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"MORBUS SABBATICUS" OR SUNDAY SICKNESS

Morbus Sabbaticus, or Sunday sickness, is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays. No symptoms are felt on Saturday night. The patient sleeps well and wakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about Church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better and he is able to take a walk, an automobile ride, go visiting, talk politics, and read the paper. He eats a hearty supper, but about Church time he has another attack at his home. He retires early, sleeps well, and awakes on Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work. He does not have any return of the symptoms until the next Sunday. The peculiar features of this ailment are as follows:

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Eighth—No remedy is known for it except repentance.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Following are Sunday School average attendances for January.

Monett	78
New Harmony (not received)	
Mountain Grove	171
Berkeley	163
South Side (St. Louis)	145
Happy Hill (Laclede Co. - not received)	
Third St. Louis (not received)	
Wolf Creek (not received)	
Fredericktown	166
Jones Chapel	43
Black Oak	19
Fellowship (Flat River)	130
Richwoods	44
Mt. Pisgah	44

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.

HOME MISSIONS POSTERS

To all State Directors of National Home Missions, please send the address of your churches and of their pastors to the National Secretary, as the posters for the Simultaneous Revivals are ready to mail out. The aim of the board is to place at least one of these posters in each Free Will Baptist Church and Mission.

The Directors of each state are to direct the Simultaneous Revivals in your state, send a report of the revival, the number of professions and additions number baptized, and a special Home Mission offering to the National Home Mission Board Treasurer:

Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Secretary - Treasurer
516 S. 61 West Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The space usually used by the Editor has been utilized by other articles this time. There was enough worthy manuscript to occupy the space, and we were very happy to give it over. We wish it would happen more often. We hope you will like it that way, too.

There are several worthy subjects that could have been treated by the Editor, such as the proposed Budget Plan of finance. However, this is quite adequately cared for elsewhere in this issue. Then the great need of a National Headquarters building should command our attention and have our support. This need is presented in this issue by the Promotional Secretary. The building is virtually a must. As always our own Youth Camp needs and deserves our attention. It will not be long before the 1953 session, and there is so much to be done. Many improvements will be made by that time. At least 200 are expected to attend—and we hope it is much more than that. See in this issue the dates set for the next public working at the camp.

We would like to have a list of all ministers and their addresses, listing the following information: present status (ordained, licensed, superannuated, etc.), field of labor (evangelist, pastor, student, etc.), age at present, how long the minister has been active, and any other pertinent information. We are particularly anxious to get a list (real soon) of all ministers under 21 years of age.

ISAIAH: THE REFINED PROPHET

Rev. Roger Reeds - Nashville, Tennessee

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 6:1-9*

We consider gold as a precious and beautiful metal. Of course it is but it must go through a refining process to become so. It is brought forth from the earth in bulk form. It then passes through a process of smelting until the dross is removed, but that which remains is purified. In a sense this is what happened to the Prophet Isaiah. He went through a refining process and in the end all the dross was removed and he came forth ready for the Master's service. The process was not instantaneous, but came about step by step. Each step made him ready for the next. Then at the completion of the entire process Isaiah was better prepared to be an instrument of God.

Isaiah gives a verbal picture of his being refined in the sixth chapter of his book, especially in the first six verses. In verse one through four we find Isaiah's corneal vision. Isaiah begins in verse one by giving us the time of his vision. He states that it was "In the year that king Uzziah died." According to some authorities this was in the year of 826 B.C. This king followed in the way of the Lord with the exception of moving the high places that had been erected in heathen worship. He became a leper early in life and died bearing this dreadful disease. In these first four verses we also note the position of God. He was "sitting on a throne, high and lifted up." Isaiah's vision seems to parallel that of John the Revelator. For both men exalt God on a high throne. And certainly this is a highpoint in the refining of Isaiah. For he exalted God and humbled himself. Then we note the Angelic beings as they go forth praising God. They cried, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts." The three 'holies' is thought by some Bible scholars to signify the Trinity.

The next step in the refining of Isaiah is that of Conviction. Through this vision that Isaiah had seen he now realized his sinful condition. His heart became heavy with the sin in his life. Not only in his life but also the sin of his own beloved nation. He could see the corruptness in the gov-

ernment, in the rich class of people, in the middle class of people, and in the poor class of people. The burden must have been great for one man to carry, but Isaiah carried it. It led on to the next step in his consecration.

Isaiah marched on in the right direction as he took the next step which was that of Confession. He cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." He openly confessed the sin in his life. And of course we know that the Scripture says our sin will be forgiven if we confess them. Isaiah also confessed the sins of the nation. He stated that he dwelt in the midst of a people of unclean lips. People who were blaspheming the very God that created them. People who had been blessed in such a great way by God, but still they turned their backs upon Him. But Isaiah confessing the sins of the nation was not enough to cleanse the nation. Salvation is personal. So it was the nation's responsibility to seek out their own salvation. However, Isaiah was used to warn the nation that unless they did something about their sinful condition they were doomed to captivity. Once again in the fifth verse Isaiah makes the statement that all this had been brought about because of his vision. He stated, "Mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." What a wonderful vision.

Cleansing from sin was God's answer to Isaiah's confession. Verses six and seven tells us that the cleansing process was brought about by one of the 'seraphims.' The seraphim took a live coal from the altar and placed it upon the lips of Isaiah. The seraphim then said, "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." Isaiah had met the conditions and now he was cleansed. The dross was gone and he stood before his Creator in a purified condition. The refining process was now complete.

God was not finished with Isaiah. He was yet to receive his commission. A voice rang through heaven. This time it was the voice of God. The Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" A great question. Who could go? Why, of course, Isaiah.

He was the only one ready. He had just undergone the cleansing process and certainly he was well prepared. We notice that God said who will go for us. Certainly He must have been implying to the Trinity. But the important thing is Isaiah's reply. There were no "ifs, ands, or buts" about it. He immediately stated, "Here am I; send me." He was ready and willing to go. Perhaps he realized the greatness of the task, and perhaps he didn't. But he was certainly willing. It is this willingness that makes great men for God. Isaiah went on to become one of the all-time greats in the service of God. Isaiah was willing to walk the streets in nakedness proclaiming the message of God. He was willing to suffer persecution. Tradition states that he was sawn asunder at the close of his profitable life. Whether this is true or not is unknown, but certainly Isaiah would have been willing to lay down his life for his Saviour.

God answered Isaiah's willing statement by telling him what his task would be. Isaiah was to go and tell the people. Isaiah was to be God's message bearer. Now that he was cleansed he was to point the way for the others.

The story of Isaiah does not end here. In fact this only the beginning. Isaiah went on for years to follow fulfilling the commission he had received. He was later to be honored by the Saviour whom he pictured so vividly in his book. The Saviour quoted from the book of Isaiah. All of this was brought about because Isaiah took the steps unwaveringly that led to his refining. The steps of Conviction, Confession, Cleansing, and Commission. But these steps were made because of the first step. That step is the corneal vision. Isaiah saw the Lord.

TABERNACLE WORK DATES

Rev. Hervey E. Hill, chairman of the Youth Camp Board, states that April 6-7-8 has been set for the next public working on the tabernacle at the Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri. You are urged to lay plans to come at that time to speed completion of the tabernacle.

Also, a number from the Mountain Grove and Rock Chapel Churches are planning to work on the tabernacle the 10th of March.

THE REVISED VERSION

My first notice of this New Bible was as it appeared in the Miami (Oklahoma) News Record, to wit:

New York, September 27—

"American Protestants have a New Bible."

Fair and properly I think it should have read that 40 American Protestant Denominations, and their complete staff of instigators have a New Bible which they hope to present to all other Protestant Denominations, including all Protestants and all other English Bible readers, for their careful consideration, based only on the background claims of which the New Bible came.

