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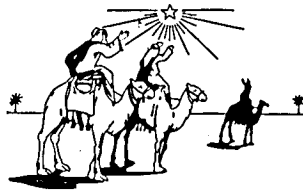
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The above is the standing of the present Honor Roll. It is a very encouraging report. Some new names were added this month with some very nice totals. Several churches have responded in a fine manner to the efforts of a personal worker in their midst. We are especially glad to welcome several from out of the state to the Honor Roll. We are grateful to you for your fine work, and trust you have found pleasure in doing it. May we again thank each of you and encourage you to continue to work in behalf of the Gem. We hope you will put forth a little extra effort during the holiday season so that in the rush of events, the Gem will not be neglected.

BLACK OAK REVIVAL

Youth Camp
Niangua, Mo.

Greetings in the Name of the Lord:

As I am now turning in my report for the Youth Encampment (article elsewhere), I also wish to tell you of the revival which Rev. John Rogers of Fredericktown, Missouri recently conducted at the Black Oak Church near here.

It was indeed a revival for the church, and the old time gospel services were enjoyed by the entire community and were attended by all denominations. One man, up in sixty years, made peace with the Lord and there was great rejoicing and shouting by his friends and relatives as well as in his own heart.

Bro. Rogers preaches old-time salvation and believes in sinners coming by way of the altar, confessing to God their wrong doings and sins. He also stressed tithing very strongly in his discourses and some of the churches were led to start practicing the same from hearing these messages.

As Brother Rogers goes to other churches, we, the Black Oak Church, sincerely bid him God's speed in his work and pray many souls will be saved through his untiring efforts and ministry.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

ASKS PRAYER SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON REVIVAL

Nashville, Tennessee
November 26, 1951

On January 13, 1952, the Billy Graham Evangelistic party begins a revival campaign in the city of Washington, D. C. Christian people everywhere are being asked to pray for the success of this revival. I am sure that you realize how much it would mean to our nation and the nations of the world if success would attend this venture and heads of governments would accept Christ and reaffirm their faith in Christianity. **THIS COULD WELL BE THE TURNING POINT IN THIS DANGEROUS WORLD CRISIS.** We must join forces with the other Christian people over this nation in earnest prayer for the blessings of God upon Billy Graham's ministry in our Nation's Capital.

THEREFORE, I am calling upon every Free Will Baptist church to call a special prayer meeting on the night of December 31, and again on New Year's Day for the specific purpose of praying for this colossal undertaking. I am also taking the liberty of writing Billy Graham to assure him that we, as a Denomination, are going to be praying for the success of his effort in Washington.

D. C. Dodd, Promotional Sec'y

VICTORY IN THE LORD

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."—II Corinthians 2:14.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is *victory*.

When you can patiently bear with any disorder, any irregularity, and unpunctuality, or any annoyance—that is *victory*.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is *victory*.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or seek after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown—that is *victory*.

When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly glorying in the result or the over sight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is *victory*.

When you can stand face to face with waste, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it—that is *victory*.

When the enemy presses sorely and the world clamors on all sides; friends forsake and foes malign, and you hide behind the Blood, sweetly resting and rejoicing—that is *victory*, (I John 5:4; Rev. 12:11).

When death and life are both alike to you through Christ, and to do His perfect will, you delight not more in one than the other—that is *victory*: for through Him you may be able to say, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death," (Phil. 1:20; I Cor. 15:54).

When others are content with a meager measure of piety and power, with an ambition merely to be "saved as by fire," and you claim your full inheritance in Christ—an overcomer—in order to reign with Him—that is *victory*, (Rev. 3:21).

When like Paul, you can throw all your suffering on Jesus, thus converting it into a means of knowing His overcoming grace; and can say from a surrendered heart, *I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in distress, for Christ's sake—that is victory*, (II Cor. 12:7-10).

Victory centers wholly in the Lord Christ Himself. You may dwell too much on your weakness and too much on the strength of your foe. You must look away from Satan. You must be absolutely taken up with the Lord Jesus,—with His keeping power, with His conquering power, with the certainty of His victory, and your share in it, (I Cor. 15:57).

The perfect victory is to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and thus to triumph over self, (Romans 13:14).

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us," (Romans 8:37).

Victory! Victory!

Precious Blood-bought Victory,

Victory! Victory!

All along the line.

As Jehovah liveth,

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"LAUNCH OUT"

Rev. J. W. Handy - Houston, Texas

"Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught," Luke 5:4. In our text we find the Saviour teaching His disciples a great object lesson, which no doubt had much to do in developing in them that sterling character which must be theirs in spreading the gospel in the Kingdom after Jesus was taken away from them. These disciples were professional fishermen and of course they knew how to catch fish, but on this occasion they had toiled all night and caught nothing. So from Jesus' first suggestion we are led to conclude that they had been fishing along the shore in shallow water. May we just drop a thought right here that there is entirely too much shallowness being permitted in the great cause of God today.

The cause of God is suffering today for want of men and women of vision who will cut loose from the shore and launch out into the deep. The Apostle Paul tells Timothy, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables," II Tim. 4:3,4. Yes, too much shallow preaching, too much shallow living, and as a natural consequence, too much shallow conviction and conversion. This writer is convinced that too often good resolutions are conversion. There is no doubt in my mind that Nicodemus went in the night to meet our Saviour for the sole purpose of accepting Him as his personal Saviour, but Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." The fact is that this age in which we live seems to be rather an easy age; men and women can get into the church easy, and quite often live at perfect ease while in the church, and in an unguarded or prayerless time backslide without any effort at all. This condition can be traced to this one cause, SHALLOWNESS.

In this text Jesus is talking to a discouraged soul when He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught."

Simon said, "Master we have toiled all night and caught nothing." I imagine I can almost see the look of discouragement on Simon's face as he spoke these words. Yet at the suggestion of his Master, his discouragement subsided and he says, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." Discouragement is one of the devil's most effective weapons and Simon was just like a lot of folks are today in that he was just about ready to give up. This is undoubtedly the greatest giving up age of all ages. Paul told us that this time would come and so we need not be alarmed at it. There are various reasons why so many give up and fall by the way after making a real promising start: and it is evident that one of the greatest is because they fail to cut the shore lines and launch out into the deep water for God. There is but one way to live a successful life for God and that is to invest our all in it. Too many stay fastened by some imaginary hinderance and soon are overcome by conditions and fall, while others content themselves with fishing in shallow water or perhaps with pin hooks. Did you ever try fishing in shallow water? Only small fish and croaking frogs and polly wogs are found in the muddy, stagnant water near the shore. If you would enjoy the fresh, clear, cooling water and find the game fish, you must get out where the water is deep. I recall with amusement the time when I used to go with the big boys down to the old swimming hole. They would try to teach me to swim but I was afraid to get out where the water was deep enough to swim in. That same fear that possessed me at the old swimming hole, has kept many an honest person from enjoying the fullness of God in their Christian experience. Experienced swimmers tell us that the deeper the water the easier it is to swim.

