

Thora Grider
Star Route
Greenfield, Missouri

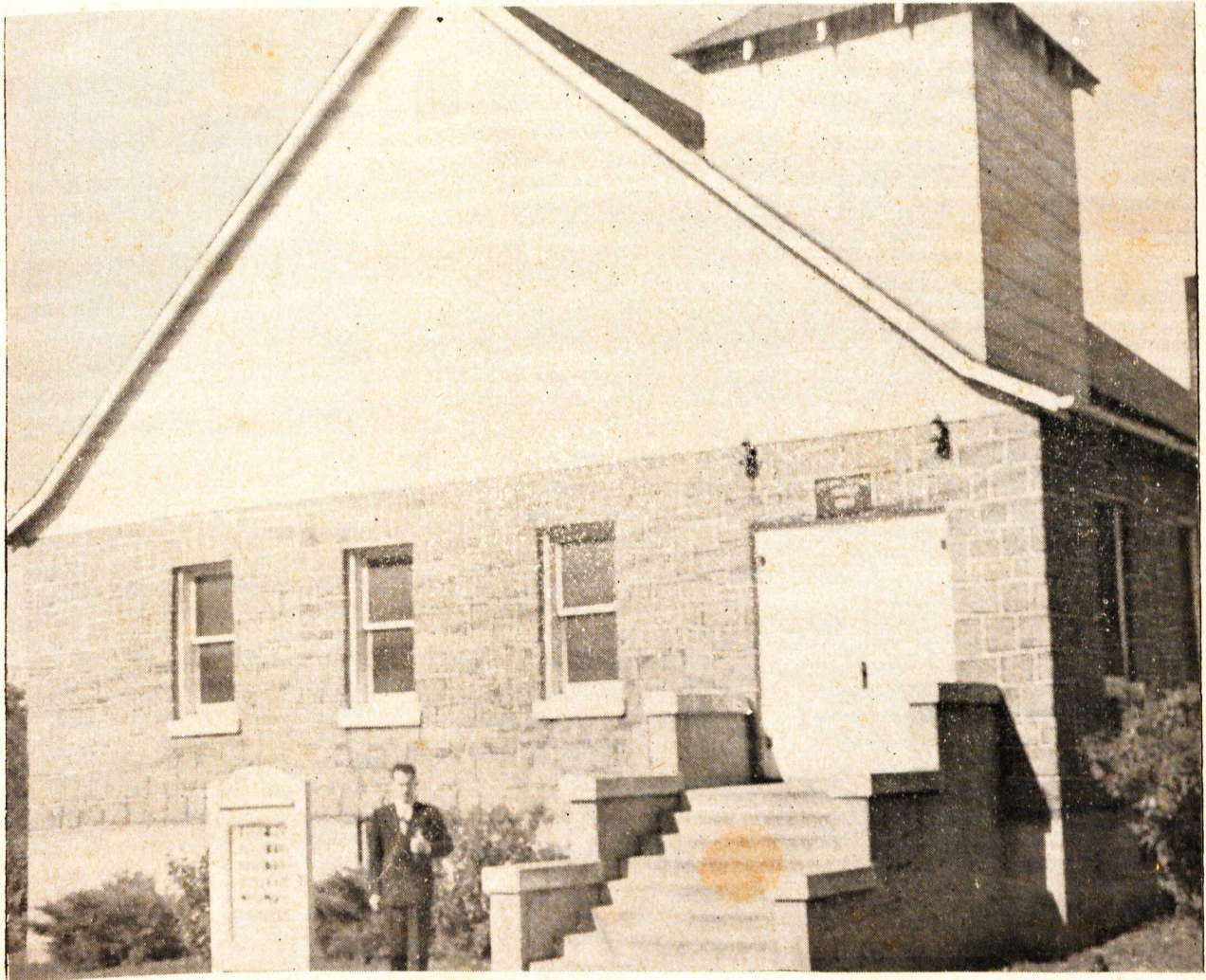
Jan 53

The Free Will **Baptist Gem**

Vol. 23—No. 9

Monett, Missouri—September, 1952

Per Year—\$1.50



FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST STATE ASSOCIATION
(SEE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE FOR DATE, PROGRAM AND INVITATION)



THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
ORGAN OF THE MISSOURI STATE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Published Monthly at Monett, Missouri

EDITOR-MANAGER
REV. LLOYD T. JEFFREYS

Entered as Second Class Matter July 14, 1939, at the Post Office of Monett, Mo., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

TERMS

One dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per year cash in advance. Paper will be discontinued when subscription expires.

STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

MODERATOR Rev. O. T. Allred
904 Fifth St., Monett, Mo.
ASSISTANT Rev. Benjamin R. Scott
1330 Geyer, St. Louis, Mo.
CLERK-TREASURER ... Rev. Marie Hyatt
Centerview, Mo.
FOR. MISS. DIREC. Rev. Mark Lewis
601 Buckley, Flat River, Mo.
HOM. MISS. DIREC. ... Rev. Harvey Hill
120 E. Loretta, Lemay 23, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rolla Smith Kirksville, Mo.
Paul Williams Joplin, Mo.
Harry Beatty Fredericktown, Mo.
John Bough Stockton, Mo.
A. W. Brook Mountain Grove, Mo.

NATIONAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR.....Rev. E. E. Morris
2528 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Okla.
ASSISTANT.....Rev. Joseph Ange
Durham, North Carolina
CLERK.....Rev. Paul J. Kettelman
Pamplico, South Carolina
PROMOTIONAL SEC.Rev. D. C. Dodd
433 E. Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

CHAIRMEN OR SECRETARIES
OF NATIONAL BOARDS

GENERAL.....Rev. John L. Welch
1409 10th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
FOREIGN MISS. ..Rev. Raymond Riggs
242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.
HOME MISSIONS.....Rev. J. B. Bloss
Columbia, Tennessee
LEAGUE.....Rev. Clarence Bowen
518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
SUPERANNUATION.....Rev. J. O. Fort
Lake Butler, Florida
PUBLIC. & LITER.Rev. J. C. Griffin
1409 N. Pasteur, New Bern, N. C.
COLLEGE TRUSTEES...Rev. John L. Welch
1409 10th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
COLLEGE MANAGER...Dr. L. C. Johnson
3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
W.A. EX. SEC. Mrs. J. E. Frazier
Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee

ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey
Miss Bessie Yeley
Apartado 27,
Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Miss Laura B. Barnard
Miss Volena Wilson
"Westfield"
The Nilgiris
Kotagiri, South India
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk
Kishanganj,
Purnea District
Bihar, North India
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey
In U.S.A. on furlough.

Herein after we shall send a check for fifteen dollars. Sister Edwards said to add this to Missouri's quota.

Bro. Riggs if you have any more business reply envelopes please send me some.

May God's great cause be advanced through the efforts of Free Will Baptists.

I remain

Yours for Christ,

Irvin E. Mills

(The baby's name is Shelia Marie.)

THE HONOR ROLL

Rev. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas..28
Berkeley Auxiliary (St. Louis),
By Virginia Stone25
Jerry Bullis, St. Louis, Mo.21
H. L. Tilley, Hatcher, W. Va.19
Sophia Ackerson, Richwoods, Mo. ..18
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.18
Hallie Dettmer, Fredericktown, Mo. 13
Doris Kellerman, St. Louis, Mo. ...13
Mildred Hilderbrand, Flat River, Mo. 10
Edgar W. O'Dell, Belmont, N. C. ...10
Rev. A. A. White, Herrin, Ill.10
Mrs. Wm. Pirtle, Farmington, Mo. .. 9
Lewis E. Campbell, Monett, Mo. 7
Mrs. Arthur Noxsel, Wheelersburg,
Ohio 7
Rev. Alice Dickey, K. C., Mo. 6
Mrs. John Filkins, Kirksville, Mo... 6
Mrs. Albert Halbrook, Mine LaMotte,
Missouri 6
Inabelle Hamilton, Tulsa, Oklahoma 6
Rev. G. W. Sturdevant, Buffalo, Mo. 5
T. O. Dunn, Maysville, Okla. 5
Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo. 5

ASSUMES BABY'S SUPPORT

(From the Field)

Leadington, Missouri

Dear Brother Riggs:

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church is adopting the support of the baby of the Hanna's.

Carlisle and Marie are leaving soon. We of the church felt deeply concerned about them and their baby. We shall assume the responsibility for the baby.



