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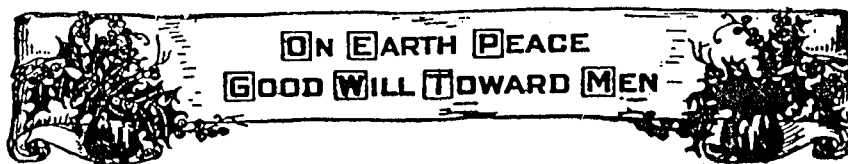
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Peace of Heart!

By H. A. Ironside

Is "Peace on earth, good will toward men" a sham, or is it the key to the problems of our lives?

Is it possible, in a world of unrest and perplexity, to enjoy uninterrupted peace of heart and mind, no matter what the circumstances through which we are called to pass?

Many would at once reply in the negative. But God, who is Himself the God of peace and who is undisturbed by all the storms of this lower sphere, has declared in His holy Word that there is such a desirable state, to be entered into and enjoyed by the one who lives in obedience to His commands and fixes the mind upon Him. "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them" (or cause them to stumble) (Ps. 119: 165). "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3).

This is not just an unattainable ideal which is never to be fully reached in this world; for saints of God in all ages have borne testimony of the reality of an experience of freedom from all fear and anxiety as they have walked in hallowed fellowship with God, committing every detail of their lives to Him in the simplicity of childlike faith.

But there can be no true and lasting peace of heart and mind unless there is, first of all, peace of conscience in regard to the sin question. As long as there is a sense of guilt, of sin uncleansed, there will always be a measure of concern and anxiety. Therefore of all unsaved men it is written, "The way of peace have they not known" (Rom. 3:17).

In Isaiah 40 to 48, Jehovah looks upon all who go after false gods, and

gives His verdict in 48:22: "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." In chapters 49 to 57 Christ is presented as the sinner's only hope, and of all who turn from Him it is written, "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (57:21). No peace for anyone who puts any other object whatsoever in the place of God Himself! No peace for any who spurn the Redeemer God has provided!

Yet men are deluded, often, by a false peace. Mistaking the brass of self-deception for the gold of confidence in God, they persuade themselves that all is right, when in reality all is wrong. They cry, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 8:11). And they boast of peace and safety when judgement is about to fall upon them because of the sins which, they fondly hope, God is too good to remember, even though they reject the salvation He has provided in Christ (I Thess. 5:3).

By closing their eyes to the dangers surrounding them, they try to make themselves believe such dangers are averted. Thus they go on deceiving themselves with the vain assurance that there is nothing to fear, and that all is well; while all the time they are exposed to the righteous judgment of God because of unforgiven sin and failure to turn to Him in repentance.

Can We Really Know the Way?

The way of peace is so plainly marked in God's Word that "the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Isa. 35:8). The reason many of us miss it is because we fail to accept and obey the instruction given, and then we insist on endeavoring to find a way out of our own whereby we may reach this greatly desired end.

But when, at long last, saddened and disillusioned as to our own ability to make our peace with God by self-effort turn to Christ alone, we find that He is

our peace. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God and rejoice in assured salvation, as we realize that we stand before God freed from every charge that one was against us.

*"A mind at perfect peace with God,
Oh, what a word is this!
A sinner reconciled by blood,
This, this, indeed, is peace."*

Until we know the blessedness of this peace of conscience we can never enjoy peace of heart as we pass through this world of strife and unrest.

Yet many fail to enter into and enjoy peace with God because, according to their way of thinking, the plan of salvation as set forth in the Scriptures appears to be altogether too simple. Refusing to rest upon what God has declared, they go about endeavoring to find some way whereby they may propitiate divine justice and earn their own deliverance from the punishment their sins deserve.

It is a remarkable fact that men who dare not rest on the Word of Him who cannot lie, will nevertheless put confidence in the dicta of some church or system of religion. By obedience to some man-made regulations or acceptance of some uninspired tradition, they seek to rest upon that which will leave them at last without hope or assurance as they go out into eternity to meet the God they have sinned against.

To these, salvation by grace alone, through faith in Christ, who gave Himself to redeem us from all iniquity, seems far too easy a way. Imagining they must add something to the finished work of Calvary in order to secure their salvation, they try first one thing and then another, vainly hoping to do for themselves what Christ has done already.

An old writer depicts such self-effort in the following verse:

*"I was waiting once for pardon,
I was hoping to be saved,*

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YOUNG TENNESSEE PASTOR HEADS GROWING CHURCH

Dear Gem Readers:

Now that five years have passed in the ministry of our pastor, I have been pondering in my mind what the new church year is going to mean to me and the other members of the First Free Will Baptist Church, of Erwin, Tennessee. There has been so many blessings bestowed upon us for the past five years, I want to list some of them for you. These material and spiritual blessings are too numerous to include here but here is a story that includes a few of the many, many things we have to be thankful for.

For some time our church had been without a pastor. On Sunday, August 3, 1947 a small group of people met at the church as a flock without a shepherd. They realized that as in the days of old God calls leaders to lead His people. These people all seemed to be in one mind and of one accord. They saw the real need of a leader, and asked the Lord to send the leader He wanted them to have.

The Lord undertook for us in a mighty way. On October 5, 1947 under the leadership of the Lord, Rev. Orville P. Stokes came and took up his work as pastor, praying, visiting and working among his people. The first year was a hard one for the young minister trying to get the people that had become discouraged, careless and unconcerned back into the church. He has used as his motto these five years "Christ first, others next, and himself last." He has sought Divine leadership in our undertakings and under that leadership we have labored together with God.

For his labor he has seen a number of souls saved. One hundred ninety six have been added to the church and a large indebtedness has been paid. Six new class rooms have been made in the basement. The Sunday School has been organized into departments and training of teachers and officers has resulted in an increase from 6 to 22 classes. The Sunday School attendance average has gone from 103 to 233. The Woman's Auxiliaries reorganized with four circles instead of two. We had our first Daily Vacation Bible School under his ministry. This year we had a youth revival, it was considered the greatest spiritual achievement of the year.

Our pastor saw the need of a graded Sunday School. At the time he started grading, he only had seven officers and teachers. He asked the Lord to give him more workers. We now have 30 officers and teachers. He still sees the need of going further in the grading since it has proved such a blessing to our Sunday School. Due to the growth of our Sunday School, the problem was that of having room. The Lord then gave our pastor a vision of a Sunday



Rev. Orville P. Stokes

School Annex. The burden became heavier and heavier upon his heart. For some time he did not tell of his vision. After much meditation and prayer he told the official board of the church. They prayed with him about this matter for awhile. Then on a business meeting night, December 6, 1950, they told his dream to the church and asked for a vote. Realizing this was a large undertaking but remembering the promises, "My presence shall go with thee," "Fear not, I am with you" and "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" he then reminded us of the past in the many ways we had been blessed beyond human expectations. He reminds us often that the hard things we have had to face in the past and will have to face in the future is the means of drawing us nearer to the Lord.

Not all the way through the five years ministry with us has been easy. He tells us the Lord knows best because

"All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Under the supervision of Bro. Cecil Horne, a young convert under his ministry, and a building committee elected by the church, the Sunday School annex is nearing completion. We have a door of great opportunity opened to us to evangelize, educate, serve and lift up our youth to God in worship. As we have opportunity, let us launch out on the promise of God asking Him for His guidance. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8. We feel that our pastor has been a blessing to our church. We appreciate his untiring efforts that have proven a blessing to our church and community. Pray with us that God's blessings and guidance be upon him in the coming years and in his work for the glory of God.

