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**NEW ORGANIZATIONS ARE
PLANNED FOR MISSISSIPPI**

Plans for at least three new church
organizations in northeast Mississippi
have been completed and four more
cities have been put on the prospect
list in that area, according to Rev.
M. L. Hollis, associational evangelist
for the Northeast Mississippi Associa-
tion.

Boonville, Aberdeen and Corinth
will have the new Free Will Baptist
churches while West Point, Meridian,
New Albany and Holly Springs are
prospective sites for other Free Will
Baptist organizations.

A one-week revival in Booneville in
May of 1953 resulted in 53 persons de-
claring their willingness to form the
charter membership for a Free Will
Baptist Church. However, hindering
circumstances caused the postponement
of the project. More recent develop-
ments have seen more prospective
charter members including a man who
will give a building site near Boone-
ville Junior College. Rev. Hollis will
conduct the revival which will be
sponsored by the Northeast Mississippi
Association, June 13-27.

Aberdeen, Mississippi will have a
Free Will Baptist Church after April
25. The organizational revival will be
held there April 11-25, and a church
will be organized at the close of the
meeting. Aberdeen is located 15 miles
west of Amory and 45 miles north of
Columbus on Highway 45W.

Situated on the Tennessee-Mississippi
state line, 45 miles south of Jackson,
Tennessee on Highway 45 is the thriv-
ing city of Corinth, Mississippi. For a
number of years, the Free Will Bap-

tists of that city have been clamoring
for a church of their faith. The North-
east Mississippi Association has plans
to organize a church there sometime
during the year.

Plans are indefinite so far as the
four prospective cities are concerned
but it is hoped that within another
year Free Will Baptist Churches will
be set up in each place.

**QUARTERLY MEETING IN
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION**

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wol-
verine Association was one of harmony
and co-operation. The Holy Spirit was
felt in each session, as everything done
was for the honor and glory of our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Bayless McDonald, treasurer of
the Free Will Baptist Bible College,
was the featured speaker for the Con-
ference and his timely messages were
enjoyed by all. As he presented the
need for the support of the Bible Col-
lege, the Association responded with a
gift of \$200.00 to go toward the debt
of the College, to be presented by the
Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis, during
the Bible Conference.

The Association went on record ap-
proving the Co-Operative Program of
the National Association and pledging
their full support of same. Also the
Business Committee was commissioned
to draw up a Co-Operative program
for the Association to present at the
next meeting of the Association.

The Association went on record also
in support of the National Home Mis-
sion Program.

Van Paschall, reporter

As of March 1, 1954, there was still
three and one-half months before the
close of the current Associational year.
Missouri still had a little over 48 per
cent of its \$9,000.00 quota for Foreign
Missions to raise. The task is not too
great. We can if we will—let us do it.

Wise men ne'er sit and wall their
loss, but cheerily seek how to redress
their harms.

—Shakespeare

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The minute we begin to unload, the
Lord begins to fill in.—Selected

"Missionary Moon, Keep Shining"

To be sure the title suggests a popular song but as I stood in the doorway of the parsonage of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church there came to me another suggestion. Perhaps I am a little too sentimental at times but on this particular occasion I had been away from home for almost three weeks and there was something romantic that rose up in my bosom. I stood there gazing through the glass of the parsonage door and looking across the road I could see the beautiful white church with its towering steeple which was at that time bathed in moonlight. Down the road I could see a string of car lights and everyone of them turned into the church yard. Reedy Branch is a rural church and almost all the folk stopped outside to speak to a neighbor.

The pastor, Rev. Henry Melvin, had told me that the church was 154 years old and as I stood there rather moody, watching the folk gather in for service I was certainly grateful for our Christian heritage. Many had come and gone from this church in the last century but this was the first time a Missionary Conference had been held there.

As I stood there I glanced back in my mind to the previous week which had been spent in N. Belmont, North Carolina in a revival meeting and missionary services with Rev. Wade Calvert and Rev. Roy Tykard. We had wonderful services together with 14 conversions and five additions to the church. Brothers Calvert and Tykard are members of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina which has grown from seven churches to 42 in the last nine years. Many of the pastors and members of the various churches attended the Missionary Rallies and showed a keen interest in our Foreign Mission program. There are seven students of Piedmont Association attending our Bible College in Nashville, and unless I miss my guess, this section, in time, will certainly go places for the Lord.

Well, I can't reminisce forever, so I picked up my Bible and walked across the road to church, that by this time was well filled. The program for this particular evening consisted of a message by Rev. Burkett Raper, pastor of

Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, on the subject, "The Pastor's Responsibility to Foreign Missions." Also, we were to hear for the very first time, our returned Missionary from Africa, Mrs. Harold Stevens. She and her husband, Rev. Harold Stevens, were both there, and to give emphasis to their field of work a very fine display of African wares and articles of interest were on exhibit. Also, hanging down from the large banner, "Look on the Fields," stretched across the front of the auditorium, was the tanned hide of a 24-foot boa constrictor snake, brought from Africa by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. Then too, draped over the piano was another "beautiful" pided snake hide about 18 feet long, and you should have heard the "ohhs and ahhs" when Mrs. Stevens told how she killed this snake with a double barralled shot gun. Also to hear them describe the customs and habits of the people to whom they minister, and to present the needs of the many in Africa for whom Jesus died, would almost make every Christian want to go to the Mission field. As you perhaps know, Bro. and Sis. Stevens have been in Africa under the auspices of the South African General Mission, and our Board has merely served as the relay agent for her support, which comes from the Free Will Baptist of her home association, but I am sure all of us are glad to have some part in getting the Gospel message into this dark land.

Lest I forget, I want to tell you something of the wonderful message delivered by Bro. Raper. He began by saying that the pastor is the "key." A key is used for two things: to unlock doors, and to lock doors. He also stated in his message that the pastor should be a recruiting officer for Foreign Missions. I only wish every one of our pastors could have heard the message. I am sure if heeded it would make a difference in the work of our denomination on Foreign Fields as well as at home.

To all who attended the Missionary Conference at Reedy Branch and helped to make it a wonderful success, we say "Thank you and God bless you."

