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**WORSHIPPER ROBBED**

We had a complainant recently who asserted he had been robbed in church. Being all set to sympathize in the loss of much needed money, it was a surprise to hear the man say he had been robbed of hearing the sermon because, to quote him, "two gum-chewing sisters in front of me talked all through the service."

I could imagine his lowering brow and lowered esteem. But there is another form of church robbery which is largely practiced and largely overlooked. An Old Testament prophet tells about it in Mal. 3:8-10.

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**THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL**

One man, in a glorious awakening at Ferapore, in India confessed his sins, one of which was stealing and eating two fowls, the property of a neighbor. Thoroughly broken, he proceeded to the village where this had happened, and, scolding over his sin, told it to his neighbor, adding:

"I am willing to pay you for the hens, to give you two others, or to go to prison.

"I stole, killed and ate your cock!" And the two wept together. Now almost the entire village is Christian. When the man is asked what is the Gospel he preaches, he says: "I cannot preach; I tell them about the hens."

A fine Indian preacher stole some valuables from a rajah, and buried them in the rajah's grounds, and then left that part of the country. Later on, there was a glorious work of God's grace in that part. This man confessed his sins, and said:

"If the rajah should cut off my head, I will go back and tell him."

On the train he could not get admission to the rajah's carriage, but later on he saw the door open, and in he went; and, falling at the rajah's feet, he told him all. On arriving at the village, the rajah sent for him again, and sent a man to go dig up the treasure.

"Now," said he to the brokenhearted preacher, "what made you come and tell me this?"

"I am a Christian, sir."

"Then go and send me from your mission some one to come and make my people like you!"

This man won not one soul in six years with his sin unconfessed; now there are some six hundred converts in two or three years.

—Selected



## NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD MEET IN TENNESSEE

On December 4th and 5th, the National Home Mission Board convened at Loyal Chapel Church in Columbia, Tennessee in a business session. The business was prefaced with a worship service at the church on Monday night, December 3, and was interspersed with regular worship periods at 11:00 o'clock each day and in the evening Tuesday, with different guest speakers at each service.

The entire Board composed of Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman, Columbia, Tennessee; Rev. Harry E. Staires, Secretary-Treasurer, Oilton, Oklahoma; and members Rev. Willard C. Day of Mountain Grove, Missouri, Rev. George W. McLain of Kerman, California and Rev. James A. Evans of Wilson, North Carolina. Also present were Rev. Homer Willis, Michigan Director; Rev. Paul Pursell, Oklahoma Director; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia Director, and Rev. Gene McLain (Assembly of God), visitor from Denton, Texas.

A few of the many items of business transacted included the following: Motion carried to employ Rev. George W. McLain to conduct a revival meeting among the Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina, in June or before, two weeks or more.

Motion carried that Rev. Harry E. Staires be given the supervision of the Hobbs, New Mexico Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion carried to sponsor a revival meeting at Richmond, Virginia not later than June, 1952, and that Rev. Damon C. Dodd be the evangelist, as requested by Rev. W. A. Hales, Director of Virginia.

Motion carried to allow the request of the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri, \$125.00.

Also, the following report was received of the Secretary-Treasurer:

"The National Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptist has sponsored eight revival meetings since the National Association in July 1951.

"Through these revival efforts there have been eight new churches established.

"The first church at Cairo, Georgia, with 23 charter members. They have purchased property, and are planning on building in the near future. Rev. K. V. Shutes is pastor.

"The second church is at Albany, Georgia, with 18 charter members. They have purchased property and are planning on building in the near future, Rev. Adam Scott is pastor.

"The third church is at Duncan, Oklahoma, with 20 charter members. They have purchased property and are now in a building program with plans to be in the new building by Christmas. Rev. Jack Dodson is pastor.

"The fourth church is at Eufaula, Oklahoma, with 15 charter members. Rev. C. R. Fassio is pastor.

"The fifth church is at Babbitt, Nevada, with 12 charter members. Rev. Lee Shelton is pastor. This is our first new church in the state of Nevada.

"The sixth church is at Buhl, Idaho, with 18 charter members. They have purchased property and are now building a new \$12,000.00 church building. Rev. Vergil Florence is pastor. This is our first church in the State of Idaho.

"The seventh church is at Lindsay, Oklahoma, with 22 charter members. Rev. Shurman Webb is pastor.

"The eighth church is at Amarillo, Texas, with 21 charter members. This church now has a fine church building and a parsonage. Rev. Bias is pastor.

"There has been 23 pledges received from the coupon books, with a total of \$56.75 per month.

"Rev. George W. McLain reports on the Cuba, Illinois church, known as the Fiatt Free Will Baptist Church. He spent three days there investigating and received some very important information, receiving a copy of the last will of Helen Howard Sauerwein on behalf of the church. Blanch Hukill of Fiatt, Illinois is Clerk. The Trustees are Cecil Lundry, Route 2, Canton, Illinois, Ronald Keefauver, Route 2, Cuba, Illinois, and Maron Mitchell, Route 1, Ellisville, Illinois. The former pastor was Rev. Pete Christian.

"Rev. George W. McLain also reports his trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He went there October 9, 1951, spent three days in investigating the possibility of establishing a Free Will Baptist Church, he reports that it is almost impossible at this time to establish a new work there. Rev. McLain reported his expense from North Carolina to Cuba, Illinois and on to Albuquerque, New Mexico and while at these places at \$100.00.

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"Report on trip to Hobbs, New Mexico that was voted by the Home Mission Board, by Rev. Harry E. Staires. 'I went to Hobbs, November 5, 1951 to assist in the restoration of the new church and property. First meeting was held with Rev. Jake Armstrong and two appointed deacons. An agreement was reached that Rev. Jake Armstrong would resign, and that the church would call another pastor. The church asked the aid of the National Home Mission Board in securing a pastor.

"Also, a meeting was held with 26 members that had quit the church. They agreed that when a new pastor was called they would come back and support the church. My expense was \$39.00."

Rev. Harry E. Staires

From a table showing the Financial Status as of January 1, 1952, we note that Virginia is the only state that has managed to meet their expected quota. With their goal set at \$450.00 for the year, they have now paid in \$1,000.00. Alabama, with a goal of \$400.00, has sent in \$251.60, and New Mexico has contributed \$50.43 of their \$100.00 goal, to reach the half way mark and stay even with the elapsed time, now also one half gone. All other states are well behind, with most of them not yet reaching 25% of their established goal. This isn't such a good record for us, when the entire goal for the year was only \$10,000.00, and only a little over one fourth reached at the half way mark.



## "HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION?" HEBREWS 3:2.

*Dedicated to my children—Kenneth, Winfred, Edward and Barbara*

"Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord." What does salvation mean? It means rescued from punishment for sin after death. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:27, 28.

Beloved, it is wonderful to study the Scripture and have the glorious feeling accompany our knowledge that Jesus Christ is our Saviour. Is it any wonder that after we've been born of the Holy Spirit that we love the brethren, that we hunger after righteousness, and rejoice in salvation? I tell you it is as old as the hills, and it is good for the soul! Elisabeth rejoiced at the salvation of Mary and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Now, go with me to Matt 1:18-21. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Now that we know that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, let us see how He saved us. In St. John 11:50 we read, "That it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." Sure, these words were spoken by a high priest

in a council concerning Jesus Christ's crucifixion. But the same God revealed this truth unto Caiaphas, that made known unto Elisabeth that Mary would be the mother of her Lord.

