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CALIFORNIA CHURCH

Farmersville, Calif.  
July 10, 1951

Dear Sir:

You'll find enclosed \$1.00 for the Gem for one year, which I do like to read.

I am sending a picture which I would like very much for you to put in the Gem. It was taken on Father's Day at the Free Will Baptist Church in Farmersville, California of our good pastor Rev. Fred Marler.

We are looking forward to an old time revival starting soon.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our church. Pray for us that the Lord will continue blessing each and every one of His believing children.

May God bless everyone.

Yours Sister in Christ,

Nancy Prewitt

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

Another month has past and God is good to us. We are again able to work after a ten-days illness, and we are glad to be back on the job. We ask you to pray that I will be able to continue.

Only three weeks from today we will be gathering for a good time in the Lord. Sometimes we get anxious for the time to come, then we look at the things that are to be done yet. Still things are shaping up nicely here at the camp and the churches in this district are doing a splendid job in co-operating with us. The committees are all busy getting things ready for you.

We are looking for a record-breaking crowd, so, come all of you. We will find a place for you. If you plan to

stay at the camp you may bring an extra cover, for the nights gets cool here under these trees. We are planning to keep a large number here on the grounds. You have heard the the Youth Camp children and workers laugh about their beds. This would be a good time to try them out. We have trailer park or camping space for any one that would like to do that. We have plenty of homes offering entertainment in the local and surrounding communities, and we would like also, as a reminder, to suggest to you who have cabins to help supply them.

We are as yet in need of a loud speaking system. If you have one please let us hear from you.

If you have any suggestions to help us in our plans, they will be appreciated.

We will be looking for you on time.

Pray for us,

Rev. Wm. Reeves  
Niangua, Mo.

CONVENTION TIME AGAIN

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. Allred 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 (6) miles southeast of Andalusia. Rev. Gaston D. McVay is the Associational 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 is William G. Palmer.

The teeth may be false, but let the tongue be true.



## "GO TELL THIS PEOPLE"

Isaiah 6:9

Well, another National Associational year has passed into history, and what we have done for Home Missions has been recorded. May each of us ask, "Did we do all we could for this worthy cause?" If we find we have been weighed in the balances and found wanting, let us resolve now that our record shall be better in 1951-52.

We, as a National Home Mission Board, are glad to report a wonderful improvement over the past year. But we fell short of what we wanted to accomplish. Now we are expecting greater things this year. And I feel that our people are awakening to the great need of Home Missions. If you will only respond with your offerings regularly, we promise that you will be hearing of new Churches being organized all over our United States.

Upon my return from Cairo, Georgia, I am glad to report that Bro. K. V. Shutes and I set up a new church there with a wonderful future.

By the time you read this, we hope to have a revival in progress in Albany, Georgia with good prospects of a new church in that thriving city of 33,000 population. So you can see our possibilities all over the country. As a Board we shall go forward in this great evangelistic work if you, as a denomination, will only loose us and let us go. I am sure you understand what I mean. We need money to carry on this work. So I hope every pastor will allocate a part of your regular offerings each month, or take a special offering and send it to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma. We need Fifty Thousand Dollars this year for this great work. And the people of America are hungering for a Gospel like the Free Will Baptist preach.

Now we will be presenting some new plans in the near future. Your State Director of Home Missions, I hope, will be visiting your church to tell you all about this work.

So as a great denomination, let us awake and lift up our eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest, and make a way that your Board may send laborers into the field. Now each one of you that reads this, sit down and send a personal offering

to our treasurer, though it be small, let us do something about it. Can we depend on you? What we do will depend on what you do. I, as your Chairman of the Home Mission Board, am so burdened with this great work. Will you help carry the Cross? I get alone and pray over this great work and it seems I can hear the 'tramp tramp' of the lost thousands going out into eternity without the Christ of Calvary. Just an offering from you may rescue some poor lost soul. Proverbs 11:30, "He that winneth souls is wise."

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chm.

## RECENT WORD FROM INDIA

"Shamrock"

Kotagiri,

South India

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We finally arrived in Kotagiri on Saturday, July 29, two days after disembarking in Madras—pardon, three days after disembarking. The Lord has granted us unusual journeying mercies all along the way, and we give humble but hearty thanks for the faithful prayers responsible for our blessings. You will be glad to know that we paid only about \$1.50 Customs duty on all our stuff! An unheard-of thing. Then we are particularly grateful for having been able to keep every single piece of our luggage (40 in all!) with us all along the way so that by the time we ourselves arrived at "Shamrock" all our luggage was here also. I had every good intention of writing you at once upon arrival, but I had not allowed for all that was waiting here! Arriving in a house not occupied for sometime, with all my things packed-away here or packed in the trunks and suitcases accompanying us, we have been in quite a turmoil and have been thankful to clear a place to sleep and manage to get some food. Then people have been coming steadily, and, delighted as we are, it slows progress. I had hoped not to take over the work until I had my domestic affairs settled down but somehow or other it has managed to take me over and this morning I find myself under the yoke in spite of all my efforts to the contrary. Notwithstanding my trunks and suitcases and boxes are still unpacked! But Volena and I are very happy, and she is thrilled over

everything. She has had her first formal language lesson this morning, having had two would-be lessons under me when both of us were too weary to know what we were doing. Yesterday the inevitable Welcome Ceremony took place in the school so we have been properly initiated. Volena managed to come away with four garlands around her neck!! We find the Lord has done a definite work here in my absence, though Satan has also done his. One dear man enquiring when I left has been very ill and praying to live until I could return and he could be baptized. I found him in a dying condition but he is steadily improving now, and, although he will not likely ever fully recover we are glad for his improvement and trust that he will be fit for baptism while Dan Cronk is here next week. The man's son was Dan's first convert upon the Cronks' arrival in India and though the lad has stood very steadfast in the faith he was never able to be baptized. We trust the Lord will guide in the baptisms of the son and father together, and feel it is fitting that Dan should officiate. Other definite works of grace have been done. Likewise, many have come to us already facing grave problems in which they need counsel and prayer. And, alas, I hear that one of our fine young Christian lads has gone back to heathenism and has actually been seen doing the devil dance. I have as yet had no opportunity to see him or confirm the report, and I trust it may not be so. This is a sort of gist of our findings. I hope to find time soon to write many details for thanksgiving and for prayer and for counsel.

/s/Laura B. Barnard

The story is told of a man who was asked how many it took to convert him.

"Two," he replied.

"Two! How was that? Didn't God do it all?"

"The Almighty and myself converted me," he said. "I did all I could against it, and the Almighty did all He could for it, and He was victorious."

The risen life is the best testimony to a risen Christ.



## LIVING AND WORKING ON INDIA MISSION FIELD :-

July 3, 1951

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We can gladly report that we both have successfully passed our second year Hindi exams. It really is a relief although we feel that we actually know very little Hindi. We are now in the hills and I might add in the rains as the monsoon just broke on Saturday night with a downpour. The Woolseys arrived on Sunday with everything wet. It's really terrible to start the rains with everything dry because it all gets damp and musty before they are over but to start out with everything wringing wet is worse. We have a fire trying to dry out their bedding.

We are glad to hear that Miss Barnard is now on the ocean and with a new missionary at that. She should arrive in Madras in the latter half of July.

