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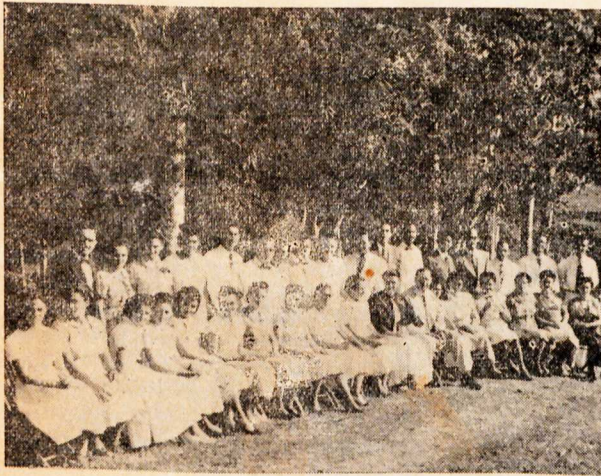
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THE JUDGMENT DAY

The Scriptures teach that we must all appear at the judgment seat of Christ. Some where in the calendar of time there is a day appointed when we must all stand at the bar of the supreme court of the universe.

In this court there are no delays, no postponements, no hung juries, no re-hearings or appealing to a higher court—its decision is final, its sentence is eternal, with no delay of execution, paroles or pardons.

Are you neglecting or forgetting that there is to be a judgment day? God has spoken and His word cannot and will not be broken, for he says "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35. Many things are contingent, uncertain, may or may not come to pass, but the judgment day is on the way and is absolutely certain to come.

Keep in mind please that Jesus will be on the throne, and He has said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. So please don't listen to false teachers, for at the judgment day your false teachers will be among the goats, and Christ will be on the throne. It is far better to heed the words of the Saviour and Judge.

When Jesus comes, those teachers and/or preachers who have offered you some substitute for regeneration and who have comforted you in your sins, will be crying so loud for the rocks and mountains to fall on them that they will not have time to apologize to you for their false teachings or to comfort you in your distress. It is better that you heed the words of Jesus today, for I still assure you He will be on the throne in that day.

Let those neglect who will; let them ridicule who may, but you take the word of God (the Bible) for your guide and get ready for the judgment day. In His word you can find all you need and all that God requires, for the preparation, for the salvation that Jesus gives fits us to live and prepares us for death, and makes us ready for the judgment bar. Jesus knows all who have come to Him for salvation and when they appear at the judgment bar He will recognize them and give them the glad welcome into His presence, so do not neglect to make ample preparation for the judgment

day. Now read Matthew 25:32-46 and then make your peace calling and election sure.

Mrs. Giola M. Onley
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NORTHEAST MISSOURI IN FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Jewell Church, May 31, 1953, with Sunday school at the 10:00 o'clock hour.

The morning worship service was opened by congregation singing, "Hold the Fort" and "Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Wayne Parson.

Rev. O. D. Matthews, of Fredericktown, Missouri, then brought the 11:00 o'clock message. He read for a Scripture lesson I John 3:11-18, using for his text John 15:17. He delivered a wonderful message on Brotherly Love. "Love Lifted Me" was sung and we were dismissed by Bro. Ora Gates. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "The Lily of the Valley" and "Does Jesus Care." Prayer by Rev. Orville Dobbs, and the song "All the Way My Saviour Leads" was sung. Rev. Wayne Parson read for a Scripture lesson a portion of the 14th chapter of John. Prayer by Rev. Charley Phillips. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted and letters from Hazel Creek and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted.

The next meeting will be with the Hazel Creek Church, with Rev. Orville Dobbs bringing the eleven o'clock message, and with Rev. Alta Mikel the alternate.

The following program was given. Solo, "A Sunbeam," by Fern Dobbs; reading, "Someone Cares," Myrtle Lay; solo, "Be Careful Little Eyes What You See," Randy Riley; reading, "My Prayer Life," Oletha Parson; solo, "Mansion Over the Hill Top," Andy Lay; dialogue, "The Road Ahead," the Jewell Church; solo, "Bless This House," Mrs. Donnie Riley. We were dismissed by Bro. Ora Gates.

Leona Thompson, secretary

God loved the world (mankind)—you must love God.

MARGARET E. TURNER

Margaret Ethel Nutting was born July 16, 1881 in the May Community in McDonald County, Missouri. She departed this life at her home in Granby, Missouri at the age of 71 years, 11 months and four days.

She was the youngest daughter of Francis Marion and Mary Nutting.

She was married to Joseph E. Turner on December 24, 1905, and lived with him in their home in the Lone Star Community in Newton County, Missouri until his death in 1939.

To this union were born six children: Mrs. Lorena Brown, Goodman, Missouri; Mrs. Doris Rollins, Jefferson City; Mrs. Ernestine Branham, Topeka, Kansas; Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri; Rev. Noel Turner, San Mateo, California, and Mr. Rodney Turner, Granby, Missouri.

She also leaves nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Besides her immediate family, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Laura Phillips, Marionville, Missouri; three brothers: Lewis E. Nutting, Joplin, Missouri; William Swift Nutting, Rupert, Idaho, and Barton Nutting, Rupert, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was converted at the age of 16 years and later joined the Free Will Baptist Church. She remained a consecrated Christian and a loyal church member all her life.

During her last illness, which lasted several months, she greeted everyone with a cheerful smile, and the patience with which she bore her sufferings endeared her to all who had a part in caring for her.

She was a loving wife, a devoted mother and a friend to all with whom she came in contact. Her many friends were a testimony to the life she lived.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, June 22 at the Jones' Chapel Church and burial was in the Church Cemetery with Rev. Cecil Campbell officiating.

The greatest word is God.

The deepest word is Soul.

The longest word is Eternity.

The swiftest word is Time.

The nearest word is Now.

The darkest word is Sin.

The meanest word is Hypocrisy.

Consider Jesus

Clarence J. Hearron - Ft. Worth, Tex.

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"WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." Hebrews 3:1.

It is an indisputable fact that a man's actions are directly influenced by his attitude. One's action, or reaction toward Christianity is influenced by his attitude toward Christ. One's attitude toward sin is dependent upon one's view of God. If one's attitude is right, he is right.

If we agree to this truth, then certainly it is important for us to have the right attitude toward Christ. In view of this, let us consider Jesus regarding a few of His aspects.

As Creator

To consider Jesus as Creator, we must consider His pre-existence. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." Here we have the statement that Christ was in existence before His birth into the world. This cannot be overemphasized. The fact of His pre-existence precludes the virgin birth. The virgin birth is a logical sequence in the light of His pre-existence. Christ Himself gives His testimony concerning His pre-existence when He says, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17:5.

And in Colossians 1:16 we have the following statement, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him."

Sometimes the question arises, "Why was there a creation?" According to Colossians 1:16, all things were created for Christ. Look at Rev. 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou has

created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Someone has said that creation is the result of God's redemptive plan; that is, God created man in order to redeem him. This may sound all right on the surface, but it is rank Calvinism. God certainly did not create man for man to sin so that He could redeem him. A better way of explanation is that God through Christ created man for fellowship, and when sin disrupted that fellowship, redemption was provided.

