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## BUY ADJACENT PARSONAGE

South Side Church  
3124 Mt. Pleasant  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Here we are again, but not with  
much news.

The Men's Brotherhood are having  
a fish fry tonight, Friday, April 17.  
We wish them as good a turn out as  
the ladies had.

Bro. Harvey Hill and family have  
left for their new church, and to some  
of us it seems like he has left an  
awful gap open. Even though Bro.  
Harvey has been gone at times, we  
could always depend on Sis. Sylvia  
being there, but with both gone it  
seems awful.

If any mail should be sent, send it  
to the South Side Free Will Baptist  
Church, 3124 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis,  
instead of 120 East Loretta, Lemay.

Rev. Loy Smith has been elected  
supply pastor until Bro. Franklin ar-  
rives. Bro. Loy is a wonderful person.  
He is always ready to step in and do  
his very best when called upon.

We would like to report that we have  
just purchased a parsonage next door  
to the church, for which we thank the  
Lord for making it possible for us.

Yours in Christ,

Olive M. Reeds, Correspondent

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Following are Sunday School aver-  
age attendance for March:

Monett .....	78
New Harmony (not received)	
Mountain Grove .....	181
Berkeley (not received)	
South Side (St. Louis) .....	139
Happy Hill (Laclede Co. - not received)	
Third St. Louis (not received)	
Wolf Creek .....	43
Fredericktown .....	164
Jones Chapel .....	39
Black Oak .....	24
Fellowship, Flat River (not rec.)	
Richwoods .....	54
Mt. Pisgah (not received)	
Pocahontas, Arkansas .....	148
Bethlehem, Ashland City, Tenn. ...	94

Please! We need your average at-  
tendance figures each month, promptly.



## THE LORD SUSTAINS GRIEF-STRICKEN MISSIONARIES

March 23, 1953  
Allahabad

Dear Brother Riggs:

I am sure that all of the friends back home have received the news of Sheila's death with a great deal of shock that the Lord has taken her, and so soon too. When the telegram came to us we were broken hearted, not for the dear baby who has gone to the Lord but for her parents who must bear the sorrow of losing her in a place so far from their families. We took the first train we could get in order to get to them as soon as possible, but of course we realized we could not arrive in time for the funeral. And we also knew that it would be rather of a shock to the parents to realize that the funeral could not wait, but here where embalming service is not available and where the climate is as it is funerals must be held immediately.

A fellow student friend of Carlisle's made all of the arrangements and did all the things we would like to have done had we been able to get here in time.

Sheila had a cold about two months ago but had got over it and gained weight. Then ten days or so before her death she had a light attack of bacillary dysentery, but she had appeared to be over it and quite well again. Three or four days before her death she had another attack of dysentery which also led to vomiting. She was under the care of a woman doctor from America who used to be a mission doctor but who now has a small private hospital and seems to have a reputation among the local people as being the best doctor in Allahabad. Saturday the baby seemed to be better and was playing and laughing. Sunday she was sick again and Carlisle went to the doctor with a stool specimen for examination. The doctor sent more medicine, but by Monday she was worse so the first thing in the morning they took her to the doctor and she said that they had better leave her in the hospital, but she told them not to worry that it was not too serious. But of course they did worry. Marie stayed with the baby, and also American nurses from the language school gave of their time to nurse her. She did not get better. Tuesday morning she

was much worse. Marie had been up so long that she was given a sedative and sent to bed and Carlisle stayed with the baby along with the nurse. She kept getting worse in spite of treatment which had already been changed four times trying to get a response. She was hollow eyed, listless and weak as she had not been able to keep food. She was given intravenous feeding but she made no response. About 3:20 in the afternoon she took Carlisle's finger into her little hand in a tight grasp and died. Marie had been sent for but Sheila was gone before she got to the hospital a few blocks away. The oxygen tent was used but the baby was already gone.



Rev. Glenn Floyd quietly took charge and made all of the necessary arrangements. A little white coffin was provided over which there was a cross of real flowers. The service, which was very fitting to mark the close of her short life, was held in the school chapel. She was buried in the Christian cemetery here in Allahabad. Her coffin was placed in a concrete vault which lies just beside a tree-lined footpath through this very lovely cemetery.

Of course it has been an awful blow to the parents, but both Carlisle and Marie have shown an unusual depth of Christian spirit and the wonderful way in which they have been able to take it has been admired by all. They have tried to show to the Hindu pundits and servants what a glorious hope they have in the Lord Jesus. One hard hearted pundit who has fought missionaries for twenty years and who has always shunned the Gospel was really impressed by the funeral service and it seemed to have a real impact on him. It was a horrible blow to each of them, but Christ has been glorified. God has called them to suf-

fer; they have passed the test successfully, and a special check mark that He is pleased by their manner of accepting and bearing this sorrow has been placed by their names I am sure. They have shown the true missionary spirit.

All that could be done for the baby was done to keep it well and happy. Carlisle and Marie were extraordinarily careful in her care. They had an American doctor, and they did all they could do in her illness. I feel that very few children have been so committed to the Lord as that child was, as our people back home held her up to the Lord in prayer for His care and protection. After she became ill special prayer meetings were held for her here. She was certainly placed in the Lord's keeping, and He chose to take her home to himself.

She is the most precious gift yet to be offered up for the present day Free Will Baptist work in India. When Carlisle and Marie brought her to India, a three months old baby, they knew that this was a possible sacrifice they might be called on to make. While I believe that it was the Lord's own time to take her and that He could have kept her here as well as He could have kept her in America, it is a sorrow which only those who have borne it can understand. Her parents in no way resent the Lord's dealing in this manner but accept it as His most perfect will for them. The Lord has taken her for His glory, and already He hath perfected much praise by the way His children have born their grief.

We all feel the loss in Sheila's going. She had come among us as a ray of sunshine in a lonely place. How we loved and cherished her. She was a beautiful baby and a delight of us all. We shall miss her but we shall always remember her happy little life lived among us for such a short time.

May the Lord make us all willing to give to Him everything, even life itself, that He might find glory unto Himself.

Yours in His faithfulness,

Dan and Trula Cronk

The many cables from America have been a comfort to them as they have been reminded of your love and prayers. Many cables have come and are still coming.



## 'GOD'S UNIVERSAL POWER'

Service Company  
5th Cav. Regiment  
APO 201, c/o P.M.  
San Francisco, California

As I sit here in the "Land of the Morning Calm," or more commonly referred to as Korea, I have realized to the fullest extent God's universal power. I am one of the more fortunate soldiers that isn't fighting on the battle front. I am here in Pusan from my regular assignment in Japan. We are here on prisoner of war duty. Very soon we'll be moving back to Japan where I plan to work much for the Lord. We will be here in Korea for about two months, but it will be two unforgettable months. I would like to pass on to you readers some of my experiences, hoping they will help you as they have me.