Another thing about having passed our Hindi Exams is that it makes us feel like we can do more letter and article writing. When you take a break from Hindi, you want to get clear away from the mental struggle so you don't feel like sitting down to a typewriter to write anything. Furthermore you feel that about all you have to write about is Hindi. Also, now that language (full time) is over, when we go down to the plains this time it will be the beginning of our real work full time in Evangelism. It thrills us, challenges us, STAGGERS us. The problems we face are terrific. In fact according to the magazine, Indian National Christian Council Review, sixty-five percent of all missionaries who have come out to India since the war have already returned home with no plan to come back to India. The yearly toll on missionaries just on grounds of health is terrific. We know many couples who have left this year because of bad health.

But you would like the "feel" of what it is like. For instance in living accommodations we are on the bottom as missionaries go. We have the only house available in Kishanganj unless the Lord undertakes to provide another. It has only three tiny rooms and no screens to keep out the swarms of flies and no shutters to keep out the

monsoon. There is no kitchen and we cook outside, impossible during the monsoon. There's no garden to grow the needed things and no room to keep any chickens or anything. All the things, according to all missionary opinion make it unwise for a westerner to even attempt to stay there during the heat and monsoon. But worst of all there is no private place for me to take inquirers. There's a strange situation out here, for one thing Indian women find it difficult to call in the same room where men are received. Furthermore, if you are talking to one young man in the only available front room and others passing see him in there it gives an invitation for them to come in too to see what's going on and because there is no other place to receive them you lose the opportunity with the first young man. Then if Trula has women guests the men must be kept away; or asked to leave before the women arrive if they have been previously invited. Well, this is one problem when you are trying to establish a home in the midst of a strange society to which all can feel free to come and welcome at all times. But though I have mentioned this first it is by no means greater than others. We have no Indian man to work with. To hire one from another mission is bad because the real men of God are not available. And a foreigner does need a native man especially in early years.

Language is a dreadful barrier, there being four main ones in our small area. It looks like some one of us is going to have to study Santali, in addition, as they are the ones coming to Christ now. Yet even should we become quite perfect in the language still the task, humanly speaking, is impossible because the vocabulary that we must use to explain Christ comes from Hinduism and they don't mean what their English equivalent means. What they mean by "sin" is not what we mean by "sin", what they mean by hell is not what we mean by "hell" and heaven and grace, etc. It is heart breaking to stumble around trying to tell of the marvelous love of Christ. Hindus are wicked men and Moslems hard hearted. Many men I have met

have worked their whole lives here in India and have never won one soul to Christ.

Then—where to start? Kishanganj is the natural center and God desires a church there among the more educated, influential people, but the people are harder to work with than the rural village people. Work among the town people is harder and will take longer to build up a church still it would be stronger and more influential throughout the area if those people were reached. We can go on to the villages where they are open hearted and receptive, yet transportation is a problem. A car can't be used. A jeep could be used for several months in the year but the expense of running a motor out here is terrific. Gas is hard to get and about .70¢ a gal. A light motor cycle would be handy but in Calcutta they cost about \$500.00. We can and do use cycles but it is hard to cycle far over rough roads and deep sand and then be able to do gospel work. So we will have to go camping in general areas which takes time. And how much time to spend in Kishanganj and how much we should spend in the villages and where is a problem. Well, we plan to start out on camping tours this cool season but we will require a tent and other camping essentials. We have no church group, no real music, no outward Christian fellowship. We soon realize how much Christian experience is outward and Christian fellowship, etc. God has stripped out souls to the very core and we have had fiery trials. We are in the crucible of his testing. We need much to meet the need of Kishanganj District. My Christian experience of the past is not satisfactory. Pray much for us that "when he hath tried us we shall come forth as gold," and will be his instruments and win North East Bihar to Christ. The worst in a person comes out under the strain of heat, study and steady grinding problems. I don't have the blues, neither am I down in the "dumps" but just opening my heart to you so that you might see and understand. Except by God's grace we also would be "Missionary Casualties" by now.

Many missionaries who come out are not born again, and I feel that the bulk of them return soon. Many are Christians but have no spiritual equipment to enter this "den of Satan". Some have not mental and physical stamina. Some were misfits at home,



thus here also. Many become so even if they weren't at home. Many are not ready for the hard life here. City life doesn't fully prepare one for India, makes it harder. There are plenty of big cities but they are already claimed by older missions so most new work must be confined to out of the way places. There are many things I haven't said but you get the general idea.

Not all is dark, Bro. Woolsey has baptised 13 more Santalis since the last report sent in. Which means that there are now 39 professing Christians in his care in five different villages. It is hard to understand how deep their conversion goes when you don't know their mother tongue. In another mission about 80 miles from us are having marvelous conversions from the Santalis.

Give my love to all my friends. Woolsey gave me a copy of the 1950 Wolverine minutes. I wish the secretary could be instructed to send me one each year and anything else that is news in connection with the conference. I surely wish I were there for all the conferences. How does the new building look?

Love,

Dan

Dan forgot to tell you we're studying Bengali now. The second language of our area. My greetings to you all too.

Trul

### "PROFITABLE SCRIPTURE"

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" II Tim. 3:16. This letter to Timothy was written by Paul in A. D. 66. And of course our New Testament was not yet written. So, the scripture referred to must be the Old Testament. So many people won't use the Old Testament or even read it. But Paul had his knowledge first hand from Jesus Himself as he tells us in Gal. 1:11, 12, "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." Scripture means sacred writings, Biblical text, the books

of the old and new testaments, the Bible. So, Paul means the scripture written in the Old Testament all was given by inspiration of God. He inspired man. As Heb. 1:1 says, "God... spake in time past by the prophets." II Peter 1:21 says, "No prophecy ever came by the will of man. Men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." So, there is a divine element in the scriptures. David said, "The spirit of the Lord spoke by me. And his word was in my tongue." II Sam. 23:2, 3, "The Rock of Israel spoke to me." For further study, read Micah 3:8, Luke 1:70-79, Acts 1:16, Acts 28:25, 26, Heb. 4:7, I Peter 1:10, 11. So this inspired scripture is profitable for doctrine. What is doctrine? "That which is taught, principles, belief, or Dogma of any church sect, or party," says Webster. But this doctrine is of God. This teaching is divine. Jesus in His doctrine or teaching quoted from the old scriptures like Mark 12:26 and especially Luke 4:17-21. In the sermon on the Mount, He quoted from the scriptures many times. When Satan tempted Him, He quoted scripture. This inspired scripture is profitable for reproof—for correction. Here comes the hard thing for people to do. Reprove—correct. Preachers and teachers must reprove and rebuke. There is some difference in these two words, but they are used interchangeably. When our children do wrong, we reprove them. When they disobey us, we rebuke them. So must the under shepherds of the flock do when His sheep go wrong. But we as sheep should be sure to profit by the reproof. This divinely inspired scripture, if taught in our home, will be the means whereby our children can be nourished and fed so they will not depart from its teaching. We are told to bring them up in "nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

The qualifications of Bishops, and of deacons laid down by Paul lists these rules. I Tim. 3:4 "One that ruleth his own house, having his children in subjection, with all gravity," (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he care of the church of God). We have too many ministers trying to take care of God's work, who never attended to his own. Paul said to Timothy, II Tim. 1:5, 6, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy

mother Eunice. And I am persuaded in thee." This tells us of saintly living and instruction in the inspired doctrine of God. Solomon said in Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." So, if we had no New Testament we could find all we need to instruct our people in the way of righteousness. But as we have the inspired New Testament to study and teach, we are told that the man of God may be "—furnished thoroughly unto all good works." And notice the first part of this verse. "That the man of God may be perfect." Paul said to Timothy, II Tim. 3:14, "But continue thou in the things thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

So, let us search the inspired Holy Scriptures. They all testify of Christ in whom we may be perfect.

