gem", new or renewal, helps you and helps us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

My mother used to have a proverb in question and answer form: "How were the streets of Rome kept clean?" she would ask. "By each man keeping it clean before his own door," she would answer. A greater than Mother said, "Cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matt. 7:5).

—J. B. Chapman, D.D.

INFORMATION WANTED

The National Home Mission Board is sending Rev. George McLain of Kerman, California to Albuquerque, New Mexico in the early part of September to see about establishing a Free Will Baptist Church there. Anyone reading this notice that has relatives or friends in or near there who would be interested in a church there please send their names and addresses to Rev. Harry Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma. Rev. Staires is Secretary-Treasurer of the National Home Mission Board.

—Contributed

REPORT FROM INDIA

On Train
June 29, 1951

To: Clerk of The National Association of F. W. B. and Annual Session.

From: The Missionaries, workers and F. W. B. members in Purnea District, Bihar, India.

Greetings in His Name:

May the God of Peace be with, bless and keep you!

The above, besides your missionaries include five full of part time workers, two of whom were recieved into the church within the last year, one straight out Hinduism, 37 baptized believers in five different villages. The Christian community, including children and candidates for baptism will number between 75 and 100. In many other villages there are those asking to be recieved into the Mission.

One modest Indian Chapel is now being constructed. There boys of Christian families are being aided to attend High School in distant towns.

During the past year weekly services as well as Bible Studies have been conducted in Kishanganj by the

Cronks for those interested, both Christians and non-Christian. Two of the boys mentioned above are staying in the Mission House and are being led in Bible Study and Christian living by the Cronks. We hope this will be the beginning of a F. W. B. Bible School.

Plans are now completed for the organization of a F. W. B. Association in November next.

A small shed-like structure to be used as a girl's school has been completed at Sonapurhat. This was donated from a friend whose membership was formerly at The New Hope Church of Cumberland Association, Tennessee. The dispensary has been bought and will be erected after the rains.

Submitted by Paul Woolsey

INDIA MISSION STATISTICS

St. Asaph
Landour Cont.
July 3, 1951

Dear Bro.:

Bro. Dan has included in his letter to you a brief report of the work in Kishanganj Sub-Division (consisting of our stations both at Kishanganj and at Sonapurhat). However, just in case his letter does not reach you, I am sending a few figures concerning things that has occurred since our last report.

Baptized in June, 13 (from three villages); Recieved in church in June, 13; Night school started, 1; Small hut for girl's school completed and teacher, 1. Few facts concerning work, 37 church members in 5 villages; 7 candidates for baptism; 5 deacons; 1 evangelist; 1 teacher night school; 1 teacher girl's school (to begin after rains); 1 Bible woman; 2 part time workers, 75 in Christian community including children, candidates, etc.; 6,000 treated in dispensary in last year (cost Rs 450 per month, pays for itself with Rs 50 from Mission); 3 Christian boys are being aided to attend school (2 with the Cronks in Kishanganj).

Organization of Association of Free Will Baptist of North India is planned for coming November.

Will be here for six weeks or so,

Yours in His Service,

Paul Woolsey

D. V. B. S. OUTSTANDING

From the pastor of the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Harry Beatty, comes word that the Daily Vacation Bible School held there recently was an outstanding success. A total of 120 enrolled, while the daily average attendance was 112 and a like number were awarded certificates for meeting the standard required of the school. There were some conversions during the school, but we didn't get the number. We had hoped to have a picture of the school, but it has not arrived at this time.

BITTERNESS

*Don't let bitterness wreck your life;
'Tis indeed the worst kind of strife:
Like a poison, you may know
It destroys the body, mind and soul.*

*When He bid us love, as all we should,
He knew 'twas best for our own good,
For what peace doth one find
Who is burdened with a bitter mind?*

*Our minds should ever be loving and free,
Dwelling not on the faults of an enemy.
Though he lives not as we know he should,
Try forgetting his faults by recalling his good.*

*Things might be different, could we understand
The motives for deeds of our fellow-man:
Things might not be as bad as they appear
If that person to us were a bit more dear.*

*We must love our enemy, 'tho we loathe his sin.
By seeing our love he may be led to repent.
If we love only those who return our love,
We cannot merit that home up above.*

*For God is love, and if He dwells within
We must walk different from the average man:
We must worship Him—not in words alone—
For by our deeds our faith is shown.*

—Theretha Jackson

CONVENTION TIME AGAIN

A few state and regional conventions have already held their annual sessions for 1951. However, for the most part the next few weeks will mark the peak of this activity, as many such Associations schedule their meeting dates following the National Conventions in order to disseminate the actions of the National to the local churches. The following are those that we have the convening dates.

