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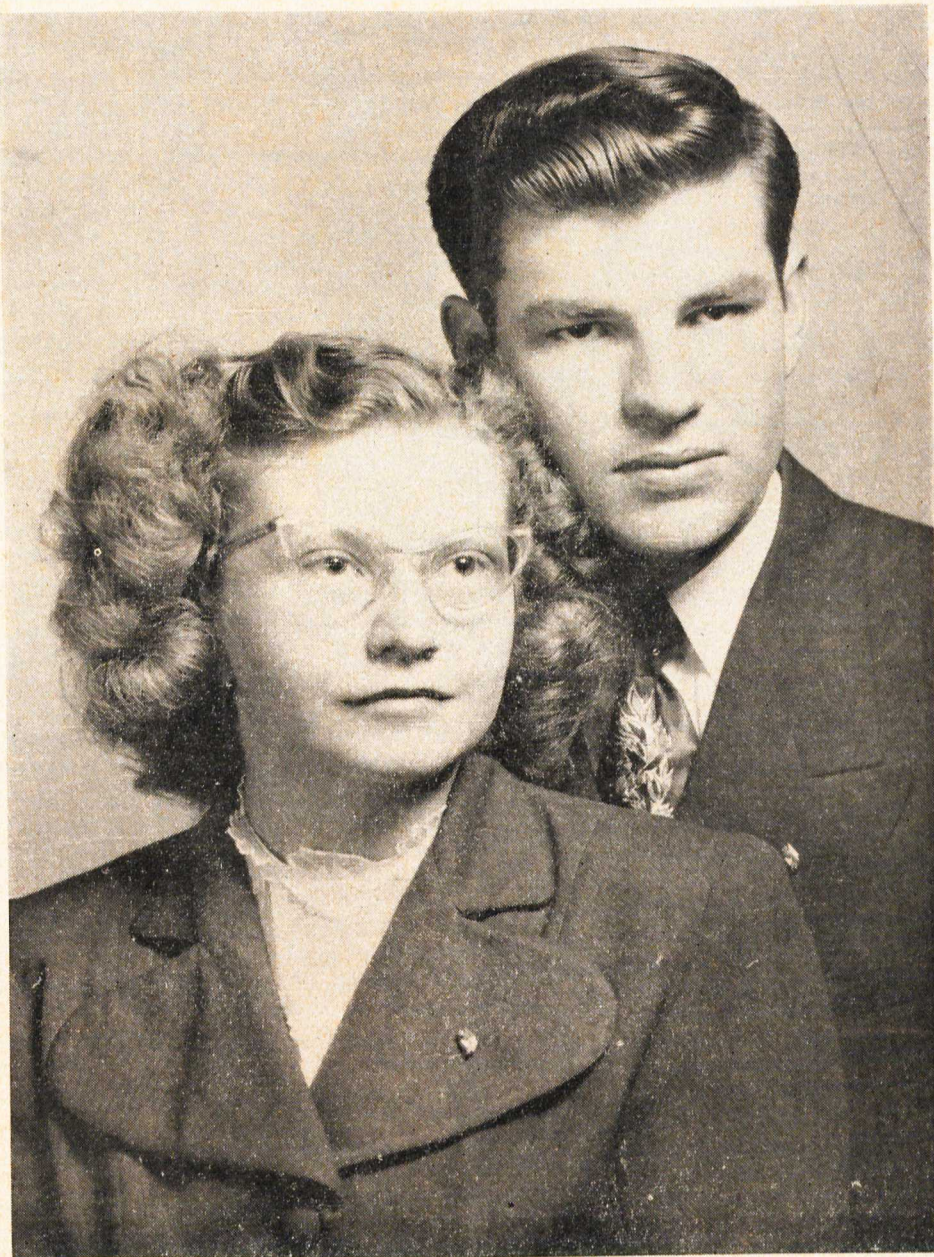
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THE REVIVAL SEASON

Several Free Will Baptist Churches
 in this immediate section of Missouri
 are now engaged in revival efforts,
 have just closed one, or plan to soon
 start.

The Macedonia Church southeast of
 Monett, is presently in nightly services
 with Rev. Tom Day of Arkansas bring-
 ing the messages. One soul was saved
 the very first service. Rev. Winford
 Davis is pastor of this group.

Pleasant Grove Church, near Ander-
 son, is also engaged in revival services.
 Rev. Harry Sterling of Carterville, is
 the pastor, and Rev. Elda Crain, of
 Miami, Oklahoma, is the evangelist.
 We do not have a late report of pro-
 gress on these services.

The young Neosho Church is also in
 a revival with Rev. O. T. Allred bring-
 ing the messages; Rev. C. M. Hatfield,
 of Sarcoxie, is the pastor. This revival
 has started off in excellent spirit.

A recent revival closed out at the
 Joplin Mission with four conversions
 and the congregation strengthened and
 encouraged. This group hopes to soon
 organize into a regular church. Rev.
 Paul Williams, of Carterville, is the
 pastor; Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, of
 Monett, was the evangelist.

Jone's Chapel Church, near Stella,
 enjoyed a recent revival, with the pas-
 tor, Rev. Winford Davis, bringing the
 messages. Fine spiritual services were
 enjoyed from the beginning.

Merl's Chapel Church, near Cassville,
 also has closed their recent revival
 which resulted in several souls being
 saved. Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, is
 full time pastor of this rural church.

Rev. Wm. Hill, of Myrtle, was the
 evangelist.

The revival at the Aurora Free Will
 Baptist Church closed recently. Rev.
 Minnie Campbell, Ada, Oklahoma, was
 the evangelist; Rev. Bert Hall is the
 pastor of this group. We failed to
 enter in our notes the number saved.

The Monett Church will start a re-
 vival November 17 with Rev. Harry
 Beatty, of Fredericktown, scheduled to
 bring the messages. Rev. Cecil Camp-
 bell is the pastor. The church is look-
 ing forward to this revival.

Preliminary arrangements are being
 completed for a revival in the old
 Oak Grove Church community near
 Neosho. This is in the resettled portion
 of the Camp Crowder Military Reserva-
 tion. The church was absorbed by the
 reservation during the last war. The
 building still stands and has been pur-
 chased by Free Will Baptists with the
 purpose of reestablishing this group.

We understand that the Granby
 Church expects to soon hold a revival.
 We have not learned who will be the
 evangelist. Rev. Elda Crain, of Miami,
 Oklahoma, is the pastor.

Send us your announcements and
 reports of revivals and other church
 activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

At the recent session of the State
 Association, it was urged to send in
 average monthly Sunday School at-
 tendance reports for publication in
 the Gem. To date we have received
 but two such reports. These are (for
 September):

Mountain Grove S.S.163
 Third Church, St. Louis102

In order for this to be any success,
 your Sunday School, regardless of the
 size, must send in the monthly average
 promptly at the close of every month.
 State what Sunday School, for what
 month, and the average for the month.
 That is all we must have, but we will
 appreciate any other news or informa-
 tion you would care to give us.

NEW CATALOGS FOR YOU

New catalogs listing many of the
 church and home supplies offered for
 sale by us will be released soon. If we
 miss you, please drop us a card.

