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BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO NEVER GOSSIP ABOUT THE FAULTS OF THE CHURCH, BUT WORK TO MAKE IT BETTER.

—Religious Telescope





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ample.*

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sible to bear.*

*"I leave to my brothers and sisters  
shame and dishonor.*

*"I leave to my wife a broken heart and  
a disgraced life.*

*"I leave to my children poverty,  
wretchedness, and the memory  
of a father in a drunkard's  
grave."*

—Selected

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"When thou receivest praise of men,  
return it to God, the blesser of the  
action."

"Satan has reserved a seat in many  
a sanctuary."

"The minute we begin to unload, the  
Lord begins to fill in."

"Our business is to do the will of  
God. He will take care of the busi-  
ness."

Some folks give their mite,  
Others give with their might,  
And some don't give who might!

We want your Church News regularly!

We need your Church Support badly!

"Shallow minds, like shallow waters,  
are easily ruffled."

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 Associ-  
ation with the Fredericktown Church.

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plan for our entertainment. But re-  
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ed to make on offering for State Enter-  
tainment Expense.

May I urge you to send a special of-  
fering to your State Treasurer, Marie  
Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, designat-  
ed for State Entertainment.

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

Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treas.



## ANNUAL CONFERENCES PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND REPORTS PROGRESS MADE

The combined major conventions of the Free Will Baptists of America have observed their annual conferences, held in succession, at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Your Editor did not get to attend, though it had been his hope and plan all year to be present. Disappointment has been mostly erased by the many good reports coming from those sessions.

Heralding to all people everywhere that Free Will Baptists have now given 225 years of spiritual service to America, delegates and visitors met from some 18 states. Also, missionaries were present from Cuba and India. Visitors from other bodies were present in many of the services. Approximately 3,500 attended the several sessions.

### League Conference Leads

Opening the series of conferences was the National Free Will Baptist League Conference observing the Fifth Annual Meeting of the organization. Delegates for this conference registered from 14 states and from two foreign countries. The total registration was near the 700 mark, with probably 1,000 actually attending the meetings. Missouri takes some pride in having had the largest delegation present from outside of the host state. To Rev. Willard Day, of Mountain Grove, Missouri, goes the credit for arranging a bus trip to accommodate Missouri delegates wishing to attend the conference. His effort is in part rewarded by the good report brought back and by the new zeal demonstrated by those who made the trip.

Theme for the conference was "Christ, Our Authority." The Leaguers were sorry that it was necessary for Rev. Clarence Bowen, energetic secretary of the board, to be absent. Rev. Henry Melvin presided over the sessions. The principal address of the conference was delivered by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur, Oklahoma, speaking on the theme. Other conference speakers were: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, missionaries to India; Rev. R. B. Crawford, Bryan, Texas, and Rev. L. E. Ballard, Ayden, North Carolina.

The Intermediate Sword Drill re-

sulted in the first place decision going to Coy Priest, Richmond, California, with second place to Molly Barker of Morehead City, North Carolina, and third to Wilma Aldridge of Eldridge, Alabama.

### Sunday School Session

The Tenth Annual Session of the National Sunday School Convention followed the League session. Actual registration for this important conference was around 400, with attendance estimated at 600. Guest speakers, Rev. Robert Swanson and Miss Ruth Streblow, both of Chicago, Illinois, and sponsored by Scripture Press of that city, alternated in the feature addresses throughout the meeting lasting both

ning regular services were dismissed and all came together in the auditorium in Shawnee for a giant evangelistic rally. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, National Executive Secretary, brought the message to some 2,000 or more persons gathered there from all over the United States.

### Auxiliary Work Grows

After the early arriving delegates used Monday to refresh and relax, and additional delegates arrived at the convention site, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention came to order for the evening service and continued in business session Tuesday.

This hard working and dependable organ of the church, in their statistics

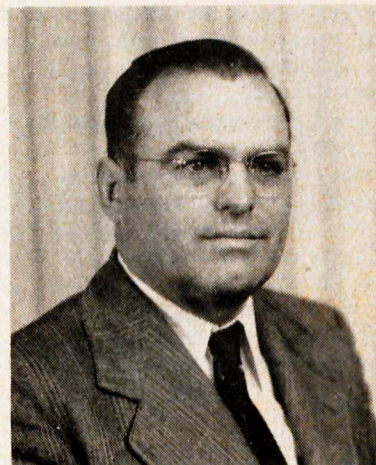


Rev. Damon C. Dodd

Friday and Saturday. Theme of the convention was "Building Lives in the Sunday School." The speakers gave valuable information and ideas for a greater use of the Sunday School, the strong arm of the church. Also, plans to effect more adequate literature for the Sunday School were considered. Those attending the session report that it was certainly helpful, inspirational and worthwhile.

### Dodd Speaks at Rally

For the morning Sunday School lesson and the regular worship services, delegates remaining over the weekend for the second week of conferences were invited to local churches to take part in the services. On Sunday eve-



Rev. J. R. Davidson

reveal an increase for the year of 898 members, making a present enrollment of 8,844 members in 399 organizations. Their personal work resulted in 424 decisions for Christ during the past year, according to Mrs. H. B. Sloan, president.

There was a nice representation from the different states to the convention, thereby upholding the faithfulness and demonstrating the energetic pace always observed in this organization.

### Davidson Opens Association

At the conclusion of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Sixteenth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of America came to order in the Tuesday evening session. Please See CONFERENCE—page 10



## VICTORIOUS LIVING BEFORE SINNERS

Mer Rouge, La.  
Route 1  
July 15, 1953

Dear Christian Friends:

How do we look as Christians, in the eyes of a sinner? Maybe it would be good for us to listen and see if we can hear them say, "He claims to be a Christian, but his life is no different from mine."

Will we be excusable before God when the sinner's assuasion faces us on the judgement day? "His life was no different from mine."

The current of this age is swift; the cares are heavy, and the pleasures are alluring. As weak, prayerless Christians, hardly conscious of the dangers, we yield to the temptations about us, and thus entangled with worldliness we become a vessel unfit for the Master's use.

Every Christian has within himself a traitor that loves the world and longs for its sinful pleasure. That traitor is the flesh, or what we are by nature. Paul tells us in Gal. 5:17 that "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." The flesh is evil. "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing." Rom. 7:18. If there is "no good thing" in the flesh, why yield to the lust thereof? Rather yield to the Spirit. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." John 6:63.

We are to make no provision for the flesh. But we should feed and nourish the new nature or spirit God has put within us. Paul said "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:12-14.

Can you imagine the Spirit of God leading you to participate in the activities of the old Devil? NO! Not even as a spectator. The best way I know to bring the lust of the flesh under subjection of the Spirit, is to starve the old nature to death. If we go to,

and participate in, all things as before we were converted, wherein have we denied ourself? You know Jesus said in Luke 9:23, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

We can cure this cancerous appetite of the flesh by feeding it on the proper food of the Spirit—Christ, the living word, and the Gospel, the Bible, the written word of God. Try it and see this old earthly tabernacle grow to be a vessel fit for the Master's use. Worldly literature, movies, ball-games, wrestling matches, etc., are food for the carnal nature. All worldliness in the lives of Christians comes as a result of satisfying the lust of the flesh. We are not to conform to the world, and drift with the current of the age. The Apostle Paul pleads with the brethren to present their bodies as living sacrifices and then further admonishes them to, "Be not conformed to this world." That means we are to pull against the current, sail against the wind of the world, and go not the way of the wicked, else we cannot please God. The devil is the god of this world. We cannot serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and make whoopee with the old devil. To yield to the lust of the flesh and find pleasure in the works of the old devil is food that will build to a carnal nature.

The friendship of the world is enmity with God. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4. The child of God must make a choice, be a friend to the world or be a friend to the Lord. What is your decision? I know it takes courage and a strong will power for a Christian to separate himself from the world, when you know that it means open war between you and old Satan and his satellites to the end. But when the Lord appears on the horizon of the Armageddon, then, we can see the eastern sky begin to break for us.