The disciples had been fishing in shallow water and the Master said, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net," and the moment they obeyed the Master's command they enclosed a great multitude of fishes, just so it is with us. The sooner we find out the will of God and adjust ourselves to His will the sooner we will realize good results from our labors. As large fish are not found in shallow water, neither are hardened sinners to be brought into the church

as a result of the shallow preaching and living of the present day. We hear the question asked quite often these days, "Why is it there are not more sinners getting saved in our revivals today?" My answer to this question is that in many communities the entire church is in a backslidden condition and for this reason are staying too close to the shore. It is today just as it always has been, nothing short of the gospel of Jesus Christ will produce genuine repentance. I am convinced that if one tries to get into the church by any other means, he is climbing up some other way. No large fish nor game fish can be caught near the shore; neither are they to be caught on pin hook; neither are the hardened sinners of today to be convinced of sin and brought to Christ by the little two weeks cut and dried sermons preceded by thirty minutes program and enlivened by numerous side-splitting jokes interspersed with some more of the same, which keeps the congregation in an uproar of laughter during the entire discourse. God send us men and women who are spirit filled, separated from the world and anointed with the Holy Spirit, who will launch out into the deep water and preach the unadulterated word of God straight from the shoulder, that without fear or favor, and let down the gospel net which can catch the hardened sinner and keep him caught.

My dear friend, can we not see that sinners are going down to eternal night without God while you and I are just playing along the shore and making a toy of the religion of Jesus Christ? The greatest need of our times is the straight gospel from the pulpit and a general re-consecration of the church. Both preacher and people need to cut loose and really LAUNCH OUT in the fullest sense of the word; cease compromising with the world, and be out and out for God seven days a week. Now, in this launching out we shall encounter fierce storms. The waves may roll mountain high as on Geneserath that night, but if Jesus is in the boat with us we may hear His voice as rebuking the winds and the waves and commanding that they be still. No water can cover the ship where lies the Master of ocean and earth and skies. Yes it is entirely true if we have Jesus in our lives we can stem the tide and ride the waves

and really be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us and made it possible that we might have victory through His Name.

*Oh, let us LAUNCH OUT in the ocean
so broad*

*Where the floods of salvation o'er flow.
Oh, let us be lost in the mercy of God
Till the depths of His fullness we know.*

Launch out into the deep

Oh, let the shore lines go.

*Launch out, launch out in the ocean
divine;*

Out where the full tides flow.

The above subject was treated at an earlier date by Bro. Handy, and was published in the Gem. Some have requested that it be repeated. Since it is a subject worthy of all consideration, Bro. Handy has spent some time revising his article as it appears here. We are glad to present it to you. Ed.

OVER HILL AND DALE WITH THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST

Mission House
Sonapurhat, Purnea Dist.
Bihar, North India
November 12, 1951

Dear Brother:

This is a brief report of our first camp of two weeks, October 26 to November 9. There were eight in our party. We four missionaries and four Indians. We visited between 30-40 villages for the first time, although they have all been visited by our Sontali Worker. With very few exceptions we were well received. I would say that on the average more than 100 people came to the tent daily. Part of the time two teams were out visiting in different directions at the same time. We were also able to give instruction to our Christians in three villages. Bro. Cronk baptized five who had accepted Christ several months previously. They were all adults, three men, two women, and were from three different villages.

We have seekers in four more villages. They seem in earnest but we are anxious that they not only shall have experienced the New Birth but

also have at least a working knowledge of the essential Bible teachings and the things of the Kingdom.

We found that cycles were useless in this area and that one could only travel by foot or by horse. The first week we were able to visit five or six villages, preaching and giving instruction each day but after the nearest villages had been reached we could only include about three. The last week found me flat on my back a large part of the time. This left a large part of the visiting on Dan's (Bro. Cronk) shoulders and Trula (Mrs. Cronk) bore the greater burden of talking and preaching to those that came to our tent. They were relieved by some of our Indian workers.

The Cronk's made a real sacrifice as interest is daily increasing in and around Kishanganj. We have been encouraged by the results of this first camp. We trust and pray that the months and years ahead will show forth and bring forth fruits as the results of this two week effort in the Master's name.

If my health permits we will hold three more camps during the cool months. The Cronks will try and be with us for at least one more and Bro. Cronk will visit a day or two in the others. He also gave medicine to approximately 200 people during our first camp. Four more months will see us leaving here for Bombay and New York. We trust that God's grace will sustain body and soul enabling us to make these last few months really count for the Lord.

Pray for us,

/s/ Paul and Nelle Woolsey

You will notice that within four months the Woolsey's will be starting home for their first furlough. We will need extra money for their passage. Send that special gift today! Rev. Raymond Riggs.

HEAVEN IS NOW SWEETER

Exeter, Calif.
490 S. "G" St.

Dear Editor:

As it has been a year since we have had a report in the Gem from our church, I will send in a report as to what we are doing.

This 17th day of November, 1951 finds me 365 days nearer my eternal home—heaven—if I stay true to my blessed Lord and live the life He requires of us in His blessed Word. I can say Heaven is sweeter and dearer than it was a year ago, for the Lord has called home a precious little jewell out of our family, my little grandson. When death visits our home it just breaks our hearts, but also it makes us want to live closer to the Lord so that when we leave this old sinful world we can be with our loved ones and our blessed Lord.

We are happy to report we have a good work at our church, but we are praying and striving for a greater work. Our pastor is Bro. Earl Austin of Visalia, Calif., and we dearly love Bro. and Sis. Austin. They have both done a wonderful work in our church. We all love them for what they have done for the church. But we are just giving the Lord the praise, for without the Lord there could have been nothing done.

We have a good Sunday School. Bro. A. B. Tilden is our superintendent at present. He is just a babe in Christ, but is on fire for God every day.

We have a good prayer meeting and get a blessing each time we meet.

Some of our most devoted workers are not members of our church, but do attend regularly and we are so thankful for them and what they are doing. At our little church we invite all Christians to worship with us. We want to be just one big family and love one another.

We don't have a big church, but can truthfully report we are an humble little bunch. We have the old time shouting meetings in the old fashioned way. Any time we meet we can go home saying that it was good to have been in the house of the Lord. We are looking forward to a revival soon and we ask the prayers of all you praying folks that there will be souls saved. We have sinners that attend our services regularly and help with the finance and any thing there is to be done. We ask you to pray especially for those that they may be saved.

We covet the prayers of all Christians every where for our church that we will press forward each day for our Lord.

Mrs. Jas. Campbell

'YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN, YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE'

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's," I Cor. 6:19, 20.

It seems that the Corinthians were a long way from the ideal in churches. They had been confused over the preacher question (Ch. 3). Paul had called them carnal. It is still the source of confusion in the church—carnality of its members. Later they resorted to law as a means of settling disputes among themselves. Still, again, Paul says, "It is reported that there is fornication among you and I partly believe it." In the same chapter of our text Paul lists a great number of the most deplored of human sins. He reminded them that they had been saved from these (v. 11), and implied a warning against going back into them. He proceeded to give them one of the greatest New Testament truths—the fact that the believer is indwelt of the Holy Spirit. This solemn fact should be an incentive to holy living. He is pointing out to them that they haven't any right to live just for self, or to satisfy selfish desires and carnal ambitions. They are not their own; they are bought with a price and, hence, have become the property of another (see also I Peter 1:18, 19).

The metaphor is that of a bond servant. All of Greece and Rome were filled with them. The Roman army had brought prisoners from conquered territories and sold them to all who had the price to pay.