Stumblingblocks in Lives of Believers in India -

Kotagiri, South India
September 30, 1952

Dear Friends:

Look for the picture of a young girl with a radiant smile and a Bible in her hand, in "His Name Among All Nations." And as you look for it, pray earnestly for Chellamal in her present need. For five or more years deserted by her husband, she has now at the age of 24 started back to school in the 5th grade and is trying to get enough education to do the Lord's work efficiently. Chellamal learned to love the Lord Jesus in her childhood, and entered into a definite experience of salvation around the age of ten, enduring many a persecution for her faith, and finally leading her parents and entire family to her Lord. In ignorance her father married her off at 14, to a man who only feigned to be a Christian in order to marry her. It proved disastrous, particularly due to the parents-in-law, rank Hindus, with whom Chellamal's husband insisted on living. They tormented the girl to try to force her to renounce Christ. In sickness they killed fowls, smeared her with their blood and offered them over her in heathen sacrifice. This and much else she endured for something like five years, hoping against hope she could win them, or that her husband would at least find a home for them apart from his parents, where she could worship her Lord freely. What she suffered those years as a young wife (far too young) in a Hindu home would harrow your minds to hear. So, finally, when on a visit to her own parents she told her husband she would not return until he moved away and provided a suitable home for her, but she promised to return as soon as she could know he had done this. He went away, and never returned for her. Chellamal went to earn her own living as nursemaid for children, and she has earned for herself, and to the glory of God, that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. Seeing she had proven to be above the average in faithfulness, genuine integrity, and steadfastness in the faith, it was laid on our hearts to offer to direct her in improving herself for greater service. It is a beautiful story

of how the Lord was working on many sides and laying the same burden on many hearts. Chellamal herself had become concerned about her lack of education and its limitations, especially as it seemed now impossible to restore the marriage relationship on any solid foundation. So she has given up her work and returned to us, going to school daily and reciting her lessons



Laura B. Barnard - Missionary

privately to the teacher who gives her individual attention. Especially does arithmetic come very hard for her, but as she has read a great deal all along, the other subjects come with less labor. It took a lot of courage and conviction at this age to turn loose her work and the independence which a steady wage assured her. But she has done it as answering a call from the Lord and so is looking to Him to meet her at every point of need. We are doing our best to put her through the eighth grade as quickly as possible. Then she can go for nurse's training or for Bible training, or both, as she feels led of the Lord. Among Chellamal's own people here she has much to overcome, as it is a great disgrace for a woman to take such a stand with regard to her husband. No matter what the reason was, Hindu society requires the wife to endure. They would not understand that a woman

could know God apart from her husband. But the time had come when she had to choose between Christ and a reversion to heathenism. The Lord had been too real to her from childhood and she would live in disgrace, or even die, but she could not renounce her Saviour. Now as she studies she is having opportunity in a number of ways to serve her community, and we pray that as they see Christ in her they will lay aside their prejudices and open their hearts to her and to her Lord. Pray for her as she teaches a Sunday School class of junior boys.

The bridegroom, whom most of you saw in technicolor with his attractive bride and attendants, is another young person earnestly coveting your prayers now. The wife was the suicide I wrote about some weeks ago. The young man, John Rajah, had for several years felt called to preach, and had attempted to answer the call, but the odds had been against him. Finally, under very convincing signs of the Lord's leading, he has entered a Bible Institute which is conducted entirely in English and on a college level. John has completed the seventh grade, and his knowledge of English is meager. From the human standpoint he cannot possibly do the work. But the school is an excellent one, thoroughly fundamental, evangelistic, and it offers exactly what he need and desires. So, when he had spread his fleece and was convinced that God's dew of assurance had fallen on it, he made application and was accepted as a special student. As he was not eligible for entrance, his acceptance in spite of odds seemed to be the confirmation that it was of the Lord. God worked wonder after wonder to supply his needs of wardrobe, general equipment and train fare, and to arrange for responsibilities which he was leaving behind here. As we met in prayer groups and laid these needs before the Lord, and as He met them one by one, our own souls were revived and our faith renewed. The one petition unanswered was for his mosquito net, and this was delivered to him just in time to pack into his luggage at the last minute before bus time! I visited John at the Bible Institute two weeks ago and was hum-

See STUMBLINGBLOCKS page 7

GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN

Rev. J. W. Handy - Houston, Texas

As I contemplate that great heart of love that must have prompted God in His love for man—fallen as he was, and an alien and a reprobate from the government of His creation—my mind is directed by divine inspiration to the language of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:38-39. He says, "For I am persuaded 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."

All nature and revelation declare aloud the glory of our wonderful God of Love. Come with me to the forest and view the giant oaks as they tower toward the heavens as if they would commune with their Creator. Again come with me on a beautiful moonlit night that we may view that wonderful display which is spread out in all the heavenly bodies. The Psalmist David tells us "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." (Ps. 19:1-2). Yes, these are all gifts of our God of Love not only to man, but also to all living creatures.

It is indeed a thrill to look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature and to think how marvelously they are adapted to the needs and happiness of man. The sparkling dew and the rain that gladden and refresh the earth, the hills, the seas and the plains; all speak to us of the Creator's love.

God made man perfectly holy and happy, for he bore the image of his Creator, and the earth—as God brought it into existence by the word of His power—bore no blight of decay or shadow of curse. It was the transgression of God's law—the law of love—that resulted in man's expulsion from the Garden of Eden and caused his Creator to pronounce a curse upon the ground for man's sake. I am persuaded that much of the hardships, labor and disappointments of this life are blessings in disguise for our good for the sole purpose of reminding us of our

utter dependence upon God. The world in its fallen condition is not all sorrow and misery. In every phase of nature there are messages of hope and comfort. Thought we can not touch the thistle on account of the thorns, yet we may behold with joy the beautiful and fragrant bloom that it bears: and, too, the thorny shrub is covered with beautiful roses. Yes, indeed, we may read the proclamation of God's great love in every opening bud, either in the towering oak of the forest or in the tinniest spear of grass in the meadows, the lovely song birds as they fill the air with their songs, and the beautifully tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air, the lofty trees of the forest with their rich foilage of living green: all proclaim the Fatherly care of God, and to his purpose in making His children happy.

In His tender mercy God overlooks our failures and faults. He is slow to anger and of great kindness because He delighteth in mercy. We are constantly bound to our great Creator by numberless tokens both in heaven and in earth. Through the things of nature and the deepest earthly ties that human hearts can know, He has sought to reveal Himself to us. And while this is true, Satan, the arch enemy of our souls, was and is yet employing every possible means to delude and deceive us away from Him who both loves and cares for us. It was to overcome these deceptions and delusions, revealing to the world the infinite love of God, that Jesus came to live among men. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." In describing His earthly mission Jesus said, "The Lord ... hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." This was His work. He went from city to city and village doing good and healing the victims of Satan (casting out devils). Whole villages were the recipients of his benevolent work among them and His work gave evidence of His divine anointing. Love, mercy and compassion were revealed in every act of his life. His heart went out in the deepest sympathy to the children of men. And, too, He must take upon himself man's nature: in other words He must be-

come a man among men in order that He might comprehend and administer to man's wants and needs. By this means the poorest and humblest could approach Him with confidence. Even little children loved to be in His presence and no doubt they rejoiced when He came among them.

Jesus never suppressed one word of truth, but His every utterance was always in love as with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. In every case He sought to uncover the besetting sin as in her case. His life was one of thoughtful care for others. Every soul was precious in His sight. In all mankind He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save. Such is the character of Christ as revealed in His life, and such was His mission. Jesus said, "I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me." (John 6:38). This wonderful love that was manifest in the Saviour's character is just the reflection of God's great love through His Son and which He offers freely to a world that is lost in sin. So we find that Jesus, the tender, pitying Saviour, was God manifest in the flesh. Yes, He was God in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. It was for our redemption that Jesus came down from heaven to do His Father's will, and to speak His Father's words. He became a man of sorrow and was acquainted with grief that we might be partakers of His everlasting joy. The Father suffered His Son to leave the bosom of His love, the adoration of the angels, to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death in order that we might not only have life but that we might have it more abundantly. "The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:5). I imagine I can see the blessed Son of God as He trod the lonely path that night down to the Garden of Gethsemane. I imagine I can almost hear His plaintive voice as He gives vent to the anguish of soul that He is suffering. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." And why such sorrow? He was bearing not only my sins and yours but also the sins of the whole world in that awful moment. He is going down there to plead my case and yours and make His last surrender to the will of the Father. Yes,

He who had been one with God the Father since creation, and had shared in the glory of the Father in the company with the angels, is brought now to feel the awfulness of the separation that sin makes between man and God. In the awful anguish He was made to cry from the depth of His soul, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Oh, it was wonderful! How could it be that Jesus would suffer such things for me?

For me He came, for me He died,

For me He rose in victory.

The law of God was satisfied;

He did it all for me.

