

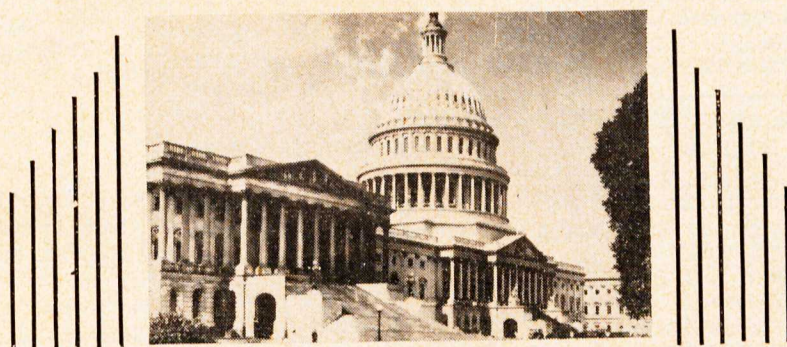
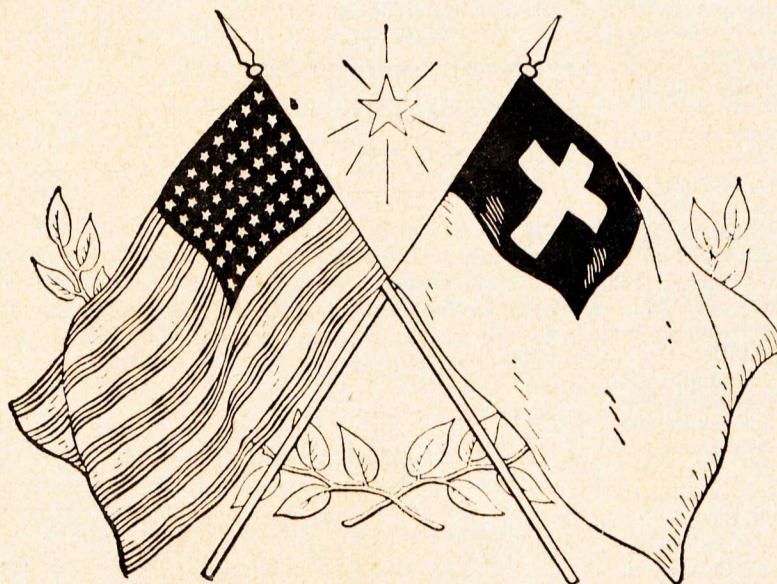
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## AROUND AND ABOUT

By L. E. C.

Find enclosed my check for the Gem  
for one year. We enjoy the paper very  
much. Also enjoyed a visit to the  
Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.  
I was very much impressed with it.  
Gertie M. Crippen, Calif.

I am sending money for the subs  
for my grandmother, father and my-  
self. Hope you are getting along good  
in the work of the Lord.

Rev. Dale Jones, Missouri

Louis, I am sending you my renewal  
to the Gem. I hope you not only win  
the contest of subscriptions over your  
Dad, but in all life's race also. You  
may not remember me.

O. E. Maberry, Missouri

You will find my check for two dol-  
lars for my subscription. I know it is  
only one fifty, but you can always use  
the extra. I am the only Free Will  
Baptist in this part of the country.  
May God bless you.

Warren Moffitt, Missouri

Enclosed find one fifty for the Gem.  
I like the Gem and pray for you, the  
Editor, and all who help to get the  
paper out.

Mrs. J. S. Reeves, Missouri

Bro. Jeffreys, we enjoyed and receiv-  
ed such a wonderful blessing from  
reading the Gem while back in Texas.  
In moving to Nebraska we misplaced  
the one I had, so I lost the address.  
Am sending money for my sub.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Vincent, Nebr.

Dear Bro's. Campbell and Jeffreys:  
Greetings in Jesus' Name. I noticed  
that my sub was out and was sorry.  
I have been confined to my bed and  
house since last October. I got to at-  
tend only four nights of our revival  
conducted by Rev. O. T. Allred of  
Monett. May the Lord bless and keep  
you all. Pray for me.

Fred Weston, Missouri

I am enclosing the price of the Gem,  
should have sent it before now. Wish-  
ing that this year will be more glori-  
ous in winning souls for our blessed  
Lord and Saviour. God's richest bless-  
ings be upon you and yours.

Mrs. W. H. Bounds, Texas

I just wish you could know how very  
much I enjoy the Gem. I do not recall  
how I became acquainted with the  
paper, but have been a subscriber for  
quite awhile, and do really enjoy read-  
ing it each month.

It seems a long way from Alabama  
to Missouri. Its very interesting to  
read of your meetings, associations,  
and such, that sound so much like  
ours. Wishing for you and yours God's  
richest blessings.

Linnie J. Stokes, Alabama

Keep the subscriptions coming in.  
We want to make our goal of 1,500 in  
the next six months. If you want to  
send one dollar, we will give you  
eight months; two dollar bills will get  
sixteen months; or one fifty will do  
for one year. I am still ahead. Thanks.

Lewis Eugene Campbell

A local F.W.B. Hour, sponsored by  
the Indian Creek Association, is heard  
over KRMO, Monett, Missouri, 8:00  
a.m., each Sunday.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Mgr.

## Move That—

## LETTER

*Dr. Homer E. Willis - Paintsville, Ky.*

It is estimated that 15% of church members in the United States have their name on two or more separate church rolls; therefore, when statistics are gathered, they are counted as two or more members. It is also estimated that nearly one-third of those who attend church in the cities are members of churches other than the one they attend. Usually it is the same denomination. Why haven't they moved their letters? Then there are some attendants in most churches who do not, and have never had, membership with any group. Why? The purpose of this message is to point out the value of being a member of the church where you now worship and work.

Does the Bible teach that a "born again" person should join (unite) with a local church? I think so. The Lord Jesus Christ identified Himself with the church as the Head, Eph. 5:25. We reach the conclusion from a study of the Scriptures that the natural thing to expect from a "born again believer" is that he will want to be baptized (immersed) and fellowship with the saints of "like precious faith." Just as no effort is made in the Bible to prove the existence of God, no effort is made to prove church membership. It was accepted from the beginning that groups of believers would organize themselves into local groups, (working bodies) and this they did in every place where the gospel was preached and souls converted.

It is Scriptural to keep a church roll! The "Mother Church" at Jerusalem kept such a record. We examine its pages and find first, 120 members, then 3,000, then 5,000, with others being added daily. This church clerk was kept busy. It is also Scriptural to grant church letters. Read Acts 18:17.

The word church is mentioned in the Scriptures 111 times. It means the "called out ones." The church is the "mystery to be revealed." The wilderness church had as its purpose the same as that of the present church, gathering out those who will believe and separate themselves unto the Lord. Every "born again" person is a member of the Universal Church or Church

of God. Every "born again" (and only such) person should be a member of the local church of baptized believers, who meet to carry on the work of God. In this body the Holy Spirit sets in order the necessary officers and gives the necessary gifts that the church may properly function. Read Acts 13:1-5.