We are told that these slaves were not all illiterate. Many of them were well educated, cultured people, some of whom had been wealthy. Some were used as private tutors. Others were stewards and were entrusted with their master's property and had great responsibilities thrust upon them. Often times they were permitted to marry, have homes, rear children, etc. But the bond servant was never permitted to forget that the chattels entrusted to his care, that the roof over his head, the wife of his bosom, the children of the union were not his

but belonged to the one whose purchased possession he was.

What a lesson for the child of God! "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price!" Your money, house and lot, your farm, the wife, the children are not your own. They, with you, belong to the One who has pur-



Rev. Wm. Buster - Thebes, Ill.

chased you with His own blood! "His all the silver; all the gold." "He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hand." Bring Him what He craves—our hearts in glad surrender, and the part of our possessions He has asked for—the tenth (an offering also, according to our means).

The steward, or bond servant, was expected to be faithful. The Christian may never succeed in being a great soul winner. He is, however, expected to try by testimony, inviting his lost friends to church, support of missions walking in obedience to the Holy Spirit, to win souls to Christ. The pastor and the evangelist are not commanded to convert the world. But both the ministry and the laity are commanded to be faithful. The servant had to give an account to the master. Let us live our lives as one who must give an account of our stewardship. "Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God" Rom. 14:12.

As the servant proved himself, he was entrusted with more and more of his master's goods, more confidence, more privileges. If you want more light, live up to the light you now have. If you want greater fellowship, talk with Him more.

The bond servant (or slave) was a marked (or bonded) individual. People knew by looking at him that he belonged to another. If we are saved and walking in fellowship and faithful to our charge, those around us will (soon) know it. He couldn't go whither others went, or do some things others did, nor could he afford to talk as others talked. He had to live in a way that would please another. He was not his own!

If he was rebellious he was punished. God will chastise His bond servant that is rebellious against His will, I Cor. 11:31, 32. But how sweet the companionship between the Master and the servant when the individual surrenders to His will for their life! We haven't any right to live selfishly (For whosoever will save his life shall lose it... Mark 8:35). "For ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are God's."

"I beseech you therefore (since these things are true), that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

HOLDS MISSOURI REVIVALS

Huntsville, Texas
November 26, '51

Dear Co-Workers:

Here I am again, after some time, with a report of two good meetings.

We went to Bro. Zinn's church in Flat River, Missouri, September 16, and began to "fire on Satan" and his forces. We were some what like the Apostle Paul; We had no rest day or night, for the fight was long and hard. We had many good friends who fought valiantly in the battle with all their might. Bro. Zinn and us were busy during the day visiting in homes. A number were sick and couldn't get out, but our visiting and the radio program on Sunday evening was a great blessing to them. We had some tragic deaths during the meeting, that were very sad, and two funerals.

All this slowed down the progress of the meeting. Yet we had some outstanding services which caused us all to rejoice. We had one woman, 72 years of age saved, baptized, and united with the church, and one old man too. Twelve in all were saved, four were baptized and others are to be later. The meeting lasted six weeks and all of us hated to see it close.

The people were lovely to us. They gave us several nice gifts for which we were very thankful. We found Bro. Zinn very nice to work with, and we pray for the very best for him and the church. Flat River is like home to us. We have many friends there.

After leaving Flat River, we went to Mill Creek, Missouri, with Bro. Lester Ferguson for a two weeks revival. We had a splendid meeting for just two weeks. Eight more saved and five baptized, and the meeting was very spiritual all the way through. We made our home with Bro. and Sis. Ferguson and it was indeed a lovely place to stay. They were so good to us. We will never forget them and God bless them. Bro. Ferguson is leading his people in a wonderful way. They are in a building program, have their basement all complete and will begin on the main building soon. Bro. Ferguson has a splendid group to work with, and no doubt they will have an outstanding record in the state before it is all over with. A few that are right can accomplish a great work.

God bless the two churches is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

SCHOOL LOCKS ENTRANCE TO RICHWOODS CHURCH

Richwoods, Missouri
November 27, 1951

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

I guess all who know about our church at Richwoods are wondering what we are doing in this part of the Master's vineyard. We are still fighting and working, trying to tear down the strong holds of Satan and sin in our community.

We have just closed a revival meeting which began November, 5. We called Rev. Harvy Hill of Lemay, Mo.,

for our evangelist. The first two nights the snow was so deep the highways were blocked. But Bro. Ackerson and a few other faithful ones stood at their post of duty until Bro. Hill and our good pastor could get out of the snow drifts. Then the Lord began blessing. The fourth night there were seven prayed at the altar and accepted Christ for their Saviour. Then the people began to come out and we had large crowds each night. During our two weeks meeting we saw 20 souls find the Christ precious to their souls. Ten were added to the church, seven being candidates for baptism. We are so thankful to God for all these things and for His Word that was preached and for every blessing He gives us. He was truly blessed our church and we give Him all the praise and glory.

We have purchased a plot of ground lately and are planning on building a new church as soon as possible. We have a building fund under way now. Any one who would like to send an offering to be added to this fund, we would sure appreciate it.

Most people know where our church is located at Richwoods. It sets back of the school building and we have always had to pass through the school property to get to our church. Now the school board has locked the gates so we have no outlet, only walking through now from the highway. Would all who can please help us get from behind these locked gates with your offerings and your prayers. If any one wishes to send us any offering, send it to Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, Richwoods, Missouri.

We are so thankful for our pastor, Rev. Roger Reeds. He is a fine young man of God and we feel he is making every effort to do the Lord's will.

We ask everyone to pray for us and our church that it will continue to grow and glow for Jesus. We wish to thank all who helped us during our meeting, we were so thankful for Finis Barr, who came and played the piano for us almost every night.

Yours in the Master's service,

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson
Richwoods, Missouri

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.

FOREIGN MISSION MONEY

Though it has been well over a year since I resigned as Treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board, yet I continue to receive money from here and there for that purpose. I am writing this to ask you please do not send your foreign mission money to me. All I can do is send it on to headquarters, which of course makes extra work. Will you please send your money to Bro. Riggs at the following address as he was elected in my place over a year ago. Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treasurer, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan.

Sincerely,

Winford Davis

Editor's note: Missouri State Association funds—all kinds and every cent of it—should be channelled through the State Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo. She will render you a receipt and make regular disbursements to the several departments specified.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS ESTABLISH NEW CHURCHES

The national Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists will have a special board meeting, December 4, 5, 1951, at the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

This meeting is very important, and the Board is asking every National Home Mission State Director to meet with the Board in this meeting.

Many things have been accomplished by the Home Mission Board since the National Association in July.

Through the sponsorship of the National Home Mission Board there have been seven new churches established.

One is in the state of Nevada. This is the First Free Will Baptist Church in the state of Nevada.

Also a new church has been established in the state of Idaho. This also, is the first Free Will Baptist church in the state of Idaho.