Since through man's disobedience this fellowship was broken, Christ came forth, the Seed of the woman, to restore men into this fellowship. Jesus, then, becomes the Creator of a new creation, for "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17. And just as there was a day set apart to commemorate the first creation, there is a day set aside to commemorate the new creation. Yes, Jesus is the Creator of a new and living way to all who will repent and accept Him.

As Son of Man

In considering Jesus as the Son of man, a title Jesus used many times, one needs to emphasize the humanity of Christ without minimizing His divinity. Jesus was and is very God, but He was also man—perfect man. He is the "man Christ Jesus."

As man He was the Seed of the woman, a bodily fulfillment of Gen. 3:15. This involves the doctrine of the virgin birth. A professor in the university which I attended made the statement that although he believed in the virgin birth, he did not consider such belief important as far as one's salvation was concerned. Such a statement is a compromise with modernism.

The doctrine of the virgin birth is important. If Jesus was not born of a virgin, He is not the Seed of the woman. Neither is He the One of whom Isaiah spoke in Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." If there is no such thing as the virgin birth, then the Bible is

false, we are fools for believing it, and the whole world is doomed for hell, because we have no hope offered except a falsehood, if the virgin birth is not true. But, thank God, the virgin birth, though a mystery to our finite minds, is a glorious reality.

Not only is Christ the Seed of the woman, but He is also the Son of David. God promised David that from his loins would come the Messiah. All of this is involved in Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." In other words, "Thou art the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of the living God." He is the Root of David.

It was necessary for Christ to become man in order to make God known to man. He identified Himself with humanity. Man must identify himself with Jesus in order to be saved. Paul explained it this way, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

As Son of God

Almost everyone accepts the fact that Jesus is a historical person. Even the Jews—who deny His Messiahship—acknowledge that Jesus actually lived. But unless Jesus is considered as the Son of God, it is useless to consider Him at all.

God made sure that the birth of His Son was not to be a secret. In His Word He revealed the nation, tribe, family, place of birth, and the exact time of His coming. But for all this the scribes and Pharisees, who were in a position to know the truth, rejected Him. They are no worse than the so-called Christian ministers who scoff at the deity of Christ. The only conclusion as to their real character is that they are Satan's ministers in disguise.

Not only does the account of His birth prove Christ's divinity, but His life is also a shining testimony of His deity. Christ bore witness of His divinity by His own words. "Which of you convicteth me of sin?" "I and my Father are one." We should either acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, or stop pretending to believe the Bible.

The death of Jesus has sometimes been described as the death of a

martyr. It is claimed by some that this was an unforeseen occurrence. Such wresting of the Scriptures! The death of Jesus is proof of His divinity. Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and spoke of His decease He was to accomplish. His death was a feat, not a defeat. His death and resurrection was the only sign to be given of His divinity.

If we have actually surrendered our all to Him who has done so much for us, we will have no trouble in believing that He is the Son of God. We can say with the Roman centurion, "Surely this man was the Son of God."

As the Lamb of God

In further considering Jesus, His death stands out for all to see demonstrated the love of God for a lost race. "Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Sacrifice is as old as sin. A sacrifice is necessary for the removal of guilt. Since the wages of sin is death, and all have sinned, then all were under the condemnation of sin. The world was in need of a Saviour who could take away sin.

God had taught the Israelites the need of a sacrifice to atone for sins. He was leading them into the light so that they could accept the real, perfect, and final sacrifice of which the others were mere types.

On the cross Jesus offered Himself as the sacrificial lamb. We are told in Hebrews that He entered into the Holy of Holies in heaven not without blood. Since without the shedding of blood there is no remission, Jesus through His blood as God's perfect Lamb has purchased redemption for all.

Now there is no longer any need of a yearly sacrifice of bulls and goats, "but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Hebrews 9:26 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith..." Hebrews 10:19-22a.

As Priest

Jesus may also be considered as our

priest. There is such a thing as a priesthood in Christianity. "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 1:5-6. The universal priesthood of believers is a cardinal truth. We have a high priest whose order is not after any earthly descent. Just as the priesthood between God and man in the Old Testament, so Jesus is the One through whom we reach God the Father. "No man cometh to the Father but by me." John 14:6.

He is far better than any earthly priest. "We have such a high priest, who is set on the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Heb. 8:1-2. "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15.

As King

There are some who say that Jesus came to set up a kingdom, but because of the rejection by the Jews, the kingdom was postponed. But Jesus told Pilate that He was a king. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

We can surely consider Jesus as King if He speaks in this fashion. He is King now. It is not necessary for Him to wait until some future date to rule. He is King over a spiritual kingdom which is composed of all who acknowledge Him as their King and Ruler.

David spoke of Him as a King. Recall the twenty-fourth Psalm and what he said about the King of Glory. Then in Rev. 17:14 He is called the King of kings and Lord of lords. But lest some should place a prophetic interpretation on these texts, let us examine I Cor. 15:25-26. "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Has death been destroyed? "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." I Cor. 15:54. Christ, then is reigning now as King in His own right. "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O

God, is for ever and ever." Heb. 1:8.

As Judge

Finally, let us consider Jesus as Judge. Just as He was in the creation, so will He be in the Judgment. Matthew 24 describes the Son as coming to judge. In Acts 17:31 Paul makes the following statement, "Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

Yes. Christ will be there at the judgment. The door of mercy will be forever closed. No one will escape the judgment, regardless of rank or station. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or evil." II Cor. 5:10.

As we consider Jesus as Creator, Son of Man, Son of God, Priest, King, and Judge, God grant that we may live in such a way that the unsaved will be influenced to consider Jesus.

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Send all contributions to your state treasurer, or to Board of Foreign Missions, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.



The National Association of Free Will Baptists and the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet in Mt. Vernon, a city of over 20,000 people in the heart of Southern Illinois, July 13-16, 1953. The site has been moved from Benton, Illinois, the place originally announced. The change was made because of better entertainment facilities and was asked for and approved by officials of the National Association. Free Will Baptists in and around Mt. Vernon and the officials of the city are enthusiastically extending to all of you a hearty welcome. Preparations are coming along nicely. Our plans are to equal or outdo Shawnee, 1952 Convention site, in every phase of entertainment, hospitality and conveniences. And if you were there you will know that that is next to impossible.

Meetings will be held in the beautiful, spacious Mt. Vernon Township High School Auditorium, just five blocks from the downtown square. Among the rooming facilities available are four hotels, the largest with 131 guest rooms; eight tourist courts and motels; many private tourist rooms; and private homes for all who wish them. There are more than 25 cafes and restaurants, including four which are very large and exceptionally nice for a city of this size.



Rev. E. E. Morris - Moderator

Highways from six directions lead into the city. Two railroads offer passenger service from north, east, south and west. There are direct connections to St. Louis, Missouri (80 miles), to Evansville, Indiana (95 miles), Louisville, Kentucky (250 miles), Nashville, Tennessee (240 miles), and Chicago, Illinois (275 miles). Greyhound bus lines operate through the city from four directions, connections being made every few hours. Chartered passenger service to and from any place in the United States is available at the airport just one mile east of the city limits.

Mt. Vernon is noted for vast resources and gracious hospitality. Its schools and churches are rated with those anywhere in the United States. This "King City of Little Egypt" received the honor of being one of the 11 All-American cities in the United States in 1952. This reward was given for outstanding achievements and progress. The city park has many picnic areas and a zoo with the largest collection of animals and birds in Illinois outside the Chicago area. Plans are underway for entertaining the children there a part of each day.

