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## BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

In speaking of a person's faults, pray don't forget your own;  
Remember those with homes of glass, should seldom throw a stone;  
If we have nothing else to do but talk of those who sin,  
'Tis better we commence at home, and from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man until he's fairly tried;  
Should we not like his company, we know the world is wide.  
Some may have faults—and who has not? The old as well as young;  
Perhaps we may, for aught we know, have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan, and find it works full well;  
To try my own defects to cure, before of others tell;  
And though I sometimes hope to be no worse than some I know,  
My own shortcomings bid me let the faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence to slander friend or foe,  
Think of the harm one word may do to those we little know.  
Remember curses, sometimes, like our chickens, "roost at home";  
Don't speak of others' faults until we have none of our own.

—JOSEPH KRONTHAL

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North Carolina. Please pray that God  
may give us a glorious revival.

We certainly missed attending the  
Missouri State Association this year  
as this is the first one I have missed  
in a number of years. I trust you had  
a most wonderful session and that  
much progress was made during the  
session. I certainly would have loved  
to have been there, but I am a long  
way off now which made it impossible  
for me to attend. I love the people in  
Missouri and my prayers are with you  
all. Pray for me as it goes well with  
you.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

FORMER MISSOURI PASTOR  
MISSES STATE ASSOCIATION

First F.W.B. Church  
706 First Street  
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Free Will Baptist Gem  
Monett, Missouri

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Just a few lines this morning, trust-  
ing this finds you and family all well  
and happy. We are just fine and still  
enjoying the blessings of our great God.

Everything here is going just fine  
and God is blessing us in a most  
wonderful way. Certainly we miss all  
of you in Missouri and pray that God  
may continue to bless you in your  
efforts there. But we do thank God  
for sending us this way, for He has  
sent us to a wonderful people and a  
wonderful work. Elizabethton is a  
small town of about 15,000 and very  
clean town in every respect. One thing  
we are thankful for is that there isn't  
a tavern or drinking establishment in  
town, neither is liquor of any sort sold  
here. The town also is beautifully  
located in a valley surrounded entirely  
by towering mountains with scenic  
views in every direction.

We are thankful for the fine church  
we have here and for the way God has  
blessed us since we came here about  
five months ago. We have averaged  
over 200 in Sunday School since com-  
ing here, and have had near 20 addi-  
tions to our church with several more  
good prospects. We have also had over  
40 conversions during that time. We  
are looking forward to a revival be-  
ginning here on September 28, with  
Rev. Wayne Smith of Swannanoa,

HOME MISSION OFFICE  
IN THE H.Q. BUILDING

The Board of Home Missions of the  
National Association is proud to an-  
nounce the opening of its new office  
in the National Headquarters Build-  
ing, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville  
5, Tennessee.

Please address all correspondence to  
the new address. All funds should be  
made payable to the Home Mission  
Board, or to the treasurer, Damon C.  
Dodd, and sent to the office in Nash-  
ville. The telephone number is 97-5381  
for the convenience of any who might  
want to contact us by phone.

Plans are now in the making for an  
enlarged Home Mission program. Sev-  
eral new churches will be organized,  
the first of which will be in Kirksville,  
Missouri, September 27. Requests are  
coming in from various places for new  
churches. Before we can organize very  
many churches, we must have pastors.  
"Pray the Lord of harvests to send  
laborers into the vineyard."

The Home Mission Board can supply  
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unless you give it to others.



## THE IRREDUCIBLE CHRIST

Today we have spread before us a Christian faith which is large and ample, going to the depths, reaching to the heights, and extending to the breadth of man's religious aspirations and needs.

Often God is restricted in His affiliations with man to the process of the natural order. Religion is often set forth as a useful function which is to be used only in the emergencies which develop in the lives of mankind.

There are many half way positions between Christianity and the self made systems of man. And it is through these many systems we are finding the sort of coercion which is now being employed against the Christian faith is not the power of ecclesiastical authority with dungeon and rack, nor the power of civil government enforcing conformity. It is rather the systems of opinion based upon a culture taking its rise in, and shaping its course in physical science. Therefore the time has come for Christianity to lift its voice for its freedom of rights.

There is no conflict between Christianity and true science. However, the issues of discussion have often been labeled as a scientific answer and yet the answer was not in any way connected with the scientific field of reasoning. Christianity welcomes every legitimate test. The only complaint is that it has been given exceptional treatment in which the facts in the background of its life are suppressed. The divine element in the gospels and in the life of Jesus is dealt with by many modern writers, who never take the pains to find out the sort of problems they are dealing with. Some have shown the grossest ignorance of the nature of the written word and the life of Christ.

What Christianity asks, therefore, is not an exceptional but rather fair treatment. It cries out against dealing with the self made systems which were formed to destroy the fundamental principles of Christianity and then having these base principles placed in a position where they attach themselves to the tender minds of the youth of our nation.

The spirit of every Christian is one which has a noble devotion to facts. The passion for reality, the hatred for sham, the desire to know and to pro-

claim the truth at all times. Opinions shall always come and go, men shall always come and go, men shall continue to try to speak the language of Christianity who have never learned it. And in the wake of public opinion it appears that many are seeking a creed which appeals wholly to reason and not to faith. And never, until we go down to the deep currents of man's spiritual life shall we find the truly significant factors in the great issues now being threshed out.

The self made systems of man have an ever increasing tendency to reduce Christ to only a figment of the imagination of many and to destroy the elements in religion which make it workable. This system has a conception of God as a Person and then treats Him as a Power. It conceives of a person being capable of speaking to men, and then closes His lips. It begins by regarding God as having capacity for answering prayer, then ties both His hands behind His back with the law of physical continuity.

The value of Christianity is its distinctiveness. It presents a contrast to all other forms of life and culture. And because of this contrast it serves to enrich and glorify human life. Too often we have spent valuable time endeavoring to bring Christ down to the level of humanity. The teachings of Christ and His life are on a fixed plane and if it is to be obtained by mankind we must ascend to the realm of Christendom through the All-Sufficient Sacrifice which was made on Calvary. Christianity has its own tests and criteria of truth and reality. It makes its own claims and brings with it its own credentials, these must be accepted upon the terms of the Bible, and be given their rightful place in the hearts of men. Then will the Son of man be lifted up and His glory will be made to shine forth upon the faces of men.

Rev. J. Robert Dodson  
1815 South Central Ave.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## HARMONY IN BUSINESS; HIGH SPIRITUAL FERVOR IN WESTERN QUARTERLY MEET

The Quarterly Meeting of the Center Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Parlier, California, on August 13, 14, 1953, with

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seven churches represented. Opening song, "An Old Account Was Settled." Prayer by Rev. Bill Johnson, after which several good songs were sung. The Kerman quartet sang, "I've Got That Old Time Religion," "When We Sing Around the Throne Eternal," and "Love Will Roll the Clouds Away." Prayer by Rev. Lester Davis. Message by Rev. Ira Smithey. Scripture: Matt. 3; Ezek. 13:5. A very inspiring message was enjoyed by all. A hand shake was enjoyed while singing "When the Saints Go Marching In," and "I'm Getting Ready to Go Home." Benediction by Rev. John Cross.

The Friday morning session began with the opening song, "Some Day." Devotional by Rev. Winston Lawless reading Psalm 128. Prayer by Rev. John Bridges. Letters from the different churches were read, accepted and delegates seated with a hand shake while singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Moderator elected was Rev. Ira Smithey, with Rev. Winston Lawless as his assistant. Prayer by Rev. Easterwood. Eleven o'clock message by Rev. Lester Davis. Scripture, I Thess. 5:27: subject, 23rd verse, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." A real message full of the spirit. Dismissed by Rev. Delmer Scroggins.

Friday afternoon was the business meeting. Everything was carried on very quiet, friendly and spiritual. Dismissed by Rev. G. B. Ramsey.

The Friday night service opened by singing, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Prayer by Rev. Earl Jensen. The Kerman quartet sang, "Glad Reunion Day." Devotional service conducted by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Duet, "I Want to Know More About My Lord." "Looking for A City," by the Kerman quartet. Message by Rev. Bill Johnson. Subject, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Dismissed by Rev. Delmar Scroggins.