—Contributed

QUOTING FROM NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE

October 7, 1952

Dear Co-laborers:

The memories of the Missionary Conference still linger in our hearts. It was a blessed experience. Rev. Mark Lewis, chairman of the board, presided over the meeting and did a splendid job. Each speaker gave his message in tones of love, yet challenging to our hearts. The commissioning service on Wednesday night was a history making event. Dr. L. C. Johnson's message was certainly of the Lord as he spoke from his warm heart to the outgoing missionaries. He spoke not only as a preacher, but there was also a parental note in his message, as he remembered the candidates in the class room and now enroute to India. Extra chairs were brought into the College Auditorium and the entire crowd felt the touch of the Lord. Charge was given by your unworthy and prayers were offered by Rev. Henry Melvin and Rev. Paul Woolsey. The right hand of fellowship was extended the new missionaries, thus pledging our support in every way.

The final message of the conference was delivered on Thursday morning by Rev. Damon C. Dodd followed by a consecration service in which a num-

ber of young people yielded to the Lord for full time Christian service. Never have I seen the "waters more troubled." More than twenty students are now preparing for foreign mission service and we must stand behind them with our support as well as those who are now on the field.

We left the conference with a keen sense of our tremendous responsibility. We are depending upon your prayers. Bro. and Sis. Carlisle Hanna are to sail for India on October 17 (Note: sailed as scheduled). Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery are waiting for their visas to come through and then they too will be on their way to the regions beyond.

November 4, 1952

Dear Friends:

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; while the things which are not seen are eternal." II Cor. 4:18.

Following is excerpts from a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna written October 20 on the high seas.

"This finds us on the high seas having a very good trip. Sheila is doing wonderful. She has not been sick or irritable for which we are thankful. The Lord has been especially near and dear to us in these days. It is something that can't be put into words. There are three other missionary couples and two single missionaries aboard. Yesterday morning we had a good worship service. Rev. Rather, missionary returning to his native Germany, brought the message from Matthew 6:33. Rev. Tabos, missionary to Africa, and Carlisle also had part of the service. Most of the passengers seem to be soldiers wives and children going to England, France, and Germany. Some are war brides returning to Europe to visit their families. Pray for us and let us hear from you.

"Love in Him,

Carlisle, Marie and Sheila

"Proverbs 3:5, 6.

"P.S. We met Mrs. Johnston, a Pentecostal missionary to Egypt who is the daughter of a Free Will Baptist preacher in California. His name is L. C. Florence of Delano, California. She also knows Brother Melvin Bingham."

As yet no word has been received regarding visas for Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery. Pray with us that soon they too may carry their portion to "regions beyond."

Miss Bessie Yeley has returned to Cuba but still needs our prayers to maintain her strength.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Raymond Riggs,

Promotional Secy-Treas.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH GROWING IN THEIR NEW LOCATION

South Side Church
3142 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Missouri

November 6, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

We are thankful that we may once again report on the events of our church.

Our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, has just returned from a revival at the Hickory Grove Church near Kansas City, of which Rev. Marie Hyatt is pastor. He has reported victory over sin and Satan by witnessing 14 souls accept Christ and join the church. Certainly we are proud that we are affiliated with such a wonderful group of people and their church, who are working and growing for the Lord.

As some of you may know, we have also just ended a revival meeting on the 17th of October. We are thanking God for the 10 souls that were saved and for those who joined the church. We, as Christians, must now pray for all of these new converts that they will grow stronger in the Lord's work and be soul-winners for Him.

We are thankful for the 345 in Sunday School for our first Rally Day in our new building. We are praying and working that we may have that many in Sunday School every Sunday. Last month in Sunday School we had an average of 140 each Sunday. We are praising God that our Sunday School is growing. Pray with us that it may continue to grow for the Lord.

The League of the church had a record attendance on October 12 with 145 being present. Although this is not the usual attendance, we are working and praying that we may soon see this number out every Sunday night.

The Ladies' Aid has reorganized into an Auxilliary. As an Aid, the women

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helped in a great many projects, and they plan to do even more as an Auxilliary. We are very proud of these Christian women who want to work for the church and for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

The church, as a whole, has progressed; we are praying that God is pleased with our efforts, no matter how small they may be, and will continue to bless us in His work.

Your Sister in Christ,

J. Whittington, Correspondent

Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor

QUARTERLY LEAGUE RALLY TO CONVENE AT MT. PISGAH

Cabool, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

We would like to make a report of the Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church of the Mission Association. The Lord has been good to us and we thank Him for it.

Rev. Homer Smith of Mountain Grove is our pastor. This is the fourth year he has been with us. We are thankful for our pastor and his good wife who have been a great help to our church.

We do not have a large church. Our attendance is usually between 50 and 60. There is a large group of children and young people of which we are very proud. Pray for us that we may help our young people to always let Christ reign in their lives. We have a good League of three classes. The Texas County League Rally will meet with our church the Second Sunday in December. The children and young people enjoy these Quarterly League Rallies and take part in the programs.

We have a good prayer meeting each Wednesday night. There are not many who attend, but we receive a blessing each time we meet.

The Mt. Pisgah Ladies' Aid has been a blessing to our church and the community. It was organized in 1942 and at present we have 26 members.

Pray for us that we may stay humble and where God can use us to His glory.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Lloyd Walls, Reporter

NEWEST MISSIONARY FAMILY ARRIVE SAFELY IN INDIA; CALVERYS NEXT; SENIOR MISSIONARIES ENCOURAGED

"Westfield"

Kotagiri, S. India
November 25, 1952

Dear Friends:

As I write "Dear Friends," it almost seems I ought to use a more intimate salutation to folks who share so much in our work. But when I look around for a better word I recall that our Lord said to His disciples, "I have called you friends." The reason was that they were one with Him and inseparable in His ministry. The highest tribute He could pay them was to call them His friends. This gives us a new conception of friendship, and it is heartening to know that the order of Friends of Jesus still exists in the person of you who faithfully pray and give and in many other ways keep our cause and His in your hearts and before His Throne. Daily as we go about our work, in the schoolroom, in the villages, in a Bible class, in Sunday School, church or prayer meeting, or at the desk where details of finances, or Mission and Government and other relationships are worked out, we think of you and thank God for your friendship and fellowship and all the succor it means to us here. Whether you are east or west, north or south, in the hustle-bustle of the city, or shouldering the quieter burdens and blessings of rural communities, your names and your work are often mentioned here and gratitude expressed among us for all you are doing there to keep us on the battlefield and to give us whatever comforts and conveniences we have. Your gifts in whatever form they have come have been deeply appreciated and your names are called in prayer for blessing and reward. I trust the Lord will give you grace (and imagination if necessary) to accept this word as personal to each of you, as much so as if the postman had brought it to your door first class air mail cover direct from India! If any have not had an acknowledgement of gifts or parcels sent in the past, perhaps you will be good enough to write again and inquire. We have tried to acknowledge all, but many have slipped up here and there. A few letters and parcels are lost or long delayed in

transit now and then. If you have not heard, yours may have been one of the few, so please let us know.

As Christmas draws near we are flooded with grateful memories of gifts many of you sent last year to gladden hearts and in most cases to meet a real need. Whether you have sent anything this year or not, we are still thankful for your past remembrances and we believe you are giving us the yet more valuable gift of your prayers this year.