Jesus Christ Himself said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said signifying what death he should die." So we hear Pilot say, "Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him." St. John 19:14, 15. "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: there they crucified him." v. 17, 18. They tell me that to this day on mount Calvary still stands a hill in the shape of a human skull, and just beneath the forehead of the hill is a cavern that looks like eyeless sockets. Well, that's no mystery to me. Doesn't the Scripture say, "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull?" Are we today bearing our cross as Jesus bore His, or are we, like Peter, occasionally warming our feet by the devil's fire? What a horrible death for Jesus Christ to die, that you and I might live beyond the grave.

Sinner friend it is up to you to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and live in heaven, or lift up your eyes in hell as did the rich man. I know in your heart when you are forced to think about it, you mean to make it another day. Take heed, lest another day never comes.

Paul said in I Thess. 5:9, "For God hath not appointed us unto warth, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." Now that we know who our Saviour is and that He died for our sins, what would it become us to do about so great a service? Prov. 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

In Rom. 10:9, 10 we read, "That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto

righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Jesus Christ said, "Also, I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." Certainly the easiest way I know to deny the Lord is not to have any part or parcel in the work He left here on earth for man to do. Certainly after He has lit our candle, or filled this old earthly tabernacle with the Holy Spirit, He doesn't want us to go crawl in a hole. Why! when I get a feeling that I want to hide I know pretty quick the old devil is on my trail.

Now, beloved let us see what Paul has to say to those "that confess with thy mouth, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Jesus Christ from the dead." "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. Notice Paul said a living sacrifice. Think a moment. When can we be of service to God? Now, at the present time, or hereafter? I'm afraid to refuse to be of service here on earth, else I might not have that opportunity hereafter. Anyway study the second verse and you will see the light. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Listen, to what Jesus said about the choice Mary made. "But . . . Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Not one time can I show you in the Scripture where Mary was in accord with the world, but in Luke 10:39, we find her as she sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word.

How can the heart be renewed day by day and expose ourself to things of this world, that is not good for the eye to look upon? How can we be renewed in the Spirit of our mind if we fail to study the Scripture? Surely we don't want to neglect our salvation. Titus 3:5-8 says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and



renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we shall be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell  
Route 1  
Mer Rouge, La.

### MOST SACRED AND SAD EVENTS OF MY LIFE

WHEN I was a child of seven years,  
I began to realize I was lost.  
But I didn't understand the way  
Nor how to count the cost.

BUT within a few years later,  
I was so burdened with sin,  
I prayed to God for forgiveness  
And He saved my soul then.

I WAS so happy and content,  
And felt so light and gay;  
I never thought of the trials  
Nor rough places in the way.

OF COURSE I made many mistakes,  
But to the Lord I'd go,  
Asking forgiveness again  
So in His grace I'd grow.

WHILE I was quite young,  
Somewhere in my 'teens,  
I met a boy named Dee Royster—  
He was a boy of my dreams.

OUR courtship was several months,  
But seemingly just fled;  
Fore we were very much in love  
And soon were in Holy Matrimony wed.

WE WERE so very happy  
And life seemed so sweet,  
Neither of us realized  
So many obstacles we'd meet.

THE Lord, we said, we'd follow.  
The Bible we did read,  
So we were soon baptized  
And joined the Free Will Baptist creed.

AT TIMES we missed the right way:  
Failed where we hoped to gain,  
But love was always with us  
And gave us more happiness than pain.

WHEN our home was blessed  
With a sweet infant child  
We were made to rejoice,  
But for such a short while.

THE death angel came one day  
And took our baby boy home.  
He was too good and pure  
In a sinful world to roam.

OUR hearts were almost broken—  
We were so miserably sad.  
But the Heavenly Father knew best  
If it were all we had.

THROUGH sorrows and tribulations,  
Or whatever was the test;  
We depended on the Lord  
And tried to do our best.

LATER when our home was blessed  
With a girl, then another boy;  
We thought our troubles past  
And all would be peace and joy.

BUT soon we became burdened,  
The cause, we really didn't know,  
'Till after prayer and fasting  
A little light began to glow.

WE REALIZED it was from God,  
And must be the Divine Call  
For my companion to preach  
The Gospel to one and all.

NOW all the preachers know,  
And so do their wives,  
The sacrifice and hardships it takes  
To preach to human lives.

BUT the Lord, we said, we'd follow,  
So this was another test,  
And we had learned from experience  
That He always knew best.

THEN the death angel came again,  
This time, far worse than before.  
He came for the beloved preacher,  
His work on earth was o'er.

OH, WE were grief stricken  
And pierced to the bone;  
To think the most beloved  
Had to be taken home.

WHEN he was needed most  
By wife, daughter, and son.  
Our hearts were crushed in sorrow  
To be left in this world alone.

MINISTERS, friends, and relatives  
Tried to console and cheer,  
But the greatest comfort I found  
Was in my Saviour dear.

HE SEEMED so near and loving  
And heaven much more bright  
Since Dee was up there  
Just taken out of sight.

I STRUGGLED on through weary days,  
And many a sleepless night,  
To follow His instructions  
To lead the children right.

NOW they to womanhood  
And manhood have grown,  
Living for the Lord  
In homes of their own.

SINCE then I've lost a sister,  
Father and mother dear;  
And I'm ready and waiting, Lord,  
I don't want to stay down here.

SPEED the time, I pray,  
'Till we shall all meet again;  
To be together forever  
Around the Great White Throne, AMEN.

Grace Royster  
Hartville, Mo.

### PASSAGE MONEY NEEDED FOR THE WOOLSEYS!

"Dear Bro. Riggs:

We are in receipt of your letter with the resolutions of the Board. Many thanks. We have tentative passage on a boat sailing from Bombay to Genoa, Italy on April 6, and on another sailing from there to New York April 23. However, it is still possible that we may yet sail in March 20. If we should arrive in time, we will be glad to attend Bible Conference and also meet with the Board.

No, we do not have the money on hand for our fare from here to Bombay and for our passage to New York. It is not possible to give exact amount now but our passage by ship (tourist class) will be some less than \$500.00 per person; our fare including baggage to Bombay should be about \$150.00 for us both—add \$125.00 each for luggage by ship, bus fare, taxies etc. and we have \$700.00 per person. I should say that this is the minimum amount. The cost of baggage, taxies, etc. in New York and from there to Greenville, Tennessee will possibly be \$200.00 more."

We see from the above that over \$1,500.00 will be needed for the Woolseys fare home. The board of course is responsible for this expense and we can only pay it as you send in those gifts. Keep them coming and don't forget Sunday, February 3rd.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Sec.-Treas.



## FUNDAMENTALISM! WHAT IS IT?

*Rev. J. W. Handy - Houston, Texas*

This question, little as we may think of it at first thought resolves itself into a question of stupendous significance and importance if we apply ourselves to a careful study of its importance in the light of God's Word and the application of its meaning from a practical standpoint.

But before we go further in our investigation of who are and who are not fundamentalists, let us get Webster's definition of the word "Fundamental." Webster says, "Fundamental, pertaining to a foundation or basis; essential; primary, or necessary."

Well, in accordance with this definition, I must say with all candor, that I am, and I believe that every other regenerated child of God is, in every sense "Fundamentalist." For we know full well that no one has ever attained to the experience of a spiritual birth without the first fundamental principle which is to hear the Gospel and believe it.