This was indeed a good quarterly meeting, long to be remembered by all attending.

— Contributed

# Our Task

Whereas another successful session of the Missouri State Association is now a matter of history, and we face the renewed task of advancing the cause of Christ through the various departments of the church, we would like to call the attention of our people to some definite needs.

First—We need a revival—not only a spiritual revival where souls are made happy, wrongs made right, and interest is revived in the local church, but also a revival of interest in every phase of our denominational work. It is sad but true that our work is only supported by a small number of our people. There is a reason. In some 28 years experience in pastoral and evangelistic work, I am convinced our Free Will Baptist people are ready to support the work when the needs are presented to them by their pastors in a spirit of love and enthusiasm.

For our work to succeed as God has a right to expect it to, and for the needs of our denominational enterprises to be met, such as our Missions Program, Bible College, Publications, Youth Encampment, Superannuation, and others, it must not only be presented to our people, but must also be supported by both prayer and finance.

Here is a suggested prayer schedule.

**MONDAY:** Pray for Missions and the missionary workers.

**TUESDAY:** Pray for the Free Will Baptist Bible College, its students and the faculty.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pray for our publications—the means of communications whereby we keep in touch with one another and are informed of the progress of all departments of the work. If every subscriber of the Free Will Baptist Gem in this State alone will put the Gem and its operations on your prayer list for 30 days, the subscription list will double in a very short time, because if you become interested enough to earnestly pray for its needs, you will be asking people to subscribe.

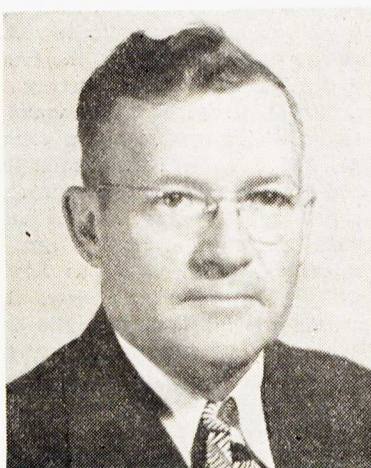
**THURSDAY:** Pray for Superannuation. Pray God will bless this part of our program to the extent our ministers who love God and to them who are—when they reach the age of retire-

ment—can all be adequately taken care of.

**FRIDAY:** Pray for the Youth of our churches and communities, that adequate Christian training may be provided, both in the local Church Camp and in College.

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY:** Pray for your local Sunday School, Church and the League.

For financial support, we have the State Co-Operative Fund, which if



every church in the state will support to the amount of 10 per cent of your regular church offerings, whether it be in a regular tithe of the income of the church or special offerings that will amount to as much as 10 per cent of the income of the church, every part of our work will be supported.

To put this program over the top for God, every pastor must first support the program, then lead his church to do the same.

Yours in the Master's service,  
Rev. O. T. Allred, Prom. Secy.

## IS KEPT BY HIS POWER

Blue Eye, Missouri  
September 3, 1953

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been thinking I would write to you for some time, but "kept putting it off." Now here I am this morning, thanking God for all His goodness and mercy, even though the drought is scorching our part of the land. We know according to God's word that all things work together for good to them who love God and to them who are called, according to His purpose.

So as our illustrious Abraham Lincoln said, "This, too, will pass."

While nations rise and fall our God is still on His throne, and He still sees the sparrow: and He cares for His children who put their trust in Him. For these almost 70 years I have been kept by His power and kept from dangers both seen and unseen. To Him be all the glory. One stands in awe and amazement at the puny efforts of man, and how we, apart from God, are helpless.

How quickly we drift into so many hurtful things. I have been thinking what trouble people get into by trying to take things into their own hands; things that belong to God. We read how the people of the Old Testament thought they could build a tower and climb up to heaven, and how God confused them. Now we are expecting to do some things as foolish as they. Do you expect to ever see the time that we can go to Mars or some other distant planet? I don't! God will again confuse. There is so much "tommy-rot" on the radio programs that children listen to. No wonder they think it is alright to murder, for do they not see it in the movies and on television and hear it over the radio?

Well, it will soon be time for the mail carrier to be along, so I would like to pay my sub and be sure that the Gem will be coming to us for another year.

Yours in His service,  
Mrs. E. G. Tharp

## ENJOY FRUITFUL REVIVAL; PASTOR ELECT ARRIVES

First F.W.B. Church  
Flat River, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since our church last reported to the Gem, that is, with the exception of Mrs. Gussie Hamblin reporting our ladies' work.

One thing we're happy to report is of the revival which began July 19 and closed July 31. The senior Gospeliers quartet from the Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee conducted the campaign. Bobby Jackson, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, was the evangelist and he also sang the lead in the quartet. Gene Waddell, Bobby Picirilli, and James Earl Raper were the other mem-



bers. The revival was held in Columbia Park using the Quarterly Meeting tent. The singing was wonderful and the preaching just marvelous. Five conversions, seven rededications and much conviction were the results and success of our revival. The other churches of the city and of our own denomination were very co-operative. We certainly do praise the Lord for His many blessings.

Rev. Fred Kirby, from Timmons-ville, South Carolina and a graduate from the F.W.B.C. this year, was elected to the church pastorate for one year. Rev. Kirby, his wife and two children moved here about two weeks ago. Our prayers are for our new pastor, and we are asking that you remember Bro. Kirby and our church also.

The parsonage redecoration job was completed a day before the pastor and family were ready to move in. Our parsonage is very beautiful now that the work has been done. Another thing we can give thanks and praise to the Lord for.

Remember the year's work that is ahead of our church and ask that a special blessing be given Bro. Kirby. Pray for us again we ask.

A Sister in Christ,

Anna Mae McFarland

## REALIZES DREAM AFTER 36 YEARS IN PULPIT

Trinity Temple F.W.B. Church  
766 North Lewis Avenue  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

Thirty-eight years ago—at the age of 14—a small boy was gloriously saved in a corn field in which he was working on his father's farm in Missouri.

Two years later at the age of 16, Roy Melvin Bingham, a young boy destined to follow in his father's footsteps, started preaching with his father. He had to get to church the best way he could—by horseback, donkey, many times miles of walking—but the good Lord always got him there.

Reverend Bingham held his first pastorate at New Home Free Will Baptist Church at Berryhill. He then went on to the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He retained the pastorate there for 16 years. From

there he held the pastorate at the Flat River First F.W.B. Church in Missouri, after which he organized the Fellowship Church in Flat River.

On October 7, 1946, he went to the Central Avenue Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he was minister for three years.

In 1949 Rev. Bingham came home to the church that he and his beloved father founded 26 years ago—the New Home Church in Berryhill.

On September 6, 1949, he accepted the pastorate of the Lewis Avenue F.W.B. Church in Tulsa, and remained there for four years.

These are only highlights of Rev. Bingham's ministry to now, not to mention his faithful service in the field of evangelism, his visits to our mission fields in Cuba, and his part in the founding of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma. He was a member of the Board of Education prior to the founding of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and since then has been a trustee of the College.

Now, after 36 years in the pulpit, he is at last realizing a dream come true—Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church; a church full of the Spirit of God, a church that will glorify God and sing praises to His Name, a church that will give credit where credit is due—to God.

Our first meetings together were truly glorious ones. Our first service was in the front yard of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Collins: we had 39 present for this first prayer meeting. On the following Sunday we held our first Sunday service in the back yard of Bro. and Sis. Elbert Mayfield's home under a large shade tree. We held meetings under this big shade tree for several Sundays. What wonderful meetings they were. I don't know when we have felt the Spirit so close to us, or when we have felt so very close to one another.

Our congregation finally obtained a building at 766 North Lewis Avenue in Tulsa for use as a sanctuary and educational building and we settled down temporarily, waiting for work to begin on the new Trinity Temple.

We organized Wednesday evening, August 12, with 40 members. Our wonderful pastor was elected to be with us as our minister indefinitely. Rev. Bingham's sister, Leona Mayfield, was elected assistant pastor for an indefinite period of time. Other officers

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elected were Sunday School superintendent and assistant, secretary and assistant, clerk, treasurer, three deacons, five trustees, choir director and assistant, organist, pianist, reporter, and a flower committee.