Christ in His prayer separated the Christian from the world. Why shouldn't we as individuals separate ourself from the world. Mingling with

the pleasures of this world we do violence to the purpose of the Father and trample on the prayer of the son of God.

Listen to the Lord as He prays for them that have received His word and believe that God did send Him. "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them." John 17:8-10.

Think ye we can glorify the Lord playing around in the field of the old devil? A Christian is suppose to be a light in this old world of sin. How can we shine a Christian light reveling around in the pleasure of the world? It can not be done. The smut of the world will hide our light.

Jesus, the spotless son of God, said of Himself, "They hated me without a cause." He did the will of the Father, and in so doing He went against the will of wicked men and they crucified Him. Paul told Timothy, "All that will live godly lives in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Surely we don't expect better from the hands of the world than our Lord received.

Beloved Christians our citizenship is in heaven. In this life we are strangers and pilgrims, seeking a better land. It is well that we travel light and not be loaded down with the pleasures of this world. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." I John 2:16, 17.

May we as Christians receive the exhortation of the apostle Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above not on things on the earth." Col. 3:1, 2.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell

We want your Church News regularly!



## COLLEGE TRUSTEES ISSUE CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

When the President gave his report of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College at the National Association in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the entire Board was humbled before God as His goodness upon the institution was realized in a deeper way. As the history of the institution was reviewed, its importance to the future growth and service of our denomination was more fully recognized, and the following Proclamation was issued.

Whereas ten years ago (September, 1942) God called into existence Free Will Baptist Bible College at a time when our denomination sorely needed it, and,

Whereas Free Will Baptist people from many states have been most generous in supporting the Bible College so that its needs have been amply supplied so that there has never been a financial emergency, and,

Whereas the spiritual standards of the Bible College have been kept on a very high plane so that it has been a blessing to the denomination, and,

Whereas the influence of the Bible College in our denominational life is already being felt for the good through its graduates who are missionaries, pastors, and other Christian workers, and,

Whereas the Bible College has maintained a high scholastic standard that has appealed to the best talent of our denomination, and

Whereas it is recognized that these accomplishments have been due, not so much to human effort, but to the unusual blessings of our Heavenly Father, and,

Whereas the Bible College is standing on the threshold of its greatest service, and as it does so the needs of the institution are very great:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College proclaim the first Sunday in September as Praise and Prayer Sunday and that Free Will Baptists everywhere be petitioned to join in praise and prayer for the institution.

### PRAISE

1. For an institution that is true to the Word of God, that places strong emphasis on clean, consecrated Chris-

tian living, and at the same time has high scholastic standards.

2. For an awakened spiritual interest which has resulted in young people becoming interested in Bible College education.

3. For the loyal support in gifts of Free Will Baptist people.

### PRAYER

1. Pray that the Bible College will continue with its Christ-centered educational program in this day of modernism.

2. That as the institution increases its services to our denomination it will not lose its spiritual fervency.

3. That the financial needs will continue to be supplied. There are many needs; they can only be met as we increase our giving. Pray especially for the \$65,000 needed to pay for the new apartment building.

—Contributed

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

I will do my best to report to you of our best Youth Camp session yet. Truly God was with us in every thing, from saving 25 souls to marvelously providing sleeping accommodations for 162 people—136 of them were boys and girls. Our cabins were filled to capacity. We thank God for the two new cabins this year, for they were certainly needed.

We did so appreciate our older people who come to help sponsor the program. We need the help of our pastors, fathers and mothers. We are glad to say we appreciate the good cooperation of the boys and girls. I heard a number of our people say it was the best we have had. Every one seemed to enjoy their classes and teachers, and the grades averaged high.

God sure was good to us to have that number present and only a few minor hurts and stomach upsets were experienced. We are thankful for the Schlitzs and Schlitzs Hospital of Niangua who gives us free treatments of all minor conditions at the camp. Also for our Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company who insures our campers.

Well, if you could have looked in on the scene when we began to hear of

the number that was planning to attend the camp, you probably would have been like the rest of us and said, "Where are you going to put them?" Well, we thank the good Lord again for our good friends that came to our rescue. Some came and helped on the camp, some brought straw for bedding, others brought beds.

Well that is just what we have prayed for, and brings us face to face with facts. We have reached our capacity and only since our session I have had a number to say to me "I heard about the good time at the camp, and I am planning to come next year." And I say, "Thank you Lord for our Youth Camp."

Our Youth Camp Board met while at the camp to lay the plans for the coming year, and we are appealing to our churches, associations, Leagues, Sunday Schools and people in the interest of our so badly needed improvements. I will give you some of the suggested needs—a chapel big enough to accommodate our needs, shower bath and sanitary toilets, an improved water system, more cabins, beds, mattresses and kitchen supplies such as plates, cups, glasses, cooking utensils, a dish washer, and seats for our chapel.

### Financial Report

June 15-July 1

Brought forward .....	\$ 201.77
Received for entertainment..	808.50
Offerings, etc .....	331.69
Total receipts .....	\$1,295.53
Expenditures:	
Entertain. & supplies	\$706.15
Insurance of campers	68.50
Paid help .....	51.30
Total expenditures	927.83
	367.70
Paid Stigman Lumber Co. ...	200.00
Total Balance .....	\$ 167.70
Due Lumber Co. ....	\$268.97
Due Rev. O. T. Allred..	125.00
Total due .....	\$393.97
Deficit existing July 1, 1952...	\$226.27

Rev. Wm. Reeves

How long has it been since you have sent a sermon or a church report?



## THAT LAST PRAYER MEETING

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

As a starting point for our discourse, let us direct your mind to the language of the Apostle Paul to the Hebrews, chapter 2, beginning with the first verse. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip." But first, let us briefly refer to Hebrews 1:1, 2. Paul says here that "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son." And it is this message by His Son that Paul would warn us lest we should let them slip, and too by referring to the last verse in the preceding chapter we discover that He is directing the message to those who are heirs of salvation. And not only were they heirs of salvation at that time but some shall be heirs of salvation down here in these last days under the Gospel age and it seems from the Apostle's warning that there must be danger under the conditions which existed at that time of letting some or possibly all of the Gospel admonitions slip from our minds and of our becoming entangled in the things of the world. I am persuaded that whereas such danger did exist at that time that the danger is far greater in this our day. I live in one of the largest producing, manufacturing, and shipping centers in the southwest. Come with me and let us make a visit to the business section of this large city. The time is Saturday night and the streets are fairly teeming with people; some going this way and some that way; some are shopping, others are on their way to places of amusements, while others are here just to join in the excitement of the surging throng. This last day of the week is pay day. Great payrolls have been met and now they are being spent lavishly. And this condition does not apply just to this one city only. Saturday night is a great time of recreation all over the world, but there is to my mind one condition existing which renders it sad in the extreme. Most of the churches in this large city are closed on Saturday night. However, it is a big night in

town, and as I stand here and view the surging throng, I am inclined to use the occasion as a symbol of something of greater magnitude.

I am pondering in my mind a picture of the great day of the Lord which will no doubt be the world's last Saturday night. We find a terse description of this event in Matthew 24:30. "AND THEN shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." We see by this Scripture that just such conditions as we have described in our large city will at some future day suddenly turn into the greatest prayer meeting in all history. They will begin to pray but their prayers will be petitions of despair. The old are going to pray, the young are going to pray. And would you believe it, little as they may be thinking about it now, the rich men are going to pray and what will be their prayer? "And said to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne," Rev. 6:16. Yes, they will join in this awful prayer meeting, and the poor who have either neglected or rejected God are going to join in this prayer. And listen, OH, listen, will you? Lost church members are going to participate in this awful prayer meeting. Oh, what a sad wail that is sure to be to hear one who has known God and has enjoyed communion with Him now to beg to be hidden from His presence. And why? They have let slip the sweet presence of the Son of God out of their lives. The infidel will be there and he too, will pray. Both the deceived and the deceiver will pray. Millions will pray out loud. They will not care then who is looking on nor if they hear what they are saying. There is no doubt in my mind but the very rocks and crags of the mountains will vibrate with confessions of the condemned. They are going to pray publicly; they are going to pray on their knees in the streets of our cities, on the public highways, everywhere as they feel the very earth shaking be-

neath their feet and hear the trumpet sounding in the clouds over their heads which is only to presage their utter separation from God. They will surge forth in consternation from crowded theaters, night clubs, palatial residences, costly apartments, and business houses—everywhere that they may prostrate themselves and plead not for salvation but that they may be hidden from the presence of a sin-avenging God.

