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BUILDING NEW CHURCH

I am inquiring in regards to free
literature to be handed out in hospitals
and to the public at large.

We are building a church here, and
if any should feel like you can give
for this worthy cause to promote the
Free Will Baptist in setting up a
church in Little Rock, it will be greatly
appreciated. We are very small in
number and members of the church
would appreciate the help financially.
We now have the church where we can
get into it in the next two weeks. We
hope to hear from you soon in regards
to this.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. J. C. Jones
1611 Johnson Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

The Holy Spirit

Warren Moffett - Winigan, Missouri

So many ministers and laymen call the Holy Spirit an "it"; while He is the third person in the God-head: the Trinity. No wonder saints and others get confused about the gift of the Holy Spirit. Most ministers do not know Him, nor do they take time to study to find out who He is or of His office and His relation to God the Father, and to Christ.

I have heard preachers pray for a portion of the Holy Spirit, and for part of Him to enter their souls. I want to ask a question: How can a portion of a person enter another person or a house? If I enter a house I am all in the house—not partially. When the Holy Spirit enters a soul at the time that person is first converted, He is all there and is a witness to the conversion, and wants to help the new convert if they will let Him; but if he or she will not let Him, He will be there dormant, always trying, and if constantly denied, may soon leave.

Now, if I come over to help you and enter your house I am all in the house; but if I sit or stand around and do not help you because you do not let me, I am of no value to you. It is the same way with the Holy Spirit. But if you will let me help, I will: the same is true of the Holy Spirit—He is willing and will help. Oh, that more ministers would learn more about the Holy Spirit and teach the people the truth of Him so they would know better how to pray and what to pray for and how to live a happier and more useful life. They would also receive more knowledge, faith, and power.

I spoke to a pastor about him calling the Holy Spirit an "it". He said he knew better, but thought it was all right to call Him an "it" sometimes. I ask, What times? This minister is getting worse in dealing with the use of the Third Person of the God-head. In his prayers and sermons he speaks of the Holy Spirit as a thing, not as our Teacher and Comforter, our Guide and Leader, the Witness and the One

who brings to remembrance Christ's words. I wonder why he does not, and why our preachers do not get better acquainted with the Holy Spirit. Sometimes I think that they do not want to, or are too lazy or indolent. I will give here a few teachings from the Scriptures on the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, and the Testifier of Christ: John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me."

He was given by the Father through Christ's intercession: John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he abide with you for ever."

He was sent in the name of Christ: John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name..."

He was sent by Christ from the Father, John 15:26 and John 16:7, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth..." "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

As such He communicates joy to the saints: Rom. 14:17, "...but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Gal. 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering..." I Thes. 1:6, "...with joy of the Holy Ghost."

He edifies the Church: Acts 9:31, "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

He testifies of Christ: John 15:26, "...he shall testify of me."

He imparts the love of God: Rom. 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad

in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

He imparts hope: Rom. 15:13 and Gal. 5:5, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

He teaches saints: John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

He abides forever with saints: John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."

He dwells with and in saints, is known by the saints, and the world cannot receive Him: John 14:17, "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

The Holy Spirit is God—as Jehovah: Num. 12:6 and II Peter 1:21, "And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

As Jehovah Most High: Ps. 78:17, 21 and Acts 7:51, "And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the Most High in the wilderness." "Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel." "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

Being invoked as Jehovah: Luke 2:26, 29, "And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ." "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according

to thy word." II Thes. 3:5, "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."

As called God: Acts 5:3, 4, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

As joined with the Father and the Son in the baptismal formula: Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

As omnipresent: Ps. 139:7, "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"

As Eternal: Heb. 9:14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God."

As Omniscient: I Cor. 2:10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

As Omnipotent: Luke 1:35, "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee."

As Creator: Gen. 1:26 and Job 33:4, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."

As equal to, and one with the Father: II Cor. 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

As author of the new birth: John 3:5-6, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

As raising Christ from the dead: Acts 2:24 and I Peter 3:18, "Whom God hath raised up." "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

As inspiring Scripture: II Pet. 1:21,

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

As the source of wisdom: I Cor. 12:8 and Isa. 11:2, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom." "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding."

He will guide us in all truth: John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth."

As sanctifying the Church: Romans 15:16, "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

As convicting of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment: John 16:7b-8, "For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

Personality of the Holy Spirit

He creates life: Job 33:4, "The Spirit of God hath made me and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."

He appoints and commissions ministers: Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers."

He directs ministers where to preach: Acts 8:29, "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."

He directs ministers where not to preach: Acts 16:6-7, "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go unto Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not."

He instructs ministers what to preach: I Cor. 2:13, "Which things also we speak, not in the words which mans wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."

He spoke in, and by, the prophets: I Peter 1:11, "Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when

it testified beforehand the suffering of

Christ, and the glory that should follow."

He strives with sinners: Gen 6:3, "And the Lord said, My Spirit will not always strive with men."

He reproves: John 16:8, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

He comforts: Acts 9:31, "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

He helps our infirmities, intercedes for us, searches our hearts, and knows our mind: Rom. 8:26-27, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

He guides: John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth."

He sanctifies and justifies: I Cor. 6:11, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

He glorifies Christ: John 16:14, "He shall glorify me."

He has power of His own: Rom. 15:13, "...through the power of the Holy Ghost."

He searches all things: I Cor. 2:10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things."

He works according to his own will: I Cor. 12:11, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

He can be grieved: Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God."

He can be vexed: Isa. 63:10, "But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit."

He can be resisted: Acts 7:51, "...ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

He can be tempted: Acts 5:9, "Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?"

Offenses Against the Holy Spirit

Exhortations against: Eph. 4:30 and I Thes. 5:19, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." "Quench not the Spirit."

Tempting Him: Acts 5:9, "Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?"

Vexing Him: Isa. 63:10, "But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them."

Grieving Him: Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God."

Lying to Him: Acts 5:3-4, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Resisting Him: Acts 7:51, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

Undervaluing His gifts: Acts 8:18-20, "And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, ...but Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee."

Danger of trifling with the Holy Spirit: Heb. 6:4-6, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, ...if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance."

Doing despite unto Him: Heb. 10:29, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under feet the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

Disregarding His testimony: Neh. 9:30, "Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by the Spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands."

Blasphemy against Him—unpardonable: Matt. 12:31-32, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven

him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

I heard a minister pray, "Dear Father, God, grant us a portion of Thy Spirit, that It might comfort us, and that It might lead us to do Thy will." How does that sound? Which is better, that prayer or this, "Dear Father, God, grant that Thy Spirit might come unto us and comfort us, and that He lead us to do Thy will"?

I heard a preacher over the radio say that the Holy Spirit is a river.

Oh, brother and sister, read the Holy Word and learn who the Holy Spirit is. Christ has sent the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort and teach us. The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace and love and knowledge of the Word. This is His work.

STATE ASSOCIATION NEARS; SESSION VERY IMPORTANT; ATTENDANCE IS STRESSED

I would like to take this means of reminding our people of Missouri of the oncoming State Association, of our duties in preparing for it, and some of the things that will be our responsibility at this association.