The door of the church was opened and before the evening was over Trinity Temple had two more members, making us an organization of 42 members. Our Lord was most certainly present at this glorious meeting. Tears stained the eyes of the congregation and upon leaving our blessed little church we had a heart-warming, old-fashioned hand shake with our two new members and we sang, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again."

On Sunday afternoon, August 23, we held our first baptismal service in a little creek in Owasso, Oklahoma. Four were baptized and when we went to our homes we felt another glorious service was well done for the Lord.

Now I would like to close this letter by telling you of our dream come true. On August 12, 1953, Rev. Melvin Bingham went before the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments of the City of Tulsa. The building of Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church was whole heartedly approved without any opposition what so ever. We have four beautiful lots adjacent to a development of new homes in one of the newest districts in the City of Tulsa. We plan to build an educational building first and then a sanctuary, at an approximate cost of \$100,000.00.

The Lord willing, we will be writing again soon telling of the beginning of construction of Trinity Temple.

In closing I say God richly bless you one and all, and we ask your prayers for us at Trinity Temple.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Lou Bingham, corres.



## From The Editor's Desk



# Missouri State Association

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association is history. A large delegation was present at the New Harmony Church near Greentop in Northeast Missouri Association for the very first service on Monday evening and a good representation remained through the final worship service on Friday at eleven o'clock. New Harmony Church, the community, and Northeast Association did a fine job in caring for the delegation and thus added to the success of the Association.

The State Sunday School Convention opened on Monday evening with guest speaker, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, bringing the message. Bro. Mooneyham is the National Executive Secretary, now of Nashville, Tennessee. The Convention continued on Tuesday morning. A short business period of hearing and receiving reports was held. The host church presented a pagent that vividly portrayed the coming judgment. So effective was the pagent that by popular demand it was again presented Wednesday evening. Again at eleven o'clock, Rev. Mooneyham delivered another powerful message, with the Sunday School as the central theme. Rev. Rolla Smith was chairman of this convention.

On Tuesday afternoon, the League Convention, under the direction of Rev. Willard C. Day, came together in annual session. A short business session of receiving reports was held. At the 2:30 hour, Rev. Mooneyham brought a message with the League in emphasis. The Hazel Creek League presented a short playlet with a fine message. Though the convention was rather short, all present enjoyed it and received much help from it.

The Association proper began on Tuesday evening with the clerk calling the assembly to order. The moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, in a short message, outlined our obligation as an association to our God, to one another, to our youth, and to the unsaved. Lively congregational singing and several special numbers dominated the devo-

tional period. Rev. Willard Day delivered the introductory message to the association. His text was II John v7, 8. Bro. Day summarized several things that the Free Will Baptist denomination has been able to lose that has proved a blessing. Conversely, he enumerated many things that we must guard carefully to keep from losing. The message was a blessing to all.

The State Auxiliary Convention commenced with the morning worship service Wednesday. The very fine preaching already enjoyed, continued in this service, as it did throughout the entire session. Rev. James Franklin, pastor of South Side Church in St. Louis, brought the message from Matt. 28:18-20, and challenged us to even greater works from the text "Go ye." We were made aware that as a denomination we can still more effectively carry out this great commission of the Lord Jesus.

Highlights of the afternoon session of the Auxiliary Convention was the devotional thoughts of Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards around the assigned subject "Challenge of Christian Stewardship." Sis. Edwards summarized that for many Christians it is relatively easy to be good stewards as long as only the material things are concerned; even several Christians become obedient and willing to yield self to conform to the will of God for their lives, but it is noticeably hard for one to be compatible to the will of God to be worked in the life of some loved one, especially when that loved one must sacrifice many of the usual comforts of home and family. Our hearts were indeed solemnized before God.

Committee reports and officers elected will be found in the Auxiliary section of this issue.

Continuing in the worship services, Rev. W. T. Newsome, pastor of the Fredericktown church, brought the Wednesday evening sermon from Luke 5:1-4, using the subject "Deep." Another fine message was received as we

were challenged to not over estimate our ability, but rather follow the direction of the Lord for effective service.

Rev. James Barker, pastor of the St. Louis Third Church and moderator of Southeast Missouri Association, was the speaker Thursday morning. Your editor was busy in a necessary committee meeting and missed this service. All reports were very favorable, and expressions at the noon hour convince us that the message was timely and well received. We apologize to you and to Bro. Barker for not being able to report more definitely on this message.

Rev. William Buster, evangelist of Thebes, Illinois, brought the message to a large crowd on Thursday evening. Bro. Buster used Matt. 16:24, 25 and Gal. 2:20 for Scripture texts and drew a comparison between living "in" the flesh and "of" the flesh. A spiritual service was enjoyed.

The final message was delivered by Rev. Fred Kirby, pastor of the First Church in Flat River. Rev. Kirby used Matt. 27:26-31 as a Scripture text, and "the robe" as a subject, picturing the "robe" that Jesus would have us exhibit. Although Rev. Kirby had but a few minutes notice to prepare for this service, the Lord blessed and a fine spiritual sermon was enjoyed.

### Business Sessions

While we thoroughly enjoy the worship services of the State Association and the auxiliary departments, the primary purpose of the association is to hear reports of work accomplished and formulate plans for another year of effective labor in the vineyard of the Lord. This session was no different. Many important problems and proposals confronted the delegation at this session, some of which required concessions by everybody before a common and workable solution could be arrived at.

### Election of Officers

After the reports of the various district organizations are received and their delegates seated, it becomes the duty of the body to select its officers for the session and the year. This is



always a solemn time and every delegate seems to sense the great responsibility that will devolve upon those selected. The selections at this session were all unanimous, and exhibited thought and prayer, and assured harmony. There was absolutely no evidence of caucus, thus reaffirming the fine spirit of Christian fidelity and cooperation that is the history of Missouri State Association.

Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, was re-elected moderator. Rev. Willard C. Day, Mountain Grove, was elected assistant moderator, and proved a very capable help in assisting the moderator. Sis. Jewell Campbell, Monett, was elected clerk-treasurer. All were elected unanimously by acclamation. Sis. Campbell replaces Rev. Mrs. Marie Hyatt who had served in this capacity for eight years. Sis. Hyatt has exercised the prerogative of any Christian and has affiliated with another organization due to the fact her permanent home is remotely removed from Free Will Baptist work. She was present to make her final report, and stated her affection for our organization. The Association, in turn, rose in its entirety in a standing vote of thanks for her faithfulness and efficiency.

### Committee Reports

The Association has established that all business, except routine, shall come to the delegation by committee report. A number of committees are thus needed to study the various phases of the work and make recommendations to the delegation for discussion and disposition. The moderator declined to name these committees and was granted a Committee on Committees. Their report was accepted and the different committees set to work almost immediately. Most committees were able to report after short deliberation. However, the Youth Camp Committee deliberated long hours before bringing its report, and the Business Committee was unable to reach the floor with their report before Friday morning.

Many of the committees were able to make rather standardized reports. Some found need for new recommendations.

The Publications Committee presented a resolution placing Missouri State Association on record opposed to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This resolution was unanimously adopted. A further recommendation

of the committee recommended advisedly that all literature published by the Cook Publishing Company be stopped from our churches. Evidence of un doctrinal teaching was cited. This was also accepted.

### The Youth Camp

Of paramount importance was the decision concerning the Youth Camp and the Youth program. So great were the considerations that the committee sat in counsel with the Business Committee long hours before forming a report. Several factors were in evidence.

Foremost was the amazing increase in enrollment at the camp in the seven years of its existence. With this increase is the ever greater demand on the facilities of the camp. It was recognized that the Youth Camp Board and the Caretaker had accomplished remarkable things at the camp considering the shortness of time, limited funds and labor, the rapidly increasing enrollment, and other circumstances. It was even recognized that the plan of the Board for expansion and improvement was sound. However, some seemed to feel that time, finance, labor, and other factors would prevent sufficient improvement and expansion to accommodate the 1954 session. Therefore the course of action, discussed elsewhere, was adopted.