What are the advantages of having a church home? It gives one the proper relationship to the ordinances of the gospel. It gives a voice in administration of the affairs of the church. It gives protection from being misunderstood. People will have more respect for you as a Christian if you can tell them to what church you belong, than if you tell them, "I don't belong to anything." Yes, all Christians should be identified with the church. If you are a part of the membership, you have the protection of not being mistreated, for the Lord Himself set a plan for protection in the church. Read Matt. 18:15-17. More than this you will find fellowship with the saints, a ready hand to help you in times of need and a store-house for your tithes and offerings. The combined efforts of a group of Christians can do what you as an individual can never hope to do. In my opinion, "a Christian and loyalty to the church is synonymous."

Now this personal question: Where is your church membership? In the old home church? Why leave it there when you and your family seldom, if ever, attend services there? In another denomination? Why leave it there when you are receiving your blessings from your present place of worship? But you say, "I don't know how long I will live here." (This is a matter that none of us know.) If you have lived at your present address long enough to have your mail delivered to you, it is long enough to have your membership moved.

This second personal question: When you moved your letter from one church, or denomination, to another, were you sure that the transfer was properly made and that you are not now a member of more than one church? Counsel with your pastor about this matter.

"But I don't believe in organized churches and denominations," you say. Let me ask you this third personal question: What if everybody felt that

way? Where would our hospitals, colleges, and other institutions be that were founded by the churches? Read the Gospels and the Letters of Paul. Place your membership.

I am a Christian first—a Free Will Baptist second. I am glad I am both. If you believe with us, come with us, we will do thee good.

Place your membership, or *Move That Letter!*

(From a pamphlet published by the National Home Mission Board. Copies may be secured by contacting the Board.)

## YOUNG MAN ANSWERS CALL AND ENTERS BIBLE COLLEGE

2003 Prairie Ave.  
Ft. Worth, Texas  
January 17, 1953

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, editor  
Free Will Baptist Gem  
Monett, Missouri

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

We are again enjoying our work here in the church in Ft. Worth. The church is making progress in every way. We have recently done some remodeling and made some additions to the church building.

Kenneth Eagleton, one of the young men of our church, has accepted the call to the ministry and will enter the Bible College at the opening of the next semester, January 23, to better prepare himself for the work to which God has called him. Kenneth is a very outstanding and promising young man, and we are expecting great things for the cause of Christ because of his efforts. He served four years in the Air Corps, three years as an instructor, with some service in Japan and in Okinawa.

Our son spent Christmas with us. He has been in the navy two and one-half years with all of his time spent in the Pacific, the last five months were around Eniwetok. He is stationed on the west coast now, and has 18 months yet to serve.

We regret that your wife has been ill and pray that she is better.

May the Lord bless you and your family is our prayer.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. C. B. Thompson

# THE GREAT NEED OF THE CHURCH

Eld. J. W. Handy - Houston, Texas

Just as Jesus was taking His leave of His disciples, going back to His Father, He gave them this promise: "But ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. Now, in dealing with this subject of "Power" I would not be understood as doing so in support of a certain prevailing idea in the world, that speaking with other (or unknown) tongues is the evidence of the presence (or, as they have it, the baptism of the Holy Ghost) of the Holy Spirit. But to the contrary I contend, with the support of the Scriptures, that **POWER** is the one great evidence of the Spirit's presence. And now since Power is the one all-important asset in human life, whether it be physical, mental, moral, or spiritual, life would be void and useless without it. Our Saviour must have had direct reference to this fact when He left them this precious promise, for He told them, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Our Saviour must have recognized this lack of power in Peter's demeanor on that evening of His betrayal. Peter was sincere in his declaration to go all the way with his Lord to prison and even to death, but he was powerless to support his determination. And I fear that this is the case with a great many of us today (including this writer). The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak. The great writer and lecturer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, says, "Life is a search after power." That which men most long for is Power, and our great need as individuals is Power since the church must depend upon its individual membership. If they be weak the church can never rise above its source of support. Some seem to think that to be religious is all-sufficient. The heathen have a religion, but it is a religion void of power and as a result the vast number of deluded, blinded and ignorant worshipers at the pagan shrine are as degraded and miserable as if they had no religion. But the religion of our Christ is the same mighty power that spake the worlds into existence and swings this great globe of ours in unlimited space. The good news (or the Gospel) of Jesus Christ has proven a savor of life unto life, both for the church and for society ever since its introduction into the world—all because of its dynamic

Power. The Apostle Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

This special Power is for the church which is contending with the powers of darkness today. But too often as another has said, "Churches are like factories: splendidly built, and furnished with the most modern machinery, but having neither steam engine, water wheel, nor dynamo," in other words great in appearance but void of power. The Power of the church is not to be estimated by its outward appearance, but its Power is supernatural and invisible. When we consider the political conditions prevailing today and compare these with the religious degeneracy of the world, we are made to cry from the depth of our soul. Oh, how we need a double, yea, a tripple portion of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to aid us in coping with those hellish forces that seek to destroy not only our national government, but to also destroy our freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul, early in his Gospel ministry, recognized his great need of this supernatural power in-so-much that he was willing to denounce even his Phariiseic birth and his standing as a Jew among Jews, his tribal relation as a Benjaminite, and even his righteousness in the Law which no doubt constituted him a great man in his country and by his practice brought him untold wealth. Never the less he says, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found

in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death." Phil. 3:7-10. Yes, Paul was not only willing but anxious to make all of these concessions in order that he might have that indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit together with its mighty **POWER**, which he knows full well that that and that alone is his only source of Divine power. My heart almost sinks within me when I compare the conditions as they existed in the time of Paul's ministry with those of our day—the great increase of our population over that of that day, the increased facilities which tend toward the increase of hideous sins, and the tendency of the world toward crime. Then to listen to the dry godless sermons that are being delivered from the great number of our pulpits today, which sermons are quite often tempered with side splitting jokes and fables of various natures, all of which come far short of being the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the Power of God unto salvation, and, as a consequence, but little salvation ever results from such sources. Yes, I say when I see so much of this kind of religion being practiced in the churches of our day, including quite often our own Free Will Baptist Churches, I am made to cry out from my very soul, "Oh God, send us men into our pulpits first of all who are called of God and old enough to grow whiskers, and who have got enough of the Grace of God to use the Bible instead of a program, and again who have the timidity to bring back the old altar bench into our churches, and then to preach the old-time Gospel of Jesus Christ which alone can bring about deep and pungent conviction for sin and pull the cover off of sin and call it by its right name, and forever do away with this soul destroying practice of getting people into the church without repentance and who never knew God. "When you bring such material into the church you are lowering the standard of Christianity for numbers only. Oh, how much we need the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our individual life and also in our churches as well. Jesus, in His sermon on the mount, said, "Ye are

the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill can not be hid," Matt. 5:14. The great question with most of us today, is our light that was once lit by the Holy Ghost shining out to the world as it should? God, while communing with Solomon, says, "If my people, which are called by my name (that must mean His chosen people), shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways (does that indicate wickedness in the church?); then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14. It seems to me that the most absorbing question for the ministry at this time should be "Are we preaching out against prevailing sin in the church?" Nay, but I fear that too often we are condoning the very things that we should be condemning.