First, I would like to remind every church in the state of our responsibility to send in a liberal offering to help defray the expenses of entertaining the session. These offerings may be sent to Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, clerk-treasurer, or to Rev. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Missouri, pastor of the entertaining church.

Second, I would like to urge every Free Will Baptist minister, who can at all, to attend the session this year, as we will have several items of vital concern to the growth of our work for Christ in this state. We will consider such things as our support of the foreign and home mission program, our publications, and the youth camp work. All these things are very necessary if we carry out the theme given us by our National Association in their recent session; namely, that we enlarge the place of our tents, lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes (Isa. 54:2). As we approach this setting of the association, I feel the tremendous need of the help of the Lord, as the storm of sin is raging. Also, I feel the great need of everyone who loves the Lord to make special plans now to attend, and to come prayed up

and with a mind to work for the Lord. We have several of our very loyal workers from this state who have recently accepted pastoral and other duties in other states and will not be with us to help us this time.

I would also like for every subordinate association in the state, as you meet soon in your own annual sessions, to remember a recommendation passed at last session asking all local associations to plan your session dates for 1954 to be early enough to permit the preparation of your reports to be ready for the State Association, and that the State Association plan to meet in 1954 following the Third Sunday in August instead of after the Second Sunday in September, as now. This suggested change is proposed in order that more of the young people and their parents who must remain at home after school starts, may attend the State Association before school commences.

Yours for the advancement of His cause.

Rev. O. T. Allred, moderator

CHURCH REJOICES WHEN SERVICEMAN IS SAVED

3124 Mt. Pleasant

July 20, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

Here we are again.

We had our chicken supper and had such a turn-out we couldn't fry the chicken fast enough. Thanks, South Siders, for your co-operation.

We at South Side have lots to be thankful for. Bro. Franklin's son, Bill, was saved last night. We had a wonderful service. I know every one that was there enjoyed it. Bill, as you leave to go back to service, we want you to know we will be praying for you and for your safety, as well as for our other boys who are away. May the Lord bless and keep you in the center of His will.

Bud Arnold came home a couple of weeks ago from service and has his discharge. We are glad to have you back, Bud.

That's all for now. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

Olive M. Reeds, cor. sec'y.

Rev. James Franklin, pastor

America needs to pray more!



CUBAN MISSIONARY FORCE GAINS TWO ON THE FIELD

We are glad to present herewith the likeness of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, new missionaries who have joined our forces in Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Phenicie came to us from "Practical Missionary Training," and they certainly are filling a need in our work in Cuba. Even though they have worked in Cuba for sometime it was only in recent months they seemed to be led of the Lord to affiliate with our church in Cuba and become officially F.W.B. Missionaries.

During the recent Convention in Cuba the Phenicies were interviewed by a member of the Board, and upon his recommendation, along with that of Rev. and Mrs. Willey, the Foreign Mission Board unanimously voted to approve them as our missionaries.

They have twin boys (age 15) in High School in Tocca Falls, Georgia. The Phenicies are from the West

Coast and the most, if not all, of their support will be underwritten by their friends and churches from that section.

Thus, our family continues to grow. Please remember them in prayer.

The following letter will tell you more about the new members of our family in Cuba.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Apartado 27
May 31, 1953

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Mr. Riggs:

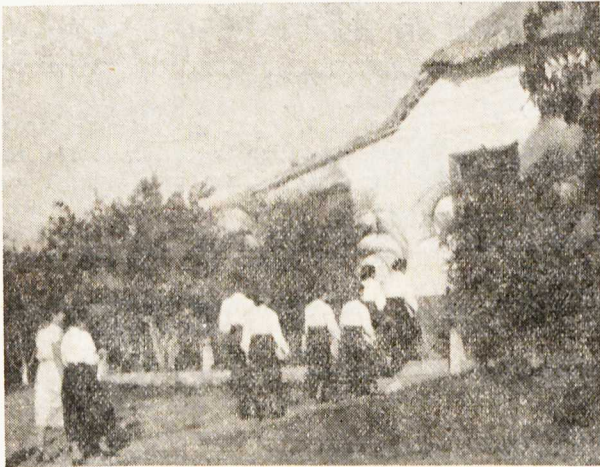
These have been happy and busy days for us, and we are thankful for the privilege of serving the Lord in this place. We are enclosing a picture, mailing list, and a list of those who have given toward our support this month. We have written for a letter of dismissal from the Grace Church, Pomona, California, and also have

written to Mr. Burch, requesting that gifts from the Bible Center be sent to you. The following is information you requested. If we have not given you all of the information desired, please let us know.

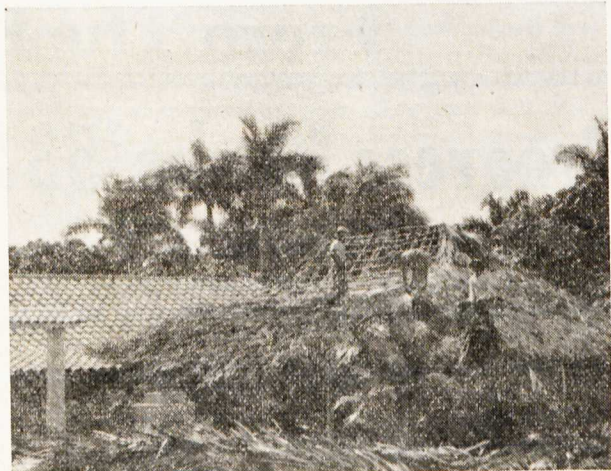
Herbert's training: Graduate of the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. However, because of talent and interest he has studied and worked as electrician, carpenter, mechanic, and general jack of all trades. He has held responsible positions as Chemical Engineer in the aluminum industry and has also had experience in research with the cereal and citrus industries.

Edith's training: Completed a commercial course and worked for several years in the accounting department of a wholesale grocery, with the responsibility of keeping books for a large number of retail stores, connected with the organization.

Six years ago, we accepted the challenge of using our training along



Girls going into Chapel for classes. This is the Chapel on the School Campus which is used for class rooms.



Putting on a new roof, made from the leaves of the Royal Palms. Note the monument of Marti. (These are scenes from the Cuba Mission Field.)

practical lines in the Lord's service on a foreign field. Prior to this time we were active in church activities but never considered full time service.

At that time, the Lord gave us the verse in I Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." We have been thankful for that little word "helps". Though the Lord did not call us to preach or give us any special talent to teach—He has given us the privilege and preparation of being helps—thus relieving those whom He has called and prepared to preach and teach to those who have never heard the Gospel message.

Since being here in Cuba, we have realized more than ever the need on a mission station for those who can carry the practical work. A mission is started, necessary equipment is purchased for the progress and development of the work, but there is a great waste of the missionary's time and the Lord's money, if someone cannot properly maintain that equipment. The primary purpose of missionary work is, and must be, the preaching of the Gospel and the training of the national so he can carry the Gospel to his own people. The practical man, hand in hand with the missionary, completes the unit to make the work go forward for the Lord's honor and glory.

We feel that the Lord called us just

as definitely in this ministry of 'helps' as though He had called us to preach. "For the body is not one member but many." "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him." I Cor. 12:14, 18.