Yours for greater Missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Clerk-Treasurer

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ATTEMPT TO FORCE AGED CHRISTIAN TO WORSHIP IDOL

"Westfield"
Kotagiri, So. India
November 19, 1951

Dear Friends:

It is hard to remember what we have written when it takes so long to get back to us. The dear old man, Ranguswamy, is holding true. Two weeks ago the outstanding Hindu festival of the year took place, and as Ranguswamy used to be a priest and always led his people in offering the sacrifice in those festivals, they naturally looked for him to do the same this year. But they were disappointed. And when he declined to take any part in this big Deepavalli Festival some of his relatives and friends, in their deep concern, dragged him to the temple and attempted to compel him to worship. They were afraid for themselves and for him if he denied the gods in this way. But Ranguswamy not only steadfastly refused but also gave a fearless witness to his faith in Christ as the true and living God, and took that opportunity to publicly renounce all his former belief in idolatry. A young man who is also a believer but not baptized told me this story about Ranguswamy, and the old man's faithfulness through this persecution was an inspiration to this young believer. I had to choke back the lump that came into my throat as I heard of the persecutions of this very frail and feeble old man, but I do praise God for a faith like his. Continue to pray for his wife who is now stoutly opposing him and in ways inconceivable trying to be a stumbling block to him.

I feel helpless when I try to present our most crucial problems to you for prayer. They are foreign to our Western customs, thought, and experience. You hear of demon possession and it seems unreal; you read of it in the New Testament and it seems but a thing of the past. Will this woman's story seem fanciful to you? She can neither read nor write, and she knows little but hard work every day. Some years ago she and her husband together went down to the plains to a famous temple and there dedicated themselves to a certain god and the priest burned

the seal of this god into their necks with a red-hot iron as a sign of their pledge of worship and service to this demon god. A few years ago the Lord



Laura B. Barnard - Missionary

brought us into touch with the husband at a time when he was open to the truth. Fortunately, he could read and we encouraged him in searching out the truth from the Bible. As he read, the Word itself gripped him and led him to faith in Christ as Saviour. Through the years that faith has grown and, as the Word brought light, he found himself trusting Christ completely. But the poor wife, without the aid of literacy and the written Word, is still under the power of darkness. Some days ago the young man called here for fellowship, counsel, and strengthening, and in course of conversation expressed a deep burden for his wife and lamented her hardness of heart and apparent inability to receive gospel truth. The very next day the Bible-woman went to see the wife, and in her own sweet, tactful manner inspired her confidence. "Amma," she said, "I do not feel free to speak my heart to the teacher (the evangelist) because he is a man and he may not understand women. And I am ashamed to tell the white Misslamma what is on my heart because she may think it

strange. You are an Indian woman and so I shall open my heart to you." Then she told the Bible-woman the whole story of how she and her husband by yielding themselves to the demon god, had come into its power. The husband, she said, had been liberated but she was still under the power. "I am bound by that power. I can do nothing about it. I long to be made free." The Bible Woman told her that if she would put her faith in Christ He would set her free. But she had yielded herself once, only to find herself in bondage. She wants to have evidence that Christ is the true God before she yields to Him. "I believe there is one true God somewhere, a god who is Spirit and not made by men's hands," she said. "If He will appear to me in a dream I will believe that He is the true God and I will put my full trust in Him," she promised. Upon hearing this, one of our workers exclaimed, "That it not a difficult thing for God to do. He has often revealed Himself to sincere souls in a vision or dream. He will do it for her."

This woman's story illustrates the reason it is so difficult for idol-worshipping, demon-serving human beings to turn from idols and serve the living God. Romans 6:16 says "To whom ye present yourselves...his bond servants ye are." Many think of heathenism as a powerless religion. This is true insofar as the immediate images which they bow down and worship is concerned, but each idol represents an unseen Satanic force and the demon power behind that idol gets a strangle-hold on the worshipper. It was no idle act when this poor woman and her husband bowed down before this idol and the priest burned that demon's seal into their flesh. In doing this they yielded themselves and became bond-slaves of that power, just as the Scripture says. Pray for this woman and all others in a similar condition. Many men are believing, but they are tortured by their ignorant, illiterate, unbelieving wives who are still held in demon power. This woman's husband said to me, "You cannot understand how a heathen wife can torture her husband." And referring to elderly Ranguswamy, he said, "I think he will have to leave his wife, for he can't live a Christian life under the roof with her."

A young Braham boy through some odd circumstance has come to live in the home of Bro. Thomas, our evangelist. One morning Thomas came in and found his wife massaging the young lad with great concern. "What is the matter—is the lad sick?" he asked. The boy answered for himself, "Sir, I have wrestled with a demon in the night. Since I came here and you told me about the Lord Jesus I have wished to believe in Him, and as I have heard more I have loved Him and desired to receive Him as my own. So in my sleep last night this heathen god visited me and fought me. He kicked me, bruised me, and abused, and forbade me to believe in the true God. Look at my arms and my thighs!" It was a fact, and no imagination, that the lad was bruised and aching, and Thomas' wife was helping to relieve his pain. Yes, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places. Satan's throne is here and the devil is not just a myth. Here on this Spiritual battlefield we need to feel the impact of revival and consecrated living on the home front. We count on your prayers.

Yours in His glad service,

Laura Belle Barnard
Volena Wilson

FREDERICKTOWN REVIVAL

To the Gem Family:

We have just closed a ten-day revival meeting at the Fredericktown Church with Rev. Raymond Riggs the evangelist. Seven souls were saved at the altar and others in homes during this meeting. The church was greatly revived and some added to the church.

We have the Junior Department in the Sunday School now, and the work is advancing nicely, especially in the Junior Department.

The church here supports every phase of the State and National work. For a number of years this church has tithed to the State Unified Plan, thus helping each state project. However, the State has set up a Mission plan—since the Unified Plan—that does not receive money through the Missouri State Unified Plan. So we as a church are sending a regular amount of money direct to State Home Missions and State Foreign Missions.

To those that were not at the State Meeting, I would like to mention the fact that the State again adopted the the Mission Plan, 70-30. Foreign Missions 70 per cent, and State Home Missions, 30 per cent. And of the 30 per cent received into State Home Missions, 30 percent of that money will go to National Home Missions.

The suggested goal for Missouri's share of Foreign Missions is \$8,500.00, and for the National Home Missions is \$1,000.00. Now, if Missouri will support the 70-30 plan the goals for each will be met.

Let us not forget that the Gem is underwritten by the State Home Mission fund, and all Missouri needs to get behind the Gem and support it by subscribing to the paper, and contributing otherwise.

The State Executive and Home Mission Board has organized since the State Meeting as follows: Chairman, Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown; Sec'y-Treas., Dea. John Bough, Stockton; Members—Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin; Rev. A. W. Brook, Mountain Grove, and Rev. Rolla Smith, Kirksville. As a Board we stand ready to help carry on the Lord's work.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Harry Beatty

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

I would like to give a report in brief of the year 1950-51, as I have not previously given it.

Offering from League & General offering	\$1,449.50
General expense	1,430.59
Balance	\$18.91

Special offering at State Association (1950) to pay camp debt of \$700.00	\$569.67
(This paid in full Oct. 13, 1950.)	

Money borrowed to help pay on debt	\$125.00
(Yet unpaid to date.)	

Camp Session, 1951:—	
Sunday School conventions, Enrollment fees, sale of cold drinks, etc.,	\$1,237.25
Expenses	1,257.25
Balance due	—\$20.00
Total due, September 1, 1951..	—\$ 1.09

General offering:—

Sep. 1 to Nov. 15, '51...	\$385.65
Balance of Entertainment Fund from State Association	80.10
Total	\$465.75
Paid out	401.97
On hand Nov. 15, 1951..	\$63.78

Dear Youth Camp Workers:

This report is in brief, but will give you the figures of last year's work, and up to date, November 15, 1951.