God, through His prophet Isaiah, in his instruction to his ministers, says, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; *LIFT UP A STANDARD* for the people." The question that should be of vital interest, not only to the ministry but also to the layman as well, is, "Are we lifting up a standard for the people that the unsaved of our communities will see and reverence, or are we lowering the standard in order to gather in the numbers?" Jesus said while here, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." My brethren, have we not loitered along the shore and fished in shallow water and played with the Gospel of Christ as with a mere toy while our fellow men have gone out into eternity without God? Will we not awake out of sleep during this year 1953, launch out into the deep water for God and let down the Gospel net in the mighty Power of the Holy Spirit, and gather in souls for our Master's kingdom?

## THE VILEST CORRUPTION

Sulphur, Oklahoma  
January 13, 1953

Dear Brother:

We read your fine editorial in the December number of the Gem concerning the so-called New Bible. We should not call it a Bible; in the spiritual sense it is a monstrosity.

During the Christmas season we were asked to teach our children to omit "Good will towards men" of the Angels song and read instead "Peace on earth to men with whom he is pleased." So we might change John 3:16 to "men with whom he is pleased." Of course the new freak book did not change that, but the change would be indicated. Why should we wait until this book is substituted in our church for the real Bible? Fight it now! Satan is putting his greatest effort in this vile thing. Isaiah 32:6 pictures this very thing. "For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, and to make empty the soul of the hungry; and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail." (King James.) What is the meat and drink of the Christian? The Holy Words of our Saviour!

In the new book Acts 2:38 reads: "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" This suits the water salvationists.

They (the translators) left out Mark 16:9-20.

Amos 8:11 pictures the period we are entering: "Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Read verse 12. People are doing that now. They ask us, "Where can we hear the old time Gospel?" We can still say, "At our churches!" But how long can we say this? Not any longer if we use this perverted book. A dividing time is here. Oh, Free Will Baptists, stay in the old paths, and you will find peace, a good pasture for your soul, meat and drink, and spiritual blessings.

This foul book should not be allowed in our churches lest they become a place of "habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:2.

Stay right in there brother, we are with you. Fight this book. The Gartman View F.W.B. Church at Comanche, Texas, passed a resolution against it. Bless them! Pour it on sin and corruption; and this is the vilest corruption on earth.

Eld. and Mrs. W. A. Hearron  
506 East Tahlequah  
Sulphur, Oklahoma

Note: Bro. and Sis. Hearron also have two sons preaching the gospel, J. A. and Clarence.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS ENJOY CHRISTMAS AT HOME

3609 Richland Avenue  
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Monett, Missouri

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Greetings in the name of our Lord. I've intended writing for some time but I've been busy with my studies. As you probably know I'm continuing my education at our Bible College in Nashville. I'm writing to tell the Gem readers of our journey home for the Christmas holidays. It certainly was a blessing to be back in good old Missouri.

We spent the first week at Bendavis at the home of my wife's parents. They are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pembroke. The second week was spent in St. Louis. We stopped by Richwoods and conducted two services there. I was certainly happy to see that Rev. Leslie Logsdon is leading the people in a successful work there. We also conducted two services at the South Side Church in St. Louis of which Rev. Harvey Hill is the pastor. One of the services on Sunday night at South side was blessed with two conversions. The other service was a midnight watch service on New Year's eve. This service was a wonderful spiritual uplift. The only thing that marred the service was the fact that Rev. Hill announced that he was resigning as pastor of the church. He stated that he felt the Lord was finished with him there and that now he is ready to go out wherever the Lord leads.

In addition to my studies I'm pastoring the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. It is located about 25 miles from Nashville. It certainly is a wonderful church to work with. There are a fine group of Christian people there.

Well, I must close for now. Trusting that the Lord is still blessing you in your work, and wishing a speedy recovery for Mrs. Jeffreys, I remain,

Yours in the Master's service.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds



## EVERYONE THAT THIRSTS

Rev. Keith Johnson-Alton, Mo.

One evening as the Texas cowboy was nearing the ranch headquarters his whole herd suddenly broke in a run toward the reservoir. They were all eager to quench their thirst with the water that was filtered to the big tank below. Having drunk all they wanted, they settled down for the night. The next evening the very same thing happened. So it was at eventide all the cattle would run to the big tank for water.

Today thousands of people are running to the beer joints, liquor saloons and cocktail parties. People by the millions attend the moving pictures. Gamblers, gunmen, and racketeers all rake in money by the thousands. Yet they are not content. They are much like the cattle for they go back each night for another drink or another show or another deal. Surely it was to this type of people that the prophet said, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" Isaiah 55:2.

Yes, the prophet of God gave the solution to the problem 700 years before Christ. He saw in the Son of God the elements that are essential to satisfy the heart of man.

We note in the call that God made through the prophet, He made no restrictions. The prophet simply said, "everyone that thirsteth." In many industries and institutions only certain people will be accepted. But "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jn. 3:16. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

Through the death and sufferings of Jesus, there has been provided redemption for all humanity. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet did we esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4, 5.

The prophet said, "Come ye to the waters." The only waters that are suf-

ficient to quench the thirst of the sin-laden traveller, the only source of drink for the spiritually hungry, and the only escape from eternal fire is in the waters that flowed from Calvary's fountain—the blood that flowed from Immanuel's veins.

The next outstanding thing we note is the price of the waters. "He that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1. A man doesn't have to be a millionaire nor belong to some particular sect or race of people. Neither does a man receive the salvation of the Lord by some act or deed. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

The Apostle Paul says, "Ye are bought with a price." The price has been paid for our salvation. God paid the price. Through God's love for us He gave His only Son that we might live through Him.

Jesus has entered once for all into the holy place. He offered himself a sacrifice for all of us. Yes, we are bought with a price. Our salvation has been paid for dearly.

Jesus even broke natural prejudices. When He met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well He told her that He had living water to give to them that ask for it. Jesus told her that "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13, 14.

Jesus is the giver of the water of life. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters." John 7:37, 38. Thus the invitation is given, if any man thirst!

Jesus says, "He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." Jn. 6:35. In Jesus, and only in Jesus, can we find an unending supply of food and drink for our souls. Through Him, and only through Him, can we have the assurance that we shall never be in need. Jesus also says, "Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead: this is the bread which

cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die." John 6:49, 50. We find in Jesus the blessed, eternal promise that we shall live forever and ever!