LIZZIE SHIPMAN

Blue Eye, Missouri

Dear Editor and readers of the Gem:

Our hearts are made sad by the passing of our dear friend and neighbor, Sister Lizzie Shipman.

The last rites were conducted at two o'clock Friday afternoon, in the Free Will Baptist church in Blue Eye by our former pastor, Rev. Winford Davis, of Monett, Missouri.

There was a large and attentive audience. Bro. Davis read from the last chapter of Revelation and the last chapter of Proverbs, and dwelt at length on the many good qualities in Sis. Shipman's life.

She was a charter member of the Free Will Baptist Church here in Blue Eye, a devoted Christian, and a faithful companion. She has gone home to her reward, to rest until that day when the trumpet sounds and the dead in Christ rise to meet their Lord.

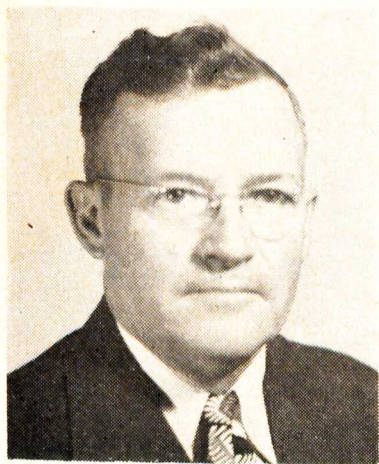
A friend,

Mrs. E. G. Tharp

Look and live.

EXTENDS INVITATION TO ATTEND ASSOCIATION

On the front cover of this magazine is a picture of the Fredericktown (Missouri) Free Will Baptist Church together with the present pastor, Rev. Harry Beatty. The church will be host to the rapidly approaching Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association. Those who have ever had any part in the entertainment of this body knows that it takes much planning and work to properly care for the delegation. It cannot be



Rev. O. T. Allred - Moderator

left until the last moment, but must be planned well in advance. Bro. Beatty assures us that all preparations are nearing completion, and that they will be ready when the delegates arrive. Recognition has been taken of the fact that the State Association is a fast growing body and arrangements have been made to include the usual increase. For a long time we have noted the eagerness of the church as they progressed toward the actual setting of the association. Below is a letter of invitation on behalf of the church by their pastor to Free Will Baptists everywhere to attend the session. It will be a disappointment to them if you do not attend.

Fredericktown, Missouri
320 North Main St.

Greetings in Jesus' Name Brethren:

In behalf of the host church as their pastor, and of Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting as their Moderator, and of the Missouri State Executive Board as their Chairman, we send to you, our brethren and co-laborers, a

cordial invitation to attend the Missouri State Association convening with our church in Fredericktown, Missouri on, September 15 through the 19th.

The League convention will open the session on Monday evening, September 15 at 7:30 o'clock. The League message will be by Rev. Charles Thigpen of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee. (For rest of the League program, see elsewhere in this issue.)

The Sunday School Convention will follow, commencing with the 11:00



Rev. Marie Hyatt - Clerk

o'clock service on Tuesday, September 16. The Sunday School program will continue in the afternoon, ending with a message by Rev. Reford Wilson of the Pocahontas, Arkansas Free Will Baptist Church.

The State Association proper will open with the evening service on Tuesday. The Introductory Message will be by Rev. Willard Day, pastor of the Mountain Grove Church. (For complete program, see elsewhere in this issue.)

Come, let us do business for the King. The business coming before us in this session is very important. So come trusting and praying for the Lord's leadership in everything.

The sessions will convene at the City Water Plant Park, under a Gospel tent, just one mile northwest of the church (320 North Main Street). Two gravel roads lead into the Park, one from Highways 61-67, and one from Fredericktown. We will place markers to guide you to the Camp Meeting. We will be expecting you.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Harry Beatty

League

Monday, September 15, 1952

7:30 p.m. Opening devotions
Welcome address Harold Baldwin
Fredericktown League
Response Rev. Bill Hill
Myrtle League
Message Rev. Charles Thigpen
F.W.B. Bible College

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 a.m. Opening devotions
9:45 a.m. Prayer and praise
10:00 a.m. Open forum, League work
10:45 a.m. Adjourn

Sunday School

Tuesday, September 16

11:00 a.m. Singspiration
Message Rev. Charles Thigpen

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00 p.m. Devotions
Message Rev. Reford Wilson

Womao's Auxiliary

Wednesday, September 17

11:00 a.m. Convention Hymn
Devotional Mrs. Cecil Campbell
Message W.A. President

Afternoon

1:00 p.m. Devo. Cinda Vandivort
Reports of Vice Presidents
Reports of Committees
3:00 p.m. Play Rock of Ages

State Association

Tuesday Evening, September 16, 1952

7:30 p.m. Praise through singing
Called to order by the Clerk
Welcome by the host pastor
Moderator's Message Rev. O. T. Allred
Introductory Ser. ..Rev. Willard Day
Alternate Rev. Ben Scott

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Devotional
Receive letters — Seat delegates
Elect officers — Apt. committees
11:00 a.m. Auxiliary program (above)

Wednesday Evening

7:30 p.m. Hymn time, special singing
Sermon Speaker to be selected

Thursday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Meditations
Business session
11:00 a.m. Sermon

Thursday Afternoon, Thursday Evening, and Friday Morning

Business Sessions — Worship Services

A GOD TOUCHED HEART

Scripture: I Sam. 10:9, 26

Introduction: A man's heart—according to Jer. 17:9—is naturally deceitful and wicked. For his heart to be used of God, it has to have an overhaul job. The Lord is just the one who can do it, for He made that old heart! He knows that heart!

a. Many a man has been cured of heart trouble simply because he gave it to the Lord.

b. God gave Saul another heart. The same is true of a truly regenerated person. The things that we once loved and held to, we now despise and turn from. II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15.

The God touched heart has many things that it did not have before. This message will indicate six of them.

1. A God touched heart has Love! It would not be possible for God to touch a heart and that heart not have love, for said John, "God is love." I John 4:8.

a. He also said, "He that loveth not, knoweth not God." This is perfectly logical, for how can a man that knows not love truly love?

b. Also, the same John said, "We ought to love one another." v. 11. How we need to pray for God touched hearts in this day of hate.

2. A God touched heart has tenderness. We are living in a day of cold, hard, scheming, lustful hearts. We are prone to say that this exists in the outer world only. But, friend, a measure of it is creeping into the church. How much old fashioned care for the adversities of others do we see? Is the tenderness of our hearts touched by the needs or shortcomings of others? Eph. 4:32; Gal. 5:23, 23.

3. A God touched heart has compassion! A natural heart has but little feeling—if any at all—for the need of others. There are men in the world who could foreclose a mortgage on the home of a widow and put her and the children out in the street, and never lose a wink of sleep because of it. That man has no compassion. And there are those who profess to know the Lord Jesus and are not moved by the throngs that are on the road to hell. Good Samaritan. Luke 10:30-36.

4. A God touched heart has Vision! I have always thought it would be hor-

rible to be sightless—without vision. So it would be to be "Spiritually blind." II Cor. 4:3, 4; John 8:12; I John 1:7.

a. When professors have not vision, that heart needs another touch of the Master's hand.

b. When folks say, "Our church is cold. We never do anything. It is drudgery to go," the crying need is vision. Prov. 29:18.

5. A God touched heart has a Will to Surrender! The heart that is not willing to surrender to the will of the Master evidently has not been touched aright by Him. When the heart of man says, "I will. I'm going to," that heart has not been touched aright. Jesus said, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42. "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me." John 4:34.

a. Saul, the first king, did not do God's will, so he was removed and God sought a man after His own heart to do His will. Acts 13:21, 22. God still seeks men surrendered to do His will, and He will establish that man forever. I John 2:17.

6. A God touched heart is Courageous for the Work! We are living in that day when it takes bold men to stand and witness to the true Gospel and the power of the Lord. King Hezekiah spoke to the people to have courage. II Chro. 32:7, 8; Psalms 27:14. Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. If He has overcome the world, He will give us strength to do likewise. I John 4:4.

a. Don't shun to do the will of the Master simply because of criticism or envy, or because you are weak. God wants us to move out. A God touched heart has courage. Move on!

Summary: Now, beloved, I would rather have a little band of people with me whose hearts God has touched than to have the thousands who only profess. If He has not touched your heart as yet, humble yourself—allow Him to do so.