The Christmas season is saddened for us only by the works of the devil we see in our midst. We long to come to grips with God and unseen spiritual realities for the release of individuals now under Satan's power. Christopher, a young man of whom I've written before, is one of these. A few years ago he gave evidence of a glorious experience of salvation, living an exemplary life for some time. Then during my absence from India I had word of his backslidden condition and the report that he was engaged in devil-dancing. After my return he came in what appeared a genuine repentance and asked to be restored to fellowship. But after a while he gradually slipped back and now for some months has been manifestly in Satan's grip again. How the Enemy does try these souls! How loth to admit his defeat and loose his hold on them! The little crippled girl, Lakshmi, for whom you've often prayed, now seems to be under demon-possession also, with strange spells during which she goes somewhat out of her mind, sometimes exerting strength that is not human. On one occasion in a rage she grabbed the iron bars of the window (all windows in India are barred for safety) and shook them until all expected they would bend or come loose from their sockets. At these times she appears to undergo unspeakable torture of mind and soul. We do not believe it is God's will for the child to be tortured in this way at Satan's bidding. Are there those among our burden-bearers at home who can meet with us around our common Mercy Seat in the prayer of faith and expectation for the deliverance of these two precious souls from the clutches of the Evil One? If so, I am sure the

Christmas season will be richer for you, and surely for Christopher and Lakshmi. There is perfect cleansing and complete victory in the finished work of Calvary, the coming of the Son of God to earth in the flesh was to make this victory real to us in destroying the works of the devil.

Demon possession spoken of in the enlightenment of America seems a fantastic tale. We read of it in the Bible, yet it seems to belong to years long past. But a few years in India, lived in an atmosphere felt and understood but never properly told, removes all doubts and places demon possession in the realm of grim facts. I confess I feel helpless before such cases. Would that God might grant us power to cast out devils in the way the early disciples did.

But we have also our blessings. We give thanks for the safe arrival of the Hanna family in India, and for the fresh inspiration which their fervent spirits have injected us. We are thrilled to have a baby in our midst at last! Of course we have our Indian children especially Santham who has given us all a lot of happiness. But it is a special joy to have one of our very own. We praise God for answering prayer and causing the Indian government to send out notice that it has decided not to make any change in existing policy regarding entrance of missionaries into India. We are now looking forward to welcoming the Calverys soon also. These new recruits give us fresh courage and boldness to enter a New Year of service here where Satan's seat is.

We are grateful to God for the publication of Sunday School lesson books in the Tamil language. Those who have prayed with us for this need can now join us in thanksgiving. This literature this year has been a great boost to our work, and our local Sunday School and the outstation ones have taken on new life and depth through its use. The lessons follow the International Uniform Series but we are one year behind, so we can use the lesson cards and picture rolls and flannelgraph materials which you have already finished with. And as we have seven Sunday Schools, assist with two others, and are opening up several others in farther away villages as soon as sufficient help is available, we can use any number of duplicates. So if any Sunday Schools would pass on to

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us your picture materials for the year 1952 we could make good use of them and would be grateful.

We thank God that He has made it possible for us to give a cup of milk or a helping of other nourishing food to our school children daily for most of this year, and that we have observed excellent results in the general health of the children and in their school work. It has been our policy to provide this milk apart from our regular budget, as we believe the supply of it in answer to special prayer would mean more to all concerned. Quite a few gifts of money have come from within Ind.a, and the Red Cross gave us 100 pounds of cereal on one occasion. But the end of October our milk powder was exhausted and we had nothing else on hand. The children were sad when we told them we had nothing to give them, but they prayed daily in school that God would send more milk. Then came parcels from Georgia with milk powder included! The children

feel this is the nicest yet because it was an answer to their own prayers. But this supply will last another week only, as we use from 1 to 1½ pounds daily.

Besides insufficient food some children do not have clothing to wear to school. A few days back a teacher investigated some absentees and found two lovely girls in just that plight. I had told the teachers always to let me know if lack of food or clothing were found to be the real reason for any child's continued absence, so I scrapped up some pieces of print and sent to the girls. You would have been moved to see them yesterday as they waited around after the other children had drunk their milk and gone, these two refusing to leave without seeing me and saying thank you. So when I came out they in their new dresses and faces wreathed in smiles lifted folded hands to their foreheads and expressed hearty thanks for the clothes and happily ran away. They will wear

these all week, take them off and wash them on Saturday and put them on again, repeating the performance weekly until the clothes wear to strings. But this one outfit will keep them in school another few months. Sometimes so little means so much.

Now may we all here in India wish for you all a truly blessed Christmas and yet richer joy in the New Year. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!"

Yours in the boundless love of
Bethlehem and Calvary,

Laura B. Barnard

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**PAST AND PRESENT OF
PROGRESSIVE CHURCH**

The First Free Will Baptist Church (see picture on front cover) is located in Erwin, Tennessee, just outside the city limits. The present pastor is Rev. Orville P. Stokes of Johnson City Tennessee (see picture and story of present pastor elsewhere, this issue). The first pastor was Rev. Zeb Ledford, now deceased. He was pastor for 14 years.

The church has full time services. Every night except Saturday night there is something doing at the church. We have our mid-week services and then the rest of the time is divided among the different organizations for their meetings. We have four circle meetings: the Woman's Auxiliary, the Fannie Polston Circle, the Young People, and the Go-Tells.

Our present membership is 369. The average Sunday School attendance is 230. The average number in League is 108, and in the Auxiliaries is 52.

Our church in the beginning was a wooden structure. It was moved to a new location in 1938 and a rock church was built. This was later destroyed by fire. Our present building was started in 1941 and was completed in 1951. The indebtedness is removed.

—Contributed



From The Editor's Desk



The Revised Standard Version of the Bible-

After Hundreds of Years with the King James As the Standard A New Version Has Recently Been Released and Placed on Sale; Completely Different; Reaction Runs From Acclaim to Rejection

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 22:28 (The King James or Authorized versions of the Holy Bible).

Bible loving people everywhere are familiar enough with this scripture to recognize that it is a sermon within itself and not merely a text lifted from the context to become a pretext. It is one of Solomon's many wealthy proverbs, full of truth and admonition. The messages of Proverbs were not only for the hearers of Solomon's day but also for us and for those who will follow us in generations yet to come.

Legalists will point to the fact that it was a common practice in the day of Solomon to remove a set mark from which real estate was measured and marked, and place the landmark elsewhere so that by this evil method certain people would profit immeasurably in this world's wealth. In this they are right. The same would be regularly practiced today if more scientific means of identification were not diligently applied. But language of instruction recorded in the Bible about things material also always holds a key to rich spiritual truths. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16,17. With this in mind we now approach the new Revised Standard Version to discover for ourselves if there has been some "removing of ancient landmarks."

Every reader is by now familiar with the fact that there is a new version of our Holy Bible identified as the Revised Standard Version. Many have done some investigation and have already come to some definite conclusions about it. A few have procured a copy of it. Most have wisely reserved

a decision pending a better acquaintance with it. Some have accepted it without question or any investigation. Others have rejected it, also without investigation. Now, with a copy of this revision at hand, I would like to



ask your tolerance as I speak my mind on the revision, ask a few questions and give you a few of the reasons for my statements. I realize that not all will agree with me. In fact some may even resent what I have to say. Please remember that these opinions are not hasty ones. I could have said many of these and other things long ago, but have purposely refrained (to avoid impulse). My statements come after investigation, thought, prayer, and considerable elapsed time.