With reverence and all respect I make mention of the American Protestant two-Denomination Bible (or Book of Mormon), based on the background claims of Joseph Smith and (seemingly) others; of Joseph Smith's inspired finding of certain plates deposited on a hillside in Ontario County, New York, and that on these said plates was a language of another tongue (not English). And did Joseph Smith claim to revise those plates? The answer is no. But he did claim that he actually did translate the language on the said plates into the English language of his day, which is now known as the Book of Mormon (in the English tongue). And I am persuaded that if you would ask either of those two denominations (the Mormons or the Latter Day Saints) if their Book of Mormon had lost the meaning of a single word, and if the said word had become useless and misleading, and needed to be revised in order to get rid of the meaningless words, that they would say, "No, and it never will."

I, F. E. Crain, know the background claim of the Book of Mormon dating back to Lehi and Nephi (said to be Jews) who escaped the captive hand of Nebuchadnezzar when Jerusalem was taken. So, in my judgement, the background of the Mormon Book does not stand up.

Will the background of this New Bible stand up in face of a Biblical, the logical investigation? In the fear of God, I say no.

As I understand (according to the printed information that came with

the New Testament) it had a working background composed of 40 Protestant churches, desiring some revisions to be made, and by arrangement was set forth with 32 of the *foremost Biblical scholars and teachers* employed as a committee. To this, 50 more were secured as a Review and Council Advisory Board. To this number 22 more were selected out of 13 different places as follows: from eight different universities, and from three different theological seminaries, and two from a certain school of theology, and one from the Jewish Institute of Religion of New York. This latter group of 22 seemed to be the highest instructors of the revision work.

So (as I see it) we have a picture

of 40 Council of Churches, with 104 foremost scholars, to wage a 15 year struggle against *out of date* English words, especially as found within the King James version of AD1611.

I hope this article finds its way into the columns of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and if so I want to follow this with an article concerning the battle axes, battle clubs, and what not that has been used against the King James honorable translation since it came out in AD1611.

Cheer up. The opposers of the King James Version have not accomplished anything worth while yet. And neither have the opposers of Christ.

Rev. F. E. Crain, Miami, Okla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN INDIA TO HOST REGIONAL RALLY

"Westfield" Kotagiri
South India
January 20, 1953

Dear Friends and Helpers:

God has been working in real power here, and it is no exaggeration to say there is a spirit of revival amongst us. Times are hard, work is scarce; I can not recall any time when people faced such difficulties. Sickness is prevalent, perhaps due to some extent to insufficient food. Thieving and pilfering are common. The number coming daily to ask for work or for help to secure work tell stories of real hunger. It is heartrending to send them away with little or no hope of work. We give a dollar, or food from our own pantry whenever possible, but these paltry gifts are feeble against need on such a large scale. We have shared with needy friends the packets of rice and other food received in CARE and other parcels from home. Last week our cook brought us a handful of rice from his ration which he had just bought in the bazaar, rotten, weevil-eaten, powdered grain, for which he and everybody else had given their hard-earned wage that week, and then turned homeward with heavy hearts. At Christmas time old brother Abraham came to thank us for a pound packet of American rice. When we said we hoped they had enjoyed it, he replied, "Oh, we have not yet eaten it, because

Isaac has been camping out for work in the forest and we couldn't think of eating it in his absence. My wife says she has never seen such rice, so we're keeping it that all the family may enjoy it together!" That, too, was pathetic, for before the war Indian rice was superior to anything we had in America. But so long have the dear people eaten husks (and that rationed) that CARE rice seems wonderful indeed.

We wrote you that John Rajua had entered Bible College. What a joy he was to us during the Christmas holidays. Indeed, we found him transformed not only in appearance, but also spiritually. God used him so greatly among his own people that all were blessed and inspired. We are expecting him to have a very rich and fruitful ministry when his training is completed. Even at the moment God is using him as he goes out to the surrounding villages where the college is located, and gives forth the Wonderful Words of Life! Many have found Christ as their Saviour. Pray for him that he will stay close to God and remain humble, yielding all to Him that he may be only a channel.

Recently two high school girls, Pushpam and Grace, came to be instructed about the New Birth. The previous Sunday they had heard a lesson on Nicodemus and were convicted and were eager to learn how they too could

receive Christ as their Saviour. Miss Barnard took the Bible and explained to them what it meant to be born again, and prayed with them. They, too, poured out their hearts to God. Upon departure, with radiant faces, they both exclaimed, "We know Christ is ours, and like Jesus told the woman who broke the box of precious ointment on His feet to go in peace, we go home with peace in our hearts." The change in their lives has been marked.

There are many occasions when our own hearts are so full. The recent stand of one of our young lads has been a real joy. About three weeks ago he was baptized, choosing for his Christian name, Wilson Raj. Just before his baptism he read Psalm 32 as his testimony. Then he turned to the congregation and said, "I have already made restitution to those whom I've wronged as far as I know. But if there is any one in this congregation that I have wronged, I want you to tell me now and forgive me." A few days after his baptism a young lad was heard to call him by his heathen name, Gopalan; and he instantly said in disgust, "Gopalan, hm! he's dead—died last Sunday." God has used his baptism as a blessing to many. His entire family have been mellowed and are showing a deeper interest in the things of God than ever before, and today the oldest sister, a high school girl, stayed after the 5:00 o'clock Bible Class to receive instruction on the way of Salvation. She is very sincere and earnest, so pray that the Holy Spirit may give her understanding.

We are grateful for your prayers for Christopher and for Kamala, both of whom appeared to be under demon power. God has heard your prayers and Christopher has experienced a measure of deliverance and is now coming regularly to meetings. His confession of mental and spiritual torture is pathetic and he covets prayer for complete release from every phase of the power that has so fettered him. A number of circumstances have figured in his coming under this power, chiefly the age-old custom of regarding marriage and the long time plans of his family to marry him to a Hindu girl. He pleads for prayer for deliverance from these plans. Pray that he may be bold to claim the power and protection of the precious Blood in this matter. He has the prospect of work in another place under Christian in-

fluence, and if this materializes it should be a great help to him. Kamala is quieter and freer from violent demonstrations, and we feel this is in answer to prayer. Please keep praying until both of these young people know His complete victory.

The Lord has greatly blessed and honored our Sunday School work, and we have just been laying plans for our first Sunday School Rally to meet here with us on April 12, when we hope to have about ten groups represented with at least 300 present. We plan to march in procession through Kotagiri, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Pray earnestly for this meeting, (1) that through it many more children and young people will be interested and enlisted in our schools, (2) that leaders in the work will grasp the idea of Bible Study and soul-winning as the central aim, (3) and that souls will be saved in this meeting itself. Pray for all our preparations as the host Sunday School. Pray for all our Sunday School teachers. And pray for Miss Alice Longland who has felt the call and undertaken the tremendous task of writing and publishing Tamil Sunday School quarterlies that have given such impetus to all our Sunday School work.

Yours in His great grace and power,

Laura Belle Barnard
Volena Wilson

P.S.—Since the above was written I have word from a faculty member of the Bible College to say that John Raju is being a great blessing in the dormitory, as well as at the Gold Fields where he conducts weekly meetings.

Also, "late flash" from the missionary in charge of the orphanage where Kamala is placed, says, "Three times the enemy has tried to attack her since I came, but each time as the demons were rebuked there was immediate relief. One time they glared out in her eyes at me and threatened to strike me, but they could not withstand the power of Jesus' name and quickly left her. That was on January 5th, and there has been no recurrence since then."

L. B. B.

'HOME MISSIONS MONTH'

Another year has passed and we are again facing our Home Mission month.

April has again been designated as Home Mission month. And March 24th has been set as a day of prayer for the progress of Home Missions, also for our simultaneous Revival Campaign. We ask each pastor to urge his church to have special prayer on that date, that many souls may be saved during these revivals. And we ask that you make a report of the meetings and send them to our Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. H. E. Staires, 516 S. 61 W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma. Don't forget that each pastor is to take a special offering for Home Missions during the month of April, and see that it gets to the same address.

Our offerings have been far better this year than ever before, but I notice that each state is behind with its quota. I hope that each State Director will put forth a special effort to raise their quota. I am sure that all Free Will Baptists want it done and will give if they are given an opportunity.

It has been my privilege to visit Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky and North Carolina in the interest of Home Missions and I find our people are very much concerned about this work and can see that it is the foundation for our National Program.