Essie Hearron

### INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION CONVENES AT MONETT

The annual session of the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Monett Church on Monday evening, August 27, in their Ministers' Conference. The Association took charge of the session on Tuesday evening. The usual business matters of the Association were transacted. During the session Rev. Harry Sterling of the Carterville Church was ordained to the full Gospel ministry and the Neosho church was admitted into fellowship with the association.

A revival started with the Monett church with the Wednesday evening service, Rev. Raymond Riggs of Detroit, Michigan bringing the messages. Other speakers during the association were: Rev. Roy Alyea, Rev. Ray Markley, and Rev. J. W. Handy of Houston, Texas. Rev. Handy is 88 years of age, has been preaching 64 years, is a native of Southwest Missouri, and readily commanded a great respect of the association.

The business came to a close Thursday evening with a missionary message and offering. The next annual session will be with the Aurora church where Rev. Bert Hall is the pastor.



## THE GOSPEL IN CUBA

Pinar del Rio, Cuba  
August, 1951

It is very difficult to convey the great joy that comes to a missionary when he is permitted to carry the Gospel into two towns that had never heard a Gospel message and have these whole towns plead to know more. This was our experience this month.

The towns of Arroyos and Demas are on the Gulf of Mexico, fishing villages, extremely difficult to reach by car. The roads are great puddles of soft mud into which the wheels of our Ford pickup would sink and spin so that the only way to get out was by each member of the party pulling on a heavy rope fastened to the axle. Often, with eight men on the rope, we would slip and pull through the oozy mud. Repeatedly we had to do this. At other times we were driving through plains of waving grass.

Our party consisted of our Cuban evangelist Melitino, Moises (one of our Cuban missionaries), Mike Jalovich from Buffalo, New York, and Thomas Willey, Jr. and myself. Bro. Mike is a very fine accordionist and was a real attraction to our campaign. Mike came down by faith and God has used him greatly. Our son Thomas, Jr. has been doing a magnificent work as driver and mechanic.

In Arroyos we were very fortunate in securing for our meetings a building that had been constructed for a theater with fine new benches. The owner, on hearing the Gospel, said "I am so glad I did not rent it for a theater. Now it is serving a better cause."

As we went from door to door the people would invite us in, asking us to tell them about the Gospel. Rugged, sun-tanned toilers of the sea would say "I believe." When time for the services, the building was packed to the door. The closing night when the invitation was given to publicly declare their intention by open confession, the meeting reached almost the proportions of a riot. People deeply moved cried out they wanted the Gospel.

What a joy it was to be able to leave a fine capable Cuban missionary to follow up.

Driving on across the plains, jumping out many times to lay our shoulders to the rope, we finally arrived at Demas to another warm welcome. (I

had been here and the Lord had given me an open door a year ago.) The one service after a day of house-to-house visitation was one long to be remembered.

During our visit in this town we met a fine young Cuban farmer who is the owner of a large part of the town. On learning who we were he began to tell us how God was dealing with him. He had been sent to a Catholic school and there lost his faith in religion of his Spanish fathers. This testimony is one I cannot get out of my thoughts. "I am like a ship at sea, without rudder or pilot. I have wondered and wondered if there was anything more, have despaired to the point of taking my life. How often I have passed the entrance to your school and felt an irresistible desire to enter and ask about what you believe."

In the service that night the whole town packed the largest building available. Melitino stood on a table and poured out his heart in a Gospel message. One of our converts was made responsible to secure an adequate building where our Cuban missionary might preach the Gospel of our risen Lord.

We indeed have been privileged to eat out of tin cans and sleep often on the ground in the open but the toils of the road seem nothing when we tell those who have never heard.

The following article covers the second tour, taking in a week of house-to-house visitation and preaching each night, sometimes twice a day.

This trip required the jeep. While it still runs, it sounds like the echo of a hammer mill. The roads were so bad that our motor was completely wet time after time and we had to be towed by passing trucks. The field we went into covers an area of 30 miles of the worst roads in Cuba. One of the reasons it has been unevangelized is due to the difficulty of travel. We have a missionary here, Pepe Romero, and his wife. Also one of our girls.

Our first service was in a place called the Keys. Our group met in a rough temple that had been built during the past year. 150 people gathered in spite of threatening rain. Then we went on to La Grifa on the Caribbean Sea with an immense crowd that night packed in a theater building. We have eight preaching points in this part, love.

but one hour by horse there are people who have not been reached.

It was the "other sheep I have" that became the challenge, so again we took off over those horrible roads to a large tobacco farm that has over 1,000 people on it and no messenger of the Word. I met some of the most precious people who begged me to tell them the Gospel and pled with me to return.

Someone must go back. Who it will be we don't know yet. Pray the Lord of the harvest that we might find someone.

We are rejoicing that the central highway is being extended. Excellent roads are being built so that a trip that formerly took us from 4:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (6½ hours) now can be made in two hours with a good car. But I am sorry to say that our outstanding need is a good car. A bus company has offered to build us a body if we can secure a ton chassis. With such a bus we could take our students on Saturday afternoons and evangelize 50 miles along these new roads, dropping the students off and then getting them again on the return Sunday night. If we as a people are not alert, God will take our candlestick of testimony from us and we shall be swamped with the error of false doctrine and fanaticism.

There is one large town in this same district where for eight years I have tried to place missionaries. And while we have been trying, another group has been there which has the greatest conglomeration of doctrines possible. Their teachings are the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as the evidence; baptismal regeneration or salvation by water baptism; observing the seventh day; spiritism. Sad to say they are making more sacrificial effort than we are and in this they are making us ashamed. So it is that not merely in competition but in shame we must face great odds in presenting the pure Gospel. We could use four cars but we are only pleading for one.

Our return trip was made in the midst of a tropical hurricane of beating rains and wind. We arrived home soaking wet but happy that we had again told the old, old story which to them was the new, new story of His



## INDEPENDENCE CHURCH

As the pastoral year has just closed at Independence Church we feel led of God to report to all Gem readers how God has so wonderfully blessed us here at this little country church. We've enjoyed a good year in the Lord. During this past year we've witnessed the salvation of 10 souls. Five of these were saved during regular week-end preaching services and five were saved during a revival. Six persons were baptised and there was eight additions to the church. There was also a great gain in Sunday School attendance. We've enjoyed excellent Sunday School and prayer meeting services.

Sister Callie Achord was pastor of the church and time after time as she preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit the power of God fell. There were times when God manifest His power in such a way that we saw hardened sinners moved and stirred by the mighty hand of God. Sinners readily confessed that God was dealing with them. Christian friends, help us pray that they may yet be saved before it is too late.

We've stood on the promises of God and He's blessed us for it. In our feeble way we've tried to lift up Christ. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32. We saw sinners drawn in and also people drawn unto service that were not in the habit of attending the Lord's service.

We can truly say that during the past year the walls of this church have rung with much shouting and praising of God by His saints. Thank God, we're not ashamed of the tears that have been shed for His cause. There was weeping as sinners wept their way to victory and God's people shed tears of joy.