This belief produces the second fundamental principle which is a deep and pungent conviction for sin, which conviction has never failed to produce results. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," I John 1:9. So we see by this Scripture that our hearing of the Gospel, which is the first requisite to our salvation, must of course lead us to conviction and repentance or confession of our sins, knowing as we must that no one ever repents or confesses his sin until he is brought, through the Gospel, to see himself a sinner, and then with this knowledge of himself as a sinner he believes the Gospel and confesses his sins and is brought into the joy of salvation. Thus he becomes a full-fledged Christian by complying with the fundamental principle of the Gospel. Yes, I believe as others have suggested that if one is not truly a "Fundamentalist" from a Bible standpoint, he can never attain to the high standard of a Christian. Truly we must imbibe the fundamental principles of the Gospel before we can realize what it means to be a born again child of God.

However, it is evident to me that one of the most vital principles of our becoming practical Christians is being grievously overlooked by many of our leading denominations of today. What do I mean by this? It is just this, many great evangelists are going up and down in our country today holding great revivals, drawing great congregations of people, and entertaining them with distorted and far fetched music, side splitting jokes, and grave yard stories, inducing the people to hit the sawdust trail and to sign cards, counting all such deluded beings as converts. I often wonder if such evangelist ever take time to read Paul's admonition to Timothy, "preach the word," II Tim. 4:3-40, "For 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." I am an old minister, 88 years old, and many, many times have I seen this Scripture verified to the minutest detail. Yes, indeed that time is here with us today and I truly believe that the churches of our land are suffering the results of such godless ministry.

So we find that as we have adhered to the first underlying principles which have brought us into a relationship with God, and by which means only we can become real Christians, whether we assume the title "Fundamentalist" or some other title, since these selected titles have nothing to do with our spiritual identity, so we no doubt have discovered that our experience thus far leads us to the conclusion that it would be impossible for us to be practical Christians without faith, since faith is just to believe God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1,2. Now then, having heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by this means found ourselves to be sinners against God, we can find but one means or avenue whereby we may escape the wrath of God. Inevitably this is the way of re-

pentance having been produced by genuine pungent conviction. Jesus says "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9. And again He says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1.

Now Jesus told that Jewish ruler, Nicodemus, that he must be born again, and I have no doubt that if Nick had made this appeal to some of our present day pastors that he could have settled the matter by just expressing his willingness to accept Jesus as his personal Saviour, and I feel sure that Nicodemus came over there that night to do that very thing. But Jesus said "you must be born again." Good resolutions failed to get Nicodemus by, and so will it fail to justify you and I.

We find this program of good resolutions, that is, just accepting Jesus as our personal Saviour, becoming quite popular these days. But I am wondering if it will stand in the final judgement of God?

Now, Nicodemus chose to come and visit our Saviour in the night, and I wonder why? Whatever his reason might have been he could not consistently claim to be a fundamentalist, because he was trying to dodge the very first fundamental principle of the Gospel, which is intended to bring us into relationship with God. Now then, since we have become children of God by becoming conscious of sin, by hearing the Gospel which has brought us to repentance, by which process we are born again, which operation can only be brought about by the Holy Spirit, we are now become born again Christians whether we bear the title of "Fundamentalist" or some other name. And since we are now in the family of God we must obey the rules of the house of God in order to remain there and be happy. And since Christ, our elder brother, is head of the body the church as in Col. 1:18 it becomes necessary that we follow our leader in the ordinance of baptism that we may demonstrate to the world our transition from the realm of darkness to that of light. Now, as we are baptised, followers of Christ, let us take Paul's admonition and put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to



stand against the wiles of the devil," Eph. 6:11.

Let us see if we can find some such an armour. Turn with me to II Peter 1:1-8, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Yes, if these things be in us and abound they are in every case the results of our having heard and obeyed the Gospel. Thus we are redeemed from the power of death by sin and are become the children of God through our obedience to the Gospel and are now ready for water baptism, and also ready to wash our brother's feet as we are admonished to do in the 13th chapter of John.

Oh well, we are just a little old fashioned any way!

*Oh give me the old time religion  
Oh give me the joy I can know  
I believe in the old time religion  
That our fathers received long ago.*

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 1951

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

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Total .....	\$1,601.61

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### STATE UNIFIED FUND

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Myrtle .....	21.98
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Verdella .....	14.06
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Fredericktown Ladies	
Home Mission .....	5.00

Total .....\$568.17

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October - December, 1951 ....\$3,249.96

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer





## From The Editor's Desk



### OUR MACEDONIAN CRY

Do you remember how Paul received a vision of a great need in Macedonia? The vision was so plain to him, he was even aware of a cry, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." When he received this vision he was obedient to it, changed his course, and immediately went to Macedonia to help in the Gospel work there.

We wish it were possible to project our need and our cry into your vision. Like the Macedonian character, we do have a need of help.

Probably far too long have we neglected the printed page, overlooked its importance, and by deed or action have minimized its influence. Now we want to try to change any such vision you may have. I am sure this would be very easy if we could but have you here for a few days; perhaps only a few hours would be sufficient. But we do not feel it is a difficult matter for you to reason briefly of the great importance of the printed page.

You will remember how important it was for you to learn to read very early in your academic career. The more adept you became at reading, the more you got out of your classes and the faster you gained. If you are still in the habit of reading (constructively), your education and advancements have never ceased—and never will as long as you so continue. If you have stopped reading, I dare say you almost certainly pegged the top rung in your ladder of success at that very point. Your scope of advance will be quite small as long as you neglect reading. You cannot contain enough information in your limited storehouse of memory to be sufficient for an ever changing world. You must read.

Even more true is the necessity of reading constantly the printed Word and all printed materials, sound in interpretation, relating thereto. Shut the pages of your Bible and put away good literature, and invariably you will quickly become lukewarm, then cold and outcast. You cannot produce a cake by fanning around in an empty mixing bowl. Neither can you conjure up materials out of an uninhabited mind worthy of meditation or helpful

to the soul. Just as you must insert ingredients into the mixing bowl to produce cake, so also must you place materials in the mind. There is only one reliable way to do it—READ. Even the individual who goes to church without his Bible misses about 90 percent of what he should have received, simply because he was neglecting to read the Scriptures along with the minister. He wasn't reading, and the chances are that he wasn't studying either. He merely listened dutifully to the minister and was glad when he was through his discourse. He is also in grave danger of backsliding. He certainly isn't fortifying himself against this possibility to the extent that he is willing to read and study.

We would be the very first to encourage the reading of the Bible first and to the excess of everything else. However, we feel you can find time to well use such literature as is procured here and in other such plants. Besides the different good messages based on the Scriptures, the Gem serves as a big family letter, dealing with every phase of church extension. Church reports, special events and meetings, announcements, statistical reports, and promotional items from the Bible College, Foreign and Home Missions, the Woman's Auxiliary, Orphanages, the Youth Camp, different conventions and associations go into the pages of the Gem. Every line is worth your reading and your support. This brings us to some of the ways you can support the Gem.

First, and very important to us, be sure your church, the Sunday School, the League, your Woman's Auxiliary, your Quarterly Meeting or Association, all have personal solicitors who will stay on the job constantly for securing subscriptions to the Gem and placing samples with those not now acquainted with it.

Right now we stand in much need of some person to come to the Gem office to work. For some time we have been very short of dependable staff here. We stated last time, and we reaffirm now, that the production of the printed page dedicated wholly to a service for the Lord is a very important

ministry. We even believe that one should be called to this work. If you agree, place the matter on your prayer list—then don't shun the commission to serve if it comes to you.

There are many other ways to serve. Especially could we well use contributions to the work in any amount. Perhaps you could become a regular financial contributor and help share the load here.

Above all, and as always, cease not to pray for us.