I was sent by our board to Chipley, Florida, for a revival, and I found in that city a great hungering and thirsting for a Gospel just like the Free Will Baptist preach. Some of the folk testified in the services that they had been praying for 15 years for a church like the Free Will Baptists to come to their town. So you can see that the fields are white already unto harvest, and may God help us as a Denomination, to meet the challenge, for night is soon coming when we won't have this opportunity. You may ask, "What must I do?" You can pray, give, and go!

Your National Home Mission Board will never be satisfied until they have Free Will Baptist in every state in the good old U.S.A., and in every town and in every rural district where there is room for one. Oh, there are so many who will perhaps never be saved unless this work is done. Don't you want a part in it now? Let's all get busy, that through our efforts many may be saved.

Now, dear Free Will Baptists, we are depending on you and God is also depending on all of us to rise and go over the top for Home Missions.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman

LATEST INDIA MISSIONARIES SEE CEREMONIAL WORSHIP

19 Albert Road
Allahabad, U.P., India
January 19, 1953

Dear Bro. Riggs:

The Lord is blessing us here in India. He has given us all good health and we feel He is helping us learn the language. We had a very nice Christmas with the Cronks and are now back in school about 500 miles west of Kishanganj.

We did as you told us at Missionary Conference about customs. Dan paid them from the mission treasury and Miss Barnard will forward the bill to you. Dan sent it to her.

Although our trip over, coming part way by air, was wonderful, we feel that it would have been better to come all the way by boat, freighter had that been possible. The expenses would have been less and there would not have been the trouble of bringing in equipment after we had already taken residence here. As it was our radio, typewriter, and accordian were all badly damaged. Neptune was supposed to pack our things in air-tight, lock type drums with locks which they did not do. None of the drums were locked, neither were they lock type, so it is a miracle that everything was there. With the exception of a few broken dishes, the above three things were all that were badly damaged. This appeared to be caused by poor packing on Neptune's part.

Many are wondering just how long the doors of India will remain open. We have met several missionaries who were in China just prior to Communist control and they say that the trend seems to be the same in India as it was there. The people are searching for something; they know not what. The majority are poverty stricken but this does not keep them from worshipping in their religions with great fervor. Last Wednesday we witnessed a sight which one can never conceive without seeing it with his own eyes. There are twelve holy places to the Hindu in India. One is here at Allahabad where the Ganges and Jumna Rivers flow together. Each year people come here from all over India to bathe in the river hoping to obtain salvation and "to wash away their sins." Wednesday morning it looked as if they were almost to the opposite shore of

the river from where we were and as thick as could be. While some were leaving, others were coming to take their places. An estimated three million bathed there Wednesday alone. Along the road down to the river were "holy" men with very little clothing or no clothing, their bodies covered with ashes and their faces painted. People were sacrificing grain and money to these, to idols, to "holy" cows, and were worshipping the cobra snake. We saw snake charmers, a man fixing a bed of thorns on which to lie (some saw him on it), one man standing continuously on his head facing the river which caused him to face the sun, and one man with his head buried in the ground. After all this, still their faces show the burden which is on their hearts. Oh! how these people need Christ. Things like this make us ever more thankful for Jesus Christ, who alone can free from the chains of sin.

Pray that soon we may be able to speak the language and give out the message to these who wait in darkness.

Yours in Him,
Carlisle, Marie, Sheila Hanna

INSTITUTES FEET WASHING

Farmington, Missouri
134 Hickory Street

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Greetings to the Gem readers all over America. We sure do enjoy reading the Gem each month.

I would like to report a revival held at the Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The services started Sunday, February 8, and continued through February 22. We had some of the most wonderful services that we have ever been in and rejoiced with the precious presence of the Holy Spirit at each service.

There were no conversions, but we feel that the church is better fitted for the on-coming battle against sin and Satan and his powers.

There were nine new members added to the church on Sunday, February 22 at the 11:00 o'clock service. Two of them are to be baptized, and we will take care of this in the near future. After the wonderful spirit filled service there was a bountiful dinner served by the ladies of the church. Yes, there were other churches that joined in the

good services. The Methodist and the General Baptist people were sure wonderful in their efforts to cooperate for the salvation of the lost.

After everyone had filled themselves on the material substance, we came together at 2:00 o'clock for a grand singing convention, and to be sure I think everyone was thrilled with the blessings of the good singing of the Gospel songs. For two full hours this continued. Then as the time came for closing, someone sent a request for Sister Maude Proffer to sing "Zion's Hill." When this precious saint began to sing, people began to shout. There were at least ten or twelve shouting at the same time. Oh, you don't believe in shouting! Well, people shout at the ball game, and at the horse races. Then why shouldn't God's children shout for joy. You might read in the Book of God what it says about praise. Bro. Jeffreys, I don't mean to preach, but let's return to the old landmarks.

Sis. Proffer was from the F.W.B. church in Fredericktown.

The children were with us most of the time, with their instruments and songs. Everyone seemed to enjoy their talent, and we sure do praise God for blessing our home with their presence. The Gospel Four Quartet was with us for some of the services, and their messages in song were sure enjoyed by everyone. Also the Homeland Harmony Quartet was with us some. So in all it was a good revival.

To climax it all, we did something that heretofore had never been done in Marble Hill church. On Sunday night, February 15, we decided to have the Lord's Supper and wash feet. We made the announcement, and after dismissal an elderly lady came to us and said, "Preacher, if they don't ride you out of town on a rail, I'll be surprised." We said, "O.K. But they did my Saviour worse than that."

Well, we closed the revival Sunday night, the 22nd by following the example of our precious Lord. There was wonderful rejoicing in this, among both men and women. There were 11 women and nine men who washed feet, but what rejoicing. Thank God for such a sacred ordinance.

We went to the church at Marble Hill in November and found a discouraged few, but God has been in every service, so naturally we were thrilled by the new members. There are several other prospective members whom we

hope will come in soon, and there is a great field in and around Marble Hill if we could just be on the field. But our residence is over 50 miles from the church, so we pastor at a great disadvantage. We beg for your prayers.

Humbly yours,

Rev. Chas. H. Moyers

"H-DAY" COMES IN MARCH

During the last world war in Europe the world was agog with the news that the Continent of Europe was to be invaded. People were amazed at the daring with which the leaders of the Allied cause planned to sweep on to the Continent in one masterful stroke designed to put a speedy end to the conflict. The days before the invasion were numbered by "D-Day" minus, while the days after the invasion were designated "D-Day" plus.

All this was for war purposes.

We are launching a new kind of invasion—"H-DAY."

"H-Day" means HEADQUARTERS DAY. For many years we have realized the need of centralizing our Denominational offices and bringing a closer correlation in our program. The National Association voted some eight years ago to launch a campaign to raise funds for the purpose of purchasing a building to be used as Denominational Headquarters. Other matters which seemed more urgent came along and the Headquarters drive was sidetracked for a time. However, in recent months the demand for this Headquarters has increased until it has become necessary to major on this issue.

On Sunday, January 11, the campaign for the Headquarters was officially launched in Hazel Park Church in Michigan. Rev. Mark Lewis and his people responded graciously and made the "kick-off" service a grand success. The response in the entire Detroit area was the same, with whole hearted support in all the churches and the Wolverine Association.

From the Detroit area the campaign moved into Southeast Missouri and the same spirit of enthusiasm was manifested there for the Headquarters proposition. From Missouri the drive went into Florida, beginning in the Miami

section and going from there into north Florida. Every pastor and every church has given 100% cooperation. Not a dissenting voice has been raised. Already, after only three weeks, a goal of \$7,500 has been 75% attained.

Every church in the Denominational connection is being urged to set aside March 15 as a day to make a special offering to the Headquarters Fund. With every one of the more than 2,000 churches in the National Association responding to this call, we will be assured of victory when H-Day comes.

We are counting on you to be in that number. Right now, before you forget it, mark a red circle on your calendar around Sunday, March 15. Announce in your church that H-Day is coming. Prepare to make a special offering to the Headquarters Fund. Send your offering through your own State Treasurer or to:

*The National Association of
Free Will Baptists
433 East Bend Drive
Nashville 9, Tennessee*

You will be receipted immediately for your gift and your church will be given special recognition in the church publications.