But this great sacrifice was not made in order to win God's affection to man. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I John 4:10). "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (I Jn. 4:7). Love is not merely an attribute of God. Love does not emanate from God in the strictest sense, but love is the personification of God: "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (I John 4:16). God's word has not left us to grope our way in uncertainty and doubt in the matter of our relationship with God. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). That power of regeneration, which no man can see, begets within the soul, a new life. While the work of the Holy Spirit is silent and imperceptible, its effects are always manifest. If the heart has been regenerated by the Spirit of God, the life will bear witness to the fact.

And now I close this article with that splendid poem from the pen of the immortal Isaac Watts.

*When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,

*Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Since I, who was undone and lost,
Have pardon through His Name and Word:*

*Forbid it then that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ my Lord.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHURCH

In recognition of Christian Education week in October and to announce to the community the release of the new revised standard version of the Bible, which was published on September 30, the Mountain Valley Church held a unique service Sunday evening.

The special service replaced the regular evening worship, and appropriate Bible services were held both Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

A free period during both services was given during which members could examine and discuss the collection of interesting and unusual Bibles which had been brought.

The Bibles on display ranged in size from one small as a postage stamp to large ones 10 inches by 12 inches carrying many helps, old engravings, and the Apocrypha. There was also a wide variety as far as age was concerned. The Bibles ranged from the very newest revised standard version, just off the press, to a Bible 130 years old, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Scott of the community.

Passages from numerous versions and translations of the Bible were read and discussed, including the Moffat, Coverdale, Bishop, Goodspeed, Geneva, Douai, King James, Henry the Eighth, American Revised, a Bible in pictures, the new revised standard version, and even the Hitler Bible.

Among those bringing Bibles and articles for the display were: Mrs. Evelyn Knotts, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Neher, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Rix Schusselle, Rev. A. W. Brook, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Franklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen McGowan.

Rev. A. W. Brook, church pastor, brought a message in keeping with the occasion, based on a passage from II Peter, and Mrs. Glen McGowan reviewed the story of "Bel and the Dragon" from the Apocrypha.

Contributed by Mrs. C. Franklin

The Mountain Valley Church is in the Mission Association, located about seven miles northwest of Mountain Grove, Missouri.

TRI-STATE MEETING HELD NEAR SENECA, MISSOURI

The Tri-State Fifth Sunday Meeting was held at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church near Seneca, Missouri on August 31, 1952. The introductory sermon was brought by Rev. Noman Green. Scripture was I Cor. 15:9.

Ordination services followed for Rev. Jess Johnston. The Ordaining Council consisted of Rev. F. E. Crain, Rev. Elda Crain, Rev. Noman Green, Rev. Orville Johnston, and Deacon Hubert Green.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour and was enjoyed by all.

At 1:15 p. m. the session was resumed. Congregational song, "I Choose Jesus." Message by Rev. Bill Johnston: scripture, Mark 1:1, 15-16. Song by Rev. and Mrs. Jess Johnston, "Just A Closer Walk with Thee." Message by Rev. Orville Johnston: scripture, Mark 11:15. Song by Granby Quartet, "We're Ready to go Home." Message by Rev. F. E. Crain: scripture, Eph. 3:21. Song by Sis. Gertie Green, "The Upper Window." Message by Bro. Henry Bellah: scripture, Matt. 13:3. Quartet, "Precious Jesus, Don't Forget." Message by Rev. Elda Crain: scripture, Acts 11:17. Song by Freda Himbree, "A Meeting in the Air." Song by Crain family, "Face to Face." Message by Rev. Jess Johnston: scripture, Eph. 4:14. Congregational song, "Will Jesus Find Us Waiting." Message by Rev. Noman Green: scripture, Job 2. Song by Granby Quartet, "There's A Better Day." Message by Rev. Gerald Herd: scripture, Job 1:6, 7. Song by the Green Quartet, "Where Could I Go." Message by Bro. Keck: scripture, Matt. 28:16. Song by Linda Lee Green, "Mansion Over the Hill Top." Talk by Fred Lonberg.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be at the church in Granby, Missouri. The introductory message will be by Rev. F. E. Crain; alternate is Rev. Noman Green.

Rev. Jess Johnston, Mod.
Mary Lee Green, Clerk

REV. MARK LEWIS TRAVELS TO NEW YORK CITY TO WITNESS EMBARKING OF NEW MISSIONARIES TO INDIA

This trip began October 14, 1952 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. from the parsonage in Hazel Park, Michigan. As I think of it now, I'm sure I didn't dream of all the fond memories that would remain with me from that very moment on.

I was driving alone; thus I had much time for meditation and prayer. I arrived in Buffalo, New York at 6:30 the same day after driving across Canada. I spent the night in Buffalo, then on to New York City the next day, arriving about 7:00 p.m. It seemed that the Master guided the route all the way. I went in to the city on the beautiful New York Parkway from up-state New York. I came off the Parkway at 57th Street. To my amazement I found that I had come into the City directly over the new S.S. United States liner that the Hannas' were to sail on, and that I was only some 10 blocks from the Sudan Interior Mission Home where the Hannas' and Mrs. Hanna's mother and father, and aunt (Mary Burcham of Flat River, Missouri) were. I made the contact in just a few minutes, and to be sure, it was a very pleasant reunion.

Wednesday and Thursday nights were spent in the Sudan Mission Interior Home with them. On Thursday we saw several of the main points of interest of the great city of New York, including a trip over to the Statue of Liberty.

Then came the appointed hour: I say the appointed hour because I do believe it was ordained of God for those two wonderful young people to go to the land of India to stand in our stead for our Christ in the name of Free Will Baptists. We all arose at 6:00 a.m. Friday morning, October 17 for the final preparation to board the ship. As quickly as it was possible everything was made ready and at 10:20 we left for the ship, arriving at the pier in a mad rush and scramble of the throngs that were flocking to her for the voyage. It was a motley crowd that was there—man, women, children, soldiers' wives and families, and some other missionaries: I didn't have the time to learn who they were

or where they were going.

Hurriedly we located the Hannas' State Room, and then out on the Sun Deck for pictures (pictures were also made in the State Room). On deck of that great ship, in the presence of all who cared to look, we made a circle and bowed our heads and committed the Hannas' to God, and His infinite care. It was a holy moment! God was there and was real to all of us!

Then back down to B-Deck where the State Room was, and the final farewell—not good bye—for we plan to see them again, if not on this earth, in a much, much better one!

Then we, Mrs. Hanna's folks and myself, came back down the gang plank and onto the busy street again. We

could not help but look back with a deep feeling of pride mixed with sorrow. For on that great ship, committed to God, were our loved ones, and Free Will Baptist missionaries.

After tarrying for a brief time with Brother and Sister Wright and Miss Burcham, I rushed back to the car and headed for Hazel Park. I arrived at 7:15 Saturday, October 18th, tired but filled with many precious memories.

This trip was made possible by three churches in Michigan—the Highland Park, the Philadelphia, and the Hazel Park. God bless them for their generosity. I'm sure it was worth all that any one of them gave. For me, it was not a trip, but a ministry.

If all of the nearly 400,000 Free Will Baptists in America could have stood in that circle on board that great ship, there would never have to be another special appeal for missionary funds.

Yours for a world-wide Gospel,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis,
Chairman Foreign Missions

URGES PARTICIPATION IN NEW FINANCIAL PROGRAM

September 30, 1952

Dear Co-Worker:

The denomination to which we belong is a great organization made up of many local churches, similar to the one of which you are a member. Some are large city churches and some are small rural ones; but regardless of the size, each church is important in the life of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Our denomination has many important functions. For one thing it directs an efficient missionary enterprise, both in this country and abroad. The great task of sending missionaries around the world requires a large amount of organization, training, financing, building, transporting missionaries, etc.

The missionary movement both home and foreign, is like a vast world-wide army, only the purpose of our army is not to destroy, but to build.

The Free Will Baptist denomination also plays a vital role in the education of our youth. We are building a Bible College, preparing well edited Sunday School literature, publishing Christian periodicals for our homes. In addition to all of these our denomination main-

tains orphanages, and local efforts, helping to meet the needs of the less fortunate. Directly through your local church, you can help support all of these noble institutions.

Where does your Denomination find funds to carry on all this important work? Certainly the task has been a laborious one, but below you will find a plan that originated in our last session of the Missouri State Association. This plan came from hours of study and prayer, and was passed by the Association while in one of its greatest sessions.

