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## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SPONSORS MISSOURI REVIVAL



Several officers of the National Home Missions Board of the Free Will Baptist Church went to Salem, Missouri to investigate the Sunday School and Mission being conducted at Washington and West "D" Streets, with the view of converting it into a full time church.

Rev. Lawrence Thompson, of St. Louis, has been conducting the Mission and Sunday School, with about 30 in Sunday School.

The members of the Board were much impressed with the possibilities there.

Rev. Robert C. Hill, of Berkeley, Missouri, was chosen to conduct a revival meeting, after which a church will be organized.

Those among the group that visited the Mission point were: Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee, Chairman of the National Home Mission Board; Rev. Harry E. Staires of Oilton, Oklahoma, Clerk and Treasurer of the Board; and Rev. Harvey E. Hill of Lemay, Missouri, State Director for the Home Mission Program. Also attending were Rev. Robert C. Hill of Berkeley, Missouri, and Rev. Roger Reeds of Richwoods, Missouri.

The National Home Missions Board will sponsor the revival.

/s/ Rev. Harry E. Staires, Clerk

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**PRAYER AND BREAKFAST**

Some years ago when the country around Cincinnati was newer than it is now, a farmer was busy clearing his land. He had a number of hands employed, and was anxious to accomplish a large amount of work while the weather was favorable. He called them early and went out with them before breakfast was ready. A horn was blown and they came in and ate, and returned again to their work.

The farmer had been accustomed to have prayers every morning in his family. But to keep so many men from chopping and log-rolling while he read and prayed was more than he could afford; so Satan suggested and the good man yielded. His pious wife saw with grief that the family altar was neglected, and her husband in haste to get rich was departing from God. She talked with him, she pled with him, but in vain. At last she determined to try another experiment.

The next morning the farmer and his men went out as usual to their work. The sun began to climb up in the sky, but no breakfast horn was heard. They grew hungry, and looked anxiously toward the house; they listened, but still the expected summons did not come. After waiting an hour beyond the usual time they went into the house. No table was set, no coffee was boiling over the fire, no cook over or before it. The good wife was knitting quietly with the Bible in her lap.

"What does this mean?" cried the husband. "Why is not our breakfast ready?"

"I thought you were in such a hurry about your work that you hadn't time to eat!"

"Hadn't time to eat! Do you think we can live without eating?"

"You can live without eating as well as without praying. The spirit needs the Bread of Heaven as much as the body needs the bread of earth."

"Well, well," said the farmer, "get us some breakfast, and we will have prayers every morning, no matter how busy we are or how many workmen I have."

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## CHRIST: OUR ONLY HOPE!

Rev. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas

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Now that the year 1951 is in the past and we have entered the year 1952 I am pondering in my mind just what the year shall be to me and just what I shall render to my Lord and to my fellow man for the many blessings that they each bestowed upon me. There is one ever open and never failing source to which I may go and find that balm which both heals and soothes the soul which I may freely use myself and pass on to those around me.

In Joel 3:16 we read this wonderful declaration, "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Now that we are living down here in this age of the world when one nation after another is falling and the hearts of men are failing them for fear of those things that are coming upon the earth, is it not well we pay special heed to our Saviour's words of assurance found in Matthew 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Yes, this same Saviour is He that sat upon the Circle of the Heavens and spake the worlds into existence by the word of His power, and this same source of power was in the boat that night on Geneseret Lake when the wind and the waves obeyed His will, and He is to every one of us Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Oh! What a wonderful source of power. A certain poet in an early day writes of Him thus:

*What the hand is to the lute  
What the breath is to the flute  
What the fragrance to the smell  
What the spring is to the well  
What the flower is to the bee  
That is Jesus Christ to me.*

Before Jesus was born and laid in Bethlehem's manger, there lived a man by the name of Joel (a prophet of God) unto whom the word of the Lord came and He spoke with prophetic power. While he seems to be perhaps one of the minor prophets of his day, yet in his name we have a suggestion of spiritual value. His

father's name was Pethuel, which means 'persuaded of God.' He gave to his son the name of Joel which means 'Jehovah is God.' So Joel is more than a name; it is a confession of faith to a nation that was suffering as a result of the sins of the people. It is expected, therefore, that the burden of his message should be a call—a call to old men and children, to priests and people alike, to return unto the Lord. This return must not be formal, but from the heart, with humility and supplication. Only in this way, he seems to say, can gloom give way to gladness, judgement to mercy, and wretchedness to blessedness. After a description of the unhappy condition of the nation, a condition that is somewhat like that in our own land today, he brings forth a bright promise like a rainbow in the time of a storm, and says in the words of my text "The Lord will be the hope of his people." There is something in the Bible that makes its message apply to every age, even though at times we may feel discouraged or forsaken by earthly friends, there is, thank God, a ray of light that streams through the darkness. It is this glorious reality, the Lord will be the hope of His people.

When Alexander, later known as the great, succeeded his father Phillip, he began preparations for a mighty military movement, and during this preparation he began giving away many of his possessions. One day one of his generals rebuked him saying, "You are giving away everything that you have," Alexander replied, "I am giving away everything but Hope." The hope to which I refer however is not a sentimental day dream nor the indefinite feeling that somehow things will come out all right, but it is the expectant desire of those who have come to know God. That is the hope that fills us with peace and joy in believing "the Lord will be the hope of his people." Not man nor circumstances, not formal programs nor political campaigns, but the Lord He is the God of hope, because He created hope and sustains hope and his character is the ground of hope.

Our hope is not in commerce. It is sad for a nation to lose its trade with other nations, its economic interchange with other people, and to be shut up within the walls of isolation. But it is possible for a nation to have

its trade routes wide open and yet be traveling a pathway to decay. The interchange of trade relations may tunnel through mountains and cut highways through jungles and make deserts fruitful, but it can not teach men to love one another nor bring forth righteousness which exalteth a nation. Only He who is the hope of His people can do this.

In Mark 8:36 we find this, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Then might we not well say, "What shall it profit a whole nation if they shall gain world supremacy and yet lose their soul, and, too, the word tells us that the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God (Ps. 9:17)."

Our hope is not in science, yet science has done some wonderful things, especially in these last days. By scientific methods pain has been relieved and comfort restored, and by scientific methods men claim to prolong human life. But it cannot make wars to cease and men to love one another; it cannot heal a broken spirit nor give peace to a guilty conscience. It has no power to produce holiness of life without which no man shall see God. But thanks be to God, He who is our hope can and does do these things for us.