To keep you from guessing further of my convictions, I will summarize this treatise in the very beginning by saying that I feel it (the new Revised Standard Version) is one of the most treacherous hoaxes ever presented to or perpetrated against Christianity. I even feel justified to use more ghastly terms to describe it. However, this will let you know what the rest of this article will set forth and you can now choose if you do or do not wish to continue the article. Supposing that you would like to know at least a few reasons for such a view, I would like to present the following reasons and observations.

About the first thing is to analyze the colossal advertising program used to present this version to the public. I am not against any advertising program that glorifies God, presents the Christ, and recognizes the Holy Spirit, all in an effort to bring the good news of salvation to sinners everywhere, and for that main purpose only. Anything else commercializes the religion of salvation and smacks of hypocrisy. I have not yet discovered where the value of this great campaign was for the above purposes. Thousands of dollars were spent in the campaign and a great amount of literature was distributed. Now, the Free Will Baptist Gem is listed in a several places as suppliers of Christian needs, including listings in the official documents of the State of Missouri as regularly published and distributed. These are available to all industries, and were undoubtedly consulted in preparing mailing lists to whom the literature was sent. **WE HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ONE PIECE OF SUCH LITERATURE!** Why? Could the reason just happen to be that we are identified as an evangelical body of true believers in Christ adhering to the doctrine that Christ was the only begotten of God, that we are intending to stand on this truth, and that such a stand precluded our being of any value as a prospective customer or endorsee of this monstrosity? If so, then sending us literature would be a waste of money!

The same is true of our listing as publishers, with all the pertinent facts plainly stated. **WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE ANY SPACE OR RUN ANY ADS TO PRESENT THE REVISION TO THE GEM READERS.** Every secular newspaper and magazine all over the country was asked to contribute space and run advertising. How did they get in contact with these publications and fail to get a listing of our publication? Or if they did have our listing, why were we not asked to present this advertising to our readers? Further, in their campaign, they came to the City of

Monett, placed huge display advertising in many offices over town, and never called at our office at any time. Again, why? Being ignored in three ways would appear to be more than an accident. Can we not assume that one reason for the advertising was to effect a quick sale of the largest publication ever made prior to release of any advance copies for public inspection or for retail sale testing? Investors have spent huge sums. This was not in every instance a gift of charity. Do we not have the right to feel that huge profits were anticipated, and indeed have already been realized?

Now from method to motive. The only real reason that I have heard, or at least the reason most often given, is that the revision was made to correct several thousand errors. Just what errors is not defined clearly. It is implied in the Preface that the errors supposedly included grammatical errors, errors of punctuation and of word usage. It is amazing just how quickly and how conveniently such errors were discovered. Just 17 years ago while I was completing my formal education, my instructor in this department always referred to the Bible as the perfect piece of literature, and frequently used it as an illustration of perfectness. This same instructor is today teaching in a large college and I have no doubt is still of the same conviction of its literary perfectness. Her ability is widely recognized. Yet within two years of that time thousands of errors were discovered and have now supposedly been corrected. It all sounds confusing, to say the least. The King James or Authorized Version has never proven any barrier to a sinner being saved, or a Christian maintaining faith by it, or a saint departing from this life victoriously to be with Christ. Why then the necessity and the rush to correct these so-called errors? I do not know. I cannot find out! I do not think there is any logical answer. A shadow further clouds any reasonable motive for the translation in that the National Council of Churches (successors to the notorious FCC) has copyrighted the revision, and only those who can successfully contract with them may publish the book. It is staggering to think that anyone would have the nerve to copyright the Bible which was directed to all mankind by God whose finger moved on the hearts of righteous men

and caused them to record it. To date only one company publishes the revision. Some publishers of the King James or Authorized Versions copy-right their research references, comments, and arrangements, but not the text. The text is recognized as belonging to all and may be printed anywhere and by anybody. The translators and early publishers of it did not become rich men by it. They did their work for a common good.

Refraining from further investigation of both method and motive, we pass on the result—the finished product. This is what we should examine most carefully. Many people (generally unintentionally) assume that the end justifies the means. In such cases the above statements would mean little or nothing. Therefore, let us briefly examine the end—the book itself—for its worth.

I'm going to strike at the heart of the whole matter first. Then if this becomes too lengthy, I can stop at any point for the sake of space.

The vital matter that concerns us most is that in the new version the Christ of God has been un-Deified. Coupled with this man has been elevated. Methods and motives previously considered cast suspicion on this. The book bears it out. The revision committee (all liberals and modernists, some non-believers of Christ as the Messiah, some too friendly with Redism) reserved the personal and reverent pronoun THOU to be used only in reference to God, and substituted the much less reverent pronoun YOU to be used in reference to Christ. Thus it is plain that they did not accept Jesus as God in human form. Indeed, it is quite obvious that they wish to impress us otherwise, reverting to a Talmudic treatise of religion which presents Christ as an unwelcome child born by natural means, though out of wedlock—a bastard. Christians know better! So does the revision committee. However, Christ was once betrayed for merely 30 pieces of silver; this time for a larger purse.

The prophet Isaiah in 7:14 of his record looked into the future and said "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." This is given to us an accurate translation in the King James Version. Now in the Revised Version it is mutilated to read "The Lord him-

self will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Passing over the liberties taken in adjusting some of the words and the arrangement, we come to the vital fact that the word "virgin" has been changed to "young woman." I need not point out to you that there may be a vast difference in the two, and that the new revision does not hold to the prophecy that God will be the father of Christ. Adherents of this doctrine can no longer point to such a prophecy, nor will those opposed to the doctrine of Christ as being God-begotten be confronted with the fulfilling of any such prophecy, since to their satisfaction the prophecy no longer exists. To all intents and purposes the translation does away with there ever being any such event foretold or fulfilled. Was this an "error" that needed correcting?

In the accurate King James translation of Micah 5:2 we discover that the coming ruler of Israel, the Christ, was to be one "whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." Note the word everlasting, which confirms that Christ was pre-existent, reaching back into eternity—He it is who is without beginning or ending of days. This is confirmed in other accurately translated versions of the scriptures. Now examine the same verse in the new blasphemous book where a time is indicated for the beginning of Christ when it says "whose origin is from old, from ancient days." Thus an arbitrary date of beginning for the existence of Christ is established by the new translation. How absurd. Accidentally or intentionally they have struck to destroy the God-Son and establish Him as a mortal being by indicating that He did really have a beginning of days.

On and on go the discrepancies. Especially in the Old Testament are prophecies of the coming of Christ and of His Diety slanted, twisted, deleted, and misrepresented—all with the apparent object of un-Deifying Christ for some specific reason. Opponents and disbelievers of the Christ of God are rejoicing and widely acclaiming the revision. It satisfies them!

We might also point out that the new version continues to use the capital letter when recording the name of God and in the use of pronouns concerning God, while in the instance of the word Son to denote Christ, the

word is no longer capitalized. Again this simply confirms that the committee did not wish to recognize Christ as being on the same level of Deity with God. In another instance "the Son" becomes "a son."

Turning to the New Testament, we find the first eleven verses of the eighth chapter according to John have been left out. You are familiar with the story, and surely you do not think that the translators to the King James version merely created the account of the adulterous woman as a figment of the mind to fill up space or to entertain. Certainly not. The translation was accurate and authentic. Why then is it omitted in the new version? I don't really know. But I do know that a very beautiful and valuable bit of scripture is thus scheduled to pass from us. With it goes the fact that Christ has the power and right to forgive sins, and this according to His own statement. Also, it does away with the outright calling of adultery as sin. No longer can we point to this beautiful scripture to encourage and emphasize chastity. Lawdness is minimized. The barrier is gone. A compromise with the practices, patterns and ideologies of modernism, fascism, socialism, and communism has been effected to coincide with other compromises listed above. It is outrageous.

