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IS THIS THE RIGHT ROAD HOME?

Is this the right road home, O Lord?
The clouds are dark and still,
The stony path is sharp and hard—
Each step brings some fresh hill!
I thought the way would brighter grow
And that the sun with warmth would glow,
And joyous songs from free hearts flow—
Is this the **right** road home?

Yes, child! This very path I trod—
The clouds were dark for Me;
The stony path was hard to tread;
Not sight, but faith, can see
That at the end the sun shines bright
Forever where there is no night,
And glad hearts rest from earth's fierce fight
It **is** the right road home. — Selected

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YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT

I would like to make a brief report
of the findings of the Youth Camp
Board, and plans for this year's ses-
sion, so far as these plans have been
completed to date.

Your Board has investigated 14 dif-
ferent camps in view of renting one
for this year's session. Only three of
them would meet the requirements of
our needs. Two of these were al-
ready taken up for the summer. How-
ever, one can be rented for the third
week in July. This camp has a modern
dining hall, state approved rest rooms,
and is located geographically near the
central part of the state on the Lake of
the Ozarks on the north fork of the
lake, about four miles off No. 5 High-
way, some 14 miles southeast of Ver-
sailles, Missouri. Three members of
the Board have approved this location
at this writing, the other members are
being contacted and given the informa-
tion gathered. We hope to be able to
give full particulars concerning plans
for this year's session by the middle of
this month. In the mean time, we ask
your continued support in prayer and
finance through the Co-Operative Fund.

Rev. O. T. Allred

FEW DATES OPEN

We learn in correspondence with
Rev. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois
that he has some open dates yet for
February and March. If you want an
evangelist of ability and a passion to
see souls saved, you will want to con-
tact Bro. Buster at once for these or
later dates.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

Again we are reporting the average
(as far as we have them) for two
months. The first column is the De-
cember average, the second one for
January. The absence of the January
total is no reflection, instead those that
we do have for January were just extra
prompt, and we appreciate it. We still
need many other church schools to be
regular reporters.

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| Marble Hill, S.E. Mo. | 40 |
| League | 32 |
| Rev. Cecil Sheppard, Pastor | |
| Richwoods | 58 |
| Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Pastor | |
| Hannon | 45 |
| Rev. Conrad Williford, Pastor | |
| Copper Mines | 91 92 |
| Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Pastor | |
| Third St. Louis | 99 92 |
| Rev. James Barker, Pastor | |
| Fourth St. Louis | 42 53 |
| Rev. Wm. Turnbough, Pastor | |
| Salem, St. Louis | 47 56 |
| Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Pastor | |
| Fredericktown | 175 158 |
| Rev. W. T. Newsome, Pastor | |
| First Church, Springfield | 151 135 |
| Rev. Henry Long, Pastor | |
| Fellowship, Flat River | 149 |
| Rev. Rolla Smith, Pastor | |
| Jones Chapel, Stella | 59 |
| Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor | |
| Monett | 86 78 |
| Rev. Cecil Campbell, Pastor | |
| Southside, St. Louis | 140 |
| Rev. James Franklin, Pastor | |
| Mtn. Grove | 176 |
| Rev. Willard C. Day, Pastor | |
| 1st Ch., Elizabethton, Tenn., .. | 209 206 |
| Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor | |
| Oilton, Oklahoma | 111 116 |
| Rev. Benjamin R. Scott, Pastor | |
| Lawnwood: Tulsa, Okla. | 158 157 |
| Rev. H. E. Staires, Pastor | |
| Phillips Chapel: Arkansas | 150 170 |
| Rev. Tommy Day, Pastor | |
| First Church, Tulsa, Okla. ... | 330 |
| Rev. John H. West, Pastor | |

Thanks very much to the faithful
Sunday School clerks and the church
pastors for making this nice report
possible. It is encouraging. We hope
to see this list grow considerably yet,
but it can only be done as you are
regular and prompt with your report.

THE HUMAN HEART

The heart is the least understood and most vital organ of the body. Without it there is no life. And the condition of the heart is the most vital part of our Christian, Spiritual life. For this reason we are warned in Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." To analyze the heart is beyond the power of mere man, but the Bible has much to say about it. So I will try to bring out some thoughts to show how very important it is to a healthy Spiritual life.

In Mark 12:30, Jesus said, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 5:8 states, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

When we pray a heart prayer to God and ask Him to search us and create within us a pure heart and clean hands, are we willing to face what He may find there? In Jeremiah 17:9, God says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart." The risk of letting God search our heart and knowing ourselves as we really are, is not easy, and many times unpleasant, and sometimes will bring heart ache. What we think of our selves is often what we want to be, not what we really are. We make excuses for what we have done or want to do. We see virtues in our selves that do not exist. In dealing with God, we must face ourselves. Deut. 11:16, "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them."

In this troubled world of turmoil and a people who worship success, and have pleasure as their god, we seldom find a humble, thankful Child of God who has paid the price for a peace of mind and a place of rest. Even though the storms of life are raging and the testing times comes, there is a place under the wings of our Heavenly Father where the troubles of life cannot molest us, and where we are secure in His divine love and grace.

We often pray for the Spirit of Christ, to be more like our Saviour. It is Christ's Spirit dwelling within us that is the drawing power to Christ. Are we willing to let God rule and reign in our hearts? The Apostle Peter was so full of the love of God that the sick were brought into the street and laid on beds and couches that at least even the shadow of Peter passing by might over shadow some of them. And how strongly our lives influence those whom we meet.

II Thess. 3:5, "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ." Proverbs 23:7, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Matt. 15:19, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts." And Jesus talking to the Pharisees, said, "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." We cannot hide what we have in our heart. So you see how important is the condition of the heart.

I John, fourth chapter, is a love chapter. The thirteenth verse states, "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." That is the whole secret of a Spiritual life: Christ living and ruling our life, our every thought, each act, and each motive to be under the control of the Holy Spirit.

When we stand at the judgment bar of God to give account of our life lived here in the flesh, we are to be judged by what we have in our hearts, not the good deeds we think we have done. Our own righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight. But if the Holy Spirit is dwelling in our hearts, it will plead our case at the judgment. God ever seeks for your heart and mine, to mold it after His will, as clay in the hands of the potter, to humble our hearts to the drawing power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." May the drawing power of the Holy Spirit shine forth with such sweetness and power in the life of every born-again Christian, that those who do not know our Saviour may long to know Him, and seek to find Him precious to their hearts.

May the words of this song become our heart prayer:

O, to be like Thee, O, to be like Thee,
This is my constant longing and prayer

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Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.
Change and decay all about me I see—
O, Changeless Christ, abide with me.

Pearl Perriman, Illinois

DO YOU PAY TITHES?

Do you pay tithes, beloved?

The tenth to God you owe!

Or do you say I can't afford it,

And go on down life's road.

Some say my wages are too small

To give God ten percent,

But then they purchase foolish things

To laugh at, dress and primp.

They say I am a Christian,

When they attend the Church,

But that don't pay the Church bills

The pastor has to work.

Ah! the preacher is no better,

Than I am any way;

Let his tithes keep the church up

That's his job, let him pay.

Then when they're sick and bedfast,

The pastor is tired, after work;

They call him up to pray with them

That's his job, he can't shirk.

I wonder if those Christians

Have read the Bible through;

They quote to you some Scriptures,

But tithing is in there too.

If God lets us use ninety cents

He ought to have His dime,

For He can do more good with it,

Than we can with our nine.

If you are a real Christian

You'd better open your eyes,

Read the Bible through and through

Until you learn to tithe.

Maude Reynolds Dean
Huntington, W. Va.

Unseen Realities

WHILE we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. II Cor. 4:18.

The inspired writer explains that the things which are seen are temporal—have a time element, are transitory, will come to an end. Man's greatest institutions, strongest empires, largest hoards of wealth, greatest buildings, works of art, pass away. All things that man can see or claim for self are conquered by time.