Now let us read again from Revelations 6:14-17, "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Never in all previous history has the world witnessed such a day of retribution as this and why this unusual occasion for prayer?

They had continually said in their hearts and in their wanton boldness no such time would ever come. But God's Word has it different. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation," II Peter 3:3, 4. But here it has come suddenly and altogether unexpectedly just as a thief in the night and now we hear them crying out in their despair. Who shall be able to stand? And there is not a semblance in this narrative of another or a second chance after death for those who are not ready when that day shall come. Then in the language of the Apostle Paul to the Hebrews: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Hebrews 2:3. No chance then to go back and live life over again, but the great and most important thing for us to consider is what is my influence today? Am I putting God's cause first? Or have I let slip some golden opportunity of life and by so doing have endangered



my own safety and that of some one else who may be dependent upon me?

A great southern evangelist used to tell the story of a father who went down to a nearby river for a swim with his two young sons. "Now, boys, we will swim together," said the father as they left the shore. And the swimming was fine, but by and by they came to their limit. They had reached the main current. "And now," said the father, "this is as far as we had better go. We will go back." But the current was too strong and the distance too great, and the two boys went down. And only by the greatest exertion was the father able to reach the shore. In the deepest agony of soul he cried out, "My boys are gone. My boys are gone. We swam out too far." Listen to me, father, mother, are you venturing out too far into the whirlpool of worldiness, of self indulgence, of pleasure seeking, of neglecting God? Have you swum out too far into the stream of time? Have you at last become overpowered by the swift moving tide of this fast day? Are your children or your companion swimming out with you? Or if you are swimming alone, let me warn you, there is danger ahead. You may be nearing the main current which will be too strong for you when that great and notable day of the Lord shall come and that sad prayer meeting shall convene. It will be too late then to seek the Lord, speaking of that great day of doom and desolation for every man who has not made his peace with God. The prophet Zephaniah says, "The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly even the voice of the day of the Lord the mighty man shall cry there bitterly." That is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities and against the high towers and I will bring distress upon men that they shall walk like blind men because they have sinned against the Lord and their blood shall be poured out as dust and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath. But in the Word we have a Scripture that holds our souls steadfast and sure. "But ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye

are all the children of light and the children of the day, we are not of the night nor of darkness, therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober, for they that sleep sleep in the night, and they that be drunken are drunken in the night, but let us who are of the day be sober putting on the breastplate of faith and love and for an helmet the hope of salvation," I Thess. 5:4-8.

(A reprint from an earlier edition.)

## MEN BUY NEW PIANO

2835 Shenandoah  
St. Louis, Mo.  
July 28, 1952

Dear Editor:

The Lord has been good to us at the Third Free Will Baptist Church, giving us good spiritual services each time we meet.

We had a good Vacation Bible School under the direction of Sister Blanche Frances. She was assisted by Mrs. Mary Regh, Mrs. Wilma Parker, Mrs. Inez Meyers, Mrs. Fay Sneed, Mrs. Grace Ames, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Genell Scott, and Mrs. Kitty Edmiston. The music was under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Warden and Mrs. Opal Hughes.

We enjoyed so much the good Quarterly Meeting with Aulsbury Chapel Church, the good fellowship, and the out pouring of the Holy Spirit during the ordination of Bro. Logston. Also, the good worship service by Bro. Thompson. It thrilled our hearts to learn the names of so many of the young men asking for license to preach, and announcing their calling. We were especially thrilled over our own Bro. Clarence Burton.

The Men's Brotherhood Club has recently purchased and given to the church a new Leister Spinit piano. The club was only recently organized with 13 members. Knowing the church needed a new piano, the men assumed the responsibility of buying and paying for the new Spinit. It is a fine gift to the church and one which will be appreciated. The men have used various means of raising the finance necessary and have had wonderful cooperation from the members of the church and many who are not members. The president of the club is Bro. Medford Edmiston; vice president,

Bro. Alvie Denton, and secretary-treasurer, Bro. Bobby Francis.

In addition to the project already mentioned, the men of the church have built a fence around the church lot and have made some tables to be used for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School classes. Also, they may be used in serving lunch for various gatherings such as Quarterly Meetings or social gatherings. The men are to be commended on the fine contributions they have made to the church.

Remember us in prayer—the little church on the corner with a big welcome.

Kitty Edmiston

## ELEVEN CONVERSIONS IN NEW HARMONY D. V. B. S.

Greentop, Missouri  
July 8, 1952

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held at the New Harmony Church of Greentop, Missouri, from June 16-27, with a picnic on the afternoon of June 27, and the closing program the same evening.

There was an enrollment of 40, and 30 with perfect attendance records. There was a total offering of \$21.31.

Our Bible School was a wonderful success; each day a rich feasting upon the Word of God. We are so thankful for the presence of God, who gloriously saved eleven precious souls. These are as follows: Doyle Talbert, Louise Findling, Linda Findling, Joyce Mulford, Colleen Nelson, Chuckie Nelson, Wanda Gordon, Opal Gordon, Vivian James, Thelma Grobe and Helen Minic.

Those who helped to make the school a success were as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Mildred Gilliam; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Irene Minic; beginners teachers, Mrs. Irene Minic and Mrs. Berniece Thomas; primary teachers, Mrs. Iva Daniels and Mrs. Carleta Talbert; junior teachers, Mrs. June Thomas and Mrs. Annabelle White; intermediate teachers, Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, with Mrs. Jean Grobe assisting. Others who helped with the handwork and teaching were: Miss Thelma Grobe, Miss Joann Gilliam, Miss Martha Buchanan and Mrs. Loretta Riley. Also the parents and various ones helped serve refreshments each day.

—Contributed





## From The Editor's Desk



### A NECESSARY COURSE

Many of the friends of the Free Will Baptist Gem are already aware of the action taken by your present manager on June 27, and revealed in the letter, reproduced in part below. The Missouri State Executive Board officially requested that the action be made public in the Gem. We are glad to comply with the request.

Monett, Missouri  
June 27, 1952

To the Missouri State Executive Board of Free Will Baptists:

I, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, presently editor and manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, wish at this time to present my resignation as manager, date of resignation as September 30, 1952. My continuing as editor shall be subject to many circumstances now at hand, and certainly such services must be both in need and desired by the newly selected manager. I feel it would be better to surrender the office of editor (that the two positions might remain combined in one person), and such action may be strongly advisable. I will certainly be willing to surrender the same at any time.

The above positive action of resigning the office of manager, together with the other generalities thereto, is a course taken with the full knowledge that it is within the Lord's will that I do so at this time. The action is further encouraged by the very competent advice of physicians in an effort to retard certain retrogression of health in myself and Mrs. Jeffreys.

Be it definitely known that each of us regret that the action taken at this time seems necessary. We wish to emphasize that this action in no way reflects any displeasure toward anyone or a lack of confidence in any way. Indeed, we are grateful for every act of kindness and word of encouragement from every source, both in and out of the state.

It is to be hoped that competent and energetic persons can be secured to forward the highly important work of producing the printed pages of the Gem. In whatever way this is accom-

plished and by whoever it is done, we pledge to support the continued publication of the Gem financially and in every other way within our means and circumstances.

May the Lord bless you in the deliberation of this and all other matters.

In His service,

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys  
Editor-Manager  
Free Will Baptist Gem

The position of your manager and the conditions expressed were considered by the Board and they very graciously accepted the resignation to become effective on the date stipulated. Immediately they instituted a search for someone to fill the vacancy when it occurs.