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Flat River, Missouri

The Gem Family and Mission Workers in the State and everywhere:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

We love the Lord. He is a wonderful Saviour to us. We must also love the name of missions. To be a soul winner for the Master, we must have the mission spirit in our hearts of "Go ye into all the world and preach the

gospel." Then if God does not call us into the mission fields, let us pray each hour in the day for the ones on the mission field, and give of our money as God leads us to do.

The mission work in our church is a real blessing. We wish our good workers over the State could come and visit with us on Wednesday. It is just like an old time revival.

In our last lesson the year book study introduction was by the program chairman: "What is that in thine hand?" "Hannah, a Christian mother," by Gussie Hamblin; "Noah, a Christian father," by Bernice Halbrook; "Isaac, an obedient son," by Genevive White, and "Do not sin against the child," by Pearl Sircum. Read and study your year books carefully. They have been written by inspired people of God.

Work and pray for our wonderful denomination. I love the name of Free Will Baptist. I was raised up in a good old Free Will Baptist home. My father was a deacon of a church near Fredericktown 51 years ago. He taught us to be Free Will Baptist—because our good ministers will preach the full gospel—the old time altar, feet washing, baptism by immersion, and from Genesis to Revelation.

May the Lord bless everyone and may each one live close to the Lord and keep in the center of His will.

If God be for us, who can be against us.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, secretary

AGED SAINT PASSES; DAUGHTER RECOUNTS JOYS RECEIVED OF HER MOTHER

Docia T. Butcher, oldest daughter of Isaac and Betty Butcher, was born December 4, 1877, and passed on to her reward April 28, 1953 at the age of 75 years, four months and 25 days.

She was converted at the early age of 11 years and united with the Free Will Baptist Church, being a charter member of the Rock Chapel Church at the time of her death.

She derived much pleasure from her attendance at church and Sunday school and was an active church worker, always ready to witness for her Master. It has often been said that she had a special way of contacting her Lord during seasons of evangelistic services.

Her great interest in seeing others saved gained for her the deepest respect of all who knew her.

She was united in marriage to Levi A. Raney, February 2, 1899, and to this union six children were born, one daughter dying in infancy.

She spent her entire life in Wright County living near Owensville Store all her life. She was a devoted mother and companion.

In her last days she often mentioned to her friends and neighbors of having her grip packed and that she had purchased her ticket many, many years ago and that she was ready to meet her Master any time He called, and how wonderful it was going to be free of physical pain, sorrow and disappointment.

She is survived by her companion, Levi A. Raney; five children, Mrs. Levi James, Mountain Grove, Mo.; Alma Raney, Norwood, Mo.; Mrs. Marie Thomas, Kansas City, Mo.; Frank R. Raney, Mountain Grove, Mo., and Don L. Raney, Norwood, Mo.; four grandchildren, one sister, Josephine Raney, Salinas, California; one brother Charley Butcher, Hartville, Mo., and a great host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Rock Chapel Church on Thursday, April 30, 1953, by Elders Selph Jones of Aldrich, Mo., and Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri. Pall bearers were Don Smith, Lloyd Smith, Floyd Owens, Paul Goolsby, Argle Housley and Lloyd Moore. Interment was in the Thomas Cemetery.

Along with the above obituary of "Grandma" Raney is the following personal letter from her daughter, and we feel it should be a part of the memoriam to Sis. Raney.

Enclosed is an obituary of my mother, the very best friend I ever had. O, what a beautiful obituary was her daily life to her family. How fond are the memories now when our minds wander back to our earliest childhood. When we children were small at home she would tell us how, when we got old enough, she wanted us to seek our maker and have her Saviour our Saviour too. I can't ever remember her going back in the crowd to talk to us, but when one of us started to the altar of prayer, she was always there by the time we were or before, and down on her knees and such a prayer

as she could pray. We children were all converted in our teens due to such true and faithful parents to our Lord.

How often have we heard them testify for their Saviour and God. Bless their dear hearts. We have heard our mother tell how she was saved at the age of 11; how she did not yield to the Lord at first and how He stayed on the job until she yielded, how she made old Satan such a servant before she was saved. She lived her salvation every day. Since she has passed away some of her old school playmates have told me how she used to talk to them at school, and although just a child she could pray such a good prayer, and how she won many of her playmates for the Lord, and what wonderful prayer meetings they would have at school at the noon hour and recess, and what rejoicing times they would have when some lost soul would find the Lord precious to their never dying soul.

Now, thank God, she is enjoying her heavenly vacation with her Lord and many loved ones gone on before, and by the grace of God and His guidance I'll clasp hands with her up there.

O, we are left so lonely, but how happy we are to know that she is waiting just inside the beautiful golden gate with a new body—not old and feeble and not made with hands. It just makes heaven brighter since mother is there, and now all we need to do is be faithful to God, serving Him every day—as we know she did—until the dear Lord sees fit to call us home. Then we too, can soar away where we can rejoice in that home prepared for us all and where we will never grow old. O, how she loved the Lord and treasured the talent that God had given her.

Pray for me that I may ever be faithful to God and meet mother in the skies.

A Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Levi James,

Mtn. Grove, Missouri

ASSOCIATION DATA NEEDED

We need at once to know when and where your Association or Y.M. will convene. Please furnish dates, place, name of moderator and clerk, etc. Do not wait. Rush this information now.

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WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY PROGRAM

MT. VERNON, ILL. — JULY 13-14, 1953

Theme: "His Command—Our Task"

Watchword: "Laborers Together With God." I Cor. 3:9

Convention Hymn: "More Like the Master"

1:30 p. m. Executive Committee meeting, church auditorium

Evening Session—

7:00 Everyone registers

7:15 Hymn "Co-Laborers"
Invocation

7:30 Organization of Convention

1. Seating delegates 2. Reading minutes 3. Committees appointed

7:45 Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be"
"Good Stewardship Makes Fruitful Servants" ... Mrs. Homer Willis, Ky.
Prayer

Welcome Address Mrs. W. Waggoner, Ill.

Response Mrs. Lester Jones, Ala.

Stewardship Speaks, Y.P.A.'s from all states Mrs. Cleo Purcell, leader

Hymn "More Like the Master"

Recognition through Awards

Stewardship Challenges Movie film

Benediction

Morning Session—

9:00 "The Missionary Command—Our Challenge" Barbara Willey, Cuba
Discovering Who's Who

President's Message Mrs. H. B. Sloan

Business period

10:00 Fulfilling Our Task Representatives from each state

11:00 Hymn "To the Work"

Prayer

Solo Darlene Bunton, Ill.

"A Lost World—Our Challenge" Zalene Lloyd, India

Offering and Announcements

Benediction

Afternoon Session—

1:30 Let Us Sing:

"His Command Stimulates Use of All Talents," Mrs. Edith D. Shiver, Ga.

2:00 Reading minutes

Recognition of W.N.A.C. Officers

Digest of Field Reports Mrs. Ralph Staires, Recording Secretary

Committee Reports—Appreciation, Registration, Finance

Resolutions, Nominating

Miscellaneous Business

Installation

4:00 Adjourn

DECLAMATION CONTEST

Rules of the Stewardship Declamation Contest of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, to be held during the National Auxiliary Convention at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, July 13-14, 1953.