Only things which man cannot see or put a price tag on are good for eternity. The things that uplift the soul, that bring to man the only serenity and peace of mind, that give him assurance and make life worth while, are the things he can't see but they have lasting *value*. They are the *ETERNAL* things.

The seen things belong to the world—material things. The unseen things are Spiritual. They are as different as earth and heaven. The seen things are often held so close that they obstruct the heavenly vision—hinder the progress and mar the testimony of the child of God.

Paul, in his epistles, refers to some very real seen things that he had to contend with along the way. He had been given forty stripes save one five different times. The whipping post was a seen reality. He had been stoned and carried out of a city for dead, snake bit, ship wrecked three times, spent a day and a night in the deep, and bore the marks of the Lord on his body. *THESE WERE SEEN REALITIES*. He was betrayed by the brethren and the very Gentiles that he sought to help. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." His training, lineage, social position, place of religious leadership were all *SEEN REALITIES*. Yet, he counted all these things but loss for Christ.

Because of self-denial, hardships, imprisonments and infirmities of age, the outward man was perishing, but the inward man—his real eternal self—was getting stronger (v16). Our light afflictions—without a doubt hard to bear at the time—shrank into insignificance because they didn't last but a moment when compared with *THE ETERNAL*.



Moses is a good example of one who looks at the unseen. He could have looked at the beautiful palaces and wealth of Pharaoh's court. He could have kept his eye on the wealth and place of leadership that would one day be his as the adopted son of royalty. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Heb. 11:24-26.

Lot looked at (*SEEN*) things and pitched his tent toward Sodom. As a result he made shipwreck of faith and ruined his life.

Abraham looked at things that Lot couldn't see and became the Patriarch

of faith. He looked for a city not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.

Jesus is an unseen reality. Paul says, "We are confident, . . . and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." II Cor. 5:8. "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21.

Faith is an unseen reality—the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It has enabled men to live victoriously in all walks of life and under every adverse condition. It brought the three Hebrew children safely through the fire, gave Daniel deliverance from the lions den. It has always levelled the walls of our Jericos and brought us safely through our furnaces stronger, in His grace, than before.

Hope is an unseen reality. When hope is gone the man is dead. I have visited many who were dying of incurable diseases. They seldom talked of death. They talked of things that they planned to do when they were well again. In Hebrews 6:18, it is the "anchor of the soul," both sure and steadfast. Anchors are used to hold the ship in time of storm. They go down through the waves and lay hold on the rock. So it is with us in our darkest hours, the anchor goes down beneath the waves of despair and doubt and grasps our rock and sure foundation—Jesus.

Charity—the great unseen force of love for God and kindred souls in Christ—is the mortar that holds the entire structure of His Church together. Without it one cannot be victorious, all other attainments are meaningless, our lives fruitless.

Heaven is an unseen reality. Jesus says, "I go to prepare a *PLACE* for you." It is just as real as the town where you live, and is free of the things that are so grievous to His people. There'll be no drunkenness, blasphemy, no tears, sickness, no grave yards on the hills of glory.

The thing that gives us courage in this pilgrim warfare is that some day we'll enter in to that inheritance that

Peter described as "Incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." I Peter 1:4-5.

Regeneration is the most powerful unseen reality in this present world. This isn't church membership, card signing, shaking hands with the preacher, not just a decision, but a heart felt, soul stirring experience brought about by repentance and faith. By it the outlaw is tamed, the impure made pure, the liar turned truthful, the honest, the self-righteous is made to see himself as he is.

No wonder that Paul could say, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things (the things of the old life) are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17. The old sin-stained garment is exchanged for a robe of righteousness. The profane now sings "Amazing Grace." The bar-room is deserted for the prayer room. He has new hopes, new ambitions, a New Master and a new address. He moves from Grumbles Alley to Glory Street. He finds himself with bread to eat that the world knows not of.

There are some unpleasant realities, but, because they are realities they must be faced.

Hell is as terrible as heaven is beautiful. As sure as saved people go to heaven, Christ rejectors go to hell. God is a God of love, but He is also a God of wrath to those who walk in rebellion against His will.

Judgement is not seen but certain. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the *JUDGMENT*." Heb. 9:27.

Rev. William Buster, evangelist
Route 1, Thebes, Illinois

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA

The following is in form of a report:

I am positive in my conviction that the precedent was set for one of the greatest needs of intelligently presenting the challenge of world-wide missions to our people.

Frankly, I was greatly disappointed at the seeming indifference on the part of so many of our people to a convention of so great import.

No greater personality in all Protes-

tant action in the world at large could have been gotten than Rev. Clyde Taylor. Clyde has his hand upon the pulse of all religious action—a man of world renown and travel.

I do not wish to present a pessimistic report, but I do want to say that this conference presented the challenge to begin in a larger way in the year to come.

Our national representative for missions, Bro. Raymond Riggs, is doing an excellent piece of work. Not only is he representing the practical aspect of our denominational missionary program but in a deeply spiritual way he is also bringing the indifferent and the unsaved to the feet of our Lord.

We have every reason to be very proud of Brother Riggs. He is in contact with the great minds who are thinking missions on the plane of broad horizons. I am sure in this conference we are taking a new and larger step to victory.

I am deeply grateful for the invitation to have a small part on this program in my home church and to come to know my present pastor, Rev. Joe Ange, and to note the tremendous growth of the church. An added attraction for this old veteran was the presence of my children who left Durham when they were little children. Barbara was still a baby. We are grateful for the ready and gracious gesture on the part of our school at Nashville to excuse them for a few days so that they might have an active part in the singing. What a thrill to hear my son Tom preach. My first time to hear him, and to note his improvement in every way, which speaks highly for our training center in Nashville.

It was my privilege to preach in the last church I served as a pastor on the very gracious invitation of a brother pastor, Rev. Whilmor of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. Just a few remained of the original group. Then Sunday night at Sharon Acres to an enormous group of people in the midst of an immense building program.

We wish to say, "Thank you," again to the pastor of the Durham Church, the Mission Board, the Director of Missions, the people of Durham Church, and each pastor and congregation it was our privilege to visit.

Lovingly,

Thomas H. Willey
and the Missionary force in the Island of Cuba.

NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTED FOLLOWING FINE REVIVAL

Saco, Missouri

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

We have such good news that we just have to tell about it. God has been so good to us down here at the Oak Hill Church. Just a little over three months ago, where there was just wood and brush, there now stands a little white church.

We have had a wonderful revival with Rev. Woodrow Matthews as our evangelist. Twelve souls were saved and we were all helped by the good messages. We were having such good attendance and interest that we started into the third week of the revival, but ended on Wednesday night because of impassable roads. We are looking forward to another revival in April or May.

One brother didn't wait until the altar call, but went to the altar while Sis. Matthews was leading the testimony meeting. In just a little bit he was followed by one of the oldest of our group who said she just felt like she needed to go. Everyone thought they were Christians already. We thank God for them.

How wonderful to hear the testimonies of the new converts as they try to tell how wonderful it is to be saved. It seems as though the words haven't been found yet that can tell how wonderfully God can bless His children.

We are so thankful that God laid a burden on Rev. and Sis. John Rogers' hearts for us, and have helped us build this little church. He has acted as our pastor and assisted Rev. Matthews in the revival. We would like to have them stay with us if it would be God's will.

We are not an organized body yet, but expect to be in the near future. We do not have our church finished on the inside yet but we have had services in it since the 13th of December. God has blessed and has been with us from the very beginning of this undertaking. Pray for us that our little church will be a means of enlarging God's Kingdom.

Humbly yours,

Maude Duffer, acting sec'y.,
Oak Hill F.W.B. Church

"To obey is better than sacrifice."