Our hope is not in education. Some have a way of saying that ignorance is bliss. However, no one covets such bliss. Since ignorance in operation can only produce more ignorance, certainly we are interested in education, and it would be a dark and gloomy day when we lose our enthusiasm for intellectual and cultural pursuits. The great colleges and universities of our land owe their very origin to Christian influence and effort, and are largely supported with Christian money, although sad to say many have departed from the Christian faith. God puts no premium on ignorance: but our hope is not in education. The Roman forum catered to a system of eloquence which is unsurpassed by any people. Grecian scholars wrote documents 2,000 years ago that are classics today. But philosophers and educators have often sown the seed of iniquity and frequently the most thoroughly educated have become the most skeptical. Education can do away with ignorance, but it can never do

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## SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA TO HOST NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATES: JULY 8-17, 1952

Scene of the history making sessions of the national conventions of Free Will Baptists, July 8-17, will be the municipal auditorium at Shawnee, Oklahoma. The denomination will

mark the 225th anniversary of its founding in North America at the conventions, Reverend Damon C. Dodd, national promotional secretary, has announced.

"The first Free Will Baptist organization was in Perquimane County,

period study course, with subjects on methods and materials of League work, he said. The simultaneous conferences will be held for four forty-five minute periods as follows:

(1) *Duties of Officers.* All presidents, vice presidents and secretaries will meet in this group. They will study duties pertaining to their posts.

(2) *Better Programs.* Group captains, pianists, song directors and Bible quiz leaders will meet in this conference to study the "how" of more interesting programs.

(3) *The Business-Like Way.* This class is designed for general directors, general secretaries, pastors, treasurers and those interested in district unions.

(4) *Leading the Children.* This session is for Story Hour superintendents, and leaders. Ideas for flannel board lessons will be given, and games enjoyed.

### Certificates Available

Certificates will be awarded to the leaguers doing acceptable work in the conference, Mr. Bowen said.

The Sunday School convention will follow on Friday and Saturday, using as its theme, "Building Lives in the Sunday School." Special speakers include Rev. Robert Swanson and Miss Ruth Streblow, both with Scripture Press in Chicago.

Two films, "Doorways to Decision" and "Stars in Your Crown" will be shown during the convention. There will also be two workshop sessions for teachers and workers.

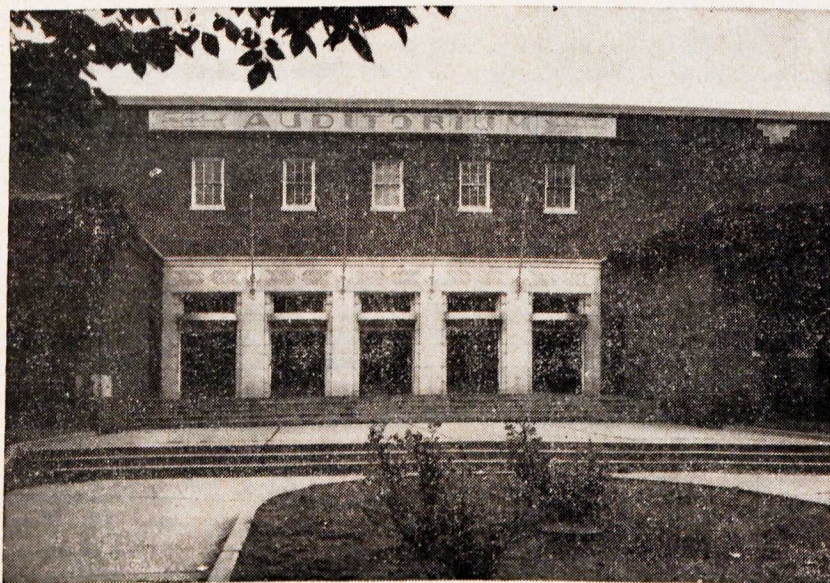
The Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the business meetings of the National Association will be held the second week.

### Keynote Is "Exalting Christ"

The keynote of the Sixteenth Annual Session of the National Association will be "Exalting Christ," and the association will feature, besides denominational leaders, Oklahoma's Senator Mike Monroney who will give an analysis of the world situation as it relates to the Church.

One of the highlights of the convention will be a mass evangelistic rally on Sunday evening, July 13. Preparatory to this service, a house-to-house invitational crusade will be conducted by volunteer workers. Rev. D. C. Dodd will be the speaker for this service.

Rev. Edward E. Morris, Oklahoma



**Municipal Auditorium—Shawnee, Oklahoma**

North Carolina, in 1727, under the leadership of Rev. Paul Palmer. Today the national organization embraces 3,500 churches in 25 states and numbers 400,000 members," he said.

"Highway billboards, featuring the theme, '225 Years of Spiritual Service to America,' are being prepared for posting on Oklahoma highways leading into Shawnee," Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, state executive-secretary, said.

### Capacity Crowds Expected

Much preparation has already been made for the ten-day session, which will include the Fifth Nationwide League Conference, the Sunday School Convention, Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the National Association.

The auditorium in Shawnee, which will seat 2,700, is expected to be filled for at least two of the services. Near capacity crowds are expected for the other sessions.

The conventions will officially open Tuesday evening, July 8, when the League Conference will get underway. The keynote for this part of the con-



**Rev. Damon C. Dodd**

ventions will be "Christ, Our Authority," Rev. C. F. Bowen, League Board secretary, has revealed.

### Study Course Offered

The program will provide a four-



City pastor, is moderator of the National Association.

A pamphlet listing travel schedules and housing accommodations is being prepared and a copy may be had by writing Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary, Box 38, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

## GOD SUPPLIES TEACHER IN NATIVE NEEDY CUBA

May, 1952

Our dear friends:

In a predominately Roman Catholic land one of our outstanding needs is native teachers, graduates of Bible Institutes of their country. We cannot employ unsaved, unregenerated people, but as in every instance of paramount need—God has always answered to our faith in a manner beyond our ability to reason out, giving us capable, consecrated teachers.

For some time I have been intending to write you the experience of a fine consecrated young man fully prepared in the field of teaching—how God, the Holy Spirit, laid His Hand upon him.

His name is Zacharias Hernandez, and he was born in a small town not far from Pinar del Rio.

This boy had an intense spiritual nature. There were forces at work in his mind; he was an exception in the Cuban youth because the more intellectual are prone to reason their religion. He was firm in his Roman Catholic convictions. He would defend the Holy Faith. This highly intelligent student loved the mass and adoration of the saints. He prided himself on his faithfulness to his religion. He would not for anything attend one of those Protestant meetings.

How wonderful is the working of the Spirit of God! Just as He laid His hand upon a Saul of Tarsus in the beginning of the church so He still calls and sets aside.

At the first Youth for Christ rally in Pinar del Rio in the drawing of the Gospel net, a hard-working shoemaker was won to Christ. He was Zacharias' brother-in-law. Again we were to witness the power of personal testimony. Just as Andrew found his brother Simon Peter, so Chacho began to witness to Zacharias by word and life. He was impressed and was per-

suaded to attend a meeting. He was not too much interested in the preaching but the joyful singing of the Gospel became an irresistible wedge to reach his heart. Then began a spiritual conflict that brought him on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Like many of his class, he sought to reason this new thing out, only to become more mentally entangled.

Zacharias became a sick boy. He contemplated what he thought might be the easiest answer to this religious dilemma—suicide. In his desperation he thought of our pastor in Pinar—this visit resulted in an all out surrender.