We're praying for all phases of God's richest blessings might rest on all who are seeking the face of Christ.

The Lord willing, we will be beginning a revival at Independence on Sunday night, September, 16, Bro. Wm. Buster, an evangelist from Thebes, Illinois, will be bringing the messages each evening. Christian friends, pray much for this revival. First pray for us as a church that we may be at our posts of duty, with hearts tuned to God. Then pray that many sinners will be saved. "... The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray

ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest," Luke 10:2. God-called, Holy Ghost-filled labourers are very few in this day and time, but the harvest of souls—that should be reaped—is great.

Again we thank and praise God for a good year in services for the Master.

Let us watch and pray for we believe the coming of Christs is near, even at our very doors.

Yours in service for Christ,

Wilbia Sell

I ask the prayers of those who read this that I may ever walk humbly with the Master.

O. T. Allred

Editors note: Last year found Bro. Allred pastoring two churches, Merl's Chapel near Cassville, and Mill Creek near Myrtle, beside his heavy schedule of revival work. Both churches have now grown to full-time charges. The coming year will find Bro. Allred pastoring at Merl's Chapel, while Rev. Bill Hill and wife, formerly of St. Louis, will be at Mill Creek.

## REPORTS SUMMERS WORK FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2-4, 1951

AT

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

P R O G R A M

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Tuesday Night, 7:30—

Music by College Choral Groups  
Welcome Words—Rev. L. C. Johnson  
Missionary Message—Mrs. Willey

Wednesday—

9:00 Devotional, Rev. Rashie Kennedy  
9:20 Dr. Clyde Taylor  
10:15 Mrs. Mable Willey  
11:10 Dr. Clyde Taylor  
2:00 State Directors Clinic, Led by Rev. Raymond Riggs  
3:10 Promoting Missions at Home, Dr. Clyde Taylor  
7:30 Special Music by College Choral Groups; Devotional—Rev. Carl Vallance  
8:00 Showing of the Film of our Cuba Mission Work—"Letter to Melitino" also—"Heathen Rage"—Africa  
Missionary Offering

Thursday—

9:00 Devotional—Rev. Mark Lewis  
9:20 Mrs. Mable Willey  
10:15 Dr. Clyde Taylor  
11:15 Mrs. Mable Willey  
2:00 State Directors Clinic, Led by Rev. Raymond Riggs

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Ps. 126:5).

On July 2, we began a D. V. B. S. with revival service at night, at our Merl's Chapel church. Bro. Johnnie Postlewaite and his wife helping in the D. V. B. S. and Bro. Postlewaite doing the preaching at night. God's blessings were upon this meeting and gave us a fine school and a good revival. Two souls accepted Christ as Savior.

On July 23, we began a revival at the O'Kean Church in eastern Arkansas with Rev. Carl High as pastor. God gave us a great victory in this meeting with eight conversions, eight uniting with the church, and eight being baptised—four of these were above 50 years of age. One mother, who is past 70, and didn't get to attend a service at the church, was saved in her home, then came and was baptised by the pastor on Sunday after the meeting closed. We shall always remember these fine people and their good pastor and family.

At the time of this report we are making ready to leave for a meeting with Sutton church four miles from Pochontas, Arkansas where Rev. Billie Rogers, is pastor. We also had the privilege of attending on day's session of old Mt. Zion Association which convened with the Freedom Church in Benton County Arkansas. I wish I could tell you of the spiritual feast on Friday night as they took communion and washed feet. Eighty-five took part in the feet washing, and as to the spiritual outpouring, I will say in my 27 years as a minister—in the language of the Bible (Mark 2:12), "We never saw it on this fashion."





# From The Editor's Desk



## ANNUAL SESSION CONVENES

Tuesday night, September 11, will mark the opening of the 38th Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist. The site of the Convention will be the Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri in a setting apart from the cities, business centers, farms and complexities of life.

The State Association has grown tremendously from its early days, when, we understand, it was not the organization it is today, nor was it faced with as many duties. In the few years that your editor has been privileged to attend we have been impressed with the steady growth, and that in large measure. But we somehow feel that its growth does not come entirely from the added duties devolving upon the delegates charged with transacting its business. Indeed, we feel much of its growth is marked by the good times of fellowship and the several wonderful worship periods that intersperse liberally the business hours. With many items of important business and in anticipation of many periods of fellowship with the Lord and with one another, we are quite sure that we will be meeting in a larger and better association this time than ever before.

Now, larger associations certainly do not come if delegates and church members stay at home. So immediately this is a challenge to you to come if at all possible. Many arrangements have been made in anticipation of your coming. Hard work, much concern and careful plans deserve to be rewarded. That reward will come with your presence in this important session. If you have not already made plans to come, do so at once. There will be a heavy agenda of church business of the nature that affects every affiliated church and member in the state. There will be reports of Missions, both home and foreign, reports of Sunday School, League, the Gem office, the Executive Board, the Youth Camp, from the Bible College, etc., as well as many important moves set in motion concerning some of the different enterprises. Then, there will be worship periods, when the soul feasts on the wonderful blessings of the Lord that attend these

services. Your church needs for you to come: you need to come—so come! This is also an invitation to the brethren from other states to visit with us during this time.

If you cannot possibly come, we urge you not to forget the session and its needs. As always, and as in any business or worship service we will need your prayers continually. Then, the folks near the camp have been working hard in preparation for us. Beside this there is considerable expense to the entertainment. These folks are not unusually blessed of the item called "money", nor is it their obligation to pay our way. Therefore, it is most definitely our duty to send a liberal offering to the "Entertainment Fund". If you haven't sent yours, do so now. Due to the late hour, we suggest you will send it to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri, telling him just what it is for and he will in turn see that the State Treasurer gets a record of it.

The time is short. The date is soon at hand. What you do you must do quickly. Send in the offering at once, and then come and enjoy the session. We will look forward to seeing you at the Youth Camp.

Those driving to the Camp will follow U.S. Highway 66 to the Niangua junction northeast of Marshfield in Webster County. From there a good road leads to the Camp a short distance away. Good bus connections can also be secured to Niangua where someone will take you out to the camp. The Frisco Railroad also runs through Niangua if you are travelling by rail.

## CONDENSED

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Association of Free Will Baptist unanimously passed the here-in-after item emanating from the Denominational Enterprises Committee, and asks that it be herein published. "That this (Southeast Missouri) Yearly Meeting go on record as favoring the establishment of National Headquarters with offices in Nashville, Tennessee and

with nationally owned, controlled and operated press."

Bro. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois, a powerful and fearless evangelist, now is fully scheduled until November 11, 1951. His time is much in demand. If you need an evangelist you will do well to contact him early.

Bro. J. W. Handy, one of our elder ministers, is available for services in Southwest Missouri until November 1, when he expects to return to his home in Houston, Texas. This minister is yet quite active for a man of 88 years, 64 of which he has been a minister of the Gospel. His address now is: c/o Ray E. Fuhr, 716 E. Normal St., Springfield, Missouri

## BIG HOME COMING

Hatcher, W. Va.  
August 25, 1951

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we had our home coming. We had 1,000 to 1,500 people and food was carried back home.

We have a wonderful pastor. Our pastor is a woman, but she is one of God's chosen ones. We have a wonderful church. Our pastor's name is Sis. Stattie Parson.

I would like to know what is your *comment* on a woman preacher. I would like to see it in the next issue of the Gem. I read where God is no respecter of persons.