God has established a well of living waters through His Son. He invites "Everyone that thirsteth" to come and be filled.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

BY

WILLARD C. DAY, D. D.

### The Ozark's Friendly Parson

#### "King Jehoiakim's Penknife"

Jeremiah received a revelation which he reduced to writing and placed on a scroll. A man was delegated to read from it in public places. Revival fires begin to kindle and a moral awakening was soon on the way. Repressions were noted in the royal court.

King Jehoiakim ordered the scroll brought before him. He called in the princes and sent for a scribe. The book was placed on a table. The king ordered also, a penknife and gave orders for the scribe to begin reading. The night was cold and a fire burned in the fire place. Jehoiakim listened for awhile. Finally, there came some words which cut into his heart; they condemned him before God. He stopped the scribe and cut out some of the scroll and threw it into the fire. He did this until he had destroyed the scroll.

Neighbor, the history is repeating itself. We have many King Jehoiakim's in this world, and they are using their penknife on the Bible that has proven to be the base of sound character in years that have passed by.

The first penknife that was used by the hand of modernists begin to slice the "Old Book" and remove the word "Hell." Many books were written by Mr. Russell in hope of deleting this doctrine from the mind of sound thinking people, his followers played 'phonograph records' which tried to derail Bible lovers. These have failed; a few people yet believe ancient truths.



The penknife is yet being used. Some just can't take the "Virgin birth of Christ," and it is being cut by degree, from Holy Scriptures.

Christ lived His time on earth, took upon Him the form of man, walked to His death on Calvary, was buried in a borrowed tomb, resurrected by the power of His Father, and the Bible says it was proven by many "Infallible proofs." Acts 1:3. The same chapter records His ascension, and all the Bible writers in the New Testament join together praising the "Exalted Christ," but yet some are cutting these ideas from the Bible, and trying to bring Christ down to a common man. All of this is nothing new to Bible students. The Apostle Peter said, "They are unlearned, unstable and wrest the scriptures to their own destruction."

Editor's Note: The above article is in response to the invitation of your editor to Bro. Day to contribute regularly to the columns of the Gem. We have discovered that Bro. Day gladly contributes such articles to those who wish them, including others of our denominational papers. Actually, this though is a reprint of an earlier release in a secular newspaper. So you see the boldness of this man to declare the truth; he does not pick for easy places to favor his preaching, but recognizes the need of all people everywhere to know the truth. My personal acquaintance with Bro. Day has been comparatively brief, but most pleasant. I have discovered him to be a real man of God, preaching the truth fearlessly, yet with a consuming love for all. When approached to contribute regularly to this column, he said, "If I can be of help in that way, I'll be happy to do it:" this despite the fact that he is as busy a pastor-evangelist as I know of anywhere.

### RESTING AFTER 43 YEARS VERY ACTIVE MINISTRY

2303 SW 62nd Court  
Miami, Florida  
January 6, 1953

Dear Co-Workers:

New Year's greetings in the name of our wonderful Christ.

I am sure the Gem readers will be surprised to hear from us after so

## BROADCAST TIME CHANGED FOR IMPROVED RECEPTION



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Willard C. Day  
Box 421  
Mountain Grove, Missouri

long. It has been over a year since we last wrote, but the time flies so fast it doesn't seem like it.

We are at present in Miami, Florida, resting. We have never had a real vacation since we entered the ministry 43 years ago. Our daughter lives here and we expect to spend the cold months here with her. Then in the spring we will go on a missionary and evangelistic crusade.

We resigned the pastorate of the Huntsville (Texas) Church awhile before Christmas. We had been there over five years and hated to leave, but the Lord said, "I need you other places." We were very fortunate to get Bro. and Sis. Calvery while they were waiting their call to India. And since we are in Miami, we have been very fortunate to attend Bro. Michael Pelt's church. He is a fine young man with a bright future. We have two more churches here, but haven't visited them yet. We will before we leave.

As we write this letter, we are think-

ing of what a wonderful opportunity we will have this year to work for our school, missions and orphanages.

We are delighted to see so many new churches going up everywhere. Surely this is our day as a denomination, and we should work harder than ever to win the lost to Christ. The harvest is white, and the laborers are few. If we could say like Isaiah of old, "Here am I, send me." Isaiah 6:8. We can't all do the same thing but we can do what God wants us to do—great or small. So many of us want to do great things and do nothing.

Praise God for another year that has been given or begun. We know not what the future holds, but all will be well if we hold to the Master's hand.

If this escapes the waste basket we will write again soon, so with a God bless you and a wonderful New Year, we will say good bye for this time.

Yours for Jesus,

Rev's. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams



**STATE TREASURERS REPORT**

OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 1952

**STATE CO-OPERATIVE FUND**

Myrtle .....	\$ 32.08
Merl's Chapel .....	48.05
Mine LaMotte .....	33.45
Verdella .....	46.01
Sublett .....	32.70
Mt. Pisgah .....	14.50
Fredericktown .....	175.00
Faith & Hope .....	5.00
Faith & Hope Ladies' Aid ....	5.00
Faith & Hope League .....	5.00
Fellowship .....	153.98
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, California ....	300.00
Hazel Creek Union .....	40.01
St. Louis Third .....	108.75
Shibley's Point .....	30.61
Liberty .....	11.75
Southside .....	90.00
Wagoner .....	20.00
Hickory Grove .....	19.00
Union Chapel .....	11.60
Mountain Grove .....	22.00
Monett Woman's Auxiliary ..	11.30

Total receipts for quarter ....\$1,215.74

*Disbursements for Co-Operative Fund*

Foreign Missions .....	\$ 303.93
Bible College .....	303.94
State General Expense .....	291.78
National Home Missions ....	60.78
State Home Missions .....	60.79
National Superannuation ....	6.08
State Superannuation .....	6.09
Youth Camp .....	91.18
F.W.B. Gem .....	91.17

Total disbursed for quarter ..\$1,215.74

**MISSIONS FUND**

Mrs. A. L. DeWeese, Easton ..	\$ 12.00
Shibley's Point .....	15.89
New Harmony S.S. ....	102.26
Mine LaMotte .....	5.86
Southside .....	20.00
Carterville .....	20.00
Old Bethel .....	19.61
Rock Chapel .....	77.64
Monett .....	14.00
Mountain Valley .....	37.35
Copper Mines .....	52.91
Flat River First .....	163.02
Union (Gladden) .....	18.67
Golden Oak .....	30.73
Macedonia .....	33.15
Golden Gate .....	22.00
Amity .....	14.00