Come over into Monett and help us!

### WE MAKE A CORRECTION

We wish to correct an error made in an article appearing in the last issue of the Gem under the caption, "Merl's Chapel Revival." A statement appears "So far as we know this is the first church in this part of the state to call a full time pastor..." It was intended that this statement read, "So far as we know this is the first *rural* church in this part of the state to call a full time pastor..." There are a number of city located churches using full time pastors in this section, and have been for some time. Among the rural churches, Merl's Chapel seems to be first to launch out in full time service. Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett is pastor.

### TWENTY-FIVE SAVED IN RECENT ILLINOIS REVIVALS

Word from Illinois informs us that Rev. Wm. Buster, full time evangelist, closed a revival meeting in Ina with 15 conversions. From there he went to the Beskeydell Church near Carbonale. Final results of this revival was 10 saved.

Bro. Buster is a fearless and uncompromising preacher of the truth, and is being much used of the Lord in the field of evangelism. He has some open dates in February and March. You can contact him by writing to him, Route 1, Thebes, Illinois.

A fool's tongue is always long enough to cut his throat.



**LOYAL CHAPEL CHRISTMAS**

Columbia, Tennessee  
East 17th Street

On Wednesday, December 19, the members of Loyal Chapel Church presented gifts to the assistant pastor, Rev. W. B. Hughes, his wife and son, to Franklin D. Sexton, and to Mrs. J. O. Gilbreath, who leaves her own church to play the piano for us. The gifts were not expensive or elaborate, but were given with great love and appreciation. A social followed the presentation of gifts by Rev. J. B. Bloss. The rest of the week was spent in last minute rehearsals for the Christmas eve program.

We were especially proud of the little folks who did such good work in presenting their recitations and dialogues. Not one had to be prompted, and so the program progressed nicely. These little people are the church of tomorrow and they proved what good minds they have and how they might carry on the church in the right way. To the Primaries and Juniors, "You have made your parents and Sunday School teachers proud of you."

The main play, "The Empty Room," in full costume including whiskers, was presented by Rev. James Davis, Helen Ruth Johnson, Sue Spencer, Jimmy Bloss, Howard Turner, Bobbie Counts and Ralph Johnson. They did a wonderful job with this play that had such a beautiful message in it. It was about Hamar, keeper of the kahn, who refused Joseph and Mary the shelter of his last room because they had very little gold or silver and were lowly people of Nazareth. The Prophet told him a prince was coming to his inn, and while he waited and watched for a man of earthly appearances, the Prince passed by. Then he tried to buy everything with gold and was heavily burdened with the sin of greediness. He finally understood that gold would not buy everything as he thought. He then laid all his gold at Jesus' feet and only then did he become without burden and with great joy. Let us all remember that we can be happy and have the true combination to life's lock only by placing all things at Jesus' feet, ourselves included.

Santa Claus appeared from the rear of the church to present each child under nine years of age a gift from the Sunday School. Other classes drew

names and these gifts were distributed by Santa, also.

Let us pray that more and more of the people will not lose sight of what Christmas really is. It is Jesus Christ's birthday; not an occasion to have a hilarious party and unnecessary noises, such as fireworks. It certainly is not a time when merchants should capitalize the most. The baby Jesus made not so much as one tiny cry. All was still. So why should we, who are of His likeness, degrade the sacredness of this Holy Day.

The old year is gone and with it much accomplishment and happiness. There was great sorrow also. We look forward to a new year when many more souls will be saved, to an addition to the church, and most of all, to a great sweeping revival of old time religion that will bring prosperity and peace to all the world.

—Elsie Price

**WHO IS A FOOL?**

"The fool hath said in his heart There is no God." Psalms 14:1.

E. L. Hyde, when conducting revival meetings, once said that he could prove to any infidel within ten minutes that he was a fool. The next morning a gentleman accosted him abruptly by saying:

"Aren't you the man who is preaching at the church?"

"Yes sir."

"Didn't you say last night that you could prove to anyone within ten minutes that all infidels are fools? If you can't prove it to my satisfaction I will publish in the papers that you are the most consummate liar that ever struck the city."

"Where is your infidel?" said Mr. Hyde.

"I claim to be one," was the reply, "and I am no fool either."

"You mean to say that there is no truth in Christianity?"

"I do. I have studied all phases of the subject, and have delivered lectures against Christianity for twelve years. I am prepared to say there is nothing in it."

"You have been certain for twelve years that there is nothing in it?"

"Yes; there is nothing in it."

"Will you please tell me," said Mr. Hyde, "if a man who will lecture twelve years against nothing is not a

fool, what in your judgement would constitute a fool?"

The man turned away in a rage. Mr. Hyde, drawing out his watch, insisted he still had six minutes, but the infidel would not hear him; nor was Mr. Hyde denounced in the city papers.

—Anon.

**NEW CHURCHES INTO TEXAS QUARTERLY MEET**

Vernon, Texas

The Quarterly Meeting of the Northwest Brazos Association met with the Free Will Baptist Church at Vernon, December 28, 1951. Each church was well represented. Every minister present preached or brought a sermonette.

Two new organized churches came into this association. One was the Free Will Baptist Church of Seagraves, Texas. Bro. J. E. Rogers is their pastor. The other is the Friendship Church of Benjamin, Texas, and Rev. B. R. Nall is the pastor.

We are happy to report souls being saved and members and ministers are being added to the church here. We need the prayers of God's people that we may do more.

Mrs. Ola Mae Winters, Clerk  
Rev. W. W. Winters, Pastor

**APRIL—REVIVAL MONTH**

The first half of this Associational year is gone, and each state is behind with their quota, except the state of Virginia.

The cry is coming in day after day to the Home Mission Board for help in the fields of Home Missions.

Let us lift up our eyes and look on the fields for they are white unto harvest. With greater co-operation we can possess these fields and establish new churches. There have been eight new churches established during the first half of this Associational year, for which we are thankful. Remember, that the month of April has been set aside by the National Association as simultaneous revival and Home Mission month, with a revival in every church and a special National Home Mission offering from each church to be sent to the National Home Mission Treasurer.

Yours for greater missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staries, Treas.





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



### "HOW MUCH OWEST THOU UNTO MY LORD?" LUKE 16:5

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

I am alarmed at the increasing number of people who, when asked to do something in the service of the

Master, state flatly they either are not interested or, would rather you would ask some one else, "They can do it better than I." Friends, modesty is a virtue but when it is used as a cover

for neglect and carelessness it ceases to be a virtue and becomes a stumbling block to the progress of the Cause of Christ.

Salvation is by faith, but the rewards of the coming King will be according to our works. With this thought in mind then what reward do you expect to get? It will be in exact proportion to what you have given.

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dent led the devotionals by group singing, "Joy To the World." Ethel Thompson read the Scripture from Luke 4: 18, 19 and John 20:21. Mrs. Newcomer led in prayer. Group singing, "Take the Light." Our lesson, "Working Together with Him Through World-Wide Service," was introduced by Dora Sponsler, with topics discussed by Ethel Thompson, Mary Filkins and Emma Van Laningham. "All On the Altar," was sung at this time.

This being our Christmas meeting the following program was given: Readings by Ethel Thompson, Dora Sponsler and Maizie Sebits. Duet, "O Come All Ye Faithful," by June and Bernice Thomas. Poems by Mrs. Newcomer, Lizzie Filkins, Emma Van Laningham and Dorothy Houston. Solo, "O, Holy Night," by Agnes Smith. A grab bag gift exchange was enjoyed by the older folks while the children exchanged gifts.