From The Editor's Desk



RANDOM REFLECTIONS

Well, first of all, if you will pardon the use of a little space for personal reference, Mrs. Jeffreys and I would like to announce the arrival of a nice little girl who makes her residence at our house. She arrived January 19, and has become known as Elaine Ann. Although besieged with serious sinus, ear and nose infection from the outset, her general health and appearance is encouraging, and indications are that she will soon start rapid gains. Her two brothers seem to think she is something quite special, and their parents are not trying to change this attitude. We invite you to pay us a visit and meet the newest of the family.

Manuscript Wanted

I wish to again encourage you to send in manuscript. We would much rather have an abundance of material than to go 'hunting' for something worthy of going into the pages of the Gem.

We have noticed that one of the best liked features of the Gem has been the personal contact that it has maintained with the work on all levels. This includes whatever phase of the work YOU are engaged in. If it is of God and for His glory, it is important. Your reports, testimonies, sermons, and other articles are vital to us. Unless we can adequately meet this need and demand of the subscribers, we are not giving you what you deserve. Help us maintain a well balanced paper by sending in your articles. Do not leave it to someone else! It is as much your responsibility and privilege as anyone else. We have always appreciated those who have contributed in any way to the pages of the Gem. We would much rather have your articles and reports than to write or 'borrow' something. Please make this a personal responsibility and keep that manuscript coming in from everywhere. Thanks.

Fifth Sunday Gatherings

It has become the custom among many associations or quarterly meetings to use each Fifth Sunday as a Rally Day, with emphasis on whatever is best suited to the churches involved. Some feature the League and youth,

others use the occasion to emphasize the functions of the Auxillary, some stress the needs of missions, and all are progressive and evangelistic in nature. Indeed, these Fifth Sunday Rally Days have become a high point in the activities of the church and are eagerly looked forward to.

Your editor was a visitor for the afternoon part of the Indian Creek Rally Day held with its Neosho Church. League and the youth are featured at the meetings in this association. We learned that the morning message was by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. M. Hatfield. The noon hour was spent in partaking of a sumptuous meal spread at the church, and in fellowship. The afternoon program was presided over by Rev. Ted Davis, a fine young man who has just recently acknowledged a call to the ministry and has brought but a few messages. Lively congregational singing was enjoyed. A varied program of special singing, readings, and music was given, with most of the churches of the association taking part. One of the highlights of the program was a playlet given by the Pleasant Grove young people around the plot of an FBI agent apprehending some counterfeiters through the alertness of a young grocery clerk, and the application of this by the agent to counterfeit Christians. Topics were discussed by representatives of the Joplin Church with emphasis on personal service and witnessing for Christ. The program was an inspiration to all present. The next rally will be held with the Monett Church.

Rev. O. T. Allred, state promotional secretary, visited the Central Western Missouri rally held with the Independence Church near Stockton. He reports a large congregation in attendance and a very spiritual program rendered. The morning message was by Rev. Lowell Martin. A program of volunteer numbers from the various churches was enjoyed in the afternoon. This association also emphasizes youth and encourages the younger members to take active part, but gladly uses everyone who will take part.

A brief report comes to us from our friends in Old Mount Zion Association just to the south of us in Arkansas that their rally was with the Spring-

dale Church. The report states that they had a wonderful day together and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. The Springdale Church is one of the newest in the association, being about a year old. It has been enjoying a steady and remarkable growth. The Sunday School average for January was 170. This growth is no accident, as those who know the hard working pastor, Rev. Tommy Day, his good wife, and other faithful co-workers well know. We rejoice in their growth and their blessings.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Please renew my subscription to the Gem. I love it and don't want to do without it. Thank you for doing such a nice job of putting it out. May God's blessings rest upon you as you work so faithfully doing it.—Mrs. E. S., Mo.

Enclosed is \$1.50 for the Gem another year. We certainly enjoy the paper.—W. W. H., Illinois.

I'm sorry that I missed the December issue of the Gem. I was on a four months vacation in Missouri. If you have a December Gem, will you please send it.—Mrs. A. W., California.

We surely do like your paper. We wouldn't trade it at all for another. We are aware of your efforts to give us a paper that truly is a Free Will Baptist publication, not just a channel to "toot your own horn."—W. A. and E. H., Oklahoma.

We are sending for the Gem. Just couldn't get along without it. We do so enjoy reading all the news about our Brothers and Sisters in Christ everywhere.—Rev. and Mrs. J. R., Mo.

If I accepted a Bible owned by "The Council of Churches," which leaves out about 40 complete verses and mutilates scores of others, and cheapens the deity of Christ, and denies His virgin birth in prophecy, I certainly wouldn't want an inspirational, evangelical paper like the Gem and that dangerous book in my house at the same time.—W. C. D., Mo.

CORRECTIONS

Since your editor has never agreed that he, or anyone else, is above error, it is not difficult to acknowledge our mistakes when they do occur. In the report of the State Treasurer published last month there are some errors that we wish to correct at this time. It seems that we merely read the proofs for typographical errors and did not check the figures for accuracy. As would be our luck, some of the 'mats' had gone visiting and were in wrong font channels. The result is that some of the figures are incorrect. Some of the churches discovered the error and were kind enough to call it to our attention. Thanks for the help, and we apologize for the mistakes.

Under the Co-Operative Fund, the following are corrected figures:

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| Myrtle | \$ 28.82 |
| St. Louis Fourth | 82.30 |
| Sublett | 41.00 |
| Hannon | 40.07 |
| Carterville | 41.67 |
| St. Louis Third | 147.57 |
| Mountain Valley | 26.17 |
| Fredericktown | 181.64 |
| Wagoner | 34.09 |
| Verdella | 39.47 |
| Mill Creek | 24.60 |
| Total | \$1,857.88 |

Under the Foreign Mission Fund, the following corrections:

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| Union Light | 54.45 |
| Total | \$497.80 |

And the Total Receipts for Quarter should be\$3,148.09

PRAYER BAND PLEDGE CARD

For some time we have been urging our people of the State of Missouri to unite in praying for and supporting our denominational work. We have urged prayer first, "For except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build." Also, when we pray earnestly for a work, we are going to be willing to support with our finance and moral support, that for which we are praying.

We have prepared some cards, and on one side we have these words: "Prayer Band." Under this line—"This is to certify that the undersigned is a member of the Free Will Baptist Prayer Band of the State of Missouri." Space is provided for your name and address, also what church you are a

member of, and your pastor's name. On the other side of the card is a list of prayer topics. It is suggested that on Monday you especially pray for Missions; Tuesday—for the Bible College, the Faculty, and the Students; Wednesday—Our Church Publications, the "Gem" and the "Contact"; Thursday—our superannuated ministers and the program to support them; Friday—Christian training for our youth, with special emphasis on our Youth Camp; and for Saturday and Sunday—Pray for the Church, Sunday School, and League to which you belong.

I have been able to contact a number of our Churches and Quarterly Meetings with this plan of work, which is this: First, pray for this work—and then support it financially through the State Co-Operative Fund; subscribe to and read your church papers to keep informed as to the progress of each department of the work. I will be glad to mail some of these cards to any minister in the state who will present them to your people.

I have been very much encouraged by the response which I have received where I have been able to present this plan of work. With the co-operation of every pastor presenting this work to your people, it will mean several hundred people praying daily for our work, more and more churches supporting this work through the Co-Operative Fund, and our church papers going into hundreds of homes where they have not gone before. The dangers which confront our land, both from within and from without, should stir every child of God to action; first, down on our knees before God, then arising to serve the Master loyally and faithfully. If every Christian could be awake to his responsibility and opportunity we would see a great revival.

One once said this in giving a definition for preaching the Gospel: "To be like Christ, to stand in His stead, and speak in His behalf, sensible of a divine commission, persuaded that we are His ambassadors, not be infallible sacerdotal selection, not by the market law of supply and demand, but by immediate internal, and effectual call of God, thus persuaded to take the truths of the Holy Scriptures and unfold, illustrate, amplify them for enlightenment, and persuasion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to have them intensified by profound personal convictions, fused in the fires of one's own

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soul, with lips touched with God's altar fire; this is preaching."