Editor's note: The above article is comprised of notes on a message delivered on August 17 by Rev. Mark M. Lewis to his church in Hazel Park, Michigan. It is given in outline form and deserves you study.

Love's labor is never lost!

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST HOUR TO BE ON THE AIR EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

At the last session of the National Association in Shawnee, Oklahoma by a constitutional amendment the Radio Commission was changed to a Standing Radio-TV Board consisting of five members. Namely, Rev. W. A. Hales, Norfolk, Virginia; Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Rev. Harry Beaty, Fredericktown, Missouri; Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Glennville, Georgia and Rev. M. L. Johnson, Simms, North Carolina.



Dr. F. B. Cherry

In an organizational meeting immediately following election, I was elected temporary chairman-treasurer, with instructions to proceed with actual production of transcriptions for the Free Will Baptist Hour and we're happy to announce to Free Will Baptists everywhere that transcriptions have been made with Dr. Floyd B. Cherry of Ayden, North Carolina the speaker for the first thirteen week period. In these transcriptions, due to the lack of time and funds, it was necessary for the chairman-treasurer to use the choir and special groups, quartets, trios duets and solos from his church (Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist) Norfolk, Virginia for the musical part of the program. And if we do say so ourself we're proud of these programs and believe with all our heart that they are going to com-

pare favorably with the best religious programs on the air today.

It is especially thrilling to us to know that the Free Will Baptist Hour is going to be a reality, no longer just dreams. I believe that the Free Will Baptist denomination has a message that America, and all the world as for that matter, needs today. The program will be on only a few stations to begin with. Actually there have been only two stations contracted with thus far. However, we hope that we will have others very soon and we will announce them through the columns of our various church papers as we put them on the air.

Congratulations to the south Georgia Association. They are the first to contract with radio stations for the broadcast and beginning the first Sunday in September the program "The Free Will Baptist Hour" will be heard on station WBGR, Jesup, Georgia, 1000 watts, 1370 on the dial, 1:30-2:00 p.m. Also on station WACL, Waycross, Georgia, 1:30-2:00 p.m.

We are praying that what the churches of the South Georgia Association have done others will do immediately. Therefore let us plead with every pastor and preacher, yes even every individual Free Will Baptist to rally to the support of this cause. It is impossible for your Radio-TV Board to produce these programs and put them on the air without the co-operation and support of our people everywhere. Please pastors and church leaders take an offering in your church and forward to us as soon as possible that we may be able to purchase a good quality recording machine and tape and reels and other necessary equipment to produce these programs.

Your chairman-treasurer together with others on the program have given of their time free of charge and that runs into many hours. It takes thirty minutes to record one master program and then thirty minutes to make each transcription for each individual station. This my friends as I have said runs into hours of hard work to say nothing of the time spent in contacting radio stations and other correspondence in connection with the program. But I'm willing to do all of this in order for the Free Will Baptist to be on the air.

Now, churches, quarterly and union

meetings, conferences and associations do as South Georgia has done. Buy the time on Radio stations in your area and put the program on the air. We will furnish the recordings to you free of charge. In fact, if you want the Free Will Baptist Hour on a station in your locality simply get a group of churches together or the above mentioned organizations and go to radio stations and contract for time for the program and write to me at the address below giving me the name of the station and program chairman and I will do the rest. Come on now let's everyone do our part for we must use every means possible in these latter days when sin and ungodliness abounds so, on every hand to get out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's not leave it for others to do, but let's do our part and do it to the honor and glory of our wonderful Lord.

Right now—today—don't put it off. Talk about it, pray about it and do something about it.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Chm.
Box 374
Norfolk, Virginia

LORD, LET ME HELP

*Let me live in my community
And be a friend to man;
Let me help to spread the Gospel
In every way I can.*

*Let me help in my community;
Let me participate in all that's good;
Let me help the neighbors
And do everything I should.*

*Let me help the little children;
Teach them ways that are right;
Let me point them to our Saviour
That they soon may see the light.*

*Let me help the middle aged
As in life they toil and labor;
Fill my heart with thy great love,
Let me love my neighbor.*

*Let me help the aged and feeble:
Those with graying hair;
Let me help to lift the burden
Of those weighted down with care.*

*Let me live in my community;
Help me refrain from Satan's strife;
Precious Lord, I'm asking Thee
Help me to live a Christian life.*

F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

JULY, 1952

Receipts:

Gifts by States—

Alabama	\$ 68.00
Arkansas	42.50
California	45.00
Florida	20.00
Georgia	347.94
Illinois	65.78
Kansas	7.00
Kentucky	25.00
Michigan	160.00
Mississippi	171.26
Missouri	252.47
North Carolina	1,512.02
Ohio	62.72
Oklahoma	242.92
South Carolina	21.69
Tennessee	433.20
Texas	1,203.01
Virginia	167.52
West Virginia	50.55
	\$4,898.58

Student accounts	560.10
Matriculation fees	40.00
Miscellaneous income	10.33
Refund on kitchen salary	50.00
Refund on office expense	1.50
Total	\$5,560.51

Disbursements:

Administrative salaries	\$ 380.00
Teachers salaries	1,225.00
Office salaries	425.00
Maintenance and repairs	392.27
Travel expense	276.03
Groceries	100.06
Kitchen and household sup... ..	6.00
Miscellaneous expense	21.25
Office expense	115.61
Library expense	19.80
Quartet itinerary expense	244.53
Insurance	115.50
Printing	338.52
Laundry	10.38
Electricity	26.44
Heat	10.27
Telephone	45.33
Water	74.10
Additions to fixed assets	13.50
Withholding tax	125.10
Social Security tax	35.29
Book Store misc. expense	3.96
	\$4,003.94
Less—W.H. taxes	115.80
Net disbursements	\$3,888.14

Wilbia Sell

Stockton, Mo. Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

What Can You Say TO Death?

Dr. Paul Rees - Minneapolis, Minnesota

"O death, where is thy sting? O who look out grimly upon the universe grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55. and say, "Death is everything."

The question that is raised in this message is: Do we have what it takes to face death? Do you? Do I? Can we meet it with the confidence that we are not death's victims but death's victors?

Years ago, in my reading, I came across a sentence the recollection of which is responsible for the wording of today's topic. The sentence was this: "To say something about death is easy; to say something to death is the test of a valorous faith."

Take that sentence and lay it down beside St. Paul's shout of victory: "O death"—the apostle meets death level-eyed—"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory... Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Not all men can hurl a statement as triumphant as this into the very teeth of death. Many find that the best they can do is to say something about it. They somehow lack the assurance that enables them to say something to it.

Consider some of the ways in which, indirectly and inadequately, men talk about death. One finds that there are two extremes to which they tend to go.

Going to one extreme, they say, "Death is nothing." Sometimes they say it in a religious and philosophical way. They tell us that mortality, like sin, is only a trick that our morbid imagination plays upon us. They would have us believe that death, as with evil, is unreal, just a fiction of the mind rather than a fact in the universe. So, some of our fellow human beings undertake to handle death, with a kind of self-hypnosis, and under the guise of philosophy.

The other extreme to which men go in talking about death is that of making too much of it. If there are those who shrug their shoulders and say, "Death is nothing," there are others

Death, they claim, is the absolute end of the trail for all of us. Death is the end of all things. According to this view it is useless to look for any victory of immortality over mortality, of eternity over time, of hope over despair.

Bertrand Russell speaks for this company when he declares that "no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling can preserve one individual life beyond the grave."

Death, for such persons, becomes the all-enveloping, all-consuming finality. It takes you back to the philosophy of the wordly pessimist who cries out in the language of Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

Now let us try to be honest with ourselves: Is it not true that both of these strategies for handling death leave us dissatisfied? To talk as though it were a mere trifle, or an altogether pleasant dream, is simply not being realistic. It is a form of "kidding" ourselves.

On the contrary, to speak about it as though it were the hopeless "dead end" street down which all life is moving, certainly gives the lie to all our finest hopes and longings, all our highest experiences and capacities. Besides, this attitude does not fit us for facing death eye-to-eye and saying something to it.

Must we be forever content to talk about it? Is there no rock of faith upon which we may stand and shout some clear defiance straight at this tireless destroyer who wears a black hood and tramps ceaselessly through the world? Thank God, there is. Let us turn to look at it for a moment.