There are some who have reached the conclusion that this is the straw that will be too much, and it will become necessary to suspend operations. It is hard to feel that this is at all true, and your retiring manager certainly does not yet entertain such an idea. Certainly there is too much value to the printed page of the Gem to allow it to lapse, lag, or even reduce its scope of service. Surely someone well able to fill the position will step forth at the direction of the Lord to capably continue the work and to further enlarge the service heretofore offered.

### In Review

At the annual setting of the Missouri State Association, convened at Mt. Zion Church near Plattsburg, Missouri, October 17-20, 1928, the Business Committee offered a resolution recommending that a Free Will Baptist paper "be published in Missouri, not for Free Will Baptists of Missouri only, but for Free Will Baptists everywhere." The resolution was adopted and a committee of nine were appointed to effect the establishing of the paper. The subscription rate was set at \$1.00 per year and the name "Free Will Baptist Gem" chosen. Editorship was offered to Rev. B. F. Brown, then residing at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and terms were agreed upon. Terms included that Bro. Brown would receive all income from subscriptions, job printing and so on,

and that the Missouri State Association would guarantee him \$1,200 per year provided expenses should run that high, and above that he would ask nothing. The paper would be published at Tecumseh at first, with the plan to move to Missouri no later than July 1, 1929. When the move was made the State Association was to pay the expense of moving the equipment plus furnishing a room for housing it in Missouri.

The first issue, hand set, was released in January, 1929 from Tecumseh, Oklahoma. By July the subscription list had not yet reached the 400 mark, with it already necessary for the editor to sacrifice long hours and much actual cash to make the paper possible. Even then the plaudits of several and the enthusiasm of many gave hope of several times this amount. At the end of the first year the list had not reached 600, though there were some 10,000 Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri. This still left a tremendous load on Bro. Brown and others closely connected with the publication.

After the Gem moved to Missouri, it was housed in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Brown in Purdy, Missouri. Here they continued to labor in love for the denomination, carrying a heavy load, and faithfully producing the paper for the people. Gradually there was some increase in the number of subscribers, but no phenomenal growth has ever been experienced.

In 1933 the paper was reduced to 75¢ per year, and again in 1935 it was further reduced to 50¢, reflecting the economic conditions of the times.

As machinery was increased, it began to damage the home of Bro. and Sis. Brown. To correct this and to have more room, a move was started to build a house to accommodate the plant. After much work over the state, the project was finally completed, with the Gem releasing its first publication from the present home in Monett, Missouri in July, 1939. While the publishing was still being done in the home of Bro. Brown, a young minister, John B. Rollins, started under him as an apprentice. Having learned his lessons well, he became the new editor,



effective with the move to Monett. He and Mrs. Rollins moved right into the plant until they could arrange for outside living quarters.

Newer and better equipment gradually supplemented the older machinery as time went on. The shop grew considerably. A great amount of work was done to gain subscribers, and some success was achieved. Many people contributed generously to accomplish every forward movement.

After serving very capably for some 55 months, Bro. Rollins felt the need to enter more fully into his preaching ministry, and so turned the duties of editor to Rev. C. B. Dees. The first edition edited by Bro. Dees came to you in February, 1944.

Bro. and Sis. Dees labored faithfully until circumstances worked in such a manner that it was necessary for them to suspend the publication in early 1946. We might inject here that it is tragic to any people, who have so recently recovered from physical distress such as war and from economic distress so recently experienced, to turn to their own comforts and forget God, thereby neglecting also all the enterprises of His church. Neglect, whether intended or not, left Bro. Dees with no alternative.

Free Will Baptists very quickly missed the Gem, and soon realized as never before just how important it had been to them. Many Associations asked for the reopening of the plant and pledged their support to it. After seven months, Bro. Brown came back from retirement and stepped into the office of Acting Editor until such time as an editor could be secured.

At the State Association which convened with the Macedonia Church near Monett, Missouri in September, 1947, the demands of the people for a full time active editor to continue the service of this worthy enterprise was made known in no unmistakable terms. As a result, Rev. Winford Davis was duly elected and commenced his duties almost immediately. Since he was not trained in the mechanics of printing, it was necessary for him to obtain the services of others to accomplish this, and his energies were devoted to the actual editing and managing, with much effort in promoting the Gem over the field. Time always brings many changes, and so it was with the personnel of the plant. Due to these changes, Rev. Davis arranged

for the services of your present editor, then as a Linotype operator, and I entered the employment of the Gem office on a full time basis in February, 1949. Time still produced many changes, and Rev. Davis found it expedient to terminate his duties with the Gem at the end of November of the same year. Perhaps due to lack of personnel at any other source, the Board selected yours truly to be his successor.

The office has not been an easy one for me to fill. I have certainly felt every limitation that is true of me. Had it not been for the many kindnesses extended me and help in just the right spots, my position would have been untenable from the start. I am deeply grateful for the help that has been extended in any way. However, I must not convey to you that every need has been met. Far from it.

Again time played its own game and change after change has been necessary. The shop has been proselyted time after time. The draft of young men has been a decided handicap to us on different occasions. Still other events have whittled away at our personnel. As in earlier times, prosperity of economy and personal comfort seldom advances a church enterprise, *especially if diligent personal contact is not employed.* This has been impossible for us to effect. Therefore, there is no use to deny that the Gem has materially suffered. We could digest some of the lack of adequate support, but feel it useless. Suffice it to say that in the final analysis, procrastination as practiced by each individual has been our thief. However, we have looked to our predecessors for example of purpose and the will to do, and have been able to continue in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. This has been God's will, and He has blessed.

Now that His will is known to us to the extent that we feel it proper to release ourself from at least part of the duty of the combined office, we still do so with the greatest reluctance. Still, we feel sure that God will raise up His appointed servant to continue this enterprise. We feel so strongly about it that we admonish you to become very active in your own environment seeing that it is demanded and made possible. First of all, send in your own subscription and all the others you can secure that the action

might speak commandingly to the Association. Then go on record through your local association as demanding the continued service of the Gem and pledge your loyalty and finances to it. Combine action with prayer, and believe God for the results—it will come.

Finally, as you pray and work, look for the person or persons who will be used of the Lord in this establishment. If you look hard enough and pray long enough, it might be you that we are looking for! This is as definitely a ministry to the Lord and to His children as any sermon you ever preached or listened to.

Mrs. Jeffreys and I are not saying good bye. We are placing the need of the hour in publications before you. We are believing God for results and looking to you to supply the means. God will not fail us; surely you will not. The Board is now looking for the successor to the office of manager. Why not communicate your opinions and offers to a member of the board so that they will have something to offer the State Association in September?

Stand by the Gem—it has stood by you!

## THE GEM IS HER CHURCH

Cameron, Oklahoma  
July 5, 1952

Dear Christian Worker:

I think I remember getting a letter stating that our subscription is out, but I can't find it. I am sending my renewal in the hope that I will not miss a copy. I surely do love the Gem paper. That is all the church I have.

I just want to tell you that Bro. Easton has been unable to be taken to church for some five years. For about three years he was even unable to read. However, he is now improved to where he can read his Bible some, and he reads the Gem. He preached for over 30 years and has been active in the Free Will Baptist cause for over 50 years, helping to Christianize this part of the Indian Territory.

I ask your prayers. God bless you in the Lord's work.

Mrs. W. M. Easton

Do you ever make a contribution to publications? Your support is needed!

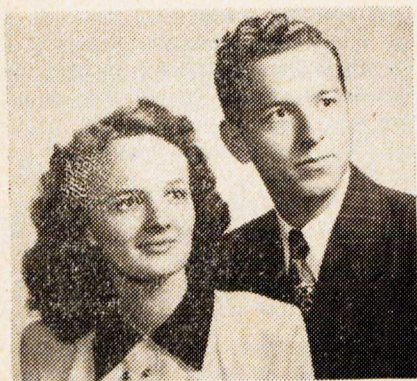


## MISSIONARY CANDIDATES' CALL CHANGES TO INDIA

Cedar Hill, Tenn.  
Route 3  
July 11, 1952

Dear Bro. Riggs:

During our days at the retreat of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade our missionary call became very real to us. It was really a spiritual retreat with everyone seeking the complete will of the Lord. We stayed at the camp two weeks and learned to love the candidates and appreciate the work of the F. E. G. C.