From this conference we motored to Phenix City, Alabama and began a series of Missionary conferences for

the Georgia State Association as arranged by Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Secretary. For nine days we traveled from church to church, visiting 12 churches, having three services almost every day. Wherever we go we find our people anxious to learn more about our Foreign Mission work and also eager to help support it to the best of their ability. The outstanding things of the Georgia itinerary was the conversion of nine precious souls and the rededication of 138 young people to the service of the Lord. For this we are thankful and say, "Shine on, Missionary Moon."

Rev. Raymond Riggs

IT'S YOU

It isn't the preacher's flowery prayer
Or the way the choir sings,
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives

Or the help your brother brings.
It isn't the size of your favorite church
Or the cost of your favorite pew,
Or the style of the clothes the members wear;

For it isn't the church, it's you.

It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money is spent,
Or whether the Gospel's all brought in,
Or whether theres some thats sent.
It isn't the kind of creed they love,
Or peculiar things they do,
Or whether the doctrine suits your taste;

For it isn't the church, it's you.

For a chain's as strong as the weakest link

And it breaks with a heavy load,
But a church that's full of the links that pull,

Can level the roughest road.
If you get in tune with the Master's will,

With your heart and labors, too,
You will love your church, though it has it's faults,

For it isn't the church, it's you.

R. R. Newberry

Do you pray for and support Missions?

Personal Crucifixion and Resurrection

In looking over some of the fine messages of yesteryear, we discover this one on Easter prepared by Rev. J. R. Davidson, then of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Do you remember it as it appeared 10 years ago? Your present editor was then about to go into actual combat against the Nazi hordes in France, and never did get the issue carrying this message.

GALATIANS 2:20—I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

As we approach Easter with our world so engulfed in turmoil, hatred, vengeance, strife, blood-shed and battling for existence; a time when every condition seems to challenge us to a personal application as to what sacrificial part we should play in this conflict it seems to move my mind to an application which goes beyond production lines of the material into an application of the greatest principles for the greatest contribution one can make in such a needy world. One may feel sure of his qualifications for making his contribution when he is able to join, unreservedly, the apostle Paul in his testimony in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

In consideration of these applications may we turn our minds to meditation on the two most outstanding events of history, namely; the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not that He, merely fitting into the order of all men died, but in that He died that we might live, willingly taking our sins upon Himself. He set His face steadfastly toward Jerusalem (the cross) and unswervingly said, "No man taketh my life from me, but I lay it down of myself." This could He do because of His omniscience, that is to say He could see beyond the cross into His awaiting glory. Hebrews 12:2, "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the

shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." The cross was thus looked upon as His transition into His original glory through His resurrection. Hence our personal crucifixion should be viewed as the bearer into eternal glory.

Personal Crucifixion

The apostle Paul expressed this principle in the text. "I am crucified



with Christ," said he. He expressed a voluntary offering of himself upon a cross of self denial and sufferings for the name of his crucified Christ, and I would that we think just now of our position in sharing Christ's sufferings. "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also suffer for his sake." (Phil. 1:29). Rev. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee raises the following questions: "Who can save a life from burning and remain himself unsinged? Who can save a life from drowning and keep his own clothes dry? Who can do remedial work—Redemptive labor—without agony? Know ye not that redemptive labor costs exhaustion? Know ye not that that poor soldier of the cross is he who, though well uniformed, has never had his skin broken by the enemy's sword or bullet? Paul is proclaimed as a good soldier of Jesus Christ in these significant words, "I am crucified with Christ." Could such an acclamation be justified by virtue of the fact that we are good emulators of the apostle?

Crucifixion is often the price of con-

secration. Permit me to here quote a paragraph from Doctor Lee's message on "Reenacting Calvary." "Being crucified to the world is not having a spasm of rectitude and then a long fainting spell; not having a shallow stream of piety that runs on Sabbath days a fresher course; not lurking in the tent, not getting the fighting spirit when the battle is over. There is no cross bearing in being a Christian of the nominal sort. In sufferings everything must be claimed for Him, everything sealed with the King's seal, every talent used for His exclusive glory. But we cannot follow in His steps in the fellowship of His sufferings if we choose ease, prefer the protected areas of life, seek safety far beyond the battle lines, consult selfishness rather than sacrifice—forgetting that God does not look upon us, nor over us, for man-bestowed medals, man-given degrees, or man-signed diplomas, but for scars. Be it ours to say with Bunyan, 'My marks and scars I carry with me to show I fought His battles well.' Could we truthfully make the application to our lives by the use of the words of the apostle Paul recorded in Galatians 6:17, 'For I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.'"

Personal Resurrection

Paul expresses the fact that he looks beyond his cross of crucifixion into the glory of the resurrection life in the text announced as the basis for our message. "Nevertheless I live," said he. That is to say that I can no more know the resurrection life without the preceding crucifixion than could my Lord and Saviour. Evidently it was while Paul was passing through the most crucial experiences of personal crucifixion that his personal resurrection life was most real to him. He placed the most emphatic emphasis upon the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Said he, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is vain." Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God. "If Christ be not risen your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen

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from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." The resurrection stands alone in the history of events among men, for without it the crucifixion is emptied of all its significance. The resurrection is something absolutely unique. There had never been such an event before, and there has never been such an on since. If it did not occur we may well doubt the miraculous element in the Bible, but if it did occur all argument against the other miracles fail. In logic there is what is known as *a fortiori* (a-for-shi-o-ri) argument, that is, arguing from the greater to the less. An instance may be seen in Romans 8:32, "He that spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things." The less is included in the greater. Just so, if the resurrection of Christ is a veritable fact it carries proof of all else connected with Christianity. Christianity rests upon the great basic truth of the bodily resurrection of Christ, which if take away leaves the whole structure without foundation, hence its importance can not be over emphasized. How do we know that the Old Testament is inspired of God? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do we know the New Testament is divinely inspired? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do we know that the miracles in the records accorded to Christ are true? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do we know that the miracle of salvation from sin may become effective in the heart of a penitent sinner? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do I know that new life is my portion in the Lord? By the resurrection of Christ from the dead. How do I know the final installment of my salvation shall be complete, to wit, the redemption of my body, at the coming of our Saviour? By the resurrection of

Christ from the dead. In view of His resurrection beyond the crucifixion Jesus offers the following comforting words: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: *because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in the father, and ye in me, and I in you.*" John 14:18-20. Through the reality of our crucifixion and His resurrection life in us may we be revealing mediums of His saving efficacy for others.