To put it bluntly, Jesus Christ offers men a faith that enables them to acknowledge the reality of death and at the same time to insist upon the finality and victory of life—life in and through Himself. It is that faith which expresses itself so triumphantly and

invincibility in the leaping words of our text: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Paul, in this tremendous resurrection chapter from which we are quoting, takes three views: (1) death as we see it in the experience of Jesus; (2) death as we face it in our own human experience; and (3) death as finally overcome and swept away through the resurrection of the body.

Take the death of Jesus and look at it with me, says Paul. As you look at it, remember that it somehow stands related to the whole frightful business of human sin. Then remember that sin is "the sting of death." If there had been no sin, there would have been no death.

Death is part of that tragic disaster that has befallen God's world through man's pride and rebellion. If the vicious circle of sin can be broken, if salvation to a new life of harmony with God is possible, then death will have received a mortal blow.

Now lift your eyes to this Jesus on the Cross. He claims to be man's Saviour. He claims to be God in human form, with God's lonely right to forgive sins. He says that He will verify His claims by laying down His life and—here is the staggering thing—by taking it again.

What about it? Did He make good or did He not? If His death was the end, then says Paul, quite openly, we have no Saviour. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

But Paul is sure that death was not the end for Jesus. He is sure because, with his keen mind, he examined the evidence of witnesses. He is convinced that the evidence is clear and overwhelmingly sufficient to satisfy every honest soul. Hence he boldly declares, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Then Christ is the Saviour that He claims to be. Then sin has met its Conqueror. In humble, sin-confessing penitence you and I can say, "My soul is free; for me Jesus Christ broke its fetters. My soul is pardoned and washed; for me Jesus Christ shed His blood,

My soul is no longer estranged from God but is in tune with God; for me Jesus Christ made peace, and now my reconciled heart sings out the joy of oneness with the God of light and love."

If you can say that, cries Paul, then for you death has lost its sting. For you death wears a new aspect. For you it is true that "neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Thus you can say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

This leads naturally to the second view of death that Paul takes as a Christian. He looks at it as the personal experience that must come, soon or late, to each of us, save only those believers who will be alive when Christ returns. To describe the believer's own death, Paul reaches into the vocabulary of the Holy Spirit and brings out a word for death that he got from Jesus. He gives us the word "sleep."

Four times over, in varied form, he uses this term to describe the event that brings our Christian pilgrimage to its earthly close. Some of our brethren, says he, are "fallen asleep." "Fallen asleep in Christ" is the phrase he employs in verse 18, while in verse 51, he assures us that we "shall not all sleep."

It should not be difficult for us to understand the meaning of this simple figure of speech. Sleep, as we know it here, is the body's rest, refreshment and renewal. Very well, "asleep in Christ" means rest for the soul that is made to pass through the experience of death. Rest from pain and weakness! Rest from noise and strife! Rest from care and uncertainty! Rest from storm and strain!

There is one more look at death which the apostle takes as he completes the context of this triumphant shout, "O death, where is thy sting?" He looks forward to the day of consummation that is surely to come—the day when, as he expresses it, "the trumpet shall sound" and Christ shall manifest Himself once more in utter magnificence and in rapturous glory.

Listen to Paul as he describes it: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we

shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed." That is, there will be a resurrection of the dead, and the risen body, unlike the one that was buried, will be incorruptible.

At the same time there will be a transfiguration of the living believers and the transfiguration body, unlike the mortal body, will be immortal. The shout of the risen ones will be, "O death, where is thy sting?"

The shout of the transfigured ones, who will never taste death, will be, "O grave, where is thy victory?" And the grand and unending shout of all together will be, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is then, in that grand finale, that there shall be brought to pass the saying, "Death is swallowed up in victory. Of course you can ask questions that are not easy to answer. You can ask, for example, how am I to recognize my dear ones, they in their glorified forms and I in mine? As for myself, I am content with the notion that love's intuitions, which are so astonishing here, will be even more acute over there.

Of course you can ask, Will my little fellow who died at three have the size and features that are so vividly fixed in my memory? To which, I think, the true answer may be found in this very chapter we are studying. "It is sown," says the Holy Spirit, "a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body."

The body is the organ of the soul—that is, its function. And bodies are as individually distinct as souls. The connection between the body that is buried and the one that will be raised, does not consist of an absolute identity of particles, but of an identity of function, with each resurrected body becoming a perfect expression of the spirit.

The one immense, immeasurable, sublime fact about our resurrection body will be its deathlessness. Whatever its form, it will be perfectly adapted to the soul.

Its form, however, is not nearly so important as the fact that from it will have been removed all of the effects of death, direct and indirect, for ever and ever.

In all that fair society of the redeemed not one maimed or mutilated body! Not one sightless eye! Not one unhearing ear! Not one withered or missing arm! Not one feeble step! Not one hacking cough! Not one twinge of pain! Not one expiring breath! Not one lifeless form! Nor will there be any more!

The victory will be complete. Christ will be crowned the everlasting Conqueror. God will be all in all. Death, like some haunting, hideous nightmare, will be swept away—utterly and eternally.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

You can say *that* to death, if you have Christ!

—Selected

S.S. ROOMS NEARING FINISH

Myrtle, Missouri
August 14, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

I am writing in regards to our church. The Lord is blessing us in a marvelous way.

We are thankful for our pastor and his good wife, and for God's blessings that we have received.

We have been climbing up in the last year. We have a good Sunday School, a good League, and a good prayer meeting. We don't have very many attending our prayer meeting but God is blessing the faithful few. We are looking forward to a better year in Christ.

God has richly blessed us with a Woman's Auxiliary. We are very thankful for it. We think that it is helping the church so much. We would ask all the praying people to pray that we might be a help and blessing to Christ and our community and that we may lead many souls to Christ.

We do enjoy reading the Gem paper. God is blessing our church in many different ways. We have had four added to the church. We have almost got our Sunday school rooms completed.

We are praying that God will bless each one that reads this paper.

From a lady from the Free Will Baptist Church at Myrtle, Missouri.

There is no substitute for hard work.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



MISSIONARIES LOOK TO W.A. FOR AID AND PRAYER

August 19, 1952

Dear Co-Labourers:

The following letter was mailed before the National Convention and I can't understand why it took so long to reach me, but because of the nature of its contents I feel I must submit it for publication and thus share it with you. Please respond to these needs as the Lord directs you.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

July 9, 1952

Mrs. Eunice Edwards.
Desloge, Missouri

Since I received your letter, I have been much impressed to write you concerning some definite needs that we have. The women have always been so wonderful to help; we have many things to remind us of their interest and love.

I do not know the proper person to write concerning this, so shall trust you to do whatever is possible.

I am taking the liberty to write a list of the needs, and whatever can be done concerning any of them will be greatly appreciated.

1. We need 30 chairs for our dining room, \$4.00 a chair. 2. A mimeograph machine. (This is a desperate need). Last year in Missionary Conference one was promised, but perhaps the project fell through. This can be bought through N. A. E. Consult with Mr. Riggs for price. 3. Dishes for dining room, \$40.00. 4. A metal filing cabinet for the office, \$60.00.

Will you tell the ladies that our girls' dormitory remains unfinished. We need four more rooms at \$150.00 per room. If at all possible, we would like to have the dishes and chairs before school starts in September. I am confident that if nothing can be done, the women will help us in prayer for these special needs. Also we would like to urge you as never before to hold us up daily to His throne of grace. The work is at a point in which we could make a tremendous advance

if there were funds for advancement. We need chapels and church buildings; actually, we are suffering from the lack of them. There are also other counties into which we could be entering, but it takes money. We have the native workers, but do not have the means to send them. The fields are so white, the need so great, but oh, where are the co-laborers?

Believe me when I cry to you from the depth of my heart to hold the ropes for us now as never before. Together we can see the Spirit of God do a mighty work in the salvation of souls and the establishment of a strong native church. We have a heavy summer before us. Around eight hundred Christians to be baptized and churches to organize. Only He can give us the strength and wisdom in the task entrusted in our hands. We do not want to fail Him or you, so we cry to you in the words of the Macedonia call, "Come over and help us."

May the Lord sustain and bless you. Please give our warmest greetings to our precious women. We are counting on them and you.

Devotedly in Him,

/s/ Mabel Willey

P. S. I was about to forget one of the most important things needed. Our girls here have been ironing with flat irons on charcoal for years; it is a slow, tedious process, as you can imagine. It is also expensive. We can now buy kerosene irons for \$13.00 each, and with the cost of \$.04 iron practically all day. We need about six of these.

I realize this is much to ask, but if some of these things can be supplied we will be most grateful.