In this plan known as "The Co-operative Program" one can support every phase of work with one offering. A certain percentage of every dollar that you give to the church helps to undergird the work of your denomination.

I sincerely ask you to cooperate in this program for the betterment of our efforts and to advance the cause of Christ on earth.

Yours in the Saviour's service,

Willard C. Day, D. D.

Member of Business Committee

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Transaction: Item No. 1 of Joint Committee—Business and Publication.

In as much as the "Unified Plan" has not proven satisfactory, we recom-

mend its discontinuance and the adoption of the following Co-Operative Plan. The Plan: Each contribution sent to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists (for the Co-Operative Fund) shall be allocated as follows:

State General Fund	24%
Foreign Missions	25%
F.W.B. Bible College	25%
State Youth Camp	7½%
State Home Missions	5%
National Home Missions	5%
Free Will Baptist Gem	7½%
(Operation and expansion)	

State Superannuation	½%
National Superannuation	½%

Make all checks payable to—The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists—The Co-Operative Fund. Send all contributions to: Rev. Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treasurer, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, Centerview, Missouri.

SEPTEMBER FINANCES F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE

September 30, 1952

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By States:

Alabama	\$109.00
Arkansas	94.50
California	47.00
Florida	27.50
Georgia	653.81
Illinois	180.90
Kansas	2.00
Kentucky	81.00
Michigan	384.62
Mississippi	73.75
Missouri	251.48
North Carolina	786.49
Ohio	14.00
Oklahoma	351.92
South Carolina	377.08
Tennessee	1,012.30
Texas	299.06
Virginia	255.03
West Virginia	68.75

All states	5,070.19
Misc. Accounts Receivable...	500.00
College Church	174.46
Miscellaneous Income	171.58
Room	45.00
Refund on telephone expense	8.09
Miscellaneous expense	7.25
Office expense	4.10
Practical work department ..	13.50
Key deposits	126.00
Sales Tax collected	4.35
Book Store sales	2,566.57

Students Accounts rec'vable	16,235.53
N.W.A.C.	33.01

Total\$24,959.63

Disbursements:

Salaries	\$3,111.21
Maint. and rep. ...	2,061.73
Travel expense ...	220.11
School supplies ...	10.31
Groceries	632.42
Kit.-h'hold sup. ...	150.98
Miscellaneous expen	124.55
Office expense	122.17
Library expense ..	15.75
Quartet itin. exp. ...	1.95
Ref. students acc't.	57.50
Telephone exp. ...	88.84
Heat	16.26
Electricity	45.89
Laundry	3.83
Printing	15.80
Insurance	72.90
Sales Tax	2.65
Promotional exp. ...	605.36
Additions to fixed	
assets	957.40
Book store purc. ...	1,401.42

9,719.03

Less:

Soc. Security taxes	16.48
Withholding taxes .	210.20

226.68

Net Disbursements\$9,492.35

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STUMBLINGBLOCKS—from p. 3

bled to see how God had honored this humble lad of outcaste origin with little background to his credit, among his fellowstudents from good financial, social and educational backgrounds and who for the most part have come from old established Christian communities. This note is intended to be a special appeal for prayer for John: for the quickening, enlightening and enabling

help of the Holy Spirit in grasping the English language and mastering the courses. For the touch of God on his body as he adjusts to new climatic conditions, new food and new routine. At present he is having some trouble and but for the remembrance of the "dew on the fleece" his faith would be sorely tried. Pray for the supply of his financial needs month by month. He went entirely on faith, for his personal needs and those of his 2-year-old child and his high school sister, for whom he must still be responsible. God has met those needs these two months. Pray for God's full will and purpose to be fulfilled in John's training and future ministry to his people. His burden and his zeal for the Gospel ministry is like a consuming fire in his heart, and already this has quickened the spiritual life of his set back here.

I may be treading on holy ground, so to speak, in telling you of the vision God gave John as a secret joy and encouragement, and which he says he has to now shared with no one but myself. But it has touched me with a sweet breath from heaven, and I have no doubt that it will do the same for you. The second night in the dormitory, after seeing something of what he had undertaken, John was on his knees until midnight wrestling in prayer for a special "anointing" for the task. At one o'clock, after having fallen asleep, he was awakened by a terrific shaking of the doors and windows. Sitting upright in bed he looked around but found doors and windows in tact as they had been left. But just then the door opened, and in the doorway stood a Man with the Book in His hand, and, looking at John, he spoke: "Be not afraid, I will help you, and I will cause you to learn." And then He disappeared from view. Perhaps, as I say, this is holy ground. If so, then we will remove our shoes and cover our heads in reverence while the God of the Burning Bush speaks to us and commissions us anew to our task in the deliverance of a people in bondage.

Young people like these, on whom God has laid His hand and set His seal, are the instruments through whom we must hope to work after doors are closed here to our own presence and witness.

Yours in His rewarding service,

Laura B. Barnard



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



ADVANCE—

The advance which has been achieved at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee during the past ten years could not have taken place without the advance which denominational giving has made. It is equally true that advance at the Bible College cannot continue without continuing advance in denominational giving.

It would be difficult to describe the joy and relief which came to the college faculty, the student body, and the W.N.A.C. executive committee when they saw and heard the glorious music of the new Hammond organ which had been placed in the College auditorium as a gift, by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention during the recent Missionary Conference in session there. This gift is to be used to enrich the spiritual life of all who go there, and to inspire new interest and activity there, as well as to help students and visitors to extend greatly the work of Free Will Baptist Churches which they represent.

The W.N.A.C. has made the authorized down payment on this gift. Auxiliaries over the 18 states which represented at Shawnee, Oklahoma in July have, through their delegates, agreed to make the other payments by whatever plan the W.N.A.C. second vice president devised. Here is the plan! Each state is requested to send in the following amount:

Alabama	\$120.00
Arkansas	30.00
California	120.00
Florida	60.00
Georgia	120.00
Illinois	75.00
Kentucky	60.00
Michigan	120.00
Mississippi	60.00
Missouri	210.00
N. Carolina	420.00
Ohio	30.00
Oklahoma	240.00
S. Carolina	270.00
Tennessee	270.00

Texas	135.00
Virginia	30.00
W. Virginia	30.00

These suggested amounts are based on the membership reported by each state in July, 1952. They may be paid in one sum, or divided into three payments (November 1, December 1, and January 1). However it is done, please be sure that your payment is in the hands of the W.N.A.C. treasurer not one day later than is suggested. Every dollar of this money means that much advance. Enlargement of progress for worshipful music to meet the demands of growth which would have not been possible, were advanced for immediate action at the F.W.B. Bible College.

W.N.A.C. has no tricks by which these remaining payments can be made. Your executive committee believes all that the 400 or more Woman's Auxiliary organizations need now is to know their proportional share of this gift, and the date it is due, then as always in the past, these W.N.A.C. "laborers together with God" will enable their treasurer to pay their accepted and authorized obligation.

If we find it difficult to give, begin to thank God for His gifts, naming them one by one, and then let us give to match our thanks. W.N.A.C. must count on each local auxiliary to do something extra special.

Christian education at the F.W.B. Bible College advances in the offerings made by Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary members on November 1 and on December 1 and on January 1.

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches...and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." —Phil. 4:19 and Col. 3:17.

—Contributed

President L. C. Johnson writes: "It (the organ) is a wonderful piece of equipment. We have used it constantly since getting it in preparing Gospel broadcasts for the radio commission. ...I wish to thank all members of the W.N.A.C."

The W.N.A.C. now has a \$2,400.00 indebtedness which we must meet in three payments—on November 1, December 1, and January 1—\$800.00 to be paid each of these three months. (excerpt).

—Contributed

LIKES THE ORGAN!

Dear Mrs. Sloan:

Greetings from the school with the best Hammond Organ in the world!

You can not imagine how nice it is to have such a wonderful instrument on which to teach, practice, and play for the service of the Lord. The attitude of the students in worship has improved so very much now that we have the rich tones of the organ calling them to prayer and meditation before the service. I want to thank you personally as well as the organization which you represent for the work you have done and are doing for the music here at the college.