Prayerfully yours,

/s/ Herbert Phenicie

NEWEST MISSIONARY JOINS STAFF OF CUBA WORKERS

July 17, 1953

Reverend Raymond Riggs
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Mr. Riggs:

I guess you are kept very busy these days preparing to go to Nashville. I suppose you feel like a missionary does when he leaves home.

I received the check for the furniture and have my room all fixed now. I am getting adjusted and am liking it fine here. When I first came, I did not like it at all. I guess everyone goes through that period. I felt that there was nothing I could do, since I could not understand the language or speak it. I have Spanish lessons every day from 8:00 to 9:00.

We went to a convention Sunday on the other side of Havana. It was very good. Sunday night we went to the new church at Havana which is very

nice. Mr. Willey preached and eight persons were saved. I certainly am well pleased with the work that has been done by the Willeys. The good part about it is that the work is just about all done by natives, which is always best.

Sincerely,

Lucy Wischart

Addendum—

Miss Wischart was commissioned on May 12, 1953 in the East Nashville F.W.B. Church (Tennessee). Dr. L. C. Johnson brought the message. The charge was given by Rev. Raymond Riggs, and Miss Wischart's pastor, Rev. Clarence Bowen, prayed the commissioning prayer.

Miss Wischart received her B.A. degree this year from the F.W.B. Bible College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wischart, Myrtle, Mo. She will serve as secretary-bookkeeper in Cuba. Please remember her in prayer as she becomes adjusted to her new job in a new climate, and among new people.

The East Nashville Church is underwriting the expense of Miss Wischart while on the field, and have been very kind and generous in the bestowment of personal gifts to this our "New" Missionary.

An idle mind is the devil's workshop.



From The Editor's Desk



Progress Marks '53 Session

**Mt. Vernon, Illinois Host to Sessions; Delegation about 1,000;
W. N. A. C. Leads Off in Very Successful Opening Conference;
Association Elects Executive Secretary to be Head of Work**

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is now history, after the completion of the agenda of business at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 1953 in the High School Auditorium in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. The session set in motion several important and progressive new phases of operation and proposed enlargements of the entire program of the denomination. Harmony in business and spiritual fervor in the worship periods made the session one of the best yet.

Important Committee Work

A considerable amount of the business of any convention must be relegated to committees for preparation for presentation to the body for its consideration. This important work often denies members of the various committees and boards from attending much of the convention. For this reason, and in order to have a good business agenda ready for the delegation, many of the boards met early to accomplish their work. Some were on hand as early as July 8. Reports and proposals were co-ordinated by the General Board, Rev. Seldon Bullard the chairman. Other boards held sessions, and all continued to work until their final reports were received by the association. Their long hours of deliberation resulted in a very excellent program of work being presented to the delegation for consideration, and with few minor changes, being adopted and set in operation.

W.N.A.C. Leads Off

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—as has been the procedure through the years—met in their annual session on Monday evening before the

National Association session. W.N.A.C. also found it to the best interest of the convention to meet in an Executive Committee meeting on Monday afternoon to hear reports and receive proposals for an effective program of work for the coming year. Then on Monday evening the convention came to order with Mrs. Gladys Sloan, the president, in charge. A feature of this service was the Stewardship Declamation contest for the Y.P.A.'s. Miss Leota Kisses of Bristow, Oklahoma was announced as the winner. Mrs. Paul Pursell, youth chairman, made the award presentation. Miss Barbara Williams, of Bryan, Texas, was runner-up.

The Convention continued Tuesday, with a feature of the morning session being brief reports from representatives of the various states. Many interesting and helpful projects were reported. The reports were most encouraging.

The eleven o'clock worship service presented Miss Zalene Lloyd, Free Will Baptist independent missionary recently returned from India. Miss Lloyd very graphically related many experiences and problems of her work in India.

Committees of the Convention reported in the afternoon session, and the session came to a close with the installation of the newly elected officers. President of the W.N.A.C. for 1953-54 is Mrs. R. B. Crawford of Texas. Other officers are: Enlistment Chairman, Mrs. K. V. Shutes; Y.P. Chairman, Mrs. Paul Pursell; Chairman of Stewardship and Prayer, Mrs. Homer Willis; Missionary Chairman, Mrs. Luther Gibson; Personal Service Chm., Mrs. Eunice Edwards; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Staires, and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Sloan, who is the retiring presi-

dent.

The W.N.A.C. was later lauded by the delegation for their record of having always taken care of their own needs and for extending a helping hand to the association in the pursuits of its program.

Moderator Keynotes

Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City, moderator of the body, brought the keynote address Tuesday evening as the session opened. After setting forth some goals for the delegation to work for, the moderator cited four warnings for the denomination.

"In all of our progress and growth," he said, "we must beware of the danger that we will try to produce Christian lives without God's truth."

"There are the dangers, too, that we shall preach reformation rather than regeneration, that we shall try to make our decisions upon theories rather than spiritual experiences, and that we shall concentrate power in a super organization rather than in the local churches."

After devotional services Wednesday morning, the report of the Credentials Committee was received, the delegates seated, and the session settled down to the main items of business on the agenda. Reports of various boards and committees were read and received in order throughout the rest of the convention.

Dr. Johnson Speaks

Business recessed for morning worship. Dr. L. C. Johnson spoke on the assigned subject, "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." His message was one of the highlights of the session. The climax came in an altar call to the ministry of the denomination, and the front of the auditorium was jammed with those responding. The Spirit manifest Himself in a great stirring of souls and resulted in much rejoicing. Those of us who heard the message thanked God for a man called of God such as Dr. Johnson to head the Bible College.

The afternoon session continued with receiving reports and in miscellaneous business. The evening session also included business when reports of the

activities of the Home and Foreign Missions departments were received. These reports were followed by messages in film, one of which in many details paralleled the sacrificial experience of our own beloved missionaries who so recently gave up their child to death while serving the Lord in a strange land and among a strange people.

New Officers Elected

Thursday morning saw the completion of business as final reports were received. Almost the last item for consideration was the election of officers for the new year. Of interest to all was the selection of a man to the newly created post of Executive Secretary to head the denomination and to co-ordinate the work of the different enterprises of the denomination. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham was unanimously elected to the office. Rev. E. E. Morris remained moderator in a contest that overrode the nominations of the committee for this office. The vote was subsequently a unanimous one. Rev. W. A. Hales was elected Assistant to the moderator, and Rev. George Waggoner was elevated from Assistant Clerk to Clerk. Rev. T. G. Hamilton is his assistant.

A Quick Review

We do not have the verbatim reports of the various committees and boards, which reports contain many important proposals for expanded service in the coming year. From these reports was adopted the above mentioned new office of Executive Secretary. Among his several duties, he is charged to establish a national publication to be an instrument of the denomination in reporting the work and aims of the various departments to the people, and to carry other important news of the church. This publication will come from the new headquarters building, recently purchased in Nashville.

Full-time workers for the missions departments will be Rev. Raymond Riggs for Foreign Missions, and Rev. Damon C. Dodd for Home Missions. Other full time workers may come soon.

A national emblem, to well be proud of, will soon be produced through the Home Mission Board by direction of the Association.