COLPORTEUR'S GIFT BRINGS AIMLESS LIFE TO CHRIST

Dear Co-Laborers:

How we wish you could have been with us this past month. They have been days packed with activity in which we have seen the Lord working for us.

Space will not permit us to give you more than just the high spots. I am sure you will recall our visit to Varaces last August for the first time. We had not been able to escape the words of a bronzed fisherman who said, "It is too late for us but our children can learn." Never have we seen such children, or so many. In fact, it is a village of children. We have held five meetings and interest continues to grow. Last week some dear friends from the States were with us. Their hearts were thrilled as yours would be to see the intense interest. The fifth time to listen to a Gospel message. How many times have you listened to the glad glorious news of a great Saviour? Each Sunday there have been those who heard for the first time. The streets of the village is ringing with Gospel choruses. There is a joy beyond words to express when we know people are hearing from our lips this great Gospel for the first time. What a sight to see a whole group of people arise and say, "I accept Christ for my Saviour." To hear them praying in unison, the sinner's prayer of confession as we have heard them. As we look into their faces and realize the tremendous task of teaching, we cry unto God, "Who can we send and who will go?" We want you to pray with us that God will raise up someone for a teaching ministry in this place. One of our boys and his wife, who are already overworked, are taking one day to do visitation on horseback.

I want you to know and pray for Miguel Sambrano. Miguel has a large family of beautiful children. The family is all converted and the children are taught to take part in family devotions.

Miguel and his brother have been the more adventurous type of Cuban boys. They left their isolated community and went to the great Paris of the new world—Havana. Their lives were that of success and failure. Again and again Miguel became a soldier of fortune. He tried the sea, he tried the army, he could never find satisfaction. In his final desperation and failure he contemplated ending it all. He took a small boat which was in bad condition and sailed out into a rough sea hoping to be capsized and drowned. Nothing happened. He came back to shore, then returned to his backward farm home. Years before he had been given a Bible by a Bible colporteur. He didn't want to read the Book—yet feared it so he put grease all over it and placed it among other old papers hoping the rats would eat it. On his return home and in the midst of all his misery he had a desire to read the Book. To his amazement the rats had eaten the other papers but the Book was complete. He read it eagerly and was wonderfully converted—alone, with the Bible. He had never heard a Gospel message! Oh, the power of God's Word. The old Miguel died and the new man became so surrendered to the Master that he had to tell the story. Then I found he was riding without a saddle to witness to others. He built a chapel on his farm and not long ago we went to visit him. I cannot begin to tell you the terrible conditions under which these people live but you would have to confess if you could see them that the Gospel of our glorious Lord triumphs in the redeemed, in the mountains, over the plains, and in the fishing villages. Gems that shall adorn the city of our God!

We are making plans to prepare not only Miguel and others like him but his fine Christian boys also in summer camps at the school.

We are badly worn—not tired of our work but tired in our work. Pray that God will strengthen and renew our strength.

With Christian greetings,

Thomas H. Willey

MISSISSIPPI CHURCHES FORGE AHEAD

Richton, Mississippi

Greetings from South Mississippi:

It has been some time since we have written to our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

The good Lord has been blessing us in a wonderful way since we have been here.

I believe that the last time we wrote to our Free Will Baptist family, we were about ready to organize two new churches.

On January 25 we started a revival in one of our new churches that was organized last Easter Sunday night. The Lord blessed and heard and answered our prayers. Three came to the altar and prayed through to victory. One of these women was a Catholic, but praise God she went to the altar and prayed and confessed her sins to our God. And God blessed her with a new name—a Christian name.

On Sunday at our Fifth Sunday meeting, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Barker from Birmingham, Alabama, was with us. God wonderfully blessed us with a good sermon by Bro. Barker. A girl from the church, who was in the revival, came to the altar and was converted and joined that church. We organized with 12 members, and have now grown to 21 members. They also have their house, so we can worship in it. Of course there is a lot of work to do on it.

Last week in another one of our churches we had four nights of revival, and praise God, it was a wonderful one. The first night there were seven in the altar and all came up with praise to our Heavenly Father that He had made them anew. There were 10 converted and six joined the church. The Lord heard our prayers and sent us a Spirit-filled preacher for those four nights: Rev. DeWitt Mayfield of Cleveland, Tennessee.

Bro. Jeffreys, you asked our people to write and say how we like the paper. Well, as for us, we love and appreciate the Gem. The only thing, a month is a long time to wait for a visit of the Gem. The Gem is a real blessing to us.

We ask each one that reads this to pray for us and our work here, that we will be just what God can use for His glory to win the lost for Christ. Hell is too hot and eternity too long for us to waste our time and talents for

the Devil. The Devil doesn't promise anything but trouble, sorrow, heartaches, burdens and ruin. But praise God, He promises everything—joy, happiness, no tears, and a home not made with hands.

Truly we are glad to read the letters from our brothers and sisters from different parts of the states. I would love for anyone, if they know of any F.W.B. living in Massachusetts, to send me the address and if there is F.W.B. church there.

Yours in the Great Service,

Mrs. J. T. Quick

Route 1

Richton, Mississippi

this year's session of 1954 because of lack of funds to pay cost of attending a higher priced, better equipped camp. Then again came the happy thoughts that they had sheltered young missionaries (even those who are now in foreign fields) and lots of real Christian workers in the past few years!

With these happy thoughts the moaning ceased and all was quiet on the Camp ground.