The concluding statement of Christ in His example of prayer, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." is also left out of the new translation. I leave it to you to reason on this omission. It will not be difficult to discover many reasons for it. I don't think you will appreciate the reasons.

I present this last thought for this time. That is that in the King James version it was discovered that in making translations, often the meaning was made more clear or the phrases were more smoothly connected when a word was inserted that was not a direct translation from the original. It was—and still is—impossible to translate both accurately and smoothly from the original manuscripts into modern language. The earlier translators were honest in this, and when additional words, expediently contributed by man—not written by God—were used, they were placed in italics. All Bible readers know this. You can drop these italicized words if you wish. The meaning of the passage is never

obscured by dropping the words. They were merely used as a convenience to the reader. It is no more possible to make a translation today without inserting these man contributed words than it was then. Yet, these modernists and liberalists, who have produced the Revised Standard Version, have had the nerve to leave all words in bold face. No italics are used! Thus they would say to you that this translation was produced exactly this way by the Lord, and that there are absolutely no errors in it or contributions of man added to it. They would have you believe that man has at long last been able to be absolutely perfect in his interpretation and his infallible ability has found a way to accurately translate from the original to the present day language without the necessity of an occasional insertion of a word to simplify the reading. What do you think? Actually the translation is stuffed full of man selected words and man made phrases.

In summary, I must make it clear that this treatise is my own. I have neither asked for nor have I received information or help from leaders or officials of the denomination. Someone must start. I have felt it my duty to do so. I do not make claims of perfection. Indeed, you will probably be able to find many errors in this very article. However, my convictions are as above stated. I am not able to state what the convictions of others are. I also make the following statement without any intent of threat or coercion. That is that I have often stated that I am a Christian first (because of the truth of the King James Version, I hasten to add), and a Free Will Baptist, first, last, and always. I expect to always be. That is, by the standards and doctrines I found when I first became acquainted with them long ago. As long as we continue in this same faith once delivered to the saints I do not expect to sever my connection with them. I love them. As long as the old landmarks remain that clearly identify my estate in heaven, I will remain a Free Will Baptist. If and when we throw away the King James or Authorized Version for this new monstrosity, we will then no longer by Free Will Baptists, and in such an event I will choose to remain as of now and will continue in faith confirmed by my old worn out, time-

tested Bible of truth, comfort and hope.

I wish that time and space would allow me to continue, for I enjoy trying to reveal to you just what is on my heart concerning this thing. There is much more that needs saying. I commit this to you for whatever it may be worth to you, and will love you always. I trust I have at least animated your thinking and inspired your own investigation of this matter. If so, I have not failed and I have no fear of your conclusions and your actions. I do not believe you will remove the ancient landmark by which we have successfully come this far and by which we can and will triumphantly gain heaven with the Christ of God.

—Editor

"PEACE OF HEART"—from page 3

*Waiting though my heart would harden
Hoping danger might be braved;
Till by God's own truth confounded,
I, a sinner, stood confessed;
Richly then His grace abounded,
Jesus gave me perfect rest.*

*"Tis not doing, 'tis not praying,
'Tis not weeping saves the soul;
God is now His grace displaying,
Jesus died to make thee whole.
Look to Him and life works follow,
Look to Him without delay;
Look to Him and ere tomorrow
Thou wilt weep and praise and pray."*

Until one rests in Christ alone for salvation, all self-efforts are but dead works, which can never avail to give peace with God. But when the anxious one looks away from self entirely and puts all His trust in the One whom God has raised from the dead to be a Prince and a Saviour, he enters into the peace that Jesus Himself made, when on the cross of chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him (Isa. 53:5).

Then indeed one ceases from his own works, when he learns that the work that saves was all completed when the blessed Son of God cried in triumph: "It is finished."

To attempt to add to a finished work is but to spoil it. Since God is satisfied to save sinners on the ground of what His Son has done, why should we not be satisfied with that which satisfies Him? Not until we realize the perfection of the work Jesus did, will our

peace be complete and undisturbed, so far as the question of the forgiveness of our sins is concerned.

Will the Peace of God Last?

Many there are who have learned thus to rest in the finished work of Christ, who are, nevertheless, fretted and disturbed by the trials of the way. They are filled with doubts and fears as they journey on through the wilderness of this world, not lest their souls should be lost at last, but lest they should be overwhelmed by the circumstances they have to face as they struggle against the trials and the difficulties that beset them on every hand.

What is needed now is to realize that the same God who has saved us is watching over us as a tender Father, and that nothing can touch us but what His love allows.

With the sin question settled for eternity, we are now called upon to cast every care on Him who careth for us, and who has said, "Cast (or roll) thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" (Ps. 55:22). It is a great moment in the soul's experience when the lesson is learned that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Once this precious truth is laid hold of in faith, we can give thanks always for all things (Eph. 5:20), assured that nothing can come to us but that which His love sees will be for our eventual blessing.

When trials press hard upon us and afflictions are sore, our resource is in prayer. We read: "Be careful, or anxious) for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6).

Peace with God was made by the blood of the cross (Col. 1:20). The peace of God is that rest of heart and mind which is the abiding portion of those who learn to receive everything as from a loving Father's hand, and who in times of stress and strain cease from worrying and instead take everything to God in believing prayer. He knows it all beforetime, but He delights to have His children come to Him in a trustful spirit and speak to Him of all that weighs upon their

hearts, in order that He may minister the comfort which He alone can give.

We sing, sometimes:

*"Take your burden to the Lord
And leave it there."*

This is all-important. It is useless to pray about our troubles and then go on worrying over them. We gain nothing by this.

But we enter into peace as we commit all to the Lord, and then leave it with Him to act for us according to His own infinite love and wisdom. When we do this, we will be able to understand what the psalmist meant when he sang: "Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child" (Ps. 131:2).

For the babe, the process of weaning is a hard experience. Deprived of its natural nourishment, the child frets and fumes and even refuses the new nutriment offered. But when actually weaned of its mother, there is no more restless rebellion against changed conditions. The little one settles down in peace and quietness to enjoy the food provided.

We are all prone to rebel against God's dealings with us, but so long as this is true of us we never know real peace of heart. When we bow in submission to the will of God, realizing that His way is always best, we are enabled to rest in a sense of His loving care and in the knowledge that He is ever concerned about our welfare.

In other words, we need to trust Him even when we cannot understand why He permits certain unpleasant things to come into our lives. Then we can sing:

*"O the peace my Saviour gives,
Peace I never knew before;
And the way has brighter grown,
Since I learned to trust Him more."*

Are We Denying Reality?

Many modern cults teach men to seek for peace by ignoring facts, by trying to persuade themselves that sin, sickness and even death itself are unreal, mere errors of mortal mind. By denying the reality of the trials they are called to face, they may become so self-deceived that they enjoy for a time a numbness of spirit, which they mistake for true peace, only to find, at last, that they have followed those who cry, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace."

It is a delusion to suppose that because I have become unconscious of certain conditions, they no longer exist. One under the influence of a strong opiate or powerful anesthetic may be quite unaware of a terrible disease gnawing away at his vitals, but the trouble remains unrelieved. One may fancy all is well with him morally or spiritually, because deceived by some false belief that acts in a similar way upon heart and mind; but it is only a false peace which will result in a sad awakening at last...