I was a very lonesome and homesick boy when I left the states for the Far East. I wondered just how my ministry could be used over here. After being stationed in Japan, our regiment received orders from headquarters to go to Pusan, Korea for two months guard duty. At my first look at Pusan I was overwhelmed with repulsion toward the city and its contents. As I walked through the streets of the refugee city, beggars constantly begged for money, clothing, etc. Some of the beggars were people too lazy to work and found it much easier to live from the money G.I.'s gave them. While on the other hand some of the beggars were pathetic cases. For instance, there were about five small Korean children asking for "whan" (Korean money). These five children were suffering from various diseases. One boy was suffering from the Biblical disease of leprosy, also a common disease over here. The small lad looked up at me and asked for some whan. I had none to give him, but I said to myself, "Sonny, I'll give you something worth more than all the money in the world," that being prayer. I certainly prayed for the little boy, and also for the other sickly people.

After I evaded the thought of the diseased people from my mind, an incident happened one day to cause my dislike for the city to arise again. My buddy and I were again walking through the city when about a dozen

small boys ran up to us and began to ask us to have our boots shined. It was then that we had a sly and usually successful trick pulled on us. The Korean boys were tugging on our coats and begging for shoe shine jobs. One of my buddies felt an extra hard tug at his trousers and when he looked down at his pocket he discovered the boys had slit his pocket with a razor blade hoping to steal his billfold. Luckily the cut pocket was noticed just in time to avoid losing anything. Later some of my friends lost cameras, billfolds, etc., through thievery. My sympathy for the vernacular city was turned to my original dislike for the same.

After that incident I thought I would just stay at camp and never go to Pusan again to alleviate any further dislike. But then my wonderful Chaplain invited my Christian buddy and I to go with him to attend some missions in town. The first one we visited was a Baptist Mission. It was there I received a most wonderful blessing. As I heard the Korean Christians testify, sing and conduct a very spiritual service, I found it hard to believe that they were of the same nationality and citizenship as the beggars and thieves on the streets were. The choir they had excelled the most beautiful I have ever heard. I was astonished at how well they sang. We truly had a spiritual service that night.

The next night we attended services in a Faith Presbyterian Mission. Their services were held in the missionaries home. The Oriental custom is to take your shoes off before entering a home, so to keep in the tradition we slipped some cloth-like booties over our boots. We also enjoyed a spiritual song service and fellowship with the Koreans there. They would stand and testify in their very broken English about how God had saved them and how they loved to serve the Lord. It was then that I realized that our omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent God was truly a Universal Power. God means just as much to the Koreans as He does to we Americans.

After witnessing the experience of seeing these Koreans serve God, my Christian buddy and I definitely plan on getting in missionary work as soon as we get back to Japan. I would also like to say I'm so thankful that God made it possible for my meeting this Christian friend of mine. It is very

seldom you find a Christian boy in the army, so it was truly a work of our Saviour. We would desire the prayers of all you Christians at home, that we might be able to accomplish much for the Lord. I would much rather be home preaching the Gospel, but while I'm serving for my country over here, I might as well work for Christ too. Again I urge the prayers of all you Christians. May God bless all of you.

Pfc (Rev.) Don Hill

## TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO SECRETARY POST

The following letter was read to the Highland Park (Michigan) Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, March 29, 1953.

Dear Church:

As you know for almost two years I have had an inward struggle regarding a decision between pastoring this church and accepting the Foreign Mission work of our Denomination on a full time basis. I have reached a decision. I believe the Lord would have me accept the mission work at this time. Thus at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and what I believe to be the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I have offered my services to the Board of Foreign Missions as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer. This decision has not been made in haste. It is the result of many sleepless nights. It is the result of much prayer and anguish of soul. It has been made after months of study and meditation and in view of the needs of the Gospel everywhere, and the responsibility of the Free Will Baptist Denomination both to God and man.

I am conscious of the tremendous job that lies ahead and the sacrifice involved. Much of my time will be spent away from home and family. It will be necessary to visit each of our present mission fields and to spearhead activities in the opening of new fields. We shall serve as a go-between to our missionaries on the field and the constituents at home. It will be necessary to visit in every state among Free Will Baptists and even others to stimulate missionary interests and to keep our people informed. These meetings will include conventions, missionary



conferences, local itinerates, and evangelistic campaigns. Added to this of course will be the many details of work in the Foreign Mission office, such as mailing, correspondence, the keeping of records, etc. The office and bookkeeping work will require some one full time. Since Mrs. Sloan is familiar with the work it is hoped her services might be obtained. However, we want the will of the Lord to be done in this matter.

My decision has not been made out of a desire to travel, for frankly, no bed away from home feels as good as the one at home. Neither has the decision been made for more money. In reality the proposed agreement with the Foreign Mission Board is a smaller salary than I now receive from the church, not to mention the nominal gifts for weddings, funerals, etc.

Finally, the decision certainly has not been reached because of any strife in the church. I have absolutely nothing in my heart but love for every officer, member, attendant and friend in our church. Regardless of what you think of us, we love you everyone. The most youthful and best part of our life has been spent here in Highland Park. We have made many mistakes and perhaps wounded our best friends many times, but we are glad for the Blood of Christ that washes away every stain.

I would not dare say, "I have done my best," but I have tried to do the things that would be the best for the church as a whole and for the salvation of lost souls everywhere. The Lord planted the church here, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The church is not the preacher, but the people. Not one of Paul, and one of Appolos, but all of Christ, and remember Christ is not divided.

My decision has not been reached through any spectacular sign or fleece experience, but purely through the conviction of my heart. Because of this decision I would like to submit my resignation as pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church to become effective as of Sunday, August 2, 1953, with the understanding that unless something happens to block the plans of the Board of Foreign Missions, my duties as pastor shall terminate as of the above date unless the church is unable to secure the services of another pastor by that time.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

Richton, Mississippi  
Route 1  
April 11, 1953

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Gem:

I want to let you know that God is really blessing us here in Southern Mississippi. We moved from Pell City, Alabama last October 30, and took up our work with three churches here, one of them half time. With the help of the chairman of the Home Mission Board, Bro. Lonnie Walley, we went



to work trying to put the Devil to flight. God wonderfully blessed our efforts, and we started two missions.

The Lord led us and those people and on Easter Sunday, April 5, we met in Bro. Joe Conway's home—one of the deacons—for service. After the service we went into organization of our new church, the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, with eight members. They are: Bro. and Sis. Joe Conway, Sis. Mamie Sigrest, Bro. and Sis. Leroy Shows, Bro. and Sis. Marion Conway and Sis. A. M. Conway. There are two deacons: Bro. Joe Conway and Bro. Leroy Shows. Bro. Marion Conway is church clerk, Sis. Leroy Shows is church treasurer, Sis. Marion Conway is the Sunday School treasurer, and Sis. Jarma Lee Jones read the Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant. The church called me as their pastor. Two members of the Home Mission Board were present: Bro. William M. Brewer and Bro. Lonnie Walley, the chairman.

We plan to start our revival the

Fourth Sunday night, April 26. Our evangelist will be Rev. Johnny Britton from Birmingham, Alabama, a converted Catholic. He was originally from New Orleans.

This revival will be held under a brush arbor on the plot of ground that has been donated to them by the Masonite Company of Laurel, Mississippi. They plan to build soon after the revival. Anyone feeling led by the Lord to give a donation on the new church to help these good people out, send it to me and I will be glad to give it to them.