We were accepted as candidates of the Crusade and could have gone to Japan as their candidates when the affiliation was completed. But the Lord spoke to us in unusual ways during those days at the retreat. We had, of course, been burdened for India because of our work there, and we had been praying that the Lord would send the much needed couples to North India, but we had not before felt that the Lord was calling us to go there. When you asked us at Bible Conference to consider India it was rather a shock to us. We prayed over this but the matter was not entirely clear we should go to India, so we dropped it from our minds and only thought of it occasionally. But after we were drawn close to the Lord at the retreat and had much time to meditate and pray, the burden for India came to us in a new way. Both of us felt this, but we did not speak of it to one another until just a few days before we left. Then we prayed and discussed it. After much prayer and mediation together, and alone, we made the decision which the Lord led us to. That is, the Lord would have us serve Him in India rather than in

Japan. The field of Northern India is especially upon our hearts.

There were no disappointments in the Crusade which caused this, but we believe it was the spiritual uplift and learning of the Christian work already in Japan in contrast with the need in India, which caused us to realize the complete will of the Lord for our lives. We know this is hard to explain to you and to our many friends who have been praying for us to go to Japan. But it is in answer to prayer of those who have been praying for workers in North India. We trust that the board will be pleased to accept us for India to sail as soon as the Lord opens the way.

In Christ,  
Wesley and Aileen Calvery

## CONFERENCES—from page 3

ning worship service. Speaker for the service was Rev. J. R. Davidson of New Bern, North Carolina. Rev. Davidson is well known as a pastor and for his tireless efforts in the establishment of the Bible College and in the successful operation of that institution in its early years. His message emphasized the theme of the convention, "Exalting Christ," and was the keynote to the entire session.

On Wednesday morning the delegates convened for the real business of the association. These business sessions, alternating with devotional periods and preaching services, lasted until the last item of business was completed on Friday afternoon. Devotional leaders and speakers included Rev. Harry Beatty of Missouri, Rev. Wayne Smith of North Carolina, Senator Monroney of Oklahoma, Rev. H. L. Knighton of Georgia, and Rev. Raymond Riggs of Michigan. (This list doesn't seem to be complete, so our apology to any omitted.)

### Resolution to President

One item of business adopted with unmistakable favor was a strongly worded resolution constituting a protest against the appointment of an envoy or ambassador to the Vatican at Rome. The resolution places Free Will Baptists as unalterably opposed to such an appointment by our government. Copies of the resolution will be certified and sent to the President and

to all members of the Senate. Also adopted was an anti-UMT resolution to be brought to the attention of the Congress. This resolution met with some opposition in its first presentation and was referred back to the committee for rewriting. With some clarification it then met with the approval of the body and places Free Will Baptists on record once more as being opposed to unnecessary destruction of lives and property by the course of war.

### Reports Show Progress

Important and of high interest were the reports of the different departments, commonly called denominational enterprises. It was of great satisfaction to those who have worked and prayed diligently for the success of these enterprises to learn of the success and growth realized during the year.

Leading off in this was the encouraging report of the Department of Foreign Missions. The report was prepared by Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the board. Rev. Riggs announced that the goal of \$60,000 for the past year had been oversubscribed, though some few of the states failed to meet their assigned quotas. He traced the growth of this work from a support of only \$6,000 in 1942-43 to over \$60,000 in the year just ended—or ten times more support now than was enjoyed only 10 years ago. A budget of \$65,000 was approved for the coming year, with Missouri asked to give \$9,000 of the amount. Reports of progress on the field in both India and Cuba was encouraging as was the fact that other missionaries are rapidly completing preparation to embark to the field of their calling. A new field in Japan has been approved and is expected to be opened soon.

Many were surprised to learn of the marked progress made at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. The surprise was of course welcome. Dr. Johnson, president, reports that in preparation for an anticipated heavier-than-ever enrollment this fall, the school has already purchased an adjacent 60-room apartment building and grounds for \$65,000, with earnest payment of \$6,500 made. It is the hope of Dr. Johnson that the rest can be met by cash and the unsolicited offer of two banks kindly disregarded be-



cause of there being no need to accept their offer to carry the loan.

The report of the Home Mission Board prepared by Rev. H. E. Staires, secretary of the board, shows that the goal of \$10,000 was not nearly subscribed to, thereby limiting the board in its labors. However, a gratifying and surprising accomplishment was reported, made possible by funds that were made available. This board and the program of Home Missions is rapidly coming into the right relationship with the other enterprises.

Other reports received were from the Radio Commission (dissolved), Board of Publication and Literature, the Auxiliary Convention, the Sunday School Board, the League Board, and the Board of Superannuation.

Congruent with the report of Rev. D. C. Dodd, National Executive Secretary, it was decided to lift the stipulated maximum amount for the purchase of a headquarters and allow the campaign to proceed for the establishment of this sorely needed building. Rev. Damon C. Dodd will lead the campaign. Five Trustees were elected to hold title to the building.

### Officers and Board Members

Election of officers and board members resulted in the following: Rev. E. E. Morris\*, moderator, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. Joseph Ange, assistant, Durham, North Carolina; Rev. Paul J. Ketteman\*, clerk, Pamlico, South Carolina; Rev. George Waggoner, assistant, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and Rev. Damon C. Dodd\*, promotional secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

Board members—Sunday School: Mr. Earl Smith, Arkansas, and Rev. John H. West, Oklahoma (replacing Miss Gertrude Bowe who resigned). General Board: Rev. Ralph Hampton, California; Rev. O. T. Dixon, Arkansas; Rev. Wade Jernigan\*, Oklahoma; Mr. Noah C. Cole\*, Texas, and Rev. Ben. Scott\*, Missouri. League: Rev. R. B. Crawford\*, Texas. Foreign Missions: Rev. Rolla Smith, Missouri. Home Missions: Rev. H. E. Staires\*, Oklahoma. Superannuation: Rev. D. W. Hansley\*, North Carolina. College Board of Trustees (reduced from 11 to 9): Rev. Luther Gibson\*, Mississippi; Dr. F. B. Cherry\*, North Carolina, and Rev. J. L. Welch\*, Tennessee. Radio and Television (to succeed Radio Commission): Rev. Harry Beaty, Missouri; Rev. Ralph Staten, Okla-

homa; Rev. M. L. Johnson, North Carolina; Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia, and Rev. Louis Moulton, Virginia. (Note: \* denotes reelected.)

### Liaison Established

Realizing that in many ways the Kingdom of Christ among men can be better advanced through a united effort with other similar believing bodies of Christians, a comity Committee was created to meet with the General Baptists at their conference at Clay, Kentucky in October, and with the Churches of God of North America with headquarters at Findlay, Ohio, to investigate the possibility of cooperative relations. Placed on the committee are Dr. F. B. Cherry, Rev. Raymond Riggs, and Dr. L. C. Johnson.

### To Illinois in 1953

The delegates inaugurated the 1953 session by agreeing on Illinois as the host state, and Benton as the convention meeting site. This is some 120 miles to the southeast of St. Louis, Missouri, with adequate rail and bus service for those using that means of transportation, and certainly good highways for the majority always using their own vehicles.

Rev. Vernell Clark of Pittsburg is the State Moderator, and Sis. Irene Sullivan of Valier is the clerk. We are sure that these officers, together with other officers and committees will soon be very busy in preparing for the entertainment of the association.

Due to the strain of preparation and entertainment and the fatigue and expense to nearly everyone involved in the two weeks meeting necessary for all conventions to meet in succession, it was decided by the delegates to divide the conventions for the coming year. As stated above, the Association proper, together with the Woman's Auxiliary, will meet in 1953 at Benton, Illinois. No date or place has been set for either the League conferences or the Sunday School convention.