Last year was a good year in our camp work, with the largest camp session of all. Then the Missouri State Association convened with us in September with one of it's largest visiting delegations, for which we rejoice. You good people made it possible by your giving and your help to meet every need and expense. May we say to you from our very heart that we appreciate our good camp friends.

In preparing for the events of the year, and to take care of you people who came, we were forced to do some added improvements in the amount of \$750.00 above our regular receipts. But we were able to pay on November 1, 1951, \$200.00 on it, leaving a balance of \$550.00 and we hope to be able to pay some of it each month. If you have an offering you would like to give it will be appreciated very much. Some have already sent nice offerings on it.

Now, it will soon be time to begin our plans for the coming year. Oh yes, it was suggested last year that we plan a program for the entertainment needs of the youth camp session. Well, we have a pig already given to make meat next summer. It will weigh about 60 pounds now. It was given by Kenneth (and is the tithe pig). Now, I heard some one say they believed their League would furnish the feed for one. If some group or groups will do that, we will be glad to do the feeding.

Well, the busy time of the year is here and we are bidding every one a joyous holiday season. May God bless all of our good people everywhere.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

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From The Editor's Desk



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHRIST

Once again the Christmas season rapidly approaches. For some of us it will come all too quickly. In a time when the world appears to be accelerated to a dizzy pace that leaves many of us constantly behind with our plans and work, the day will catch us almost unware. Last minute shoppers will be numerous. In a frenzy they will try to secure a gift that will be acceptable to the recipient. Due to exhausted stocks, the lateness of the hour, and the rush of the time, many will be doomed to give only a token gift or a substitute for that which they may have thought to give. I wonder if in this rather amusing picture we cannot make a spiritual application.—LATE, HURRIED, INADEQUATE GIFTS.

Of course, many will spend the Christmas time in revelry and riotous living, desecrating the very name and power of Christ who gave so much for us. I fear (from observation) that too often we merely are interested in Christ when we are in need—when we want to RECEIVE. But for the real child of God there are several things which he must give. The Apostle Paul, speaking to the Corinthians (shallow professors) pointed to the liberality of the churches of Macedonia toward "ministering to the saints" and emphasized that they "first gave their own selves to the Lord." Again he said to the Roman believers "I beseech (beg) you...that ye present your bodies...acceptable unto God." Yes, if you are desiring to show your love to Christ by giving, the very first thing to give is your own self. I realize this is not easily done. Perhaps it comes easier to some to give companion, or son or daughter, or materials, or lip service. Just as you do not expect your loved ones to purloin your possessions for a gift of love to them, Christ will not use thieving methods to claim you for Himself. You must give yourself, and you alone can do it.

Now, for another picture, let us turn to the automobile. From the out-

side it is a beautiful instrument of gracefully designed shape. It does not seem to be very complex or a thing over which to marvel. Yet, as we examine under the hood and the body we find an amazing arrangement of pieces and parts designed, milled, and



arranged just in the right amounts and working in the exact proper ratio to each other until the automobile is a real marvel and a vital machine in this day. With these parts present and working, the machine would be one to be highly prized as a gift by any one. Without some of the essential gears, pins, rods and wires it would be a useless and annoying mass of junk, and would reflect a diabolic scheme of some kind. In just such a manner we can give a useless gift to Christ in the form of our selves if we reserve some other things "under the hood."

Among the warnings and instructions given in Proverbs, we hear the Lord's instruction, "My son, give me thine heart." I am not preparer to argue that the Lord meant the physical organ that propels the blood or that this is the seat of the emotion as some teach. I feel certain that God meant for us to give Him our innermost being. I consider the heart (physical) a part of the body—and God was not

here calling for the body. This indites to me that there is more than the body to give. Perhaps a clearer picture of this innermost being was spoken of when Paul said, "Be not conformed (like) this world: but be ye transformed (changed) by the renewing of your mind." All of the gifts we give God will sooner or later be enlarged upon and returned to us. So in the presenting of our hearts, they are changed and restored to us. I am reminded of an incident that illustrates this. A very good friend of mine has an affliction of the physical heart. As many of us, she sometimes lightly regards this handicap in trying to accomplish a given task. Then she has to spend several days being very careful of every action. Finding her in distress, I solemnly encouraged her to regard her condition and refrain from too much activity. I said, "That is the only heart you will ever have." To this she cleverly replied, "But I did get a new one one time." Yes, I could remember that at one time she had presented Christ herself and her heart (innermost being) and He had truly given her a better one in return for the old. But her giving has not ceased with that incident. She has continued to give her heart, her thinking, to God.

Another gift for Christ should be love. Perhaps you might think I am trying to engage in double talk now. I have indicated we should give our own self and that we need to give our heart. Now we speak of love. Your retort might be, "Does not the other gifts include love?" Perhaps it does. Still I would point you to Peter. He had heeded the personal call of Jesus to "Follow thou me." He had left his trade and had given himself in service with and for Jesus. I am even inclined to believe he had presented his heart and had an entirely new character. Yet, late in the ministry of Jesus, He asked him, "Lovest thou me?" So uncertain was the love of Peter the Jesus asked him three times, or until Peter became vexed. This indicates that we can (and many do) follow Christ for reasons not intended by Him. Those who enter a service for popularity or for personal gain will discover that theirs will be a great

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loss. Our service must be of love. We find Peter later enjoining "Grace unto you, whom having not seen (Christ), ye love." For the full grace of Jesus Christ, we must offer our love. The absence of love can at the very least produce lethargy or drowsiness (spiritual lukewarmness). If you want to find aggressiveness, discover what the individual in question loves, and you will find his most effort in that direction. A slothful suitor would likely not get very far with his love, for he would display but little love himself. The true lover of Christ will be an aggressive and tireless worker for Him. Love demands love in return. Christ first loved us.

Then there is the gift of thanks. The Psalmist said "I will give thanks unto thee for ever." Perhaps you do not feel that is such a great gift. But I am inclined to feel most of us would do well to attempt to emulate the Psalmist in this. I wonder how many of us do really give thanks. I trust that the Lord will never allow you to walk in some of the paths that have been my experience. However, in them I learned the reasonableness of giving thanks for everything for ever. Perhaps your experiences have taught you the same thing. Regardless of the lessons learned, I feel that many of us regard our blessings as having come "by my might and my power," and are reluctant or apathetic in giving thanks. Again the Apostle Paul says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." So give thanks. Do you give thanks for the every day blessings; will you give thanks in prosperity; can you give thanks in tribulation? Give a daily gift of thanks unto Christ.

I would enjoy giving still other gift-subjects for you to consider, but feel space forbids. Some others for you to think about would be, "The fruit of our lips," "Glory and strength," and give "As we are able." May this be one Christmas that you will give much unto the Lord Jesus Christ.

FRONT PAGE POEM

The nice poem appearing on the front of the Gem entitled, "Lift Up Thy Head and Sing," and quite appropriate for the Christmas issue, was contributed by Mrs. John Ferguson of Nolan, West Virginia. Thanks, Sis. Ferguson, for your contribution.