Damon C. Dodd,
Promotional Secretary

TO BUILD A NEW CABIN

St. Louis, Missouri
1330 Geyer Avenue

Dear Editor:

Just a brief report from the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis.

We feel that we are going forward when souls are saved in our church. We have had several additions recently. I think sometimes we are too easily discouraged. God doesn't always work with big numbers. Some of the greatest things accomplished have been with the faithful few. I love the word 'faithful.' I think of all the characteristics a Christian must possess, faithfulness would be one.

We are planning to build a cabin at the Youth Camp, and our Junior Department, under the direction of Sister Opal Hughes, sold Christmas cards during the Christmas season, and raised over one hundred dollars, which they presented to our Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Wm. Hughes, to be used for the cabin. I think they are

to be highly commended for their good work.

We were so happy to have with us during the holidays, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Burton and Steven. Bro. Burton is attending college at Nashville, studying to be a minister. He brought the message at the evening service from II Cor. 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Bro. Burton is certainly growing spiritually. Pray for him and his family.

We take so many things for granted, and forget to tell our pastors how much we appreciate them as they labor with us. I am sure I speak for the church when I say our pastor, Rev. Benjamin Scott, is one of the best.

We are planning a revival in the near future, and are also helping to sponsor the Billy Graham revival here in St. Louis. Remember us when you pray.

Kitty Edmiston, Cor.

EIGHTEEN NIGHTS; EIGHTEEN SOULS

Dear Editor and All Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus Christ our Lord.

May I come in and tell you of our revival, with Rev. J. E. Bridges of Orosa, California as the evangelist, held at the Free Will Baptist Church of Farmersville, California. There were 18 nights of services, and we are thankful to report that the Lord blessed our efforts with 18 souls saved and reclaimed. But the good news is not all told: three more precious souls were saved after the meeting closed, and the revival spirit is still burning.

We had 135 in Sunday School on Sunday, February 15. Also that afternoon, around 2:30, a baptismal service was held. Bro. Bill Mase preached a very impressive sermon on the significance of water baptism by immersion. There were seven baptized ranging in age from about 12 years to 78 years old.

The church has been wonderfully blessed and encouraged, and we give God the glory for it all. Praise His great name. There were 14 added to the church. We ask all of God's people to pray for us that we may win souls for the Master.

Yours in the Master's service,

Aaron Lewis, Pastor
Farmersville, California



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



NEW HARMONY AUXILIARY ILLNESS CUTS ATTENDANCE ENJOYING MANY BLESSINGS

The New Harmony Auxiliary met February 3rd with Mrs. Minnie Thompson of Greentop, Missouri, for an all-day meeting. There were eight members and two children present.

The devotional was opened by singing, "The Haven of Rest," and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayers by Minnie Thompson, Dora Fugate, Leona Thompson and June Thomas. The minutes of last meeting was read and accepted. Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. The president, June Thomas, read for a Scripture lesson Acts 8:25-39. The lesson was "The light of truth... shines on enlistment." Those giving topics were June Thomas, Dora Fugate, Carletta Talbert, Edith Swanson and Ruby Ditmars.

There were 769 Bible chapters read, 15 sick calls made, and 18 cards sent. An offering of \$1.50 was received. We then sang, "I'll Live for Him." We will meet February 17 with Ruby Ditmars. We were dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.

Oilton, Oklahoma
February 7, 1953

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find an Auxiliary report from the Oilton Auxiliary.

We met February 5th in the home of Mrs. Virgil Ausbrook with 18 members and three visitors present. We have 37 members, but half of them were down with flu.

Mrs. Tyree, our president, had charge of the business. Mrs. Newman had charge of the program. We had a wonderful lesson on "God and Our Service."

On January 29th we had an Enlistment. We gained six new members.

We have just finished paying for our new hardwood floor in the church.

Our next project will be to help pay out our new piano for the church.

God is really blessing us in Oilton. Pray for us.

Hattie Newman

Flat River, Missouri
Fellowship Auxiliary
January 29, 1953

May we come in again please. We have been enjoying so many of God's blessings and we would love to share some of them with you.

Our Woman's Auxiliary met at the church Thursday, January 29 with 14 members and four visitors present. The theme for our program study was, "Beginning the year with prayer," and truly we do need much prayer to carry on in the service of the Lord.

All of the work of Fellowship is moving forward, for which we thank God. Truly we thank God for our good pastor and family, Bro. Rolia Smith.

I know God still hears and answers prayer when we come to Him in faith believing, so pray for us that God will ever lead us in this great cause, and keep us humble in His service.

Mrs. Hilderbrand, Cor. Sec.

INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

January 27, 1953

The officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri, were installed by Mrs. Eunice Edwards in an inspiring candle-light service in the church auditorium on the evening of January 22. It was a beautiful service and one that will live on in our hearts to encourage us in the future. We are very grateful to Sis. Edwards for her words of inspiration and her kindness in coming.

Our Auxiliary was organized a little over a year ago and we have 23 members. We also sponsor a Y.P.A. with a membership of 38. Material for a G.T.A. has been ordered and the girls expect to organize soon.

We desire the prayers of everyone.

—A Reporter

PLANS CHURCH EXTENSION

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Midland, Texas, organized January 5, 1953 with 21 members. Mrs. Francis Lesley is president; Mrs. Katy Pinson, secretary; and Mrs. Vera Hughes, treasurer. We meet every two weeks on Monday night in the church. We have a nice lot of merchandise on hand the ladies have made at home between the meeting dates, consisting of aprons, children's dresses, crochet doilies, pin cushions, sox bags, etc. We plan to sell these articles and put the money in our church building fund. If our church continues to grow we shall have need of a new addition to our present church building.

Each night we meet we have Bible study and discussion. Each meeting is opened with prayer and closed with prayer. We have a great time in the Lord each time we meet.

Mrs. Giola M. Onley, Reporter

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church (in Northeast Missouri) met Wednesday, February 4 with Lola Filkins for an all-day meeting. The work for the day was making aprons and setting a quilt together.

Ethel Thompson led the devotional period in the absence of the president, which began by all singing, "The Haven of Rest," followed by prayer by Lizzie Filkins. Maizie Sevits read Amos 6:1-6 for a Scripture reading. Emma VanLaningham introduced the lesson: "The light of truth shines on W.N.A.C. chief aims." Topics were given by Mary Filkins, Jaunita Newcomer, Lizzie Filkins and Lola Filkins.

Motion made and seconded to buy six sheets for the orphanage.

Dismissed with prayer.

The seven members present reported 544 Bible chapters, 43 sick calls, and 13 cards. Seventy-eight cents was paid for the Co-Laborer Fund.

—Reporter

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HOPES TO JOIN STATE W.A.

Dear Auxiliary Workers:

We, the Niangua Woman's Auxiliary, wish to submit this brief report of our work for the year of 1952 and the first of 1953. We have met each second Thursday of the month during the year and studied the Year Book of Lessons. Sister Lucille Sells, our president, assisted by Sister Ancel Alexander, the vice president, did a wonderful work the past year. Sister Lucille was very prompt to notify members of the date, lest one should forget, the time and place of the meetings.

Two food sales were held which netted the Auxiliary a nice sum. This was used to help the church when needed. A beautiful Bible stand was one thing they bought for the church.

At the December meeting, Sister Ancel Alexander was elected president. Sister Nola Wilkerson was elected vice president, Sister Mickey Cummins, the treasurer, and Sis. Jaunita Wilkerson, Secretary. This meeting was at Sis. Janice Baker's home. A friendship quilt was pieced and quilted by members of the Auxiliary (and friends) and given to the pastor's wife, Mrs. Dale Jones, for Christmas. Secret pals were revealed and presents exchanged at the December meeting.

At the December meeting it was voted to send \$5.00 to Missions and \$5.00 to the orphanage for their work.

The hostess served dainty refreshments.