I look forward every month to receiving the Gem. It is a wonderful paper. May God bless and give the editor of the Gem happiness and courage to go on to the glory to our blessed Saviour.

Pray for me. I want to be able to go and preach His Word.

Your Brother in Christ

H. L. Tilley

*Editor's Comment:* As you see in the article above, the editor is requested to make a comment. This request on this same issue has often come to us from different sections of our land. At first we contemplated sending only a private answer, as we have always



done before. You who have been taking the "Gem" know that your editor abhors a debate, argument, fight, or kindred method of presenting views of God's Kingdom work. We, therefore, refrain as far as we are able, from submitting anything to invoke the displeasure of or unnecessarily disturb any of His children. With that in mind we make the following brief comment, and that is all it is! (We are not entering any debate, etc., on the matter, nor are we furnishing ammunition for any who are so engaged.)

Now let me reveal that your editor is married to an ordained minister of the Gospel, a very successful pastor-evangelist, if you please. From this you may feel I am helplessly prejudiced. However, let me tell you that I have very conscientiously studied the subject for 15 years, or long before I ever met her—and the answer has always been the same. Incidentally, she will be among the first to point to certain handicaps of the woman pastor-evangelist. But there are also certain definite advantages not ordinarily enjoyed by the male minister.

Also, I might point out that I belong to an association of Free Will Baptists in which seven churches were in the charge of lady pastors the past year. I thank God for each of them and the good work they have done. Every one of these congregations are unwilling to change their pastors. But my convictions and study long anti-dates this.

You will not think me entering controversy if I use scriptural examples. For instance, Jesus so worked with the life of a woman at Jacob's well that she went back to her own people, and cried out the message of Jesus to them. Other women are recorded in the scriptures who were prominent in the propagation of the Gospel and much in the forefront in leading the lost to Christ. I concede the same privileges today! I fear that too many of us today are prone to lift a bit of scripture here and there from its context, place upon it our "private interpretation," and use it in our own way, not to the glory of God. I also fear that much prejudice against the woman expressing a call of God to deliver His message comes in this manner. I find it not inconsistent with the Holy Scriptures for the woman to deliver God's message.

Leaving this solely as comment, I

trust that it will help some honest soul and that it will hurt no one.

### PROGRAM—

**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

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

### PROGRAM—

**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





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



### LIVE FOR A CAUSE

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan - Pres. W.N.A.C.

Christ's life on earth was ruled by God's cause and purpose. The first sermon Jesus preached stated His cause clearly. On that long ago Sabbath day He laid down His platform: (Luke 4:18) and He never wavered from that platform.

A few weeks before the Lord saved me, this question came to me—What am I living for? Turning this question over and over in my mind, there was but one answer—just living from day to day with no real purpose in life. It is surprising to notice that most people do not know what they are living for. These are not always those who do not profess Christianity either. Many of them are people who attend church at every opportunity but still do not know how to make the most of the day before them.

Too many of us are trying to argue as did Moses, that what we have is useless. "Lord I don't have anything of value." God said, "What is that in thine hand?" "It is a rod, and besides I have a stammering tongue." What is only a stick, worthless indeed, when yielded to Him, becomes a mighty power for good in God's hands.

Moses' rod was made to come alive. Dear ones, if we could have our eyes opened to see the use God could make of those talents we are careless with, we would be ashamed. You have a responsibility to God, He still has a people to lead out of bondage worse than that of Egypt.

We do not have to set the world on fire everyday, but we can do something useful. There is always someone in need of a kind, well spoken word or a small token of affection. We can send a greeting card to someone who is lonely or a basket of fruit or flowers to someone who is ill. These small acts of kindness can mean a ray of sunshine to someone when everything looks dark. What is that in your hand? Is it money, faith, a friendly smile, ability to lead?

Here hath been dawning  
Another blue day:  
Think, wilt thou let it  
Slip useless away?

—Selected

### MAPS AUXILIARY PROGRAM

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St. Louis 4, Mo.  
July 25, 1951

Dear Sis. Edwards:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis had their regular monthly meeting July 19. The meeting was called to order by President Sis. Ozella Wilson. Reading of the minutes and the secretary's report were read and approved.

Business session followed. The election of officers for the coming year were: Sis. Lee DeWitt, President; Sis. Inez Myres V.P.; Sis. Jerry Bullis, Sec. and Treas.; Flower and Sick Committee, Sis. Mary Raye. Open discussion on the plans for the coming year, as how to make our auxiliary more interesting and how to accomplish more through this next year. Topics were assigned for the next meeting.

All were dismissed by prayer by Sis. Mary Smith

Jerry Bullis, Secretary

### ILLINOIS YOUTH CAMP

It was my happy privilege to be in attendance at the first session of the Illinois Youth Camp, and it was a great spiritual blessing to me. I enjoyed every minute of my visit with those good people.

There were approximately 65 children registered for this first term, and I think every one of those children who came to the camp as sinners went home as Christians, with the possible exception of one small boy. There were a number of dedications and consecrations witnessed also.

The chapel is of concrete blocks and will seat approximately 400 to 500 people. It has a large choir space, and

my! how those children did sing! There is a furnace room also, but as yet they do not have the furnace installed.

Much time, labor, love and money has been spent on this project.

Their kitchen and dinning hall is of concrete blocks too, with a concrete floor.

The Illinois people have spent nearly \$16,000.00 on their Tabernacle and kitchen and it is almost all paid for at this time. Praise the Lord and those good people who have laboured so faithfully!

The various churches furnished a large portion of the food and the ladies from the different churches came in to help prepare and serve it. It was a real blessing to see the fine co-operation from the various groups.

There were evangelistic services each evening. Rev. Mark Lewis, of Flat River, Missouri was the evangelist.

Classes were conducted through the day and the teachers were as follows: Miss Reba Edwards, and sister Maurine, Miss Pat Norris, Miss Jane Kettman, Miss Opal Hiltibidal, Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. Delores Haile and Eunice Edwards. Rev. Carl Williams was General Superintendent. Rev. Wallace Malone is President of the Sunday School Alliance who has sponsored the project.

Again I say, it was a real blessing to me and I am humbly grateful for having been permitted to be there.

Eunice Edwards

### PLEASANT GROVE W. A.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It has been some time since we've sent in a report, but I am happy to say we are going forward in our Auxiliary work. Each of us enjoy the Auxiliary so much and receive a wonderful blessing at each meeting.

At this writing the Indian Creek Association is in session, and we pray that the Lord will bless each service. Anyone missing these services truly



are missing some wonderful sermons and the joy of fellowshiping with God's people.

I'm praising the Lord for His wonderful love and mercy. Our revival just closed, and what a wonderful time we had. I wish that it could have gone on. Bro. Sayre Conova, chalk artist and evangelist from Siloam Springs, Arkansas, was our speaker.

Mrs. Nellie Jackson, Anderson, Mo.