Jewel .....	18.31
Green Grove .....	14.95
Bethel .....	5.00

Total receipts for quarter ....\$697.32

*Disbursements on Missions Fund*

Foreign Missions .....	\$488.12
Home Missions .....	209.20

Total disbursed for quarter ....\$697.32

**BIBLE COLLEGE FUND**

Verdella .....	\$ 20.81
Hannon .....	27.04
Fredericktown .....	100.00
Copper Mines .....	30.42
Madison County QM .....	20.00
Leadington .....	25.70
Union Light .....	10.00
Mine LaMotte .....	29.52

Total receipts for quarter ....\$263.49

Total disbursed for quarter ....\$263.49

**TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND**

Hazel Creek Union S.S.—	
Sunbeam Class .....	\$14.22
New Harmony S.S.—Juniors ...	13.00

Total receipts for quarter ....\$27.22

Total disbursed for quarter ....\$27.22

**FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND**

Hickory Grove .....	\$ 16.86
Wolf Creek .....	15.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	39.36
Verdella .....	64.26
Fredericktown .....	163.85
Union Light .....	46.95
Fellowship .....	50.00
Monett .....	15.00
New Harmony Mission .....	13.36
Jones Chapel .....	10.00
Hannon .....	46.25
Oak Grove .....	10.69
Hartville .....	9.00
Independence .....	8.67
St. Louis 3rd (Marie Hanna) ..	105.00
Martha Ricketts, Hannon .....	5.00
Monett (Cuba) .....	45.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Niangua .....	6.00
Merl's Chapel .....	27.00
Mrs. Tom Pirtle, Fredericktown	5.00
Golden Oak .....	8.00
Desloge .....	61.56
Edith Whitworth, Novinger ...	19.26

Total receipts for quarter ....\$791.07

Total disbursed for quarter ....\$791.07

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND	
Southside (St. Louis) .....	\$20.00
New Harmony Young People ..	6.00

Total receipts for quarter ....\$31.59

**MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS**

Monett .....	\$5.60
Total receipts for quarter .....	\$5.60

**CO-LABORER BAND FUND**

Copper Mines .....	\$3.00
Total receipts for quarter .....	\$3.00

**YOUTH CAMP FUND**

Wagoner .....	\$ 10.00
Fredericktown .....	125.00
Fredericktown Ladies' Mission	25.00
Total receipts for quarter .....	\$160.00

Grand total of all receipts for  
the quarter period .....\$3,195.03Rev. Marie Hyatt,  
Clerk-Treasurer**CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**Hartville, Missouri  
Route One  
January 13, 1953

Dear Friends:

I would like to say a few words about Christmas. I think about it more every day since I saw the Adoration Scene on the Steel Bluff at Hartville this last Christmas. It was beautiful and looked so much better than the pictures of Santa Claus we see everywhere we turn around Christmas time. I know we hear some preachers over the radio saying it is wrong to celebrate Christmas for December 25th isn't Christ's birthday at all, and that Christmas all came from pagan beliefs anyway. Well, I can say I sure don't believe it is wrong to celebrate the birth of Christ anyway in some kind of church services on the 25th of December, whether that was the day of His birth or not.

In our little country church for the last 17 years on Christmas Day, we have had all-day services: preaching at 11:00 a.m., basket dinner at noon, and a program in the afternoon. There has never been a time we have met in that service and didn't feel that it was good to be there. We have always been made to feel the approving hand



of God on our feeble efforts. It helps to show some children, who perhaps wouldn't be taught in the home, just what Christmas really means. The majority of the people just talk to children about Santa Claus and what he will give them in material things—gifts. I wish that we could get a lot of Santa Claus out of Christmas. Little children are taught to almost worship him. I believe you might ask the children on the street what Christmas is and nine out of ten would say that it was so Santa Claus would bring them presents.

The grown ups know better, but in buying gifts they lose sight of the real Christmas Gift. Jesus was the greatest Gift the world has ever known! He had no money and none of this world's goods: not even a home or a place to lay His head. Yet he so loved every one (even the vilest sinner) that He lay down His life and died as the chiefest sinner on Calvary's Cross that we might have a right to the tree of life.

I know it is nice to receive gifts, and be able financially to give gifts at Christmas, but in giving we should not lose sight of what we are celebrating. So much is wasted every year buying so many useless things and things we can't afford that children already have so much of they are just in the way. I think it would please Jesus more if a part of it was used to help God's cause. It is always in need, for we don't have much left after we get what we want. Jesus loved the little children. He said "Forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He wants them to be happy, and if we tried more, I think that while they are little we could teach them many ways they could have a part in doing things to make Jesus happy as they celebrate His birthday.

I would be glad to see the time when all the store windows would be showing Jesus or something about His kingdom instead of Santa and what a good fellow he is. As children grow up they slip away from Christian home influence so easy. We have no time to loose. While they are still with us we need to do all we can to help them to face the world and all its evils. May we all do more for Jesus this year.

A Sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Amy Emmerson

## WEATHER IMPEDES WORK; MUCH PROGRESS ANYWAY

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few words to tell you of the recent working at the Youth Camp Ground, on the Chapel building. On Monday, January 19 the men began to arrive early. Then later on Tuesday and Wednesday others arrived to work and the work was again in full swing. Those coming to assist in the work were: Rev. Bob Hill and Rev. Harvey Hill of St. Louis; Rev. Leslie Logsdon of Richwoods; Mr. Ross Thomas, Mr. Willie Bowman, Mr. Smith and sons Don and Harold, Rev. Arlie Hover, and another gentleman whose name we failed to learn, all from near Hannan in Central Western Missouri Association. Rev. Bill Hill from Myrtle came on Tuesday and Mr. Bough of Stockton came on Wednesday. Also Mr. Bert Smith and Mr. Erman Walton of Niangua assisted in the work. Quite a bit of work was accomplished though the weather was very cold and damp. We now have all the framing up and nine of the rafters up. These rafters are very heavy and hard to raise, as we are building them on the ground. All material is cut for the rest of the framing.

While here Rev. Willard Day, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys and Rev. Harvey Hill met Monday morning and laid plans for the coming Youth Camp Session. They met early as it was necessary for Rev. Jeffreys and Rev. Day to return to their own work that day.

On Monday evening (by request) Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Leslie Logsdon and Rev. Bob Hill held a service at the Niangua F.W.B. Church; Rev. Bob Hill bringing the message. Everyone seemed to enjoy the services. So as a whole, the trip was well worth while, as lots of work was accomplished and a good fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

Those helping Mrs. Reeves prepare the meals were Mrs. Vera Walton, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Doris Sells Thompson and Mrs. Stella Walton. This we did so much appreciate. Mrs. Freda Sells baked a nice cake and brought it warm for supper, and in a few minutes it soon began to disappear.

Later in the spring we plan another working and hope more will decide to come and give us a lift, as many hands make light work and soon the tabernacle will be up ready to use for

camp this year.