The over-all budget adopted exceeds a quarter million dollars, and is believ-

ed to be well within the reach of achievement.

Many other things that only the full reports can show, were adopted. Those present were well pleased with the progress noted in the reports and were enthused over new proposals, and all were determined to try to make it to Spartanburg, South Carolina, site selected for the next annual session.

ASSOCIATIONS

Northeast Missouri Association will convene with the Sublett Church on Tuesday evening, September 3, and continue through Sunday, September 6. Rev. Orville Dobbs is to bring the introductory message, and Rev. Mildred Gilliam the communion message.

Ethel Thompson, clerk

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Central Western Missouri Association will meet with the Hickory Grove Church west of Harrisonville, Missouri on Tuesday night, August 18. Introductory speaker is Rev. Lorene Bowman. Time will be given to Ministers' Conference and to the District League Convention.

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, clerk

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The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting will convene Thursday evening, August 20, with South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Woodrow Matthews will bring the introductory message.

Rev. Albert Halbrook, clerk

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The Indian Creek Association will meet on Tuesday evening, September 1, with Merl's Chapel Church near Cassville, Missouri. Rev. Cecil Campbell will bring the introductory message. Time will be furnished to the Auxiliary Convention, Ministers' Conference, and the League Convention.

Evelyn Alyea, clerk

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The Old Mt. Zion Association of Northeast Arkansas will convene with the Huntsville church at 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 7. Rev. J. H. Roberts will deliver the introductory message.

Sis. Willie Bohannon, clerk

The First Mission Association of Oklahoma will meet at the Old Ministers' Home Camp Ground on the Drumright-Sapulpa Highway, August 18-20. Rev. Carl Hembree will bring the introductory message. Rev. C. C. Hood will preach the Memorial Message.

Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, clerk

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The sixty-fourth annual session of the West Fork Association will meet at Easley's Chapel Church at Comanche, Texas, on September 1. Rev. Tiff Covington will bring the introductory message.

Rev. C. J. Hearn, clerk

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The Southern Union Association will meet in annual session on Friday, September 25 with Shady Hill Church, 12½ miles south of Andalusia, Alabama. Rev. W. A. Wilkinson is to be the introductory speaker.

Sis. Mavis McVay, clerk

FRANK GLASPIE

Frank Glaspie, 74, died at his home near Hazel Creek Union Church in Northeast Missouri recently.

Mr. Glaspie was the son of Emanuel and Alminda (Stokesberry) Glaspie, and was born July 9, 1878, in Adair County. He was married to Jessie Scott, June 12, 1904, and to this marriage seven children were born.

He is survived by his wife; four sons: Willie, of Kirksville; Willard, of Waterloo, Iowa; Delbert, of Greentop, and Wallace, of Kenosha, Wisconsin; one daughter, M.s. John L. (Leona) Waggoner, of Adair County; one brother, John, of Waterloo, Iowa; three sisters: Mrs. Grant Zimmerman and Mrs. Stella Horrell, of Kirksville, and Mrs. Clara McMillen, Waterloo, Iowa; 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. Glaspie was preceded in death by his parents, one son, one daughter, and a brother.

He was a member of the Hazel Creek Union Church.

Life really begins when a person realizes how soon it is due to end.

THE YOUTH SECTION

LEAGUES SPONSOR "LIGHTS FOR CUBA"

Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of our Foreign Missions Board, has asked the leagues of our denomination to provide the sum of \$2,500 for the installation of an electric power line to our mission school in Cuba. The power company has offered to give two years free service if we would pay the initial cost of installation. Pending the action of the National League Board in this matter, our local leagues here will begin the drive by using all birthday pennies and wedding anniversary gifts for this purpose. All leaguers having birthdays will give one cent for each year old he is, and those having wedding anniversaries will give ten cents for each year they have been married. Those not leaguers are invited to participate.

—From the East Nashville F.W.B. Church Bulletin.

GOSPELIERS QUARTET TOUR

The people of Northeast Missouri have enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshment during the recent services held by the quartet from the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee. The quartet consisted of Carlton Lambert, G. C. Lee, Jr., Carroll Alexander, and Marvis Lee. Each service was one to be remembered for the gospel songs so beautifully rendered, and the spiritual messages delivered. Their services were as follows: at New Harmony, July 16; Shibley's Point, July 17; Martinstown, July 18; and Sunday morning at Sublett, with a basket dinner at the noon hour and an afternoon program by the quartet. Sunday evening, July 19, their final service was held at the Hazel Creek Church. May our prayers follow these young men who are living their lives in service for our Master, Jesus Christ.

Verona Osborn, Mrs. Frances Tiedeman and Joe Cockrell.

Refreshments were served each day and Mrs. Verona Osborn had charge.

Drivers transporting children were: Doris Marrs, Iris Jones, Ruth Hudson, Betty Hocker, Elmer Jones, Izola Zellmer, Joe Cockrell, Gladys Goddard and Zona Lee Shipley.

The school closed Sunday night, July 19, with a commencement program. There was a large crowd. The program was well presented and the handicraft was attractively displayed on the walls.

The expenses of the school were financed by the Sunday School. Each day the children gave pennies to an offering which went to an orphanage in Oklahoma. The total amount given during the school and at the commencement program was \$30.41.

We hope and pray that much good has been done during these two weeks and that the seed sown will reap a profit for the Lord in the future.

Mrs. Betty Hocker, reporter

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I want to tell you how richly the Lord has blessed us in our Daily Vacation Bible School at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Harrisonville, Missouri. Among the many things He blessed us with was cool weather, a large enrollment, and enough willing workers to help make the school a success. Without His help we could not have accomplished what we did.

The school was from July 7-17. Our enrollment was 71 pupils. There was an average daily attendance of 58 for the nine days. Thirty one pupils had a perfect attendance record.

The superintendent of the school was Mrs. Louise Jones; secretary, Mrs. Doris Marrs; pianist, Mrs. Zona Lee Shipley; and chorus leader, Mrs. Izola Zellmer.

Teachers of the five classes were: Beginners, Mrs. Betty Hocker and Mrs. Ruth Hudson; 1st and 2nd grade, Mrs. Louise Jones; 3rd and 4th grade, Mrs. Zona Lee Shipley; Juniors, Mrs. Iris Jones and Mrs. Doris Marrs; Intermediates, Mrs. Gladys Goddard. Helpers were: Mrs. Izola Zellmer, Mrs.

BIBLE GAME—Crown the King

You should have two stepladders or a stairway for this contest. Sides are chosen, and each team selects a king to represent their team. Whenever a team member answers a question correctly, his king advances one step toward the top. If the question is missed the king must come down a step. The first team to crown it's king is the winner. Questions should be asked of the teams alternately.

WHO DID IT—Elijah or Elisha?

1. Raised the widow's son.
2. Saved the widow's sons from slavery.
3. Was fed by the widow.
4. Was fed by the ravens.
5. Contested with the prophets of Baal.
6. Lodged in a cave on Mt. Horeb.
7. Boiled a yoke of oxen.
8. Healed the waters with salt.
9. Caused bears to eat children.
10. Filled a valley with water, without rain.
11. Raised the son of the Shunamite.
12. Recovered the lost axe.