It is certainly to be hoped that a place, already as sacred and valuable as our Youth Camp, can be maintained. A year of earnest prayer and honest endeavor can and should provide the common solution.

### The Business Committee

Many important items confronted the committee. Some of these took long deliberation. Besides lengthy deliberation on the Youth Encampment report, they were faced with whether or not to continue to print the Gem, the recommendation of a promotional secretary, study of the cooperative plan of finance, and many other things.

It was readily discovered that the delegation expected the Gem to continue, even though the national publication is imminent. This is further concurred in by friends in many other states. Therefore, it was so adopted by the body. Also, inasmuch as Rev. Cecil Campbell stated that he could no longer serve as manager due to pressing duties as a pastor, the office of editor and manager was combined.

### T-R-E-A-T-I-S-E

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Rev. O. T. Allred was recommended and elected to the office of promotional secretary, and will operate mostly through correspondence and through the Gem, will attend such important conferences as possible, and will be under the supervision and direction of the Board.

The Cooperative Plan of Finance was found to be quite popular and very effective. It was deemed best to recommend no change in the percentage arrangement this time.

### To Jones Chapel

The invitation of Indian Creek Association and the Jones Chapel Church to convene with them in 1954 was accepted. So get ready, Jones Chapel, we expect to come in large numbers at the next session. The date of convening will be earlier and school children and their parents will be free to attend. A large delegation is expected.

### NOTICE REGARDING HOME FOR RETIRED CHRISTIAN WORKERS

A beautiful hotel in Florida, consisting of forty villas on twenty acres of land and equipped for light housekeeping, furnishing accommodations for about 250 people, has been offered to the National Association of Evangelicals as a home for retired Christian workers.

Tentative applications for residents from those who are approaching retirement age, or who are retired, and are able to make a down payment of at least \$1,000.00 and a monthly payment of \$50.00 or more, are being received by Dr. R. L. Decker, Executive Director of the N.A.E., 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. Applicants should be in fairly good health and should be able to furnish proof of having served some evangelical church or mission board, or in evangelism or Christian education work for a major portion of their active careers. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Decker.

## Darkness ---

"...And men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19.

Darkness, literally speaking, means the absence of natural light. "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour." Matt. 27:45. Figuratively speaking, darkness is the lost condition of the soul, bringing misery to the individual. "Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 22:13. Darkness represents the grave and the shadow of death. "Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; a land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness." Job 10:21, 22.

The children of darkness are the wicked in opposition to the good who are called children of light. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" II Cor. 6:14.

God is light and in him is no darkness and in order to have fellowship with God we must walk in the light as he is in the light. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:6, 7.

Hatred can bind us spiritually, for God's word says, "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." I John 2:9-11. "The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble." Proverbs 4:19.

God says that because men's works are evil, they love darkness more than light. "But if thine eye be evil, thy

whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Matt. 6:23.

Wilbia Sell  
Stockton, Missouri

## THE YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

We wish to report on the action taken at our recent session of the State Association relative to our Youth Camp. In-as-much as difference of opinion concerning the future work of our Youth Encampment program has been expressed by several in the last few weeks, an earnest effort was made by the Association to determine just what our people over the state really want, and three definite ideas were brought to light:

First—To borrow enough money to improve the Camp to where it would meet the requirements of the State Board of Health as to sanitary rest rooms, cooking and eating equipment, and so forth.

Second—To sell the present Camp, and relocate it somewhere nearer the central part of the state.

Third—To build a camp somewhere in the eastern part of the state to be used by those in that part, and the present camp maintained for our youth in the south and west part of the state.

As it seemed impossible for all to arrive at the same conclusion relative to any one of these plans, the Association voted to close the camp for one year, and the Youth Camp Board was charged with the responsibility of renting a modernized camp for our 1954 session. As to the care of property at the camp, Rev. William Reeves is to have the privilege of living in the cottage (without salary), and is looking after the buildings and equipment. He is storing mattresses and such articles in one of the cabins made of concrete block.

You will be hearing more from us relative to this very important work with and for our youth during the year.

We need Christian youth and adults who will make the future work of our Youth Encampment a definite object of prayer daily. We have much to thank God for as we review the work which has been accomplished through this line of work during the last seven years, and there are great possibilities

for us in the future as we work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. O. T. Allred

Note: The above article, written by Rev. O. T. Allred, Missouri State Promotional Secretary, was examined and concurred in by Rev. Willard C. Day, chairman of the Youth Camp Board, and Rev. William Reeves, secretary of the Board.

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Northeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention met Saturday afternoon, September 5, 1953 with the Sublett Church.

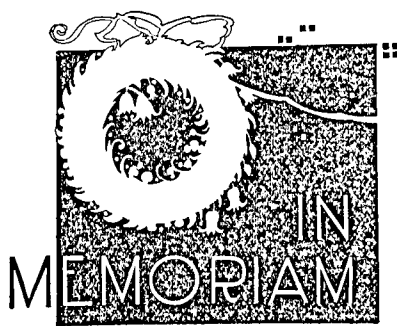
The convention opened with Rev. H. M. McAdams leading the congregation in singing, "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In," "Sin Can Never Enter There," and "Close to Thee." We were led in prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. The vice president, Sis. Alta Mikel, read for a Scripture lesson Matt. 9:35-38. We then sang "A Soul Winner for Jesus." Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Letters from Hazel Creek and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. We then elected officers for the coming year, with Sis. Oletha Parsons, president; Sis. Alta Mikel, vice president, and Sis. Leona Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

The following program was given. Solo, "Blessed Redeemer," Velma Wellman. The Drunkard's 23rd Psalm, Martha Frances Buchanan. Duet, "Have You Counted the Cost," Mrs. Ollie Martin and Evelyn Kelsey. The Potter and the Clay, Marilyn Lawson. Song, "Saved Every Day of the Week," McElhinney girls. Death Notice, Mrs. Chloe Gates. Duet, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sevits. Home, Mrs. Harold Hedigar. Trio, "Peace in the Valley," Mr. and Mrs. Sherman King and Elmer Mapels. The president, Sis. Oletha Parsons, gave the history of the song, "Just As I Am," then the congregation sang the song. We were dismissed in prayer by Oletha Parson.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.-Treas.

Nothing in the world, including talent, genius and education, can take the place of persistence.—*Cristlife Magaz.*





### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Lillian Needham who passed away one year ago October 3. Our loss was heaven's gain.

She was a member of the Carterville Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Needham; a son, Clifford Botkin of Carthage; a daughter, Lottie Hadler of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Lola Botkins of Carterville and Matilda Garrison of Hutchinson, Kan.; several other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted at the church, Rev. Harold Hoover officiating.

### W. M. LACKEY

Willard Monroe Lackey, a son of James Monroe and Eliza Brown Lackey, was born at Ironton, Missouri, July 30, 1878 and died September 21, 1953 in a hospital in St. Louis following a short illness. His age at the time of his death was 75 years, one month, and 21 days. He was married August 16, 1917 to Nora Ethel Scoggs. They lived at Herculaneum awhile, then moved to the lead belt and have lived in Esther for the last 27 years. He began working for the St. Joe Lead Co. in 1900, and was retired 10 years ago.

He was the father of two children, Homer Monroe and Eva Lackey, by a former marriage. Both preceded him in death at an early age. He and Mrs. Lackey took into their home a nephew, James Langley, whom they loved and cared for for several years. They have also been as foster parents to three children, Billy Jean, Shirley and Catherine Fowler, who have made their

home with the Lackeys a part of the time in the last few years.

Besides his wife, Ethel, he is survived by a foster son, William Franklin Fowler, Jr., age five, who has been in the home since he was nine months old; a sister, Mrs. Birdie McCaully; an uncle, Alec Brown; other relatives and a great number of friends who are saddened by his passing.

He was converted and became a member of the F.W.B. church in 1923 and served as Sunday School superintendent for over 25 years. He was a charter member of the Fellowship F.W.B. Church and faithfully served as janitor and in other capacities from its origin until the time of his death. The Church and Kingdom work of God were nearest to his heart, and he will be greatly missed by both young and old.