An offering of \$1.58 was given for the Fifty Thousand and Co-Laborer Fund. Three hundred forty five Bible chapters, 50 sick calls, and 23 cards were reported.

Lola Filkins, Sec-Treas.

### HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek F. W. B. Church met Wednesday December 5, for an all day meeting with Mrs. Ethel Thompson. There were 10 members, several children and the following visitors: Mrs. Alta Western, Mrs. Minnie Thompson and daughter Leona, Mrs. June Thomas and Mrs. Bernice Thomas. A comfort was tacked in the morning.

After a co-operative dinner the presi-

### WOMEN'S EDITOR REPORT FROM OCTOBER, 1951

Received—

Fredericktown Auxiliary .....	\$ 6.00
Monett Auxiliary .....	12.00
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Total received .....\$23.00

Expenses—

Stationery, postage, etc. ....	\$ 2.00
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Do you remember the story of the little boy who observed his father, the preacher, put fifty cents in the collection plate. While on the way home the boy asked his father how much he had received and the father said, "Fifty cents." To which the boy replied, "Well Dad, if you had put more in, you would have gotten more out."

Friends, there are certain things we owe to our God. I think the first thing we owe to our God is love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. If God so loved us to give unto us Jesus, surely we owe Him our love. Doubly so if we have been redeemed by the precious blood of this same Son.

In the parable of the householder demanding fruit from his vineyard as recorded in the 21st chapter of Matt. He admonishes us to reverence His Son. In chapter 22:37, He says, "... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." I am persuaded to believe He meant all when He said all. He goes on then in vs. 38 and 39 to say, "This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The extent of our love for our neighbor will be governed by our obedience to v. 37.

We owe our time to God. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me," Luke 9:23. Our sinful self always is with the chief priest and the elders in rejecting Christ. But self must be denied if we are to follow Him. In the eyes of the world, the Cross of Christ will always be a shameful thing, but God forbid that we



should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. This cross of discipleship is not thrust upon us but we are to take it up daily. Too, it is absolutely necessary to a life of fellowship with Him. II Tim. 2:11,12.

We owe our service to God. Again, I refer you to Luke 9:23. Further, in verse 24, He says, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." This losing our life by saving it and saving our life by losing it, is a mystery to all the strangers of God's Grace. The life that is spent in the service of Christ is a saved life; the life that is spent for self is a lost life. We may have a saved soul by trusting the cross of Christ, but our lives be lost by not acknowledging Him also as our Lord, our Master.

We owe our money to God. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I Cor. 16:2. In this verse Paul is teaching that God's plan of finance for the church is a regular, worshipful, personal, proportionate plan for every one. It is also preventive, for he says, "that there be no gatherings when I come." How easy it is to become covetous for more money when we have some laid by; how easy it is to become high-minded when the bank balance is high. I believe that this is partly what is wrong with our people today. They are making too much money for their own good. The title of this article asks, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" I am happy to give you God's answer, one tenth of all that God has prospered you with. Money, fruit, crops, whatever it is, one tenth belongs to God. You owe Him that. More than this, the free-will offering. Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The world is asking, "What is the matter with the churches today?" The answer is to be found in the title question of this article. Too many have been disobedient and as a result, the storehouse has been neglected, left to shift for itself and the souls of

men are now begging for bread.

Friends, God's power is not diminished, but too many will not let God work through them to reach a lost world.

In closing I want to bring one more thing to your attention. We owe ourselves to God. In the parable of the ten pounds as told in Luke 19:16-24, He is teaching us that there are three classes of servants represented here. They all had the same gift; the same possibilities were in the reach of each. The first servant had great faith and gained ten pounds. The second had little faith and gained five pounds. The third had no faith and gained only the reproach of his Master. The application is most plain. Every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has the gift of the Holy Ghost and in the strength and power of this Divine gift can do something for his Lord. God does not ask us to work for Him in our own strength. If you are trying to do this, work in your own weak way, as I've heard so many say, that is what is wrong. Go in the power of God and the results will surprise you.

Answer for yourself, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" I've tried to bring some facts to your attention. I trust God to use this to His glory, but I want to close this little article by quoting Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Don't forget to send for your Christian Stewardship Cards for each member of your Auxiliary. They are yours for the cost of the postage. Order from: Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Treasurer, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

"Every true preacher of the Gospel strings all his pearls on the Red Cord of the Atonement." (Dr. T. L. Cuyler)

May I hear from your Auxiliary? Your women's work?

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

## SPIRIT ARRESTS CUBAN FARMER IN SUICIDE ACT

"Oh! God! What am I doing?" These were the words of a Cuban farmer in the act of hanging himself. Came a voice: "Repent. Go seek Pedro and he will tell you what to do."

This sounds like the 9th chapter of Acts. It is a very recent testimony coming to us from the fields.

The man had been resisting and resisting the visits of our native missionary Pedro Rojo, resenting that his wife and children were interested in this new religion. At the same time it seemed misfortune came upon misfortune. Everything seemed against him so he decided to end it all. Early in the morning, taking a rope he tied it over a cross beam in a shed, stood on a chair, and was adjusting the noose about his neck, planning to kick the chair out from under him and take what he thought was the easy way out.

His testimony is as follows: As he was adjusting the noose two great hands appeared before him, illuminated just sufficiently for him to see them, and in those hands was his small daughter, his favored child. As he saw this vision, he cried out, "Oh, God! What am I doing?" He threw the rope from him and hurriedly called his wife to pray for and with him. Saddling his horse, he went in search of Pedro Rojo, who led him to the Lord.

The power of the Gospel in a pagan land, proclaimed by faithful men, is arresting people in their effort to make a tragic exit. We are appalled at the extremely impoverished condition of these precious people. With no money for medicine their poverty drives them to consult the "curandero," a medicine man practicing a mixture of Voodooism and spiritism. One does not need to go further than 90 miles from the fair, enlightened United States to see and sense the terrible power of darkness. Thank God, the power of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God does liberate and break the chains of sin.

I shall soon go back into this community and baptize this man and a group. Thus our work has grown from the seemingly fruitless effort of one man on horseback until there are over 85 groups meeting in praise, prayer, and preaching Christ the Mighty to save.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey



# NEWSY BRIEFS

## OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXTENDS INVITATION

Mammoth Springs, Ark.  
Route 1

Dear Editor and the Many Readers:

Greetings of 1952!

As it has been some time since you have had a report from our church I will say we are still holding to the faith once delivered to the saints, trying to help our faithful pastor, Rev. Pingleton, hold up the blood-stained banner of Christ. We have services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Then Rev. Wheeler, a member of our church, preaches for us the first Sunday. We have Sunday School each Sunday and prayer meeting each Sunday night. We solicit your prayers that we may grow spiritually and in numbers. We are thinking of having a revival in the near future. We ask every one to pray that the Holy Spirit will cause the unsaved to come and be saved. We have many older ones who are careless and unconcerned about their future abode. We are praying that in our little church each one will be in his place ready to do God's will.

I like to read the Gem, and I am glad to see letters from the different churches. I am so glad of our success in foreign fields. I want a hand in the work, even though it is necessarily the widow's mite.

When in reach of Pleasant Valley, come to our services. Every body is welcome. Remember Pleasant Valley when you pray.