## REPENTANCE

Rev. Raymond Riggs - Michigan

TEXT: Luke 13:5—"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

I am sure that I could preach on a more popular subject tonight than this one but I don't believe that I could use a subject that is needed any more than this one. I wonder if a poll was taken of all the preachers in the city of Detroit, how long it has been since some of them preached on Repentance. I believe that it is up to we preachers to educate the people relative to the subject matter of the Bible and not the people in the pew to tell us what to preach. To be sure people do not appreciate it when you expose their sins, and it is all right and you can be a popular preacher as long as you shoot the truth and the facts into other folk, but be sure that you do not distrust us. Like the young preacher who went to supply a pulpit and when he arrived some one said to him, "Now don't say anything about cards and the dance because some of our prominent members are prominent in society," and when he was half way down the isle someone else said to him, "It will better for you not to say anything about Sabbath desecration because some of our members belong to the country golf club; I think deacon Jones is out for a game this morning," and when he got down to the front some of the officers came to him and said, "Now just by way of caution we would rather you would not say anything against the liquor traffic; some of the largest contributors are stockholders in the brewery and rent their building for saloons and they wouldn't like it." And when he got up to preach he told the people what they had said to him and said,

"In heaven's name what shall I preach about? And some fellow yelled out 'Give it to the Jews; there ain't a Jew in the house.'"

Preach them a sermon that will make them feel like an Alabama pickin'innie with a slice of watermelon getting mixed up with his ears and they'll call you a great preacher. But I like a preacher who won't trim, and will tell you the truth. Like Nathan when he stood before David and told him of his contemptible meanness. Or like John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness. No wonder he got in trouble. His message was Repent, Repent! He stood before King Herod, the lecherous king. Possibly Herod thought that he could patronize the preacher and win him over but the lion-hearted servant of God never bent an inch. He just loaded his rapid firing Gospel Gun with the powder of God's wrath and rammed in the seventh commandment and turned it loose on the lecherous old rascal and shot it into him good and hard. He said you're living with your brother Phillip's wife and you'll go to hell just like any other common sinner. Repent, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. John suffered for it, but he done his duty and left the rest with God and he wasn't afraid.

Its just the same today; you call sin by its right name and speak the plain unvarnished truth and someone will have it in for you. But I say unto you brethren, its the only thing that will do the business. Why has the church lost so much of her power? Its because we have been selling out to the world, the flesh and the devil. We preachers have failed to preach repentance as we should and we have been too modest to declare the whole council of God and as a result in many of our churches today there are men sitting in the pews with the price of tenements let to shame in their pockets; houses where girls, trapped into a life of shame, nine times out of ten by some lecherous dog of a man, offer up what is left of the body and soul on the altar of masculine lust and send contamination of their polluted, diseased bodies through the young men of our city into your best homes from which some day they will lead our daughters in marriage to damn their life and pollute their offsprings with their own poisoned blood.

We've got golf-playing Sabbath defilers, and worship-forsaking, automobile fiends and men and women going daffy over a lot of things that God hasn't got any use for and where in the name of high heaven are we going to get any power?

Brother we have a job to do for the Lord and I fear that the time is so short that we had best get busy. I wonder if our theological seminaries don't bore the guns too small for the load we've got to fire? I wonder if some of us don't fire because we are afraid if we do, the congregation will fire us? It is true we may be called upon to suffer but if our loved ones are ever saved and if we have revivals that will deliver men and women from sin it will be when we begin to deal with sin fairly and squarely, and call people to repent of their sins and begin to do the will of God.

I am reminded of a dream a certain man had about the Apostle Paul. The ministerial association had met on a Monday morning for its regular meeting and the local preachers were all there to report of their Sunday activities. Some were reading and one in particular was reading his message which he had prepared on "A plea for modern thought in the pulpit." They were sitting around in their tailored garments, their immaculate linen and their laundered smiles and as they looked up Saint Paul stepped in through the door. The old warrior of faith was covered with bruises and blood was running down his cheek; his garments were torn, his hair dishevelled and his face a trifle pale as he looked about the circle before him, he said with utter amazement, "For heaven's sake, men, where did you preach yesterday?" God give us preachers like that, who when they come from their tasks will bear the marks of battle.

We might institute all kinds of programs of reformation, and fill our cities with ethical and culture clubs and let them meet every day in the week but unless the people learn to see what sin really is and so come to such an appreciation of its black hideous character as will cause them to have a Godly sorrow for it, make an honest confession of it and quit before God and man we might just as well sign a quit-claim deed to the Devil and be done with the business of the church and the salvation of souls.



# NEWSY BRIEFS

# OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 12-YEAR-OLD INSPIRES OKLAHOMA YOUTH CAMP

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
August 20, 1951

Dear Sir:

The Youth Camp of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma began on August 5, 1951. Classes were enrolled at 9:00 a.m. Monday. One hundred twenty two were enrolled. Classes were arranged by Rev. Willard Day, General Director of the Youth Camp.

Activities were as follows: (1) Devotional period at 8:45 a.m. (2) Christian Growth by Donna Tipton. (3) Doctrine of Salvation by Rev. Everett Hellard. (4) Music by Bro. R. B. Condry. (5) The 11:00 o'clock services were conducted by Rev. Willard Day. Evangelistic services were conducted by Rev. Willard Day, Sis. Cleo Pursell, Rev. Paul Pursell, Rev. Ed Sunday, and Rev. James Franklin. We had seven conversions.

Sis. Inabelle Hamilton, Sis. Mable Franklin, Sis. Anabelle Wilson, and Sis. Helen Day were very faithful in working in the cafe and preparing the meals, which were very good.

Thursday morning at 8:00 o'clock we were inspired by a twelve-year-old minister, Bro. Peacock.

Yours truly,  
Barbara Wooden, Cor. Sec'y.

## INAGURAL SESSION OF YOUTH CAMP A SUCCESS

Weatherford, Texas  
August 22, 1951

The West Fork Association of Texas had its first encampment here in Weatherford August 12-18. There were 33 registered in the encampment.

Rev. M. L. Sutton was appointed as Camp Director. Classes were taught by Rev. H. Z. Cox, Rev. Jessie Ferguson, Miss Jane Reeder, Mrs. Della Parham, and Rev. A. F. Ferguson. "Personal Soul Winning" was taught by Rev. H. Z. Cox, "The Birth and Growth of A Christian," by Rev. Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, and "The Sunday School in Action," by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

The camp was a complete success. Everyone that attended testified of a

greater faith and determination. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the session. We are looking forward to a greater and better camp next year.

Yours for His service,

A. F. Ferguson

## A YOUTH REVIVAL

Huntsville, Texas  
August 28, 1951

Dear Gem Readers:

I am happy to report the wonderful blessings in the Free Will Baptist church in Huntsville, Texas.

During the first week in August we had a youth revival conducted by Sis. and Bro. McAdams. The children enjoyed the Bible stories and singing choruses each day. Also the scripture contest on the closing day.

One week later Bro. B. F. Rogers began a two weeks revival. Every message was soul inspiring. There was one conversion and addition to the church. Several members re-dedicated their lives to God and the church as a whole was greatly revived.

We have a great opportunity to serve here as there are lost souls all around us. Please pray that we may go forward in the kingdom of God.

Mrs. Opal Koehl, Reporter

## MIDLAND, TEXAS REVIVAL

Dear Editor:

Report of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Midland, Texas.

It has been a long time since we have had a report from our church, in the Gem.

We have a good work here, but we are still praying for a greater work and for more laborers in the vineyard.

We have a good Sunday School, mid-week prayer meeting, and have just closed a revival. Bro. Ed Hobbs did the preaching. There were four conversions, two rededications, and four additions to the church.

We covet the prayers of all Christian people everywhere for our church.