Mrs. Vada Reeves

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

January - February - March

CO-OPERATIVE FUND

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| Carterville | \$ 35.99 |
| Cential Western Mo. Ass'n. | 13.47 |
| Coppermines | 86.35 |
| Desloge | 52.10 |
| Desloge Mission | 7.50 |
| Faith and Hope | 20.80 |
| Fellowship (Flat River) | 199.82 |
| Flat River, First Church | 243.54 |
| Fredericktown | 182.31 |
| Hannon | 40.75 |
| Hazel Creek Union | 81.21 |
| Hickory Grove | 72.53 |
| Joplin | 21.71 |
| K. C. First | 15.00 |
| Kirksville | 118.26 |
| Leadington | 109.00 |
| Merl's Chapel | 49.50 |
| Mill Creek | 32.50 |
| Mine La Motte | 12.35 |
| Mountain Valley | 24.95 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 7.88 |
| Myrtle | 29.78 |
| Niangua Quarterly Meeting and New Prospect S.S. | 31.75 |
| Old Bethel | 14.90 |
| Richwoods | 57.21 |
| Salem | 47.00 |
| South Side, St. Louis | 180.00 |
| St. Louis Third | 28.21 |
| St. Louis Fourth | 44.85 |
| Sublette | 33.00 |
| Verdella | 17.47 |
| Wagoner | 62.43 |
| Wolf Creek | 5.00 |
| Total | \$1,979.12 |

MISSIONS FUND

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| Flat River First | \$ 95.86 |
| Jewell Maberry, Greenfield | 100.00 |
| Macedonia | 43.65 |
| Rock Chapel | 68.83 |

'A FLEETING THOUGHT'

As I sat looking at the Youth Camp grounds, it seemed as though I heard a sigh. What was the sigh about? Oh, nothing. It was just 16 cabins saying in unison this refrain:

"No young, childish voices will be within our walls this summer. Our rafters will hold no pretty clothes. There will be no suitcases on our floors. No prayers or petitions will be offered for loved ones lost in sin or for our foreign missionaries within our walls this year.

"Spring will come, the flowers will bloom around the Camp grounds, but there will be no young folks to admire them. The well will give up its pure drinking water, but the old bell, on the dining hall, will not ring to call young folks to the study of God's Word, or to partake of food for the body either. The kitchen empty shall be. No need for cooks as there will be no young mouths to feed.

"The Chapel will hear no young voices lifted in song and praises to God. The altar rail deserted shall be. The pianos shall remain silent, for cannot you remember, our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri is on vacation for the year 1954? But let us hope and pray that no soul (who might be saved and even become a missionary or minister) will perish this year."

Then they seemed to silently bow their heads, for after all had not many people sacrificed hours of labor and toil and loss of sleep that they might be built. Then they realized many a poor girl and boy would have to miss

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| Shibley's Point | 14.51 |
| Shibley's Point S.S. | 8.60 |
| Total | \$331.45 |

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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| Coppermines | \$ 16.60 |
| Fellowship (Flat River) | 50.00 |
| Flat River, First | 119.26 |
| Fredericktown | 55.24 |
| Hartville | 19.30 |
| Mine La Motte | 25.00 |
| New Harmony | 1.40 |
| Union Light S.S. | 43.86 |
| Verdella | 104.52 |
| Wolf Creek | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Clarence Dunn, H'ville.. | 50.00 |
| Total | \$495.18 |

STATE HOME MISSIONS

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|--------------|--------|
| Monett | \$4.81 |
| Myrtle | 1.82 |
| Total | \$6.63 |

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

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| Monett | \$4.81 |
| Myrtle | 1.82 |
| Total | \$6.63 |

LIGHTS FOR CUBA FOND

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| Hannon League | \$10.00 |
| Monett League | 5.00 |
| Sublette League | 3.50 |
| Total | \$18.50 |

HANNA FUND

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| St. Louis Third | \$70.00 |
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TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

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| Hazel Creek Union Primary and Beginners Class | \$12.60 |
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CO-LABORER FUND

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|------------------------|---------|
| Monett Auxiliary | \$33.94 |
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YOUTH CAMP FUND

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| Carterville Auxiliary | \$23.25 |
| Kansas City League | 10.00 |
| Total | \$33.25 |

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| Total Receipts for Quarter ... | \$2,987.30 |
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Mrs. Lorene Williford, treasurer

"PAY, IF YOU CAN'T GO"

Maud R. Dean

If you cannot cross the water,
That great ocean deep and wide,
To take the Gospel to lost sinners
In foreign lands on the other side
You can sacrifice your money
and send someone to cross that way.
God may call you for such service
And supply you work so you can pay.

It may have been to you a blessing
That He sent you not abroad.
So you should be so very willing
To support the Gospel of the Lord.
Some folk think that it is awful
Because they've been called to pay
To support the foreign missionary,
Who sacrifice to cross the way.

They take only what to them is given,
Whether it be great or small.
While you're living in America,
Thinking you should have it all.

If you feel a little knocking,
Now and then, down in your heart;
You had better listen closely,
God may be warning you to start
To give a portion of your pay check
You receive each month or week,
You had better give Him answer,
You may loose your job, then weep.

God don't call each of us Christians
To preach the Gospel with our lips.
We can preach it by supporting
Those who have the preaching gifts.
Some may say "I don't believe in
Spending out for foreign missions
As there's lots to do at home."

But my friends, now to me listen
God is calling foreign missionaries,
Our American boys and girls.
For He said in Mark 16,
"Go ye into all the world."

I agree that there is plenty,
Work for us to do at home,
But those He chooses for the homeland
Need not foreign lands to roam.

God don't want all of us Christians,
To huddle up in just one spot,
But He calls us to go forward,
And each one to work his lot.

I'm not called to foreign preaching
Or I cannot preach at home,
But I want to use my talent,
And help support those who must roam
Over 'cross the great deep water
To carry the Gospel in foreign lands.
If all I can offer is "A Penny A Meal"
God will bless and understand.

NO RELIGION HAS ALL THE ANSWERS—OR DOES IT?

Raymond Riggs - Nashville, Tenn.

These were the words of India's permanent delegate, Mr. R. Doyal, as he spoke with us in the delegate lounge of th United Nations Building in New York City, on Wednesday, March 11.

Bro. Morris and I had just finished the guided tour of the U.N. Building, which indeed is an education within itself. Since we were enroute to India, thought how nice it would be if we could have an interview with one of India's delegates. The young lady at the information desk, who spoke with a slight accent, was very kind in arranging the interview. After making our way to the delegates lounge where we waited a few minutes, we were introduced to a rather slender man, about five feet ten inches tall, who looked to be around forty years old. His complexion was quite dark, and his eyes were a piercing steel grey. He seemed to be pleased to learn that we were on our way to his country, and he proceeded to tell us of the recent visit he had made back home. Of course, he placed the teachings of Jesus along with the teachings of many other religions of the world, but no single one of them has all the answers to the problems of the world.