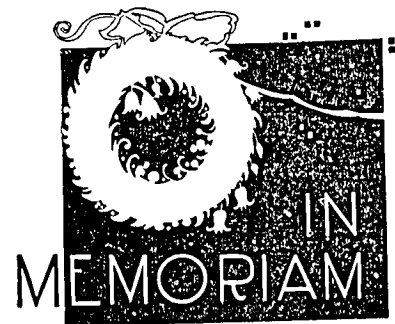
There are to be several more cabins erected by camp time we understand. We also have funds to finish the Liberty cabin for this coming session. Rev. Willard Day and a group of workers are to come one day, and also Rev. Boyd Thornton and a group are to work a day also.

So let's all pray and decide to come to give a lift on this worthy cause when the next working days are announced through the Gem.

Pray for us in our labors here.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Wm. Reeves, sec'y-treas.



## OSCAR WILLIAM PINKLEY

Oscar William Pinkley was born January 23, 1894, son of the late John and Francis Pinkley, and departed this life December 21, 1952 at the age of 58 years, 10 months and 28 days. He was united in marriage in 1914 to Lena Gibbons, and to this union four children were born.

He is survived by his wife and children; Juanita (Mrs. Henry Moore) of Waco, Texas; Elwood of Flat River; Marguerite (Mrs. Willard Darnell) of Flat River, and Andrew of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren, three sisters: Alice (Mrs. Lawrence Swearingin), Emma (Mrs. Henry Orr), and Mrs. Belle Yates, all of Hogan, and

two brothers: Olin and Everett of Flat River. His parents, three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and united with the church at Glover, Missouri. At the time of his passing he was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River. He was a devoted Christian, a loving husband and father and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



## From The Editor's Desk



### A NEW YOUTH SECTION

Elsewhere in this issue you will read a division headed "The Youth Section." We have felt the need of such a section for a long time; so when the suggestion came to us, along with the consent of the suggester to assist materially in assembling the section, we were quick to heed the proposal and accept the offered help. We are indebted to Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam for her kindness and efforts in making this section possible. Already she has contributed materials suitable for the next issue. However, we are anxious to have as much first-hand information and reports as possible. We would like to have testimonies, sermons, reports and all other materials possible coming directly from the youth of our church. It would be better if you would send your articles to Sis. Gilliam at Greentop, Missouri. Then she will be able to add desirable supplemental materials to send along. These should be in her hand no later than the 20th of each month so she can forward them to us very soon after that. However, if you are unable to get your articles to her, you may send them directly to us here and we will still use them. Remember—your Youth Articles to Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Missouri by the 20th of each month if possible. Help make this section the most interesting and helpful in the entire paper.

### Your Other Articles

For all current and seasonal news and articles, the 20th of each month is the time for them to reach us if at all possible. This is also true of your articles going to Rev. Mrs. Eanice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri, for the Woman's Auxiliary Section. Keep the articles coming. We appreciate every one of them—and need them. We have had some good sermons recently—some of them will appear in future issues. If yours has not been released, please be patient with us.

### Wide Agreement

The editorial in a recent issue on the New Revised Standard Version of

the Holy Bible has received wide acclaim. We confess that when the editorial was prepared we did not know the opinion of any leader of the denomination nor of more than perhaps a dozen of the laity. It is heart warming to discover so many determined to hold to the faith engendered by and through the beloved King James translation of the Scriptures. In fact, the Spirit has so directed that several are now writing us feature articles holding to the same decision. These we will present as space permits. It might even be that we would have to condense some—though we hope not; for we do not feel the matter can be over emphasized. We are glad for every article on this subject. Certainly there is no need for a few of us to crawl under a juniper tree as long as we are so favorably compassed about with saints who will also defend the faith. The discovery of this almost universal decision among Free Will Baptists has been perhaps the most gratifying discovery of our editing experience. The fight is on. The initial skirmish seems to have been ours. But there must continue to be positive action on our part as long as the battle lasts—and this will apparently be a long time.

### Do You Need A Doctor?

This may strike you as peculiar or even as an attempt at sensationalism. But we do ask your indulgence in what we are about to say. When possible a doctor is consulted when an ailment is evident. If your child stops growing before maturity it means that there is something wrong, and a specialist is consulted. To us it appears that such a condition is at least in part true. We have stopped growing! Yes, that is right. And it can only mean that something is definitely wrong and needs correcting. We aren't trying to blame anyone. It seems to be more or less a malady called procrastination, a deadly virus easily contracted, especially by the less active (spiritually speaking). So the cure lies in more activity on the part of all of us. We appreciate what has been done by you in our behalf. Without your help we would have had to suspend activities

long ago. Your efforts are just that important to us!

As we survey the situation we discover there is a vast number of Free Will Baptists in the State of Missouri who should take the Gem, but who are not. So may we suggest this: if there is apparent condition in your church or association in which you feel you need help, please call on us. Rev. Campbell and I are very busy at all times, but we have decided that if you feel we can be of any help to you in your church or other group (Fifth Sunday Rally, etc.) to acquaint our people with the Free Will Baptist Gem, we will try our best to come your way at an appropriate time. Please indicate if you have a preference, as there is absolutely no professional jealousy in either of us: we are in business for the Lord, and if we can help you, we will be glad to do so.

Many of you have done excellent work as local solicitors in the past. This has proven to be the most effective method yet used. You are doing a grand work. It will be necessary to continue to rely on you; and we know that we can. If we can help you with any problem that you have in this work, please call on us.

Many still prefer to send in currency for subscriptions. These find it inconvenient to send a yearly sub, since it involves coin. For your convenience we suggest that if you prefer to send currency, you avoid coin and send either one or two dollars and we will correctly adjust your subscription for the amount received. You will get your full moneys worth regardless of the amount. The main thing is to Send In Some Money For Your Subscription—check, cash or money order.

A magazine contest offered a prize for the best definition of the value of money. The following was judged the winner: "Money is a universal provider for everything but happiness, and a passport everywhere but to heaven."

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Give your life to God. He can do more with it than you can. —Moody.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES**

Following are Sunday School average attendances submitted for December:

Monett .....	83
New Harmony (not received)	
Mountain Grove .....	167
Berkeley .....	161
South Side (St. Louis) .....	147
Happy Hill (Lacked Co.-not rec'd.)	
Third St. Louis .....	104
Wolf Creek .....	41
Fredericktown .....	169
Fredericktown Junior Dept. ....	61
Jones Chapel .....	43

Thanks folks! This is a nice list. Keep it up. If you haven't yet started sending your averages to us, please do so at once. You will note it is necessary to publish averages one month old (two months behind our publication date line). Send yours in as early as possible so we may be sure to have them ready.

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.

**SENDS FOOD TO INDIA**

January 12, 1953  
Box 953  
Bristow, Okla.

Bristow Intermediate League wants to say hello to all our League friends.

We just reelected officers at the beginning of the new year. We thought by electing each quarter it would give training to more of our young people to hold office and to serve as officers.