—Data Contributed

### ON THE DRUNK FRONT

"Be Sure Your Drink is Becoming." (Editorial from London, England). This is an article which recommends that certain alcoholic drinks accompany certain colored gowns so that when the beverage spills, madam's

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gown suffers minimum damage. Well, we have always heard that a red nose goes with whiskey.—Miami Herald, 11-8-50.

"The Beer That Had Milwaukee Guessing." At a recent beer convention in Milwaukee, an "identify-the-brand-of-beer" test was made of three different brands and of 27 tests, there were "26 misses." Error "one" was tasting it in the first place! —Washington Herald, 11-18-50.

"Bottles Under High School Stadium; High School Gambling Charges Before Board." —Washington Daily News, 11-16-50.

"Admits Burning 'Buddy' to Death." A 17-year old boy was "sleeping of a drunk" in his car when his former buddy, enraged at having been left out of dating parties, threw gasoline into the car and ignited it. —Ossining, N. Y., Citizen Sentinel, 11-18-50.

From the Small Voice

### A PREACHER'S PRAYER

I do not ask  
That crowds may throng the building,  
That standing room be priced.

I only ask that when I voice the message  
They may see Christ!

I do not ask  
For churchly pomp or pageant,  
Or music such as wealth alone can buy.  
I only ask that when I voice the message  
He may be nigh!

I do not ask  
That men may sound my praises,  
Or headlines spread my name abroad  
I only pray that when I've voiced the message  
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask  
For earthly place or laurel,  
Or of this world's distinctions any part.  
I only ask that when I've voiced the message  
My Savior's heart!

—Ralph S. Cushman





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



### NATIONAL W A CONVENTION

The W. N. A. C. met in its 17th session at Shawnee, Oklahoma, for a very progressive convention. Many plans were made for the coming year's work. The reports were better than any previous year in the history of the convention.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey were the speakers at the eleven o'clock worship hour and brought us news of India and our work there. Also on the program were Miss Barbara and Mr. Tommy Willey.

Miss Betty Staires was the winner of the Declamation contest which was held on Monday evening.

It was a good convention well attended and truly blessed of the Lord.

W. N. A. C. officers and various state officers were entertained by the Oklahoma convention. Mrs. Bessie Staires, State president, acted as our hostess.

### FREDERICKTOWN W. A. WILL HELP ENTERTAIN STATE

The regular day meeting of the Fredericktown Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on June 19. The morning session was spent in the business session.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "His Way with Thee." Special song, "Heaven Holds All to Me." Prayer by Sis. Hallie Dettmer. Song, "Where He Leads Me, I'll Follow." Prayer by Sis. Beulah Newberry. We had just an old time prayer meeting, with the power of God being manifest in every heart, by shouting and praising God. There were nine members and six visitors present.

We feel that our Woman's Auxiliary is a wonderful help to our church. We would like to encourage every church that has no auxiliary to organize one. As our church will be host to the State Association this year, we are making plans to help to take care of it. Our Mission Ladies are good and faithful workers. The Auxiliary and Mission Ladies are working together in planning for the state association.

May God bless the missions and auxiliaries everywhere is our prayer.

Marie Tripp, Cor. Sec.

Report of the Fredericktown Woman's Auxiliary for July.

Our day meeting met at the home of Sis. Hallie Dettmer, with 14 members present. The meeting was called to order by the president. We were led in prayer by Sis. Jaunita Skaggs. The day sheets were filled out. The treasurer's report was read and approved. A motion carried to give \$25.00 to the state entertainment fund. Dismissed for the noon hour by Helen McGraw.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by singing, "Anywhere Is Home." Prayer by Sis. Lula Freeland. Officers were elected for the coming year.

Song, "I'll Live in Glory." Special song by three ladies. The devotional was led by Sis. Helen Gamblin. The day meeting for August will be held with Sis. Blanche Pogue.

Dismissed by Easter Graham.

Blanche Pogue, Secretary

### IMPORTANT —

Please send in all news items from your Woman's work to your Woman's Editor before the 20th of each month.

### HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY IN ALL-DAY SESSION

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Union Free Will Baptist Church met recently with Faye Hamilton for an all-day meeting.

There were 10 members, three visitors and 11 children present.

The devotional period was led by the president, and began with all singing, "Christ for the World We Sing." Prayer was by Mary Filkins. The Scripture reading was Psalms 90:17; 144:12; Matt. 19:16-22. Jeanetta Van Laningham gave the devotional comments. Duet, "It Pays to Serve Jesus,"

by Maizie Sevits and Agnes Smith. "The hour is come—to think on training," was studied and topics were given by Dora Sponsler, Dorothy Houston, Mary Filkins, Lola Filkins, Faye Hamilton and Ethel Thompson. A special feature, "That all may know" was given by Maizie Sevits.

Four hundred forty two Bible chapters, 14 sick calls made, and five cards sent were reported. There was \$3.50 paid in for dues, and \$2.56 paid into the Co-Laborer Fund.

Agnes Smith gave the closing prayer.

—Contributed

### ARKANSAS W. A. MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pochontas (Arkansas) Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Joe Jarrett with Mrs. Mittie Grissom as co-hostess. There were twenty six members, one visitor and two new members present.

The retiring president Mrs. Will S. White made the opening remarks and conducted the installation of new officers. Our new officers are: President, Mrs. Earl Smith; 1st vice president, Mrs. Robert Counts; 2nd vice president, Mrs. J. Reford Wilson; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Johnny Sago; 4th vice president, Mrs. George Broadway; 5th vice president, Mrs. Veral Jones; treasurer, Mrs. Harold Bennett; recording secretary, Mrs. Eunice Dugar, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ella Crays. Mrs. Pauline Starr sang "Christ for the World We Sing." Mrs. J. Reford Wilson directed the dedicatory prayer after which the new officers were in charge.

Mrs. Smith, our new president, gave us a report on the Woman's Auxiliary National Convention which met in Shawnee, Oklahoma July 14 and 15. The Auxiliary voted a unanimous vote of thanks to the officers of the past year for their faithful service. After a brief business period, the program leader directed the lesson entitled "The hour is come—to think on training." Devotional was by Mrs. Opal Phillips and topics were discussed by



Mrs. Hazel Earley, Mrs. Wavon Sago, Mrs. Loraine Jones, Mrs. Pauline Starr, Mrs. Thelma Counts, and Alta Lee Miller. Mrs. Pauline Starr and Mrs. Ava Jarrett sang "It Pays to Serve Jesus," after which refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess.

—Contributed

## TEXAS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SPONSORS BIBLE SCHOOL

Bellevue, Texas  
Route 2  
July 29, 1952

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

We certainly would appreciate you printing this article in your paper.

The Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church, of Buffalo Springs, Texas, under the pastorage of Rev. R. E. Conner, has just recently closed a Daily Vacation Bible School. The school was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, and was under the direction of Miss Jane Reeder of Fort Worth, Texas.