THINK IT OVER

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,

Real service is what I desire.
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,

But don't ask me to sing in the choir.

I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord,

I like to see things come to pass.
But don't ask me to teach boys and girls, dear Lord,

I'd rather stay in my class.

I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord,

I yearn for Thy Kingdom to thrive.
I'll give you my nickles and dimes, dear Lord—

But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,

I'll say what you want me to say.
But I'm busy just now with myself, dear Lord—

I'll help you some other day.

ILLINOIS YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Alliance will be held at the Tabernacle Grounds in West City (Benton), Illinois, July 29 to August 7.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude Hempleman will be deans of the camp. Rev. Robert Wilfong, Cedar Hill, Tennessee, will be the evangelist. Rev. Wilfong's messages will be especially directed to the youth. However, the public is invited to attend these meetings each evening at 7:30 p.m.

A staff of 17 instructors and counselors will teach the following subjects: Missions, Bible, Evangelism, Free Will Baptist Doctrine, Christian Girl's Problems and Christian Boy's Problems. The four latter subjects will be taught only to those twelve years of age or older.

The Alliance was organized October 21, 1944 at Bear Point Church, with Rev. Wallace Malone as president. Each year since, Brother Malone has served faithfully in this capacity. First Alliance meeting was held in the new Tabernacle October 21, 1950. Since that time a dining room and kitchen and bath houses have been constructed. At present time, dormitories are being erected. However, tents will again be used this year.

Youth Camp was held at the camp ground for the first time in 1950 with approximately 70 in attendance. Last year the attendance was 113. During the first two years Rev. Mark Lewis, Michigan, was the evangelist.

We believe that this camp has been a great benefit to our community as well as to our denomination. God has given us many souls for our labor, as well as those who have dedicated themselves to be missionaries for Christ. We are praying that God will give us a greater camp in the future and are looking forward to doing more for Him.

Reba Edwards,
Catherine Waggoner
Publicity Committee

Editor's Note: We are sorry that we had just completed press work on last issue, in which this article should have appeared, when it arrived. It is of considerable interest and we are glad to publish it now. Your editor and Mrs. Jeffreys were privileged recently to inspect the Camp facilities of the Illinois S.S. Alliance. We were happy

to find well constructed building of concrete block, consisting of a large auditorium, a kitchen-dining hall unit, and a girl's dormitory nearly complete. With plans for similar boy's dormitory in the near future, and to expand all facilities when needed, the set-up is certainly one of efficiency and of which to be proud.

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

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5039th Air Police Squadron
A.P.O. 942, c/o Postmaster
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541 Cedar S.E., Apt. 2
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Pvt. Charles C. Stackhouse US55308692
15th Field Artillery Bn., 2nd Div.
APO 248, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

All of the above servicemen are from the Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, Missouri. We would be very happy to have the names of the young men of your church who are in the armed services.

OUR YOUTH CAMP

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a brief report this time of our Youth Camp Program.

We are still thanking our Lord for the things He has done for us, and especially for the 16 souls saved at the recent session, even though it was only a three day session; but God truly knows best. We are praying that we will be able to meet the needs of our next session in 1954, if God delays His coming, and that we can say to our boys and girls, "Come on, young folks, we are for you." We cannot afford to disappoint them.

I wish to say to those who still have a return coming to you on your enrollment fee at the camp, if you want the return please let me know as soon as possible and I will mail it to you. Also, I wish to thank those who gave their return as an offering to the

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Camp program, which we deeply appreciate, and which meets a definite need.

From receipts and offerings received at the camp session and donations for the same, we realized a total to date of \$639.82, to be applied on the general indebtedness.

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| Received on general fund | \$ 72.44 |
| Balance brought forward | 20.58 |
| Applied from above | 539.82 |
| Total | \$632.84 |
| Paid Stigman Lumber Co. | 500.00 |
| Balance in treasury | \$132.84 |

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| Lumber Co. indebtedness: | |
| Owed Stigman Lumber Co. | \$615.56 |
| Paid (as noted above) | 500.00 |
| Balance due Lumber Co. | \$115.56 |

For figures on the suggested improvements for the coming year, I will be glad to mail them to anyone who would like to have them. For the saving of space we are omitting them. They are estimates of cost for completing the chapel, constructing rest rooms and showers, screening the dining room and kitchen, and providing tables for the dining hall. We will also have these figures for you at the State Association.

May God bless His cause everywhere.

Rev. William Reeves

DID YOU GET THE ANSWERS?

1. Eljah—I Kings 17:22
2. Elsha—II Kings 4:1-7
3. Eljah—I Kings 17:8-16
4. Eljah—I Kings 17:6
5. Eljah—I Kings 18:24-41
6. Eljah—I Kings 19:9
7. Eljah—I Kings 19:12
8. Elsha—II Kings 2:19-22
9. Elsha—II Kings 2:24
10. Elsha—II Kings 3:17
11. Elsha—II Kings 4:36
12. Elsha—II Kings 4:36



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Hazel Creek Woman's Auxiliary met Wednesday, July 8, with Emma VanLaningham. There were 10 members, two visitors, and 11 children present. The meeting began by all singing, "The Haven of Rest." Scripture reading was Eph. 5:8-10 and Phil. 2:15, 16. Prayer was by Mary Filkins.

The lesson, "The Church Reflects the Light of Truth," was studied. Mrs. Lorene Miley gave the devotional comments, and topics were given by Leona Thompson, Minnie Thompson, Lorene Miley and Ethel Thompson. The study class on "Stewardship" was conducted by Dora Sponsler.

A Co-Laborer Fund offering of \$1.50 was received. Three hundred eighty four Bible chapters read, 19 sick calls made, and nine cards were relettered.

—Contributed

ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Monett Free Will Baptist Church in a meeting held Wednesday afternoon, July 1 in the home of Mrs. Otto Mackey, elected officers for the next year's work.

The following were elected: Mrs. Russell Wiseman, president; Mrs. Lloyd Jeffreys, first vice; Mrs. Cecil Campbell, second vice; Mrs. Nolan Thomas, third vice; Mrs. Lyle Roller, fourth vice; Mrs. Will Gates, fifth vice; Mrs. Ed Jones, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Orle Phillips, religious reporter; Mrs. W. L. Powell, song leader.

The lesson, "The Church Reflects the Light of Truth," was presented by Mrs. Lyle Roller, and the devotional was from the fifth chapter of Ephesians and was given by Mrs. W. I. Gregory. The topics were given by Mrs. Lloyd Jeffreys, Mrs. Will Gates and Mrs. Cecil Campbell.

Mrs. Russell Wiseman, president, conducted the business session, roll call was answered with favorite Bible verses, and the vice presidents gave the routine reports.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Jeff McCully.

Refreshments were served to three guests: Miss Joyce McClerken, Mrs. Fred Carey and Mrs. Ira Jackson, and to the following members: Mrs. Kenneth Allred, Mrs. Orle Phillips, Mrs. Lyle Roller, Mrs. W. L. Powell, Mrs. Jeff McCully, Mrs. Haskell Hultgren, Mrs. Lloyd Jeffreys, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Guy Ford, Mrs. Nettie E. Harrell, Mrs. W. I. Gregory, Mrs. Russell Wiseman, Mrs. James McCully, Mrs. Joe Boedecker, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. Ed Jones and Mrs. Otto Mackey.