Mabel Willey

Addendum—

The District Women's Auxiliary of Southeast Missouri gave an offering of \$40.00 to cover the cost of a set of dishes for the school dining room.

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting gave an offering of \$43.18 toward the purchase of the needed dining

chairs. The cost for two more chairs was pledged by a Sunday School class.

The cost of the six kerosene irons was pledged by six various women's auxiliaries.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church met with Mrs. Agnes Smith, Friday afternoon July 25. There were 10 members, eight visitors and several children present.

The devotional began with all singing, "Christ for the World we Sing." Devotional comments by Lola Filkins. Prayer by Lena Miley. Song, "Bringing In The Sheaves." Scripture reading by Maizie Sevits, from Luke 8:42-48.

Our lesson "The Hour Is Come for Personal Evangelism" was studied with topics given by Jaunita Newcomer, Lizzie Filkins, Agnes Smith and Mary Filkins.

An offering of \$1.85 given to Co-Laborer Fund. Three hundred eleven Bible chapters, 11 sick calls and three cards sent out were reported.

As Rev. and Mrs. Smith are leaving our community, a handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Smith in appreciation of her work in the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Smith served lovely refreshments at the close of the meeting.

—Reporter

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MYRTLE, MISSOURI

The Weman's Auxiliary of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church is happy to report that the ten-day Vacation Bible School session, held July 21-August 1, was very successful and a blessing to all attending.

There was an average attendance of 36 pupils and 10 teachers, with 24 receiving awards for perfect attendance. The total offering \$26.04.

A social hour with refreshments for all was enjoyed Friday afternoon. Commencement was held Friday night with a program by the children.

Our pastor, Rev. Bill Hill was director and Sis. Hill, president of the Auxiliary, acted as teacher. We are grateful to have them for their devout leadership

Pray for us as a church, that we will grow in strength and service for God's cause.

Mrs. George E. Brown, reporter

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS IN CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

The Monett Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Campbell for their regular monthly meeting. After the usual program, an election of officers for the coming year was held, with Mrs. W. L. Powell acting as presiding officer.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Russell Weisman; 1st vice, Mrs. Everett Carlson; 2nd vice, Mrs. Cecil Campbell; 3rd vice, Mrs. Nolan Thomas; 4th vice, Mrs. Lyle Roller; 5th vice, Mrs. Will Gates; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ed Jones; song leader, Mrs. Otto Mackey; Flower Chairman, Mrs. Nettie Harrell; Reporter, Mrs. Hultgren, and Pianist, Mrs. Kenneth Allred.

Installation of these officers was held the last Wednesday night of the month at the church with program as follows: Duet, Miss Patty Mackey and Patty Tennyson. Scripture reading by Miss Kate Jenkins. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell. Rev. Opal Jeffreys, as Installing Officer, called each new officer, and each in turn lighted a small candle from a large taper at the altar, and pledged devotion to duty and faithfulness of service in their respective office. All officers stayed at the altar, kneeling there and prayed for God's help and guidance through the coming year.

—Reporter

ILLINOIS HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP

To those who were privileged to be at the Second Annual Session of the Illinois Youth Camp came the happy experience of witnessing anew the re-

vitalizing and consecrating power of the Holy Spirit.

There were 112 children registered. These were separated into age groups and taught Bible, Missions, Evangelism, Doctrine, Chorus and Free Will Baptist League.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist College, spoke to the group on Sunday morning and afternoon. Following the morning message an invitation was given for dedication and 19 young people came forward to give their lives in service for God and our church.

Rev. Mark M. Lewis of Hazel Park, Michigan was the evangelist for the evening services. There were many conversions and much evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. The day of "old time" revivals is not past, for we witnessed it ourselves.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude Hempelman served as Dean and Matron respectively and certainly did a real work. Miss Reba Edwards served again as registrar, Mrs. Grace Bailey and Ruby Allen were camp cooks.

"Campers from ages 4 to 50 are attending the Free Will Baptist Camp in West City this week. In its second year of existence, the camp attracted 112 boys and girls who range in age from 7 to 25 years; little brothers, sisters and parents of the 112 registered persons also came to camp.

"Buildings on the 10 acre site include a dining hall, tabernacle, shower rooms, and 25 tents. Reba Edwards, camp counselor from Mt. Vernon, says two new dormitories will be erected before next year.

"A day at the camp begins at 6:30 a.m. with devotions, classes, and chapel in the morning. After lunch there is a rest hour, young people's meeting, chorus, and play period. An evangelistic service with Rev. Mark Lewis, Hazel Park, Michigan, presiding is held each evening at 7:45 p.m.

"Campers from Des Plaines, Bluford, Creal Springs, Sesser, Benton, Thompsonville, Mt. Vernon, Desloge, Mo., and other towns are attending the camp. Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Hempleman of Tamaroa are deans.

"One camp session is held each year. The current session closes Friday and Miss Edwards says people may still register for the camp. It is located one block north of Reeds Garage on Route 14 in West City.

"Miss Edwards says that 3,000 members of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Benton next summer, using the camping grounds for headquarters during the meeting."

—Benton Evening News

IT IS ANNUAL REPORT TIME

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary will be convening this month. Be sure to get your reports in before time for the convention. Be sure to attend this year. The convention will be held at the Fredericktown Church.

REPORT OF W.A. EDITOR

Received:
St. Louis Third\$5.00
Fredericktown 2.00
Total\$7.00

THE CONTINUING CHRIST

Beyond the sea is Galilee,
And ways which Jesus trod,
And hidden there are those high hills
Where He communed with God;
Yet on the plains of common life
Through all the world of men,
The voice that once said, "Follow Me,"
Speaks to our hearts again.

Gethsemane and Calvary,
And death and bitter loss—
Are these but echoes drifting down
From a forgotten cross?
Nay, Lord, for all our living sins
Thy cross is lifted up;
And as of old we hear Thee say,
"Can ye, too, drink My cup?"

O Life that seems so long ago,
And yet is ever new,
The fellowship of love with Thee,
Through all the years is true.
O Master over death and time,
Reveal Thyself, we pray;
And as before amongst Thine own,
So dwell with us today!

—W. Russell Bowie.

When a reformer stands alone, he is a fanatic; when there are several with him, he is an enthusiast; when the majority are with him, he is a hero.



From The Editor's Desk



MANAGER NOW IN SIGHT

In the last issue of the Gem, it was necessary to bring to the readers the disturbing news that certain conditions—including matters of health—had made it necessary for your present manager to resign that position effective September 30.

We tried to point out at that time that there should not be great alarm over this move, or that support should wane because of it. We stressed that we were fully believing God for a man to fill this position. We knew that there were several qualified to step in and assume the duties of the office of manager. We were firmly convinced that God would direct someone with proper qualifications to offer his services. We were anxious to discover just who it would be. Perhaps we were just a bit impatient. We wanted very much to assure you that such a man was in view, but were unable to do so. Apparently we just were not willing to "stand still" and wait for God to work it out in the hearts of His servants.

Better News

Now we can come to you with far better news. We can tell you there is now a man in view who stands ready to be considered by the Missouri State Association for the position. In the opinion of this writer he is well qualified for the position—far better than we had anticipated finding. In fact, I feel that if he is accepted there will not be any noticeable inconvenience experienced in the change, and that he will be able to lead The Free Will Baptist Gem to greater success in service.

?? Your Support ??

Perhaps a sub head title such as this is out of place. I hope it is. Unfortunately, the news that was released in last issue seemed to have some retarding effect on subscriptions and support received. In some of our contacts over the field we found there were some who assumed that this action (resignation) definitely meant the end, or at least the limitation of

service here. I am happy to discredit this feeling and to let you know that such is definitely not the case. As we look over possible reasons that would cause us to cut back our activity, we have discovered only one real alarming uncertainty—the question of support. We all hope that this question will be adequately solved at the coming association. No institution or enterprise can operate (especially efficiently) without adequate support. Such support is well within the means of the Missouri membership and other staunch friends of the Gem. Only a small per capita contribution yearly would effect constant expansion. I believe we are ready to do it!

On Record

Central Western Missouri went on record petitioning the State Association to continue the uninterrupted operation of the Gem, to provide adequate financial plans for operation and expansion, and pledged that the Association stood ready to support such a plan. Certainly this should be of some help at the State Association as they attempt to determine the will of the people in this matter. If you have not already pledged your support, why not still do so. Since it is too late to do anything through Yearly Meetings, it would be well to send word from your church as to what can be expected from you by way of support.