The total enrollment reached 86, with an approximate daily attendance of 100. The blessings and influence of the school were felt through out the homes, and near-by communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Mrs. R. E. Conner

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

April - June, 1952

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### MISSIONS FUND

Southside St. Louis)	\$ 60.00
Hickory Grove (Haddam, Ks.)	22.00
Monett	13.45
Green Grove	27.76
Aurora	3.50
Carterville	25.35
Joplin FWB Mission	5.00
Mountain Valley	23.17
Copper Mines	38.75
Mine LaMotte	14.80
Flat River	52.42
Rock Chapel	78.48
Union	4.87
Old Bethel	17.32
Amity	19.00
Fredericktown DVBS	6.03
Mrms A. L. DeWeese, Easton..	6.00

Twin Oake	7.00
New Harmony SS	88.21
Total	\$513.11

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

St. Louis 3rd (Hanna)	\$ 175.00
Verdella League	25.00
Hickory Grove (Haddam, Ks.)	10.00
Hickory Grove	17.18
Mt. Pisgah	20.75
Wolf Creek	15.00
Verdella	113.45
Union Light SS	20.40
Hannon	49.00
Hartville	24.05
Hazel Creek Union	35.79
Monett	30.00
Mrs. Delia Lay, Greentop	1.00
Southeast Mo. Association	489.59
(Wilfongs, 150.00-Garcia 20.00)	
Independence	14.00
Mrs. Grace Lawson, Brashear	5.00
Wagoner	18.46
Herby Whitworth, Novinger..	11.45

Total .....\$1,075.12

### STATE UNIFIED FUND

Flat River	\$180.00
Myrtle	34.37
Monett	96.16
Merl's Chapel	52.90
Mine LaMotte	23.03
Sublette	18.72
Fredericktown	143.00
Verdella	56.56
St. Louis 3rd	7.00
Fredericktown Home Mission..	10.00
Oak Grove	8.50

Total .....\$630.24

### BIBLE COLLEGE FUND

St. Louis 3rd	\$50.00
Hazel Creek Union	28.63

Total .....\$78.63

### TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$ 7.16
Beginners Class, Hazel Creek	
Union S.S.	14.17

Total .....\$21.33

### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

St. Louis 3rd	\$ 25.00
Southside (St. Louis)	30.00
Madison Co. SS Convention	25.00
Golden Gate	21.00
Mrs. Grace Lawson, Brashear..	5.00
Shibley's Point	12.63

Total .....\$118.63

### STATE HOME MISSIONS

St. Louis 3rd	\$ 58.84
Fredericktown	34.00
Wagoner	11.75

Total .....\$104.59

### SUPERANNUATION FUND

St. Louis 3rd	\$25.00
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### JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines	\$2.00
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### YOUTH CAMP FUND

Mrms. A. L. Lawson, Brashear..	\$25.00
St. Louis 3rd	36.75
Hickory Grove	20.40
Wagoner	3.36

Total .....\$85.51

### CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Green Grove Mission	\$2.06
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Total of all receipts for period of April to June, 1952 .....\$2,656.22

/s/ Marie Hyatt, Clerk

## SUNDAY SCHOOL; LEAGUE CONVENTION DATES SET

Dear Gem Readers:

I suppose that many of you have been wondering where and when our next Sunday School Convention will be held.

As you recall, it was voted at the last State Sunday School Convention to change the Convention to correspond with the National Sunday School Convention. The following program is set up on that basis and will be September 16, 1952 at the Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Missouri, immediately preceeding the State Association.

The program: 11:00 a.m., singspiration; 11:15 a.m., message by Rev. Charles Thigpen of the Bible College; 12:00, noon; 1:00 p.m., singspiration; 2:00, devotion and praise, by Rev. Woodrow Matthews; 2:30, message by Rev. Reford Wilson; 3:15, benediction.

The League Conference is set up on a similar basis to commence with the evening service immediately prior to the Sunday School Convention (September 15), and will conclude just before the opening of the Sunday School meet.

—Contributed



## AGED MINISTER SENDS GIFT TO ASSIST HOST CHURCH HE HELPED ORGANIZE IN PAST

Dear Gem Readers:

In receiving money from churches and individuals, there are many blessings that come as a result of this correspondence. I have a letter which I want to share with you. It comes from Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Missouri, a pioneer in Missouri Free Will Baptist work. I thank God for the "faith of our fathers" which established F.W.B. work in our state. This is his letter—

Dear Sister in Christ:

You will find enclosed a \$5.00 bill to send to the F.W.B. Church at Fredericktown to help them on their expenses on entertaining the State Association. Years ago I with the help of others held a revival meeting at Fredericktown that resulted in the organization of the F.W.B. Church there. I also helped to organize the Missouri State Association of F.W.B., but I am now past 82 years old and very feeble. I don't go anywhere from home now. I was moderator of the State Association for years. I hope and pray that you will have a fine association.

/s/ T. C. Ferguson

This letter was a blessing to me and I wanted to share it. My prayer is that the richest of God's blessings will shower Bro. Ferguson and other pioneer workers in the cause of Christ through our beloved church.

Yours in the Master's Cause,

Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treas.  
Missouri State Association  
Free Will Baptists

## CHURCH BASEMENT BUILT

We would like to tell all of our Gem readers something of the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church here at Greentop, Missouri.

God has so wonderfully blessed our little church in the last few years. We are growing and doing greater work for the Lord, which proves that if we all work together as laborers of God, His work will prosper.

In 1948 we had the privilege of seeing electric lights placed in our church.

A State rock road was finished from Greentop passed our church in 1950.

In 1951 the Lord saw fit for us to have a basement under our church. Through co-operation, hard work, donations, and the help of the Lord it was made possible. The Beginners and Primary classes hold their Sunday School class there every Sunday morning. They have tables and chairs there to do their work on.

We sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School this year, which proved to be a wonderful blessing to everyone. We had eleven precious souls saved. Altogether this year we have had 13 conversions at our regular services and in Bible School.

Many is the spiritual blessings received here and numerous times of fellowship with God's people, but, standing out above all this, the angels of heaven have been made to rejoice over the many souls born again in our humble habitation of God. May we always keep the banner of Christ uplifted until He shall descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of an archangel and the sound of a trumpet to receive His own.

We have Sunday School every Sunday, and worship services morning and evening each second and fourth Sundays, with our good pastor, Rev. Mildred Gilliam, bringing the messages. We also have prayer services on Thursday evenings. Visitors are cordially invited to attend our church.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Dale Riley, S. S. Sec.  
Greentop, Missouri

## REV. LEWIS TO MICHIGAN

23082 Hazelwood Ave.  
Hazel Park, Michigan

Dear Bro. Jeffreys and Gem Readers:

Since leaving Good Old Missouri on June 2, I have not had the privilege of contacting all the dear friends personally; so I take this means to send a hearty greeting and to give our new address.

As many already know, I am now pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan, located at 921 E. Granet Avenue, in Hazel Park. Rev. Homer Willis was the former pastor. Bro. Willis is now in Paintsville, Kentucky. I can report that since coming here the second week in June the Master has been blessing

richly! In five weeks of service we have taken eight new members into the church and three others have been converted and found the Lord precious to their lives. There are others who are deeply interested, and we believe will come to the Lord real soon. We are planning a revival for the last of September. The church has chosen the new pastor, myself, for the evangelist. We are looking forward to a great revival.

Upon our coming the church purchased a parsonage. It was some four weeks before we were able to move into it, but are now in it, and well situated. It is located at 23082, Hazelwood Ave., and of course that is our address. We would be so happy to hear from the many friends in Missouri.

So far as I know this is the only parsonage property owned by Free Will Baptists in the state of Michigan. It surely is nice, and we are proud of it.

We shall always remember the work and the dear ones in Missouri, and ask you to do likewise for us.

May His rich blessings rest on all.

In His glad service,  
Rev. Mark M. Lewis and family

## TO HOST ASSOCIATION

Crowell F. W. B. Church  
Crowell, Texas  
July 21, 1952

The Free Will Baptist Gem

We, the Crowell Free Will Baptist Church, would like to submit a report to your paper.

We have a nice Sunday School with an average attendance of 50 and an average of 75 for church services.

The church recently held conference for the election of pastor for the coming year. Bro. H. H. Haston received the position and he is truly a man of God and a great worker for his Lord.

Bro. W. W. Winters of Vernon, Texas, is going to hold our revival which will begin the 17th of August. We are praying that it will be a great success.

The Crowell Free Will Baptist Church is the host church to the Northwest Brazos Association which begins on Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in August.

Yours in Christ,

Pauline Wheeler, Sec.



## STATE ASSOCIATION

Dear Church Pastor:

The annual session of the Missouri State Association will meet in southeast Missouri Association with the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church located in Fredericktown, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September (September 16, 1952).

All our churches are asked to make a special offering for State Entertainment which is to be sent to your State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri. Your offering will be forwarded to the host church.

Your co-operation is appreciated and God will bless you for it.

Yours for the Master's cause,

Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treas.  
Centerview, Missouri

## STILL FIGHTS SATAN

Dear Co-Workers:

I was glad when I received a letter from Rev. Waltman telling how God was blessing our work in California.