Funeral services were held from the Fellowship Church, Thursday, September 24 at 2:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Rolla D. Smith. Interment was in Park View Cemetery, Farmington, Missouri.

### MRS. P. E. COOK

Georgia Evelyn Bryan, daughter of J. E. and Panina Bryan, passed away August 22, 1953 at the Barton County Memorial hospital in Lamar, at the age of 72 years, eight days. She was born August 15, 1881 at Oswego, Kansas, where she spent her girlhood. She was united in marriage to P. E. Cook August 4, 1907 at Fayetteville, Arkansas. To this union six children were born.

Mrs. Cook had been a resident of Barton County since 1924 and a resident of Liberal since 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were together in the nursery business for a number of years. Always working and sharing together.

Those surviving are her husband of the home, three daughters: Mrs. Sarah Edith Province, Los Angeles; Mrs. Mary Reeves, Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Lola Cleffman, Mulberry, Kan.; three sons: Walter of Liberal, Allen of Oakland, Calif., and John of the Navy; one sister, Mrs. Birdie Fincher, McCune, Kansas, 12 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, August 26, at the First

Methodist Church in Liberal, Missouri. Rev. Boyd Thornton officiated. Rev. and Mrs. Thornton, Ralph and Dean Talbott, accompanied by Darrell Talbott sang "No Tears In Heaven," "I'll Meet You In the Morning," "I Know Who Holds My Hand," and "Peace In the Valley." Interment was in Liberal Cemetery.

Sis. Cook was a long-time Free Will Baptist, and has continued to keep in touch with the work through the Gem.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

The following averages are for August.

Fredericktown .....	177
Lawnwood (Tulsa, Okla.) .....	149
First Church (Elizabethton, Tenn.)	203
South Side (St. Louis) .....	130
Fellowship, Flat River .....	166
Fourth St. Louis .....	39
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool .....	50
Richwoods .....	50
Third Church, St. Louis .....	77
Marble Hill, S.E. Mo. ....	33

The following are carried over from last report:

Phillips Chapel (Springdale, Ark.)	140
Happy Hill, Oakland .....	35

Now that the summer vacation is over and everyone is back in service regularly, we hope you will make it a matter of punctuality to send in those average Sunday School attendances—just as soon as they are determined.

### CHURCH IS BLESSED

Report from Mt. Pisgah Church near Cabool, Missouri.

We have just closed a revival with one conversion and a wonderful blessing to the church. The evangelist was Bro. Ezra Butts. There have been six additions to the church lately. Our average Sunday School attendance for the month of June was 50.

Yours for Christ,

James A. Odom

Modernism is the first step toward Communism. Modernism is the seed, atheism the plant, and Communism the fruit.  
—W. D. Herrstrom



# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

EDITOR: REV. MRS. OPAL JEFFREYS, 304 EUCLID, MONETT, MO.



## EXHORTED TO SERVICE

As new editor of the Auxiliary section of the Gem, I send you greetings in the Name of our Saviour.

Since I wasn't permitted to be present in our last State Convention, I would like to take this means of expressing my thanks and appreciation to you for your confidence in me for the office to which you have elected me. I do not feel that I am in any way as efficient and qualified as was Sis. Edwards, but since she felt she could no longer serve due to a very heavy schedule of other duties, I will, by the help of our Lord and you, do the very best I can.

Let me encourage you as auxiliary workers to help us here by sending in your reports of services and your announcements. You may feel that your work is of no interest to others. Let me assure you that it is. It is very encouraging to others to read of what you are doing.

We have a wonderful ministry to perform. It is so needful that we find our place in service and begin quickly to use our talents in this ministry.

Let us look into the Word for some examples of special service rendered by women.

A woman showed great hospitality to the prophet Elisha. II Kings 4:10, "Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither."

Kindness to the needy. Prov. 31:20, "She stretched out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

It was women who were found contributing to Christ's comfort. Matt. 27:55,56, "And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children."

Anointing Christ. Mark 14:3, "And being in Bethany, in the house of Mikel.

Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head."

Washing the Saviour's feet. Luke 7:37,38, "And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment."

Paul commends women for their serving in the church, Rom. 16.1, 2.

There are many other examples of woman's ministry recorded in the Scriptures. So let us find our place and serve Christ as He leads.

## W.A. CONVENTION REPORTS

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE—

1. That we pay the Gem for the printing of the programs and our proportionate cost of the minutes.

2. That we continue our space in the Gem.

3. That \$5.00 be given to the participant in the declamation contest.

4. That an offering be received here today for general expenses of the convention.

3. That \$10.00 be given to the winner of the declamation contest toward her expenses to the National Convention.

6. That we give \$10.00 each to our president and secretary.

/s/ Jewell Campbell, Alice Dickey, Eunice Edwards.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE—

We submit the following nominations:

President ..... Agnes Smith

Enlistment ch. .... Violet Newsome

Youth chairman ..... Alice Dickey

Study course ch. .... Oletha Parsons

Program-Publicity ... Jewell Campbell

Benevolence ..... Lee DeWitte

Sec'y-Treas. .... Norma Kennedy

Editor ..... Opal Jeffreys

/s/ Jewell Turner, Hazel Scott, Alta

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE—

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our gratitude to the president, secretary, and all other officers of the Woman's Auxiliary for their wonderful work the past year.

We also express our sincere appreciation to Northeast Missouri Association and all who had part in the enlistment program. We say now, "Thank you and God bless you all."

/s/ Geneva Barker, Pearl Thomas, June Thomas.

## EDITOR'S REPORT—

September 1952 - September, 1953

Received:

Monett Auxiliary .....\$12.00

Fredericktown Auxiliary ..... 24.00

Total receipts .....\$36.00

Expenses: postage, etc. ....\$ 2.00

/s/ Mrs. Eunice Edwards

## REGISTRATION REPORT—

The report on registration reveals the following:

Southeast Missouri—9 churches represented, 9 pastors present, 27 in total attendance.

Indian Creek—4 churches, 2 pastors, and a total of 9 were present.

Northeast Missouri—4 churches, 2 pastors, and a total of 39 present.

Cave Springs—1 church, 1 pastor, and 2 present.

Mission—1 church, 1 pastor, and 1 present.

Central Western Missouri—1 church, 1 pastor, 1 present.

Total figures reveal 20 churches represented, 16 pastors present, and a total of 78 Auxiliary workers present.

## SIS. McADAMS VISITS W.A.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Church met August 26 with Maizie Sevits. There were 12 members, five visitors, two men and several children present. Sis. Ruby Morton became a member. The work for the day was working on quilts.

The devotionals began with all sing-



ing, "The Haven of Rest." Mrs. Lizzie McAdams gave the devotional comments on the lesson, "The Light of Truth Shines on Our Community," and closed with prayer. Emma VanLaningham introduced the lesson and topics were given by Lola Filkins, Maizie Sevits and Minnie Thompson. Mrs. McAdams gave the dismissal prayer.

A card of thanks was read from Hilda Lay for the comforter. The secretary is to write to the orphanage to find out their needs. A Co-Laborer Fund offering of \$2.32 was received; \$37 Bible chapters had been read, 40 good will calls made, and 25 cards sent out were reported by members.

—Reporter

## REACHING THE LOST

Flat River, Missouri  
First F.W.B. Church

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys and Gem Family:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." John 14:1-4.

With the love of God in our hearts, truly it is a time when we can look up each morning of our life and thank the Lord for faith in God to go through this sinful world we live in. Without prayer all day long, or reading God's Word, we will be too weak for the task that is before us. Read John 3:16 daily, or repeat it over and over each day.

Our mission work is doing things the Lord is pleased with. Why? Because we are praying and seeing the lost brought to the Lord. Last Wednesday morning our good pastor, Bro. Fred Kirby reached a dying man without the Lord, and he was brought into the fold of God. Such is our work. It is wonderful to reach out and help unsaved to find the Lord.

We thank the Lord for sending Bro. Kirby this way. He is one of the fine men from the Bible College. He is a real man of God, going out every day

visiting the aged people, the sick and the unsaved.