Who is eligible? Boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, from your Sunday Schools, Leagues or Youth organizations.

Subject Matter. Must absolutely be on Stewardship—of time, talent, personality, possessions, etc.

Where can I obtain suitable material? Any Stewardship book will furnish ample material for speeches which should not be over 10 minutes long. (See W.N.A.C. Year Book, pages 32, 33 for suggested books.)

Contestants will be judged on the following basis: Value in teaching Stewardship, 50%; poise, 10%; expression and interpretation, 10%; memorization, 15%; enunciation, 15%. Time limit, ten minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time.

Mrs. Paul Parsell
Box 997
Bristow, Okla.

ILLINOIS STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Auxiliary women in the State of Illinois met May 20 at the Bear Point Church.

Services began with singing and prayer. Rev. Geraldine Lewis was in charge until the officers were installed. Officers were installed and then the president, Mrs. Zola McClerren, introduced the speaker, Rev. Claude Childers, pastor of the Johnston City Church, who brought a wonderful and timely message using the word Victory as his subject.

Lunch was served at the noon hour and was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon the business of the Auxiliary was the program. The dele-

gates to the National Convention were appointed and other business transacted. A praise service was conducted which was a blessing to all present.

There were six Auxiliaries represented, and eight men visitors present.

The next State Meeting will be May 19, 1954, at the Johnston City Church.

The Rescue Auxiliary gave a playlet which was enjoyed by all. The service closed by prayer.

—Contributed

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek F.W.B. Church in Northeast Missouri met Wednesday, June 3 for an all-day meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Parsons. Piecing of quilt blocks was the work for the day. A co-operative dinner was served at the noon hour to the 10 members, seven visitors and several children present.

The devotional period began by all singing "The Haven of Rest." Prayers were offered by Emma Van Laningham and Dora Sponsler. II Timothy 1:11-14 and 2:1 was read for Scripture. Mary Filkins gave the devotional comments to the lesson, "The Light of Truth Shines on Our Youth." Topics were discussed by Maizie Sevits, Ethel Thompson, Lola Filkins and Dorothy Houston.

Tentative plans were discussed for a Vacation Bible School to be held the first of July.

The reading chairman reviewed a leaflet on F.W.B. doctrine. Maizie Sevits dismissed the group with prayer.

Six hundred forty nine Bible chapters read, 19 good-will calls made, and 24 cards sent out were reported. The Co-Laborer Fund offering was \$1.11.

—Contributed

RETIRING MODERATOR GETS SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS

The Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists held their 12th annual meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan, June 4-6. Eight churches were represented at this conference. There is a total of nine churches in the Association.

The meeting was preceded on Thursday afternoon, June 4, by the Woman's

District Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. William Daniel, presiding. After the business session Mrs. Raymond Riggs and Mrs. Hubert Sloan spoke on the theme, Paths of Service.

The Association proper began on Thursday evening, June 4, with congregational singing led by Bro. Paul Miller, followed by prayer. The welcome address was given by Rev. Paul Lee, pastor of the host church. Response by Mrs. Rosie Whitlow. The speaker for the evening, and principle speaker for the entire meeting, was the moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs. His theme was Building for God, with three separate messages on What, Why, and How. Scripture used as a basis for the message was Hebrews 4, 5, 6; Judges 6, 7, and Psalm 127.

The business session opened Friday morning, June 5, with a devotional period followed by reading of church letters, seating of delegates and prayer of consecration. Some major items of business include the adoption of a new Constitution and By-Laws and a resolution to underwrite \$500.00 of the salary of the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board; this amount to be over and above the state quota for Michigan.

The Presbytery Board recommended that Bro. Gene Anderson from the First Church in Hazel Park be ordained to preach the gospel, and that licenses to preach the gospel be given to Bro. W. D. Jagers from the Benton Harbor Church, and Van W. Paschall from the Highland Park Church.

The election of officers was held on Saturday morning, June 6. All general officers and vacancies on all boards were elected for the coming year. Elected as moderator was Rev. Mark Lewis; clerk, Mrs. William Daniel; treasurer, Rev. William Mishler; state foreign mission director, Rev. Mark Lewis; state home mission director, Rev. George Ritter.

A special vote of thanks for past service was given to the moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs, and the clerk, Mrs. Hubert Sloan. They will be moving to Nashville, Tennessee in August. Rev. Riggs as promotional secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Sloan as clerk-bookkeeper for the Foreign Mission Board. Rev. Riggs was one of the first speakers when the Wolverine Association was organized 12 years ago. Rev. George P. Warren was also with the association at its organization and

spoke Saturday morning giving the highlights of the first meeting and early work of the association.

The meeting closed with the ordination of Bro. John Edwards as deacon of the First Church of Flint. The Holy Spirit, who had been manifest in every service, especially blessed this one, and seemed to give His stamp of approval to the new deacon and wife, the First Church of Flint, and the entire work of the Wolverine Association. We humbly thank our Lord for His bountiful blessings.

—Contributed

41 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I am planning on a birthday surprise for Mr. McAdams. He will be 74 years of age the 18th of June, and as I was "washing dishes" a few mornings ago, this came to me—"Why not have a surprise on your husband?" Then I thought on and on and I thought of how faithful he had always been to always go in the hard places and work for the Master. Then I thought he will not have many more birthdays at the very best, and this is what came to me. Write to the papers and ask his friends to send a card with \$1.00, and if some could not, just send a card, it would make him happy to receive a card.

We are planning on still more field work if the Lord is willing and our health holds up. We are just back from Florida and Georgia. We conducted three meetings while we were gone. We thought to locate in Florida but it didn't suit us there, and we came back to Huntsville, Texas, and now we are building us another house as we sold out last fall.

May God bless all you dear ones is our prayer. We hope to be in Missouri this fall visiting churches. Pray for us that we may win many more souls before God calls us home. I will write more later.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams
1304 10th Street
Huntsville, Texas

Note: Received too late for June issue.

Visit the "Gem" while on vacation.



From The Editor's Desk



Sixteen Saved in Abbreviated Youth Session

Temperatures Soar; Parched Earth Fills Air with Dust and Officials Reluctantly Call Halt in Mid-Week to Safeguard Health; Campers Understand Situation—Plan to Be Back for Next Session

In the early afternoon of Sunday, June 21, children of all ages and from all sections of Missouri, as well as some from the neighboring states of Arkansas and Illinois, began arriving at the Youth Camp Site near Niangua, Missouri for the Seventh Annual Session. By evening the Camp was pretty well populated, with more arriving during the night and early Monday. Besides those enrolled at the camp, some came from Niangua each morning to be in the classes. At one time 203 were counted in class. Added to this number were several officials, instructors, and workers. The total stretched facilities to their full capacity and indicate that further expansion is necessary.

Evangelistic Services

Preaching services were conducted each evening at 7:45 and each morning at 10:45. Different speakers were Rev. Bob Hill, Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Wayne Parsons, Rev. John Long, and Rev. Bill Hill. The activities of each morning started with devotions for the entire group, and different ministers provided this service. At 7:00 o'clock each evening all were called into a special prayer service. The spirit of the Lord was manifest at each of these services.