Who could estimate the possibilities that lay before us, if each minister, and the laity as well, could go forth to thus be a co-laborer with God.

Yours in His service,

Rev. O. T. Allred,
Promotional Secretary

EXPENDITURES OF THE
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June 18 - December 31, 1953

Foreign Missions—

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| India | \$ 9,600.00 |
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| Rev. Raymond Riggs | \$1,765.00 |
| Office | 825.00 |
| Printing | 2,143.37 |
| Telephone | 14.20 |
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| Furnishings | 1,235.45 |
| Postage | 349.00 |
| Accounting Fees ... | 220.00 |
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Rev. Raymond Riggs

There is not a moment without some duty.
—Selected

Christmas Joy in India

"Westfield"
Kotagiri, The Nilgiris
South India
January 23, 1954

Dear Beloved Co-Laborers in Christ:

We enjoyed a wondrous Christmas this year! For all of us this Christmas was the most blessed any of us have ever known.

Our first program was held at Crosley Estate at 4:30 P.M., Saturday, December 19. The children were overjoyed as they received their various gifts, many faces being wreathed in radiant smiles.

Our next program was at Aggal the following Monday, December 21 at 9:30 A.M. Here, too, the predominating factor was joy as the children came forward to receive their gifts. Our evangelist, Mr. Joshua Paul, gave a very searching message on what it cost Christ to redeem poor fallen humanity. No one could have given a clearer message on the plan of salvation. Surely in the days ahead in this very village God's Word will bring forth fruit a hundred-fold.

In the afternoon of that same day, we had a party for the high school lads and you should have seen their radiant faces as each received material for a shirt. Other small gifts were awarded according to the regularity of Sunday School attendance.

Tuesday at 5:00 P.M., December 22, we had two parties—one for the Ladies Sunday School class and the other for the Junior Boys Sunday School class. Their pleasure was profound as each received a gift for faithful attendance at Sunday School.

Wednesday, December 23, at 10:00 A.M. found the mission compound a beehive of activity. Nearly 100 school children came up to receive their gifts. They were awarded gifts according to their regular attendance at school for the year. As we looked into their little faces radiant with happiness we were sorry that you, who made this possible by your generous gifts of money and clothing and toys, were not present. If you could have been, your hearts, too, would have re-echoed the joy of the children. At 11:00 A.M. on the

same day we all gathered around the baptismal tank for the baptism of one of our young men. All present were blessed by this young lad's testimony of God's gracious work in his heart.

Thursday, December 24, at 10:00 A.M. we had a party for our workers and students who are now in training in various training centers. We had a very precious time of fellowship together ending by Miss Barnard's Christmas message to us and followed by a short testimony by me based on II Chr. 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." We closed by a short prayer for our new year's work. Three deep desires are ours as we begin another year for our Lord in the harvest field of India. (1) That God may bind us together with His love; (2) That we work together with one mind and one accord in order that our forces for Christ may be greatly strengthened; (3) That God may be able to flow out through each of us the *LIVING WATER* to the teeming millions of India's lost sons and daughters.

The afternoon of the same day a number of us went out to another tea estate to give out a few gifts to the Christian families. Perhaps the most radiant and joyous faces seen in any group were the faces of these little children. What an art it is to be able to enjoy small things! These dear little children rejoice over the smallest gift. This village needs prayer as they are still out of harmony and not open to instruction and guidance. They are poor and blinded and poverty-stricken but refuse to look to the One who could give them riches untold out of His treasures. Therefore, do pray often for this entire village.

Our program ended with a Christmas service in our church at 9:30 A.M. on Christmas Day. Following the service, around 200 came to the bungalow for the traditional Christmas treat and fellowship. When we had finished and the people had departed to their homes happy and pleased, I do not think any of them were more happy than Miss Barnard and I. Our hearts were overflowing with the joy that only Christ can give. And we want to thank all of you who have contributed so generously to foreign missions. You have

made possible just such a scene as depicted above and you share in our work here in a very real sense. We count it a high and holy privilege to be first of all Christ's representatives and secondly yours.

Also Miss Barnard and I would like to say a big 'Thank you' for all the lovely greetings we received this Christmas from you. They made our Christmas brighter. We find it quite impossible to express what is in our hearts for your loving remembrances and kindnesses to us. May our God wonderfully and in many unexpected ways repay each of you fourfold.

In a wonderful manner God used our two young lads from Bible College. The first Sunday morning they were home Wilson gave a short testimony at the close of our Sunday School. He told of the blessing that had come to him at the beginning of the school term. They were having a series of meetings and as all the services were in English, he could not understand all that was said (but God has certainly helped this Tamil lad in a marked manner as he has pursued his studies in English). Everywhere he looked people were crying. He tried to cry also but no matter how hard he tried the tears would not come. Then the Lord got hold of him and convicted him of sin and the tears came without any effort on his part. God showed him how grievous sin was and he praised Him for the grace that enables one to confess and forsake sin. He said, "My heart is so cleansed; cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus." On Wednesday of the same week this young man gave another testimony. He began with Proverbs 28:13 and told how he had taken a small amount of money when he was a school lad in grammar school from one of the hospitals there. God convicted him and he sent it back to the hospital. He ended his testimony with the same verse and said he had experienced the blessing of following out this verse. He had obtained pardon and mercy and he possessed God's peace in the depths of his soul and he was rejoicing in the God of his wonderful salvation. Prior to Wilson's testimony, John Raju, our other Bible College lad, gave his testi-

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mony. He, too, told of how God had helped him lay aside weights and confess and forsake sin and the measure of peace and joy he possessed was indescribable! At the close of this service Wilson's father rose with both hands extended above his head exclaiming, "I give my heart to Christ. I want Him in my life." Afterwards he prayed and told of how he had been influenced to turn to Christ by the life of his son. He saw Christ in him and the joy the lad possessed and it made him want his son's Christ.

The last Sunday in December this man and his wife, the wife of one of our elderly Christians, and John Raju's sister followed our Lord in baptism. Thus our Christmas season so fittingly closed. All of us were humbled and drawn closer to the Christ of Bethlehem and we believe the same joy that was in the hearts of the Shepherds on that night of long ago overflowed in our own hearts. The Christ of Christmas bent low and blessed our Christmas with His presence and power and our hearts were lifted to Him in thanksgiving and gratitude. What is Christmas without Christ in it? He is so much more real to us and we can never thank Him enough for having so graciously worked in our midst. Our hearts were made glad by all God did this season!

Pray for us that in this new year of 1954 we may see the manifestation of His power as never before and a great in-gathering of souls. God sent His Son to set the prisoner free; to bring deliverance; to destroy the works of the devil—may we and you there see this gloriously fulfilled in the year of 1954.

With our loving greetings to all and best wishes for a year filled with joy and victory and fruitful service for our Coming King.

Yours in the bonds of Christian love,
Volena Wilson

My verse for the year is found in I Chronicles 29:12. Pray for an ever deepening work of the Spirit in my heart and life.



MRS. ANNA PHILLIPS

Anna Phillips, daughter of Joseph and Mary Shrayhall, was born in Bohemia, December 11, 1880 and passed away at her home east of LaPlata, Missouri, January 12, 1954 at the age of 73 years and one month.

She was married to Charles Phillips on February 1, 1898 at Lingo, Missouri. To this union seven children were born.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother and three children. She is survived by her husband, four children, four brothers, three sisters, nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mrs. Phillips was a member of the Green Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services were held, Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 o'clock at Green Grove by Rev. Archie Cooper, assisted by Rev. Orville Dobbs. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Phillips was the wife of Rev. Charles Phillips, the oldest ordained minister for the Free Will Baptists of Northeast Missouri Association.