Then as always began the struggle against the fanatical opposition of his father and family.

Just at this time there was a great need in the Bible School. Where would we find a qualified teacher in this Roman land, one who would be dead to money, who would be willing to deny himself and live on a meager salary.

God was working with this young man. He saw our need. As always when there are large stakes, the god of this present world becomes very real in his opposition.

The opening to a teaching profession with a good salary in the great metropolis, the Paris of the Western world—Havana was offered to him.

His father became a thorn in his flesh with his arguments against these fanatical Protestant heretics. But Christ won! He was real to Zacharias, he had met Him, but he must know Him, he must preach and teach Him, so with the need of money, need of clothing he came denying himself, came taking up his cross.

He came, but as a new convert still in a great conflict. Fear with a capital "F" haunted him. This boy, like many more lived a life today high up in the mountains and the next deep in the valley, defeated. It was an eventful day for him when the Spirit of God, speaking through Mrs. Willey on the work of the Holy Spirit to deliver the human heart from earthly and spiritual fear, spoke anew to his heart. This was exactly what the young man needed. He was immediately on his feet brokenly confessing and at the same time triumphantly swinging wide the door of his heart to expel fear and crown Christ Lord of all.

Zacharias' enthusiastic, blazing testimony, his happy, triumphant smile—are a blessing to all of us.

You will rejoice with us in the way God has met our need with another consecrated teacher in this priest and witchcraft ridden land. It is another miracle.

Thank you, dear friends, for your letters, your prayers, and your cooperation. May the God of peace be your comfort, your guide, your wisdom in these days of conflict. We are grateful for you.

Yours in His faithfulness,

/s/ Thomas and Mabel Willey

## TO THOSE OTHER MOTHERS

*My mother rests beneath the sod;  
Her soul has taken its flight  
To be with Christ whom she adored,  
And trusted day and night.*

*SINCE she is away I cannot give  
To her my tokens of love,  
As I did each Mother's Day  
Before she went to dwell above.*

*So I shall remember other mothers  
With my tokens this Mother's Day:  
Mothers who have been loving and kind  
Since my mother was called away.*

*Words cannot express my gratitude  
For the ways that you have helped  
By doing everything you could  
To help my life to be more blessed.*

*I THANK God for you other mothers  
Who have stood by me day by day,  
For the love that you have shown  
And for prayers that you have prayed.*

*WHEN I meet my dear mother  
In that land of endless day,  
I shall tell her of you other mothers  
Who have helped me along life's way.*

*I KNOW she'll smile so sweetly  
As I tell her of the love  
That you bestowed upon her daughter  
After she went to live above.*

*SHE, too, will thank you for goodness,  
For the kindness you have shown,  
When we all meet in glory  
Around the great White Throne of God.*

*MAY God bless you for your goodness  
Is my sincere prayer today;  
May your life be rich with blessings  
As you live from day to day.*

By Mrs. Alta Mikel



## TENTH ANNUAL S.S. MEET

Plans are well underway to make this CONVENTION the best yet. Your National Sunday School Board is straining every muscle to make this convention one you will long remember.

We are conscious that the Sunday School work in our denomination has been on the drag, but by the help of the Lord and your co-operation we

"TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SPIRITUAL SERVICE TO AMERICA"

This is the slogan Free Will Baptists from at least 18 states will meet along the highways of Oklahoma in a few weeks as they turn their faces toward Shawnee, Oklahoma—2,500 Free Will Baptists it is hoped. Sounds as though we're headed for a grand time of fellowship and business for the Lord.

We trust you are expecting to have a representative from your Sunday School at the Tenth Annual Sunday School Convention of Free Will Bap-

for Scripture Press, is also a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Platteville State Teachers College, of Platteville, Wisconsin. For four years she was a public school teacher in a Christian High School in Kentucky. She has taught classes in all departments of the Sunday School from Beginner through Adult, served as Sunday School visitor in a city church, organized a rural Sunday School, and conducted Teacher Training Classes. She has also directed Vacation Bible Schools and served as counsellor in a camp for girls.

These speakers come to us through the courtesy of Scripture Press, interdenominational Sunday School publishers located in Chicago. In addition to these special speakers, workshop sessions for teachers and Sunday School workers will be directed by leaders from our own Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools over the various states. Films on Sunday School Visitation and a challenge to Sunday School workers will be shown both nights of the Convention. And Saturday afternoon will be open for a time of relaxation and sightseeing.

Last year there was a total registration of 275 at this Sunday School Convention. This year we'd like to reach 350. Help us, won't you, by being present or sending someone from your Sunday School.



Rev. Robert Swanson



Miss Ruth Streblow

plan to bring this neglected auxiliary of our church to the front. In the words of Dr. W. A. Duncan, "There has been no thought or plan so important and far reaching in its possibilities since the first Sunday School was organized."

With the entire task of imparting religious knowledge resting on the home and church, and with 85% of all church members coming from the Sunday School; the Sunday School is practically the sole source of instruction and membership growth for our churches.

There is a wide difference between a church having a Sunday School, and a church using a Sunday School. It is our aim in this Convention to show you ways whereby you can use your Sunday School to a greater advantage. First, in imparting the Word; Second, in winning souls, and third, in the growth of your church.

tists on July 11 and 12. A splendid program has been planned with not just one but two featured speakers.

### Program

Rev. Robert Swanson, pastor of the Elmwood Park Gospel Church of Chicago, will bring the main messages of the Convention. Mr. Swanson is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and has served as youth director of two large city churches. Even now as a busy pastor he finds time each summer to act as Associate Director of a Christian Camp for boys and girls. In the Sunday School field, he has served as teacher and superintendent for each age group from Junior through Adult in addition to being general superintendent of a Sunday School. During 1951 Mr. Swanson traveled 12,000 miles to make a special Sunday School survey.

Miss Ruth Streblow, staff speaker

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away with sin. Sin is the undoing of all men and of all nations.

Our hope is not in the so called social gospel with its emphasis on material things rather than spiritual (modernism). However, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, nurse the sick, drain swamps and build comfortable homes for the poor is a good work, and one that we should be interested in. Real salvation will play the part of the good Samaritan, but it will go farther than that; it will get rid of the robber by winning him to Christ. Real salvation is experimental, doctrinal and practical. It is an experience to be related, a doctrine to be believed, and a life to be lived, if ye know these things happy are ye if you do them.

A salvation that doesn't go out, and look out and help out, is one that has leaked out. Jesus talked of a kingdom



of light and love and holiness which would circle the globe, and whose music would be the glad songs of the redeemed millions from every kindred and tribe. But He brings in that kingdom by changing men. He gave his attention not to reforms nor to economic systems nor political programs, but to the recreation of humanity. His is an inside work. Jesus is an interior decorator.