Not A Pretense

As a result of the devotional and evangelistic services, 16 souls came to the altar of prayer and there surrendered to the Lord. Sunday evening was graced by the salvation of five of these at the close of the message delivered by Rev. Bob Hill. Again five came on Monday evening, and the final six on Tuesday evening; both messages were by Rev. Bill Hill. According to the registration cards this left nine not yet Christians. However, for the most part these were very young and do not indicate that they have yet reached

the age of accountability. Thus again, only a small percentage of those arriving as sinners returned home still in their sins.

There are always those who would question the action of these children as to their sincerity, etc. May we clarify any doubt by saying that there was no evidence or suspicion of the action of these children being a pre-meditated sham. They came from different places in the congregation; they came from different sections of the state; they came without prolonged appeal or lengthy personal counsel; they came with but one purpose in mind—that of their own salvation. Any person viewing the scene could only rejoice with us for these 16 fine young boys and girls who dared to come, kneel down in the gravel, repent of their sins, and arise to testify that Jesus had cleansed them from a life of sin.

Other Activities

One of the primary purposes of the Youth Camp is to provide classes of instruction that will build these lives in the faith and in the knowledge of the Lord. The group was divided into three segments for this purpose. The older Bible class was instructed by Rev. Rolla Smith. The younger Bible students were instructed by Rev. Willard Day. The Vacation Bible School section was under the direction of Mrs. Jewell Campbell and her several assistants. The music department received instruction from Rev. Dean Burpo, who was ably assisted by Rev. Bob Hill. Relaxation was provided by designated play and rest periods. All activities were carefully supervised at all times.

Reluctantly We Close

Missouri, at present is besieged by a record breaking drought and continued

high temperatures. Everyone knows what this combination does to earth that will be tread over extensively. And of course some 200 energetic boys and girls can make a lot of tracks. An estimate of the situation at the first indicated that dust conditions would prevail unless moisture came. We immediately coveted together to ask the Lord to provide necessary rain within His will and His purpose in life for us. But in His wisdom we did not receive rain. We then contemplated using a sprinkler wagon to soak the ground, but none was available. So the dust continued. Of course it was a little disagreeable, but no one complained much about it, as we reasoned it to be in God's purpose and to our good for Him to withhold the rain.

Finally, on Tuesday afternoon, a light form of "summer complaint" appeared among the campers. It was not serious, but resulted in the victims being quite uncomfortable for several hours, and to come out of it in a tired condition. We learned that this was in epidemic proportions in some sections, and that it was entirely possible that it could spread to an alarming degree in the camp. With this fact to reckon with, the entire staff met in conference Wednesday noon, and after careful and long deliberation, reluctantly yielded to the situation and voted to close the camp at the end of the evening service. This was not what the campers wanted, and they voiced great disappointment to the last one. However, they showed a wonderful Christian attitude as they agreed that they, too, felt that perhaps it was best, and that in another year the conditions will not be adverse. They began immediately to make plans to come back for the next session.

Not A Failure

No one connected with the camp—student or adult—feels that the session was in any way a failure. Indeed, it is considered quite successful. One visitor voiced amazement at the degree of consecration among the children, and was surprised at the good number who had come together, and also at

how well behaved they were. Some ministers and workers found new courage to go back and fight sin more vigorously, and seek to win the youth to Christ. One minister discovered that the youth of today *are not* the church of tomorrow, as is often stated, but that actually the youth of today *are* the church of today. This was evident.

In class room work, the students were attached to their instructors and were eagerly drinking in truths being presented to them. Most particularly were they interested in the music department. It was amazing to watch Bro. Burpo and Bro. Hill work with the campers. The response of these students would put to shame most adults that I have ever observed. Each of the instructors were enjoying their work, and voiced how disappointed they were not to be able to finish the course.

The Matter of Refunds

The finances of the camp are always of considerable concern. A fee of only six dollars was charged each student for the week. Only half of this was used in behalf of the student. That makes each one eligible for a refund of three dollars if so desired. Some collected this refund before leaving. Others realized the finances of the camp have suffered because of drought conditions and by inflationary trends, and chose to leave their unused fee as a donation to further the work at the camp. However, if you have not received your refund, and should you wish a refund, please write to Bro. Reeves at Niangua and he will adjust the fee as directed.

Many additional improvements and expansions are planned before next session time. So do your best for the program of our youth, and lay plans now for them to attend next year.

THE QUACK DOCTOR

The Free Will Baptist Gem has just completed the book entitled "The Quack Doctor" by Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned missionary from India. In *The Quack Doctor* Missionary Woolsey sets forth many of his experiences in the substitute roll of medical doctor. The great need of this service is very graphically set forth in the book. Also, as you might expect, the value of such service to the missionary program is

estimated as unlimited. Rev. Woolsey points out that answering the need of the physical body generally provides contact and opportunity that would not otherwise be realized. The story of the experiences of the "Quack Doctor" will hold your interest throughout and will give you a much better understanding of the Missionary program. We predict that you will laugh, you will cry, you will be alternately horrified and amused, but in all you will be drawn close to your missionaries and will appreciate more fully their labor on the mission field. Following are brief quotes from the book.

"One of the men advanced on the tiger with club raised. The tiger made one sweeping stroke of his paw and then made off. However, enough damage had been done."

"For sometime Mrs. Woolsey steadfastly refused to become a member of the fraternity of 'Quack Doctors.'"

"Unless a vein is severed or blood cannot be stopped by the application of clay or manure, the victim will not usually seek aid until infection has set up and the flesh putrefied."

"Mrs. Woolsey claims that the motion of a ship at sea and that of an ox cart is the same with the same results whether you call it sea sickness or ox cart sickness."

"There is a great deal of leprosy in the villages."

"He is no longer the bashful, idiotic-looking, deformed, misshapen being that he was."

"A certain nephew... became interested in the fact that I always prayed in the name of our Lord before I began to attend to the physical wants of the old gentleman."

"We explained that Christ came to save and help all regardless of race, creed, or condition of life, foe and friend alike."

"These happenings cracked the opposition."

"The sum-total of our quacking is not known, but God has used it..."

"As I approached the hut, my stomach did the twice-over and my nostrils refused a second helping and my legs wanted to do the around-about on me."

We think every Christian needs and will enjoy "The Quack Doctor." This book of 80 pages is on sale at The Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri: price each, 49¢; three (to one address), \$1.00, postpaid.

A MODERN JONAH

We are authorized to announce the recent release of the missionary book entitled "A Modern Jonah," by Rev. Paul Woolsey, recently returned missionary from India.

This book is 192 pages, illustrated, and will sell for \$1.00 each, postpaid.

By way of reviewing this book, it is said "A Modern Jonah is one of the most exciting and informative books offering a clear portrayal of mystic India—land of contrast—in a reverent manner, ever written.

"It covers every phase of actual life and customs of a country teeming with poverty; yet withal a fervent desire to learn more about God.

"Every Christian who has the welfare of this polyglot populace at heart will read it, not once, but twice!"

"A Modern Jonah" is now on sale by the Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

YOUNG TEXAS CHURCH IS WONDERFULLY BLESSED

Ft. Worth, Texas
1109 NE 33rd

Community F.W.B. Church
3407 N. Hampton St.

Dear Sir:

We wish to report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us. We now have a new building which we have been using since about the first of April.