A few of us who know what a struggle we had getting the work started out there, can appreciate the great success they are having now.

I remember when we were having such a hard time getting the work established at Turlock (our second church in California). Someone said they were not sure if God expected us to force the truth on folks. But we kept on until we "compelled them to come."

Even after we organized our first association with just three churches (Porterville, Turlock and Winters) some seemed to doubt if we would be able to hold.

One time at Conference, I prayed and said, "Lord we have a beach head here in California; don't let the devil drive us out." At the close of the prayer old Brother Elzie Yandell embraced me and said, "Brother Talbert, God will answer that prayer." Well, thank God! He has answered many, many more prayers that have been prayed for the work out there.

I have been confined to my home the last three years on account of my brother's illness but I have been shooting the devil with pamphlets; I have

several more that I would like to have printed but I have run out of money. If my friends want to pay for printing them I will send out many more.

Pray for me a disabled soldier wanting to get back to the front.

Rev. A. B. Talbert  
Claremore, Okla.

Editor's Note: This article was received some time ago, but has been unintentionally overlooked. We are sorry.

## CHOSEN VESSELS

*It was the voice of Jesus calling,  
A sound so sweet and low;  
It came as softly as dew drops falling  
And 'twas calling me, I know!*

*"Come unto me, my chosen son,  
Apart from the world and paths of sin,  
For there's much work needs be done  
And souls for Me you may win.*

*"Tell how the Saviour left His home  
on high  
To dwell among sinners and fallen  
men:*

*How He was willing to suffer and die  
That He would redeem lost souls from  
sin.*

*"They who would be free from sin and  
shame  
Can have eternal life by trusting His  
name.*

*For He gave His life on the old rugged  
cross  
That man, He created, should not be  
lost.*

*"Go forth, my son, and gather my  
sheep,  
For the golden harvest is all ready to  
reap.*

*Gather them in from every nation and  
creed  
Where others have sown the precious  
seed.*

*"Time and opportunities will soon be  
past.  
Only that which is done for Christ  
will last.*

*Go forth my chosen ones so brave and  
true,  
For I your Saviour will lead you  
through."*

—By Madeline McFarland  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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## THE UNKNOWN TONGUES

There is not a record in the Scriptures where anyone got the unknown Tongues when they received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. And nowhere does it say that the unknown Tongues is the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Greek word Glossais translated Tongues in Acts 2:4; 10:46, and 19:6 means Languages and was understood by all that heard them.

As proof I quote Acts 2:6, "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language."

No one should use these Scriptures to try to prove their unknown Tongues theory.

Jesus told about some folks that "compassed sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he was made, they made him two-fold more the child of hell than themselves."

I think we have some today like that. They proselyte and tear up all the churches they can.

If you have been proselyting and preaching things that are not in the Bible, you had better repent and confess before you are called into judgment.

Some seem to think that the more fuss a church makes the better Christians they are.

If that was so the 450 prophets of Baal must have been better than Elijah, for they made a lot more fuss than he did.

May God bless all that preach the Truth.

Rev. A. B. Talbert  
Claremore, Okla.

Tract



## LOYAL CHAPEL ADVANCES

We have been having a wonderful time in the Lord lately. We had a good number saved in our revival, and a few precious souls restored. On Mother's Day the Primary Class gave a short play, "Mother, the Queen of the May."

We had about 135 children for the Bible School which we held the first two weeks in June. We had a good time working with these children. I think we set a new record of having no accidents that needed any first aid, for the first time at Loyal Chapel. The children enjoyed themselves immensely while making useful articles. The Beginners made scrap books from which they can still learn of the Lord. The Primaries' project was one of huge proportion. They made for display the tabernacle in the wilderness. For the Hebrew men they used clothes pin dolls. The scenery was very natural. The floor of the display was of sand. There was an oasis made of paper palm trees and a mirror for a lake. There were sheep and camels to add to the beautiful scene. The Juniors made nylon flowers and napkin holders for their mothers, and maps of the Bible lands for the Sunday School rooms. The Intermediates made pot holders and painted vases. Both teachers and students enjoyed the school and the commencement program. All the departments took part in the program, which consisted of action choruses, a short dialogue on foreign missions by the Primary department, a playlet by the Juniors, and a Sword Drill by the Intermediates. The school was climaxed by a picnic where the children enjoyed games and food which they brought themselves. Except for the effort put forth by Bro. Hughes, Bro. Bloss, and all the teachers, this fine school would not have been possible.

During this time we had a ten night singing school. There were 62 enrolled in this school, and each person had a good time in the Lord. We appreciate the untiring efforts of our Assistant Pastor, Rev. W. B. Hughes, and for the splendid work he has done with the choir. We are eternally grateful.

We had a good Third Quarterly Meeting, with all in one accord. We re-elected Rev. J. B. Bloss as pastor, and Rev. W. B. Hughes as assistant,

Our Fourth Sunday night singings have improved very much since Bro. Hughes has been working with us. With more people learning about it, they continue to come out for it. We had an especially good one last Sunday, for Tommy Sewell came home on leave from the Navy. Anyone who has been going to any singings around Maury County, knows Tommy. Everyone was glad to see him again.

We are sorry for the absence of Bro. Hughes. His mother has had an operation and has been ill for some time. Although we have kept in working order the knowledge we gained in the singing school, we shall sincerely be glad to have Bro. Hughes back with us.

The church has devoted Thursday evening to the young folks, who call themselves "Youth in Service for Christ. These meetings are spent in devotion and singing or games suitable for young Christians. The youth in our church have a very sincere and definite interest in all phases of the church work.

If we will keep in mind at all times, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Loyal Chapel will surely reach even farther goals than it has already attained.

—Elsie Price

## NOW IN NEW BUILDING; TO SPONSOR CITY MISSION

Dear Gem Readers:

It is our happy privilege to report once again the progress of our church —the Southside Free Will Baptist of St. Louis.

We are now worshipping in our new building recently purchased at a cost of something over \$30,000, located at 3124 Mt. Pleasant Avenue in South St. Louis. We do thank the Lord for His goodness in allowing us to purchase this beautiful building.

All of the auxiliaries of the church have steadily increased since we entered the new building. At the last Sunday School Convention, we reported an average of 140 in Sunday School. Our new building has become a soul saving station with souls being saved regularly and a number of people have united with the church.

Recently at the annual church election we recalled Rev. Harvey E. Hill

as our pastor for the coming year, giving him a 100 per cent vote. Our pastor has led us in progress through the past year and we feel that he will in the coming year.

Also, at the last business meeting the church voted to sponsor a new mission in North St. Louis. We plan on this new work to begin in the very near future. Further reports will be coming to the Gem on this work. We do thank the Lord for the people of our church because they have a vision for the Lord's work. Not only do they have a vision, but they also have a mind to work.

We certainly solicit your prayers. May God bless each of you.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor  
Erma Lee Hogan, Cor. Sec.

## ARE YOU LIVING IN THE CELLAR?

Recently I read a story about a father and his son. It was Sunday afternoon and the two were looking at the colored pictures in an illustrated Bible. They came to the picture of Jesus standing outside a door knocking. The little boy immediately became interested.

"Do you think the people let Him in?" was the first question.

"No, I don't think they did."

"Maybe they didn't hear Him," the boy continued.

"Oh, I'm afraid they hear Him, but they just didn't open the door."

The little fellow could hardly accept such an explanation, so he sought in his mind for some reason for the negligence of these people. Then he thought of an excuse which satisfied him.

"Father, I think I know. The people who lived in the house must have been down in the cellar and so couldn't hear the knock."

How many of us are living in the cellar of life? How many of us are so busy seeking pleasure, money and self-gratification that we do not hear the knock of Jesus? Sometimes we get so busy caring for the earthly duties of life that we never go to the front door or the front of the house. Jesus cannot stand there forever you know. We must open the door! We must move out of the cellar! We must be waiting and listening for His knock.

—Selected