He stated that India was a tolerant nation, and he felt that we could do much good there, especially in the fields of education, sanitation, agriculture and medicine. He expressed a dislike toward proselyting from any religion, and in his conversation, he quoted several phrases from the Bible. It was a very interesting interview, and I'm sure will help us as we go on our way.

Oh yes, we have already been identified in New York. While visiting the U.N., one of the guards asked where we were from. He said he gathered by our talk that we were from his neck of the woods. Well, he and Bro. Morris turned out to be practically neighbors, since he used to haul fertilizer all around in Georgia and South Carolina.

Yes, the world is just one big community now—and I believe the Gospel of Christ has all the answers.

Putting on Christ

By the late Eld. W. C. Hill

TEXT: "PUT YE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:14. Introductory remark: "PUT YE ON CHRIST."

Before we can do a task, we must know how to perform it. Let me illustrate. Here are two iron rods: I desire to weld them together, making out of them one rod which shall serve for the purpose for which an iron rod is needed of a certain length. I go to Dr. Jones and I say, "Doctor, I want these two rods welded together, making of them one rod." "Well now, Mr. Hill, I am a doctor of medicines. I know how to diagnose disease and issue out medicine, but I don't know anything about welding. You will have to call on a blacksmith to get your work done."

Just so, how can a man put on Christ if he does not know how? The Phillippian jailor cried out in the anguish of his soul, "What must I do to be saved?" The people on the day of Pentecost, "What shall we do to be saved?" They knew they needed salvation, but did not know what to do. This is still the heart's cry of millions today. Here is a man who says, "I know how to put on my coat, my shoes, my clothes when I awaken from sleep, but I don't know how to put on Christ. Here I go inquiring what to do to be saved."

The Inquiry

I go to the pastor of a certain popular church and say, "Doctor, I want to be saved. What shall I do?" He shoves a card to me and says, "Sign this card and come and I shall baptize you."

"Doctor, I have heard a great deal about baptism. How do you baptize?"

"By immersion."

The doctor is willing to receive me as a member of his church. He puts baptism ahead of regeneration, but our Lord Jesus Christ said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again."

The doctor is anxious to count noses and to add financial prestige to his flock. But he is not a spiritual man

himself, and don't want a spiritual repentance: *Reflection, restitution and confession*. Without taking these three steps we cannot exercise Bible repentance.

David said, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Psalm 119:59. He looked back over his past life and saw his sins in all their blackness, and then he cried unto the Lord and He heard and delivered him out of all his trouble and saved him. He has an experience, so he says, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed." Psalm 34:1, 2-5. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him from all his troubles.

"My good brother, I feel that I am lost and I am anxious to know what to do to put on Christ and be saved." "Well, you come to the altar and we will pray with you, and you must make a profession of faith in Christ. Then, at a later date, you must come again to the altar and lay everything on it, and we will pray with you until you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, and speak in tongues, and verily, thou shalt be saved; or you may seek your baptism the first time you come to the altar. But most people come and make a profession, and then, at some other time, seek their baptism." I leave the good pastor, disgusted.

Hear me tonight friends, I believe a man should come to the altar and lay everything on it, and stay there and pray until God shakes the Devil and dirt out of him and regenerates his heart, fills him with the Spirit and sends him out—a brand new man, to testify for God and His salvation.

Conditions of Salvation

How shall we put on Christ? First, to put on Christ, we must hear about Him.

Faith

We put on Christ by faith: "...purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:9. *Purified by faith!* But how can we have faith in someone or something of which we have not heard? That would be utterly impossible.

Secondly, we must believe the things which we have heard.

In the third place, we must act on the things which has been heard and believed.

So faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10th chapter). Now you have heard about Christ, but I am persuaded to believe that you have not believed the things which you have heard about Him. The fact that you have not acted on the things which you have heard proves that you have not believed them. You have, therefore lightly passed them up as of no special interest to you.

Repentance

Three things are necessary to Bible

Restitution

The second step in Bible repentance may be mentioned as restitution. Jesus said on one occasion, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first to be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23, 24. The Lord's prayer teaches that we are forgiven as we forgive. Therefore, we see that we must make our wrongs to our fellow man right, as far as it is humanly possible. This is the highest order of restitution. If any man shall refuse to obey these plain Scriptures, he cannot be forgiven.

Confession

It seems to be hard to get people to confess their faults to one another, and their sins to God. But this is absolutely essential to Bible repentance, without which no man can be saved. Let us hear what the Master has to say about confession.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32.

Again John says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

Now if you have looked back over your past life and have seen your sins as God sees them, if conviction has

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seized your soul and you realize that you must make your wrongs right with your fellow man as far as humanly possible for you to do so, and confess your sins to God.

The fact that you see these questions in the same way that God sees them, makes you willing to meet the conditions and be saved. By meeting the conditions you put on Christ.

Closing Remarks

The words of God to ancient Israel have a solemn warning to the church and its leaders today. The Lord said, "I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." Hos. 8:12. To the priests and teachers He said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Hos. 4:6.

Shall this warning from God be passed by unheeded? Will you bring destruction on your own family because you have neglected to hear and obey God? Have you forgotten God? This question of salvation is a personal question that each individual must settle for himself. What are you going to do about it?

The clouds are now hovering over you: the storm will soon break upon you in all its fury. You know what I mean. You will follow your loved to the tomb, or else they will follow you. If at that time you are out of Christ, think what it will mean. Put on Christ now, while you can. If you fail to make the landing, will it be your pastor's fault? Will it be the fault of the church?

I am leaving this question with you. What will you do about it?

God bless you!

(This sermon written some 30 years ago, and now supplied by Rev. Hill's grandson, Buddy Hill of Nashville, Tennessee.)