Rev. Archie Cooper

REV. WM. O. MANGHAM

In memory of Rev. William O. Mangham, retired F.W.B. minister who died at his home, 543 S.E. 36th St., Oklahoma City, Tuesday, January 12, 1954. Funeral services were Friday at 11:00 in the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunny Lane Cemetery.

Born in Texas, Bro. Mangham came to Oklahoma in 1917, living at Muskogee and Porum, Oklahoma before

moving to Oklahoma City in November, 1942. He did evangelistic work. He was an ordained minister and was 75 years old.

Surviving are his wife Myrtle of the home, four sons: A. J. Mangham, R. D. Mangham, Parker Mangham and Barney Mangham; five daughters: Gladys Shim, Myrtle Cruiz, Thelma Clark, Mary Stidham and Mrs. Don McGuire. Three children preceded him in death. The youngest son, William O. Mangham, Jr., gave his life for our freedom December 27, 1944.

Bro. Mangham was reconciled a long while before his death that he wouldn't be here long. He had complications including cancer.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

Services were conducted by Rev. Jack Dodson, pastor of Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma City, and Rev. Harry E. Staires of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

*Darling, we know that you have left us,
But only your soul has gone away;
Your spirit is with us always
Until we join you some day.*

*God gave you to us,
And made us love you so,
The angels got lonesome without you,
So we know you had to go.*

By his wife

**FOREIGN MISSION SERVICES
CONDUCTED IN TENNESSEE**

January 3, Wooddale, Rev. Horace Teague pastor, 100 present, eight consecrations, \$56.72 received and \$50.00 pledged. January 3, Holston Hills, Rev. Thurman Pate, 125 attended, 13.15 received and 30.00 pledged. January 4, Valley View, East Sweetwater and Old Sweetwater, Rev. Paul Woolsey pastor, 125 present, eight consecrations, 95.00 received, 160.00 pledged. January 5, First Church Knoxville, Rev. Dewey Kitts pastor, 35 present, 17 consecrations, \$12.50 received, and 135.00 pledged. Totals: 285 attended, 33 consecrations, \$177.37 received and \$375.00 pledged.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

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Acceptable Service Unto God-

WHEREFORE we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." Hebrews 12:28

Service Is the Watchword

Service is what God demands and must have: not a service given grudgingly and sparingly, but one given freely, acceptably and in efficient loving service—our very best, and nothing more nor less.

The business world says, "We offer you a certain free service or such a service can be had for a small fee," but God asks of us a wholehearted, loving service. Just a medium quality will not satisfy God. He has a right to expect our best sermon, best prayer, best testimony, best physical, moral and mental effort, the best of everything.

When we speak of rendering service to God, it doesn't mean that we all are to perform the same service. God has not called us all to the same task. Some God has blessed with a wonderful ability to speak and have called them to that service. Others He has favored with special ability in prayer, while others of us are called to the service of performing quiet, loving deeds of mercy and love. In whatever capacity God has called us to serve, let us do our very best for Him who has done all for us.

Acceptable Service Means—

An exclusive service: not having two masters. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24. Many times we have been grieved when a person makes a mouth confession of their love for Christ and their deeds fail to bear testimony of such love. When we truly love and desire to serve Christ, it is easily known

to those about us; but when our love and desire for the world fills our heart this is quickly known also. We must not serve sin. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Romans 6:6.

Acceptable service is a dutiful service. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:19,20. God purchased us with the greatest price that heaven could afford, therefore from the standpoint of both love and duty, our service belongs to Him. We must not take glory to ourselves for the service we may be able to render to God, remembering that it is our Christian duty to serve Him.

A Privileged Service

Not only is it a great blessing and duty, but also a wonderful privilege to serve God and humanity. In supplying the needs of men, we serve God. This is our duty. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Gal. 5:13. Are we prone to be as the priest and Levite, draw our cloaks of self-righteousness about us and fail to have time for the needs of those about us? A loving service done as a privilege isn't grievous but rather joyous. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." I John 5:3.

A Constant Service

This means night and day service, every day of the week. Many of us want to serve on Sunday and go free the rest of the time. It is intended that we serve in the church, but our service is just beginning there. Our daily serv-

ice is also a great witness for Him and just as vital as public service. There is nothing to fear in the service of God. "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:74,75. Faithful service is so very important. In some instances faithfulness may bring us persecution, but we hear John the Revelator say. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I (the Lord) will give thee a crown of life."

Service to God Pays

In life, death and eternity, our time spent in God's service pays large dividends. Abraham faithfully served God and "sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Hebrews 11:9,10. Daniel continued to pray despite the king's degree, and God was with him through all his trying experiences of the enemy and later found favor with the king.

The three Hebrew children would not bow to the king, but chose to serve the living God and God brought them safely through the heated furnace.

Paul was willing to deny himself all to serve God. With his faith strongly anchored in Christ whom Paul knew to be his deliverer, he was willing to suffer persecutions of beatings, stoning and imprisonment to serve Him.

What God wants then, and what we should give, is whole-hearted, faithful, exclusive, honest and constant service. Only eternity will reveal the good our humble, faithful service for our Christ has done. Shall we, as Auxiliary members and servants of Christ, strive to lead at least one soul to Him in this new year. Think of the great ingathering of souls if each of us could win one soul for Him this year. It will indeed be an acceptable service to do so.

MONETT AUXILIARY BUYS NEW PIANO FOR CHURCH

Mrs. Russell Weisman's home was the scene of the recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the auxiliary song, "More Like the Master."

The lesson, taken from the yearbook was, "His Command, My Task to Watch," and was conducted by Mrs. Lyle Roller. Mrs. Otto Mackey read the devotional from Matthew 24, and lesson topics were discussed by Mrs. Nettie Harrell, Mrs. Roy Nichols, Mrs. Dan Smith, Mrs. C. L. Atwell, Mrs. Brattin Wormington, Mrs. Ed Jones, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. Nolan Thomas, and Mrs. James McCully.

The hostess then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Cecil Campbell, second vice-president, who conducted the business meeting. Vice presidents presented their reports. Mrs. Campbell read a letter from Miss Lily Drowley, former member of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Kenneth Turner, first vice president, now living in Joplin, presented her resignation, and Mrs. W. L. Powell was elected to fill the office.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell and Mrs. W. K. Weston, a committee to investigate the possibility of buying a grand piano for the church, presented their report, and the group decided to purchase the piano. (It was delivered January 30.)

The dismissal prayer was by Mrs. C. L. Atwell.

MEET AT CHURCH AFTER MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

The Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met January 6 with Lola Filkins, with 12 members, two visitors, six men, and seven children present.

As day services were being conducted at the church, we all attended the service and then met for a carry-in dinner.

The president led the devotionals with all singing, "More Like the Master." Scripture reading, Matthew 24:42 and 25:1-13, followed by sentence prayers in behalf of the revival meeting. A friendship card was signed by all present to send Mrs. Stafford, who is ill.

The lesson, "His Command — My Task to Watch," was introduced by Emma VanLaningham and topics were given by Minnie Thompson, Oletha Parsons, Mary Filkins and Ethel Thompson. Maizie Sevits gave the special feature, "The Grace of God."

Dismissed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Co-Laborer Fund, \$1.55; Bible chapters read, 647; sick calls made, 49, and 16 cards were reported.

Lola Filkins, Kirksville

OFFICERS SELECTED FOR LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington (Missouri) F. W. B. Church met at the church January 25 for Year Book study and election of officers.

We opened our meeting by singing, "I Am Resolved," and "I Would not Be Denied."

The Scripture lesson from the Book of Psalms was read and commented on by our pastor, Sis. Eunice Edwards. Sis. Margaret Darnell led in prayer.