CALENDARS

Some have asked us as the availability of Scripture Text Calendars for 1952. We are glad to inform those interested that we have some ordered and will try to take care of all orders for them if at all possible. We think they are very nice, with fine artwork in color. Each day sets forth a portion of scripture. The calendars will come to you for 35 cents each or three for \$1.00. Please get your order to us as early as possible.

GEM SUBS GO UP

We have been highly gratified at the response to the Gem during the past two months. We have gained ground. This is especially encouraging, since we have just come through several months that haven't averaged up so well. In fact, several had shown a loss. Perhaps a little of the recent spurt was an attempt to get in under the deadline for the raise in price set up by the last session of the Missouri State Association to become effective after the November issue. However, we would rather think that this day of peril has given emphasis of a need of spiritual help in the home, hence a decided new interest in the Gem. Giving credence to this belief is the many fine testimonies we receive regularly telling of the help the Gem has been, and several vow their continued support of the Gem regardless of how much the price may be forced upward. This makes us feel quite sure folks will not let the added fifty cents per year make any difference in their loyalty. The raise in the price did not come as our personal wish, or even by our recommendation. However, when the committee reviewed the cost of production and materials, there was no other recourse. This fact was readily understandable and the action of the

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delegates has been favorably received. We appreciate this and urge you to continue to work tirelessly for the success of your church paper.

FORMERLY ASSISTED WITH PUBLISHING CHURCH PAPER

Dear Gem Readers:

Just thought I would write a few lines to the Gem and send in my subscription. I don't feel like I could do without it. I have taken the paper for years, although it was under a different name. I have been a subscriber ever since Bro. S. L. Morris published it at Weatherford, Texas. In fact I used to work for it.

I am a widow now, and am crippled. I can't walk except with crutches. I will soon be 81 years old. I am a charter member of the Free Will Baptist Church at New Hope, Texas, nine miles west of Weatherford, but live in Weatherford now, and belong to the Weatherford F.W.B. Church. Mr. White will soon be dead three years and I feel so lonely since he is gone. We have a good church and Sunday School here at Weatherford. Bro. Ferguson is our pastor.

If any of the readers of the Gem has the history of the Free Will Baptist Church, I wish it would be in print in the Gem again. It was printed in the Gem several years ago, but I have got my papers misplaced.

Pray for me that my last days may be my happiest days.

Mrs. R. L. White

Your Editor recalls bringing a Sunday morning message from the pulpit of the Free Will Baptist Church in Weatherford while serving with the armed forces. We were stationed in an Infantry training camp near there, but didn't learn of this church until just before leaving. We enjoyed our brief fellowship with these good people on two successive Sunday mornings in June, 1942.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

Sister Edwards:

The Auxiliary at Berkley was organized October 2, 1951. The officers are as follows: President, Elizabeth Hesselmeier; 1st V. P., Alice Stephens; 2nd V. P., Georgia Hill; 3rd V. P., Elva Turnbough; 4th V. P., Virginia Stone; 5th V. P., Martha Stephens; Sec.-Treas., Mildred Dobkins.

Fourteen members were present.

FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

Our Auxiliary met at the home of Vergilene Ragsdale with 12 members and one visitor present. The morning service and the business period was in charge of the President.

The afternoon service was in charge of Lucille Beatty, 1st V. P. Scripture reading by Helen Gamblin. Topics by Lucille Beatty and Hallie Dettmar. Devotional led by 1st V. P., with the real power of God being felt and manifest in every heart, with old time shouting and praising God. Dismissed by Bro. Beatty. The ladies are holding prayer meetings and having real joy with the Lord.

Our revival starts November 5, with Bro. Raymond Riggs preaching. We pray to see souls saved and a real old fashioned revival.

Your friend in Christ,

Marie Tripp, Rec.-Sec.

INSTALLATION SERVICE AT FREDERICKTOWN

The Fredericktown Auxiliary presented an installation service at their church, October 29, 1951, with a large crowd in attendance. The women of the Auxiliary and the members of the "Go-Tell Band" were dressed alike in that they wore white blouses and dark skirts and it made a picture long to be remembered. Some, with their silvery hair, who have been faithful for many years, young matrons, with the assurance and determination to accomplish much for the Master, the Go-Tells,

their faces aglow with the fire of Edusmond. New members were called youth and zeal for service. It was for and Sis. Hamilton joined the Auxiliary. Motion made and substained to buy pillowcases to sell for Christmas. Meeting dismissed with prayer by Sis. Blanche Frances.

Jerry Bullis, Sec.-Treas.

After some special singing and readings by the "Go-Tell Band" the pastor, Rev. Harry Beatty brought a short message on, "The Faithfulness of Service."

The installation of officers followed with Mrs. Eunice Edwards presiding. She read the charge as she handed a lighted candle to each officer, lit from a large candle on a table in the center of the platform. The officers, in turn, responded with the acceptance of the lighted candle, symbolic of that Great Light, Christ. The installation closed with prayer for the incoming officers and their future work.

The Auxiliary then presented a playlet entitled, "Let Suzie Do It," which was greatly enjoyed.

The Fredericktown Auxiliary is a growing Auxiliary and we do thank the Lord for such a group of women.

—Woman's Editor

SOUL SAVED AT W. A. MEET

2622 Rutger St.
St. Louis 4, Mo.
October 30, 1951

Dear Sister Edwards:

We of the Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, have been having some good services in our Auxiliary meetings.

The October meeting opened with singing, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "Victory." Scripture reading was by Sis. Inez Myers, reading John 4:32. Prayer was then held in the altar for all requests, and an invitation to the lost was given. Sis. Hampton went forward and was saved. Business followed a handshake in the altar.

The meeting in November was set to begin work on a bake sale that is to be held December 15, at Sears South Side store. Committee appointed by the president were Sis. Blanche Frances, Sis. Mary Regh, Sis. Inez Meyers, Sis. Mary Smith and Sis.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday November 6, with Mrs. Dora Sponsler, with 10 members and six children. The day was spent working for the hostess.

The President led the devotional period. Mrs. Agnes Smith led the group in singing, "Lead me to Some Soul Today" and "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer by Mary Filkins. Scripture reading of John 1:43-49. "Working together with Him through faithful witnessing that His way may be known upon earth" was studied and discussed by Lola Filkins, Marzie Sevits, Dora Sponsler and Agnes Smith.

We decided to order 12 new year books. An offering of \$1.65 was given for Co-Laborer Fund. Three hundred forty Bible chapters, 58 sick calls, and 13 cards reported.

—Reporter

PASTOR AND WIFE ATTEND MONETT AUXILIARY MEETS

Since is has been some time since a report has been given from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Monett Church, I wish to submit the following report.

I am happy to report the wonderful way the Lord has been blessing our Auxiliary. We are trying in our weak way to keep our watchword "Workers together with Him...that His way may be known upon earth" This seems more fitting at this time when the entire world desires the fruits of working together.

Plans are being made for our Quarterly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Indian Creek Association

which will meet at our church on November 14, and we are looking forward to Mrs. Eunice Edwards being with us.

These Quarterly meetings strengthen the Auxiliaries. Also the social hour is good for us to fellowship together.

We are so thankful to have Bro. and Sis. Cecil Campbell with us and they have been a great help to us in our Auxiliary. They both meet with us each time we meet.

As the holiday season approaches let us each one be thankful for what He has done for us and pray that we might have peace.