The January meeting met at the home of Mrs. Freda Sells, with 14 members and two visitors present. New Year Books were passed out by the president. The theme song was

sung and prayer offered. Then Sister Gertie Dudley, the leader, took charge of the meeting. The topics were read and discussed. Bible readings were given. A Bible quiz game was played, after which each member was given a chance to tell what they hoped to do for the Lord's cause in this coming year of 1953. The hostess served refreshments.

Pray for us, as we are trying to follow out the year book plans. We are hoping to soon be able to organize more thoroughly and join the state work as a member. Pray that many souls may be won through these Auxiliary studies and works. Also that our Christian workers may gain more spiritual strength and be able to proclaim God's words wherever they are when the opportunity comes to them.

Vada Reeves, Reporter

DES PLAINS (ILL.) CHURCH NOW IN NEW BUILDING; ASK HELP AS FUNDS EXHAUSTED

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

Since we, the Des Plains Church of Illinois, have not made a report for so long to the Gem, we would at this time like to make a report; also an appeal.

We're building a new church, as several of you already know about. We had our ground breaking services last April 6 (1952). We begun immediately to build.

We moved into our new building February 1, 1953. We had a building fund of around \$2,500.00 and our lot paid for when we began building. Friends of ours (a Catholic man and wife) insured our building for \$18,000 while under construction. They also gave us a loan for \$4,000.00 to be paid off at \$50.00 per month. We have tried to be as conservative as regulations will allow. We have a building which has been inspected by the state fire chief, also the city fire chief, and found o.k. Our church will seat around 200.

Our funds are gone and there are mere bills to pay. Many of our friends have expressed their desire to help when we get the church going, so we thought we would make an appeal through our paper.

Please send all donations to my ad-

dress below. Thanking you kindly.

May God richly bless all is our prayers.

Rev. Pauline Osborn, clerk
Route 1, Box 174A
Mt. Prospect, Illinois

MISSISSIPPI EVANGELIST



I will be available for revivals through the months of May and June. Anyone desiring my services, please contact me:

Rev. J. T. Quick
Route 1
Richton, Mississippi

OFFERS SPACE IN HOME; ASKS HELP TO BEGIN NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST WORK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We don't have a church here in Memphis, Tennessee. It gets awfully lonesome sometimes. I try to attend other churches, but it isn't like home to me. I have room in my home to have services if we had someone to help us get started.

Inclosed is my money for the Gem. It is a comfort to me. We enjoy it a lot. Pray for us and pray that the Lord will send someone to us.

Thank you very much.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gray
2819 Oxford Road
Memphis, Tennessee

AIRMAN IS BUSY FOR GOD

February 7, 1953
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Bro. Campbell:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I have been receiving my Gem for the past few months and I can truthfully say that it is a blessing to hear from the people back home; praying that God will continue to bless the paper, which I know He will.

Being in Japan for only a few months, I don't know too much about it, but I do know that Japan needs the Gospel. Some of those who are here that claim to preach the Gospel, just preach a "do-better" religion and leaves out the Blood of Christ. There is one large, beautiful church in downtown Tokyo that is as modern as a lot of our larger churches in the states, or should I say denominations instead of churches.

The Lord has really blessed me in that He has given me something to do most every night. Monday and Friday nights, there are four Airmen and myself that teach Bible and English to a group of Japanese children. Wednesday night, Bro. Ross comes to the base to teach us Bible. Saturday night, we all go to the G.I. (God Inspired) Gospel Hour. Then on Sunday afternoon and evening, we have street services. Souls are saved at almost every street service, for which we praise the Lord. The night services are about one block from Tachikawa Air Force Base and many Airmen find the Lord there. The Lord is blessing us and we want all the people there to pray for us.

I am enclosing a letter that I wish you would print in the Gem. If anyone would like to give an offering for the Service Center, I'm sure that God will bless them for it. The offering can be sent to me or to Bro. Ross. The Service Center could be the means of winning many service men to Christ, maybe your own son. Do pray for the work in Japan and that God will continue to bless it. May God bless you all.

Your's in His Service,

A 3/c Billy Sherrill
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San Francisco, Calif.

ARMED FORCES PRAYER LEAGUE
Gen. Del. - Central P.O. - Tokyo, Japan

Christian Friends in America:

We the undersigned members of the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. take this opportunity of sending you Christmas greetings from the land of the Rising Sun, and to testify of His saving and keeping power, in the midst of the vice, corruption and idolatry all about us.

We take this means of sharing with you the great burden which rests so heavily upon us for the souls of the thousands of our buddies who are without Christ.

The communities surrounding many of our bases are cesspools of vice, with beer halls, gambling dens, dance halls and brothels to entice the thousands of teen age and older lads who are coming and going to and from the Korean front, many of them never to return to U.S. soil again. Many of them fall an easy prey to the seductive Japanese harlots that throng the streets, enticing them to enter "...the house that is the way to hell..." Prov. 8:27.

We believe that a great number of these poor lads could be reached for Christ if a Victory Center similar to the ones maintained by the C.B.M.C. in the states, could be erected in the very heart of this area of Tachikawa. We are happy to have in our midst Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm D. Ross, who for the past five months, have been evangelizing on the various bases, as well as organizing Bible classes and prayer groups. Mr. Ross, who has had charge of the Center in Washington, D.C. for the past four years, is leading us in this venture of Faith to reach our buddies for Christ.

We are glad to have this note of encouragement from Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Deputy C.G., A.F.F.E., and the United Nations chief delegate to the peace conferences: "I trust God will bless your efforts to give the Gospel of Christ to the servicemen. I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Ross will serve with the same dependence on God and singleness of purpose, which they displayed in the Servicemen's Center in Washington, D.C. I shall pray...that God will guide you for His glory."

And so dear friends, we believe that under their leadership we can have a Gospel lighthouse where our poor

lost buddies can come and hear the Gospel any time of the day or night. We, Christian servicemen, are praying and working and giving to this end. We covet your prayers and your gifts and your fellowship, that we may rejoice together in that Day.

A list of 85 names of officers and enlisted men, headed by Chaplain Brenner of the great Yokota Air Base, who have signed this letter, will be sent on request.

All checks should be made payable to Malcolm D. Ross, Treasurer, General Delivery, Central Post Office, Tokyo, Japan.

Tommy P. Melton,
Secretary - T/Sgt. USAF

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

BY
WILLARD C. DAY
D. D.

Mountain Grove,
Missouri

The Ozark's
Friendly Parson

GRAPES OF WRATH

"THE FATHERS have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Ezekiel 18:2.

This proverb is used by the captive Jews. God said the occasion would not permit it to be used again. But, whenever and wherever ancestors have sinned it has retarded the spiritual progress of their descendants. A few years ago a man from the town where I lived was sentenced to die in the electric chair. When he arrived at his place of death he was asked if he had anything to say. He answered, "I must say this, I am not the one who will pay for the crime I have committed. My children will have to pay." He simply meant that all through their life time they would suffer because of their father's sin.

This is the true picture of this proverb. I was asked once by a professor if I believed that sin was inherited or in bred. There is much

division as to this question. J. Edgar Hoover says, "No." That regardless of the back ground, the child can be brought up straight with the right training. But in view of this fact children are inclined to follow their parents. Therefore, fathers and mothers should strive to set an example for their precious ones. If father shows by his action that right living is second place his child is apt to place it in a lower bracket. We should always remember the next generation will follow the pattern that this one plans.

I don't think we should say too much about the young generation: they are pretty closely following in the steps of fathers and mothers who are fading out of the picture.

When we display hatred, selfishness, egotism, murmuring, and all other evil aspects, we need not expect those we name in our last will to be perfect citizens and lovers of right.

The preacher, Billy Sunday, once said: "A man's reputation is what the people think of him, but his real character is what his wife and children know about him."

MIDLAND, TEXAS CHURCH MAINTAINS STORE ROOM

1001 S. Terrell St.
Midland, Texas

Free Will Baptist Gem
Monett, Missouri

Dear Brother Jeffreys:

It has been quite awhile since your paper carried a report from our church so I am sending in a report.