We ask your prayers for us in our work for our Lord.

Yours for the Master's work,

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Quick

## ARKANSAS GROUP ENJOYING FINE SPIRITUAL SERVICES

The Free Will Baptist Gem, its Editor, And the Many Readers:

Greetings.

As it has been quite awhile since you had a report from Pleasant Valley Church (in Arkansas) I thought I would write a few lines to let you know we are still on the map doing our best to hold up the Blood-Stained Banner of Christ. We meet the first and fourth Sundays of each month. Our pastor is Rev. G. J. Pingleton. We also have preaching by a member of our church, Rev. L. R. Wheeler, the first Sunday; also by Rev. J. E. Rolan on the third Sunday. There is Sunday School every Sunday. We have some wonderful meetings at Pleasant Valley. We have taken in some members since my last report, one by experience and baptism.

I don't see why all Free Will Baptists don't read the Gem. It is worth the price just to know what is going on over the denomination. I like it myself.

We have been helping improve our building, though it is not ours. Anyone coming our way, come to see and hear us. Everybody is welcome.

We desire your prayer for our church, and may the Lord prosper you all and our little Gem is the prayer of your aged friend and sister.

Mrs. Armita Wilkey  
Route 1  
Mammoth Springs, Arkansas



## VARIOUS REVISIONS OF THE WORD OF GOD

The first revision of the Word of God took place in the Garden of Eden. Satan was the revisor. The revision was sanctioned by mother Eve and her husband Adam, to wit: Genesis 2:17, "...thou shalt surely die," was revised and in Genesis 3:4 it reads, "...ye shall not surely die." Notice that 'thou' was changed to 'ye,' the 'T' was removed from 'shalt,' and 'not' was added to the Word of God. This Number One Revision changed—took from and added to—the Word of God. This was the first Revised Standard Version. Satan was the working staff, and the Word of God was rent in various ways. This was Satan's First False Gospel (false Word of God).

I, F. E. Crain, challenge all the God-fearing Protestants of all the Earth to join in with me and take a review of what it has cost the human race since mother Eve listened to that Number One (the Devil's) Standard Revised Version. And still the result is to climax with the judgment, to be followed with eternal doom in hell to last forever and forever, for those who have trifled in rebellion against God and His Holy Word, and have never repented.

Let us all take a look at that lovely pair speeding away on foot looking for a place to hide from God. Just what was the trouble all about? The answer—to the point—they had listened to and practiced according to Satan's Revised Standard Version Number One.

I want it plainly understood that Satan did not translate, but revised, changed, remodeled, rearranged the Word of God.

About 4,000 years later Satan, in the vicinity of Galatia in Asia Minor, came out (evidently) with another Revised Standard Version, which Paul branded a false Gospel (read Galatians 1:6-7), and defied *any* and *all other* Gospels except that which the Apostles had preached. This was Satan's second False Gospel, brought about (evidently) by a revision patterned after the Revision Number One. But this False Gospel of Satan's got nipped in the bud before it ruined the Galatian brothers of Asia Minor.

Now will you please investigate and see how many false Gospels you can

locate this side of Revision Number Two, and then you can tell me the number of this 1952 False Gospel, the Revised Standard Version. Yes, this Revised Standard Version is a False Gospel—nothing else—based on a theological fact. For our proof, look at the First Revision: "Thou shalt surely die" changed to "Ye shall not surely die." Thus we have the Scriptures changed: took from, added to, and some of the Word retained. The 1952 revisors did the identical same thing with the King James Version of 1611. They changed, they took from, they added to, and they retained some of the Word of God. The 1952 revision is a perfect duplicate of Satan's revision in the Garden of Eden.

Remember, Adam and Eve listened to and practiced according to that which was changed—took from, added to, and retained in part—and it did not satisfy them in the face of their coming Lord. They ran! They were looking for a place to hide away. I fear that if the Lord should come today, there would be many take to their heels, who have changed the Word of God, including all who indorse the Dirty Deal. I believe that this dissatisfied class, if time permits, will come out with a New Translation (said to be of all ancient manuscripts), or else they will compromise and go with communism.

A theological fact is that changing the Word by taking from some of the Word, adding to some of the Word, and retaining a little of the Word of God—the King James Version, as backgrounded with Satan's cunning devices, and is fast leading up to a fulfillment of the Word of God which was spoken of by Daniel and by Christ, by Paul and by John the Revelator, all in harmony, pointing to the man of sin whom Satan gives his seat and great authority over all nations of the earth, and he will have indignation against the Holy Covenant (the covenant of God to man), the Bible, and he will take away the Holy Covenant, producing a total famine of the Word of God from off the earth, and cause the daily sacrifice (of the saints) to cease. Then will be accomplished what Satan first started out to do in the

Garden of Eden almost 6,000 years ago.

My last question to you, "Are you going to help Satan out in his great battle against the Holy Covenant and the daily sacrifice?"

This concludes the background on the working power and the tactics by which came the Revised Standard Version, dated 1952, and which will end with the man of sin revealed.

F. E. Crain  
18 Avenue N.W.  
Miami, Oklahoma

## NEW HARMONY CHOSEN SITE FOR STATE SESSION

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the New Harmony Church, March 29, 1953, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour.

The morning worship service was opened by congregational singing led by Sis. Alta Mikel. Prayer by Bro. Ora Gates. After a few numbers in song Rev. Wayne Parsons took the stand and read the Scripture lesson from the eleventh chapter of Mark. He used Luke 23:33 for a text, after which he led in prayer. He brought a wonderful message on the Crucifixion of Christ. At the close of the service an invitation was given. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Orville Dobbs. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by Sis. Alta Mikel leading the congregation singing "There is Power in the Blood." Prayer by Dora Fugate. "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Kneel at the Cross" were sung by the congregation. The president, Sis. Oletha Parsons, read for a Scripture lesson Matthew 28:16-20. She gave a wonderful talk on the Power of Jesus. Prayer by Sis. June Thomas. Minutes of last meeting was read and accepted. Letters from Hazel Creek Union, Green Grove and New Harmony auxiliaries were read. The next meeting will be with the Jewel Church, with Rev. Ted Jacobs bringing the 11:00 o'clock message, and Rev. Alta Mikel alternate.

The following program was given. Play, "The Cross Roads," New Harmony. Recitation, "I'm A Free Will Baptist," Kay Waggoner. Solo, "God Leads His Dear Children Along," Lola Jacobs. Solo, "Take My Hand Precious

Lord," Andy Lay. The congregation sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "All Alone," while the cast was getting ready for the play "He Calls," by the Hazel Creek Union Church.

The service was then turned over to Bro. Orville Dobbs of the Executive Board. Motion carried for the State Association to be held with the New Harmony Church. Motion carried to send Rev. Charles Thigpen of the Free Will Baptist Bible College an invitation to attend our Local Association, and have him to bring us some messages while here. Motion also carried for the Executive Board to see about getting the cook for the State Association.

The service was then turned back to the president. "Blest Be the Tie" was sung, and we were dismissed by Rev. Ted Jacobs.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y-Treas.