It is quite otherwise with those who, knowing God as Father, and Christ as Saviour, commit all their affairs to the Lord and rest upon His sure Word that He will never leave nor forsake them. Our peace will be perfect if we trust Him completely.

When our Lord was born into this world the angelic host proclaimed, "Peace on earth, good will to men." It was a fitting introduction for the Son given and the Child born who was to be called the Prince of Peace. Yet nearly two thousand years have elapsed since His advent and this world seems farther from peace than ever.

Tragic, indeed, have been the centuries since this glorious proclamation was heard by the simple shepherds of Bethlehem. What, then, has become of the promise and when, if ever, will it be fulfilled?

When Jesus sent out the seventy, He told them to salute the householders whom they visited by saying, "Peace be to this house." If the son of peace was there and they were welcomed as the King's messengers, peace would abide upon that home. But if the son of peace was not there and their greeting was spurned, the peace would return to them.

May we not say that this pictured what took place as to Christ Himself? He came unto His own with a greeting of peace. But the son of peace was not here when Jesus came. He was not made welcome, nor were men ready to listen to His message. By refusing Him they refused the peace He offered.

So, as He was about to go to the cross, we hear Him saying, "Think not that I am come to send peace... but a sword." And He predicted that until His second advent the world would be subject to wars and rumors of wars, nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom; on the earth

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WORK DATES SET TO BEGIN YOUTH CAMP TABERNACLE

This is a report of the Youth Camp Board meeting at the Youth Camp on November 11. Four members of the Board were present; Harvey E. Hill, William Reeves, Robert C. Hill, and O. T. Allred. Rolla Smith was unable to attend due to a funeral which he was to conduct in Northeast Missouri. Tentative plans were made for the next session. Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys was chosen as principal of teaching, Rev. Willard C. Day as the supervisor, and Rev. Mrs. Alta Mikel as registrar. The session will begin on Sunday night, June 21, and continue through Saturday noon, June 27. The other teachers and helpers will be selected later.

Work calling for our immediate attention includes the building of a new tabernacle. The Board made plans for the construction of such a tabernacle to be 60 feet in length and 40 feet in width. The cost of materials to erect the building as planned is estimated to be approximately \$1,000.00. At the last session of the State Association this amount was subscribed in cash and pledges. However, when all these pledges do come in it still doesn't provide anything for the actual construction or for seating.

Here is the Board's plans for the construction work. Bro. Reeves, the caretaker and our secretary-treasurer, is an experienced carpenter and has had the supervision of several of the buildings which we now have, will have the supervision of this construction. We are asking others to also donate time to help erect this building. A working has been set for December 11, 12, 13, or the last three days of the second week in December. We want this to especially be a preachers working. We want at least 25 preachers from anywhere in the state to come dressed in work clothes and with a mind to work. Accommodations can be furnished for sleeping at the camp. (It would be well for some to bring extra bed covers.) Food will be furnished for those who work. These should be days of profitable fellowship as well as being beneficial to the construction of the building.

We are aware that many of our people were not able to attend the State Association and have had no chance to make a contribution for this im-

provement, and that they will certainly want to help finance this worthy work. Therefore, if each church, Sunday School or League that has not given will do so, together with those who have given some but wish to make another offering, we should receive another \$500.00 to aid in buying materials for seats, wiring for electric lights, and a piano for the new building. We will need the present piano for classes to be held in the present dining hall. All this will be an easy task to accomplish if each of us, minister and church, will do our part.

We are counting on you,

Rev. O. T. Allred

AFTER THE HARVEST

When Jesus commissioned Peter, He asked him one question. It was so often repeated that it burned itself into Peter's soul: "Lovest thou me?" When the third time He inquired thus, in much distress Peter said, "Thou knowest that I love thee." John 21:17.

"Lovest thou me more than these?" may have meant these persons—James and John, or these boats and nets; more than pleasure or occupation: but without a doubt it called for a supreme place in Peter's affections.

For our purpose at this season we are suggesting that the question, "Lovest thou me more than these?" may have reference to the great ingathering which the disciples had just experienced. "Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, and hundred fifty and three; and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken." John 21:11. The fruits of their labor under the blessing and direction of their Lord had exceeded all expectations.

The piercing question may have therefore touched upon that which occupies our thoughts at this season: the harvest, the income, the fruits of labor, and the possessions of life. "Those only love Christ indeed that love Him better than all the delights of sense and all the profits of the world."

It was "after the harvest" that Jesus examined Peter's love and gave him a charge. The wearisome toil and the miraculous results were over. They had dined, and Jesus began His table-talk with Peter.

Does not this suggest that the Master questions each of us regarding our love for Him? Is He not concerned over our use of time, talents, and possessions? Has He not blessed us above measure? Are we not indebted to Him for health and strength, loved ones and home, harvest and possessions? Is it not true that "He sends the harvest's golden grain?" Together with the festivities of the season, the ingathering of another season's labor, and the grateful acknowledgment of God's blessings, the real test comes. In it all, do we love Him? If we say with Peter, "Yea, Lord," there will come a charge.

Jesus said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold." "Go ye therefore." It is of the other sheep that we are thinking in the annual Thanksgiving Offering. It is of the Christian task of world evangelism. It is of the extension of God's redemptive purpose in Christ by means of human messengers. It is the proclaiming of the Good News where it is news. It is the fulfillment of His charge.

Someone has defined missions as the impulse of the spirit of our religion, the genius and the very life of our faith. The Thanksgiving Offering for missions is therefore important. Missions must claim our attention. After God has blessed us with material possessions, we may prove our love to Him by using these to do His work in the earth.

Selected from "The Other Sheep"
Contributed by Rev. R. Riggs

HOLD SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

1330 Geyer
St. Louis, Missouri
November 21, 1952

Dear Editor:

Just a brief report from the Third Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. We closed a revival the last week in October which followed a week of prayer. We feel the church was blessed spiritually in these meetings. We did not have as many conversions as we had hoped for, but we do thank the Lord for those He gave us. Bro. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois, was the evangelist and did bring some soul-stirring messages, and we feel that even later we may see results of that good seed that was sown.

On Thursday evening, November 6, Disbursements:

Rev. Cecil Campbell visited our church and brought a good message from John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In the absence of our pastor, Rev. Benjamin Scott, who was conducting a revival near Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 9 Rev. Barker of Farmington, Missouri, was our guest speaker. The morning service was from I Samuel 10:20, "He hath hid himself among the stuff." The evening service was from Rev. 7:13, "Whence came they?" We did enjoy having these visiting brethren very much. If you are visiting or passing through our city, we welcome you to the little church on the corner with a big welcome. Pray for us.