—Contributed

NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

Richton, Mississippi

Route 2

July 17, 1953

Mrs. Eunice Edwards:

The ladies of County Line Free Will Baptist Church recently organized an Auxiliary. The following were elected as club officers: President, Mrs. J. T. Quick; vice president, Mrs. Olene Braddock; sec'y., Miss Gayola Phillips, and treasurer, Mrs. Ella Malone.

There are 12 members of the organization and everyone seems to be thoroughly enjoying the work in the club.

We sponsored an ice cream supper in the home of Mrs. R. C. Phillips, with Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Rachel Wally serving as hostesses. The ice cream was delicious and everyone had a good time.

Everyone thinks the Auxiliary is a wonderful organization, and we hope our club will continue to grow and prosper.

Gayola Phillips, secretary

POCAHONTAS AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pocahontas, Arkansas Free Will Baptist Church met Monday night, July 13, at the home of Mrs. George Broadway, with Mrs. Sherman Fowler serving as co-hostess. Thirty four members and two visitors were present.

The retiring president, Mrs. Earl

Smith, was in charge of the installation service for the new officers, after which Mrs. Opal Phillips, president, was in charge and opened the meeting by singing our hymn for the year, "The Haven of Rest." Our dues of \$9.25 and an offering was sent to Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The regular monthly program, "The Church Reflects the Light of Truth," was given. Helen Bennett gave the devotional. Discussing the topics were: Qulah Bennett, Lorene White, Eunice Dular and Wavon Sogo. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and co-hostess during the social hour.

Publicity Chairman

WARNING TO AMERICANS

Are you informed about the Roman Catholic aspirations as to the United States?

The following quoted from a letter by Father Patrick O'Brien of Rochester, N.Y., was printed in "La Aurora," a magazine put out by the Italian Baptist Publishing House of Pennsylvania.

"We the hierarchy of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, expect all loyal children of the church to assist the president with all our strength to see that individuals comprising the U.S. Supreme Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot out the present Constitution so that the President may enforce his, or rather our humanitarian program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church.

"We elected our worthy President by the greatest majority ever recorded in history. We are going to have our laws made and enforced according to the Holy See, and the Popes and the canon law of the Papal throne. Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis. Our educational laws must be constructed to end that atheism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, PROTESTANTISM, communism, so-

cialism, and ALL OTHERS OF LIKE ILK, and STAMP; be driven from this fair land.

"The cross was planted on our shores by a staunch Roman Catholic. This land belongs to us by every right. Long enough have we compromised on every important question. Now we demand what is really ours, and we are going to have it. We will support our President in every way to obtain it, peacefully, honestly, if we may. If necessary we are ready to fight and die for it.

"We want as Cabinet members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government.

"We control America and we do not propose to stop until America or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so. God help us."

That is plain language.

Do you know that inquisition, the Jesuitism and all further appendices of the Vatican government are already preparing for their planned removal to America?

Have you ever realized what will be the future of your free country when it is under the hierarchy of the "Holy Roman Catholic Church"?

—Christian Triumph

ANOTHER PASTOR LEAVING

2612 Minnesota
St. Louis, Missouri
July 25, 1953

Dear Editor, Business Manager and the Gem Readers:

As we are leaving the State of Missouri soon, I wish to use this means of expressing to the people of this state our appreciation for your friendship, your prayers, and your financial support during our ministry with you. Many of you have been a great source of blessing just by your life and the encouragement you have given us.

We will be moving to Oilton, Oklahoma about the 10th of August to assume our duties there as pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of that town. We are looking forward to the work with the people there and ask the prayers of our friends everywhere that God may use us for His glory and for the salvation of souls. We would appreciate a card or letter from any of you at any time. Also, if you have opportunity to be in that part of the

country we would be happy for you to visit us there.

We will long remember some of the good blessings we have received while working with you. It is our prayers that God may bless the work of Free Will Baptists in the State of Missouri from the State Association down to the local churches.

Yours in His service,

/s/ Rev. Benjamin R. Scott
(Benjamin, Genell, and Joe Randle)

"THE WAY OF THE CROSS" HELPS SOLDIER TO WITNESS

Svc. Co., 5th Cav. Reg.
APO 201, c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

The last time I had the privilege to write, I was in Pusan, Korea, enjoying many memorable experiences in the work for Christ. As I stated in my last letter to you, I was to move to Japan to be stationed there. I am now on the northern most island of Japan, called Hokkaido in the town of Chitose.

Upon my return to Japan, I searched for a church or mission in which I might be able to render my small services. I would like to pass on to you readers the experiences I had while looking for a mission.

I am sure all of you are acquainted with the song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." That song certainly means much to me as I received this experience. As I was walking down the road to Chitose, I noticed a huge cross towering above the town. I made my way toward the direction of the cross, hoping it would lead me to a church. When I finally reached the cross, there it stood on top of a Protestant church. I am now attending that church and I have made it my church home. So it was proven to me that the way of the Cross does lead home.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Kishimoto, is a Japanese man and truly a man of God. I have been working with him and I have really learned to love him. I guess you are wondering just what kind of work I am doing. I certainly could not preach, because I am no linguist and cannot speak the Japanese language fluently. I could not lead the singing because it would be difficult with me singing in one

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tongue and the congregation in another. So I thought the only thing I can do is be an "Ambassador for Christ." The U. S. government and many business firms have ambassadors to Japan to represent them, so I thought I might be an ambassador for Christ. In that way I could represent Christ's way of living by living my Christian life before the people, showing them the love I have for Jesus and His works.

Thanks to Bro. Kishimoto, a couple weeks ago I took up another job in the church. He presented to me a Bible to be used for personal work. It is written in both the English and Japanese languages. In doing personal work with the Bible, I show the unsaved Japanese different portions of Scripture dealing with the love Christ has for man, and how He gave His life for all. I pray that God will let me be the means of at least one soul accepting Him. Just one soul would be worth all the time I will spend over here away from my home and loved ones. I desire your prayers in this matter.

Out of a town of around 5,000 population, there are only about 45 members of the church. (Incidentally, this church happens to be the only church in the town.) The others are just wandering around in the darkness of sin. They are without Christ, serving false gods. You can readily see that this town could certainly use God in their lives. I believe that God, through Bro. Kishimoto, can lead the majority of the town to the Christian way of living. The church is slowly but surely progressing in the work of the Lord. These Japanese people need our God, the God of all.

Until my next letter to all of you, telling of the work of Christ here in Japan, I desire all of your prayers. Also, pray for Billy Sherrill in the Tokyo area who is also working for Christ while in the service of his country. May God bless all of you is my prayer.

A brother in Christ,

Pfc (Rev.) L. Donald Hill

YOUTHS SAVED AT HOME

July 27, 1953

Greetings from the Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church:

We would like to report that our Sunday School average for July has shown an increase, for which we are thankful and hope to see even a greater increase in the future.