Averages for our Sunday school for the month of May are: enrolled, 38; present, 35; prepared lesson, 25; grade, 80; average 100 percent, 25; total offering, \$369.42.

Bro. C. J. Hearron was elected pastor again for next year.

The fourth Sunday in May we had all-day services glorifying the Lord for our new building and for the first Homecoming.

The first two weeks in August have been set for a revival in our church and we ask you to pray that it may overflow into the community.

The Quarterly Meeting of the West Fork Association is to meet with our church at the next session, which is to be the last of November.

Your's in the Lord's work,

Andrew Stom, reporter

INDIA'S POLICY TOWARD FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

From *The Hindustan Standard*—Friday, April 17, 1953.

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Evangelical Work Not to be Allowed

New Delhi, April 15—The home minister, Dr. K. N. Katju said in the council of States today that while everyone in India was free to propagate his religion, the government did not want people from outside to come and do that.

Dr. Katju, who was answering questions on the work of foreign missionary societies, added: "If they come here for evangelical work, then the sooner they stop it the better."

Earlier replying to Sri M. Valiulla, the Deputy Home Minister, Sri B. N. Datar, said that since April, 1951, five foreign Christian societies—one belonging to U.K. and four belonging to U.S.A.—had sought permission to work in India. The request of one society had been rejected and that of the other four were under consideration. The deputy minister said that permission was granted usually on the recommendation of the National Christian Council of India and the Catholic's Bishops' Conference in India. There were at present 65 catholic societies and fifty Protestant societies working in India.

Replying to a number of supplementaries Sri Datar said that the societies were expected to carry on in India, educational, medical, philanthropic and rural or social uplift work. They were not expected to take part in politics but carry on their work in the interests of India.

Asked whether any inquiries were made about the activities of these societies in rural areas, Sri Datar said that a check was made especially when application was made.

Ari Sinha asked whether government was aware that in the rural areas the missionaries asked people to compare their position under Indian administration to that under foreign administration and passed disparaging remarks. He gave the instance of two missionaries in Bihar.

The Home Minister, Dr. Katju, promised to make enquiries and added: "We try to check the activities. But if any missionary breaks his under-

taking, he acts in a very reprehensible manner and that has been made quite clear to the missionaries working here."

Mr. K. C. George: Is government aware that the American missionaries are carrying on propoganda in Ernakulam and Travancore-Cochin State? There was no reply.

Mr. George asked whether M.R.A. was one of the societies.

Ruling out the question, the chairman, Dr. Radha Krishnan added amidst laughter, "It is wrong. The M.R.A. is a tourist agency."

Sri B. C. Ghose asked whether he could take it from the replies that after permission was granted, government had no machinery to check the activities of the foreign missionary societies.

Dr. Katju: There is no question of an agency to supervise the work. We keep an eye on everyone.

The minister added: While everyone in India has liberty to propagate religion as he pleases, we do not want people from outside to come and do that.

Sm. Sita Paramanand: Is the Minister aware that missionary societies cannot exist in this country unless they do evangelical work?

Dr. Katju: I think if they come here for evangelical work, the sooner they stop it the better.

Question: What action does government propose to take to enquire whether these people really do only social work?

Dr. Katju: You can trust government to do it.

—P.T.I.

Living Fountains

"He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38.

You who read this will immediately recognize it as a declaration of promise given by our blessed Lord on the last day of the feast of tabernacles. This source of power had not yet been released in the world, because He spoke of the Spirit who came after He was glorified. Consequently, those who believed upon Him must accept the facts by faith on the promises given in the Scriptures by the old prophets. Naturally the acceptance of the fact of the coming of this strange Person, who should be a Comforter to abide in the heart of the believer, was hard to grasp; and only those with open hearts to its truth could, in any measure, comprehend. So dynamic were the effects of the coming of this strange Being on both believer and unbeliever that its results confounded even the mighty of earth.

The potent powers of this energizing

force were to be possible only because it was a part of God, Himself, and was to be injected directly into the very core of man's being by the Creator. In that day there were those whose understanding was so darkened by unbelief that they were not able to discern the meaning of His statement concerning this "Living Water." The source of this manifestation of unbelief did not stem from among those who were unlearned, but on the contrary, it was the consensus of opinion of those who were the accepted and established ecclesiastical authority of that day. Even amidst the adverse conditions this new power displayed its effects with dynamic results at that time and has continued to do so down through the ages.

The establishment of the Church here on earth, in its initial founding was accompanied by the terrifying circumstances, yet the early followers manifest an irrepressible spirit in their victorious march forward with the glorious Gospel, which they had been commanded and commissioned to propagate. The indomitable persistence of such personalities as Paul, Stephen, Peter, John, and many others, in their individual activities in defence of the

Gospel, attest to the fact of the invincible power of the Spirit in the hearts of consecrated lives.

Jesus once said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jn. 15:13. It is only a love akin to that of the Son of God that caused many individuals to literally become fountains of living water. How could Paul say, When he had been beaten by his own brethren, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren?" Rom. 9:3. How could Stephen cry out, when he was being stoned "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge?" From where did Peter's courage come when he withstood the angry mob and prayed, "Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word?" Acts 4:29. How could John retain his integrity with God as he faced banishment to the Isle of Patmos, and still inspire others with his words, "Grace and peace be unto you?" All of these feats were made possible only because of the devout surrender of the individuals, for the appropriation of the promise, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

There is a striking similarity of the day in which we live and that day. In this dark hour many things indicate the imminent return of our Lord, but none heralds it so much as the prevailing spiritual condition of our day. Paul speaks, in his second epistle to Timothy, of a day when men would be boastful, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth, and yet having a form of Godliness, but denying the power. I have never heard of, or seen, a time when there was such an affront to the realities of Christianity as is apparent today.

It is appalling the desecration of the Lord's Day we witness, the unbecoming language we hear, the patronizing of ungodly pleasures we see, the utter lack of humble, reverent consecration we find, all in the realms of the professing church. So much boasting of self we hear; and yet with an avowed allegiance to a form of Godliness people lull themselves into a feeling of piety. I am reminded of a portion of

Scripture found in Jeremiah 2:13, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Surely this could not have applied more aptly to the Israelite people than it does to the present day church, or professing world.

How much we should cling, in these distressing times, to some of the admonitions which have been given in the Holy Bible. Paul tells us "...we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2:1. James 3:12 asks the question, "...can a fountain both yield salt water and fresh?" Jesus, Himself, asked the question, "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" Matt. 7:16. And He answers it by saying, "Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." Matt. 7:17. Solomon gave us the key when he said, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. If we are to be living fountains the "temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own for ye are bought with a price" must be occupied by the Holy Ghost.

We must remember that not only are we responsible for our own soul at stake, but there may also be someone else whose eternal destiny may be dependent upon us. I'm sure we have all shared in the experiences of having gone through a spiritual dearth, and of having been gloriously refreshed in God's own miraculous way through the human instrumentality of someone, who perhaps was never aware he or she was being a blessing. It pays to keep the spiritual channels and avenues open, and invite God to use them to bless lives. Anyway we dare never lose sight of the divine obligation that is constantly binding upon us, for the propagation of the Gospel, both at home and abroad, by whatever means God has provided for us to do it with—prayer, finance, or personal witness.