Miss Norma Jean Landers is our president. Kemper Kisse is our vice president. Miss Leota is the recording secretary. Miss Darleen Williford is the corresponding secretary. Sue Hill and Phyllis Estep are group captains. Miss Dorma Johns is the pianist, and Miss Phyllis Estep is chorister. The rest of our members we have tried to put on committee so that everyone will have a job. Our League is growing and showing interest. We need your prayers that we will grow inwardly and outwardly for the glory of God.

Our project last month was to write each of our missionaries a letter and

send them a Christmas card. We also sent a package of food to Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, missionaries to India. Yours in the service of the King,

Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston  
Sponsors

**UNION (ILLINOIS) CHURCH  
CONTINUES ITS PROGRESS**

It has been a few years since we have had a report in the Gem.

I am glad to report that God is still blessing in many ways. In the last year we have done about \$500.00 worth of redecorating on the inside of the church, and are praising God because we believe He is smiling His approval upon it.

We have as our full-time pastor Rev. Ocid McClerren. He is a young minister of the gospel and a spirit filled and God sent man. He is a capable speaker and takes a great interest in the young people. We have several young people and most of them are Christian.

Our Freedom Quarterly Meeting will convene the 27th of February at the Liberty Church, and we are hoping and praying for a good service in the Lord.

I will close, praying God to bless us all and speed victory in His glory and His honor. May the blessings of the Lord rest and abide with each one.

Miss Joyce McClerren, reporter

**SEND THE LIGHT**

The great end of Christian duty is to spread the gospel whenever and where the opportunities are presented. In the words of Paul, "A great door and effectual is opened unto us." The Free Will Baptist Mission program provides a channel through which every constituent of the denomination can help to spread the light of the gospel.

It is the will of God that every man should have the light of salvation. He wills not the moral and spiritual darkness of one soul. Such darkness God hates. To expel it the church is charged with the responsibility of diffusing the light of the gospel even unto the ends of the earth.

The gospel finds man in the darkness of ignorance, depravity and sin, in the way of death. The condition of all who accept the gospel is totally

reversed by its transforming power. In contrast to his previous state of darkness, the understanding of the saved person is filled with the light of knowledge, his conscience with the light of peace, his heart with the light of joy and salvation in the Lord.

It is expressly stated by Christ that this gracious, illuminating gospel is for the whole world. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Assuredly, the message is adapted to all the world. It is a message of hope for every son of Adam. Thus, to have a part in the missions program is to fulfill a great commission.

Moreover, to support missions is to produce fruit that will abound to our account for the eternal harvest. Paul commended the church at Philippi for their support of the missionary effort. He said in effect, "Ye have done well in communicating with me as concerning giving." He also said, "Not because I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

We conclude, therefore, that to have a part in a Missions program is both a duty and a privilege; to fail is highly criminal and injurious. Yet how few pray as we ought, how few give as the Lord has made possible. Our lack of giving is evidenced by the following information: Missouri's gifts for Foreign Missions from July 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953 totaled \$3,773.18. January first was the half-way mark for the associational year. Our quota for the year is \$9,000.00. So we are behind \$726.18 as of January 1. I am sure that many of you received this information from Bro. Riggs, but "to stir you up by way of remembrance," will, we trust, be helpful. Then, too, others of you were not thus informed.

As a member of the National Foreign Missions Board I say on behalf of the entire board and all our missionaries we thank you for your past support of foreign missions and we are counting on you for continued support. As a Missourian, I know we are going to meet our quota. Let us pray earnestly and act immediately by putting Missouri over the top with our contributions for foreign missions.

Respectfully,

Rev. Rolla D. Smith

Faith is never surprised at success.





# THE YOUTH SECTION



## SEND US YOUR ARTICLES

Dear Churches:

We would like for you to send us articles of your young people's activities from over the state—such as reports of your League, socials, personal testimonies, Christian service, or other articles. Your article might be an inspiration to others.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam

People's League were elected for the coming year during the last meeting. They are:

President ..... Evelyn Kelsey  
Vice president .... Peggy McElhinney  
Secretary-treasurer .... Bobby Kelsey

We have a story hour for the little ones, and a Bible quiz during each meeting. We receive much spiritual food from our league quarterlies.

3. What was another name for Matthew?
4. What was Luke's profession?
5. How many malefactors were crucified with Jesus?
6. What man fell from a window while Paul preached?
7. Who was the beloved disciple?
8. Into what body of water does the Jordan River flow?
9. What was Paul's trade?
10. Where was Paul born?

## BIBLE GAMES FOR YOU

### CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS

A few evenings prior to Christmas 21 members of the New Harmony Young People's Group, led by the pastor, met at the church and went out Christmas carolling. Carols were sung at nine different homes, mostly for old people or those who were ill—one was a lady who has been bedfast for years. We entered some of these homes and offered prayer.

The group spent the remainder of the evening with Patsy, Nancy and Donnie Riley, where they were served delicious refreshments. The evening was one of enjoyment and blessing. Cards were later received by the group from the homes, expressing their appreciation of the few moments spent with them.

### FEATHER QUIZ

Teams are chosen for a quiz contest. When a question is asked a player, his teammates blow a feather into the air. The player is allowed to answer questions as long as the feather does not touch any object. As soon as the feather touches the wall, floor, or any person or thing, the time is up. If a contestant answers one question and there is time for another question, he may answer as many as possible for his team. As soon as the player misses, the other team takes over. Scoring may be on the basis of five for the first question answered at one time, ten for the second, fifteen for the third, and so on.

### MISSING WORDS

Try to supply these missing words of Jesus:

1. Let not your heart be .....: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
2. Blessed are the .....: for they shall ..... mercy.
3. In my Father's house are many .....
4. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall ..... them.
5. Lay not up for yourselves ..... upon earth.
6. If you love me, keep my .....
7. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our .....
8. Take heed that ye do not your alms before .....
9. But the very hairs of your head are all .....
10. I am the vine, ye are the .....

### NAME CHAIN

The group is seated in a circle. The one who starts gives the name of some Bible character. The next in line must give a name beginning with the last letter of the name previously mentioned. This continues until some one can not supply a name. He must sit in the center of the circle until another misses. Then if he can supply a name he may return to the circle; otherwise he must stay inside the circle. No one is allowed to repeat names already mentioned.

### JUMBLED GEOGRAPHY

Can you identify these locations?

1. MORE—a famous city.
2. REEGCE—a classical country.
3. TEBYNAH—a village near Jerusalem.
4. LAGEELI—a sea.
5. NEED—a garden.
6. PYGTE—an ancient country.
7. NAHS—a mountain.
8. ROJNAD—a river.
9. RYTE—a wicked city.
10. BAARIA—a desert country.
11. TEERC—a Mediteranian island.
12. TARARA—a noted mountain.
13. TAHENS—a capital city.
14. LINE—an Egyptian river.
15. YALIT—a country.