Just an aged member,

Armita (Mrs. J. W.) Wilkey

### YOUNG PEOPLE GIVE PLAY AT FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Greentop, Missouri

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the New Harmony Church, December 30, 1951, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour. The morning worship service followed with Rev. June Truitt bringing a fine message. She read a portion of the 13th chapter of Matthew, using for her text, "Is not this the carpenter's son?" She brought out how we

should let Jesus be the carpenter of our life. The congregation then sang, "Just As I Am." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. The afternoon session was opened under the leadership of the president, Sis. Agnes Smith. The congregation sang, "Revive Us Again." We were led in prayer by Rev. Archie Cooper. The president read for the Scripture lesson, Psalm 103. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Green Grove, Hazel Creek Union and New Harmony auxiliaries were read.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with the Hazel Creek Union Church, with Rev. Rolla Smith bringing the 11:00 o'clock message, and Rev. Alta Mikel, alternate.

The following program was given: Solo, Linda Smith. Reading—"God Save the Gossipers," Leona Thompson. Solo—"He Bought My Soul at Calvary," Mrs. Agnes Smith. The congregation then sang a few songs while the stage was being prepared and the characters were getting ready for a play that followed. A four-act play, "The Lost Church," was given by the young people of the New Harmony Church. We were dismissed in prayer by Gene Mikel.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.

### CAMP CARETAKER WINNING OVER LOW TEMPERATURES

Niangua, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines of thanksgiving and praise for God's goodness and tender care of another year. Truly, His blessings are bountiful to all. Now we are beginning another step toward the reward of life. May we make this a greater step than the one just past. Paul said, Rom. 13:11, "For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

We just closed a revival at the Prospect Church near Buffalo, Mo. God truly blessed it with an out pouring of His Spirit. Rev. Ursel Carter was the evangelist, a real man of God preaching the old time Gospel of truth.

We thank God for men that will preach with boldness the whole truth of God.

Everything here in the Camp is O K now. We found a few busy times during the cold weather keeping things from freezing, but we believe it is safe now. We have the well house insulated and our fruit under the house where it will not freeze. Oh yes, and a hog house to keep the Youth Camp pig warm.

I have received a couple of inquiries about the State Entertainment Fund report of last month by our State Secretary. That was the money sent to her and then turned to the Financial Committee. At this time I am unable to lay my hands on my book of my records. I have mislaid it some where.

Our Camp Board plans to meet February 1 to plan our year's work, and we will give you a report in the March issue of the Gem.

Well, we are looking forward for another good year in the Lord.

Please pray for us and the Camp movement.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

### MADISON CO. QUARTERLY

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Union Light Church, January 11-12, 1952.

The Introductory message was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. Truman Huffman on Friday evening, using for his subject, "The Obsolete Christian." A good spirit prevailed throughout the service.

On Saturday morning at 9:45 a.m. the delegates gathered for the business session. After devotional services, the letters from the various churches were read and the delegates seated. The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. Truman Huffman, and Asst. Moderator, Rev. Harry Beatty.

The message for the morning service was delivered by Rev. J. F. Miller, basing his message upon the first chapter of Hebrews. After a good service the congregation was dismissed for noon hour and met again in session at 1:30.

In the afternoon session Bro. Clarence Elders, a member of a new church uniting with this Quarterly Meeting,



was licensed to preach for his first year and Rev. Glen Rehkop was licensed to preach for his second year.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the receiving of a church named the Bright Prospect Church, composed of over 30 members, into our body. Rev. Cecil Shepherd is the pastor of this fine group of people and Bro. Clarence Francis and Bro. E. L. Moore are the deacons. We feel this church will be a great help to this Quarterly Meeting.

Another highlight of the Quarterly Meeting was the ordination of Rev. Cecil Shepherd, pastor of the above church mentioned. Rev. O. D. Matthews acted as chairman and Rev. John Rogers delivered the charge. The Ordination prayers were offered by Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. O. D. Matthews. There was a great manifestation of the Spirit at this part of the service.

The next Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Bright Prospect Church in April with Rev. John Long delivering the Introductory message.

We feel that this Quarterly Meeting was one of our best and will be a blessing to all the churches represented because of the spirit of unity and fellowship that characterized the services throughout.

Mrs. Albert Halbrook  
Secretary-Treasurer

## HOME MISSION BOARD ANNOUNCES REVIVAL

The National Home Mission Board in co-operation with the State Home Mission Board of Virginia is sponsoring a revival in the city of Richmond, Virginia, beginning April 13, for the purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church.

You are requested to do two things which will help greatly in this cause:—If you know of Free Will Baptist people in or around Richmond, Virginia, please send the names and addresses to Mr. Marvin Howard, 129 East Ron-oake St., Richmond, Virginia. (2) Be much in prayer for this effort, that it will be attended with great success.

This revival will be conducted with Rev. Damon C. Dodd, our National Promotional Secretary, doing the preaching and the writer assisting.

Rev. W. A. Hales  
Virginia Director



### AUSIE F. COCKRELL

Ausie Franklin Cockrell was born in the community south of Freeman, Missouri, May 25, 1869. He departed this life January 4, 1952 at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cockrell, in Harrisonville, Missouri, at the age of 82 years, seven months and nine days.

Ausie Cockrell was the son of Simon Bolivar and Margaret Mann Cockrell who were pioneer homesteaders in Cass County and were the parents of eleven children.

On March 2, 1892 Mr. Cockrell was united in marriage with Martha Delilah Harper. They were blessed with three sons, the eldest dying in infancy, Ernest H. of Kansas City, and Joseph E. of Harrisonville.

For many years Mr. Cockrell has been a member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church and for the last thirty years has been a deacon of that church.

His entire life was spent in Cass County, and until his age caused him to leave the farm, he was a farmer and stockman in the community south of Freeman where he was born.

Uncle "Ausie" was a fine Christian man, and a neighbor who was a friend to everyone.

During his illness of twelve weeks, he has been tenderly cared for by his loved ones.

He is survived by his two sons, eight grandchildren, seven great grandsons, one sister, Mrs. Dora Borgmier of Kansas City, one brother, Logan A. Cockrell of Freeman, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marie Hyatt and Rev. Alice Dick-ey, at Freeman, Missouri, January 6, 1952 at 2:00 p. m.

### LOUISA ANN HOLMAN

Louisa Ann Gwynn Holman was born September 12, 1864 in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and passed away January 16, 1952 in West Plains, Missouri, at the age of 87 years, eight months, and four days.

She was married to John W. Gwynn. He preceded her in death. On December 17, 1942 she married Arthur W. Holman.

In September, 1944 she was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist at Norman and lived a Christian life until her death.

She is survived by her husband; two half brothers Charlie and Will Johnes; a niece, Mrs. Lou Ester Huelling of Illinois; five step sons; one step daughter; 22 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Carter Funeral Home of Thayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. The body was forwarded to Chicago for burial.

## W. A. TREASURER'S REPORT ST. LOUIS THIRD CHURCH

No. of members, 15; No. of new members, 2; Total membership, 17.

No. of stewardship classes, none; No. of mission classes, none; No. of manual classes held, 2; No. of evangelistic classes held, none.

No. of tithers, 5; No. of souls won through auxiliary, 1; No. of members doing personal work, 15; No. of prayer meetings held, 1; No. of subscribers to church paper, 11.

### Financial Report

Balance brought forward	.....\$123.12
Dues	..... 7.30
Offering	..... 3.41
Received by other means	..... 112.04

### Disbursements:

Church education	.....\$ 13.50
Orphanages	..... 15.00
Benevolences	..... 145.85
To building fund	..... 107.85
Coat to orphan	..... 15.00
Flowers and gifts to sick	..... 15.00

Sick calls made, 80; phone calls made, 42; get-well cards sent, 37; clothes given to needy, 16 garments.