It is possible that we can get so absorbed in draining swamps and cleaning out siums and the like that we may forget the main issue. The main issue is to point lost souls to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. Our hope for spiritual recovery is in the Lord Himself. In this we are at the bottom of every problem that confronts us in the home and state. We have substituted human cleverness for divine wisdom, we have depended on the acts of Congress rather than the acts of God, we have been looking to Washington instead of looking to Heaven, we have forsaken the fountain of Living Water and have hewn out for our selves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. We are some times asked why it is that there are not more conversions in our revivals today, but if I should answer that question directly as I think it should be answered I would be compelled to say that it is lack of spirituality, both in the congregation and in the pulpit. A great many preachers, and more especially the floating evangelists of today, are so anxious to count members that they are willing to take good resolutions for conviction and conversions. They seem to think that once they get them into the church they are all right. But in every case that is not true. People are not all right until they are right with God. That rightness can come no other way but by deep pungent conviction for sin and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and aside from this there can be no spiritual safety.

The word "hope" has been translated as harbor. If that translation is correct then our text may well read, "The Lord will be the harbor of his people." This naturally suggests to our minds a sheltered place of security; a port of protection, a haven of rest. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The scriptures teach that life is a race and a journey, a pilgrimage and a battle. It is a

shuttle in a loom, an arrow in its flight, a vapor that soon vanishes; it is an ocean voyage. Life is likened to a rolling sea, some times quiet and calm, some times anxious and disturbed, some times peaceful and attractive. The word hope is also translated a "place of repair," so my text may well read, "The Lord will be the place of repair for his people." The glory of the Lord is seen in the work of creation. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." The glory of the Lord is seen in seedtime and harvest. But the fullness of His glory is not seen in any of the things which I have mentioned, but it is seen in His work of grace in the lives of His children. There is no other power that can take broken hearts and broken lives and broken homes and make them all over again. But the Lord, who is our hope, can do it. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (or creation)."

My brother, that is just what Jesus can do for you and me, purge out of our lives every trace of sin and fill us with His own Spirit to the extent that we each shall walk in the light as He is in the light and that we may have increased fellowship one with another and that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son shall continue to cleanse us from all sin (as we walk).

My dear brother and sister ministers of the Gospel, and laymen as well, join me in this earnest prayer, that this good year, 1952, God will lay upon each of our hearts such messages as will enable us to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with increased power, that men and women may be wooed from the ways of sin into the fold of our Christ who alone is our hope.

May God abundantly bless His workers and His people all over the field, shall be my constant prayer.

### WHAT THE BIBLE CAN DO

The Bible is a Book you can recommend, it is really a wonderful Book, and has accomplished great things, and is still working miracles in the lives of those who read it. Here are some facts of what it did in a prison.

There was in one of the cells a man who had been five times convicted of burglary. He was most troublesome, and the prison punishment and the chaplain's warnings and persuasions

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seemed to have no effect whatever on his hardened conscience. On one occasion the chaplain was going round the cells, and when he came to this one he was wondering what he would say; opening the door he greeted him by name and in a cheery tone said: "I'll tell you what is the matter with you—you want making new inside."

The remark seemed to strike the prisoner as a good joke, and he answered: "Well, governor, I think you are right about it!" The chaplain was rather surprised at this answer, and asked him if he knew how it could be done. "Not likely," he replied. The chaplain said, "But you could. Listen to this," and he read to him that verse in Ezekiel 36: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh."

The prisoner admitted that that would be making new inside, but that it was not possible for him. "You are wrong, my lad," answered the chaplain, and then told him that he knew men who had been so changed, and reminded him that the words were God's words. Then he handed him his own Bible, and turning down the leaf at the 3rd chapter of John's Gospel, left it with him to read for himself.

Three days later he saw the man again, and was struck with the change in his face and manner. "What is it?" he said. The prisoner replied, "What is it? It is the Book!" Then he told him how he read the verses over and over and every time they seemed to be more wonderful than before. Then there came back to him recollections of what he had heard when he was a boy, and his bitter, hard heart was broken, and with prayers and tears he cried for mercy, and soon found forgiveness through the Blood of Christ.

--Selected



## MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We have high hopes that Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery will be able to sail for Japan either in July or January. The overall expense of supporting this missionary couple in Japan will be \$120.00 each per month. This includes their salary, travel on the field and housing. We must however have their passage money and also funds for their equipment before they sail. As of this date there is \$784.83 designated toward their passage and equipment fund. Before they sail however the total expense of their support amounting to \$240.00 per month, must be underwritten. As of now we do not have any definite pledges toward their support while on the field. Thus we are appealing to either churches or associations to adopt any part or the whole of the support of these missionaries to Japan.



Take it up with your church or association soon and let us know definitely what you can do.

Rev. and Mrs. Calvery are a splendid couple and we should be proud to have them represent us in the needy land of Japan. Please send all contributions and pledges for support through your state treasurer to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

by the ladies of the church. All enjoyed the noon meal.

About 1:30 the afternoon service started with the Gospel Union Band in charge to play and sing. Then we were so happy to have Rev. Carlisle Hanna a graduate of our Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee. He brought a message and made us all feel how little we are doing to help in sending out missionaries at home and abroad. Bro. Hanna and wife are preparing to sail for India in early fall.

We had one of our young ministers of our church to bring a message. He is young in the ministry. He is Rev. Woodrow Messex. It made our hearts rejoice to know God has called one of our own boys as a minister. He brought a message that made us all feel encouraged.

We had a wonderful day in the Lord and everyone went on their way rejoicing in the Spirit because they thought it was good to be in the house of the Lord that day.

We ask the prayers of all the Christians for us as we have a hard battle to fight against sin and Satan. This is a Catholic community. "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

God bless you all,

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson  
Richwoods, Missouri

## CHURCH GOES TO FULL TIME

Richwoods, Missouri  
May 13, 1952

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Saviour. It has been quite a while since I have written about the Lord's work at Richwoods.

On February 4, we elected our pastor, Rev. Roger C. Reeds of Lemay, Missouri, as full time pastor of our church. Bro. Reeds moved to Richwoods at once and has been working for the Lord full time in this community. We have cottage prayer meeting each Tuesday night. Rev. Reeds organized a Young Peoples club and they meet each Friday night. We have a Ladies Mission Society now and they meet at the church each Thursday night and work for the benefit of the church.

We have our road way made now from the road to the church. We feel like God has wonderfully blessed us in every thing we try to do for Him. We thank Him and give Him the praise for everything. We had a two weeks revival in April with Rev. Clyde

Spurgeon from Desoto, Missouri, the evangelist. One young woman accepted Christ and three were added to the church.

On May 11, we had an all day service which was enjoyed by all who attended. We had 90 to attend Sunday School that morning and about 125 for the other services throughout the day.

We were so happy to have the Gospel Union Band from radio station KJCF, Festus, Missouri, to render the sacred music and hymns the whole day. Bro. Don Wideman is leader of the band.