May the dear Lord help the Free Will Baptist people to "remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." (Prov. 22:28.) If you have been overcome by the tempter, and have brought reproach on our Lord by sacrificing humility and meekness for a place of popularity in an exalted

position, may the dear Lord cause you to "water your couch with your tears" as David did while you "remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent, and do the first works," lest the consequence might be the same essentially as was promised the church of Ephesus in Revelations 2:5.

Thora Arbogast Grider
Greenfield, Missouri



RESOLUTIONS

JOANN MCGUIRE

We, the members of Easley Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our deceased sister, Joann McGuire.

Therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will.

(2) We the church and community feel the great loss of such an active and faithful sister of our church. She will long be remembered by her many friends and co-workers.

(3) To the family we extend our deepest sympathy. May they find comfort in the One who came to heal the broken hearted and may His rich blessings rest with them.

(4) That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy be placed upon the church record.

By the church clerk
Mrs. J. A. Brinson

The above Resolutions were adopted by the Easley Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas in memory and respect of their beloved sister, Joann McGuire, who passed away April 14, 1953 at 17 years of age.

THE YOUTH SECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Will you send us articles

Of your young people's work?

It might inspire others, who

Without it, may shirk.

Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

HIGH COST OF INFLUENCE

A student in a certain university enjoyed a great influence for good over the student body. The president called him into his office and asked him, "Harry, why is it you can have such a Christian influence over this entire school? I would give the world if I could have that influence." The student replied, "Well, that is what it cost me."—*Texas Baptist Voice*.

HOW TO BE PERFECTLY MISERABLE

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself.
3. Use "I" as often as possible.
4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
6. Expect to be appreciated.
7. Be suspicious.
8. Be jealous and envious.
9. Be sensitive to slights.
10. Never forget a criticism.
11. Trust nobody but yourself.
12. Insist on consideration and respect.
13. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
14. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
15. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
16. Be on the look-out for a good time for yourself.
17. Shift your duties if you can.
18. Do as little as possible for others.

19. Love yourself supremely.

20. Be selfish.

This recipe is guaranteed to be infallible.—*C. J. Sodergren*.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

Plants in the Bible

1. Purge me with , and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps. 51:7.
2. Moses' mother hid him in the to save his life. Ex. 2:3.
3. Zaccheus climbed a tree in order to see Jesus. Luke 19:4.
4. Consider the of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin. Matt. 6:28.
5. Deborah was buried under an tree. Gen. 35:8.
6. The prodigal son ate in the far country. Luke 15:16.
7. The disciples plucked ears of on the Sabbath day. Matt. 12:1.
8. If ye had faith as a grain of seed. Luke 17:6.
9. Christ cursed a tree because it had no fruit. Matt. 21:19.
10. A served as a shelter to Jonah at Ninevah. Jon. 4:6.
11. A crown of was placed on Jesus' head before His crucifixion. Mark 15:17.
12. I am the , ye are the branches. John 15:5.
13. The multitude spread branches in the way when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. John 12:13.
14. Grapes, figs and were brought back from the land of Canaan by the spies. Num. 13:23.
15. I am the of Sharon, and the of the valleys. Solo. 2:1.

YOUTH TO ENCAMPMENT

Southside F.W.B. Church
3124 Mt. Pleasant
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Southside reporting again: there is not too much to report, as this is vacation time.

As we know, the Youth Encampment at Niangua, Missouri, opened Monday,

June 22. Several are attending from Southside Church. May the Lord's will be done in all our childrens lives.

Bro. Franklin and his family are with us now, so pray that all of us will put our shoulder to the wheel and work for the Lord.

Pray for us at Southside.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James Franklin, pastor
Olive M. Reeds, correspond.

JONES - HENSLEY

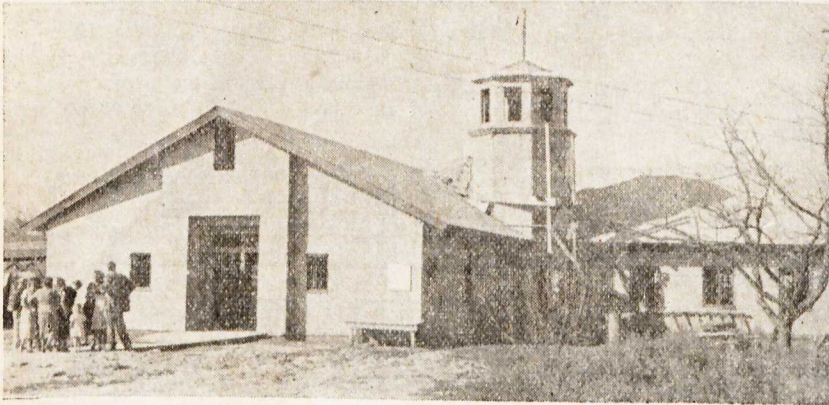
A very pretty wedding was solemnized at 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening, May 3 in the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, in the Freeman Community, when Miss Iva Noreen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Jones, became the bride of Al/c Henry Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hensley, all of that community.

The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. Paul Williams of Carterville, Missouri, before the altar which was flanked with gladioli and fern. Burning tapers in the background were lighted by Wilson and Robert Jones, brothers of the bride. Preceding the ceremony, Rev. Marie Hyatt, pastor of the church, sang "Oh, Promise Me," and "I Love You Truly." She was accompanied by Miss Almaretta Hyatt, who also played the traditional wedding march by Lohengrin.

Miss Glenna Jones, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Mildred Reynolds and Lois Flanery, of Harrisonville. Charles Stackhouse of Peculiar acted as best man. Ushers were Wilson and Robert Jones. Miss Esther Hensley kept the guest book.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride. The young couple received many lovely gifts. Refreshments were served to a large number of guests. Those who served were Mrs. Laura Cockrell, Mrs. Elsie Dutro, Mrs. Ruth Hudson, Mrs. Zona Lee Shipley and Mrs. Louise Jones. Mrs. Izola Zellmer assisted with the decorating.

The young couple is now located at Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base.



CALIFORNIA CONGREGATION ENJOYING NEW SANCTUARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are still working for the Lord out here in California. It has been some time since my last report to you, but we feel that we have advanced the cause of Christ considerably since then.

We are now in our new church at Calwa (Fresno). Although we have not finished it we are far enough along to have our services there. The Lord has blessed us and has been with us in all of our meetings.

Since moving into our new church our Sunday school has grown and we are having wonderful 11:00 o'clock services, with attendance moving upward.

Our mid-week and Saturday night services have been well attended on the average. The Lord has blessed us with His presence and we have had wonderful united prayer where the church has truly gotten hold of the Lord. He has blessed us until our cups are full and running over.

Our League is doing fine. We have had officers election. All our offices are held by young people in their teens. They are all on fire for the Lord and are doing a fine work for Him. Our hearts are made to rejoice when we see the young people so enthused and concerned over their own souls and the souls of others.

While we are yet happy over the way the Lord has blessed our church, our hearts are made sad by the parting of one we all loved so dearly, Bro. Will Hupp. The Lord left him here 90 years. His testimony was the cause of many conversions. Although he was blind and could not hear too well, he never failed to be at church when it

was possible. He was looking forward to the time when he could be with the Saviour, where he is now, not blind or old, but young and with eyes that see. Praise the Lord for the promise we have in Him.