**HOME MISSION BOARD
SENDING OUT TEAMS**

The National Home Mission Board in its semi-annual session in Nashville February 1-3 approved plans to send Home Missionary teams to Maine, Nebraska and Oregon this summer.

This action came after contacts in these places revealed urgent and immediate opportunities. The Board will underwrite the salaries of the workers, who will in turn send the receipts from the field back to the Home Mission Board.

The team going to Maine will work with Rev. John Ruth in Vacation Bible Schools in addition to taking over the pastorate of the Deyer Brook Free Will Baptist Church.

Arrangements are being made for the Nebraska team to go to Elm Island Free Will Baptist Church, near Kene-saw, Nebraska. This is our only remaining church in Nebraska and will serve as our base of operations in that state. The ultimate goal is the reviving of our Free Will Baptists in the south-eastern section of the state.

Oregon is in the development stage, having at the present time only two Free Will Baptist churches. However, a new organization is pending and other possibilities are awaiting further investigation. Our missionary team will be expected to take over the church in Springfield, Oregon and push out from there into other areas.

In addition to designating these Home Mission projects the Board approved plans for a stepped-up publicity campaign and appropriated funds for a monthly Home Mission Bulletin.

State funds for new organizations were matched by the National Board as follows: East Birmingham, \$100.00; Roxana, Illinois, \$200.00; Miami, Okla., \$200.00; Coweta, Oklahoma, \$75.00.

Other funds for new organizations will be approved as applications are made.

In reference to giving funds for new churches, the Board adopted a policy of co-operating with the State Home Mission Board and State Director. No money will be sent by the National Board to assist in a new organization unless application for such help comes through the State Home Mission Director and has approval of the State Home Mission Board. In cases where there is no state board, the Promotional Secretary of the National Board

must approve the new organization for assistance from the National Board.

The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Headquarters Building and was attended by Rev's. J. B. Bloss, H. E. Staires, H. E. Willis, W. C. Day and R. H. Jackson, Board members, and Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Promotional Secretary of the Board. In addition there were eight State Directors and two visitors present.

MANY NEW CHURCHES

Many new churches have been reported and others are in the "mission" stage. Hamlet, Cordova, Kannapolis, and Albermarle in North Carolina have new churches with a good prospect looming in Concord. In Arkansas, Rogers, Hot Springs, Greenwood and Searcy report new churches, while in Oklahoma there are new ones in Chickasha and Miami. Clovis, Wasco and Oxnard in California report initial Free Will Baptist organizations, making eight new churches in California since June, 1953. Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona have new churches, this being the second organization in Phoenix. Fordville, Kentucky, Mer Rouge, Louisiana, and Saco, Missouri are the other new churches reported.

In addition to new organizations reported, there are six others either in the planning stage, or now operating as missions. They are Duncan, Arizona; Panhandle, Texas; Manchester, Tennessee; Marshall, Texas; Conway, Arkansas, and Nashville, Tennessee. Plans are also underway for a state association to be organized in Arizona.

Reports, yet unconfirmed, lead us to believe that we have discovered a group of Free Will Baptist churches in northeastern Pennsylvania. There are 14 of these churches in the Gibson Quarterly Meeting. Also we are awaiting conformation on the existence of a Free Will Baptist church in the Roxbury section of Boston, Massachusetts. —From April Newsletter of National Home Mission Board.

When it comes to coddling imaginary wrongs, the average person is a faithful nurse.

Unless we can learn the supremacy of spiritual forces, the pallbearers that have carried out other dead civilizations wait at our door.—Ch. Bulletin



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



THE STONE ROLLED AWAY

Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys

"And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great." Mark 16:4.

As we near one of the greatest seasons of the year, shall we consider some of the stones that might discourage and dim our faith. Truly it is a time when every Christian soul should be rejoicing. It renews our hope in a risen Lord. But on the first Easter morn, Christ's followers encountered a stone they could not remove, but as the power of God was sufficient then to remove the impossible, it is still so in the present day.

Vanished Difficulties

"Who shall roll away the stone?" There were three good women, who rose early in the morning and made their way to the tomb. They loved Jesus very much and had brought along sweet spices that they might anoint Him. No doubt as they come the anxiety about the huge stone at the door seemed an impossibility to them. They questioned among themselves, their faith kept them going toward the tomb. They arrived on the scene only to find that the Stone had been rolled away. By God's divine power that difficulty vanished. God is always greater than our foes.

Vanished Darkness

As they came they expected to see dark, cold things, but instead found the tomb full of light. They saw angels with shining garments, angels of joy and light. He was the angel of the Lord and spoke to them, and said, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:5, 6. The hour indeed seemed very dark to them just as the hour of trial, temptation and persecution often seems to us, but Jesus does not leave

the earnest seeking soul groping in darkness. He will break through the darkness, dense as it may seem, with His wonderful light and grace that makes our Christian hearts rejoice.

Christ's tomb is our doorway into eternity. Christ went by the way of the cross and the tomb that we might have eternal life.

Vanished Death

They went to the tomb, not thinking but that they would anoint the body of a dead man. In Luke 24:5, we hear the men that stood by in shining garments ask, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" The death that had reigned had now vanished. He wasn't there but had risen as He said he would do the third day. Many look in the wrong place for Christ.

Life and immortality are brought to light by the gospel. Many souls are dead in trespasses of sin now and do not realize it until the light of the gospel shines upon them and they are made to see themselves as God sees them. Spiritual death will reign until the light of the gospel shines through and full surrender to Christ is made in sincere repentance. For the Christian, death is morning, and not the evening star. It is our passway to the blessings and sunrise into another country to take up our eternal abode with Christ.

Vanished Doubt

Although there were difficulties to overcome, and the stone was rolled away, darkness to break through, death being the expected, which turned to great joy knowing Christ was among the living, now all doubts are made to flee as they are invited to "Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6. Notice the angel didn't say where the Lord is but where He was. Christ said He would rise the third day which is enough proof of His resurrection, but for the skeptic who wants more proof, the empty grave is it. The officials sought to make the tomb secure by placing a huge stone over the door and by stationing an armed guard there, but this wasn't any

match for the supreme power of God.