Wednesday, July 29th was our Mission Day. We were glad for the privilege of having the quartet with us for dinner. They were in charge of our recent revival. Bro. Bobby Jackson was the evangelist. Bro. Gene Waddell and Bro. Bobby Piccirilli were song leaders. Bro. James Earl Raper, a real man of God, was a teacher and worker in the revival. We had a real old-time revival with 11 conversions: one young minister was brought closer to the Lord.

The program from the year book was studied. The introduction was given by Sis. Betty Smith. "The deeper life," was given by Sis. Lillie Smith. "The higher life," was discussed by Sis. Bernice Halbrook. "The inner life," presented by Sis. Pearl Sircum. "The outer life," was given by Sis. Gussie Hamblen.

Our prayer for you is that all of our good Auxilliary and Mission workers will be privileged to meet at the state meeting at Greentop, Missouri. We will say again, may the Lord bless and keep you until we meet again.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, sec'y.

## LIBRARY BOOKS NEEDED

ATTENTION: Woman's Auxillaries, Youth Directors, and Leaguers.

Many of you are aware that before our College library can become an accredited institution it must have an adequate library.

Mrs. Anna Barrow, librarian, has supplied me with a list of books required to get the college on an accrediting basis.

If each Woman's Auxilliary, Youth Auxilliary and League would donate at least one of these books what a tremendous help it would be. Perhaps there are individuals who would like to assist in this worthy project also.

Storage space at the library is limited so it is important that not more than two copies of the same book be sent. In order to avoid many duplicates of books we are suggesting the following plan.

If you will inform me as to the number of books you or your organization would like to furnish, I will gladly assign you certain books to be purchased. In order to avoid many duplicates of books we are suggesting the following plan.

Good used books will be accepted

but Mrs. Barrow writes, "We would like books that have a good many years of use ahead, for it costs just as much to catalogue one as the other."

For new books that are gifts she puts a bookplate in the front cover bearing the donor's name, so that students may see who was responsible for that particular book in the library.

I am especially counting on our Y.P.A.'s, G.T.A.'s and F.W.B. Leaguers to assist in this project. Come on young people, let's "get the ball rolling!"

/s/ Mrs. Paul Pursell  
Youth Chairman, W.N.A.C.  
1111 E. 11th Street  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

## INSTALLATION SERVICE

South Side F.W.B. Church  
3124 Mt. Pleasant

Dear Gem Readers:

On Thursday, September 10, the South Side F.W.B. Auxilliary had a candle light installation service, installing their Auxilliary officers.

Sis. Eunice Edwards brought an inspiring message taken from Mark 1:35-34. We ask for the prayers of all the Christians that each officer may serve her Lord and the church to the best of her ability. I have two Scriptures that should apply to each officer. Romans 12:1, 2, "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. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind: that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I'm sure if each one of us will take these Scriptures as testimony, our Auxilliary will grow in the Lord's work.

Yours in Christ,  
Olive M. Reeds, correspondent  
Rev. James Franklin, pastor

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of this, a knowledge of the Bible.

—Woodrow Wilson

## FAITHFUL CAMP CARETAKER AND FAMILY SAY "THANKS"

Dear Gem Readers:

We wish to thank each and every one who have assisted in any way to make the Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment sessions of the past seven years each a success.

We sincerely thank the supervisors, the registrars, the teachers, the cook, and those helping when the State Association met here at the Camp three years ago.

Also, we wish to thank all those laboring on the cabins, the grounds, the chapel, and the caretaker's cottage.

We wish to remember those sending in food supplies, and those making financial donations.

We wish also to thank the young folks who have attended the camp sessions for their fine cooperation and the courtesy shown us while they were here on the camp ground.

Again, we say, thanks to all and may God richly bless each and every one is our prayers.

The William Reeves Family

P.S. We will still watch over the camp to the very best of our ability while living on the camp site. Pray for us when all goes well with you.

## IT IS YOUR PRIVILEGE TO BE A SOUL WINNER

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." Danieĳ 12:3.

What a high privilege "to turn many to righteousness." And what a reward, "shall shine as the stars for ever." Do you have this *forever* in your life? Did you ever win one soul to righteousness? Surely your influence is not cast for evil. Or perhaps you are neutral and your interest negligible.

Would you like to do your best for God? Become a soul winner! Link your life to His for the great enterprise of rescue. Would you like to do your best for the world? Reach out your hand to point to Christ. Sometimes your hand will give a motion of warning, for souls are in danger. Sometimes there will be a motion of beckoning, as you repeat the invitation of your Lord, "Come unto me, all ye that

labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

Would you like to do your best for your church? What greater service is there to render than this, to be a seeker of men? This is the Churches mission and commission, and you enable your own church to justify its existence when you point a soul to Christ.

Why not do your best for yourself? Soul winning is it. It enriches your own life. It makes you a growing and glowing Christian. There will be much earthly reward: to see a life transformed, to see the sin-marred face radiant, to see defeats turned into victory. And there will be heavenly reward also. Be sure of that. You will be glad then and wish you had started it sooner. Then you will not be empty handed and ashamed, but will have golden sheaves to lay at His feet.

Rev. A. A. White  
Herrin, Illinois

## MORE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

### TITLES AND NAMES

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

The Comforter—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."

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

Free Spirit—Psalm 51:12, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit."

God—Acts 5:3-4, "...why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost ...? ...thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Good Spirit—Neh. 9:20, "Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them."

Holy Spirit—Luke 11:13, "...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

The Lord—II Thess. 3:5, "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love

of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."

Power of the Highest—Luke 1:35, "...the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee."

The Spirit—Matthew 4:1, "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit..."

Spirit of the Lord God—Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord God..."

Spirit of the Lord—Isa. 11:2, "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge..."

Spirit of God—Gen. 1:2, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Spirit of the Father—Matthew 10:20, "...but the Spirit of your Father..."

Spirit of Christ—Rom. 8:9, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Spirit of the Son—Gal. 4:6, "...God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts..."

Spirit of Life—Rom. 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Spirit of Grace, "Heb. 10:29, "...and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

Spirit of Wisdom, etc.—Isaiah 11:2, "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."

Spirit of Truth—John 14:17, "Even the Spirit of truth..."

Spirit of Holiness—Rom. 1:4, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness."

Spirit of Glory—I Peter 4:14, "...happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you."

I believe that it was expedient or proper that the Holy Spirit was sent to earth: for if He had not been sent and Christ would have went back to heaven, we would not have any way to know of or about Jesus and the Father, or God.

Holy men of old spake for God, by being moved by the Holy Spirit. Samuel said, "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me." II Sam. 23:2.

Warren Moffitt, Winigan, Mo.

The Lord—II Thess. 3:5, "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love They always talk who never think. *Set.*





### HAS SOME OPEN DATES

Recent communication reveals that Rev. William Buster, full-time evangelist of Thebes, Illinois, has some open revival dates after the middle of October. Bro. Buster is widely known over Illinois and Missouri, both as a pastor and an evangelist. For the past few years he has devoted full time to the needy field of evangelism. The fall and winter revival season is here. If you are looking for an evangelist, your editor would recommend Rev. Buster to you. It has been my privilege to work with him in two revivals and to closely observe several other revivals in which he was the evangelist. His passion to see the lost brought to Christ is his purpose in this ministry. Write him direct at Thebes, Illinois.

### GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION

By Ford Porter

MY FRIEND: I am asking you the most important question of life. Your joy or your sorrow for all *eternity* depends upon it. The question is: Are you *saved*? It is not if you are a member of some church, but, Are you *saved*? It is not how good you are, but, Are you *saved*? No one can enjoy the blessings of God or go to Heaven without being saved. Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:7, "Ye must be born again." God gives us in His Word the

only plan for Salvation. The plan is simple, you can be saved *today*.

First, my friend, you must realize you are a sinner. Rom. 3:10, "There is none righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3:22, 23, "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." There is *no chance* to be saved unless you come to realize you are a sinner.