## FELLOWSHIP REVIVAL; FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

The revival which began March 10 and went through the 22nd brought many blessings to the people of Fellowship Church and the many visitors who met with us during the services. Our hearts were made to rejoice with the angels over the 21 precious souls who were born into the Kingdom of God. The power of God was certainly manifest during those days. The people of the church were revived and certainly made to search their own hearts by the dynamic Gospel messages of the evangelist. We felt that we were very fortunate indeed to have as our evangelist Rev. Joseph Ange, who is pastor of the Edgemont F.W.B. Church in Durham, North Carolina. Rev. and Mrs. Ange became our very dear friends in the fall of 1948 as fellow students at the F.W.B. Bible College. They accepted the pastoral care of the Edgemont Church in February of last year and with God's help have had a most remarkable ministry there.

We are so humbly grateful for the progress our own church has made in the past few months and are certainly trusting that the Lord will increase our burden for the lost of this town and give us a burning zeal to try to win them while there is yet time.

Rolla and Agnes Smith

## PLAQUE MEMORIALIZES DEACON O. B. WOMACK

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church began a revival April 20, 1953 with Rev. Wallace Malone of Sesser, Illinois as the evangelist. Please join with us in prayer for the success of this meeting.

A beautiful bronze plaque was presented to the Leadington Church during the Easter sunrise service in memorial of Deacon O. B. Womack who served that church from 1929 to 1951. Brother Womack had filled every office of the church through those years except the office of pastor, and many times filling that one, too, unofficially. Bro. Womack has gone on to his reward, but his works do follow for which we are humbly grateful as we enter them.

His richest blessings to you, Mrs. Martha Ricketts, L.E.C.

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We are enjoying a good revival at Hannon. Bro. Wm. Buster is the evangelist.

Rev. Mrs. Roena Thomas—Mo.

—o—

Enclosed find two dollars. I don't want to miss a copy. God bless the work.

Bertie Rogers—Illinois

—o—

Keep up the good work. The Gem is a spiritual blessing to all who read it.

Vonnie Huff—Missouri

—o—

Thanks to you, Sister Thomas, for the subs. L.E.C.

—o—

We appreciate the Gem and your kindness so much.

Mrs. I. M. Martele—Texas

—o—

Thanks for helping me win the contest, but we still need to reach the 1,500 subscriptions in the six months. L.E.C.

## AROUND AND ABOUT

By L. E. C.

We are happy to hear of many good revivals.

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Prospects are good for revival in Canterville, Missouri. Rev. Harold D. Hoover is pastor.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Evan.

—o—

A very good spirit is already manifest in our revival in Monett. Bro. Darnen Dodd is the evangelist.

Rev. Cecil H. Campbell

—o—

Our revival in the Neosho, Missouri Church begins with interest.

Rev. C. M. Hatfield

—o—

I do not like to miss a copy of the Gem.

Gladys E. Fillmer—Missouri

—o—

Thanks, Brother Hartley, for the money. We tried to select worthy people to send the Gem to. L.E.C.

—o—

I truly enjoy the Gem. There is so much truth in the article by Bro. Porter.

Mrs. Bonucchi—Illinois

—o—

Renew my subscription to the Gem. I don't want to miss a copy of the good paper.

Ollie Robinson—Arkansas

## CENTRAL WEST MISSOURI MEETS AT HICKORY GROVE

The regular Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Central Western Missouri Association convened with the Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, Missouri on March 29, 1953.

The services opened with the regular Sunday School lesson at 10:00. Rev. Marie Hyatt, pastor of the host church, brought the morning message. The noon hour was spent in fellowship and in partaking of a bountiful dinner.

Sis. Izola Zellmer, president, was in charge of the afternoon session. Bro. J. C. Williams led us in congregational singing. Devotional thoughts were given by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys. The Scripture was based on the resurrection of Christ, I Cor. 15:1-28. Prayer was by Bro. Ross Thomas.

A well rounded program of readings, solos, duets, congregational numbers and two very inspirational playlets was enjoyed by everyone.

An offering of \$40.00 was taken, two-thirds of which was given to the State Cooperative Fund at the request of the morning speaker.

The next session (in May) will be with the Hannon Church. They extend a special invitation to all.



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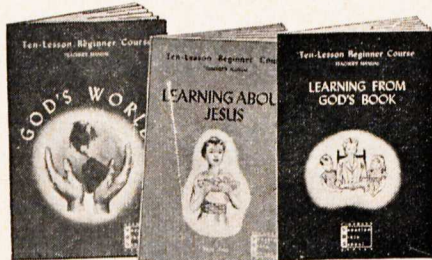
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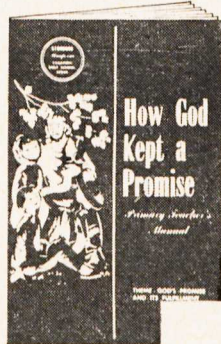
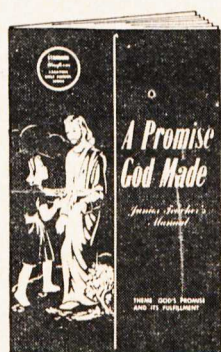
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## From The Editor's Desk



### SESSION SITE SELECTED

During the last session of the Missouri State Association the invitation of the Northeast Missouri Association was accepted as the place for the 1953 session. No particular church within the association had been selected at that time to be the host church. A selection has now been made and the officials of the association state that the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, near Greentop, Missouri, will be the session site. More announcements will be forthcoming as plans are developed. However, you can start planning now to be with the New Harmony Church in early September.

### Simultaneous Revival Reports

As previously announced, the National Home Mission Board set April as the month for simultaneous revivals. There are a great many churches conforming to this schedule. The Board is anxious to receive the report of your revival. Send your report promptly to Rev. Harry E. Staires, 516 South 61 West Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma. We would urge you to also send us a report of your revival and all other current church news.

### More Work Dates Set

Because of the desperate need of finishing the construction work on the Tabernacle at the Youth Camp, and because of the shortness of time in which to accomplish it, a new schedule of public working days has been set for May 11, 12, 13. Please make every effort to be there on all of these days possible. Bring a hammer, saw and other appropriate tools, a will to work, and a good appetite. The latter qualification will serve you well as you share the fine food that will be prepared by Sis. Reeves and others. You certainly will not go hungry. Also, adequate sleeping accommodations can be furnished at the camp. If you can bring along some of your own bedding, it will be easier on those concerned.

In case the dates selected are not adaptable to you, you can easily make arrangements with Bro. Reeves to work either before or after these dates. Labor is needed, and will be used on the dates you can furnish it.

Previous work dates have all been already behind. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. Let us rejoice in the privilege of sharing with our missionaries in spreading the gospel. We are obligated to support those whom God has called from our ranks to take the message abroad. Please pray and give as the Lord has prospered you.