We had a special healing service in the morning as several of our church are sick. Rev. Sophie Merseal, of St. Louis, better known as Aunt Sophie to all who know her, had charge of this service. Then Rev. Wayne Parsons of St. Louis and Rev. Clyde Spurgeon of Desoto, Missouri, were the speakers of the hour. These two young ministers both brought inspiring messages from God's word. Then after our souls were fed with manna from heaven, it was time for the noon meal. A fine dinner was prepared and served

## INDIA COW WORSHIP

No doubt Miss Barnard keeps you supplied with news of the work and it would be useless for me to write anything with regards to my station. Perhaps of interest (if you think it'd be worth the space in the paper to print it) to many would be the recent cow worship held here in Bangalore. I did not attend but I heard that over 60 Europeans and Americans did. They were keen at seeing first hand this great demonstration of mass worship of cows and folk dances relating to the life of Sri (Mr.) Krishna. Krishna is one of the Hindu gods. This service took place April 6. It was a unique occasion when thousands of people from all over Bangalore and the neighbouring country and offered worship to more than 500 cows gathered around the dominating figure of Sri Krishna (statue) which was placed



in the center of the stadium. Around this figure tastefully decorated in rich silks and brocades were tethered in concentric circles the hundreds of cows brought in by their owners from several parts of the Civil Station and City. The place of honour was proudly occupied by 24 pedigree Sindhai Cows sent by the Indian Dairy Research Institute. They formed the innermost circle immediately around the figure of Sri Krishna.

As the cows entered the Stadium they were decorated and garlanded with flowers. They were tethered in orderly array and the volunteers in charge fed them with green grass, sugarcane, bananas and other feed. People in thousands poured into the stadium in successive streams and Hindu women formed a great part of the concourse. Many of them brought, prepared and cooked food for the cows. And while the feeding of the cows was going on, musicians and girls sang praise of Sri Krishna and danced on themes relating to the epic story of Sri Krishna's life as a shepherd. A striking part of this program was the Garba dance in which 20 girls from the Girls School in Bangalore took part dressed in special costumes. They presented a series of folk dances depicting the Gopikas' devotional play around Sri Krishna. And on and on I could describe such a scene, but I leave it here. And the highly educated and cultured class of Indians make up the group who pay homage to the cow. The following is what one hears on every hand of such a novel service: "This is a glorious idea! Why did nobody think of this before. I hope the organizer will make this an annual feature and hold it on Krishna Jayath' (birthday celebration of Sri Krishna)." It makes one shudder doesn't it? It would indeed seem very strange to attend such a service when I know the WONDROUS TRUE GOD of mankind and Saviour of all who believe. How we need to pray that God will open hearts and minds to Himself and set these people free—they have been under bondage and in darkness for so long. And have so many gods to which they bow down and worship—the cow is only one among thousands and thousands.

There is much sickness in many of the villages. Only last week there was a patient admitted to the hospital here suffering from cholera—she came

in before they knew what her trouble was—as soon as they discovered she had cholera they rushed her to the isolationist hospital and we all rushed to get cholera injections—we hope we are now safe. Last Saturday one of the girls of the New Tribes Mission was in tears over a grief stricken family who had just lost their little boy that had smallpox and the baby, the last child of the family, suddenly developed smallpox and unless God undertakes it will only be a matter of hours before death claims this one. The mother was sitting there at the bedside of the child wringing her hands and the girls were helpless to speak words of comfort as they, like me, do not know enough of the language to make themselves intelligible. Just today I read in the paper that there were 144 deaths from cholera, typhoid, and T.B., a 50% increase over last week; so you see there is much suffering in this land. But a worse condition is their spiritual darkness—lo these many years they have sat in darkness until at times it seems utterly impossible for them to comprehend when they hear the gospel message. Pray that we may be able to make HIM known, that these too may drink of the living water and be satisfied. There is such a famine for the sound teaching of the Word here in Bangalore and no doubt throughout India this same condition prevails.

/s/ Volena Wilson

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

By the time you read this little message our Youth Camp Session will be right at hand, so this is just a reminder to you.

Everything is going fine, and we are very busy getting things ready. We are at this writing building another cabin for the Fredericktown Church, on the girls side of the camp. Liberty Association is working on their cabin to complete it for use this year. Northeast Missouri Association is planning to have one up by session time. These will make 13 cabins, and we hope this session to see every one of them filled with boys and girls.

We would like for the owners of each cabin to send a reliable sponsor to direct their cabin.

We need mattresses or strawticks for the present supply is limited, and these should be here before session time and made ready for use.

Please don't forget your canned goods collections in your Leagues, Sunday Schools and churches, for we are expecting a larger number here this year and these children love to eat. We are hoping to have gas stoves to cook on and some electric ice boxes for refrigeration for the kitchen.

Be sure to bring plenty of blankets and supplies for your personal needs, for we have cool nights here. Bring your ball gloves, play shoes and all the vim you have.

In regards to our camp insurance for all campers, our application blanks have been sent out to everyone we know of, so if you have not received one or know of anyone who is interested in coming, please let me know and I will send them a blank so they can be returned to me in time to insure everyone on the way to camp. The fee is the same as last year, \$1.00 registration (for insurance) and \$1.00 per day for entertainment. Extra meals will be 50¢ per plate. We will have the ice cream and cold drink as usual.

We are still waiting for the green light to shine for the buying of an electric dish washer and a hot water tank that was suggested by so many last year while here at the camp, but we haven't heard a thing from anyone.

Well, work is picking up here. Today Northeast Missouri workers arrived to build a cabin, so we will be busy helping them get started. We had planned to send in our financial report. We will send it in later. Just this—our regular offerings have been low this winter and spring, making our treasury low to date; \$70.30 to start our session on. We have been able to pay only \$204.00 on our indebtedness from last year that occurred in preparing for the State Association. All offerings will be appreciated.

We will be looking for you at the session June 22-28. Please send in your registration slips.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

If I had ten lives, I would gladly lay them down for Christ in the white man's grave of Liberia, to gain, by the grace of God, the black man's resurrection.—Bishop Taylor Smith.





# From The Editor's Desk



## MISSOURI OVER THE TOP

With a remittance of \$984.69 during the month of April, Missouri went over the assigned quota of \$8,500.00 for Foreign Missions for the fiscal year 1951-52. For May the receipts fell to a low \$282.72. This raises the entire oversubscription to \$576.03, with the month of June still to be received.

It would be difficult to explain the sudden drop in gifts from April to May. A wide variation from month to month is generally experienced. Perhaps this is all that is reflected in the drop. Let us hope so. However, the day should soon come when our giving is more consistent throughout the year, and proportionately distributed to every department and enterprises.

It is gratifying to note that more and more of our folks are using the channels of their church, local and state treasurers for forwarding their gifts to the desired field. During April only some \$35.00 was given to Foreign Missions from Missouri that did not pass through the Missouri State Treasurer's office. This fell proportionately to only some \$10.00 in May. Both for the sake of records and for efficiency the regular channel should be used.

Other states now over their assigned quota in Foreign Missions are: Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Gifts from Miscellaneous. A few other states are very close to their goal and will surely go over the top in the last month. The over all goal is still some \$4,500.00 short, and the receipts for May were just barely above that figure. It behooves each of us to make that last drive for the goal.