As our year books had not arrived, we proceeded to elect as follows:

President, Mrs. Elaine Spradlin, Leadington; enlistment chm., Mrs. Mrs. Margie Kerns, Leadington; youth chm., Mrs. Ada Nichols, Esther; mission chm., Mrs. Iva Treaster, Desloge; stewardship chm., Mrs. Ruby Campbell, Leadington; benevolence chm., Mrs. Ruby Boien, Leadington; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Christine Pinkley, Flat River; song leader, Mrs. Elma Francis, Flat River, and reporter Mrs. Anna Lincoln, Farmington.

For our benediction we assembled at the altar and were led in prayer by Sis. Elaine Spradlin, Sis. Maggie Head and Rev. Eunice Edwards.

Surely the Lord was with us and guided us in our election of officers.

Anna Lincoln, reporter

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

A very good morning to all our many friends everywhere this lovely day. I would just love to meet every one of you and say 'Good morning, and God bless you.'

We at the Fellowship Auxiliary met at the church January 28 for our all-

day service. The theme of our program was "My Task to Watch," and we are living in a day when we must watch and pray if we would live true to God.

We enjoyed a wonderful day and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was wonderful. We truly thank God that He is still able and willing to bless His children when we wait upon Him.

A lovely lunch was served at the noon hour, and a good fellowship enjoyed by all.

We were called to order by the president, Mrs. Edith Brooks, at one o'clock by singing, "I Must Tell Jesus." Bible study was James 2, led by Mildred Hilderbrand.

God has been so very good to us, we can't thank Him enough. Pray for us that we will ever be humble, and stay in His will. God bless every one is my prayer.

Mildred Hilderbrand, reporter

NEW ORGANIZATION

The ladies of the Meil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church met February 2 to organize a Mission Circle. The following officers were installed: President, Alta Jefferson; vice president, Pearl Allred, and secretary-treasurer, Iva Black. Study courses from the Year Book of Programs of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be followed. We covet your prayers for this new work here.

The men of the church met the same night in a fellowship meeting. Our meetings will be the first Tuesday nights in each month. Anyone is welcome to attend and help us make it a success. The church is about four miles north of Cassville, Missouri. Rev. O. T. Allred is full-time pastor.

Iva Black, reporter

AUXILIARY EDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:
Monett Auxiliary (Dec. 53)\$12.00
Fredericktown Aux. (Dec. 53)... 10.00
Total\$22.00

A reputation for good judgment, fair dealing, truth, and rectitude, is itself a fortune.

—H. W. Beecher

CHURCH ORGANIZED NEAR BORDER OF SOUTH STATES

Gallion, Louisiana
Route 1

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

On Sunday, January 17, 1954, we organized a new Free Will Baptist Church in the vicinity of Parkdale, Arkansas, just over the line in Louisiana.

Bro. J. E. Taylor, our evangelist, gave a short talk on the church and the rules and order of organizing.

Bro. J. E. White gave a talk on the qualification of the organized body, before and after. Bro. Lovis Barker presented the Bible as our way-bill from earth to heaven. Bro. Cecil Cornett read the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant.

Eight people came to the altar as the charter members of the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church of Parkdale, Arkansas. Bro J. E. White offered the prayer of consecration. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the organization of this body of believers. Charter membership privileges were left open for thirty days. Please pray for this little church that God will do a great work through them to His honor and glory.

I would like to urge the Free Will Baptists in Louisiana and Arkansas to stand behind Bro. Taylor in the great work he is doing. Remember, when we fail to supply his needs according to our pledge at the association, we tie his hands. Won't it be a shame if we have to take him off the field because we failed to fulfill the covenant we made when we sent him out.

To those who sent delegates to represent you, you agreed to uphold them in whatever they did to further the cause of Christ, so come on and let us hold up the hands of our evangelist that he might be an honor to the body that sent him forth and a glory to God.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell

TOMMY AND BARBARA VISIT FLORIDA CHURCHES

During the Christmas vacation there were at least two Bible College students who were not privileged to spend the holidays at home, at least they could not visit with their parents.

As you know, Tommy and Barbara Willey's parents are missionaries in Cuba, and Tommy and Barbara are students in the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. No doubt they too will be in full time Christian service as the Lord may lead.

Through the courtesy and arrangements of Rev. D. W. Poole, Promotional Secretary of the Florida State Association, Tommy and Barbara visited several churches in the interest of Foreign Missions. Following is a report of their work.

Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Rev. R. M. Hughes pastor, \$26.69 received. First Church, Pensacola, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft pastor, \$19.13. East Side, Pensacola, Rev. J. V. Turman, \$21.00. Malone Church, \$15.25 received. Cottondale, Rev. K. V. Esther pastor, \$10.00. Shiloh Church, Bratt, Rev. L. V. Pinson pastor, \$8.89. Chipley, Rev. Bonny Hughes, \$8.00. Grace Church, Bonifay, Rev. J. M. Rich pastor, \$6.75. Piney Grove Church, Chipley, Rev. C. A. Huckaby pastor, \$4.50. Poplar Head Church, Bonifay, Rev. Walter Eldridge pastor, \$15.00. St. Johns, Bonifay, Rev. Frank Willis pastor, \$3.15. Traveler's Rest, Altha, Rev. Rufus Hyman pastor, \$19.65. Christian Home, Blountstown, Rev. D. F. Pelt, \$3.20. Hickory Grove, Bascom, Rev. G. H. Jordan pastor, \$20.00. Union Hill, Slocumb, Alabama, Rev. Trim Finch pastor, \$36.33. Marvin Chapel, Marianna, Rev. Chester H. Pelt pastor, \$33.80. Total, \$257.34.

We are grateful for this report and even though some of the offerings were small, we are sure that more will be forth coming.

As of this date Florida lacks \$797.84 having her Foreign Mission quota, but with six months to go we feel certain she will go over the top. If you live in Florida, send your offering in soon!

Rev. Raymond Riggs

JUST WHAT WOULD THE CHURCH BE?

I read a striking verse one day,
And this is what it had to say:
"What kind of a church would my
church be

If every member were just like me?"

It made me think and search my heart,
To see if I really do my part.

And as I thought: "Just what would my
church be?"

The following questions came to me:

Would love and kindness in my church
be,

If every member acted just like me?
Or would the members sit and criticize
And find fault with others lives?

And think what a holy church my
church would be,

If all the members were just like me?
What kind of a church would my
church be

When the pastor made a plea,

For a lift from a helping friend,
Am I the kind on whom He can de-
pend?

Or do I sit back and be a shirk,
And let the others do the work?

What kind of financial support would
there be,

If everyone gave just like me?
Would there be enough to meet every
need

And the church from every debt be
freed?

Could the Gospel be carried to the ends
of the earth,

So men everywhere could hear of the
new birth?

Or does the work of God move very
slow,

Because the members love their money
so?

And does the pastor's family fare as
good as you and I,

Or do they eat crackers, while the
church eats pie?

What kind of a witnessing church
would there be,

If every member witnessed just like
me?

Would the Gospel story each one pro-
claim

And tell of salvation, in Jesus' name?
And that men from sin can be set free,
If everyone witnessed just like me?

Or would we fail the story to tell

While our unsaved friends and loved
ones rush on to hell?

What kind of homes in the church
would there be

If everyone did just like me?