Why All This

Not long ago I was approached with a question of why is it important to carry on church enterprises such as The Free Will Baptist Gem. Prior to that I hardly had taken the time to think of defensive reasons for operation—if indeed it needs defense. Supposing the inquirer to be in honest search of enlightening information, I tried to give good enough reasons. I also assumed that there might be others who were reasoning in the same manner. Being at this time directly concerned with the Gem, I will confine my reasons to it.

Let us recognize that as Christians we are of the family making up the "household of faith." It is hardly thinkable that a family with any love

existing within it, when compelled to live at different stations, would not correspond one with the other. Since love is a primary virtue of the Christian, it should readily follow that we would both want and need a correspondence between us. This need is certainly met in the Gem. In the regular correspondence composing the pages of the Gem, there is to be regularly found reports from different churches regarding progress made, needs of the church, and future programs. There are reports from different departments of the church giving regular and up to date information of activities and progress, and setting forth the needs of the department. There is generally one or more sermons contributed by men or women led of God to contribute such articles. Other things such as obituaries of prominent Christians, notices, requests, poems, editorials, statistics and brief advertisements of reliable church supplies round out the paper to make it truly a desirable and worthy correspondence between the people of the church scattered throughout the nation. So well has it filled its purpose that the National Association recently recognized the publication as a "National Monthly Magazine." We appreciate the recognition and plan to continue to serve the people everywhere, thereby keeping the approval of this body with us.

We honestly believe that every department of the church will suffer directly if any limitations exists on our service. Your complete support will eliminate any limits. God is supplying the manpower; will you supply the means? We think you will.

If Modernism comes into a church, it should be put out and the Church purified. But, if Modernism gains control of the church and cannot be put out, then God's people must separate from it and build Churches.

Carl McIntire

Some people are content to spend Sunday with Jesus, but balk at having Him as a permanent guest.

HOME MISSION BOARD

August 1, 1952

Receipts—

Brought forward July 1, 1952.	\$5,692.53
Alabama	\$15.50
Florida	60.18
Kentucky	6.00
Mississippi	7.87
Missouri	95.06
North Carolina	53.68
Oklahoma	1.00
Tennessee	49.55
West Virginia	2.00
South Carolina	1.00
August Receipts	291.84
Total receipts	5,984.37

Disbursements—

Shawnee (Okla) Studio \$	5.00
Paper and stencils	14.25
Rev. H. E. Staires, secy.	100.00
Rev. V. Florence, exp.	50.00
Telephone calls	26.07
L. Bowman, itinerate..	30.00
Rev. B. Ketchum, rev.	100.00
Repairs and supplies..	15.00
Total Disbursements ..	340.32
Balance August 1, 1952	\$5,644.05

Board Members

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tennessee; Rev. Harry E. Staires, Sec.-Treas., Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma; Rev. Willard C. Day, Box 421, Mountain Grove, Missouri; Rev. James A. Evans, Box 203, Wilson, North Carolina; Rev. Homer Willis, Paintsville, Kentucky.

The National Association is past and the task of Home Mission work is still before us. We were thankful for the fine work that was done by each National Home Mission Board member and also for the great work done by all the National State Directors. However, the cry for help in the Home Mission field is still coming in. Let us rise together and meet this great challenge and establish more Free Will Baptist churches this associational year than in the history of the denomination. This can be done by each National State Director making plans now to meet their quota.

Yours for greater Missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Sec.-Treas.
Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma

State Directors

Arkansas—Mr. Earl Smith, Pochon-

tas; Alabama—Rev. Arthur Barker, 800 24th Ave., Birmingham; Arizona—Rev. Art Hicks, Phoenix; California—Rev. J. L. Waltman, 145 8th St., Turlock; Florida—Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Route 1, Chipley; Georgia—Rev. E. C. Morris, Box 533, Tifton; Illinois—Rev. George W. Waggoner, Box 41, Okawville; Idaho—Rev. Virgil Florence, Buhai; Kentucky—Rev. Walter Hooper, Paintsville; Louisiana—Mr. Auther Chappell, Route 1, McR Rouge; Missouri—Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay 23; Mississippi—Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, 209 17th St., Columbus; Michigan—Rev. William Mishler, 3523 Cadillac Bl., Detroit; North Carolina—Rev. R. H. Jackson, Davis; New Mexico—Mr. Ray Pixley, Hobbs; South Carolina—Rev. Seldon Bullard, 331 Sycarse St., Darlington; Oklahoma—Rev. Paul Pursell, Box 997, Bristow; Ohio—Rev. Forrest L. Chamberlin, Route 2, Lucasville; Oregon—Rev. E. C. Pearson, Springfield; Tennessee—Rev. I. L. Stanley, Route 9, Greenville; Co-Director—Rev. Charles Sapp, 390 Normandy Circle, Nashville; Texas—Rev. Robert Crawford, 109 S. Baylor St., Bryan; Virginia—Rev. W. A. Hales, Argonne and Pershing Ave., Norfolk; West Virginia—Thomas Clay, Box 456, Holden.

State Quotas

Arkansas	\$ 400.00
Alabama	800.00
Arizona	100.00
California	600.00
Florida	500.00
Georgia	750.00
Illinois	900.00
Idaho	50.00
Kentucky	550.00
Louisiana	100.00
Missouri	1,500.00
Mississippi	400.00
Michigan	1,000.00
North Carolina	1,500.00
New Mexico	150.00
South Carolina	750.00
Oklahoma	1,500.00
Ohio	100.00
Oregon	50.00
Tennessee	1,200.00
Texas	400.00
Virginia	1,000.00
West Virginia	700.00
Total	\$15,000.00

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

This is the last reminder to urge you to attend the State League Convention September 15-16 at Fredericktown, Missouri.

If your League did not receive a report blank, will you kindly have the secretary of your League to fill in the following report:

Name of Church
No. in story hour
No. in Junior
No. in Intermediate
No. in Senior
No. in Adult
Total enrollment
Average attendance
Is your League a member of a League Rally or Convention?
If so, what is the name of the Rally or Convention?
President's name and address

You are asked to send the report with an offering to Rev. B. R. Scott, 2612 Minnesota, St. Louis, Missouri.

CONGREGATION NOW AT 262

Hatcher, W. Va.
August 21, 1952

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

I am so glad to be able to write you once more and to send you some more subscriptions for our Gem. I have been getting the extra Gems. Thanks for sending them. I am enclosing six more subscriptions.

I am trusting that when you receive this letter it will find you and your family in the best of health and having lots of good services for our blessed Saviour.

Well, as for our little church, thank God it is still growing. We called our same pastor back, Sister Stallie Parson. This is her third year here. We have 262 members and a wonderful Sunday School. I think that if there ever was a time in our lives to pray to God to bind His people together it is now. Pray for me because I want to meet God's chosen ones in glory when this life is over down here. May God bless you and your staff.

Your Brother in Christ,

H. L. Tilley

Horse sense is a stable thing.

We cannot escape history.—Lincoln

MISSOURI'S LEAGUE DELEGATION LARGEST TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Little did we think when the large school bus rolled out of the Free Will Baptist Church yard on July the 8th at 6:00 a.m. that we would have the largest crowd, but we did. The state of Missouri represented with 47, and 32 of them rode the school bus driven by Mr. Claud Burney of Manes, Missouri.

The youth convention was enjoyed by all who attended, the group spent the joyous hours in singing choruses, and study, and fellowship. Several churches in and around Mountain

Grove, were represented. Eighteen states and two foreign lands were in attendance.

The bus load of people spent the nights on the campus of the First Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Camp ground with the dormitories for their home. The boys and girls came home with hope of attending the session in '53 which will probably be held in Memorial Auditorium at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Theme for the convention was

"Christ Our Authority" which was emphasized by song, sermon, and praise. At the beginning of the Associational convention a special evangelistic service was held with an estimated crowd of 1,850 persons present. The convention was a highlight of 225 years of spiritual service rendered by the Free Will Baptist denomination. Every report of every phase showed an attractive increase. —A reprint from the Mountain Grove, Missouri newspaper (contributed).