As we think of facing another New Year this question comes into mind, "What have we done this year as a Woman's Auxiliary?" Have we used it or have we wasted it? We as a Woman's Auxiliary know that we have great opportunity lying ahead of us this coming year. His presence in our lives should serve as a magnet to draw us together in a stronger faith, a greater prayer life, holier living, a greater vision, a deeper zeal for lost souls, and a greater service for humanity. With Him we cannot be unmindful and idle of the open doors of service. With Him we must work, for His presence within us inspires and guides us to make His way known upon the earth, which is the "Way of the Cross."

Pray for our Auxiliary that our Women will continue serving God, and working for others.

Mrs. Flossie Jones, Sec'y.

UNION (ILLINOIS) F.W.B. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEET

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Union Free Will Baptist Church was held November 14, at the home of Mrs. Fred A. Read.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. The Bible study was taken from John 1:43-49, and was read by Mrs. Fred A. Read, after which a brief business session was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Jones, 1st V.P. Mrs. Jones directed the program, during which a discussion of topics was given by Mrs. Ocie McClerren, Mrs. Buefard McClerren, Mrs. Wendell Dillon and Mrs. Fred A. Read. The special feature, a questionnaire entitled, "A Personal Application" was discussed by all members present. A testimony service was held during which each

member gave an interesting account of her conversion.

Others present were, Mrs. Herbert McClerren, Mrs. Daisy Read, Judy McClerren, and Tommy Read.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ocie McClerren.

Mrs. Wendell Dillon, 4th V.P.
Thompsonville, Illinois

-F-A-I-T-H-

Christ said He did not give us the spirit of fear, but of power and of a sound mind. I don't know where I got this fear but I am certainly nervous before this crowd.

The word, FAITH, means belief. What are you going to believe? I have to know a thing is true, before I can really believe it. Belief is knowing; not guessing. You have to know what you believe, then believe what you know.

In Heb. 1:1 it says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is the substance of things of the Word. Substance means, "That of which a thing consist; the material or body." Now we have here some material to work with. Faith substance is the material you make things out of. Faith substance is not something that is dead and static—it is alive, dynamic, spiritual mind substance.

The act of creation is not the making of something out of nothing but the bringing of the substance of spirit into form. It is the act of Spirit within and upon itself. Everything that was ever made was created out of this spiritual substance. Christ Jesus made all things by His Spirit. He maintains all things by His Spirit and does all things by speaking words to His Spirit. By the Word of the Lord was the Heaven made. He spoke and it was done. He commanded and they stood still.

Thus the visible was made out of the invisible. In Rom. 1:20, it says, "The invisible things... are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." When you understand a thing it is no longer mysterious. All things were made out of invisible spiritual mind substance. The whole universe is a living presence, a spiritual system existing for one thing—to fully express the Divine. This faith substance

is for our use, the tool we use is our mind. Man has a mind. He is not a physical organism containing and using a mind; he is mind using a body. The body is only a vehicle for the spirit and mind. The body without the spirit is dead: "It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing."

Paul said for us to stir up that pure Christ mind that is in you. Mind, which is man's greatest gift, has been made his jailer. Bondage exists nowhere in the universe except in the mind of man. The cell you have had your mind locked in all these years is now open and in Christ you are free to claim all the liberty you can enjoy.

Creation is still going on. It has never stopped! In the beginning God created everything before it was formed: the earth was without form and void; just empty space.

This is called creative imagination. Your mind is like a camera. The camera makes a negative or proof of the picture, but it does not develop it. The same thing with your mind. It will make an image of anything you want. You can recall pictures and scenes of the past or paint pictures of the future. You make your picture then. The spirit substance develops it.

When you get in your car, you step on the starter. That starts the motor. Then the motor goes into action and pulls the load. You move smoothly and easily as long as you keep pumping the gas into the carburetor. If you run out of gas it stops.

That is what faith does. It starts the great spiritual motor into action. The load it pulls is your mind picture or desire. It takes gas to run this spiritual motor too. The kind you use is belief, praise, and thanksgiving. The more you praise and give thanks the faster it goes. If you keep your eye on the goal and never waver it will take you straight through the gate to your desire. Fear and worry will stop your motor. Quite, relaxed confidence, produces the power results; "not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

If we don't like the results we are getting we had better check our selves. There is no way around or over the wall; you have to go through the door. God knows our hearts. We can't fool Him. The world is deluded, blind, and shackled by the hell of its own nega-

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"FAITH" CONTINUED

tive thinking. Our outer, seen life is an exact duplication of our unseen thought life. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." You could no more keep from saying and doing the things you think about than you could keep from eating when you are hungry, or sleeping when you are sleepy. In Matt. 15:19 we read, "For out of the heart proceedeth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man."

Now do you see what evil thoughts do? They even destroy our body. They cause all the trouble and heartache there is in the world. Over in Galatians, Paul tells us some more effects of evil thoughts: "Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, wrath, strife, envyings, drunkenness." It includes any kind of evil you could possibly think of. That is the carnal mind. The spiritual mind is, "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Here is the remedy for every human problem. If the whole world would change their mind and think love, joy, and peace instead of hate, war and greed, the world would be a transformed place over night. You take the word "greedy." That is an unpleasant word, isn't it? When it gets possession of a person, he will drive his body like a machine to satisfy that desire.

Anger burns up the cells in the body. Jealousy, resentment, fear, worry, destroy the brain cells and nerves. Our moods and emotions are playing upon our bodies all the time. No wonder we are such a sorry mess of humanity. We blame God and everyone else but ourselves, but the Bible says these are the things that destroy you. In Luke 19, we read about a Nobleman that went into a far country, and he gave a share to each of his servants and told them to use it until he got back. They all reported well but the last one. He said, "Lord, here is thy pound. I was afraid of you. You are a hard man to deal with, so I don't want anything to do with you." The Lord said, "Alright, out of your own mouth I will judge thee." You see that fellow was just thinking about himself. But he didn't know it. The Lord could not use a man like that.

People do not need to be preached at as much as they need to be taught.

If they knew they were destroying their own lives, their own happiness, they would do differently. God told Israel, "I set before thee this day blessing and cursing. Blessing if you obey, cursing if you disobey." You will never win anyone by criticizing their faults. But if you can show them where they are wrong, if they are intelligent, they will be glad to accept it. If I see something is for my benefit, if it will get me what I want, I would be a fool not to accept it. If we obey God's law we are blessed, but we are the ones to choose. Which do we want—blessing or cursing?

God hates sin and one kind isn't any worse than the other. We condemn the man that gets drunk. While he gets drunk, we are over to one side having a mad fit. Remember, wrath is one of the things that defile you. We condemn someone else for using tobacco. What about your tongue? Do you have it under control? You can go on down the list and you will see Christians doing these things. Look at our churches; the members can't get along with one another. Somebody gets peeved, then he begins to sow the seed of discord among the brethren. Solomon said this an abomination in the sight of God. Then we wonder why we don't have revivals. We are grieving the Holy Spirit. We had better set our own house in order that we might have some influence on the world.

The Bible says, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." How do we grow? By overcoming one evil at a time. How would you overcome some evils? Ask for Grace to overcome. He said, "come boldly to the throne of grace and ask for help in time of need." You can only climb one rung of a ladder at a time; that is the way we grow; overcome one thing at a time. Unbelief is a sin. We don't believe the Lord can do very much. We are like the lady that was out on the ocean on a ship during a terrible storm. She went to the captain and asked him if he thought they would make it. He replied, "Madam, we are now in the hands of God. Pray." "Oh," she said, "has it come to that?"