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| Would it be a place that honors the Lord, That takes time daily for prayer and the Word? | Or would the church sit at home with a lukewarm heart, Not having any desire to carry a part? | Now God's church is much more important than your business I know, He needs dependable folks to make His church grow, That are always on hand when there is something to do. |
| Would it be a place where Christian friends love to trod Because of the very presence of God? | It's when the vessel becomes empty and the lamp burns low That we lose all interest and desire to go, | When service time comes God needs men that are on hand— He needs people on whom He can depend. On prayer meeting nights He wants everyone there, He needs faithful folk in time of prayer. |
| Would it be a place where God came first in a life? A place free of backbiting and strife? Or would it be a gossiping and tale-bearing place, Where others are torn apart behind their face? | And have no concern to pray for those in sin, And no real burden for our own children to win. All kind of desire for earthly things to seek, Yet no desire for prayer meeting, just once a week. | If before you were converted, Christians had no concern for you, And sat in their homes instead of the pew, And when the Word went forth for the people to hear, And those who claimed to know Christ seldom went near, |
| And the pastor and wife lashed from A to Z, For they are nothing at all like they ought to be? Wouldn't it be a place to squabble and fight? A place to keep the family from church at night? | If we get oil in our vessel, and do so each day Prayer meeting is a pleasure—we won't want to stay away. Now if you were a pastor and your church did as you do, Could you say to your people: "I am proud of you?" | No doubt you'd gone out, rejecting the Gospel call, Feeling surely there can be nothing to it at all. For if salvation did for a person what they say, Then those who claim to have it could never stay away. |
| And instead of helping your children spiritually you stand in their road, By your careless attendance at the house of the Lord? A place where being regular at church is no longer worth while, And going to prayer meeting is clear out of style? | For when I need help you are always on hand, You sure are the kind on whom I can depend. My family is well cared for in every way, When service time comes you are always in place, And it keeps me from preaching to empty space. | And it makes a difference to others as it made to you Whether the church sits dried-up at home, or prayed-up in the pew. Now if a man attended to your business like you attend church, Would you keep the man or would you go elsewhere to search For a man that was more dependable, faithful and true, For the man like yourself was no good to you? |
| What kind of revivals would there be If every member did just like me? Would sinners be invited to the house of God So they could hear His Holy Word? | When outsiders come in they don't sit and stare And wonder why the members aren't there. And on prayer meeting night you never stay away, But you are always on hand helping to pray. | You'd look at this man with a frown and a sigh, And declare you never saw such an undependable guy. Now as you like dependable men, God and your pastor do, too— Will you be to them what you want others to be to you? |
| And would daily prayer be made for the souls of men, That they might be born again? Would every member be in his rightful place So the preacher wouldn't have to speak to empty space? | Or would it a different story be, If all the church were just like me? Would you want a man to run your business for you That came to work just when he wanted to? And was careless and undependable in every way? Who wasn't on the job yesterday, nor again today? | Awake us, dear Lord, and help each of us to see What kind of a church, if all were like me. |
| Or would the pews each night empty be If every member attended just like me? What kind of a prayer meeting would there be If every member did just like me? | No, you want men who are faithful and true, Who are on the job when there is something to do. Men that will cooperate and have your work at heart, Men who will buckle in and shoulder their part. | |
| Would everyone be in his place With a real desire to seek his Saviour's face? Praying for others the Lord to save From going to a Christless grave? | | |
| Praying for strength for each daily test? Praying for others that they would be blest? | | |

—Anonymous

LARGE DELEGATION AT N.E. MISSOURI RALLY

An overflowing crowd attended the Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting, which convened with the Sublett Church on January 31, 1954. Sunday School was at the 10:00 o'clock hour.

The morning worship services were opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Orville Dobbs. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Corey. After a few numbers in song, Sis. Alta Mikel led in prayer. Rev. Bobby Jones took the stand and read for a Scripture lesson, Matthew 25:14-30. After he led in prayer, he used for his subject, "Stewardship." He brought out that in order to be a good steward for Christ, we must use our time, talent, and money for the Lord, and study the Word of God in order to be a better soul winner. Another very important thing in being a good steward is to keep up our prayer life. After a congregational song we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Parsons.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened with Rev. Bobby Jones leading the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." The president, Sis. Oletha Parsons, read for a Scripture lesson, II Cor. 3:1-5. Prayer by Rev. Lester Jones. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Letters from Kirksville, Hazel Creek and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The next meeting will be with the First Church in Kirksville, with Rev. Lester Jones to bring the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Wayne Parsons, alternate.

The following program was given: Duett, "I Choose Jesus," Fern Dobbs and Anna Lou McElhinney. Reading, "Following Jesus," Kay Wagner. Song, "I Can't Help What Others Do," Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Matthews. Reading, "The Touch," Mildred Gilliam. Song, "Send the Light," Kirksville quartet. Song, "Home of the Soul," McElhinney girls. Reading, "Lost Prayer," Mrs. Fred Woods. Solo, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," Evelyn Kelsey. Solo, "The Free Will Baptist Song," and "The Shelf Behind the Door," Jess McFarland. Flannelgraph story—He took My Whipping, Mrs. Maizie Sebits. Song, "Where the Roses Never Fade," Mr. and Mrs. Sherman King and Elmer

Maples. Duet, "Jacob's Ladder," Jess McFarland and Rev. Noah Robins.

Rev. Orville Dobbs led the congregation in singing "I'll Meet You in the Morning." Prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. Bro. Dobbs then introduced Rev. J. E. Corey of Maywood, Missouri who took the stand to bring the afternoon message. He read for a Scripture lesson II Timothy 1:1-7. After Rev. Corey led in prayer, he brought a message on God's plan for women in God's plan of salvation.

The ministers of Northeast Missouri decided to meet February 14 at 2:00 o'clock at the Sublette Church to organize a Free Will Baptist Ministerial Alliance.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. E. Corey.

Leona Thompson, sec'y.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Piney Grove Church - Chipley, Fla.

February 14-17, 1954

Theme: *For Christ in the Homeland*
Music Director—Rev. Kermit Esther

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Sunday Evening, February 14—
Rev. C. A. Huckaby in charge, pastor of Piney Grove Church
7:00 Devotional service
Our Conference in preview, Rev. Damon C. Dodd
Congregational singing
Message Rev. J. B. Bloss

Monday Morning, February 15—
9:45 Registration
10:00 Opening devotions
10:15 Study course Rev. Dodd
11:00 Morning worship service
Devotions — Mr. Ernest Owen, Chipley, Florida
Message Rev. Bloss

Monday Afternoon—
1:30 Devotions
1:45 Relation of the State Home Mission Program to the National Home Mission Program—Rev. D. W. Poole, Florida State Promotional Secretary.
2:45 Special music
2:25 Visual Education workshop, Rev.

Dodd
3:25 Adjourn

Monday Evening—
7:00 Congregational singing
7:15 Evening devotions
7:30 "For Christ in the Homeland," Rev. Rufus Hyman
8:00 Special music
8:10 Home Mission offering
8:15 Message Rev. Bloss

Tuesday Morning, February 16—
9:45 Devotions, Rev. Elvie Johnston
10:00 Study course Rev. Dodd
10:45 Recess
11:00 Morning worship
Devotions
Message Rev. Bloss

Tuesday Afternoon—
1:30 Devotions
1:45 Spiritual and Evangelistic emphasis in our Home Mission Program—Rev. W. B. Hughes
2:15 Congregational singing
2:20 Visual Education workshop, Rev. Dodd
3:15 Adjourn

Tuesday Evening—
7:00 Congregational singing
7:15 Devotions—Testimony time
7:45 Home Mission opportunities in Florida—Rev. John M. Rich
8:15 Special music
8:20 Message Rev. Bloss

Wednesday Morning, February 17—
9:45 Devotions
10:00 Study course Rev. Dodd
10:35 Our Denominational needs and our Home Mission program—a panel discussion by all ministers present
11:20 Congregational singing
11:30 Message Rev. Bloss

Wednesday Afternoon—
1:30 Devotions
1:45 Florida's Co-operative Program and Home Missions—Rev. Daniel Pelt
2:15 Visual Education workshop, Rev. Dodd
3:15 Testimony time
3:30 Adjourn

Wednesday Evening—
7:00 Congregational singing
7:15 Evening devotions
7:30 Film Rev. Dodd
8:00 Message and Home Mission offering Rev. Bloss
9:00 Final adjournment



REV. BERT WALGAMOTT

Albert Marion Walgamott, son of James and Anna Walgamott, was born August 13, 1883 and departed this life at his home in Granby, Missouri, on January 12, 1954 at the age of 71 years, four months and 29 days.