Rolla D. Smith

### Much Omitted

As we go to press, much interesting material is still arriving at the office. Beside this, we have had to set some materials back for a future issue. We appreciate your contributions very much. Keep it up. We hope that it will pyramid until we are forced to larger issues. You will note the center of the Gem is devoted to our Daily Vacation Bible School materials. We feel it is highly important that you conduct a D.V.B.S. in your church, and we feel we can supply you with fine materials that cannot be excelled anywhere. Therefore, we feel justified in using the space for this.

### CHURCH WANTS A REVIVAL

Richwoods Church  
Richwoods, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

During this month God has been wonderful to our little church. We have felt His presence in many of our services. With this in mind we have come to the decision that the time is right for a revival. The need is so great that we desperately ask for your prayers.

Oh, how I wish you readers could have been with us during this month. You would have witnessed the partaking of the Lord's Supper and feet washing service as well as three wonderful services which were held on Easter Sunday.

Our Sunday School average has increased and our Ladies' Aid is still faithfully working for the benefit of the church.

Yes, we have so many things to be thankful for, but there is still much work to be done. There are so many people in this community who need God in their lives. And it is our job to see that they get to know and love Him.

I believe that with all of our prayers, hard work, and the wonderful love of God looking down upon us that this revival we are planning will prove to be a great success.

Vonnie Huff, Reporter

### MISSOURI'S QUOTA BEHIND SCHEDULE

Missouri's gifts to foreign missions for the month of March were disappointingly low, totaling only \$404.71. On April 1, Missouri had a balance of \$3,109.49 on the assigned quota of \$9,990.00 for the associational year. We have only until June 15 to meet our quota. Therefore, our gifts must be increased substantially and quickly.

None of us can give so sacrificially as have Brother and Sister Hanna who buried their eight months old daughter in India March 17, the very month in which Missouri's gifts for foreign missions fell so sharply.

Bro. Riggs has requested that Free Will Baptists plan a special offering for foreign missions May 31 as a memorial to Sheila Hanna. But let us not wait until then to give. We are

Folks who never go to church until the pall bearers take them, seem out of place when they get there.





SHEILA MARIE HANNA

Sheila Marie Hanna, 8½ month old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Free Will Baptists latest missionaries to India, was born July 4, 1952 in St. Louis, Missouri, and went to be with Jesus March 17, 1953 while on the mission fields of India.

Sheila had been a healthy, happy baby until March 12 when she became ill of dysentery which caused her death. She came to the Hannas, bringing sunshine and happiness into their lives, cheering them up as no other person could have, while in India, as well as during her short stay in the states and as they were leaving loved ones at home.

Besides her heart-broken parents, she leaves to mourn her going her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wright of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hanna of Lake City, South Carolina; her great grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Burcham of Flat River, Missouri, aunts, uncles, other relatives and many friends who were very concerned about her. Sheila also had many friends in India. She loved her little Indian friends, as did they love her.

Although the grandparents would have been so happy to have had her near them, they know they will again be with her in Heaven, and they were submissive to God's will in Marie and Carlisle's calling to India, and feel that He will bless and be with them

as they strive to do His will. They need your earnest prayers.

Funeral services were in the Language School Chapel at Allahabad, India. She was laid to rest in a Christian Cemetery there.

In loving memory of "Our Little Sheila," by her sorrowing parents, Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.

*Our arms are empty, our hearts are sad,  
We wanted to keep her, oh, so bad.  
But Jesus called, she had to go,  
And leaves us grieving here below.*

*Jesus could have called us too,  
But He said, "No, there's work to do.  
I'll use you here a little while,  
Then you can see your darling smile."  
So, trusting Him, and by His grace  
We'll meet her with Jesus, face to face.*

#### A Memoriam For

#### MOTHERS DAY

In sad and loving memory of our dear father and mother, Granville and Lizzie Hendrickson.

*As we look back through the years of childhood,*

*When father, mother and all the family were there*

*As we knelt around the family altar  
By the old fireside, humbly in prayer,*

*We will remember how they taught us  
the right way.*

*Yes, it was hard to say good bye and  
see them go;*

*But we weep not as those that have  
no hope.*

*For just over the hilltop there's a  
mansion fair*

*And on that great day we will meet  
them there*

*In that bright mansion—the home of  
the soul,*

*Where we will always live, and never  
grow old.*

*Oh, how we thank and praise God for  
the Christian heritage*

*They left us when they went away,  
We will remember their loving kindness and deeds*

*For us, and for others, living up to  
the golden rule—*

*Do unto others as you would have them  
do unto you.*

*And some glad day when this life is  
over,*

*We are going to meet them on that  
golden shore*

*Where farewells and deaths will be  
no more.*

*And when we silently pause to pray,  
we have to drop a tear*

*Of love and gratitude on this day—  
our Mother's Day.*

Mrs. Sallie Wilks

Kansas City, Missouri

#### DOUBLE SERVICES HELD

George Avery was born February 16, 1867 in Panola County, Mississippi, and departed this life March 2, 1953 at the age of 86 years and 14 days.

Viola McDonald was born April 23, 1877 in Craig County, Arkansas, and departed this life February 13, 1953 at the age of 75 years, nine months and 21 days.

They were united in marriage December 29, 1891. To this union was born seven boys, all preceding them in death except two: Edd, the oldest son, of Sanger, California, and Otis, the youngest son, of Blue Eye, Missouri. Besides their children they are survived by six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Bro. George Avery is survived by two brothers, two half-brothers, and three half-sisters, and they both had many other relatives and friends.

Sister Viola was converted early in life, and Bro. George in later years, and both joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Blue Eye on December 20, 1930 and lived true Christian lives to the end. They told their children and others that they wanted to go home to be with Jesus.

Uncle George and Aunt Viola, as they were known to many, will be sadly missed by the church and community, but we all feel that their going will be our loss and heaven's gain.

Double funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in the Blue Eye Free Will Baptist Church in the presence of a large audience of relatives, neighbors and friends. Interment was in the Blue Eye Cemetery.

Jesus Christ is the condescension of deity, and the exaltation of humanity.

The character of your motive outweighs the success of your deed.





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



### DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF LITTLE SHEILA HANNA

*"I'll lend you for a little time  
A child of mine," He said,  
"For you to love the while she lives  
And mourn for when she's dead.  
I cannot promise she will stay,  
Since all from life return,  
But there are lessons taught down there  
I want this child to learn.  
I've looked the wide world over  
In my search for teachers true,  
And from the throngs that crowd life's  
lanes  
I have selected you.  
Now, will you give her all your love,  
Nor think your labor vain,  
Nor hate me when I come to call  
To take her back again?"*

—Contributed

### KANSAS CITY CHURCH ORGANIZES AUXILIARY

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri has organized their Woman's Auxiliary and we would like to submit this article for publication in the Gem.

We have held three meetings so far: the first one being for the purpose of organizing, was held February 18, 1953 at our church. We elected our officers for the year and received our year books. Our officers are as follows:

President ..... Rev. Alice Dickey  
Enlistment ..... Nina Faye Hensley  
Youth ..... Lilly Cheatham  
Study Course ..... Eula Howard  
Program ..... Alma Mason  
Benevolence ..... Lela Freeman  
Recording Sec. .... Shirley Christeson  
Treasurer ..... Ida Rhodes

Our first regular meeting was held at the church the evening of February 20. Seven members were present. We sang the songs "The Haven of Rest" and "Jesus Calls Us to the Work." Prayer was by Eula Howard. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Topics were given and discussed. Dismissed in prayer by Alma Mason.