Whatever the difficult stone that may occur in our Christian pathway, may our faith be great enough to trust God to remove it or help us around it. Doubt can become a great stone if we allow it to grow in our lives, so may we through very earnest prayer, keep them out of our lives.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CLASS AT F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE

During the first semester of this school year, a new course, "Church and Its Auxiliaries" was taught by Rev. C. F. Bowen.

At the close of the Woman's Auxiliary course, Bro. Bowen asked the students to write an article, giving his opinion concerning the organization.

It was very interesting to learn the reaction of our students, to this course and we are passing two of the articles on to you.

"The organization is well named. When one mentions the name it is recognized as a Free Will Baptist movement. The purpose that is expressed in the guide book is good and is badly needed in every church that upholds the name of Christ. It is world wide in scope and the job is never finished.

"To improve this organization would call for better leaders throughout the local churches. The first step would probably be for the most efficient leaders nationally to have a training program for leaders in at least every county where we are represented. I might add another suggestion here that I know would be of great help. It would be of great service for the W.N.A.C. to establish a family altar in every home that is a member and then from there let the world be the goal. The women are to a large degree, responsible for the kind of home they have and I believe this would work in nicely." J. B. Hall

"The Woman's Auxiliary is a very important organization. It is also a good one.

"I would never have known the def-

dition or the purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary, if I had not taken the course, 'Church and Its Auxiliaries' at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The definition, 'The Missionary service of the Church,' is a very good one. I never knew that the Auxiliary had a special interest in missions. The purpose, 'Help the churches teach and support missions,' is also good, if the Auxiliary carried it out.

"I don't think we should worry about getting things changed, but that we should see that the watchword, definition, and purpose is carried out. We should definitely have more mission minded Auxiliaries today. When Auxiliary members sing 'Jesus Calls Us,' they should really pray about this, and heed to this call. If its not to go to some foreign field, it is to pray for those who do go.

"Members of all the different auxiliaries, let's check up on ourselves and see if we have the type of Auxiliary that we should have." Eloise Phillips

We are grateful to the Free Will Baptist Bible College for adding the course "Church and Its Auxiliaries" to their curriculum.

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Ex. Secy-Treas., W.N.A.C.

DECLAMATION CONTEST

5516 Appleton
Kansas City, Missouri

Greetings to F.W.B. Youth and Youth Leaders of Missouri:

As State Youth Chairman for the F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary, I am vitally interested in our speech contest for this year. We have a great deal of unused talent among our young people in the good old Show-Me State. What are we going to do about it? Shall we sit idly by and allow Satan to gain ground or will we use the very best that we have for the Master and for His glory alone? I challenge every F.W.B. pastor in the State of Missouri and every Youth Leader to take notice of these facts pertinent to our speech contest.

Boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, from your Sunday Schools, Leagues or Youth Auxiliaries are eligible.

Names of contestants and oration titles should be sent not later than July 1, 1954 to National Youth Chair-

man, Mrs. Paul Pursell, Shawnee, Oklahoma (for National Contest).

Subject matter must *absolutely* be one of Stewardship—of time, talent, personality, possessions, etc.

Time limit—ten minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time.

Value of teaching Stewardship—50%
Poise—10%.

Expression and interpretation—10%.
Memorization—15%.

Enunciation—15%.

For material write to W.N.A.C., 3301 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. Also I have a very limited supply I would be glad to send anyone who will send their name and address. May the dear Lord bless you as you labor for Him.

Your State Youth Chairman,

Alice Dickey

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

Dear Friends in Christ Everywhere:

May we say a good morning to you and God bless you.

Our Auxiliary met at the church March 25 for our all day service with 18 members, one visitor and six children present. The following program was given.

Theme: "Sowing Good Seed." Hymn, "More Like the Master." Scripture, Matt. 13:1-9; 18:23. Business period conducted by Agnes Smith. Program in charge of Bernice Dodd. Hymn, "Bringing In the Sheaves." Poem, "My Neighbor's Bible," Mrs. Turley. Topic, "How can the Auxiliary sow Good Seed and be an influence to the youth of our church?" Wanda Ragsdale. Poem, "Call to Loyalty," Mrs. Swearingen. Topic, "We must save our Children for Christ, for Time, and for Eternity," Mrs. Milburn. Poem, "I Wonder," Mrs. Baker. Poem, "My Business," Dorothy McCoy. Topic, "Sowing the Good Seed," Willa Mae Barker. Poem, "The Hindered Christ," Mrs. McCormick. Topic, "Some a hundred fold," Della Getz. Dismissed for noon hour. Afternoon—hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus." Prayer. Chorus singing. Scripture. Praise service, Mrs. Hilderbrand. Benediction.

A good fellowship was enjoyed by all present at the noon hour, and many blessings were received throughout the day. God is so very good to His children. We just can't stay humble

enough nor thank Him enough for all He does for us. Please pray for us that we will ever stay in the center of God's will. How we do need to pray for one another. I am just a humble servant of the Lord.

God bless everyone is my prayer.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, reporter

HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER

The Monett Woman's Auxiliary met in their bi-weekly meeting with Mrs. C. L. Atwell in their last regular meeting.

At the opening of the meeting the group joined in singing the theme song, "More Like the Master," followed with prayer by Mrs. Wayne Terrell.

The lesson for study was from the yearbook and was entitled, "The Blessed Unoffended." Mrs. Lyle Roller conducted the discussion, and Mrs. Nolan Thomas read the devotional from the 11th chapter of Matthew. Those discussing topics were Mrs. Wayne Terrell, Mrs. W. L. Powell, Mrs. Roy Nichols and Mrs. Cecil Campbell.

Mrs. Russell Weisman, president, conducted the business session, during which roll call was answered with a favorite Bible verse. The vice-presidents presented their reports, and announcement was made that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. O. T. Allred.

During the social hour, Mrs. Cecil Campbell was honored with a handkerchief shower. She will be leaving soon for North Carolina where Rev. Campbell has accepted a pastorate.

REPORTS PLEASE

My dear ladies, we are missing your reports and messages of greeting for our pages. Let me ask you, don't you like to receive a letter or greeting from friends? I'm sure we all do. Then please send us your reports. In this way we are able to hear from one another. If your Auxiliary has a prayer request you would like the rest of us to tarry in prayer about, let us know about it.