He was united in marriage to Mary Susan Eaton, March 19, 1905. To this union was born five daughters: Mrs. Delories Tamberson, Rocky Comfort; Mrs. Agnes Morgan, Mrs. Ruth Spor, and Mrs. Ina Fern Johnston of Granby, and Elsie Lenora who preceded him in death in her infancy. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two brothers: Arch of Neosho and Walter of Parsons, Kansas, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends who mourn his passing.

He was converted in his early years and joined the Jones' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, later moving his membership to the Granby Free Will Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until death. He was called to preach the Gospel in 1921, was ordained to this ministry in 1922, and remained a faithful servant to his calling until his death. During his ministry he held pastorates at Jones' Chapel, Pleasant Grove, and Granby Free Will Baptist Churches, and conducted revivals in several other places.

He was a devoted husband, a loving father, a good neighbor, and was loved by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at the Granby Church by Rev. W. K. Weston, pastor, and Rev. Winford Davis.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Job 19:25.

SOUTH SIDE ST. LOUIS

3124 Mt. Pleasant
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a line to say Happy New Year for 1954.

We at South Side had a nice time during the holidays. Several visited our church as they came home. Bro. Harvey E. Hill and family, Rev. Roger Reeds and wife were all with us. Bro. Johnny Vick was discharged just a few days before Christmas, so we at South Side have much to be thankful for. Both ministers brought wonderful messages from God's word.

The Woman's Auxiliary was busy also. They made candy and sent the service boys from our church boxes. Also they made over 100 pounds of candy and sold it for our Auxiliary to help on the building fund. Good work, ladies of South Side

February 10, 1954 is the date for The Work Basket to meet at South Side Church. Try to be there, as we had such a wonderful day at the Leadington Church, and you get such a blessing—just by being there.

Yours in Christ,

Olive M. Reeds, corres.

Rev. James Franklin, pastor

YOUNG ARIZONA CHURCH PLANNING NEW BUILDING

2001 W. Van Buren
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Editor:

I would like to report a little about what our new church in Phoenix is doing. A band of good praying people started our North Side Church in January, 1952. Our pastor was Rev. A. L. McAffrey, whom God sent out here and he sure is a God-called minister. Our church was organized in August with 26 charter members. Bro. McAffrey felt he had finished his mission and in November asked us to call another pastor, and on Sunday he preached his last sermon for us.

God sent Bro. George McClaine our way. Bro. McClaine is another good soldier of the cross. He preached a two weeks revival and several souls were saved and joined the church. We called Bro. McClaine to pastor our church, and we have been richly blessed with more being saved and more

people joining the church.

We are now having our services in the Cambleback Woman's Club House. We have a building fund under way to buy a lot and build a church.

We covet your prayers as our work is growing and we are looking forward to God's work by the Free Will Baptists in this city, and throughout this state. This is a great field for us to work in.

If any of you know of anyone out here whom you would like for us to contact, you can rest assured we would gladly do so. You can write me giving their name and address, or write Bro. George McClaine in care of me or in care of W. A. Finney, 2209 E. Virginia Ave., Phoenix, Arizona. Bro. McClaine is a wonderful worker for God and he will contact anyone whose name he learns of.

We have wonderful spiritual services and wonderful singing. B. O. W. A. Finney is our song leader. He is another minister from Oklahoma.

We thank God for His many blessings, and earnestly desire the prayers of every Christian that our church will do more each day to win lost souls to Christ.

The address of the place where we are now having our services is: 38th and 'E' Streets, Indian School Road, Phoenix, Arizona.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Alma Henry

CHURCH SIGNS ARE READY

The new Free Will Baptist Church sign is now in stock and orders are being filled.

This sign is of heavy gauge metal, is 24 x 32 inches. The lettering is three inches high and all letters are globe, which shines at night when light strikes them.

The sign can be had in either single face or double face and comes complete with 10 inch blanks for top and bottom for the name of church and pastor.

The sign comes express collect. Prices are \$12.00 for the double face sign, and \$10.00 for the single face. Orders will be given immediate attention.

Send all orders to:

Board of Home Missions
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

SIN!

Wilbia Sell-Stockton, Missouri

Sin is the transgression of the law of God, and where sin is practiced it is certain to take its toll. Don't let anyone tell you that a Christian can live with sin in his life and not pay dearly for it. The sins of the unforgiven sinner must be paid for. Every sin has its penalty. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. "If we say 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. Sin robs a Christian of a close and sweet fellowship with Christ. When sin comes into a Christian life, there is fears, tears, restlessness and coldness, and it continues so until the sins are confessed and forsaken. Paul said in writing to the Romans, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Romans 6:12.

Christians are not under the dominion of sin, unless they are sins of ignorance, and these are forgiven through the blood of Christ. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Romans 6:14. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2:1.

The world today is so raging with sin, that we need more preachers with the Holy Ghost anointing that would stand behind the sacred desk and proclaim God's word. God's word certainly denounces sin in any form. If professing Christians would empty themselves of every bit of carnality, we would see things move for God. It is being taught from our pulpits and among believers that God looks over our sins, that He doesn't expect us to live above sin; that we're justified to have daily sin in our lives. I firmly believe if we stand before God with sin in our lives we will cast our lot with the vilest of sinners. God's word has this to say,

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." I John 3:8. We know that anything that is of the devil has no place in the Christian's life. We can not hold to God with one hand and to the devil (or the world) with the other. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24. Paul in writing to the Corinthian Church said, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." I Cor. 10:21.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34. "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." Col. 3:25. "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness." Rom. 6:20. All sin is unrighteousness. "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid." Rom. 9:14.

We know that to fight against sin, makes us very unpopular, but Christ rebuked sin. The Jews rejected Christ in order to justify their own deeds they sought to find fault with him. The same is true today. People are persecuting God's chosen vessels or in other words His preachers that have power in the sermons are being run down. In truth the scorners have rejected the word and are only seeking to justify their own actions. We're praying for all of God's called preachers and know that He's promised to care for His own.

God's people must band together and fight against the deadly disease called SIN. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

MARCH-APRIL DESIGNATED NATIONAL REVIVAL MONTHS

The months of March and April have been designated by the National Association and the Home Mission Board as National Revival Months. Theme this year is THE CHURCH POINTS THE

Way, and the campaign is called CRUSADE FOR CHRIST.

Each Free Will Baptist Church in the United States is being urged to participate in the *Crusade for Christ* campaign by planning a revival some time during the months of March and April.

Special "Crusade Kits" have been prepared and are being sent to the churches free of charge. If your church fails to get one, please write the Home Mission Board for yours.

The "Crusade Kit" contains a three-color combination poster, prayer list form, tract, announcement card form, report blank and special return envelopes for sending in your report.

The Home Mission Board is also asking that each church receive a special offering during the Crusade Months and send to the National Home Mission Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

This is the fourth year that the Home Mission Board has sponsored National Revival Months. Here-to-fore the campaign has been designated Simultaneous Revival Month. However, since other organizations use this term exclusively, it was thought wisdom to adopt *Crusade for Christ* and use the theme, *The Church Points the Way*.

The goals for the Crusade are summed up as follows:

1. A revival in every Free Will Baptist Church.
2. Fervent prayer for a nation-wide revival.
3. Rededication of every Christian.
4. Salvation of thousands.
5. Participation in Stewardship Emphasis Month.
6. Special offering for National Home Missions.

We are urging each church and individual to pray earnestly for the success of *Crusade for Christ*.

WHAT WE NEED

We mutter and sputter,
We fume and we spurt,
We mumble and grumble,
Our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things,
Our vision grows dim,
When all that we need
Is a moment with Him!
—Contributed