The second regular meeting was held the evening of March 20 at the church. President Dickey called the meeting to order. We sang, "Haven of Rest." The Scripture reading and comments on the lesson were given by President Dickey. Prayer by Eula Howard. We sang, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Offering and annual dues received. Reports were turned in to the Secretary. Seven members were present. We decided to sponsor a week of prayer before Easter. Topics were given and discussed. Solo by Lilly Cheatham, "An Evening Prayer." Meeting closed in prayer by the president.

We are very happy to have organized this Auxiliary and we know we are going to be a help to our church and our denomination with the help of God. We are fervently praying for His guidance and that we will be worthy to receive it. We are going to try to send in our report each month of our progress.

Shirley Christeson, Sec.

### LEADINGTON (MO.) W.A. IN PRE-EASTER SERVICES

The Leadington Auxiliary enjoyed the week of prayer services before Easter. A cottage prayer meeting was conducted each evening by a different leader and we had an average of 25 in attendance. Our special foreign missions offering amounted to \$11.09. The Lord graciously blessed our prayer meetings, and a real spirit of revival was born in these services.

### FREDERICKTOWN (MO.) W.A.

We have been having some wonderful Auxiliary meetings with about all our members being present.

We had the privilege of having Bro. Willard Day, from Mountain Grove, with us for a revival. We had several conversions. The meeting was really a success. It greatly helped the church spiritually.

We had a day meeting during our

revival. We had about 30 members present. We had our business period in the morning, with lunch served at noon.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Nothing But the Blood." Prayers by Sis. Alean Lewis and Sis. Hallie Dettmer. Song by group, "Glory to His Name." Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Special song by two Auxiliary ladies. Then the service was turned over to Bro. Day. He gave us a very interesting talk.

We really do enjoy our Woman's Auxiliary meetings. We have two meetings each month: one day meeting and one night meeting. We as an Auxiliary feel our need of living close to the Lord, for He is so wonderful to us, and we want to try to help the unsaved find our wonderful Saviour. Pray for us.

Sis. Blanche Pogue, Cor. Sec'y.

### STEWARDSHIP STUDIED

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Flat River, Missouri  
April 6, 1953

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys and Gem Family:

First we want to thank and praise the Lord for a wonderful man of God as Bro. Jeffreys, our Editor. It is our privilege to pray and ask God's blessing upon you and your good staff. Blessed be the name of the Lord. If God be for us, who can be against us? Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

The regular meeting of the Woman's work of the First Church of Flat River was called to order by the president, Sis. Hazel Scott. Songs were, "Rescue the Perishing," and "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus." Prayer by Sis. Edith Keeney. Scripture reading was Luke 16:1-11, I Cor. 4:1, and I Peter 4:10. There were 20 members and six visitors present. The year book program for April entitled, "The Light of Truth Shines on Stewardship," written by Sis. Marie Hyatt, was studied. Topic, "The ownership of God," by Gussie Hamblen.



"The stewardship of man," by Genevive White. "The divine plan of support," by Pearl Sirclum. "The reward of faithful stewardship," by Lillian Williams. We were dismissed in prayer, praying the Lord's prayer in unison.

During the month of March, 10 get-well cards, four sympathy cards and two congratulation cards were sent.

In closing I will again say may the Lord bless and keep all of our good people everywhere is our prayer. Until we meet again on earth or in heaven we will be happy any where or every where.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Sec.

## NEW AUXILIARY REPORTS

F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary  
Corcoran, California  
March 23, 1953

Mrs. Eunice Edwards:

This letter is a report of the organization of our Woman's Auxiliary of the Corcoran Free Will Baptist Church. We organized February 14, 1953. We had five charter members, but at our first meeting five more came in. This church is in the Southern Association. The president of the Woman's Auxiliary is Mrs. Jeanette Branum, Route 1, Box 69, Corcoran, California.

We covet your prayers. Thank you.  
Mrs. Edith Cathey

## REJOICE IN STUDY LESSON ON MEANING OF PRAYER

Fellowship Auxiliary  
Flat River, Missouri

Dear Friends and Christian Workers:

Our Auxiliary met for our all day service March 26 at the church.

The theme of our program was the Easter meditation. Each topic was on the resurrection, and as we studied about this wonderful event and about the living Christ, how our hearts did rejoice to know we are serving a living Christ, one who hears and answers prayer.

At the noon hour a lovely lunch was served to 15 members and three visitors. God is so very good to us; we can never thank Him enough.

After the noon hour and fellowship we were called to order for our year book study. Our study was "The Light of Truth Shines on Prayer." Every

heart was blessed from the study on prayer and what it means to every Christian heart. But no wonder we were all on the mountain top: we have just come through a wonderful revival.

Our prayer is that God will bless His people everywhere and keep us all working together in His cause. Pray that we of the Fellowship Church will ever be humble in the cause of our Master.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, Cor. Sec.

## HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Northeast Missouri met Wednesday, April 8 with Mary Filkins. There were six members, four children and two men present.

The lesson, "The Light of Truth Shines on Stewardship," was studied. The theme song, "The Haven of Rest," was sung, followed by sentence prayers by all present. The president read for Scripture reading Luke 16:1-11, I Cor. 4:1 and I Peter 4:10.

The members present reported having read 589 Bible chapters, made 15 good-will calls and sent 27 cards.

## ATTENDANCE UP AFTER FLU EPIDEMIC ABATES

First F.W.B. Church  
Flat River, Missouri  
March 26, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

Since the flu epidemic and other sickness that has been raging, like most of our churches in this vicinity, our church and Sunday School attendance had fallen off. However, this last Sunday the school attendance was back to 141.

We're very happy to report that our church parsonage is in the process of an approximate one thousand dollar redecorating job. Hardwood flooring is being installed and finished, the old cabinets in the kitchen are being torn out and new ones built, the bathroom is to be remodeled, some new window facings and base boards installed, and some other small details including a new front door. A contractor and redecorator, Mr. Leslie Busenbark, who was saved and joined our church some months ago, is contracting the job.

The ladies mission bought the hard-

wood for the parsonage floors. A hot water tank was bought for the kitchen in the church basement by the mission also.

Rev. Sterling Tucker and wife were home since last we wrote. Bobby Rogers, a student at the college, came home with Sterling and Winnie. Bob brought along with him the picture, "You Can't Win," a timely message by Doctor Bob Jones, Sr., on sin and what it can do to a life. This picture would be a blessing for any church to see.

We ask you to continue to pray for our church that we may see lost souls saved, and be a blessing to a lost and dying world.

Sincerely,

Anna Mae McFarland

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REQUIRES ADDITIONAL CLASS ROOMS

Hatcher, West Virginia

Dear Editor and Members of the Gem:

It gives me great pleasure to write again after so long a time. Thank God I am His, He is mine, and I am ever on the firing line for God.