(Received too late to make W. A. Section.)



## MISS WILSON RELATES FIRST CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

December 31, 1951  
"Westfield"

Dear friends in the Homeland:

Another year will soon depart, and as I look forward to a new year, my hopes and plans to serve the Lord are renewed with greater determination and expectation.

Great is the love and faithfulness of God to His children. At the beginning of this year God gave me the promise, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" "fear not, for I am with thee" "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I knew that hitherto the Lord had helped me and there was nothing to fear, for His presence and strength have never failed. "Oh the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" As God has led in this past year in many ways beyond human expectations, so it is possible to look to Him in confidence the coming year. "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah."

I scarcely know where to begin telling you of my first Christmas in India. Perhaps it would be fitting to start with Miss Barnard's illness. We have much to praise the Lord for! About three weeks ago Miss Barnard ruptured a ligament in the Sacroiliac region (back) and what she suffered the following week or so cannot be imagined. However, in all her agony there was never a moment but what she had a cheery smile and a laughing remark for all who came into the room. In spite of all the tasks and the Christmas preparations upon us the Lord so controlled that there was tranquility and victory throughout this entire illness. God's presence was so real and we were inexpressibly conscious of a gladness that dominated us; so great blessing came, not only to us, but to all through the suffering of His dear child. It was a means of drawing me nearer to Himself and while I know that Miss Barnard suffered untold agony, both of us cannot help but praise the Lord for the rich blessings that came our way! We have seen how God can lay His hand upon one of His own and heal and give strength daily. While Miss Barnard

is not entirely well yet, her condition is one to marvel at—she is indeed much improved and will no doubt be only a matter of days until she will be strong again. Our hearts are full of praise to Him who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

It was during the illness of my senior missionary that God laid upon her heart to give milk to the undernourished children in the school. This has been started by faith and she hopes to continue this practice in the future. You should have seen the joyous and glad faces of those children. They were so thrilled that there are no words to aptly describe that scene. If anyone would like to contribute to this needy cause we invite you to send powdered milk (or any kind of milk) through the following agencies, as parcels sent through them come to us duty free.

American Friends Service Committee, 20 South St., Philadelphia, Penn.; Church World Service, 214 E. 21st St., New York 10, New York; Care Inc., 20 Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Menonite Central Committee and Lutheran World Relief, Akram, Pa.

All of our Christmas plans had to be set up a week so we are still celebrating Christmas. A very unfortunate event took place on Christmas Eve which I felt would spoil my Christmas; however, the Lord quited me, calmed me, and gave me unspeakable joy and peace. What a wondrous Saviour we have! It would be impossible to really describe my first Christmas in India. Suffice it to say that I had the most joyous and glorious Christmas I have ever had. My heart was full. The Christ of Bethlehem is worthy of all our love and adoration. Praise His wonderful name!

Excitement and joyous expectations ran high in all our dear Indian friends. They have been so pleased with the gifts they have received and we want to thank each of you who sent clothes, toys, and sweets for them. These things helped to brighten these dear little children's Christmas. They have so little and we have so much in comparison to what they have. It is so pathetic to see how little they do have and how much they enjoy the smallest

gift.

We were encouraged by the progress seen in two of our Sunday Schools particularly. This morning when our Christmas program for Aggal Sunday School was over one of the Kota men came up to Miss Barnard and assured her that in two months time he would have a Sunday School building completed for their Sunday School. He remarked he realized the importance of having a building for their children. You see, since the Government has taken over the day school in this village, we have had no place to hold Sunday School which has been a great handicap. So we give thanks to God for this gesture on their part for it shows a definite indication that the Lord is softening their hearts to the gospel, for this village as there is only one man who is a Christian.

In the afternoon we had our program for the Thundanaad Sunday School. Here too, we were encouraged by one of the families giving a room, which had just been completed, for the Sunday School there. All these little things are a clear indication to us that God is working and our hearts are full of gratitude to Him. Pray for the turning of the entire village to God.

I must tell you about our Christmas party for the Young Men's Bible Class. It was a scream from start to finish! I have never seen any group so thoroughly enjoy themselves. First we sang carols and then had prayer, after which the fun began. They were a noisy, laughing group. But oh, you should have seen them when they were given their neckties. Each one had to have his tied and then, as they are so short, we had to get them a stool to climb upon in order for them to see themselves in the mirror over the mantlepiece. How they preened themselves before that mirror—one by one hopping up on that stool. It made one think of a strutting peacock parade. They went home a happy satisfied little company.

I have had so little time to write back home that at this time I wish to express my thanks to each one of you for your gifts and prayers. God has undertaken for me in every way, spiritually, physically, and materially through your assistance and I praise Him for this. As I go to Bangalore to the Missionary Language School January 4, 1952, I am counting on your



prayers. My whole desire is to master the language quickly in order that I may be useful in God's vineyard here. This land today is wide open for the spread of the Gospel and I want to be used of God to the utmost during my sojourn here. I know I can depend upon you to take me often to the Throne of Grace. The more you pray, the better missionaries we shall be and the more God can do through us, His chosen vessels on the far flung battlefields of our Lord. I now possess such depth of peace and joy, the deepest of my entire Christian experience. That proves, does it not, that when we are in the center of God's will we learn to know Him better and receive immeasurable blessings from His dear hand.

To each of you I wish a very blessed and happy New Year and may prosperity and success attend your pathway throughout 1952. God bless you one and all! Miss Barnard sends her warm and loving greetings and best wishes to all.

Your because of Calvary,

Volena Wilson

## MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM— AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

The need for an auditorium for Free Will Baptist Bible College was acute. At the opening convocation, September 6, 1950, faculty and student body—literally on their knees, asked God to provide the funds for its construction by Commencement of May, 1951. It is a thrilling story, how in answer to prayer, our people responded with gifts, large and small, in the amount of \$29,356.09 to completely pay the cost to date of the auditorium. The answered prayer was visible as the 1951 commencement was held and the first degree class of five graduates received their degrees from its platform. The only lack is the permanent seating of the auditorium.

Below are the memorial donors:

Giving \$1,000.00—

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCoy, Jr., Cove City, N. C.; Southside Church, Paintsville, Kentucky by B. H. Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Howard, Richmond, Va.

Giving \$500.00—

Rev. S. M. Crow, Nashville, Tenn.,

### The Great Doctrines of The Bible

By William Evans, D. D.

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by C. M. Crow; Highland Park Church, Detroit, Michigan, and Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Giving from \$100.00 to \$500.00

Alabama: Loyal Chapel Church.

Alumni: Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Florida: Hickory Chapel Church.

Georgia: State Association, Greenwood Church, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Ozias Church, Blakely Church, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King, Midway Association, Marietta Church and Pine Level Church.

Illinois: Franklin County Quarterly Meeting and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Osborn.

Kentucky: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ratliff.

Michigan: Wolverine Association, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dishman and Gordon A. Parker.

Mississippi: Pearce Chapel and East Tupelo Church.

Missouri: State Association, Hazel Creek Church and Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Miley.

North Carolina: Core Creek Church, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morris, State Association, W. L. Worthington, Free Will Baptist Press, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Howard, Cecil Howard, H. E. Phillips, Union Grove Church, Beulaville, Church, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sasser, Wilson Church, Spring Branch Church, Friendship Church, Pearsalls Chapel, Kings Cross Road Church, Sharon Acres Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brameby, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunt, Sweet Gum Grove Church, Deep Run Church, Bethany Church, Little Rock Church, Pleasant Grove Church, Bethel Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Barnes, Albermarle Union Meeting, Shady Grove Church, Edgemont Church, "Faithful Laymen" 5th Union Meeting, Eastern Conference, Revs. W. B. Everett, M. C. Prescott, L. H. Worthington, 5th Union Meeting, Eastern Conference, Carteret County Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton by

St. Marys Church, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hill, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Marsh Swamp Church, George W. Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis, J. M. Strickland by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Stroud, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Harris.