Kitty Edmiston

OCTOBER FINANCE REPORT OF F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE

OCTOBER 31, 1952

By States:

Alabama	\$ 195.90
Arkansas	126.00
California	130.27
Florida	196.68
Georgia	510.14
Illinois	178.97
Kansas	22.00
Kentucky	130.35
Michigan	190.26
Mississippi	454.82
Missouri	1,106.66
New Mexico	30.00
North Carolina ..	1,931.76
Ohio	208.16
Oklahoma	575.68
South Carolina ..	285.00
Tennessee	1,300.88
Texas	1,165.29
Virginia	143.00
West Virginia	983.44

From all states	9,869.26
Refund to misc. exp. acct. ..	46.52
College Church	108.16
Book store sales	997.87
Sales tax collected	4.00
Miscellaneous income	3.00
Student accounts	2,503.35

Total

General Gifts

Building Fund

\$9,869.26

Salaries	\$ 3,681.58
Maintenance and repairs ...	1,594.18
School supplies	21.58
Groceries	1,949.23
Kitchen & household supplies	267.70
Library expense	11.75
Refunds to students who have withdrawn	326.27
Pd. on Richland Apartments	15,104.83
Soc Sec taxes-employee	17.02
Soc Sec taxes-employer	17.02
Income tax paid	344.20
Traveling expense	232.22
Telephone expense	119.07
Heat	217.83
Electricity	127.28
Laundry	8.39
Miscellaneous expense	44.72
Office expense	202.35
Practical work department ..	36.29
Board of Trustees expense ..	185.37
Sales tax	71.21
Promotional expense	887.94
Legal expense	231.15
Additions to fixed assets	757.65
Book store sales tax	6.30
Key deposits	3.00
Book store purchases	1,459.87
Book store general expense...	4.50

27,930.50

Less:

Social Security taxes \$ 19.51
Withholding taxes ... 233.00

252.51

Net Disbursements

"HERE AM I"

What Christian is there who is unfamiliar with the ready response of little Samuel, who said in answer to the Lord's call, "Here am I." And who of us live unchallenged by the eager assertion of Isaiah who cried from his inner soul feelings, "Here am I."

In every generation God speaks to every age. God speaks not only to the tender heart of a child and to the experienced and devout soul of the sage, but also to the worried business man who may easily become too much absorbed in the task of maintaining a home and social life.

It is God's delight to speak to responsive hearts. He speaks with a purpose that reaches beyond the immediate and surface reactions. Even in the rush of the twentieth century

God speaks. When man answers in the affirmative, results follow.

He hath spoken to Samuels and to Isaiahs all down through the ages, and He is speaking today. Many of our young people have heard His voice and they have said, "Here am I." As a result, some are on the foreign fields, expending their life in the Lord's service. Others are in preparation to go when He leads. They have turned their back upon good paying jobs, careers, popularity, and in some cases, their family, and have said "Here am I."

There still remains a challenging need for responsive hearts to heed the Call. This is especially true here at home where we see so much complacency and apparent unconcern.

The Call is going out—to pray, to yield, to consecrate, to separate, to give, and to go. A tidal wave of spirituality and many new souls for the Lord Jesus will result when we become willing to answer, "Here am I."

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Highland Park, Mich.

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION WORK

Our aim is that everyone, both rich and poor, may have the Gospel preached to them; to see that the poor and sick are cared for, and that everyone 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.

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Mission workers should not only preach and testify in their own church but they should also go out and seek the lost as Jesus and the Apostles did.

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.

I am 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, Oklahoma



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A THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Myrtle, Missouri
November 5, 1952

The Woman's Auxiliary of Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday afternoon, October 28th with 12 members present.

The service opened with singing and altar prayer. The lesson subject, "Wholehearted Religion," proved to be a great blessing to each of us.

The Auxiliary has planned a Thanksgiving service, which will begin on Thursday evening, November 27 and continue through the 29th. Rev. Willard Day, pastor of the Mountain Grove Church, will bring the message each evening.

We are still praising God for the blessings received since our Auxiliary has been organized.

Mrs. Geo. Brown, Reporter

AUXILIARY STUDIES CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Union Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday, November 5 with Ethel Thompson for an all day meet-

ing. There were nine members and five children present. Quilt blocks were pieced and a comforter tacked for Mrs. Parsons.

Our devotionals began with all singing our theme song, "Christ for the World We Sing." Oletha Parsons gave the devotional comments, and Maizie Sevits introduced the lesson, "The Hour Is Come—for Christian Witnessing." Topics were given by Lizzie Filkins, Dorothy Houston, Ethel Thompson, and Delma Newcomer. Scripture reading was I John 1:42-48; Luke 5:18-20, and Daniel 3:12.

A card of thanks from Mrs. Calvery was read thanking the Auxiliary for the box sent her.

It was decided to order 15 year books. A special feature, "He that Winneth Souls is Wise," was given by Oletha Parsons and Maizie Sevits. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Parsons.

Co-Laborer fund offering was .95; 483 Bible chapters, 20 good-will calls, and 21 cards sent out were reported.

—Reporter

N.E. MISSOURI MEETING WITH SUBLETT CHURCH

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Sublett Church November 30, 1952. Sunday School was at the 10:00 o'clock hour. Rev. Charles Moyer of Farmington, Missouri, brought the eleven o'clock message. Before the message, Bro. Moyer's children gave us a couple of special numbers in song. Rev. Moyer read for a scripture lesson John 5:1-4, using the third verse for his text. He delivered a soul stirring and challenging message. We were dismissed in prayer by Herman Miley. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing, "Won't It Be Wonderful There," and "He Leadeth Me." We were led in prayer by Rev. Ted Jacobs.

The president, Sis. Oletha Parsons,

read for a scripture lesson Matt. 25:34-36; 10:22. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek Union and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read. The next meeting will be with the New Harmony Church with Rev. Wayne Parsons bringing the eleven o'clock message, and Rev. Alta Mikel alternate.

The following program was given: Solo, "Hide Thou Me," by Evelyn Kelsey. Quartet, "He Knows and Cares for Me," Hazel Creek mixed quartet. Reading, "Tommy Thomas," Leona Thompson. Solo, "I'll Be Listening," Fern Dobbs. Reading, "The Master's Question," Mrs. Fred Wood. Duet, "Back of the Clouds," Mazie Sevits and Olena Filkins. Exercise by children from Sublett. Song, "What A Friend," McElhinney children. The congregation sang, "Help Somebody Today." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Leona Thompson
Secy-Treas.

LENGTHY ILLNESS

Desloge, Missouri
November 15, 1952

Dear Co-Laborers:

During a recent visit to Monett, I learned that Mrs. Opal Jeffreys, wife of our Gem Editor, had been confined to her bed for the past five weeks and she must remain so for a few more weeks. Thinking perhaps you didn't know about her condition either, prompted me to write this. I'm certain she would enjoy hearing from each of you.

Too, if you could include a little love offering with your card would, I'm sure, be a real blessing to them and to you.

Of course they do not know of this letter.

Yours for Christ,
Women's Editor

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"PEACE ON EARTH"—from page 11

distress of nations with perplexity—literally, "no way out," as the last word means in the original.

Christ's words have had and are having still a terrible fulfillment. No matter what efforts may be made by statesmen anxious to bring about a peaceful condition in the world and to provoke good understanding among the nations, their best attempts are doomed to failure so long as He who alone can bring peace to this troubled world is still rejected.

As He rode into Jerusalem, in what has been called His triumphant entry, our Lord was greeted as the promised son of David; but the children sang, "Peace in heaven!" Up there all is perfect calm. God is on the throne and nothing disturbs His equanimity. He waits for the hour when His Son will return to the world that crucified Him, to bring in everlasting peace.

This will be brought about by the destruction of all Gentile power and the setting up of the long-promised kingdom of God on the earth. Then shall Israel, so long oppressed, come into fullness of blessing; and the peace of Jerusalem, for which we are taught to pray, will be an accomplished fact; while the glorified Jesus will speak to the nations and rule the world in righteousness.

Toward this glorious event the Scriptures point. It may be far nearer than we realize. Undoubtedly, the hour is later than many think. Soon the Prince of Peace will return and earth's long night of travail will be ended and the era of peace begin.