POTOSI BOY TELLS OF SITUATION IN KOREA

Korea, July 6, 1952

Dear Brethren in Christ:

I would like to have our Baptist informed about a little situation concerning the preaching of God's Word which has arisen due to the action of a certain Major Michael A. Miller, Battalion Commander of the Second Battalion of the Fourteenth Infantry Regiment. As you may know, I am an ordained minister and a member of the First Baptist Church, Potosi, Missouri, and have been in Korea since the twenty-second of April, 1952. While

our unit was on the front line in the vicinity of the Punch Bowl, the boys of the machine gun section, of which I am a part suggested we have religious worship each Sunday morning, and I being more than thankful for the opportunity, preached for them each Sunday while we were on line.

After moving back into reserve area, I thought we would discontinue our service, but the boys suggested we continue as before. Our Commanding Officer and Platoon Sergeant fully approved and gave us permission to meet in one of our Company tents. This morning (July 6th) we were having our service as usual when this same

Major Michael A. Miller passed by our tent and stopped and listened for a few minutes and then continued on his way. When our services were over, he sent for me to report to him, so I reported as ordered. He asked me where I had gotten permission to preach and I gave him the same information which is contained in this letter and that I was an ordained minister.

He then told me that regardless of all that he had not given me permission to preach and that our Company Commander should not have permitted me to conduct services. He then forbade me to preach any more until I

could get full approval. Then sarcastically he said, "The Chaplain may let you preach to the Regiment, but you can't preach on your own."

Our boys are wondering what we are here for, if we are going to be denied the right to worship God and preach His Word. Why should politicians shout speeches about our Four Great Freedoms and then have some narrow-minded Army officer deny the very men who are fighting to maintain these Freedoms—the right to worship God and proclaim the Christ who can bring peace to men's hearts even though war rages on every hand.

I beg leave to request that you publish that as much as possible so our people may have their eyes open and that we need more than ever to strive to hold to the few Freedoms which we still have, lest they, too, gradually slip away before we awake too late and find that they are already gone.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pfc. Freddie Douglas
U. S. Army, Korea

—Contributed by Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Potosi, Missouri.

YOUTH CAMP A SUCCESS IN EASTERN TENNESSEE

During the week of August the third, young people from the State of Tennessee gathered together for six glorious days in the Lord. This year the camp was held at the Optimist Camp in Unicoi, a small village nestled in the rolling foot hills of the Great Smokey Mountains. Fifty-three young people were registered at the camp and eight workers were present, which brought the total attendance to sixty-one.

Rev. George Dunbar served as director of the camp, while Rev. Thurman Pate, Rev. Billy Melvin, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey, and Mr. Wayne Vinson served as the teachers. There were classes in Personal Soul Winning, Sunday School Administration, League Work, and Missions. These classes were well recieved by the campers and the fellowship enjoyed while learning together was wonderful. Mrs. Theda Vinson and Mrs. McClain were responsible for the delicious meals which were served throughout the entire week.

Each evening there was an inspira-

tional service which proved to be the highlight of the camp, for in these services seven of the young people found Christ as their Saviour. Rev. Charles Sapp of Nashville, Tennessee was the speaker for these services. Many of our people from surrounding churches came in for these services in the evening and on several occasions there were more than a hundred in attendance.

The Spirit of the Lord was with us from the very start and the blessings were many as seen from the following testimonials.

"I am thankful that I was saved at camp this summer." Billy Lee.

"This week at camp has truly been one of the best weeks of my life." Claude Wilson.

"Words could hardly express nor could money buy my experience of being in camp this week." Faustine Pate.

"The thing that I liked best in camp was that the Lord saved my soul." Ralph Johnson.

"I can now go home and be a better Christian worker for my Lord." Barbara Moore.

"I liked the camp because I was brought closer to the Lord." Naomi Hodges.

"I am leaving the camp with a determination to win the lost to Christ." Norma Travis.

—Contributed

REMEMBER THE SABBATH

Robert C. Hill, pastor
Free Will Baptist Church
Berkley City, Missouri

Exodus 20:8

The entire social system is based on the Ten Commandments. They were not written by Moses, but by God Himself, while Moses was charged with the responsibility of delivering them to the people.

The fourth commandment is the longest of the ten and the only one that begins with the word, "Remember." The reason for this, perhaps, is because people will most likely forget it.

This commandment is being broken weekly more than ever before, by in-

dustry, which is compelling men to work, by people, who are using the day to mow the lawn, paint the house, or do some job that has been left undone, and even by church members who are keeping only a small part of the day Holy and using the rest for their own personal pleasure.

God has given us six days for ourselves and has commanded that the seventh be given to Him in worship. It doesn't sound unreasonable whatsoever.

It is similar to the beggar who asked a gentleman for a dime to buy a cup of coffee. The gentleman freely gave him sixty cents and kept only a dime for himself. Soon the beggar was found trying to steal the other dime from the gentleman. Sounds unreasonable doesn't it? Think of yourself and the Sabbath Day.

The above article recently published in "The Public News," a community newspaper serving Berkley City, as a feature of the service of the Ministerial Alliance of that city.

HOLD YOUTH REVIVAL

Talala, Oklahoma
August 18, 1952

The Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists held a four-day youth meeting at Zion Hill Church before their association started. Rev. A. B. Talbert, Rev. Raymond McMillen and Bro. Leard Thomason, had charge of the services. There were forty young people enrolled. Services opened at ten o'clock each morning. With singing and prayer.

Bro. A. B. Talbert taught an hour of singing with Bro. Leard Thomason as his assistant. We were dismissed in prayer at eleven, for a fifteen minutes recess.

Services reopened with a song. Rev. McMillen brought the morning messages.

There were twelve conversions. Lunch was served by the Zion Hill ladies.

Evening services opened with singing and prayer. Bro. Talbert then taught us another hour of singing.

We were dismissed at two each day except Thursday, when we stayed all day, then had supper at the church, and stayed for the night service.

A good time was enjoyed by all.

Elsie McMillen

GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

Timothy J. Ewing - Kirksville, Mo.

In the beginning, let me say that I do not agree with those who advocate a second work of Grace as to what the baptizing of the Holy Ghost is.

I believe that before God would give anyone the gift to speak in tongues, or the unknown tongue, or the gift to heal the sick, or any other one of His gifts, that they must become a born again Christian, and unless we are born again we are not Christians but sinners. Jesus, when He was speaking to Nicodemus, told him he must be born again. In John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Then in verse six: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Even Jesus when He was born in this world in a body of flesh, He being a heavenly being, a spirit with a spiritual body, it took the Holy Ghost to preform His birth. So will it be with us when we are born of God. It will be through the baptizing of the Holy Ghost.

In Luke 3:16, "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Here John is telling them that he is baptizing them with water for repentance and for remission of sins, and that Christ will baptize them with the Holy Ghost and with fire, which performs the new birth in us and which makes us a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord; also a member of that spiritual kingdom that Christ has set up in the hearts of men and women.

Paul tells us if we have the gift to speak in tongues how to use them. In I Cor. 14:1, 2, "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." Then Paul tells us in the 37th verse, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowl-

FUND BALANCE SHEET, F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE

June 30, 1952

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash:

Cash on hand	\$ 200.00
Cash in banks	2,006.12
	\$ 2,206.12

Accounts receivable:

Students	2,994.43
Others	40.90
	3,035.33

Escrow Deposit

6,500.00

Total Current Assets\$ 11,741.45

BUILDING FUND: Cash in bank 51.34

FIXED ASSETS:

Land	12,450.00
Buildings and Improvements	64,908.25
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	22,958.65
Total Fixed Assets	100,316.90

Total Assets\$112,109.69

Liabilities, Reserves and Capital

Notes payable\$7,000.00

Employees' payroll tax deductions 129.23

Total Liabilities 7,129.23

Reserve for student loan fund 222.26

Surplus 4,389.96

Total liabilities, reserves and surplus in gen. fund.....\$ 11,741.45

Investment in building fund 51.34

Investment in general fixed assets 100,316.90

Total Liabilities, Reserves and Capital\$112,109.69

Statement of Income and Expenditures

(Excluding Building Fund)

For the year ended June 30, 1952

INCOME—

Endowments	\$ 4,253.00
Gifts	28,286.91
Room and Board	31,403.82
Tuition	11,775.48
Registration and matriculation fees	2,720.00
Activity fees	1,638.00
Music fees	1,484.50
Church receipts	1,113.35
Other	1,269.29
Total income	\$83,994.35

EXPENDITURES—

Salaries and other compensation	\$39,224.05
Groceries	10,662.34
Utilities	3,016.07
Traveling expenses	2,450.85
Maintenance and repairs	2,223.95
Rent	1,470.00
General and miscellaneous expense	1,229.28

Unified program	1,195.00	
Office expense	1,142.95	
Quartet itinerary expense	1,037.92	
Printing	808.15	
Insurance	778.42	
Interest	695.80	
Truck expense	693.37	
Telephone and telegraph	676.58	
Board of trustees expense	559.40	
Kitchen and household supplies	544.62	
Taxes	534.69	
Honorarium	436.01	
School supplies	186.42	
Library expense	172.38	
Laundry	119.92	
Total expenditures for current operations ..	\$69,864.27	
Additions to fixed assets	6,164.23	
Total expenditures	\$76,028.50	
Excess of income over expenditures	\$ 7,915.85	

lieveth not shall be dammed." Then I wonder what would please Satan better than to get a group of people, who call themselves Christians, to speak in tongues that no one can understand that the church could not be edified nor the sinner understand so he could be saved. Surely nothing could suit Satan better.