National Organizations: National Association, Free Will Baptist League Board, Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Ohio: Harrison Church.

Oklahoma: First Church of Tulsa, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Lewis Ave. Church of Tulsa, Pretty Water Church, Mrs. Opal Bingham by First Mission Auxiliary Convention, Rev. W. E. Dearmore by First Oklahoma Association, "Ladies Bible Class" First Church of Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Norwood and Central Avenue Church.

South Carolina: Horse Branch Church, Salem Church, Beulah Church, First Church of Darlington, Bay Branch Church, Liberty Church and Bethany Church.

Tennessee: J. B. Reding, Union Association, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lee, East Nashville Church, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Briley, Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, Truth Seekers Class of Cofer's Chapel, Mrs. Mary A. Welch by Truth Seekers Class, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Parker, Bethlehem Church, Ashland City Church, and Harris Memorial Church.

Texas: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. John Moody, Central Texas Quarterly Meeting and Mrs. Ethel Carmichael.

Virginia: Fairmount Park Church, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Ange and Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.

West Virginia: Kilsyth Church and Sheffie Pettry.

### Total Gifts by States

Alabama, \$648.08; Alumni 400.00; Arkansas, 55.86; California, 228.00; Cuba, 15.00; Florida, 213.18; Georgia, 1,684.25; Illinois, 481.55; Kansas, 67.00; Kentucky, 1,123.00; Louisiana, 2.00; Michigan, 1,316.53; Mississippi, 689.15; Missouri, 1,019.85; National League Board, 100.00; National Association, 484.36; N. Carolina, 8,992.40; Ohio, 267.60; Oklahoma, 1,605.02; So. Carolina, 1,585.54; Tennessee, 4,240.20; Texas, 2,072.65; Virginia, 1,394.00; W. Virginia, 460.87; Wisconsin, 1.00; and Woman's Auxiliary Convention, 200.00. Total receipts, \$29,356.09.



## FELLOWSHIP CHURCH ADOPTS YEARS PROGRAM

Flat River, Mo.  
January 10, 1952

In approaching the threshold of my second year of ministry at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, I have looked back over the past two years and see that God has given us every thing that we have, by faith, asked Him for. In the past two years we have seen much of the work on the building completed. Quite a number of folk have been saved and united with the church; thus a nice growth in numbers and spirituality. With these facts in view, we launched the program for the year that is ahead.

In our business meeting Monday night, January 7, the following items of business were passed upon: 1. A program was set in motion to purchase a Hammond organ. 2. We agreed that—with the Master's aid—we would raise \$1,000.00 to complete the building. 3. Three revivals were planned for: One in March, one in August, and the other in November. 4. And, of course, the Daily Vacation Bible School in May.

These, together with some items, are the high lights of the business meeting. But we are well aware of the fact—If we do all these we will be quite busy in the Master's cause. After all, why would we wish to be otherwise?

In closing I say that the Lord is blessing richly in the work here. We think of our brethren of Missouri and the other states often. Our prayer is,—"May the Lord lead us all on to greater heights, and deeper depths in His cause."

Yours in His Glad service,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

## INDIA AND HER NEEDS

Millions have never heard that the Prince of Peace came to bring joy and gladness.

The present population of India is estimated to be 342, 114,000. Malaria is the biggest public enemy, claiming 14 million victims a year. T.B. each year, claims 500,000 while five times that number suffer from it. Snake bites take a toll of 30,000. Smallpox claims 70,000. Plague accounts for 20,000. The lives of many happy would be mothers are cut short at childbirth at the tragic figure of 200,000. About

30% of the people in normal times do not get enough to eat. There is one doctor to 6,000 people. There is one nurse to 56,000 people. There is one midwife to care for 80,000 people. There is 0.24 of a hospital bed for 1,000 people.

## GREATNESS AND GRACE IN INDIA

India is the largest peninsula in the world. The heaviest rainfall in the world is at Cherrapunji—458 inches in a year. India has the third highest dam in the world 214 ft. Cauvery Mettur. The largest dome in the world is the Gol Gumbaz 144 ft. in diameter. The largest railway platform in the world is at Sone 2,415 ft. India has the third largest bridge—1,051 ft. India is the richest country in the world in reserves of manganese and mica. Every seventh person in the world is an Indian. India has the largest irrigation works, and the largest mileage of canals. She is the second largest producer of coal.

Through grace and inspired giving of God's people, the Church in India has: 35 colleges; 393 high schools, i. e. up to the 10th class; 659 schools up to 7th class; 151 industrial schools; 341 dispensaries; 267 hospitals; 67 leper asylums; 12 T. B. hospitals; 13 deaf and blind schools; 41 homes for women; 143 orphanages; 118 social and welfare centers.

In India there are over 6,000,000 Christians. There are 600,000 towns and villages and 25,000 Christian congregations, so that each congregation is responsible for sending the light to 24 villages or towns. There is one pastor to eight congregations.

From the Woolseys'

## TRAGIC DEATH—

### Rites for Miss Prayer Meeting

Miss Faithful Prayer Meeting dies after short illness. She passed away at Neglectville in the State of Half-heartedness. She was born many years ago in the Midst of revival fires, and lived a notable and profitable life until recent years.

For some time Miss Prayer Meeting had been confined to her home because of business engagements, fatigue and a tired, all in feeling. These symptoms were always much more noticeable on prayer meeting nights than on any other night. She was also troubled

with coldness of heart, stiffness of knees, weakness of will power and loss of appetite for spiritual food.

At one time Miss Prayer Meeting was a member of every church and dearly loved by all the members. Her many friends visited her weekly for years, and she greatly helped all who came to her—besides by their coming to her each week, she reached out and helped their Unsaved loved ones and friends find spiritual help.

She leaves to mourn her loss, many churches, preachers and a lost world, many who are the church members' loved ones and friends.

The remains will be left to the judgement of God, where the Searcher of all things will inquire into the cause of her untimely death. It is suspected that the desire for riches, the love of pleasure and the unconcern for the things of God will be found the main cause of her death.

Pal bearers who carried Miss Prayer Meeting from the church to her grave, were as follows: Mr. I. M. Indifferent, Judge Goodenough, Mr. Will. U. Keepitgoing, Mr. Ben Cold-water, Mr. U. R. Careless and Mr. Yousta Nevermiss.

The flower girls were: Mrs. Yousta Nevermiss, Miss Ida Betterwent, Mrs. Ben Cold-water and Miss Undeea Stirring.

The flower girls and palbearers were all distant friends of Miss Prayer Meeting.

Burial was in the Coldheart cemetery in the New Down Hill addition.

Word has been recieved that, shortly after the death of Miss Prayer Meeting, her two sisters, Miss Sunday Night Meeting and Miss Revival Meeting, also passed away. Burial was also in the Coldheart cemetery.

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## LEADINGTON REVIVAL

Dear friends:

We would like to report a wonderful revival meeting that just closed at our Leadington Free Will Baptist Church last Sunday.

Rev. John Rogers, of Fredericktown, was the evangelist, and we certainly appreciated Bro. Rogers' services. Several souls were saved and added to the church. We truly thank God for all of His wondrous blessings.

—Church Reporter