We have been having some great services in the Lord. Our Sunday School has grown so that we had to add three more Sunday School rooms to the church. We have a wonderful superintendent, Bro. Paul Dempsey. Also, we still have our good pastor, Sis. Stollie Parsons, a wonderful woman of God. We all need one another's prayers.

Well, Bro. Jeffreys, I went to Sunday School this morning with the extra Gems you sent me, and I passed them around, and I got four subs. I am enclosing the money just as it was given me. Some gave me \$2.00 so I am sending it on to you and you can use it as you see fit (It was all correctly applied to the subs—Ed). I trust you and your family are well. I am thankful for the wonderful little Gem. I sure enjoy the wonderful sermons.

We are looking and praying for a great revival to come soon.

Pray for me. May God bless every Gem reader everywhere and them that don't know my Christ. They would find Him so precious to their souls.

Respectfully your Brother,

H. L. Tilley



# THE YOUTH SECTION

## SHIP U.S.S. YOUTH REPORTED SINKING

"The ship U.S.S. Youth, carrying millions of young people is reported sinking off the coast of Church, U.S.A. It is reported that the ship is carrying much precious cargo, such as future missionaries, future preachers, future Christian workers, and the future Church. They have sounded the S.O.S. but have had no response as yet. It seems the people have heard the warning signal but are too busy with present problems in the church and don't have time to man the life boats for a rescue."

This may sound fictitious but nevertheless it is a real incident happening today in nearly every American church. J. Edgar Hoover reports that juvenile delinquency is mounting and the church is setting back letting Satan take the Youth as captives. Older folk have no time for youth, but Satan has! He entices them with the bright lights of sin, and its attractiveness woos them to his ways. Sin has advanced in its tactics while older Christians have become "Slaves to Tradition" which gives the youth a back seat in the church. You may place a bright red ball and a dull black ball before a baby and he will naturally choose the red because of its attractiveness. This analogy is the same with sin and the Church. Church people have led the youth to believe that the church is dull and a Christian life very uninteresting.

I do not mean we should mix worldliness with the Church, but there are many good, clean and interesting ways to help use up the energy which youth always possesses. They need attention and if we do not give it to them, then sin will.

Some people will criticize the youth for their crave of excitement and are not willing to lend them a helping hand. This is possibly the reason why many of their own children are not Christians today. They seem to think what's good enough for me is good enough for our youth. If all of our forefathers had thought that, we would still be using the kerosene lamp, but

today we gladly accept the modern way of lighting by electricity.

In visiting new homes in this great metropolitan area of St. Louis, I sometimes ask the question, "Did you ever attend church?" The usual reply is, "I did when I was a kid, but got away from it in my teens." Whose fault is this? Surely we cannot blame God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, or the Bible. I believe they are just as modern and up-to-date as any and all of Satan's tactics. I believe the fault lies wholly upon the Church today because they are setting down on the youth. Statistics show that the majority of youth drop out of church at the age of 13. Many of the boys stay outside during the services and the girls are made to attend threatened by the hickory limb. This way of keeping the youth in church will not last. Soon they grow into young man and womanhood and are out of parental jurisdiction. They then do as they please and a greater percentage of them drop out of church completely.

Our Lord always had time for youth and He realized the church of tomorrow would be built on the youth of today. Surely there is someone in every church that will see the need of guided youth and take that responsibility. They don't need drinking, smoking, dancing and picture shows to fill that crave for excitement. They need older people to show them Christian living can be enjoyable and exciting and that good clean enjoyment is not against God's commandments.

We are thankful for the "Youth Section" that was recently inaugurated in our Free Will Baptist Gem. This should be very beneficial in keeping the youth occupied. There are many interesting articles and suggestions that will help in making the youth activities successful.

I offer a few suggestions that have been tried and proven to be helpful in keeping the youth in church.

1. Let them have a place in the church so they may feel they are a part of it. Let them lead in prayer,

## ILLNESS CONTINUES

Word from Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam is that her illness has required additional hospitalization since our last publication, and that even now she is confined to her bed. Because of this her usual interesting and valuable contributions to the Youth Section are necessarily absent from this issue. We wish for her a speedy and complete recovery, and look forward to her future contributions to the Youth Section. We suggest that you take time to send your personal good wishes for her recovery. The address is: Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Missouri.—Editor.

or have charge of the prayer meeting occasionally. They should sing in the choir. Give them at least one Sunday a year to conduct the entire service.

2. Let them have outside activities under the sponsorship of a few older persons. They could meet in some home each week or month and begin with a song, prayer, and Scripture reading, then play Bible games such as are found in the "Youth Section," after which light refreshments could be served. Get a group of cars or rent a bus to take them sightseeing some time. Last summer our young people went to Mermae Caverns, Onondaga Cave, and Mark Twain's home in Hannibal, Missouri, and all of them were in Sunday School the next day. Perhaps you could use the gymnasium at the school for some sport activities.

3. Let them sponsor a Youth Revival and call some young evangelist for their meeting. You'll see them bring in other young people during the meeting. A list of young ministers is available at the Bible College.

4. Sponsor a movement to get as many young people as possible to attend the Youth Camp. This will undoubtedly make them much better Christians.

I sincerely hope and pray that some of our Free Will Baptists will see the need of helping these Young People. Remember, "Youth pays great dividends if you are willing to invest."

Rev. Robert C. Hill



## AN APPEAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE A MIND TO WORK

I come to you with the needs of our Youth Camp through the pages of the Gem.

As most of you know, we are erecting a new Tabernacle, 40 X 60 feet, at the Camp. We are desperately in need of this building for this year's session which is to begin June 22.

We, as your Board, are endeavoring to erect this Tabernacle by donated labor. About enough money for the materials was given in cash or was pledged at the last State Association.

We have already had three different workings, and much has been accomplished in the construction of the building. Still there is much more to be done in order to have it ready by June 22.

We are, therefore, calling another working for May 11, 12, 13, and we especially urge every pastor to enthusiastically

present this need to your people. Bring as many of the men along with you as possible. As an added suggestion to some who are working on jobs where you can't conveniently get away, why not send to Bro. Reeves the price of a days work, that he may hire a man in your place for at least one day.

Also, we want to urge pastors and Sunday School superintendents to keep reminding the youth of your church of the importance of attending this year's session.

We want to thank every one who have sent in a special offering on the mower fund. If for any reason you have not made your contribution, why not do it today?

Yours for a greater and more adequately equipped Youth Camp.

Rev. O. T. Allred

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always help us if we do our best, so you come on to camp. We will take care of you.

We want you to remember us when you pray.

Rev. Wm. Reeves  
Niangua, Missouri

### PRE-EASTER SERVICES HELD

Kirkville, Missouri  
April 17, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know of the services held at the Sublett Church during the Easter period.

Services had been planned for all week preceding Easter, but because of weather conditions they could only be held on the three last evenings. Visiting ministers, who delivered inspiring messages were: Rev. Mrs. Alta Mikel, Rev. Wayne Parsons and Rev. Ted Jacobs.

The full time pastor is Rev. Orville Dobbs. He brought the messages Easter morning and evening. Communion was held at the close of morning worship.