May God bless you all,

Mrs. Giola M. Only, Reporter

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

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## NORTHEAST MISSOURI FIFTH SUNDAY MEETS

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Low Ground Church July 29, 1951, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour. The morning worship service followed with Rev. Mildred Gilliam bringing the message. She read for a scripture lesson II Corinthians 13:1-6, and used for her subject, "Power through Weakness." The congregation sang, "Just as I Am." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Herman Miley. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

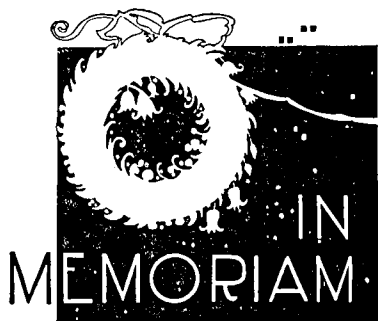
The afternoon session was opened by Sis. Mildred Gilliam, who led the song service. "On the Jericho Road," and "I Love My Saviour, Too," were songs by the congregation. We were led in prayer by Sis. Annabelle White. The President, Sis. Agnes Smith, read for the scripture lesson St. Luke 9:51-62. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek Union, Green Grove and New Harmony auxiliaries were read and accepted. The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with the Green Grove Church, with Rev. Rolla Smith bringing the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Orville Dobbs, alternate.

The following program was given: song, "I Love My Savior," Sublett Sunday School children. Trio, "Lead Me Savior," New Harmony. Duet, "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" and "A tramp on the Street," Dottie Lawrence and Laverne Gearheart. "Songs and Their History," Green Grove. Duet, "Lord Build Me a Cabin," Annabelle White and Iva Daniels. Reading, Dottie Lawrence. Solo, "Just When I Need Him Most," Agnes Smith.

We were dismissed in prayer by Mildred Gilliam.

Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.





### DONNIE JONES

Donald Vern Jones was born in the family home southeast of Harrisonville, July 30, 1945, and passed away August 14, 1951 at the age of six years and fourteen days.

Donnie had a sweet cheerful disposition. His bright smile and winning ways and his interest in people won him many friends who will miss him.

He enjoyed going to Sunday School and he attended regularly at the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He was making plans to start his work in the public school in September.

Donnie was preceded in death by two brothers, Billie Richard and an infant. He leaves to mourn their loss, his parents, Vern and Iris Jones, two brothers, Wilson and Bobby, two sisters, Iva and Glenna, his grandmother, Mrs. Dollie Jones and many other relatives and friends.

*Many happy smiles, many cheerful words,*

*These were the work of Donnie's life;*

*God knew their value and He said "Well done! enter Heaven so bright."*

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mrs. Marie Hyatt, pastor of Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday August 16, 1951 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hickory Grove Church. A host of friends, neighbors and relatives paid their final tribute to this precious little life that was spared only a few short years on this earth; although, Donnie has become a beautiful bud in the Master's bouquet.

### GEORGE S. DUNN

George Sherman Dunn, youngest son of Michael and Martha Dunn, was born

west of Grove Springs in Webster County, Missouri, August 30, 1874 where he grew to manhood. He departed this life at his home in Odin July 4, 1951 at the age of 76 years, 10 months and four days, spending the last 45 years in this community.

On September 11, 1902 he was united in marriage to Enle Jones who preceded him in death April 16, 1951. To this union were born seven children: Clarence, Clifford, Hadley, Gay and Effie (Mrs. Clinton Todd), all of Hartville, Glenn of Marshfield and Waldo of Cassville who passed on February 26, this year.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour at Pleasant Hill Church in 1915. Though he never united with any church he adhered to the teachings of the Lord, attending church and taking special interest in all activities calculated for the betterment of the community.

George loved and lived a simple life, sharing what he had with his fellowman, proving his belief in the great truth, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

He spent his active life as a blacksmith, earning his living by the honest toil over his forge and anvil. His greatest pride was in serving his neighbors in this humble field.

Those surviving beside the immediate family are: six grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held July 6 at Pleasant Hill Church by Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, with burial in the church cemetery.

### CHURCH ADDITION BUILT

August 24, 1951

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to tell you something about our Free Will Baptist Church here in Bristow, Oklahoma. As far as I know, there has never been an article printed in the "Gem" about us and the work we are doing.

God has blessed us in a wonderful way during the last few years and we are growing and doing a greater work for the Lord than ever, I think. Two years ago we were able, by the help of the Lord, to build an addition to our church providing six Sunday School rooms, a nice lounge for both men and women and a very nice kitchen. We have grown in number in our Sunday

School since we have these nice rooms. Souls are being saved and just this year we have bought new pews for the auditorium, and our Woman's Auxiliary has aided the church in varnishing the floors. The Woman's Auxiliary also has furnished the kitchen in a nice way and we are looking forward to being host to the second quarterly meeting of the First Mission Association in Oklahoma. It will be held in February.

If you like, and have the room in your paper we would like for you to print an article about our church because we are proud of our church and our fine pastor and his wife, Rev. Paul Pursell and Sis. Cleo. The Lord is blessing and we are growing, and we'd like to tell others about it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen Johns

### CENTRAL WEST MISSOURI IN ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

The Association of Free Will Baptist Churches known as Central Western Missouri convened in annual session on Tuesday night, August 21, with the Wagoner Church near Stockton, Missouri. The Spirit was manifest from the outset, and God's children were blessed throughout the session. The business of the association was attended to, time was given to the District League Convention and to the Minister's Conference, as well as periods of devotional, singing, discussing Bible doctrine, and the regular preaching services.

Those bringing messages during the session were: Rev. Lowell Martin, Rev. R. L. Nutting, Rev. Lorene Bowman, Rev. Alice Dickey, and Rev. Kenneth Turner (visitor). Those leading discussion on Bible subjects were: Rev. Roena Thomas, Rev. Kenneth Turner, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, and Rev. B. F. Brown (visitor). The message on Wednesday evening was devoted to missions, and was followed by the missionary film "Letter to Melitino," presented by Rev. Turner. At the conclusion a nice offering was received for Missions.

All business completed, the session adjourned Thursday evening to convene in 1952 with the Hannon Church in Barton county.

—Contributed





### OKLAHOMA CHURCH NEWS

Ada, Oklahoma  
August 16, 1951

Dear Sir:

We are a subscriber to the Gem and enjoy it very much, but we don't see very much about the Center Association. I thought I'd send a little news.

Garr Corner Church—

Garr Corner church is doing fine work. Bro. F. M. Wood is pastor. They ordained two new deacons July 4, Bros. Ted Cox and Everett Dome

Oakman Church—

This church held a two weeks revival that begun July 16, with very good interest. There were two conversions, five baptised and five additions to the church. Preaching by Revs. Marion Caton, Scott W. Jones and John Morgan. Rev. Morgan is pastor. They also ordained a deacon, Bro Jim Roundtree, July 15, 1951

Rev. Scott W. Jones has been called as pastor of the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist church for the coming year. He was formerly pastor of the Happyland Free Will Baptist Church, eight miles east of Ada, Oklahoma on Highway 12..

The Happyland Church was reorganized April 27, 1947, with Rev. Scott W. Jones, chosen as pastor. He has remained there since. At the reorganization, there were five members. There are now more than 60. Also instead of meeting in the school building, the group has a new church building and new pews, all free of indebtedness.