Since writing you, we have enjoyed the conversion of two of our youth from our own Sunday School. Both were saved in their home. Our prayer is that their father will be saved very soon. He is a good man and we all love him here at Marble Hill and ask your prayers in his behalf.

God is blessing our work here and supplies our needs as they arise. The offering through the Sunday School for July was \$42.47. Our average attendance was 34. Number of tithers is eight, and number Bible chapters read was 332.

As Free Will Baptists begin to enter into a new church year, and the good shepherds are moving out into other pastures to care for new flocks, we of Marble Hill are looking forward to a good year and many blessings from the hand of the Lord as Rev. Cecil Shepard comes our way to lead us in service in the kingdom's work.

Our prayer is that all things will continue to grow and increase as it did under Rev. Charles Moyers. May God bless him as he, too, goes onward.

In closing, again we say, pray for us and may our God continue to bless us as a Free Will Baptist people.

—Marble Hill Church Reporter

O B E D I E N C E

To the Free Will Baptist Gem:

I would like to say a few words on 'Obedience.'

I think that is one of our greatest responsibilities. We would accomplish more if we would be more obedient. As an example, look at Peter. He was a great fisherman, but after he had fished all night and had caught nothing, then the Lord came on the scene and told them to launch out into the deep and let down the net. Peter said, "Lord, we have fished all night and caught nothing. But at your command we will do it." And they caught a great number of fish.

Again, look at Philip. The Lord said to Philip, "Go south to a place that is desert." Sometimes we may be called on to talk to a very wicked person and it would naturally seem like a desert, but if you take the Lord with you sometimes there are great things accomplished.

There could be a great deal said on this subject, but that will be all for this time.

Yours for Christ,

James Odom, Cabool, Mo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Following are averages for July:

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| Fredericktown | 141 |
| Jones Chapel | 44 |
| Mountain Grove | 183 |
| Mt. Pisgah, Cabool | 48 |
| Lawnwood (Tulsa, Okla.) | 126 |
| First Church (Elizabethton, Tenn.) | 210 |
| Bethlehem, Tennessee | 109 |
| South Side (St. Louis) | 147 |
| Wolf Creek | 47 |
| Fellowship (Flat River) | 145 |
| Fourth St. Louis | 39 |
| Phillips Chapel (Springdale, Ark.) | 146 |
| Hatcher, W. Va. | 150 |

The response is better this month on average Sunday School attendances. Thank you. However, there are a few who usually send in averages who forgot to do so, and obviously a great many who just haven't bothered with it in the first place. We urge you to make it a point of promptness—send in your monthly average, regardless of the size of your school or where you are located.

FAITH OR LACK OF FAITH

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1. In Hebrews 11—the great faith chapter—we find that by faith Noah prepared the ark; by faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; by faith the walls of Jericho fell, and by faith many other things were accomplished.

James said: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But

let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:5-8.

Why do we, as Christians, accomplish very little? Because we lack faith.

Why are so many sick when "The prayer of faith shall save the sick" (James 5:15)?

Why are we unsuccessful, or not victorious in war when Barak, Gideon, David and many others—through faith—subdued kingdoms? Rom. 11:32, 33.

Why do our rulers do so many unwise things? Because they do not ask wisdom of God.

Why do we not receive the necessary rainfall? Because we do not have the faith? Elijah prayed to God and a mighty rain fell.

Why do we have almost empty churches? Because we do not have faith. If we had faith as a grain of mustard seed, we could remove mountains. Luke 13:8.

So it is surely through our fault or sin that things are like they are, because we know that without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6) and that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14:23.

Let us all get down on our knees and ask God to forgive our sin of unbelief and He will heal our land, for "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

—A Contributor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

The work of the church is great and vitally important. No organization on earth has a more important place to fill than the church. No work is greater. If we lay down on the job, or fail, it is an eternal loss. It has eternal consequences. If a man's business fails it may only mean a temporal loss, but if the church fails in its mission it is an everlasting loss that shall bring everlasting remorse.

To be at our best as the Church of the living God, regardless of denominations, we should be a praying, interceding people. Every church should be a praying church. How church people need to pray!

Every church should be Spirit-filled. God doesn't do things so much by

might and power, but through the Holy Spirit in the church, in the hearts and souls of His people. O the need of Spirit-filled churches!

Every church should be in unity. Where there is Christian unity there is power. God cannot work among people that are divided, or that are not in love, fellowship and harmony. "United we stand, divided we fall." So many churches are weak and powerless, hence accomplishing nothing worth while, because they are out of unity and fellowship among the membership, hence out of fellowship with God.

Every church should be a working church, "always abounding in the work of the Lord." There is so much work that ought to be done for the Master's cause and kingdom until no one has a justifiable excuse for being idle. The fields are indeed white unto harvest, therefore the church has work, abundance of work, to do. No time for idleness.

Every church should be a tithing church. The tenth of all we make belongs to God. This is absolutely Scriptural. It was taught clearly in the Old Testament, and Jesus in the New Testament, set His approval upon it. No professed Christian has a right to withhold his tithe from the church and from God. In fact, it won't do sinners any harm to tithe their income.

Then, above all, every church should be a soul-winning church. "He that winneth souls is wise." This is the vital, supreme business of the church. O the need of soul-winning everywhere. God give us soul-winning churches.

Walter E. Isenhour, High Point, N.C.
(Contributed)

SPIRIT OF GUIDANCE

*A dear little lady, who is my friend,
Asked me the Free Will Church to
attend.*

*So I asked my Lord to lead the way
And guide me on that Sabbath day.*

*In July of nineteen forty-three
I followed the guiding spirit, you see,
And found the place He wanted me,
With a people who are spiritual and
free.*

*Every church is built after its kind;
None better than Free Wills can you
find,*

*With unity of peace and love that bind
The heart and soul and mind.*

*The saints are free to sing and shout,
For they have something to tell about
When Jesus came in, Satan moved out;
Of salvation real, they have no doubt.*

*We believe in Christ as the only way
That leads into that glorious day;
When upon our soul we receive His
seal;*

We know that we have something real.

*We are a people considered rather
queer*

*For believing in God and the Bible so
dear,*

*For trusting in the blood of God's own
Son*

*To save our souls when life's race is
won.*

*But God is real, and this we know
As our precious Bible tells us so;*

*He said there would be scoffers in our
day*

To try and lure us from His way.

*We love this good old Free Will way
Of worshipping God by the plan He
lay.*

*It blesses our souls as none other can
do.*

*I would not trade the old plan for
the new.*

Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Madeline McFarland

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



BY
WILLARD C. DAY
D. D.

Mountain Grove,
Missouri

The Ozark's
Friendly Parson

"Thou shalt not raise (receive) a
false report..." Exodus 23:1.

I believe that the word "raise" in Exodus 23:1 can be interchanged to receive; because in the Bible whisperers and listeners are condemned alike. Miriam was stricken because she whispered against Moses; and Aaron was condemned with her because he re-

ceived the whisperings.

The gossip and the talebearer are the devil's right hand buddies. They have done more to wreck churches and blight character than any other four enemies of the Lord.

There is a question in my mind as to which is the worst, the one who tells a tale or the one who gladly accepts it. If you are in doubt about what you hear on an honest person do not receive the gossip as you know it is true.