We know there was great rejoicing in heaven as well as at Sublett that morning because there were three conversions. There has also been three others since the last report.

We desire the prayers of you readers that they, as well as the rest of us here, will continue in the faith and be obedient until death.

We are studying in Revelations during our regular prayer services held each Wednesday night. It is very interesting.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lee McElhinney

### YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Finances — DEC. 15 1952 - APRIL 15 1953

Brought forward .....	\$ 21.53
Received:	
State Cooperative Fund .....	\$161.32
Southeast Missouri .....	49.30
Northeast Missouri .....	4.00
Liberty Association .....	8.49
Indian Creek .....	62.69
Total receipts .....	291.80
Grand total .....	\$313.80
Expenditures:	
Caretaker's salary .....	\$225.00
Incidentals and repairs .....	106.46
Total expenditures .....	331.46
A deficiency of minus .....	\$ 18.13

#### NEW CHAPEL FUND:

Pledges .....	\$1,072.00
Paid on pledges .....	\$937.00
(Still unpaid, \$155.00)	
Paid out .....	696.61
Balance on hand, Chapel Fund .....	249.39

#### POWER MOWER FUND:

Cost of mower .....	\$255.00
Cash received .....	\$71.33
Paid out .....	71.33
Balance due .....	\$183.67

Dear Readers:

While sending in my financial report, I will include a reminder that the time is slipping up on us for the Camp

Session scheduled for June 21 to 28. I am sure that a good number of our churches are planning to send their youth to camp this year. We are busy getting things ready as fast as we can, and there is a lot to do yet.

Our new Chapel is still unfinished. Our working dates in April became a failure when only one showed up for work. We are in grave need of the Chapel, and also more cabins for this year. To date we have only one cabin being erected.

The Board gave consent to buy a power mower to mow the grass with. We have purchased a Springfield garden tractor at cost or list price. It is just impossible for us to mow with the old mower we have had. So if you or your people would like to help on it, it would be appreciated.

We hope to have our literature out in the very near future on the coming session. We are looking forward to a good session again this year. I would like to see 200 of our boys and girls here.

We are glad to report receiving the nice supplies given by the Blue Eye Church. We are glad for everything that our people have to give. Last year we used the State Association's plates and cups, so that may be a problem this year.

Well, the Lord is good and will

are strangers to power.



## EASTER IN CUBA

CHRIST IS DEAD! The mournful sadness of it seems to penetrate the very heart of our beautiful island of over five million people. To so many, Christ really dies every year.

For weeks before this occasion each member of the family makes preparations for their new clothes (as we do in the States) for Holy Week. In many cases there is real sacrifice made that all may have a new outfit. It is the time everyone comes out in their white shoes and summer dresses and suits, although we have been in the midst of what would be summer to you for a month or more. It is also true in Cuba, as in the States, it is the one time of the year that many will go inside the church. The Catholic Church here, and sad to say, thousand, perform their religious duty by marching in the procession on Good Friday afternoon.

This procession begins about six o'clock. First, the image of Jesus is brought in a casket with glass on both sides. It is carried on the shoulders of about six men; women walk behind weeping. The priest, nuns, and choir boys make quite a display in robes and special dress.

Quite a distance behind the humble casket of Christ comes the immense statue of Mary. She is elegantly dressed and crowned. Thronging around her the multitudes portray their deep love and reverence to this chosen hand-maiden of Israel. She is definitely the most prominent figure in the procession, and one is left with the impression that the life of Christ is finished. Mary alone remains to be the intercessor between God and man.

This is late Friday afternoon. All night in the church there are the faithful ones who watch beside the dead Christ and mourn His death. This sadness continues until Saturday. All during Friday there is hardly a sound heard. All radio stations are silent. No business house is open. Complete quietness reigns. Even the dogs forget to bark (it seems), and crying babies are quieted by their mothers. All the world does homage to a Saviour who has died.

However, when the clock strikes ten on Saturday morning as Christ comes alive everything else comes alive with Him. The radio begins to blare, business houses open, whistles blow and

firecrackers, as well as pistols, are shot. Even the dogs begin to bark—God is alive!

This is the Saturday of Glory, as it is called in Spanish. On Saturday night there will be a big dance. Then all day Sunday there is dancing, drinking and gambling to celebrate that Christ again lives. It is the only time one is likely to see people drunk in Cuba—it is not a common sight otherwise. Easter Sunday has very little significance in these contries. It is a dead Christ that is worshipped.

A little boy sat on the curb of the city sidewalk. It was Good Friday, and he was crying. A missionary passed by and asked, "Son, why are crying?" He replied, "Why mister, didn't you know, God is dead." The missionary was so glad that he could sit on the curb and tell the little lad that it is true that many years ago Jesus died, but that it was once and for all times, and that He arose and is alive forevermore, and that He can live in his boy heart and give him eternal life.

This is our glorious message to the nations that do not know Him or only know Him as a dead Christ. "Behold, He is risen...and because He lives, we shall live also."

Mable Willey

Article received as we were on the press with the Easter edition. Editor.

## WASH THE SAINTS FEET

To the Gem Readers Everywhere:

I would love to tell you of our wonderful meeting on March 27.

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting met with the Cedar Ridge Church. We had as speakers through the day and evening: Rev. Alford Ford, Rev. Albert Long, Rev. Mancel Cline, and Rev. G. W. Sturdevant, and of course our old friend, Rev. W. F. Millard, as the moderator. We had a nice day and a wonderful dinner.

The evening service was finished up by taking of the Lord's Supper, followed by washing the saint's feet. We had a regular old-fashioned shouting time.

Our next meeting will be held with the Hopewell Church. Visitors are always welcome.

Georgia McDaniel, Clerk

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## CALIFORNIA CONGREGATION HAS VICTORIOUS REVIVAL

March 7, 1953

Greetings:

From the San Joaquin Valley of Southern California. This is to report the good revival just finished at Lamont, California where Bro. Berkey Story is the good pastor. Bro. George McLain, of Kerman, California, conducted a two weeks meeting during March. God came in a mighty way, with 27 souls finding the Lord. Many years have gone by since I have seen such an outpouring of the Spirit on minister and congregation alike. How God blessed. It seemed as each night would go by that Satan would have to flee more quickly than the night before.

To see this church so ready for a revival certainly blessed our soul. They were prayed up and ready for the revival the very first night. I wonder at times if perhaps that is the reason why so many churches fail to have a revival, because they don't have time for God or His blessings. It behooves us as Christians to buckle on the armor of God a little tighter and lean a more attentive ear to His voice.

Bro. McLain had just began duties as pastor of the church at Firebaugh, and on his Sunday night back at his home church there were six conversions. He has surely been blessed for doing the will of God—preaching the Gospel. His messages were such that would pierce the heart of the unsaved. I was truly thankful for the opportunity of working in the revival with our good friend and brother, Bro. McLain.

We as Christians in California desire the prayers of our fellow workers that each one who is known by the name Christian shall wear the name and calling proudly, for surely the days are becoming shortened for working this side of eternity.

A Co-Worker for Christ,

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