Editor's note: As is the case in all publications where contributed articles are used, the views expressed do not necessarily set forth the policies or views of the editor. In this instance we wholeheartedly agree with the overall article, but differ slightly on some of the technical points expressed. However, we are glad to publish the article for your edification.

edge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." Then he tells us to not speak in an unknown tongue in the church unless we have interpreters present to give the interpretation. In verse 28, "But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God." What then if they go ahead and speak out of turn and do not take heed to Paul's advice? Well, I would not want to be the one who did not accept Paul's advice, and if I went ahead and spoke out of turn and then accused the Holy Ghost of leading me to disobey the Word of God, that would be worse yet.

In John 1:1,2 we read these words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." The Bible teaches that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one in God. They all three agree on the same thing. I believe if we had the genuine gift to speak in tongues, the unknown tongue would be part of the gift of tongues. With the unknown tongue we could only speak to God, and we would not know what we said. With the rest of the gift of tongues we could speak to any nation and they could understand us, and we could know what we were saying. I think we could speak in our tongues and as our voice travelled out over the multitude of people the Holy Ghost would translate our tongue into as many different languages as was under the sound of our voice that all

would understand what we said, each in his own tongue. We should listen to what Paul tells us as to how to use the gift of tongues, and we will speak in a tongue easy to be understood. How else can we fulfill the commandment of our Lord.

In Matthew 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Then in John 4:25, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

I wonder about the people who spend most of their time talking in tongues that cannot be understood while they are in the church, without interpreters to give the interpretation of what they say. If they hired me to bring my garden hoe and come over to weed out their garden, and instead of working I just talked all day, I doubt if they would pay me at all. Then I wonder how well pleased He is if we who are to be stewards for our Lord, work for Him like I cut weeds, and just take the day for talking in tongues that no one can understand, letting His harvest field take care of itself. Mark 16:15, 16 tells us, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that be-

BUY CHAIRS FOR TINY TOTS

Flat River, Missouri
August 22, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Flat River was organized March 5, 1952.

Sis. Hazel Scott is president, Sis. Alma Adams is vice president, and Sis. Genevieve White secretary-treasurer.

The women meet each Wednesday for all day meetings and the first Monday night of each month we have study courses.

At our last meeting August 20, there were 19 members, four visitors and two children present. The devotional was opened with the song "Glory To His Name." Prayers were led by Sis. Ann Wilson and Sis. Berniece Halbrook. Scripture reading was the second chapter of First Thessalonians, read by Sis. Genevieve White. A reading entitled "A Fashionable Choir" was given by Sis. Hazel Scott. After singing, "Rock of Ages," the meeting was dismissed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Our mission has recently purchased new chairs for the Beginners Sunday School class. The little tots were so happy about these little chairs, it was truly a wonderful blessing.

We enjoy the sweet Christian fellowship of all our sisters in our mission work. Pray for us that we will continue serving God and working for others.

Mrs. White, Sec.-Treas.

NEEDED—\$65,000 AT ONCE!

NASHVILLE (Special)—October has been designated "Sixty-Five Thousand Dollar Month" for the Free Will Baptist Bible college, according to an announcement coming from the office of President L. C. Johnson.

The month was so named in a unanimous vote by delegates to the National Association in July, who after hearing about the purchase by the school of a 60-room apartment building, themselves pledged more than \$2,000 to help liquidate the debt.

The building, known as Richland Apartments, is located directly across the street from the Sword Building, present administration building and boys' dormitory.

This new addition to college property will allow the school to nearly double its present student capacity, Dr. Johnson said. He added that it looked as if the enrollment would go near the 200 mark this fall, according to the number of summer inquiries.

Enrollment last year was 142, which is an increase of nearly 800% since the school was founded ten years ago.

"While all gifts must increase this year to take care of the expected student body growth," the president said, "we are laying particular emphasis to the need for erasing the \$65,000 debt on the new building."

When October comes, thousands of loyal Free Will Baptists in every section of the country will make it possible, he believes.

—Contributed

PASTOR VISITS MISSION FIELD; SEES N. T. CHURCH PLAN IN OPERATION

Dear Brother Willey:

Here is a little article of my impressions... I mean this thing too... maybe it can be used somehow.

Coming from a missionary church, I have heard missions all my life; for eleven years I have preached missions; but only on my recent visit to Cuba did I "see" missions for the first time. Traveling with the president of the North Carolina Gideon's, I had unusual joy of visiting the Free Will Baptist school near Pinar del Rio, Cuba. I was deeply impressed with the personalities in the work. The leader-

ship of the Willey's and their associates was the most significant single fact of my entire missionary visit. I saw how God still chooses men to do His work! You cannot possibly delete leadership from the work of the Lord and expect it to go forward. Those of us at home realize the value of capable leadership; such leadership becomes doubly important on mission fields.

My second impression was the plan of the work there. The school, in fact the entire missionary program, is soundly New Testament. I saw what can be done by training native Cuban students and in turn having them preach to their own people. I preached in several of the some ninety preaching points opened up in recent years by these trained Cuban students. The numbers of people present in each of these services reminded me that we can have more than "additions" to the work of Christ; we can see that the Word of God still grows mightily and multiplies.

The geometrical increase of this work in Cuba is phenomenal. As a sociologist teaching in Bob Jones University, I was especially appreciative of the sound missionary approach to the Cuban people. The way the Willey's have adapted to the culture of the Cuban, their ability to think as the Cuban thinks, to identify themselves with the customs, their interest in improving the living conditions of the Christians... all these things burn deeply in my heart. I have seen that this type missionary program can be duplicated under God-annointed leaders on any mission field in the world.

Rev. W. B. Bedford, pastor
Park Avenue Church of the
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Greenville, South Carolina

SEVEN TO ARMED SERVICES; THREE ARE PREACHERS

Southside Church
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

A few weeks ago, the League elected new officers for the coming year. I was elected as Gem Correspondent. I would like the prayers of all as I undertake this new job.

We have been having some wonderful services that have been filled with

the Spirit of God. We are growing in number, for many souls have been saved and many have joined the church. We thank God for each one, and are working and praying to see more souls saved and more join the church, knowing that this is the way the Kingdom of God can grow and go forward.

Rev. Don Hill has just entered the armed services, making a total of seven from here, three of which are young ministers. Let us all pray that while these young men are away from their church and loved ones, that they will hold on to God's unchanging hand and be a soul-winner for Him.

We of Southside have been blessed with a number of ministers being called from our church to pastor other churches. Let us pray that all the churches of our land will grow and go forward in the Lord's work.

The ladies of the church have been doing some wonderful work in helping to pay for the church building. We want to give a word of praise and thank God for women who will devote their time and effort for the Cause of Christ. They set aside one of their meeting nights for visitation work, trying to get more lost people out and visiting those who are not able to come to church.

Young people are an asset to any church, and we are willing to take part in the services, such as singing in the choir, singing special songs, leading in testimonial services and share their part of each burden of the church. Also they have set aside each Tuesday night for visiting people. These young people request the prayers of all, that they might do more for their Saviour.

We request the prayers of all for our coming revival that will start October 6th. Rev. Gibson, from Mississippi, will be the evangelist. Pray that many unsaved will come out to hear the Word of God and be saved.

Yours in Christ,

J. Whittington, Correspondent
Rev. Harvey Hill, Pastor

With reasonable men, I will reason; with humane men I will plead; but to tyrants I will give no quarter, nor waste arguments where they will certainly be lost.

—William Lloyd Garrison