### QUIZ TIME

1. Who was the father of James and John?
2. What books did Luke write?

## LEAGUE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Hazel Creek Union League was held at the church Sunday evening, with an attendance of around thirty. The lesson for the evening was "Voices of the Night." The introduction was given by Mrs. Ethel Thompson, Adult Group Captain. Topics were given by Boyd Filkins, Earl Sponsler, Mrs. Lola Filkins and Rev. Wayne Parsons.

The Intermediate Group was led by Wendell Sevits, and the Primary and Juniors by Mrs. Sylvia Sevits.

## SUBLETT LEAGUE

New officers for the Sublett Young





## REV. MOYER AND FAMILY USE TALENTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Greentop, Missouri  
January 12, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We want to report on the revival meeting conducted by Rev. Charles Moyer at the Shibley Point Church December 25 to January 9. Rev. and Mrs. Moyer and their children came Christmas Day to begin services that night. Sister Moyer and the children were with us until New Year's Day when they returned to their home so the children could get back in school after the Christmas vacation.

We are thanking God for the wonderful talent He has given the Moyer family, and that they are all using it for the glory of God. The children furnished special singing and music at each service while with us, and our hearts were truly blessed. We learned to love them all during the short while they were with us.

Bro. Moyer delivered soul stirring messages each evening. We're thanking God for his ministry the short while he was with us. On New Year's Eve we had services until after midnight. Rev. LaVerne Miley, Rev. Wayne Parsons and Rev. Moyer all

delivered wonderful messages at this service and as the old year passed and the new year come in, two precious souls were at the altar seeking Christ, and all others present were rededicating their lives to God.

One of the men that were saved was a man past 71 years old who had not been in church for years except to attend funerals. It truly does our hearts good to hear him testify to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We also received seven new members into the church during the revival. We are thankful for all who came and helped from the other churches. May God bless you all is our sincere prayer. We ask an interest in all your prayers that God will continue to bless, and we may all work together for the glory of God.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ,

Gene and Alta Mikel

### Did You Get the Answers?

Answers to Jumbled Geography

1. Rome.
2. Greece.
3. Bethany.
4. Galilee.
5. Eden.
6. Egypt.
7. Sinai.
8. Jordan.
9. Tyre.
10. Arabia.
11. Crete.
12. Ararat.
13. Athens.
14. Nile.
15. Italy.

Answers to Quiz Time.

1. Zebedee.
2. Luke, Acts.
3. Levi.
4. Physician.
5. Two.
6. Eutychus.
7. John.
8. The Dead Sea.
9. Tentmaker.
10. Tarsus.
1. Troubled.
2. Merciful, obtain.
3. Mansions.
4. Know.
5. Treasures.
6. Commandments.
7. Debtors.
8. Men.
9. Numbered.
10. Branches.

### The Missing Words

Our great strength rests in those high-minded and patriotic Americans whose faith in God and love of country transcend all selfish and saving instincts.

—Douglas MacArthur



## VISITS SON IN SERVICE

Cassville, Missouri  
January 26, 1953

The Free Will Baptist Gem  
Monett, Missouri

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
and sinner friends:

I know all of you will be rather surprised to see a piece in this paper from me. It has been years since I have written a piece to this paper, but I am still a Christian. And I try to live so other people will think I am one.

I correspond with three Barry County newspapers: The Cassville Republican and The Cassville Democrat, both home town papers, and The Monett Times, a daily. These news items are headed as Merl's Chapel, and I try to send in news that will help our church and other people who might also read them. You know that the Bible says that "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Oh! Here is our son's picture. It came out in the Barry County papers for which I correspond, so I am having it put in this paper. Our son is Junior Glendon Wright. He is in the aviation section of the army. He was drafted from here last fall, and his father and I are very lonesome since he left for service. He used to be employed at Cesna Air Port in Wichita, Kansas, as mechanic. He is a graduate of the Butterfield (Missouri) High School. After graduating he went to Wichita where he could learn about planes. In each letter home he would say, "Mom, remember me in your prayers."

After completing his basic training in the army, he wanted so much to be with these planes or where they were. He happened to be the one boy of some 20,000 chosen to be where he is now. He got a break somehow. But he says it was because of having had experience with these planes in the past, and through prayer.

His father and I went to California to spend Christmas with him since he couldn't come home. We stayed in the Guest House at Camp Roberts, and went through the camp and had a wonderful time with him. We went

to church in the chapel in the aviation section. I'll never forget the Chaplain. He read the 90th Psalm and preached on peace. He was a Protestant.

California was a lovely country. I could think of God when I looked at the mountains and when I looked at the ocean. And I have never before seen so many lovely flowers; it was like May here in Missouri.

We also saw the auditorium in Long Beach where Rev. Fuller broadcasts



over the air. This preacher does a lot of good for our service men. His address is Rev. Charles E. Fuller, Box 123, Los Angeles, California. There are so many of our boys stationed in California and near there, that this preacher can reach many of them where preachers back here can not, and he believes in the old fashioned Christian way. I listen to him every Sunday. I have two sisters and a brother that live in or near Los Angeles, and they have gone to hear him also. So I pray that I have written something that will help someone.

Son never writes home that he does not mention prayer since he has been in service. Oh, it sure is pitiful to visit in a camp and see so many boys, and talk with them and find out if they are a Christian or not. I took my Bible and carried it on the trip. We went by bus. We met so many service men, and we always talked with them. In travelling, if God's children would always carry a Bible, I think it would be of great help, because strangers always notice it, and especially the service men. They notice everything.

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I wish that all Christians would take their Bibles to church with them. This is a suggestion I make to all of you for 1953.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Rev. Mrs. Merl Wright

### WHAT PER CENT OF OUR FOREIGN MISSION MONEY ACTUALLY REACHES FIELD?

No doubt this question has been asked you many times. Also, I'm sure you have asked yourself that same question.

Since I have been closely associated with Foreign Mission work I have observed and examined the reports not only of our own, but also the reports of several other Foreign Mission Boards. I have also had personal talks with other Mission Executives whose mission work far exceeds ours. In most cases every board is different, but usually it requires from ten to twenty per cent of the total receipts to maintain the home office and promotional work on a healthy basis.

In checking through last year's report of our Foreign Missions Board, I have found the following:

Total expenditures .....	\$61,451.60
Promotional exp. at home ..	8,403.54
(This is 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of total)	
Missionaries—foreign fields .	53,048.16
(This is 92 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent of total)	

This gives you an idea as to the ratio of the work.

In view of the possibility of the Board employing a full time man in the Promotional Department, this, no doubt, will increase the amount in the home department. But of course, we also believe it will increase our receipts.

Incidentally what is the thinking of our pastors and laymen regarding this important matter. Would you support the Foreign Mission program under the leadership of a full time Promotional Secretary. We would be glad to hear from you.

Rev. Raymond Riggs