## APATHY IN HOME MISSIONS

Timidity, fear, rebuff, lack of vision, non-progressive leadership, favoritism! What is the reason for the lack of support to the National Home Mission Program? Who knows? Whatever the cause or causes, it certainly adds up to general apathy toward the program. It certainly cannot be charged to the board, for they have designed a well

balanced program and have worked at the job, accomplishing surprising results with limited funds and few workers.

Energetic, progressive, balanced ministers and workers in Missouri are canvassing the state in the interest of this program under the direction of Rev. Harvey E. Hill, State Director. These workers will be out to accomplish two purposes: (1) To get the program before the people that they may fully understand its purpose and what has been accomplished, and (2) To take an offering, where permissible, to meet present needs.

Only two states have come close to meeting their expected quotas—which were all very reasonable demands. These states are Alabama and Virginia, with one of these being met early by a sizeable personal check from one individual who is intensely interested in the program. Missouri has only slightly passed the one-third mark toward the \$1,000.00 expected. Oklahoma is two-thirds of the way to the same amount. Arkansas shows \$64.00 given on \$350.00. Illinois is nearly half way on \$700.00. With only one month to go, few if any remaining states show any sign of meeting the quota assigned to them.

The need in this field is great. We must realize it and meet it.

## ASKS EARLY REMITTANCE OF ENTERTAINMENT FUNDS

Please mark the dates September 16-19 on your church calendar for the Missouri State Association which meets in Southeast Missouri Association with the Fredericktown Church.

The host church is making initial plan for our entertainment. But remember, your individual church is asked to make an offering for State Entertainment Expense.

May I urge you to send a special offering to your State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, designated for State Entertainment.

Your early contributions will be appreciated by the host church and God will richly bless you for your services.

Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treas.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In a correspondence from Rev. Wm. Buster, full time evangelist, we learn his time is taken until about August 10. Dates are yet open from then. If in need of his services write him direct at Thebes, Illinois, Route One.

Also, we find Rev. Clarence J. Hearron now gets his mail at 2326 N. Riverside Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas. He is treasurer of two boards and Free Will Baptist of that area will do well to note this change in address.

## THE BOARD OF ABSENTEES

We are the Board of Absentees:

We attend our church about as we please:

We judge it will run of itself, you know.

And, Sunday, we're just too tired to go!

We are the Board of Absentees;

At business meetings our chances we seize.

To tell exactly how things should run, But we lift not a finger to get them done.

We are the Board of Absentees;

Men and women of all degrees, Shall we give up the church? O, never, never!

Shall we go today? Well, scarcely ever!

We look for a world far better than this.

O world of peace of moderate bliss.

A day of right through the Seven Seas. Just now we're the Board of Absentees.

—Selected

George Washington said—  
True religion affords government its surest support.

It is our duty to make the best of our misfortunes.

It is better to be alone than in bad company.

—Selected





### DOLLIE ANN VIOLA LAWLER

Dollie Ann Viola Lawler, daughter of Dewey and Lucy Austin, was born September 19, 1885 in Wright County, Missouri. Having lived her entire life in this county, she departed this life September 5, 1951, at the age of 66 years, 11 months and 14 days.

She was converted at an early age and often testified of the living faith which was dear to her.

She became a member of the New Home Free Will Baptist Church in later life. The living testimony which will always be cherished in the memory of those who knew her will be the devoted, consecrated life she lived for her church, her family, and her community.

She was united in marriage to Claude A. Lawler, February 10, 1910. Three children were born to this union. They are: Mrs. Lucy Keith, Woodrow Lawler, and Mrs. Retha Shull. Johnnie Wisdom, an orphan boy, was taken into the home at the age of four, and was reared to manhood, sharing the same love and care that was given to her own children.

Proverbs 31:10-31 gives a vivid picture of our wife and mother, and we are thankful that such a woman was our wife and mother.

She is survived by all of her immediate family, 10 grandchildren, two brothers, Harve and Arley Austin, three sisters, Mrs. Lena Hart, Mrs. Allie Ward and Mrs. Moranda Ward. She was preceded in death by a half sister, Mrs. Sarah Delcour.

Only He who understands and knows all our suffering, knows how close were the family ties which bound us together, and what anguish and suffering the breaking of the ties brought. We are thankful for the hope we have that some day we can pick up the loose ends and again be reunited.

We find great comfort in the lines of the poet who said:

*I cannot say, and I will not say,  
That she is dead—she is just away!  
With a cheery smile, and a wave of  
the hand,*

*She has wandered into an unknown  
land,*

*And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since she is there.  
So think of her faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of  
Here.*

*Think of her still as the same I say,  
She is not dead, she is just away!*

Funeral services were at the New Home Church, with burial in the nearby cemetery. Ministers were Rev. Willie Burney and Rev. Lester Lawler.

### WILL TOUR MISSOURI FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Soon, many of the pastors of the churches over the state of Missouri will be getting a letter from me asking permission to hold a service in their church in the interest of National



Rev. Miss Lorene Bowman

Home Missions. Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Missouri Director of Home Missions, has asked me to make an itinerary of the state this summer.

This itinerary will be during the months of June, July and part of August. I regret that I will not be able to visit all of the churches; but with the cooperation of the pastors and churches, I will be able to contact sev-

eral. This itinerary is solely for the purpose of helping our people to see the need of National Home Missions and each phase of our National Home Mission Program will be stressed at each contact made. If permitted to do so, a free will offering will be taken at the close of each service.

In the last issue of the Gem, you may have noticed that Missouri lacks over \$700.00 in meeting the quota for our state. Let's all work together and reach this within these three months.

Pray, then give!

/s/ Lorene Bowman

### BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

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### PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO TAXATION

A tax collector one day came to a poor minister in order to assess the value of his property and to determine the amount of his taxes.

"I am a rich man," said the minister.

The official quickly sharpened his pencil and asked intently, "Well, what do you own?"

The pastor replied, "I am the possessor of a Saviour who earned for me everlasting life and who has prepared a place for me in the Eternal City."

"What else?"

"I have a brave, pious wife, and in the Bible it says, 'Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies?'"

"What else?"

"Healthy and obedient children."

"What else?"

"A merry heart which enables me to pass through life joyfully."

"What else?"

"That is all," replied the minister.

The official closed his book, arose, took his hat and said, "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation."

—Selected





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



### FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY IN ALL-DAY MEETING

Flat River, Missouri

May we come in for just a short visit?

Our Auxillary met at the church for our all-day meeting with 13 members and six visitors present. The theme for the day was, "A Mother's Prayer." As it was near Mother's Day, a lovely program was rendered. How we love to honor our dear mothers.

At the noon hour a lovely lunch was served. We all had a good time in the Lord and a grand fellowship together.

God has been so very good to us, and has given us so many blessings that we never can thank Him enough. The ladies of the church have been able to do so many things by the help of the Lord. We have just finished putting new banisters on our church steps. We are very proud of our church and what God has done, and we know He has greater things in store for us if we will only trust Him and stay in His will. Pray for us.