We are having good services and large crowds, conversions and additions to the church most every week. Often we have larger crowds for mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night, than we have for regular preaching services. We are glad to report we have another Free Will Baptist Church in Midland: the West Side Free Will Baptist Church, which was organized last July. They, too, are doing a great work and will soon have a new church building under construction. They have changed their prayer meeting from Wednesday night to Tuesday night so we could visit each other and work together. This is the fourth church gone out of our church, the First Free Will Baptist Church.

We are entering into a revival the 16th of February. Rev. M. L. Sutton of Ft. Worth, Texas, will be doing the preaching. We pray we will have a great ingathering of souls into the Kingdom of God.

Pray for our church.

Prayerfully,

Mrs. Giola M. Onley, reporter

P.S. Our church has a store room. The members bring canned food, clothing, or something each Saturday night and put it in the store room. This stuff is for needy people. When we hear of people who are sick or in need of food and clothing, a quantity of this is checked out of the store room and taken to them by the Store Room Committee. We think that is a grand thing to have in a church.

REVIVAL AT RICHWOODS

Free Will Baptist Church
Richwoods, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

We are truly glad to give a report of the Free Will Baptist Church of Richwoods, Missouri, for the first time.

Rev. Lesley Logsdon is our pastor, and we thank God for him. Through work and prayers he and his wife have done wonders for our church. In the few months that they have been with us, they are known and loved throughout the community.

Our church is not a large one, but our Sunday School and morning service are growing in number and work for our Lord.

On Sunday night we have League, followed by evening service, which in part consists of special songs by a group of young girls. We thank God for these girls and their leader, Mrs. Schuth, who so willingly sing praises about our Saviour.

Each Wednesday night we have our prayer meeting. The attendance is not as large as we would like it to be but we receive a blessing each time we meet.

The Ladies Aid has done wonders for church and community. Pray for them that they will continue their work for God.

Last month our church held a revival. Rev. Harvey E. Hill was the evangelist. There were seven professions and we thank God for each every one of them.

Pray for our little church that it will continue to grow for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vonnie Huff, Reporter

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FAMILY OF GOSPEL SINGERS IN WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM

February 1, 1953
134 Hickory Street
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Free Will Baptist Gem and Staff:

Greetings in Christ.

I am sending for a sub to the Gem, and also would like to report a wonderful revival we held with th Sublett Free Will Baptist Church near Greentop, Missouri.

Some of the finest, sound, solid, Godly people I have ever met were at Sublett. We only had two conversions but enjoyed some of the most powerful services we have ever been in. God sure did richly bless. It seemed that the church was stronger when we left. Rev. Dobbs sure is a fine man to work with.

Two fine young men came forward, giving their lives to God, then came through with God's smile on their faces. No, the days of miracles are not over, for what greater miracle is there than the regeneration of sin from man's heart and soul? Thank God for victory through our Lord Jesus.

We are having some fine reports on our little radio program here at KREI, 890 on the dial. If you are in reach tune in at 8:15 each Sunday morning. You will hear the Moyers Family Gospel Singers.

Please, all Gem readers, if you believe in prayer, and I am sure you do, pray much for us that God may use us and our family of talent for the salvation of the lost.

Humbly yours.

With much prayer,

Rev. Charles Moyers

Might does not guarantee right.



THE YOUTH SECTION



A TOPIC FOR NEXT MONTH

Dear Young People:

We hear a lot about what some of our Christian leaders expect from you young people. Next month we would like letters on the topic: "Things I Admire in Christian Leaders." This would include Sunday School teachers, ministers, or other leaders.

If you would rather not have your name printed, say so, and it will be withheld (PS from the Editor—It is necessary for us to know who the contributor is, however.).

Pastor, how about encouraging your young people to contribute articles? We still want articles of activities, testimonies, or other things of interest.

Your Christian friend,

Mrs. Mildred Gilliam
Greentop, Missouri

Special Consultant—Youth Department

SAMUEL—

His Life A Good Example

1. Was willing to dedicate his life to the service of God in his youth.
2. Served in the house of the Lord while young.
3. Was obedient to the call of God.
4. He was courageous, unafraid of man.
5. Was desirous of doing God's will.
6. Was a man of prayer.

God Used Him

1. Made him an inspired prophet.
2. Used him as a great judge.

—Contributed

NEW CHRISTIAN TESTIFIES

In the Daily Vacation Bible School at the New Harmony Church, I assisted the teacher with the Beginners. While assisting her in teaching them of Christ, I carried a great burden, for I didn't even know Him myself.

On each Friday, Sister Mildred Gilliam gave the call for any who wanted to be saved. At first I tried to resist the call but then the Lord won the battle and I was saved by our wonderful Lord and Saviour, and baptized

later. As a result, I can now see a wondrous change in my life as I want to see others saved and truly love working whenever I can for the Lord. I try through prayer and reading His Word to do as He would have me to do. I enjoy going to church much more now, and am so happy about my salvation that I want all the world to know about it.

A new Sister in Christ,

Thelma Grobe

YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

We have five Leagues in our church, all of which meet at the beginning and end of each service for a General Assembly, with our very capable General Director, Bonnie Turley, in charge. For the past few weeks we have been having a different League in charge of the devotional each week. Our different Leagues are: Adult, Young Adult, Senior-Intermediate, Junior, and Story Hour. Our Young People have an organization called "Youth Fellowship" which usually meets the first Monday night of each month. These meetings are characterized by a Bible lesson which is taught by the Pastor, and a social hour during which all play games and enjoy refreshments. The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sherrill. Mrs. Sherrill is sponsor of the Senior-Intermediate League. There were about 25 present at this meeting.

—Contributed

beis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. There was a message each evening by the Pastor of our church, Rev. Lowell Martin. There was good crowds and the presence of God was felt at each service.

The services were in honor of Charles Whistance who was leaving for the army. A dinner was also served at the church on Sunday, with devotional services in the afternoon.

—Contributed

BIBLE QUIZ

Who Are the Presidents?

If you get six of these right, you're a history and Bible scholar. If you get eight right, you must be a history professor!

Name a famous United States President who—

- 1 ... had the same first name as the "beloved disciple."
- 2 ... had the same first name as the disciple who was a brother of John.
- 3 ... had the same first name as the doubting disciple.
- 4 ... had the same first name as the disciple who brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus.
- 5 ... had the same first name as the father of the Jewish nation.
- 6 ... had Biblical names for both his first and middle name.
- 7 ... had the same first name as the youngest son of Jacob.
- 8 ... had the same middle name as the noted teacher of Paul.

A Problem in Calculation

Correct calculating of this problem will give an answer that, read in reverse, will prove your arithmetic methods are still up-to-date.

- A. Give the number of years the Children of Israel wandered in the wilderness.
- B. Subtract the number of pieces of silver for which Judas betrayed the Lord.
- C. Add the number of each unclean animal that went into Noah's ark.
- D. Multiply by the number of tribes in Israel.

HONORS YOUNG CHRISTIAN CALLED TO ARMED SERVICE

The young people of the Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church, near Stockton, Missouri, sponsored several nights of inspirational services from January 28 to February 1.

Services began each evening with the little folks chorus group, and were followed by the youth choir. The young people had charge of the devotional services each night with special num-

- E. Add the number of the day on which God finished creation.
 F. Multiply by the number of days Lazarus was in the grave.
 G. Subtract the number of thankless lepers Jesus healed as a group.
 H. Add the number of souls added at Pentecost.

Finish the Sentence

1. "Resist the devil..."
2. "Behold the Lamb of God,..."
3. "Though your sins be as scarlet,..."
4. "Greater love hath no man than this,..."
5. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord,..."

Did You Get the Answers?

1. ...and he will flee from you." Jas. 4:7.
2. ...which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.
3. ...they shall be as white as snow." Isa. 1:18.
4. ...that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.
5. ...and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.

Finish the Sentence

- A Problem in Calculation
 Josh. 5:6 (40); Mal. 2:15 (—30); Gen. 7:2 (4-2); Gen. 49:28 (X12); Luke 1:31 (4-6); John 11:17 (X4); Luke 17:17 (—9); Acts 2:41 (4-3,000); Answer, 3,591 (or 1953).