My mother tells me, having just been elected state president, that the money for the auxiliaries in Tennessee is coming in wonderfully. She says that many of the auxiliaries have already raised their entire quota and are standing by to help some more if needed. One group of women got their share by giving the money they received from all the eggs their hens laid on Sunday.

Yours truly,

Benjamin Smith

(The above are parts of a letter which I received from Benjamin Smith in the music department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Mrs. H. B. Sloan.)

—Contributed

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday, October 1, with Dora Sponsler. There were nine members and several children present. The work for the day was piecing quilt blocks.

After a co-operative dinner the president led the devotional period by singing, "Christ for the World We Sing." A number of sentence prayers were closed with singing, "Into My Heart." The devotional comments were given by Dora Sponsler. Our lesson, "The Hour Is Come...for Wholehearted Religion," was studied with topics given by Maizie Sevits, Emma Van Laningham, Alberta Lee, Lola Fikins and Oletha Parsons.

A card from the Children's Home was read thanking the Auxiliary for the box of dresses, scarfs, potholders and aprons sent to them. We decided to make more sheets for the Children's Home in the near future.

One hundred eighty nine Bible chapters read, 35 sick calls made, and eight cards sent out were reported. A Co-Laborer Fund offering of \$1.60 was received. Dismissed with prayer by Dora Sponsler.

—Reporter

REFINISH SEATS; SET UP PERSONAL SERVICE GROUPS

On Wednesday of each week for the past five weeks the Monett (Missouri) Auxiliary has met at the church and has recovered the seats. This work was finished last Wednesday.

The regular business and devotional session was held in the afternoon, with a lesson from our Year Book, "Glorifying Christ Through Complete Obedience," led by Mrs. Lyle Roller.

In the business it was decided to divide the Auxiliary into three groups for personal service, having a leader for each group. Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Mrs. Nolan Thomas and Mrs. Cecil Campbell were appointed leaders. Any one in the group can make suggestions to their leader, and in this way we hope to boost our personal service record upward.

—Reporter

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Missouri

Greetings to our many friends:

We are glad to come in again and report our Auxiliary work.

Our women met at the church October for our all day service. There were 14 members and seven visitors

present. The theme of our program was "Harvest Time," and truly, as we look on the fields today, they are ready for harvest. All present received a real blessing from the study of God's word. Sister Agnes Smith is our good president for which we are thankful. At the noon hour a lovely lunch was served and a good fellowship enjoyed by all.

God is so good and we do thank Him from whom all blessings flow. Pray for us that we will stay humble in His service.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, Cor. Sec'y.

AUXILIARY REPORT OF FREDERICKTOWN

The Fredericktown ladies held their night meeting at the church on October 7. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Margie Hahn. Song by the group, "Since the Fullness of the Lord Came In." Prayer by Sis. Lula Freeland. Scripture reading by the president. Song by group, "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Topics were given by four Auxiliary officers. The lesson was really good. Good talks were made by all. A short playlet was presented at the close of the meeting by ten Auxiliary ladies. There were 29 members and 10 visitors present.

The next day-meeting will be at the church.

We do thank God for our Woman's Auxiliary. We really feel it is a blessing to our church.

Sis. Blanche Pogue, Sec'y.

F.W.B. HOME MISSION WORK IN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

Our aim is that everyone, both rich and poor, may have the gospel preached to them; to see that the poor and the sick are cared for, and that every one may have a chance to use the talent God has given them.

We are asking for 100 Junior Home Missionaries in our Northeast Oklahoma Association. Some can preach, some sing, some take care of the sick, some help the poor, and some can help build church houses when we need them.

Mission workers should not only preach and testify in their churches

but they should also go out and seek the lost as Jesus and the Apostles d.d.

Many have been reached by personal work that would not have been saved any other way.

Nellie Clark only lived about one year after she was saved, but she led more than 100 to accept the Saviour that had saved her.

Praying that God will bless the Mission Workers every where, I am your servant and co-worker.

Rev. A. B. Talbert
119 South Florence
Claremore, Okla.

TWIN BALLOTS

ALONG in November, when chill was the weather,

Two ballots were cast in a box together. You couldn't tell one from the other— They nestled up close, like brother to brother.

THEY were both rum votes, And sanctioned the license plan: One was cast by a cunning old brewer, And one by a Sunday School man.

THE Sunday School man—no one could be truer— Kept busy all summer denouncing the brewer; But his fervor cooled off with the change of the weather, And late in the autumn they voted together.

THE Sunday School man had always been noted For fighting saloons—except when he voted, He piled up his prayers with a holy perfection, Then knocked them all down on the day of election.

THE cunning old brewer was cheerful and mellow; Said he, "I admire that Sunday School fellow: He's true to his church, to his party he's truer, He talks for the Lord, but he votes for the brewer."

Mrs. Bernice Lawson,
Green Castle, Missouri

Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

Love's labor is never lost!



From The Editor's Desk



THANKSGIVING -

"O Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people." PSALM 105:1.

In a few days we will observe the time set apart annually as a Day of Thanksgiving. The day was designed exactly for that purpose. All who have had elementary instruction in history probably enjoyed the account of the inception of this day as much as any other event or adventure recorded. Memory probably recalls the fundamental purposes of the event rather easily. Its importance usually stamps itself well in the receptive mind of the young scholar, and thus is easily and pleasantly remembered. However, most of us now realize that we have largely departed from the ideas implied by the special Day of Thanksgiving, and have freely substituted form and frivolity for the genuine.

Look again at the text of scripture. "O give thanks unto the Lord;..." The statement of the Psalmist opens with a ringing impact revealing the anguish of his soul because the people of his day probably were neglecting to give thanks, and that to the Lord.

Have you noticed how refined our society of today is making us? We do not hesitate to profusely offer thanks to those who in any way befriended us or show courtesy to us. Correct etiquette demands it of us. It is seldom out of place. To omit it brands us as of ill breeding and lacking in training. We would not fail to express thanks promptly for a kind act or word. We appreciate what we have received at the hand of friends and wish to express it. Yet the greatest Friend we shall ever have is either completely left out or is inexcusably neglected, especially when it comes to saying simply "Thank

you" to God. How much better it would be to be branded in society as untrained or rude or uncouth, and instead have the testimony that we are pleasing God. Fortunately in most instances you will find that after thanking God you will still be able to offer sincere thanks for kindness received at the hand of man. Mark this opening statement of the Psalmist well. Especially at this Thanksgiving Day let us be still before the Lord and really offer our thanks—genuine thanks—to Him who has given us all things.

Next we read in the statement to "Call upon his name;..." This is not a parenthetical statement to the first. It is equally important with it. Some of us perhaps often try to justify ourselves as being thankful by merely bragging to others just how good God has been to us and how thoroughly we have basked in His blessings, though never actually giving adequate time and attention to the actual giving of thanks to God personally. He is a personal God! Why not treat Him as such. Those who worship Shinto can not call upon their god and expect to be answered. They best assure themselves by bragging man to man of what they have supposedly experienced. Their god cannot be personal: it is merely and idol god. Why not really call upon God, visit with Him, thank Him for past blessings, and ask His blessings for the yet unknown future.

Let us also think of another reason to "call upon his name." Perhaps you have prayed, "Lord, yesterday's blessings are not sufficient for today. Bless us with our needs today." If so, I trust that you actually meant what you were saying to the Lord. Too often the statement is made to fill in words, while the petitioner actually feels pretty secure in what has come into his possession by reason of yes-

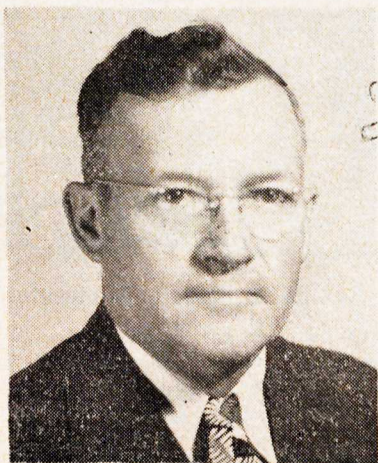
terday's blessings. Perhaps yesterday he stored canned goods, vegetables, fruits and meats in his storehouse and actually expects to eat of it today and for many tomorrows. He feels there is no sense for him to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Does he not have plenty? Some people are learning different about possessions in this troublesome time. In the space of a few minutes fire, flood, earthquake, insect or pestilence removes their substance and their security. We need to call upon His name daily and ask Him to preserve these things and sanctify us this day's portion. The same is true with physical blessings: yesterday's health may be in today's grave. Spiritually it is even more important. Yesterday's strength in God might be replaced by today's weakness of the flesh and by tomorrows committal into everlasting punishment. Call upon His name for your daily needs in spiritual fellowship with the Lord. Many an inheritance has been lost because the one for whom the inheritance was intended neglected to communicate regularly with the one leaving the legacy, and the grantor could no longer assume there was any desire, need, appreciation or thanks, because no petition or communication had been personally received.