We are happy to say that we still are blessed with Rev. L. L. Davis as pastor. He is doing a wonderful work for the Lord here at Calwa.

We need your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless us and keep us humble and that we may continue to have love one for the other.

We plan to go into a revival soon, so pray that the Lord will give us many souls, not that we may be praised but that God may get the glory and that there may be more to work in His vineyard out here in California.

Here is a poem written by one of our Leaguers in memory of Bro. Hupp.

HEAVEN'S GAIN

*A loving old man, with a heart twice
as big,*

*And dearly beloved by us all,
Has left us to go in the death caravan
To rest in eternity's hall.*

*'Tho blind and most deaf and aged and
bent*

*By the storms in existence he bore,
He was greater by far than ten thou-
sand men*

*Who achieved this earth's golden
store.*

*He was happy to go to the land of his
God,*

*But for us his parting brings grief,
Yet I know, in my heart, that in white
he is shod,*

And in heaven his soul finds relief.

*He looks down upon us from heaven's
great height,*

*He urges us strive with the Lord,
He watches us always both day and
night,*

His memory assistance affords.

*Without sight he had loved us and
longed for the day*

*When around the white throne we
all stand.*

*With his eyes open wide, he shall see
us inside*

*Singing songs with the white angel
band.*

*Surely parting is sad, and in longing
For him we will lament.*

*But from heaven's white door he begs
us be glad,*

*For his blessing was great as he
went.*

*'Tho on earth again we never shall see
The old gentleman many called Dad,
But he now is aware of the truth of
God's care,*

And we must rejoice and be glad,

by Iona Baker

In closing until another time, I am
yours in the services of the King.

Sister Margaret Barry
Fresno, California

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Following are Sunday School average attendance for May:

Fredericktown	152
Jones Chapel	46
Mountain Grove	181
Mt. Pisgah	47
Lawnwood (Tulsa, Okla.)	146
Community F.W.B. (Texas)	35
Elizabethton, Tennessee	210
Monett	90
Tennessee Church pastored by Rev. Roger Reeds	97
(sorry to miss the name)	

The following apparently forgot to
send in their averages; so we are
again running the April average.

Berkeley	152
South Side (St. Louis)	148
Happy Hill (Laclede Co.)	39
Third St. Louis	112
Wolf Creek	43
Fellowship (Flat River)	156
Black Oak	27
Pocahontas, Arkansas	166
Fourth St. Louis	38
Cabool	46
Marble Hill	34

DEDICATION DAY OF THE MONUMENT TO MARTI AT THE SEMINARY "LOS CEDROS DEL LIBANO"

Message Delivered on April 26, 1953— to the Apostle as one who spoke with the passion of an evangelical preacher.

Marti said that men are divided in two groups: those that destroy and those that build and construct. You who make up this big family known as the Free Will Baptist Church undoubtedly belong to the group of the builders.

We are not surprised to see that one of our heroes is being honored in this institution presided by a distinguished American citizen. We are not surprised I said, that the merits of the great men of our country are recognized here because wherever the Gospel is preached, democracy, liberty, justice and equality are apt to prevail. Jose Marti fought for all these ideals.

It is encouraging to know that last year's graduating class took the first steps toward the erection of this monument on the commemoration year of the centenary of the Apostle's birthday. When we honor Marti we honor Cuba and to honor our country is a Christian duty.

Marti was a tireless Bible reader. At the age of 16 he was imprisoned at Isla de Pinos where he was fettered and obliged to cut stones in the quarries of San Lazaro. He distinguished himself as a writer since he was very young.

Through the influence of his father, a Spaniard, with Mr. Jose Maria Sarda, Marti was sent in exile to Spain. Before leaving Cuba he spent several months in a farm belonging to Mr. Sarda—El Abra—where he continually read the Bible. His mind was filled with the spirit of God and he described as "my hours with God" the time spent in reading the book. Later on he assured that "everything that comes from the Bible is good." "I cannot hate anybody. Let me pity you in the name of my God," he wrote in his book "Presidio Político de Cuba." He maintained that "the Protestant Church keeps the seed of human liberty" and that "no country is free that does not view the separation of Church and State." At Tampa he made a very patriotic speech. "I wish I had tonight the eloquence of the Bible," he said. His biographer, Jorge Manach, refers

Jose Marti sacrificed his life for the liberty of Cuba. His blood was shed so that we could enjoy our political freedom. Liberty—as somebody has stated—is a plant that must be sprinkled with blood so that it may grow fresh and luxuriant. Marti also said: "A man died on the cross one day and on the cross we must die each day." "Life is not man's property but a loan which God has made him."

Marti was well acquainted with the Reformation movement. Of one of its leaders he said: "every man should hang on the wall as that of a redeemer the picture of Martin Luther," for it was Luther who more enthusiastically defended the cause of human liberty as well as the protestant churches.

We honor today the Apostle of our liberty in this Seminary "Los Cedros del Libano" where "new pines"—the new pines about which Marti wrote—are being trained; the "new pines" which will greatly contribute to free our Cuba of superstitions, fanaticism and sin.

We are pleased to honor the Martyr of Dos Rios whose life was inspired on that of the Calvary Martyr.

Rev. Raul Fernandez

FORMER MISSOURI PASTOR REPORTS FROM NEW HOME

Dear Gem Readers:

Even though I am now pastoring in Tennessee, I still think of my many friends in Missouri, and I am praying that God will bless each of you as you work for Him. I would like to let you know a little about my work here in Tennessee.

Even though I loved my work in Missouri, God has certainly been good to me for sending me to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee, which has a membership of near 300. I was a complete stranger to the people here and they to me, but I soon learned to love them just like my many friends in Missouri. I found a group of people who loved the Lord and who are anxious to work for Him. Already many souls have been saved

and several have united with our church and the church seems to be growing steadily. We have averaged 208 in Sunday school since my arrival, with all of the other services well attended.

We have just concluded our Daily Vacation Bible school and Youth Revival in which God wonderfully blessed us. Rev. Robert C. Hill and wife of St. Louis were called to conduct our Youth Revival for us. Bob and his wife proved to be a real blessing to us and found their way into the hearts of many people and especially with the young people, and the people expressed their desire to have them back next year by a standing vote. We are indeed happy to have 200 enrolled in our Vacation Bible school and it proved a blessing to us. God also blessed us in our Youth Revival when we saw 30 souls born into God's kingdom. The highlight of this revival was a special prayer service held at the close of service one night on top of Lynn Mountain. Eighty-three made their way up this steep mountain by foot, including Grandma Crosswhite, a real soldier of the cross, who is 75 years of age. No doubt it was the power of God who gave her the strength to climb this mountain. That alone was enough to give us a greater determination to carry on the work of the Lord. Lynn Mountain is approximately 2,500 feet above sea level and on it our church has placed three crosses, representing the three crosses of Calvary. These crosses can be seen clearly as you enter the main streets of Elizabethton. This mountain is located just a few blocks from our church. During this special prayer service we saw five precious souls accept the Lord, and the shouts and praise of God's people could be heard for ever so far. Some time in the future I hope to send a picture of the three crosses which I hope can be printed in the Gem paper.

I would be happy indeed to have any of my many friends visit with us in our church at any time you have an opportunity to do so.

In closing I would like to say, "May God richly bless you."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

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Elizabethton, Tennessee

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