- Who Are the Presidents?
 1. John Adams 2. James Madison or James Monroe 3. Thomas Jefferson 4. Andrew Jackson 5. Abraham Lincoln 6. James Abraham Garfield 7. Benjamin Harrison 8. Warren Gamaliel Harding

CHURCH VS. NON-TITHER

Scene: Court Room. Defendant is on chair next to Judge's stand. Prosecuting Attorney is standing by Defendant. Jury is seated in chairs to right of Judge.

Judge: Court will now come to order. Case No. 1, Church vs. Non-Tither, will now proceed. Mr. Prosecuting Attorney, you may now proceed to question the Defendant.

Prosecuting Attorney: Thank you Judge. Now, Mr. Defendant, please tell

the court your name and age.

Defendant: John Doe...29.

Prosecuting Attorney: Mr. Doe, do you understand why the charge has been made against you by the church?

Defendant: Yes, but I don't see why they should complain. I always give my dollar each week, and that should be plenty. After all, if everybody gave a dollar...

Prosecuting Attorney: Mr. Defendant, the court is not interested in your opinions. We want facts. Who is your employee?

Defendant: Rodchester Manufacturing Company.

Prosecuting Attorney: What is your salary?

Defendant: Sixty dollars per week.

Prosecuting Attorney: Sixty dollars a week and you give a dollar each week to the church?

Defendant: That's right.

Prosecuting Attorney: And you claim to be a good Christian and church member?

Defendant: I am as good as some of those other hypocrites.

Judge: (Raps for order.) The Defendant will please answer only the questions asked by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Prosecuting Attorney: Thank you, Judge. Mr. Defendant, the Church charges you with having robbed God.

Defendant: Robbed God? How have I robbed God?

Prosecuting Attorney: Malachi 3:8 says, "In tithes and offerings."

Defendant: But I can't afford to tithe.

Prosecuting Attorney: Mr. Doe, do you have a savings account?

Defendant: Yes.

Prosecuting Attorney: Approximately, how much did you save last year?

Defendant: About five or six hundred dollars.

Prosecuting Attorney: And you gave the Lord only fifty-two dollars. Mr. Doe, how often do you get paid?

Defendant: (Proudly.) Every Friday.

Prosecuting Attorney: How long would you continue to work for the Rodchester Manufacturing Company if you didn't know whether you were going to be paid or not?

Defendant: I wouldn't even work for them.

Prosecuting Attorney: Uh-huh! Mr. Doe, do you know the present condition of our Foreign Mission treasury? Do you know that our Foreign Missionaries have not received their pay for two months on account of non-tithers and robbers of God like you?

Defendant: Well, I heard something about it but I didn't think my little bit...

Prosecuting Attorney: Mr. Doe, do you subscribe to our Free Will Baptist Gem?

Defendant: Well I did, but...

Prosecuting Attorney: Do you know that because of insufficient funds our Gem either has to find some other means of operation, raise a large amount of money soon, or go out of business?

Defendant: Well, I supposed that something would be done.

Prosecuting Attorney: And something could be done about these conditions if each professed Christian would obey God's word where in Malachi 3:10 it says, "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse." There would never be a shortage in any of our denominational enterprises. God's work would never suffer for lack of money.

Defendant: Why, I never realized before that my money went to all that. I thought that there was enough to pay the expenses of the church.

Prosecuting Attorney: There are thousands of people that are starving for the Gospel, both at home and abroad. There are Cuban children who don't even know what a Bible is. Our denomination is brought together by the Free Will Baptist Gem. Your tithes would send 156 Bibles a year to foreign men, women and children. Your tithes would send 312 copies of the "Gem" to people who need to know about God.

Defendant: I'm beginning to understand now.

Prosecuting Attorney: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury. With just these few last words, I will leave the case in the hands of the jury. John Doe's past record shows that he has sufficient funds to buy and own a television set, new car, fine home, and has enough money to buy tickets to the world series base ball games, shows, operas, and various other worldly pleasures, yet he can not afford to give God what

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rightfully belongs to him. I believe that this jury should find John Doe guilty of robbing God.

(Jury brings their heads close to each other in a mumble.)

Judge: Mr. Foreman, has the jury reached a verdict?

Foreman: Yes, your honor. We, the jury find John Doe guilty of robbing God. (Defendant then rises and stands before the Judge.)

Judge: Do you have anything to say before I pronounce the sentence?

Defendant: Yes, I have your honor. My eyes have been opened through God's word, and if I were given another opportunity, I would not only tithe my income but I would give the Lord an offering also.

Judge: God is always ready to forgive, and we Christians are the same. Mr. Doe, I charge you before this court room of people to go forward and do as God's powerful word has taught you to do, for He said, "If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Case dismissed.

Written and contributed by
Rev. Robert Hill

FROM THE FIELD

Turbeville, South Carolina
January 6, 1953

FWB Foreign Mission Board
Highland Park 3, Michigan

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I delayed sending this check to you because I expected to have others donate to this penny a meal plan, then came Christmas preparation and I find myself late.

There was collected through our Woman's Auxiliary, thirty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$31.80). Horse Branch Church. As third vice president, I take great pleasure in sending this to you to be used in most needful places. One of the primary Sunday School Class teachers had an offering and drew a name for this amount to be given to Miss Bessie Yeley—\$5.00. The teacher who did this was Mrs. Virginia Hobby, Turbeville. The check is made together

In His service,

Mrs. E. D. Coker

Dry Creek, West Virginia
January 24, 1953

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We are thankful for this privilege which the Lord has given us but truly I think each Free Will Baptist in West Virginia ought to bow his head in shame when he reads the last report of missions. I believe we have 162 F.W.B. Churches in West Virginia, and to think we are behind in our quota. It seems to me that the preachers and deacons alone should do more than this. I believe that is why we are not receiving the blessings we should be receiving.

Please accept this little offering, I'm sure it will fit in somewhere.

May the Lord bless in each effort to save souls.

Sheffie Pettry

New Zion, South Carolina
January 12, 1953

FWB Foreign Mission Board
Highland Park 3, Michigan

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Inclosed you will find \$12.76 that we are sending to Foreign Missions. This was taken up at our week of prayer in "Self-Denial." We had a very good prayer service and all enjoyed it fine. We are so happy that we could help out in the mission and hope to again next year. Just sorry we could not give any more. This is from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Mother Church.

Thanking you very much.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Thomas Evans, Treas.

FLU HURTS ATTENDANCE

South Side Church
3124 Mt. Prospect

Dear Gem Readers:

South Side (St. Louis) doesn't have very much to report this month.

We want to thank the Lord for the nice attendance we had our our Auxiliary meeting February 6. It is wonderful the way the Lord hears and answers prayer.

We would like to congratulate Jeanne Whittington (Logston) on the arrival of her baby girl, Debby. Best of luck Darrell and Jeanne.

We have had an awfully lot of flu

in our church, which sent our attendance down, but pray we may all be well again and back in services.

Our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, has been away in a revival for two weeks.

We are going forward in the Lord's work. February 28th we are having a chicken supper, and March 16th a rummage sale, the proceeds to go to the building fund.

Pray for us. We are still praying a pastor will come our way to fill Bro. Harvey's place when he leaves.

Remember me in prayer that I may always be doing His will.

Yours in Christ,

Olive M. Reeds, Correspondent
Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor

VAUSE - TUCKER NUPTIALS

Miss Winnie Lou Vause of Timmons-ville, South Carolina, became the bride of Rev. Sterling Tucker of Rivermines, Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee in a lovely ceremony which took place in the Bethany (S.C.) Free Will Baptist Church at 5:30 o'clock, Saturday, January 3.

Rev. Seldon Bullard of Darlington, South Carolina, assisted by Rev. Walter Jernigan, pastor of the church, performed the impressive double ring rites in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

Prior to the ceremony, Rev. Wendell Babcock of Timmons-ville rendered a program of organ music. Miss Margaret Vause of Turbeville, South Carolina and Bob Jones University sang, "O Promise Me." Mr. and Mrs. Willie Coker of Turbeville sang a duet, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," and Bobby Picirilli of Pamplico sang, "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit," for the benediction. The traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George C. Vause of Timmons-ville. She finished the local high school and attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

The bridegroom, son of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Tucker of Rivermines, Missouri, received his education in the Flat River High School, graduating with the class of 1944, and later graduating from the Flat River Junior College in 1949. He will graduate from the Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 28th of this year.