The last statement, "Make known his deeds among the people," is also equally important with the others. It points to personal service for those who have met the previous requirements—calling on His name and offering thanks to Him. It is our privilege and our duty to tell lost men everywhere of the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from our sin, no matter how dark they are. We need to tell them of the love of God, of the plan of salvation, of the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, of a heaven to gain

and a hell to shun, of eternity, and all the doctrines of the Bible of God. We need to tell the people of God's marvelous power and all His deeds. By communication with God while calling on His name, we can offer to Him our real and heartfelt thanks: in service, we can further express our real thanks by sharing with others the deeds of God in the lives of men. If by way of inventory of our lives, we discover that we have fallen short in our giving of thanks, may we use this Thanksgiving Day in getting back to where we belong before God; back to where the Psalmist points us in the text.

THE NEW VERSION?

In as much as the Revised Version of the Bible is being advertised and lavishly praised by many, I would like for those who read this to do some thinking; then decide for yourself about it.



Rev. O. T. Allred

First: Why were only those gathered in some 3,000 communities asked to indorse this revised edition of the Bible, and them without first being given an opportunity to thoroughly examine its contents?

Second: Why was there not one single conservative fundamental scholar included on the committee that prepared the text for this edition or revision?

Third: Why does the National Council of Churches have a copyright on this revision, when the King James version is copyrighted by no one and belongs to the entire Christian church?

DR. AND MRS. CLARENCE BENSON



With group of students and workers. Dr. Benson's visit to the school was enjoyed by everyone.

Let us now look at a few quotations: thine is the kingdom, and the power, In Isaiah 7:14 the prophet declares, and the glory, for ever. Amen." is "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The new Bible omits the word "virgin" and inserts the words "a young woman" when all other translations—the Septuagint, the King James Version, the English Revised Version, and the American Standard Version—all keep the word virgin in its rightful place.

It is said that in many rallies organized by the National Council of Churches, Jewish Rabbis were present and in at least one instance took part in publicly praising this Revised Version.

Such men as Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick—who are said to have declared that they do not believe in the Virgin Birth or the substitutional doctrine of atonement—have lavished their praise in glowing terms upon this new Bible.

In Col. 1:14 the King James Version says, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." The new Bible omits the words, "through his blood."

In Matt. 27:54 the words "the Son of God" has been changed to read "a son of God." The same is noticed in Rev. 1:13, "the Son" to "a son." In both of these passages the word "son" is not capitalized in the Revised Version, while we understand according to the English language all words that refer to deity must begin or be spelled with a capital letter.

As for your unworthy, I would like to express my views on this by referring to a line of an old hymn, "Don't change it, just leave it alone. Each word and each line tells of goodness divine. Don't change it, just leave it alone."

Rev. O. T. Allred,
Missouri State Moderator

Note: Watch for future articles on this controversial translation. Editor.

THE PREACHER'S VACATION

The old man went to meetin',
For the day was bright and fair,
Though his step was slow and totterin',
And 'twas hard to travel there.
But he hungered for the gospel,
So he trudged the weary way,
On the road so hot and dusty,
'Neath the sun's hot burning ray.

By and by he reached the building,
To his soul a holy place,
Then he paused and wiped the sweat
From off his weary face.
But he looked around bewildered,
For the old bell did not toll,
And the doors were shut and bolted,
And he did not see a soul.

So he leaned upon his pilgrim staff
And said, "What does it mean?"
And he looked this and that way,
Till it seemed to him a dream.
He had walked the dusty highway,
And he breathed a heavy sigh,
Just to go once more to meetin',
Ere the summons came to die.

Soon he saw a little notice,
Tacked upon the meetin' house door,
So he limped along to read it,
And he read it o'er and o'er.
Then he wiped his dusty glasses,
And he read it o'er again,
Till his lips began to tremble,
And his eyes went full of pain.

As the old man read the notice,
How it made his spirit burn!
"Pastor absent on vacation—
Church is closed till his return."
Then he staggered slowly backward,
And set him down to think.
For his soul was stirred within him,
Till he thought his heart would break.

So he moved along and wondered,
To himself soliloquized—
"I have lived till almost eighty,
And was never so surprised.
I have read the oddest notice,
Stuck upon the meetin' house door,
'Pastor absent on vacation—'
Never heard the like before.

"Why, when I first joined the meetin',
Very many years ago,
Preachers traveled on the circuit,
In the heat and through the snow.
If they got clothes and victuals,
'Twas but little cash they got;
They said nothing 'bout vacation,
But they were happy in their lot..

"Would the farmer leave his cattle,
Or the shepherd leave his sheep?
Who would give them care or shelter,
Or provide them food to eat?
So it strikes me very sing'lar,
When a man of holy hands
Thinks he needs to have a vacation,
And forsakes his tender lambs.

"Did St. Paul get such a notion?
Did a Wesley or a Knox?
Did they, in the heat of summer,
Turn from their needy flocks?
Did they shut up their meetin',
Just to go and lounge about?
Why, surely then, if they did,
Satan would raise a shout.

"Do the taverns close their doors,
Just to take a little rest?
Why, 'twould be the height of folly,
For their trade would be distressed.
Did you ever know it to happen,
Or hear anybody tell,
'Satan absent on vacation—
And closed the doors of hell'

"And shall preachers of the gospel
Pack their trunks and go away,
Leaving saints and dying sinners
To get along as best they may?
Are the souls of saints and sinners
Valued less than selling beer?
Or do preachers tire quicker
Than the rest of mortals here?

"Why it is, I cannot answer,
But my feelings they are stirred;
Here I've dragged my tottering foot-
steps
To hear the gospel word,
But the preacher is a travelin',
And the meetin' house is closed.
I confess it's very tryin'—
Hard to keep myself composed.

"Tell me, when I tread the valley
And go up the shinin' heights,
Will I hear the angels singing,
Will I see no gleamin' lights?
Will the golden harps be silent,
Will I meet no welcome there?
Why the thought is most distressin',
'Twould be more than I could bear.

"Tell me, when I reach the city,
Over on the other shore,
Will I find a little notice
Tacked upon the golden door,
Telling me 'mid dreadful silence,
'Jesus absent on vacation—
Heaven closed till His return?'"

The above article previously published in the Free Will Baptist Gem, in September, 1938, and called to our attention by Mrs. Bernice Lawson, Green Castle, Missouri. Thanks very much. Perhaps other readers remember outstanding articles published some time ago which would be good to reprint. If so, please let us know. We will do our best to fill the request.—Editor.

**REV. MORRIS SUGGESTS
MODERATOR'S CONFERENCE**

We have many things in our denomination for which we should be thankful—the progress we have made in every phase of our work, and the future still has many things in store for our denomination if we will take



Rev. E. E. Morris - Moderator

advantage of our opportunities now. Not only are they opportunities, but they are also responsibilities. Just a few of our people have actually been moving with the National Program. If all of our people ever respond, we can reach the millions who are our responsibility.

I have a plan that I believe will help to reach every man, woman, boy and girl of our denomination. I have found that when we get the real message of truth over to our people, they accept it; so here is the plan I have to offer.