May God's blessings be on every one is my prayer.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, Reporter

### Report of Woman's Editor

Received:

Fredericktown Auxiliary .....\$6.00  
First W.A. of Flat Rivier ..... 1.00

Total .....\$7.00

### LEADINGTON (MO.) D.V.B.S.

The Leadington Daily Vacation Bible School was held from May 19-30, with the closing program being presented on Thursday evening, May 29, and the picnic on Friday at Brewer's Playground.

There was an average attendance of 59, with 44 receiving awards for perfect attendance. The total missionary offering received was \$13.07.

Those who helped to make this school a success are as follows: Sup-

erintendent, Mrs. Eunice Edwards; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Darnell, Intermediate teacher, Mrs. Mildred Hildebrand; Junior Girls teachers, Mrs. Irvin Mills and Mrs. Fred Boren; Junior Boys teachers, Mrs. Eunice Edwards and Mr. Fred Boren; Primaries teachers, Mrs. Harvey Faircloth and Mrs. C. Burcham; Beginners teachers, Mrs. Harold Scott and Miss Virginia Watkins; serving committee, Mrs. Margaret Darnell, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Albert Umfleet.

### NEW ILLINOIS W.A. GUESTS OF UNION F.W.B. AUXILIARY

Thompsonville, Ill.

The Woman's Auxillary of the Union Free Will Baptist Church met at the church, Wednesday afternoon, May 14. Group singing and prayer opened the meeting, following which Mrs. Arthur Jones conducted the Bible study from I Chronicles 24:8-10 and II Cor. 9:7, 8.

After a brief business session conducted by Mrs. Jones, V. P., Mrs. Buford McClerren, program leader directed the lesson entitled, "The Hour is Come for Approved Workmen." Topics were discussed by Mrs. Dave Welker, Miss Joyce McClerren, Mrs. Ocie McClerren, Mrs. Marion Bonucchi. A Bible quiz was conducted by Mrs. Wendell Dillion.

Other members present were Mrs. Mae Jones and Mrs. Herbert McClerren.

Members of the newly organized Woman's Auxillary of the Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church of Johnston City, Illinois, were guests.

### SERIOUS ILLNESS ABATES

Niangua, Missouri  
May 21, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a brief report of the Niangua Ladies Auxillary. Due to so much serious sickness in the community the Auxillary did not meet in April. On May 8, the Auxillary met at the home

of Mrs. Ance! Alexander. Juanita Wilkerson was the leader for the afternoon program. Scripture was read by Mrs. Peggy Davis. Topic, "We study that we may serve better," was given by Stella Walton; "Upholding the Educational Program of our Church," was given by Ance! Alexander; "Investments for Tomorrow," by Mickey Cummins. A Mothers Day poem was given and gifts were given to Mrs. Peggy Davis (oldest mother present) and Mrs. Lucille (Lloyd) Sells the youngest mother present.

Mrs. Ance! Alexander, Mrs. Lucille Sells and Mrs. Freda Sells won the game prizes.

There were ten members and five children present. The hostess served dainty refreshments which were enjoyed by all present.

Pray for us that we may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord's work through the Ladies Auxillary.

Vada Reeves, Cor. Sec.

### A CALL FOR REAPERS--

TEXT: LUKE 10:1, 2

How Do You Do?

"How can you, friend?" the Succeedish say;

The Dutch, "How do you fare?"

"How do you have yourself today?"

Has quite a Polish air.

In Italy, "How do you stand?"

Will greet you every hour;

In Turkey when one takes your hand,  
"Be under God's great power!"

"How do you carry you?" is heard

When Frenchmen so inquire;

While Egypts friendly greeting word  
Is "How do you perspire?"

"Thin may thy shadows grow,"

The Persian wish is true;

His Arab cousin, bowing low,

Says, "Praise God! How are you?"

But oddest of them all is when

Two Chinese meet, for thrice

They shake their own two hands, and

Then ask, "Have you eaten rice?"

—H. Bedford Jones



Every country has their own customs, habits, and traditions. Very few countries have the same customs or habits or traditions, but in Christ Jesus we are all alike. Every difference has been melted and we all stand before God as one who has accepted Christ as their Saviour and is a Christian, or, one who has rejected the Saviour and consequently is a sinner.

God does not look down on American boys and girls and say, "There! Those boys and girls live in America, their skins are white, so I will make a special place for them in My heaven." No, indeed He does not. He says in His Word that, "ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Even Americans? Yes! Even Americans! Neither does God look down on Negroes in Africa and say, "Oh My! These poor people. Their skin is black. They do not have as many churches or as many preachers as the children in America, so I won't be as harsh when I judge them." No, indeed He does not! He does say, again in His Word, "Ye must be born again," and, "Except ye repent, ye shall ALL likewise perish."

Boys and girls, do you understand what I'm trying to say to you? *Every* boy and girl on the earth, regardless of where they live, what color their skin is, whatever their belief, or, their circumstance, *must be born again* to be a Christian. If you, who are reading this, are a Christian, it is your duty and your glorious privilege to lead some one else to Christ so that they too, may become Christians.

During the last two great wars that America has been engaged in, a call went out for volunteers. Boys by the thousands answered that call to service; to train themselves for better service. A wonderful spirit of patriotism was shown as thousands of our youth answered the call to serve under the stars and stripes. They were ready and eager to serve at home or abroad.

Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." This is not a command but an anxious inquiry, "Who will go for us?" Will you go? The call for service comes to every Christian. Sometimes it is a series of violent circumstances that reveals your call to you. Again, it may be a gradual revealing of God's will, but in whatever form it comes, you know it is the

will of God for your life. Won't you answer as readily and as eagerly as the boys did to their call to arms? When the boys volunteered their service they proved their right to serve by establishing their claim as a son of the United States. When you are converted, you then have the right to assert your claim of Sonship to God and your right to serve Him. The missionary cause is carried on by volunteers; why do you wait to be drafted? God is now sending out a call for volunteers; "Who will go for us?" Millions are waiting to hear the glad tidings. They cannot "enter into the kingdom of God" unless they have been saved, and they will not be saved until they hear, and they can't hear until you tell them. The need for volunteers is so great. Will you respond?

Will you serve at home or abroad? You know God does not call all of us to be foreign missionaries. He needs some of us at home to pray for those on the fields across the sea, to send them money so they can continue to work where they are. Missionaries need food to eat just the same as you or I, and it costs money to buy food.

Some will volunteer if the call comes for pleasant tasks, but if to the hard places, Oh! No! The true soldier offers his service to further the cause, regardless of what the task or where the place. There is work to do. The Word teaches us to work while it is day for the night soon cometh when no man can work. Then in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Do you hear the call or catch the vision of the white harvest fields?