STATISTICAL REPORT—FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH OF BERKELEY

	1950	1951	1952
Conversions	24.....	70.....	74
Number baptized	12.....	34.....	38
New members received	21.....	46.....	48
Sunday School average—last three months	71.....	109.....	161
Number visitors	49.....	171.....	274
League average	31.....	67.....	76
Woman's Auxilliary membership	10.....	21.....	23
Young People's Auxilliary membership... ..	none.....	28.....	38
Average prayer meeting attendance	16.....	52.....	63
New ministers	none.....	2.....	3

Rev. Robert C. Hill, pastor

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AROUND AND ABOUT

By L. E. C.

Please change my address after March 5. I certainly enjoy reading the Gem at home, and I know that it will mean much to me when I am away from home.

Olena Filkins, Missouri

—o—

Renew my subscription to the Gem as I don't want to miss a single copy. It is just like getting a letter from home.

Mrs. Grace Lawson, Missouri

—o—

Find enclosed four subs to the Gem. I am very much interested in the work of the Free Will Baptists, and have been a pastor and evangelist for over 23 years.

J. T. Quick, Mississippi

—o—

I am a reader of the Gem and enjoy it very much. I really agree with the editor in his article on the New Bible. I am a deacon in the Mt. Pisgah Church.

James Odom, Missouri

—o—

Enclosed is a check for the Gem. We always enjoy reading the Gem.

Burl R. Halliburton, Missouri

—o—

I noticed in my October paper that Monett Church on April 19 and to Bro. Cecil Campbell was elected as

manager of the press office, which made me very happy for I know he is worthy of the place. I feel that he can and will prove very efficient. I love the Gem very much.

Sallie Wilks, Missouri

—o—

I am so thankful for the pieces written in the Gem and other papers about the New Revised Bible. I stand for the King James Version, it is good enough for me. I like the Gem very much.

Ollie Robinson, Arkansas

—o—

A revival at Fredericktown, Missouri will begin March 9 with Bro. Willard Day of Mountain Grove, Missouri as the evangelist.

Rev. Harry Beatty, pastor

—o—

I am beginning a revival Monday night, February 23 at the Berkeley Church in St. Louis.

Rev. Willard C. Day, Missouri

—o—

I will begin a revival with Rev. James McQueen at McDowell on March second.

Cecil H. Campbell, Monett

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HELP! HELP! HELP! I'm behind with my subscriptions.

Lewis E. Campbell, Monett

—o—

A revival meeting is to begin at the Monett Church on April 19 and to continue through May 3, with Rev.

I will begin a revival with the Freedom Church in Arkansas on Monday night, March 9. Rev. Bruce Phillips is the pastor.

Rev. O. T. Allred, evangelist

—o—

It's in the bag??? Send me your Subs, and for each one I will send you one bag.

Lewis E. Campbell, Monett

REVIVAL AT FLAT RIVER

Flat River, Missouri

February 2, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

In our last business session, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River decided they needed a reporter to let the Gem know of our various activities. That job, as you will know, was given me.

On December 28 the church went into a revival campaign, continuing through January 11, with Rev. John Rogers as evangelist. There were two conversions and one rededication. Following the revival, in one of our Sunday services, two more professions were made.

The church elected Rev. Rogers for full time pastor to finish out our church year, ending in July.

We ask everyone to pray for our church that it will continue to grow and be a blessing in the work for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Anna Mae McFarland
2 Vine Street

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY PRESENTS THE PROPOSED COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN

433 East Bend Drive
Nashville, Tennessee
January, 1953

Dear Co-Workers:

During the past three years it has become more and more evident that a unified and coordinated program of support was needed to underwrite our National Association's endeavors. This problem was discussed thoroughly by the General Board in session at Shawnee, Oklahoma last July. The basis of this discussion was a recommendation by the Promotional Department that a co-operative program of finance be adopted. This plan would provide for every phase of the Denomination's work both financially and administratively. The General Board asked the Promotional Secretary to acquaint you with this program so that you would know how to express yourself on it when it comes up for discussion at the 1953 session of the National Association.

What is the Co-Operative Budget Plan?

Generally speaking, the Co-operative Budget Plan is a unified budget system of financing the program of the National Association, based on the financial needs of each department taken as a whole.

Specifically, here's the way it would work.

Each department would submit an annual budget to the agency designated to formulate the Cooperative Budget. The budget requests of all departments would be added together and the total would be the National Cooperative Budget.

Let us suppose that the departments would submit the following budget requests for 1952-53.

Bible College	\$75,000....	37½%
Foreign Missions	75,000....	37½%
Home Missions	15,000....	7½%
Promotional Dept. ...	10,000....	5%
Superannuation	5,000....	2½%
Public. & Literature ..	5,000....	2½%
Radio & TV	5,000....	2½%
Sunday School Board. .	5,000....	2½%
League Board	5,000....	2½%
Total Budget	\$200,000...	100%

The total National Cooperative Budget would be set at \$200,000. The percentage which each department would

receive of the total is noted after the budget figure in each case.

How would the Budget Plan Work?

1. The Budget would be arranged by a committee consisting of the National Promotional Secretary-Treasurer and the chairman and treasurer of each of the Boards and agencies of the National Association. They would draw up the budget and submit it to the National Association for approval and adoption at each regular session of the Association.

2. Instead of many offerings for many programs, regular and systematic offerings to the Cooperative Budget would support all the programs.

3. Field men and agency representatives on itineraries would represent the Cooperative Budget Program and all funds collected by them would apply on the National Budget.

4. Each state organization would be encouraged to set up its own promotional department within its state for the purpose of promoting the Cooperative Budget system and raising its share of the Budget.

5. The budget would be assigned to the states on the basis of membership strength. Thus, the states with the larger membership would be asked to accept greater budget responsibility. Each state would also be urged to finance this promotional department with funds raised within the state in addition to its Cooperative Budget funds. Thus, if a state had an assigned quota of \$5,000 and it cost \$2,500 to finance the state work in raising this money, the total state budget should be \$7,500. Each dollar collected would be divided on a 66⅔-33⅓ basis, with the larger share going to the Cooperative Budget Program.

6. Earmarked funds would be paid to the department for which they were sent, and the amount applied on that department's budget.

7. All funds would be sent to the treasurer of the National Association. He, in turn, would send a monthly check to each departmental treasurer for his department's budget. In the event the total budget were not reached for a given month, all funds received would be divided on the percentage basis designated above.

This is an explanation in brief of the Cooperative Budget Plan. In a short time you will receive further explanations. If, in the meantime, you

have questions which you would like answered, send them to the Promotional Department and I shall be happy to answer them.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd

THE TWO FLAGS

The picture of the Christian flag and the American flag on the front cover of the February Free Will Baptist Gem was certainly inspiring.

The Christians of America certainly have reason to be exceedingly thankful. We have a Christian man of unusual ability as president. A majority of our citizens are Christians, although some are not very loyal to Christ. We have a great field for work. One of the greatest of these fields is in educating children against the liquor habit. As I see it the greatest enemy of the church is the liquor business.

We can be very thankful for the Christian influences that we enjoy.

With best wishes,

J. M. Doughty
Strafford, Missouri

SUBLETT CHURCH GROWS

Kirkville, Missouri
February 18, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

I want to report to you on the Sublett Church of the Northeast Association.

We have just closed a revival meeting with Rev. Charles Moyer of Farmington, Missouri, the evangelist. We are very glad to report that two young men were converted. Christians also received much spiritual food.

Rev. Orville Dobbs is pastor of this church, and attendance is growing. We thank God for this and hope we will continue to grow, not to boast of our own works but that souls may be won because of our united efforts being the will of God.

There have been eight additions to the church in the last few months. Three of these were new converts and five transferred their letters.

Remember us in your prayers that we will work as one heart and soul to glorify God.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Leo McElhinney