Because you are a sinner, you are *condemned to die*. Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death." James 1:15, "Sin, bringeth forth death." This means separation from God, in *hell, forever*. How terrible. Yes, my friend, but it is true. But God loved you so much, that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as your *substitute*, Who bore your sin, and died in your place. II Cor. 5:21, "He hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." I Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Now we cannot understand how our sin was laid upon Jesus, but God says in His Word that it was. So your sin, my friend, was laid upon Jesus and He died in your place. It is true. God cannot lie.

The Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:31, "And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Simply believe on Him as the one who bore your sin, died in your place, was buried and was raised for your justification. Now call upon Him. Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved."

The first prayer for a sinner to pray is given in Luke 18:13, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Now you are a sinner and surely you are sorry because of it. Right now, lift your heart to God in prayer. It does not take a long, loud prayer, for God is *anxious* to save you. Just say: Oh God, I am a sinner and I am sorry, have mercy upon me, and save me for Jesus' sake. Now just take Him at His Word. Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever (that includes you) shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved." (*Shall be*, not *might or can*, but *shall be saved*.) Just take God at His Word. When you have done what He has asked, claim salvation by faith, according to His Word.

Believe and thou shalt be saved. No church, no lodge, no good works, no one but Jesus only can save you.

The simple plan of salvation is: you are a sinner; because you are a sinner you must die or else believe on Christ who was your substitute and died in your place, was buried and was raised again. Just call upon God, realizing you are a sinner and ask Him to have mercy upon you and save you for Jesus' sake. Then just take Him at His Word and by faith claim salvation. You say, "Surely that is not all that is necessary to be saved." Yes it is, absolutely all. Thank God many have been won to Christ by this simple plan. It is Scriptural. It is God's plan. My friend, believe it and follow it today. Now is the time—Today is the day. II Cor. 6:2, "Behold, now is the accepted time; Behold, now is the day of salvation." Prov. 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

If it is not perfectly clear, read it over and over until you understand it. Your soul is worth more than all the world. Mark 8:36, 37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Be sure you are saved. You need salvation above everything else. If you lose your soul you miss heaven and lose all. God help you to be saved today.

He will save you and also keep you. I Cor. 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Do not trust your feelings. They change. Stand on God's promises. They never change.

After you are saved there are three things to practice daily for spiritual growth: Pray—You talk to God; Read your Bible—God talks to you; Witness—You talk for God. Matt. 10:32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

—A Berean Gospel Tract

The greatest and noblest pleasure which men can have in this world is to discover new truths; and the next is to shake off old prejudices.

—Frederick the Great

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SUGGESTED PROGRAM

*Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3609 Rickland Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee*

**October 13, 14, 15**

CONFERENCE THEME: "*Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*" John 4:35.

### TUESDAY, October 13—

10:00 ..... Music by College Chorus  
10:15 Devot'ns, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham  
10:30 We welcome you, Dr. Johnson  
10:45 Response and program introduction ..... Rev. Raymond Riggs  
11:00 ..... Music by College Chorus  
Message .. Rev. Damon C. Dodd

### TUESDAY Afternoon—

1:30 Song Leader ..... Selected  
Prayer ..... Selected  
1:40 Review of Missionary Manual, by  
Rev. Raymond Riggs  
2:15 We Look on Japan, Rev. Wesley  
Calvery  
2:35 We Look to North India, Rev. and  
Mrs. Paul Woolsey  
3:15 Adjournment

### TUESDAY Evening—

7:30 ..... Music by College Chorus  
Devotions  
8:00 Message ... Rev. Damon C. Dodd  
8:45 We all sing  
8:50 Missionary Film (Home Miss'ns)  
Home Mission Offering  
Benediction

### WEDNESDAY Morning—

8:30 Song Leader ..... Selected  
Devotions ..... Selected  
8:45 Review of Missionary Manual  
9:15 Question and Answer Period  
9:30 We all sing and pray  
9:35 Special Music  
9:45 We Look on the Near East, Rev.  
Sam Zlady  
10:15 We Look on Latin America, Rev.  
Robert Wilfong  
10:45 Recess  
11:15 Message .. Rev. Damon C. Dodd

### WEDNESDAY Afternoon—

1:30 Song Leader ..... Selected  
Devotions .. Rev. Reford Wilson  
Review of Missionary Manual  
2:15 We Look on Cuba, Tommy Willey  
2:45 Adjournment.

### WEDNESDAY Evening—

7:30 ..... Music by College Chorus  
Devotions ..... Rev. Mark Lewis  
Special Music  
8:00 Message .. Miss Kathleen Manley  
(Miss Manley spent 14 years in  
Africa as missionary nurse)  
8:45 We all sing  
8:50 Missionary Film .. "The Regions  
Beyond"  
Foreign Mission Offering  
Benediction

### THURSDAY Morning—

8:30 Song Leader ..... Selected  
Devotions  
8:45 Review of Missionary Manual  
9:15 Question and Expression Period  
9:30 We all sing  
9:35 Special Music  
9:45 We Look on South India .. June  
Rivenbark  
10:15 We Look on China .... Sammy  
Wilkinson  
10:45 Recess  
11:00 ..... Music by College Chorus  
We Look on Africa ..... Miss  
Kathleen Manley  
Final Adjournment

## PIONEERING NEW FIELDS IN TROUBLED CUBA

### Our Dear Co-Laborers:

The labors of the past month have been in new fields, that I have, up to now, not been able to visit. I wish it were possible to take each of you with me and let you see and feel what I have experienced.

The first new field was back in the towering cliff country where one of our Christian families has been living for a year. The husband is in charge of a large cattle ranch. Only one person in the family can read a little, they began inviting their neighbors in and their 14 year old girl would read the Word. The results have been wonderful. A number have been saved and a young man called to preach the Gospel. The tragedy is that this fine boy cannot read. He said, "Mr. Willey, please let me attend the Seminary. I will do anything for a chance to prepare myself." He was carrying tracts and Gospel portions on his pony to isolated families in the mountains. "Mr. Willey, I must preach," were his parting words to me, after we prayed together high in those Cuban mountain trails. He sat on his pony and

waited as I faded out on the trail. We must do something for this boy. I sent for him to come and work at the farm so we can teach him to read. Probably someone might be interested in him. His name is Angel, "Angel of the mountains." He is now here in the school. He came without a towel or sheets or soap, and how willing he is to do anything.

I carry some of Laubach's system of teaching to read with me when I go on these trips. In one Christian home I had an experience I shall never forget. The girl 14, the father and mother, devout Christian soul-winners, hung upon a chair while the little blond headed son knelt and sorted out letters to form words so that father and mother might learn to read the Word. This lesson lasted for three straight hours.

I have heard children praying with intense earnestness, in these mountain homes, and my heart was thrilled. The going is not at all easy over these steep stony mountain trails, but what a reward it is—not meeting the multitude in the churches but seeing results of hand picked fruit. Such was the ministry of the Master—from person to person. We as preachers have been so mass conscious that we have lost touch with the individual.

I have had occasion during these weeks to spend hours in the saddle going from cabin to cabin high in the Cuban hills. My heart has been appalled at the need—need of food. There were little children with beautiful features but pinched by malnutrition. I have ridden at mid-day up to the doors of these cabins and have seen upon the table sometimes only ground corn, dry and tasteless, or yuca, a tropical tuber almost pure starch. But the saddest fact is that they have never heard of the Bread of Life, the Saviour who came so long ago. In my sadness at the impoverished living, I have rejoiced in being the first to tell them the glad story of redeeming grace; of treasures untold, until it is all I can do to come back to the comfort and pleasant surroundings of my own home at the mission school. My heart has desired to reach those who have never heard so much. I am mapping out sections of all the Province. Since writing to you last I have made three trips in these out of the way places.

The man who came to be our school cook was born on the coast where we



have never entered, simply because we did not have the workers. This man, when at the age of two years, moved with the family to the Province of Las Villas. For 28 years contact was lost with the home folk. The longing of this humble Christian was to see if his relatives were alive and if they knew the Gospel. This was a real opportunity that I could not miss, so we arranged for one of our faithful Christians who knows something of the mountain trails to meet us with horses. We rode into the pine covered hills until there burst out upon our sight the immense Atlantic Ocean. Winding our way down into the valley, thickly populated, where a missionary had never gone, and after hours we found the uncle and a large family of grown sons. They heard for the first time the story of salvation. Their interest was a thrill to our hearts. We were the first to arrive with the Word of God. They were so poor that I bought fish as the fishermen came in with their boats to have something to eat.