Faith substance was made to use. The Spirit will mold it into the form you give it. God doesn't do things

for us: He does it through us. But we have to keep the channel open. He doesn't usually give us riches; He gives us rich ideas. When you ask for something, then He gives you the idea of how you can get it, then it is up to you to work that idea. Now you have to believe what you know. You know that God can do the thing. Start to giving thanks and praise, that you already have what you want. If you want to build a house, start to lay the brick.

You know when the Priests came to the River of Jordan with the Ark they had to step into the water and get their feet wet before God turned the water back. Start doing something, then God will open the way.

Knowledge unused is void of power. So use what you have!

Mrs. Edna Van Hoorebeke
Scheller, Illinois

(This topic given at the Illinois District Convention.)

NEW TEXAS CHURCHES

Ft. Worth, Texas
November 29, 1951

This is to advise you that the Home Mission Board of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists (of Texas) bought a large church building in Wichita Falls. We have held services here two Sundays and at this writing, 15 people have signed up and are ready to organize a church. We are operating now as a Free Will Baptist Mission. These people have the work at heart. Pray for us as we labor here that souls may be saved, and God may add to the church as He sees fit. We hope that some of the other Free Will Baptists who have moved here will read this and come our way to serve God.

We have organized a Tithing Band and hope to have others join as they come in our midst. In our first service Sunday, October 21, we had 20 present for Sunday School and church, with an offering of \$16.57 in the morning service, with 16 present in the afternoon service and an offering of \$6.00. On Thursday night, October 25 we had our first prayer meeting with nine present and an offering of \$9.00. For the morning service on Sunday, October 28, 15 were present (two visitors from the Vernon Church) with an

offering of \$16.00. In the afternoon service there were 16 present (raining) with an offering of \$4.64.

I will send a report of the organization of the church in the very near future. Again, pray for the work.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. C. J. Turrentine
Temporary pastor

November 21, 1951

Dear Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know that the West Fork Association of Texas Free Will Baptist is still working, praying, and establishing new churches. As per a note sent earlier to the Gem, the Home Mission Board of the Association bought a large church building in Wichita Falls on Friday and we opened a Mission there the following Sunday with 20 present for Sunday School and church. After four and one-half weeks, on Thursday night, November 15, we had the following Free Will Baptist ministers present: Rev. John A. Brooks, Ft. Worth; Rev. M. L. Sutton, Ft. Worth; Rev. Tiff Covington, Bowie; and Rev. C. J. Turrentine, Ft. Worth. The church was organized with 20 members. After the church was set in order and the privilege of the church extended, a little nine or ten year old girl was the first member received; then the mother and father came, making our membership 23.

We set as our Yearly Conference and pastor call, the first Wednesday night in August. Officers are to take office the first Sunday in September. Our communion and feet washing services are the first Sunday nights in May and November. Pray for this work, please.

The church called Rev. J. A. Brooks as pastor, and Rev. C. J. Turrentine as associate pastor for the ensuing year. The church is located on the corner of Fifth and Broad Street. The name selected, "First Free Will Baptist Church."

I just had a letter from Midland, Texas saying that on Sunday, November 8, Rev. J. C. A. Hughes, Rev. Ed Hobbs, Rev. Holley, and L. C. Pinson with their wives and Rev. Rogers, organized a Free Will Baptist Church at Seagraves, Texas with 11 members. Rev. Rogers is pastor. Truly this West Texas county is a

white harvest and so few laborers. Pray that the Lord will send ministers this way.

Yours in Christ

Rev. C. J. Turrentine
4300 Ave. H
Ft. Worth, Texas

LOYAL CHAPEL, TENNESSEE, IN HOME COMING SERVICE

E. 17th Street
Columbia, Tennessee

Our home coming, which is celebrated on the Second Sunday in November, started with regular Sunday morning services this year. Rev. J. B. Bloss, our beloved pastor, talked of past events since the organization of our little church. The charter members present were Mac Parrish, Robert Parrish, Nathan Staggs, Mrs. Jim Mangrum, Mrs. Sally McClure, Miss Mattie Caudle, and our pastor. Each one of these "First Members" and dear friends, gave their own personal testimony of God's presence in their own lives.

During the morning session, one soul was saved and two persons joined the church. We other members welcome them to our midst as well as all the other new members of this year. May God's richest blessings and presence always be with them. Franklin Sexton, a student of the F. W. B. College, in Nashville dismissed the congregation for lunch, that was brought and served by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon session consisted of special singing by the Lindsay Quartet, the Falkner Trio a solo by Bob Hyle, a solo by Sue Spencer, and a duet by Mrs. J. D. Roberts and son Jimmie.

Rev. W. B. Hughes, our assistant pastor, brought the evening message.

Since the church organization, the congregation has prospered to the extent of over 200 members with a Sunday School of 200 members. The Lord has certainly blessed us, for with these members we are able to support every phase of the work. Our League is a good one with 80 members and the Woman's Auxillary has 18 members. So with such a fine number, we cannot and will not fail to do all we can to carry out the Lord's will. We feel that our church is a big part of our own lives, and very dear to our hearts. May we have the prayers of all the

Christian people, to be stronger in our love and work for Him, and for each other.

—Elsie Price

TO MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

In the Interest of
National Foreign Missions

Brethren:

It seems that the years fly by so quickly. Here we are nearly half way through the Associational Year of 1951-52. Do you know where we are on our \$8,500.00 quota of Foreign Missions? The report that I just now have from the Office of Bro. Riggs is—we have paid \$3,889.67, and have a balance of \$4,610.33. Of course the receipts of November and December are to come on this before we are half through the year. If we continue as we have been we will be well over the half-way mark. As I think of nearly nine thousand Free Will Baptists in Missouri, I'm sure a mere \$8,500.00 quota will not be hard to meet. Why, that is only a little more than one dollar per year for each of us!

May I make a suggestion? As you plan to make gifts in the celebration of the birthday of our Christ, why not plan to make a gift to Foreign Missions? Christ was a Foreign Missionary, also.

I'm sure that most of us will remember that there was an appeal made in our Association for the support of Mrs. Marie Hanna to the field in India. As yet, I have not heard from any one pertaining to this matter. Our Fellowship Church here in Flat River is paying the salary of two missionaries on the field. We are being blessed by it! As Sis. Marie is from Missouri I was in hopes that some church, or group of churches would take her support. Won't you please pray over it, and allow me to hear from you. She, with her good husband, is to get out to India early in the next year. Won't you please pray over this matter, and allow the Master to have His way in your life?

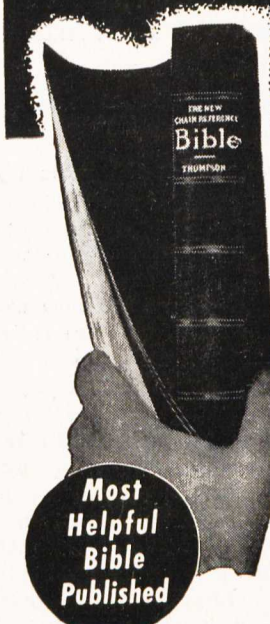
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