Mission Association—

The Mission Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with the Faith and Hope Church east of Cabool, Missouri beginning on Thursday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m. The Associational Message will be delivered by Rev. Otho Means. Rev. H. B. Smith is Moderator, and Bro. Lloyd Walls, Clerk.

Southeast Missouri—

The Ministers' Conference of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting will precede the Yearly Conference and will convene with the Union Light Church beginning Tuesday night, August 21. President of the Ministers' Conference is Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Woodrow Matthews will bring the Introductory Message. The Yearly Meeting will follow Wednesday evening with Rev. Harry Beatty bringing the message. Rev. Beatty is also the Moderator, while Rev. Albert Halbrook is the Clerk. The District Woman's Auxiliary will take part in the program.

Central Western Missouri—

Wagoner Church near Stockton, Missouri will host the Central Western Missouri annual meetings starting the same date, Tuesday evening, August 21. The Ministers' Conference will open the sessions with Rev. Henry Ford to bring the Introductory Message. The Association proper will convene at the conclusion of this session, with Rev. Lowell Martin to bring the opening message. Time will be given for the District League Convention and Rev. Opal Jeffreys will deliver the sermon. Deacon John Bough is the Associational Moderator; Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Clerk.

Liberty Association (Mo.)—

The annual session of the Liberty

Association will convene with the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri on Thursday morning, August 23. The Moderator is Rev. Henry Long, who is also the speaker for the Introductory Message. Sis. Braxine Evans is Clerk.

N. W. Missouri & N. E. Kansas—

This annual meeting will convene with the Hickory Grove Church near Haddam, Kansas on Thursday night, August 23. Rev. Ross of Altamont, Missouri, will bring the opening Message. Rev. Mary Wellbaum is the Associational Clerk. The churches are urged to send a full representation to the convention.

Eastern Oklahoma—

This association will convene Thursday evening, August 23, with the Mineral Springs Church three (3) miles north of Muldrow, Oklahoma. Moderator of the association is Rev. P. N. Qualls; Clerk is Sis. Belle Viles. Rev. T. J. Perkins will preach the Introductory Message.

Northwest Brazos—

This Texas Association will convene with the Memphis Church on Tuesday, August 28. Moderator is Rev. H. H. Haston; Clerk is Sis. Willie Bell Nall.

Indian Creek—

The Indian Creek Association of Missouri will convene with it's Monett Church on Tuesday evening, August 28. The Introductory Message will be delivered by Rev. Ray Markley. Moderator of the Association is Rev. Cecil Campbell; Sis. Evelyn Alyea is Clerk.

John Wheeler—

The John Wheeler Association of Virginia will convene with the West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, beginning Thursday, August 30, 1951. Bringing the opening messages will be Rev. Robert Carr and Rev. R. N. Waycaster. Rev. E. F. Mitchell serves as Moderator, and Sis. Sarah B. Foran as the Clerk.

Liberty Association—

Delegates of the Liberty Association No. 2 of Alabama will meet with the First F. W. B. Church of Talledega commencing Friday night, August 31. Moderator of the Association is Rev. J. T. Windsor; Clerk is Bro. Paul Davis.

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Northeast Missouri—

Shibley's Point Free Will Baptist Church will be host to the Northeast Missouri Association which will convene Thursday night, August 30, continue to September 2, 1951. Introductory Message will be delivered by Rev. Alta Mikel, and the Communion sermon on Friday night will be by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. Ethel Thorson is clerk of the Association.

Dibble Association—

This Oklahoma Association will meet in annual session with Church at Bryant beginning Thursday evening, September 6. Moderator is Rev. Clay Richey of Blanchard. Clerk is Sis. Vicie Hopkins also of Blanchard. The Introductory Service will be by Rev. L. E. Ward.

Missouri State—

This meeting, highly important to all Missouri Free Will Baptist, will convene with the Youth Camp near Niangua, commencing Tuesday evening, September 11. The Introductory Speaker will be Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. O. T. Alfred is the Moderator; Rev. Marie Hyatt, Clerk. Time will be given to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Southern Union—

Friday morning, September 24, is the date of the annual conference of the Southern Union Association of Alabama. The convention will be held with the Shady Grove Church six miles southeast of Andalusia. Rev. Gaston D. McVay is the Association Moderator; Rev. Wade Wilkinson is Clerk.

Liberty No. 1—

This Alabama Association will convene with Pine Grove Church, Perdido, Alabama, beginning at 9:30 a.m. October 12, 1951. Moderator of the Association is R. T. Coleman, and Clerk William G. Palmer.