And while we wait for God's Son from heaven, it is our glad mission to go to a rebellious world "preaching peace by Jesus Christ," and to enjoy in our own hearts that peace of which He spoke when He said to His disciples, before He went out to the garden and the cross, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." This is our abiding portion as we put our heart's trust in Him and commit all our ways into His loving care.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN PASSES; REVIVAL FOLLOWS FINAL SERVICE; 25 ARE SAVED

Kirkville, Missouri
November 27, 1952

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Since the Lord has so richly blessed us here at the Hazel Creek Church in the last few months I am taking this opportunity to tell you of our work and of His blessings to us.

First of all, I will say that we are here because we were definitely led here by the Lord. We had been praying for the opportunity to be in full time service, and of course the Lord will give us work if we are willing to yield our life to Him for service. Our first service here was August 31d. Although there was nothing unusual about the service it will always be remembered by us since this is our first experience in pastorate work. Just to know that we are doing the will of the Father was a great blessing to us.

Very early in our work we were to learn that a pastor's work is not all joy, but that sadness comes at times. How sad and shocked we were to hear that God had called one of our flock on to be with Him. Kenneth Burgin, a twelve year old, met death accidentally on November 8th. Kenneth was a sweet little Christian boy, and surely the Lord has received much glory from his life by calling him home. His whole family have now accepted the Lord as their Saviour and are planning to meet Kenneth in heaven some happy day.

Rev. Rolla Smith (the former pastor here) was called to conduct the funeral service and after talking with Kenneth's parents and grandmother and witnessing their conversion, he stayed for a service that night. There were eight conversions in this service. Since we had prayed for a revival it seemed foolish not to take one when God sent it to us. The church asked Bro. Rolla to stay on and continue the revival services. The Lord continued to bless and a total of 25 souls were saved. One was a little girl of seven, offering her whole life to the Lord. No, they were not all children. There were several way up in the later years of life. One lady was 71. Our building was filled each night and we were all truly

revived as the Lord poured out His blessings on us.

On Sunday, November 23rd, although the weather was cold, we saw 21 souls gather on the river bank to follow the Lord in baptism. Bro. Ted Jacobs, pastor of the Jewell Church, helped baptize since some of the candidates will become members of his church. This service, too, was a great blessing to us all.

How thankful we are on this day especially set aside as Thanksgiving Day for the church He has led us to, and for the revival He has sent to us. We thank Him for what it has meant to our church, to our community, and also to the nearby communities.

I will now close with the request that you pray for us and our church here. We have some unsaved attending service now, and may God lead us in the way to reach them.

Yours in His service,

Wayne and Olotha Parsons
And Laughters

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

At the recent session of the State Association, it was urged to send in average monthly Sunday School attendance reports for publication in the Gem. Following are averages for October:

Monett 88
Mountain Grove160
Southside (St. Louis)140

We wish to emphasize that we need your regular monthly average, regardless of the size of your church and Sunday School. This is no contest.

FROM THE FIELD —

October 22, 1952

Dear Rev. Riggs:

We have a small group at Bay Branch Free Will Baptist Church, but God has blessed us so much. We have grown from a part time pastor to a full time pastor. Through the prayers Rev. Windell K. Babcock and his good wife have helped us so much. This year we have more than met our budget goal, nearly doubled last years. Pray for us and please have our check for \$43.63 added to the Hanna fund. We are behind the Missionary's. May God have His way in their life.

Thanks,

Mrs. E. G. Brown
Bay Branch FWB Church
Timmons ville, S. C.

HOME MISSION BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORT

November 1, 1952

Brought forward, October 1 .. \$6,187.83

Receipts:

W.N.A.C.	\$ 34.14
Alabama	64.00
Arkansas	7.00
California	17.89
Florida	11.50
Georgia	23.30
Illinois	32.98
Kentucky	10.00
Mississippi	31.50
Missouri	53.18
North Carolina	51.74
Oklahoma	70.82
Tennessee	78.25
Texas	7.00
West Virginia	7.00
South Carolina	1.00
Total receipts	500.60
Grand total	\$6,688.43

Disbursements:

Promotional dep't.	\$ 70.00
Graceville, Ala., revival	100.00
Rev. J. B. Bloss, exp...	28.54
S.W. Bell Telephone Co.	2.40
Allen, Okla., revival ..	100.00
Thomaston, Ga., revival	100.00
Tot. disbursements	400.94
Balance, November 1, 1952...	\$6,287.49

Standing on State Quotas

	Pd. in	Balance
Alabama	115.44	684.56
Arkansas	13.00	387.00
California	29.16	570.84
Florida	82.98	417.02
Georgia	52.86	694.14
Illinois	166.37	733.63
Kentucky	22.00	528.00
Louisiana	2.00	88.00
Mississippi	39.34	360.66
Missouri	307.30	1,192.70
Michigan	21.78	988.22
North Carolina	158.55	1,341.45
New Mexico		150.00
Ohio		100.00
Oklahoma	239.05	1,260.95
Oregon		50.00
Texas	30.25	369.75
Tennessee	212.44	987.56
Virginia		1,000.00
West Virginia	11.00	689.00
South Carolina	4.00	746.00
Idaho		50.00
Arizona		100.00
	1,573.42	13,426.58

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Treas.
Oilton, Oklahoma

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF
HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER, 1952

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1952 \$2,985.49

Receipts:

October 5	\$795.55
October 12	762.10
October 19	611.50
October 26	700.50

Total receipts 2,869.65

Grand Total \$5,855.14 |

Disbursements:

Charity	\$ 2.80
Cards for Bible class ..	5.00
Postage	28.00
Pastoral duties	330.00
Royal Oak Broadcast-	
ing Company	292.00
Choir director	32.00
Library books	4.00
Literature	55.73
Parkhurst Florist	5.00

(Bible Class)

Tracts	9.70
Clerk-Treasurer	75.00
League pins & subs ...	26.10
Bible college students ..	54.55

(Personal gifts)

Acme Chair Co.	66.50
Church mortgage	234.21
Office supplies	32.04
Evangelistic services ..	85.00
To Bro. Bowen-League ..	10.00
Mich. Consolidated Gas ..	8.40
Mich. Telephone Co. ...	24.35
Foreign Missions	150.00
Cuban Student:	
League	20.00
Prayer Band	20.00
Woman's Auxillary	20.00
F.W.B. College	75.00
F.W.B. College League ..	5.00
Rental of hall	35.00
Caretaker	100.00
Office help	50.00
Detroit Edison Co. ...	22.99
Revival meeting cards ..	26.00
Total disbursements	1,904.37
Balance, November 1, 1952 ...	\$3,950.77

Balance in various accounts:

Commercial	\$2,276.23
Bible Class flower fund ..	40.44
Tithes	400.79
League	52.45
Building fund	1,162.85
Foreign missions	11.19
Specials	3.00
Radio	3.82
Total Balances, Nov. 1, 1952 ...	\$3,950.77

PLAN NEW BUILDING SOON

Fort Worth, Texas
November 13, 1952

Dear Sirs:

We wish to report that the Community Free Will Baptist Church, organized May 25, 1952, is really being blessed by the Lord. We have the privilege of having Rev. C. J. Hearron as our pastor.

Our Sunday School is doing good with 33 on the roll. Following are the averages for the month of October: present 28, on time 25, Bibles brought 16, prepared lessons 15, attending preaching 21, offering \$72.44, grade 75.

There are 22 charter members. The church now owns one lot and is buying two more. We hope to start building soon. We need your prayers most of all, but we can also use some money. Any free will offerings will surely be appreciated.

Our present address is 1109 N.E. 33rd St., Ft. Worth 6, Texas.

Your Brother in Christ,

Andrew Stom, Reporter