The military supervision was so strict that more than four people were not permitted to meet together, so for the moment a preaching service was out of the question. Personal work from home to home was the order.

I found the bus could make it over the roads so we planned to return. The next week I went in on horseback and while going in, found another valley of precious people; some of them relatives of our Christians. I told these I would be back. When I arrived in the fishing village of El Barraco, news came from the military officer in charge that he was my friend and I could have a service when and where I desired. The next day the bus came in and imagine my surprise when Tommy rushed out to pull me off the horse. The dear folk in East Nashville Church had made it possible for him to be with us a short time and we are grateful to them.

That afternoon we had the first evangelical service in that village. Rough fishermen and their families stood, greatly moved, as Mrs. Willey spoke to them on a text they heard for the first time in their lives, John 3:16. When we asked them if they wanted us to return, one big fisherman said, "Probably it is too late for us, but you are in time for our children."

In this statement, so well put, there

is a tragic fact. "Too late for us, in time for our children." The children, great numbers under foot all about, certainly shall be the net to reach these sun-bronzed sons of the nets. It is more than we can do to wait to place benches and lights. The old uncle who sits with consuming interest, took me into an immense room and said, "You can have this room for services."

I could go on and on telling you of such experiences. What I personally have experienced in these past weeks, and during this summer, our preacher boys are knowing year in and out. Pray for them daily that the Holy Spirit shall completely possess their lives, and make them flaming evangelists, that the fire and passion "to go out in the highways and hedges" shall never be dimmed until the task is done.

With warmest Christian love and gratitude to each of you who share with us in this great responsibility.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey

### VISITING MINISTER BRINGS MESSAGE AT CONVENTION

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Hazel Creek Church, August 30, 1953, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour. The morning worship service was opened by congregational singing. Prayers were by Rev. Lizzie McAdams and Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Rev. H. M. McAdams, of Huntsville, Texas, delivered the 11:00 o'clock message. He read for a Scripture lesson the eighth chapter of Romans. He delivered a wonderful message. At the close of the message an invitation was given. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alta Mikel.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was with Rev. H. M. McAdams leading the congregation in singing, "He Keeps Me Singing." Sis. Alta Mikel read for a Scripture lesson James 5:7-20. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted, letters from Hazel Creek and New Harmony were read and accepted.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with the Martinstown Church, with Rev. Orville Dobbs bringing the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Alta Mikel his alternate.

The following program was given

Songs by the mixed quartet from the

Sublett Church. "I'll Be A Sunbeam," Fern Dobbs. "Glory Hallelujah, Praise the Lord," June Hobbs. Play—"We Build A Church," Story Hour Class of Hazel Creek. "When God Dips His Love in My Heart," and "My Lord Keeps A Record," Mr. and Mrs. Sherman King. My Answered Prayer, Leona Thompson. "Hide Me," Cassie and Harold Kelsey. "At the Cross," Andy Lay. Rev. Lizzie McAdams gave a short talk. The congregation sang, "Precious Memories." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam.

Leona Thompson, sec'y-treas.

### ASKS YOUR HELP IN BUILDING NEW CHURCH

September 11, 1953

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

This is an appeal that needs your most urgent attention. The cry of our National Association was to enlarge and expand. Here is your opportunity to practice your preaching.

We are greatly in need of finances to put up a new church building. We anticipate approximately 25 to 30 charter members as soon as we get organized. Thus far we have secured a tract of land 200 by 400 hundred feet that is already clear and in the Free Will Baptist name. A Sunday School of about 60 to 65 will be ready to occupy the building as soon as it is far enough along to move into. Our appeal to you is first of all, prayer; then a burden to see this needy work move along. Rev. John Rogers, of Fredericktown, Missouri, is doing a most wonderful job for the Lord getting this church organized, a building built, and all the other incidentals that go with a new work.

Bro. Rogers recently closed a revival in which there were 14 conversions. He immediately began this new work and the Lord has blessed, and I'm sure will continue to do so.

Send all your contributions to Rev. John Rogers, Fredericktown, Missouri. Send all you can and every gift will be acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

Yours in His service,

Rev. William T. Newsome  
103 West Murta Street  
Fredericktown, Missouri

Truth does not hurt unless it ought to.

# The- Quack Doctor



by Rev. Paul Woolsey

The "Quack Doctor" is a booklet of 80 pages recently published by the National Board of Publication and Literature. Written by Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned missionary from India, it sets forth the dual life of Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey as they were pressed into the field of serving the physical as well as the spiritual. This is not a book of statistics, but a graphic account of life on the mission field. It will hold your interest from the first paragraph to the last. You may laugh; you will cry; and you will know much more about your missionaries and their work. Every Free Will Baptist should read this. Other denominations are also finding it helpful. Order from the Free Will Baptist Gem. Single copy, 40¢; three (to same address), \$1.00; postpaid. Order now.

"Our business is to do the will of God. He will take care of the business."

—Gospel Messenger

Will of your own is more likely to help you succeed than the will of a rich relative.

—Indianapolis Times

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

August 1, 1952 - July 31, 1953

Sunday School	Enrollment	Ave. Attendance	Departments	Classes	Offering	D.Y.B.S.
Mountain Grove	250	173	3	15	3.00	yes
Fredericktown	211	164	2	10	1.00	no
Fellowship (Flat R.)	182	136	2	11	10.00	yes
Southside (St. L.)	140	130	2	8	10.00	yes
First Flat River	147	119		10	10.00	no
Third St. Louis	115	104	1	8	3.00	yes
Copper Mines	117	101	1	8	5.00	yes
Union Light	144	98	1	9	3.00	no
Desloge		87		7	2.00	yes
Leadington	96	83	1	9	5.00	yes
Monett	118	83	2	9		yes
New Harmony		63		7	5.00	no
Macedonia	76	60		6	3.00	no
Merl's Chapel	80	60		6	2.00	yes
Myrtle	60	59		6	1.70	yes
Hazel Creek		58		8	5.05	yes
Aulsbury Chapel	91	58		7		no
Richwoods	79	53	1	4	2.00	no
Jones Chapel	70	52		6	3.00	yes
Verdella	60	46		5	5.00	no
Rock Chapel	65	45	1	5	5.00	no
Niangua	60	40		5	5.55	no
Sublette	43	37		4	5.00	no
Fourth St. Louis	55	37	1	5	5.00	no
Faith and Hope	40	35	1	3	1.00	no
Shibley's Point	48	31		4	5.00	no
Carterville	41	30		6	5.00	yes
Mine LaMotte	60	29	1	4	3.00	no
Union Chapel		25		3	1.00	no
Jewel		20	1	4	2.00	yes

## LARGE CHRISTIAN FAMILY ALL LIVING

The following is a list of nine brothers and sisters, all living, all are Christians, two of whom are Free Will Baptist preachers. This family is the children of Henry and Susan Robertson. The father was born December 6, 1844 in Mississippi, and died February 28, 1923. The mother was born June 15, 1862 in Alabama, and died June 12, 1936. Both are buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery nine miles north of Charleston, Arkansas.

Pabelle Agnes Trotter, age 75 ..... born July 23, 1878  
 James Wm. Robertson (Jim), age 72, born April 21, 1881  
 Henry Columbus Robertson, age 70, born August 30, 1883  
 Annie Belle Brown, age 67 ..... born February 12, 1886  
 John Aaron Robertson, age 64 .... born February 25, 1889  
 Jacob Arthur Robertson, age 62 ..... born May 25, 1891  
 Rev. Samuel Farris Robertson (Sam), age 59, born January 30, 1894  
 Rev. Thomas Jefferson Robertson (Tommy), age 56, born June 9, 1897  
 Susan Elizabeth Francis, age 51 .. born February 2, 1902