Rev. Jones was pastor of the church in the 1930's, also when the school was located two miles north of the Highway, and had a large membership for a rural church. However, during

World War II many left for Defense Work Centers and Rev. Jones became pastor at Cedar Grove in 1944 and 1945, returning to Happyland when the church reorganized. He was the first full time pastor for each of these churches and began his ministry in 1931 at Happyland. He has also pastored other area churches, and has been evangelist for many other churches.

Mrs. S. W. Jones

### ILLINOIS CONGREGATION FETES SENIOR MEMBERS

Special Services for the two remaining charter members of the Union Free Will Baptist Church near Thompsonville, Illinois was held July 22, with the church pastor, Rev. A. A. White of Herrin, Illinois, in charge. This church was organized in 1895.

The two charter members are Mrs. Mae Jones, wife of the late Rev. Marshal Jones, and her brother Jack Gettings, better known to all of us as Uncle Jack.

Although Uncle Jack is unable to attend services now, Grandma Jones is always present for each service. We thank God for their lives lived for Him who has kept them these many years. Bro. Fred Read, one of those knowing Grandma Jones and Uncle Jack for a number of years, paid them a nice tribute in his testimony and praise of the long and faithful service rendered by them to God, the church they love, and to the community around about them.

Rev. Lloyd Jones brought a short message, using as his subject "Deeds and Records," which was very fitting for this occasion. A reading was given by Mrs. Wm. Ice, and poem's by Rev.

White and James Bonucchi.

Rev. White then presented each of them a nice gift from the church as a token of our love and appreciation for them. Dinner and fellowship was enjoyed at the noon hour.

The following is the poem read by James Bonucchi, also written by him and dedicated to the honorees.

#### WE THANK YOU

*Uncle Jack and Grandma have been  
coming here a long, long time,  
And we all hope today you're feeling  
fine.*

*We wish to thank you for what you've  
meant to us,  
Your coming to church and being with  
us.*

*Some haven't known you so very long,  
You're not big and don't look very  
strong,  
Yet you're always here be it sunshine  
or showers,  
We all love you and thank you this  
hour.*

*Memories are here that are very  
close,  
Some are gone whom you loved most.  
Precious memories cause the heart to  
rejoice  
For one can almost hear their sweet  
voice.*

*Uncle Jack and Grandma are the two  
oldest church members:  
They've been as faithful as a white  
oak timber:  
They have come here for many a  
year:  
Together we've rejoiced and shed a  
few tears.*

*Now let's all stand up and give a big  
cheer  
For we wish them good health through  
the coming year.  
But some of these days they'll be done  
with troubles and trials:  
They'll be able to go to heaven with  
a smile.*

*For up there We'll Never Grow Old;  
We'll be with Jesus—the lover of our  
soul—  
So I'll just say, Amazing Grace, How  
Sweet the Sound  
For in heaven some day you will wear  
a crown.*

Contributed by Mrs. O. C. McClerren



**CHRIST IN YOU?***By Emma Moore*

The riches of the glory of this mystery of the indwelling Christ in the life of the believer, is the hope of glory. The apostle Paul said, "Christ in you, the hope of glory..." John puts it in this way in I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." What does he mean? Just this, it is not of human power to be a Christian. We must realize that. Destitution of our own selves is utterly contrary to the human nature. We let our own wills stand in the way of living a righteous life. The self-righteous are always trying to live up to something. To know there is no righteousness in self is a good beginning of knowledge. But to know this and nothing more, despair would hold us. Paul said, "In me dwelleth no good thing." He had found this truth but not to hopelessness. He had reckoned himself to be dead in sin. He realized the fact that Christ had died and that in Him he died too. So, the old self could not control. He not only considered himself to be dead to sin, but alive unto God. He said, "Christ liveth in me." (Not I but Christ.)

No one if really saved, loves sin. He hates it and longs to be free from sin's power. And this is what Christ came for that He might destroy the works of the Devil. Every Christian should therefore be free from the power of sin. Reality comes by knowing what we have in Christ. We received life from God when we believed that Christ died for the ungodly and we knew this was for us, "an ungodly one." The same is true in our walk with Him. We were made as one with Him the moment we were saved. We died with Him, we were buried with Him and raised with Him as is pictured by immersion. Can we realize this truth? God says that faith is victorious only when it effects us in such a way that there is a drastic changing over and breaking away from sin. We never grow out of sin, neither do we overcome sin. Breaking away from sin and death was accomplished for us at calvary.

ROMANS 6:11 The meaning of knowledge is "knowing the fact." Sin hath no dominion over Christ. Even

though He took our place and died, He was raised from the dead.

God's work must not be set aside. Take God at His word. When He said that Christians are dead to sin through Christ, He meant just this. This attitude is to be maintained, that mental assent to this truth is that first, Christ is in me, which is an agreement with God. No improving of old character or no good thing dwelleth in self.

It is not humanly possible to forgive every person, you say. I agree that it is not humanly possible to love everybody, but when Jesus has come in I retain no rights on His possession. Let Him live this Christ life in me. He has power in me to love seemingly unlovable persons. He forms within me His life. We are made partakers of His divine nature in the life of Jesus. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. If Christ is in control, His grace is sufficient in Jesus' strength. Look at yourself nailed to the cross. It's an awful thing. It is nothing to brag about. No wonder Paul said "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross." How about returning to the Cross at Calvary with a new realization of what Jesus accomplished for us. "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God..." Rom. 6:11. Calculate that truth because God said it. If you are in Christ, then you are dead to sin. You died with Him. You are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God.

If Christ is in you, then allow or let Him have full possession of that which is His. Your whole body, soul and Spirit.

**LITTLE THINGS**

People often think that because things are little they do not matter; they will take a little tiny thing that does not belong to them, or tell a little tiny untruth, because they think that none will ever find out, just because they are such little things.

This is a great mistake, and Jesus Christ Himself told people about it when He was on earth. He said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much"; "that which is least" means the very smallest thing of all.

The fact is that no sin is ever content with remaining small, but it

always grows. You have sometimes heard of people who have kept wild beasts for pets; they have taken them when cubs, and brought them up; but sooner or later they always seem to find out that the beast is growing and it gets fiercer and fiercer and at last hurts some one so badly that it has to be sent away. That is rather like allowing little sins to go on in our hearts. At last they will rend us. People never mean to do wrong, but if you ask, you will find out that nearly always they began by doing little wrong things, and gradually found themselves doing the bigger wrong things.

I sometimes wonder whether Judas gradually got into the habit of taking a little from the bag which was entrusted to him, and whether he meant to do it in the beginning. It says he was a thief, and you know what he did at the last; he sold Christ into the hands of the priests for thirty pieces of silver, so that his name is a by-word now, and everyone trembles when they speak of him.

—Bombay Guardian

**SEPTEMBER DOLLAR MONTH**

In addition to our regular monthly gifts to Foreign Missions, we are asking every Free Will Baptist who believes that Christ died for all men everywhere to please send at least one dollar for foreign missions during the month of September. Don't forget this.

Our increased budget and the purchase of property and the sending of new missionaries can only be made possible by your gifts and prayers. Send all monies to your state Treasurer or to the Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

**WOODEN INDIANS**

"Sophie," a converted scrubwoman who said she was "called to scrub and preach," was made fun of by someone who said she was seen talking about Christ even to a wooden Indian in front of a cigar store. Sophie replied, "Perhaps I did. My eyesight is not so good. But talking to a wooden Indian about Christ is not so bad as being a wooden Christian and never talking to anybody about the Lord Jesus.



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