It is not possible that one can live that he would never be the victim of scandal: even Jesus Christ, the greatest, had scandalmongers in His day. They called Him the false one, but in face of all criticism He proved Himself better than His destroyers.

There are several ways to eliminate those who jeopardize the character of good people. First, when one brings a questionable tale to you, take him or her by the hand and lead them to the one in question, that will stop that one. Second, if you know something good about the one held in question, just mention that good that you know, and most of the time that will put the tattler on the run.

Since we cannot live above scandal, let's so live that the general public will have as much confidence in us as they have in those who spend their time talking about others.

A woman entered the pastor's study, her facial expression indicated guilt. She said, "Pastor! I have sinned against my best friend. I told a lie on her that will ruin her good name, what can I do?" The pastor looked at the woman without moving his eyes, and said, "Take a bag of feathers and walk one mile throwing the feathers on either side of the road, and when you get to the end of the mile turn and walk back gathering up every feather." The guilty one rang out in thundering tones, "Pastor, I can't do that; it would be impossible." Then the pastor answered in the tenderest tone of love, and said; "My dear friend, it is the same way with your problem. It would be as easy to find every feather, as it would be to gather back those hurtful words that fell from your lips."

FULL TIME EVANGELIST

We are glad to recommend Rev. Wm. Buster, Thebes, Illinois, and suggest you contact him early for revival dates.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

April-June, 1953

MISSIONS FUND

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Mission Assoc. by Turner | \$156.25 |
| New Harmony S.S. | 69.75 |
| Flat River First Church | 113.37 |
| Monett | 9.91 |
| Union Chapel | 13.00 |
| Rock Chapel | 35.38 |
| Amity | 11.50 |
| Old Bethel | 18.73 |
| Carterville | 13.56 |
| Springfield First Church | 30.00 |
| Green Ridge | 14.00 |
| Mrs. A. L. DeWeese, Easton .. | 6.00 |
| Macedonia | 31.55 |
| Total | \$523.00 |

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

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| Verdella | \$ 80.18 |
| Aulsbury Chapel | 33.58 |
| Wolf Creek | 15.36 |
| Mine LaMotte | 3.09 |
| Hartville | 10.89 |
| Union Light S.S. | 10.69 |
| Fellowship | 75.00 |
| Fredericktown | 79.57 |
| Myrtle | 2.00 |
| Berkeley (Estonia Garcia) | 40.00 |
| Union Light | 12.00 |
| Copper Mines S.S. | 16.12 |
| New Harmony Mission | 1.60 |
| C.W. Mo. Fifth Sunday Meeting (Hanna Memorial) | 17.40 |
| Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Kir'ville .. | 10.00 |
| St. Louis Third Church | 105.00 |
| (Marie Hanna) | |
| Garfield | 8.00 |
| Desloge | 7.50 |
| Fellowship (Hanna Memorial) .. | 87.68 |
| Fredericktown (Hanna Mem.) .. | 42.60 |
| Desloge D.V.B.S. | 18.81 |
| Indian Creek Dist. Aux. Conv. (Hanna Memorial) | 6.86 |
| Total | \$683.57 |

STATE COOPERATIVE FUND

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| Hickory Grove | \$ 65.33 |
| Flat River First Church | 206.37 |
| Merl's Chapel | 63.95 |
| Myrtle | 24.19 |
| Verdella | 54.55 |
| Mine LaMotte | 20.65 |
| Sublette | 40.73 |
| Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, California | 100.00 |
| Wagoner | 61.00 |
| Salem | 34.00 |
| Mountain Valley | 24.66 |
| Leadington | 113.00 |

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| Southside | 90.00 |
| Carterville | 19.40 |
| Hannon | 32.24 |
| Fredericktown | 207.00 |
| Shibley's Point | 35.35 |
| Fellowship | 300.79 |
| Kansas City First | 30.00 |
| Hazel Creek Union | 112.72 |
| A. L. Lawson, Brashear | 10.00 |
| Richwoods | 77.86 |
| Copper Mines | 52.98 |
| St. Louis Third Church | 132.58 |
| Niangua Quarterly Meeting .. | 13.63 |
| New Prospect S.S. | 16.87 |
| Mountain Grove | 25.00 |
| Golden Oak | 16.00 |
| Desloge | 56.28 |
| Total | \$2,037.13 |

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

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| G. W. Sturdevant, Buffalo | \$ 10.00 |
| Copper Mines League | 25.00 |
| Beginner & Primary Classes, Hazel Creek Union S.S. | 12.00 |
| Copper Mines | 5.00 |
| Garfield | 8.00 |
| Total | \$ 60.00 |

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Monett | \$ 5.99 |
| Merl's Chapel | 18.40 |
| Madison County Q.M. | 5.00 |
| Union Light | 5.00 |
| Total | \$ 34.39 |

STATE HOME MISSION FUND

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| Monett | \$ 6.00 |
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YOUTH CAMP FUND

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| Union Light (for mower) | \$ 5.00 |
| Indian Creek Aux. Con. (plates) .. | 10.00 |
| Total | \$ 15.00 |

STATE GENERAL EXPENSE

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| George Waggoner (National As- soc. expense-reimbursement) \$.. | 1.02 |
| Total amount of all Receipts for the Quarter Period | \$3,360.11 |

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Marie Hyatt
Treasurer**NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED
IN GREATER ST. LOUIS**

On Saturday, June 13, 1953, the board met with the Mission at Vista and Newstead Avenues to organize it into a Free Will Baptist Church. Services had been held here since March 8, 1953. We had an average of 36 in

Sunday School and a total of eight converts.

We had 11 charter members and chose The Fourth Free Will Baptist Church as a name. The officers of our church are: Pastor, Rev. Bill Turnbough; clerk, Elizabeth Hesselmeier; treasurer, Clarence Turnbough; and deacons, Floyd Hesselmeier and Clarence Turnbough.

Following the organization, we held a weeks revival with Rev. Robert Hill, the pastor of Berkeley Church, as the evangelist. Wonderful services were enjoyed by all. Also, fine fellowship with the other St. Louis churches. We had one conversion and two additions to the church.

We are the second church to come out of the Berkeley Church in the last year; the first being the new church at Salem, Missouri. We thank God for a mother church such as Berkeley.

Pray for us as we take our stand as a church against sin and Satan, that we might join hands with the other three churches in lifting Christ our Lord up before the lost and dying people of St. Louis.

Fourth F.W.B. Church,
Rev. Bill Turnbough, pastor

FIFTY SOULS ARE SAVED

Springdale, Arkansas
July 6, 1953

Free Will Baptist Gem:

I read your paper and enjoy it very much. I like to read about the other churches and Sunday Schools.

We organized a Free Will Baptist church here in Springdale last September, and the Lord has certainly blessed us. We have built a new church building. We now have 132 members. We had a revival in which 50 souls were saved and blessed. And He is still blessing our Sunday School. Our average for the month of June was 146. The name of our church is the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Tommy Day is our pastor. We certainly thank the Lord for what He has done for us.

Susie Watson,
S.S. sec'y-treas.

The man who removes the mountain begins by carrying away small stones.