A Moderator's Conference

I would like to have the State Moderators organize into a National Conference of Moderators, and I would like to have them meet and organize in April at the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. In turn, I would like for each state moderator to organize a State Moderators' Conference;

that is, the state moderator would call together all the district moderators and organize a state conference. Here is the way I believe it can be made to work. From the National Conference of State Moderators to District Moderators, who in turn will present the program to the pastors of his district or association. Then the pastors will present it to their respective churches. Now let us look at it from the church up. First, the church has some definite proposition or inquiry to make. It is taken to the pastor, the pastor takes it to the district moderator, the district moderator to the state moderator, and on up to the national conference. I feel that too much of our work is overlapping. This can be taken care of if we are well enough organized. Practically every business concern operates on this plan. For instance, in our college work, foreign missions, home missions, or any other phase of our work; if there is a program to present, there should be some individual to present it who could send it through the right channels until it reaches every man, woman, boy and girl of our denomination. We feel that the moderators of the state, in connection with the executive boards, would be the proper channels.

We hope this plan will be studied carefully, and then give us your personal view of it. We are asking for each state moderator to correspond with us about this matter; also talk to your district moderators about this plan, and write us at 2709 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City 8, Oklahoma. If you have something to offer, we would like to have an article in any of our denominational papers.

Yours in the service of the King,

Rev. E. E. Morris,
National Moderator

PASTOR DESIRES TO HEAR FROM THOSE EXPECTING TO ATTEND MISSIONS MEETING

Southside F.W.B. Church
Paintsville, Kentucky
November 1, 1952

Dear Board Members, State Directors
and Fellow Pastors:

I am sending this letter to remind you that I am expecting you to be with us, at our church, Tuesday, De-

cember 2 and Wednesday, December 3 for our semi-annual National Home Mission Board Meeting. There will be preaching services Monday night at 7:00. The services will begin each morning at 8:30, and there will be preaching at 11:00.

We will furnish room and board while you are with us. However, I must know within a few days if you are coming, and how many will be in your group. Also, what time you will expect to arrive, and by what means of transportation. Please send me a postal card at once.

Paintsville is located in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains on U.S. Highways 23 and 460. We are also served by the Greyhound Bus Lines and the C & O Railroad.

Your mail may be addressed to you at Box 567 while you are here. When you arrive in town call me at 703 or 784W. If no answer call 860.

I trust you can report that your state has raised her quota by the time we meet.

May I hear from you soon, this is most important.

Your host pastor,

Rev. Homer E. Willis

HOME MISSIONS

Three months have passed since our National Association, and I wonder if you have given any contribution for this great cause. Now the National Board surely appreciates what you gave last year. It was the best we have ever done for Home Missions, though only a few of our states went over their quota, but we trust that each state will go over their quota this year.

We hope to put an evangelist on the field next summer, with a large tent fully equipped, that we may establish new churches in cities and towns where they know nothing of the Free Will Baptist. We, your Board, are looking forward to the time when we will have churches in all 48 states. Now, of course, it will take the cooperation of our Denomination to do this.

If all our pastors would only preach Missions in their churches, I am sure we would get the cooperation necessary to go over the top with this program. It is very pathetic to travel over the

country and find so many towns and cities and no F.W.B. churches; and see all the other denominations with their churches about. May we look on this field that is white already unto harvest and do something about it. We have a state director in each state and I am sure they are ready to help the churches of their respective state to raise their quota for Home Missions.

I had a very pleasant visit with the Arkansas State Association, at Russellville, Arkansas, October 2, and I feel that we are going to have perfect cooperation with their State Home Mission Board and pastors of the state and I had assurance from them that they would over subscribe their quota.

I will be in Florida for an itinerary beginning October 21, and will visit quite a few churches, and then attend their State Association in Pensacola on October 31.

Now, Free Will Baptists, let us go with our Home Mission program this year. The Board is ready to go when you turn us loose so we can. Our Board, with all State Directors, will meet in Paintsville, Kentucky, December 2. We ask that every Free Will Baptist in America go to the Lord in prayer that day for this Board, for the responsibility is too great for us without God's help. We expect that to be the beginning of one of the greatest evangelistic campaigns for the salvation of the lost ever undertaken by our denomination.

Now, I am sure that each one of you wants to have a part in this great work. You may ask, "How can I have a part?" Well, you can pray, for there is power in prayer! Then if your church does not take an offering you can send an offering personally to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma, Treasurer of the Board (or to your own State Treasurer), who will send you a receipt for same.

You say, "I love the Free Will Baptists." Well, if you do, let's try to tell others about it through the National Home Mission Board. Let's go! Let's move! Let's expand! We have stood still long enough. May we go forward together to glorify our Father in heaven. God depends on you. What will you do about it? As Chairman of your National Home Mission Board, I have faith in you!

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chm.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS—THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

FROM CUBA



(Member James A. Evans not present when photo made.)

Dear Board Members and Directors:

I am writing you to remind you that the National Home Mission Board and all National State Directors will meet in their Semi-Annual National Home Mission Board meeting, at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in Paintsville, Kentucky, Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3.

The church there has made plans to entertain those that attend the Board Meeting. Bro. Homer E. Willis, pastor of the church, has requested that you write him when you will arrive, and by what means of transportation, and how many will be in your group.

This Board Meeting is very important, and the board is asking every one possible to be there for the meeting. There will also be worship services at the night and morning services. Services each evening at 7:00 o'clock and each morning at 11:00 o'clock. The business session starts each morning at 8:30.

The board is asking each one attending to bring your idea and plans to the Board Meeting on how we can have a greater National Home Mission work. With your help and cooperation this can be done.

The National Home Mission Board, with the help of the National State Directors, has helped to establish six new churches the past four months. However, the cry is coming in every

day for help in establishing new Free Will Baptist churches in towns and states that we do not have churches in.

Two new Home Mission Books are being written for study classes, one by Rev. Damon C. Dodd and the other by Rev. Willard C. Day.

Yours for freater missions,

Rev. H. E. Staires, Clerk
Oilton, Oklahoma

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to you, for I am sure a number of our Youth Camp workers are looking for an announcement of our camp program.

At the State Association in September, a program to build a tabernacle at the Youth Camp was presented as one of our greatest needs. The delegations responded wholeheartedly, and an offering of \$1,015.00 in pledges and cash was taken. A number of the pledges are paid in full at this writing. We have received to date cash on pledges \$223.57.

The Youth Camp Board will meet on November 11 to complete the plans to start work on the tabernacle immediately. We are making all arrangements for supplies that we can, and have every thing as near ready to start as



Carrying the Message to the people (in Cuba). The bus is a great advantage as you can see. Remember we have some ninety stations besides the school.

FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE

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is possible by the time of the Board meeting.

It seems to be the expression of every one that we build the tabernacle by donated help. Perhaps work days can be set and every one come and help (or send some one). It also was suggested that in the beginning of work (which will be shortly after the Board meeting) that all the pastors, ministers and any one else that would like to take part, come for a three day working period, with Bible study and fellowship at night. I think that would be a big boost to our ministry. We can't set the date, but I would like to suggest that as soon as you read this, please write me what you think of the idea so I will receive it by November 11. Then we will drop you a card of any date set.

Every thing is going fine here at the camp. We are getting every thing stored away for the winter, gathering flower bulbs, and mulching the flower beds.

Remember us when you pray,

Rev. Wm. Reeves



EFFIE MAE KAISER

Effie Mae Reeves Kaiser was born May 21, 1890 at Mine LaMotte, Missouri and died October 9, 1952 at her home in River Mines. She was 62 years, four months and 18 days of age at the time of her death.

She was the daughter of George and Catherine Smith Reeves. She was married to Henry F. Kaiser who preceded her in death on November 4, 1948. She was also preceded in death by three sons and three daughters who died in infancy. She is survived by three sons: Lindell of Elvins, Linus of Flat River, and Leeman of River Mines; three sisters: Mrs. Ida Davis of Mine La Motte, Mrs. C. B. Womack of Fredricktown, Mrs. Arthur Kennon of Desloge, and one brother, Johnny Reeves of Mine LaMotte. She also leaves eight grandchildren and many other relatives and friends who are saddened by her passing.

In her early life Mrs. Kaiser became a member of the Free Will Baptist Church and at the time of her death as a member of the First F.W.B.