### Have I Forgotten?

*Have I forgotten the call of the Master?  
Have I forgotten that sweet, sacred day?*

*When to His pleading I gently made answer.*

*"Here, Lord, am I, send even me."*

*Have I forgotten that Jesus is coming?  
Have I forgotten my part in it all?  
Lord, help Thy servant to fail Thee no longer;*

*Though it is late, I go at Thy call.*

—Author unknown

There are so many "calls" today.

The call of a siren summons emergency crews into action, to fight fires, to battle for a life, to rescue someone in distress; but I ask you to consider the greatest call of all: the call of God for your life work. So many young people decide when they grow up, they will be a doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc., never asking any guidance from God in choosing their careers. As a result, many are failures in their chosen profession or vocations. To begin with, they have not the special talent to qualify them for that particular service, God must be consulted and OBEYED, if you want to be a success in your life. How can you recognize your call and be sure you are doing what God wants you to do? I cannot tell you, as was said before, HOW He will call, but never fear, God is capable of getting His message over to you in such a manner that you will understand it.

Your life will be successful if you listen to God as He calls you for your life work. He knows what you are best qualified for. He does not make any mistakes in His selections or choices. Even to decide to be a preacher or even a missionary is not enough if God does not call you to that particular field or service. Of HIS CALL one should be sure before attempting the great task of complete obedience; for you will need to utterly depend upon God for the fulfilling of your mission in life. Humility and dependence are prime requisites to a successful life.

To feel the call of God for service brings with it the conviction that you are too small for the task. But you must realize that God does not call except He promises. "I will be with you, even to the end of the age." He empowers you to do the task. With this knowledge fear and timidity vanish as you realize too, you "are labourers together with God."

God does not put you out on a limb and then saw off the limb, as we say in the idiom of today. He supplies all your needs. For example, look at the call to service given Moses. Moses said he could not speak in public, that he had an impediment in his speech, and yet God knew that even with these imperfections Moses was the man for this particular job, so God provided a man, Aaron, to speak for Moses. Another example: when Paul

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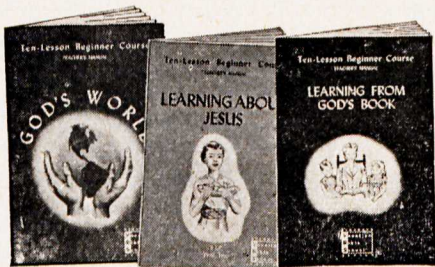
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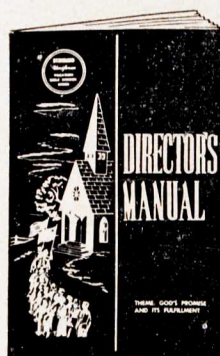
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"A CALL FOR REAPERS"—from p 13  
 was struck down by a blinding light on the road to Damascus, he "trembled and was astonished." Nevertheless, notwithstanding his fears and anxieties Paul became the greatest missionary, next to Christ, the world has ever known. It is the surrendered, yielded life that counts most. Not our abilities, or our inabilities, but how much we will allow God to work through us.

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Then when you reach heaven you will see your dear Saviour, the redeemed of all ages: Abraham, Isaac, Moses, all the old patriarchs, the beauties of heaven, and those you have led to Christ! But what of those you have failed to lead? They too, have souls and you must give an account of your life. Just a little thing done for Jesus to help win souls, is blessed a thousand fold. The call goes out for reapers, helpers to gather the harvest. Will you not respond?

*You sent the money across the sea  
 That bought a Bible for young Sing Lee;  
 And Young Sing Lee, when he'd read therein,  
 Proceeded to turn his back on sin.  
 Then he rested neither night nor day  
 'Till his brother walked in the narrow way;  
 And his brother worked until he had won  
 Away from their gods, his wife and son.  
 The woman told of her new found joy,  
 And Christ was preached by the happy boy.  
 Some of the folk who heard them preach  
 Decided the one true God to seek.  
 It wasn't long until half the town  
 Had left its idols of wood and stone.  
 And the work is not ended yet, my friend,*

*You started something that ne'er shall end,  
 When you sent the money across the sea  
 That bought the Bible for young Sing Lee.*

—Author unknown

## YOUNG CHURCH TO BUILD

Duncan, Oklahoma

We are now in a new church which was organized only last August with 11 charter members, but we now have 31 members. We meet in a community building, but we are planning to build soon.

This church is in the old Santa Fee community, therefore we named the church the Santa Fee Free Will Baptist Church. It is 18 miles east and four miles south of Duncan, Oklahoma, or four miles south of Velma.

The land has been donated for the church to be constructed on.

We had our simultaneous revival April 13-23, and had very good attendance. There were five conversions, six candidates for baptism, and seven new members joined the church.

Truly,

Mrs. Floyd Carroll, Clerk  
 Rev. Ward Fillabaum, Pastor

## TO HOLD THEIR FIRST D V B S

Crowell, Texas  
 May 16, 1952

Dear Rev. Jeffreys:

We, the Crowell Free Will Baptist Church, wish to report for the first time to the Gem.

Our preceding pastor, Rev. R. V. Jones, resigned after being with us seven months. Rev. H. H. Haston was elected to finish out the present term. Both of them are truly great men and preach in the Spirit of God.

Rev. J. A. Brooks of Wichita Falls held a two weeks revival in March. We regret to report that there were no souls saved, but everyone received blessings their hearts couldn't contain.

We have a Vacation Bible School starting June 2, and it runs two weeks. We are praying that it will be a great success because it is our first.

Your sister in Christ,

Pauline Wheeler, Cor. Sec.

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## ANNUAL YOUTH SESSION SET FOR JUNE 22 - 28

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### OFFICERS

Supervisor ..... Rev. Harry Beatty  
 Principal ..... Rev. Willard Day  
 Registrar ..... Rev. Eunice Edwards

### TEACHING STAFF

Pers'n'l Soul Winning, Lorene Bowman  
 The Plan of Salvation, Sterling Tucker  
 Lessons on the Trinity, Willard Day  
 Music ..... Bob Hill  
 Recreational Director ... Roger Reeds  
 (Each of the above are ministers.)  
 Daily Vacation Bible School, Norma Kennedy, Bernice Cantrell, Myrtle Pembroke.

### DAILY PROGRAM

6:30 ..... Rise and shine  
 7:00 ..... Breakfast  
 7:45 ..... Free Period  
 8:10 Devotional by Rev. Harry Beatty  
 8:30 ..... Lessons on the Trinity  
 9:15 ..... Personal Soul Winning  
 10:00 ..... Supervised play  
 10:30 Lessons on the Plan of Salvation  
 11:15 ..... Worship  
 11:45 ..... Prepare for lunch  
 12:00 ..... Lunch  
 1:30 ..... Music  
 2:30 ..... Play, hikes, etc.  
 5:30 ..... Prepare for evening meal  
 7:00 ..... Cabin prayer meetings  
 7:45 ..... Evangelistic services  
 Evening speakers will be chosen later.  
 9:30 ..... In cabins  
 10:00 ..... Lights out, quiet