Funeral services were held October 12 at the First F.W.B. Church of Flat River. Rev. Rolla Smith officiated.

MRS. R. G. BARKER

Johnnie Elzora Davis, daughter of Marion and Relga Ann (Salzer) Davis was born October 24, 1877. She passed away October 11, 1952 at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 20 days.

In November, 1906 she was united in marriage to Richard Gray Barker. Five children were born to this union. One son, Wayne, died in infancy.

She is survived by her companion, one daughter, Mrs. Maude Gaither of Paducah, Kentucky; one daughter, Mattie (Mrs. Earl Souden) of Flat River; three sons: Ray and Willie of Flat River, and Delmar of Desloge. She also leaves 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, one brother and one sister—Horace Daws and Mrs. Ollie Griggs, both of Benton, Kentucky.

She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at an early age and was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church at the time of her death.

The funeral services were conducted October 14 at the First F.W.B. Church of Flat River. Rev. Rolla Smith officiated.

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Ministers' Ordination Blanks .. .20
Deacons' Ordination Blanks20
12 Blanks (may be mixed)1.00

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TEXAS CHURCH HAS GOOD SERVICES; Q.M. DATES SET

Foard City, Texas
October 15, 1952

Dear Rev. Jeffreys:

I would like to send in a report from the Crowell Free Will Baptist Church of Crowell, Texas.

We have a good Sunday School and church attendance, with much interest shown in the Sunday School classes, and very inspirational messages delivered by our pastor, Rev. H. H. Has-ton.

We would also like to announce the quarterly meeting of the Northwest Brazos Association which convenes at Benjamin Free Will Baptist Church, Benjamin, Texas, Friday night, November the 29th.

Sincerely yours,

Pauline Wheeler, Cor. Sec'y.

NEVER BLAMED THE BOOZE

His constitution was run down,
At least, that's what he said;
His legs were swelled each morning
And he often had a swelled head,
He tackled beer, wine, and whiskey,
And if they didn't fuse,
He blamed it to dyspepsia—
But he never blamed the Booze.

He said he couldn't sleep at night,
And always had bad dreams,
He claimed he always laid awake
Till early sunlight beams;
He thought it was malaria,
Alas! 'twas but a ruse;
He blamed it on everything—
But he never blamed the Booze.

He took a bottle up to bed,
Drank whiskey, hot all night,
Drank cocktails in the morning,
But never could get right.
He shivered in the evening,
And always had the blues,
Until he took a bowl or two—
But he never blamed the Booze.

His joints were full of rheumatism,
His appetite was slack;
He had pains between the shoulders,
Chills ran down his back.
He suffered from insomnia,
At night he couldn't snooze,
He said it was the climate—
But he never blamed the Booze.

His liver needed scraping,
And his kidneys had the gout!
He swallowed lots of bitters,
Till at last he cleaned them out.
His legs were swelled with dropsy,
Till he had to cut his shoes;
He blamed it to the doctor—
But he never blamed the Booze.

Then he had the tremens,
And he tackled rats and snakes;
First he had the fever,
And then he had the shakes;
At last he had the funeral,
And his mourners had the blues;
The epitaph they carved for him was
"He never blamed the Booze."

—Selected

The above reprint from an early issue of the Gem, furnished by a reader. Ed.

Appreciate bargains? If so, you will like the Free Will Baptist Gem!

STATE TREASURERS REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER, 1952

MISSIONS FUND

Copper Mines	\$ 61.31
New Prospect S.S.	15.00
Niangua Q.M.	31.91
Jewel	12.39
Monett	30.34
Union F.W.B. Church	6.14
Aurora	8.16
Canterville	10.00
Old Bethel	20.61
Monett D.V.B.S.	3.27
Southside	80.00
Green Grove	45.87
Rock Chapel	46.47
Macedonia	38.29
Amity	31.00
Joplin F.W.B. Mission	4.00
Black Oak	15.40
Shibley's Point	38.00
Bethel	5.00
Flat River	64.10
New Harmony D.V.B.S.	15.31
C.W. Mo. Ministers' Conference	5.00
Mine LaMotte	4.14
C. A. Crocks, Worthington	15.00
Missouri State Association	41.63
Golden Oak	11.00
Wagoner	13.34
Golden Gate	15.70

Total 687.29

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND

Hickory Grove	\$ 23.48
Monett	45.00
Oak Grove	4.50
By Winford Davis	23.97
Mtn. Valley	26.27
No. 1	29.21
Wolf Creek	15.00
Copper Mines	14.45
Hannon	61.08
Hazel Creek Union	43.10
Hartville	22.10
Kansas City First	37.00
Buffalo	17.00
Southeast Mo. Association	431.44
(Wilfongs 150.00-Garcia 20.00)	
St. Louis 3rd (Marie Hanna) ..	105.00
Wagoner	15.67
C.W. Mo. Association	46.59
Independence	8.95
Delia Lay, Greentop	5.00
Merl's Chapel	25.00
Desloge	61.11
Fredericktown	50.00
Union Light S.S.	29.50

Total 1,139.52

STATE CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Flat River	\$ 352.52
Merl's Chapel	40.55
Myrtle	50.90
Monett	128.16
Sublette	21.94
Shibley's Point	7.60
Fredericktown	274.00
Monett W.A.	23.00
Mine LaMotte	4.97
Fredericktown - from State	
Entertainment	200.00
Wagoner	23.48
Total	1,127.12

BIBLE COLLEGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$ 34.48
St. Louis 3rd	30.00
C.W. Mo. Ministers' Conference	5.00
Indian Creek W.A. Convention	10.66
Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Kirksv'l.	10.00
Missouri State Association	83.25
Independence	15.50

Total 188.89

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Sunbeam S.S. Class	\$11.00
Hazel Creek Union	8.62
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Mrs. Delia Lay, Greentop	1.00
G. W. Sturdevant, Buffalo	5.00

Total 40.62

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND

Southside	\$30.00
Kansas City First	15.90
St. Louis 3rd	10.00
Flat River	8.90
Indian Creek Association	12.08

Total 75.98

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Fredericktown	\$ 51.00
St. Louis 3rd	41.87
Wagoner	18.46
Indian Creek Association	12.08

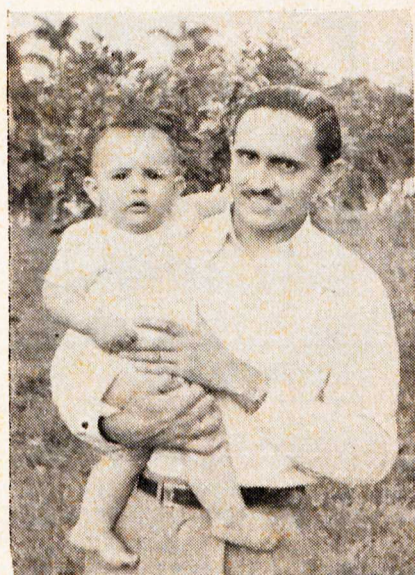
Total 123.41

STATE GENERAL EXPENSE FUND

Aulsbury Chapel	\$10.00
N.E. Missouri Association	8.38
Laclede County Association	5.00
Indian Creek Association	23.25
C.W. Mo. Association	13.43
Liberty Association	10.00
N.W. Mo. & N.E. Kan. Assoc'n ..	5.00
Harmony Association	10.00

Total 85.06

FROM CUBA



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LIKE FATHER—LIKE SON

SUPERANNUATION FUND

St. Louis 3rd\$14.65

CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Hazel Creek Union W.A.\$13.68
Golden Gate 1.00

Total 14.68

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines\$3.00

YOUTH CAMP FUND

Shibley's Point\$ 10.00
St. Louis 3rd 30.70
Wagoner 5.28
C.W. Mo. 5th Sunday Meeting .. 32.30
C.W. Mo. Ministers' Conference .. 5.00
Southside 10.00
Missouri State Association 41.62

Total 134.90

STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Total Amount of Receipts ...\$1,073.23

Grand Total of Receipts on All
Funds\$4,708.35

Submitted by

Marie Hyatt
Clerk - Treasurer