We are not scolding or fretting, but please help us make our pages of more interest to all. I know how easy it is to neglect some things essential, and I'm sure this is the cause of our not hearing many times. Will you be first to let us hear from you for the next issue.

TO BURN NOTE ON LOTS; START NEW SANCTUARY

Trinity Temple FWB Church
766 North Lewis Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

It's nearing springtime and time to bring you, the readers, up to date on the Trinity Temple news.

Attendance has been increasing very rapidly and the love for God in our hearts has increased to overflowing. Average attendance in our Sunday School is now 76. Our top record for attendance on Sunday morning is 104. Average attendance for Auxilliary is 14 out of 22 members.

A big project is now underway at our little church. Our slogan for the past few months has been "Burn that note by April 1st." Our pastor asked this of us and the response has been wonderful.

Rev. Bingham has been behind this project with personal evangelism. The individual classes have taken up and sponsored special projects. The Auxilliary has its own projects, and most of all our Lord has truly been behind us all the way.

We hope to finish paying for our lots by April 1st, at which time we will begin the building of our precious Trinity Temple.

I'd like to tell a little of the highlights of our Auxilliary program and the wonderful work our ladies have done since organization in August of 1953.

We have had many good study courses and programs, and inspiring devotions and fellowship with one another and with our Lord.

The polio clinic is one of our main projects. We work earnestly on this project, because we feel we are not only helping Mrs. Marie Rankin and the Hillcrest Medical Center and all of God's little children lying out there in the hospital with polio, but also and most important of all, we feel we are pleasing God by helping the little children to be a little happier. They are counting on others who are well and able to give them their parties. We have served at ten of these parties for the children.

Another outstanding work is the rolling of bandages which we do every other Tuesday night. We have rolled since our organization 1,320 dozen bandages for the medical center. The Auxilliary has received an award from

the Hillcrest Medical Center for services rendered.

Other projects completed since August are one chili supper, the selling of Christmas cards, and the selling of 48 bottles of vanilla. From this we received a 60-cup coffee urn.

Two projects are underway at this time—a rummage sale and the selling of blocks at ten cents a block for our miniature church. Sis. Adeline Allen, our corresponding secretary, made a small cardboard church and drew blocks on it. When a person buys a block he writes his name on the church. This project has proven very successful.

We at Trinity Temple say good-bye until the building of our church begins, and we ask your prayers for our church and the congregation.

Our hearts and our prayers are with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Melvin Bingham, pastor
Mary Lou Bingham, corres.

MISSIONS ITINERARIES

NORTH CAROLINA — Itinerary and Conference

Feb. 13—Belmont Church, N. Belmont, Rev. Wade Calvert pastor, 200 attend, 18 consecrations, \$52.84 received and \$155.00 pledged.

Feb. 14 (afternoon)—Cramerton, Rev. Rykard pastor, 50 present, 8 consecrations, \$17.04 received and \$112.00 pledged.

Feb. 15-19—Conference Reedy Branch Church, Winterville, Rev. Henry Melvin pastor, average 175 each night, 20 consecrations, \$434.49 received, and \$825.00 pledged.

Total: 46 consecrations, \$504.37 received, and \$1,092.00 pledged to be paid by December 31, 1954.

GEORGIA —

Feb. 20—St. Marks Church, Phenix City (Ala.), John D. Ellis pastor, 70 attended, 18 consecrations, \$22.23 received and \$145.00 pledged.

Feb. 21—Turner's Chapel (11:00 am & 2:30 pm), W. R. Lawhorn pastor, 101 present, 17 consecrations, offering of \$34.20, and \$200.00 pledged.

Feb. 21-22—Christian Hill, J. B. Loving pastor, 116 attended, 12 consecrations, \$62.53 received, \$400.00 pledged and 2 conversions witnessed.

Feb. 22—Lower Corinth, Emmett McDuffey pastor, 81 present, 6 consecrations, 7 conversions, \$14.40 received, \$60.00 pledged.

Feb. 23 (am & pm)—Oak Hill Church, Alma, E. B. Joyner pastor, 39 attended, 6 consecrations, \$45.50 received, \$60.00 pledged.

Feb. 23—Spring Grove, Jesup, W. H. Mills pastor, 28 present, 4 consecrations, \$22.73 offering, \$35.00 pledged.

Feb. 24—Corinth (one day conference) M. R. Cason pastor, 86 present, 11 consecrations, \$49.29 received, \$195.00 in pledges.

Feb. 25—Midway, Mountree, R 4, M. R. Cason pastor, 110 present, 4 consecrations, \$29.77 received, \$100.00 in pledges.

Feb. 26—Bellview, Colquitt, W. B. Clenney pastor, 101 present, 12 consecrations, \$38.95 offering, \$210.00 pledged.

Feb. 27—Patmos, Leary, C. R. Houston pastor, 129 attended, 20 consecration, \$105.52 received, \$325.00 in pledges.

Feb. 28—Travelers Rest, Newton, H. L. Robots pastor, 79 attended, 8 consecrations, \$37.02 received, and \$305.00 pledged.

Feb. 28—First Church Albany, W. S. Driggers pastor, 97 present, 20 consecrations, \$63.81 received, \$250.00 in pledges.

Totals: 1,037 attended services, 138 in special consecration to service, 9 conversions, \$525.95 received, \$2,285.00 pledged to be paid by December 31, 1954.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

The Triumphant Sunday School Convention met with the Salem Free Will Baptist Church at Salem, Missouri on Saturday, March 20th.

We had a wonderful convention. Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, was elected president for the coming year. Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of Salem Free Will Baptist Church, was elected vice president, and Sis. Dobkins was retained as secretary-treasurer.

Our next convention will be in June at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church.

Missed at the convention were Southside Sunday School, Third Church Sunday School, and Fourth Church Sunday School, all of St. Louis. Pray much that all will meet together in June.

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.

THROW IT A BONE!!!

You feed your body 21 times a week, whether it is hungry or not. Then why not throw your poor soul a bone once a week at least, even if it doesn't seem hungry? The poor thing may be too weak from starvation to make its wants known.

A Church Bulletin

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Response to reporting the Sunday School averages for several months in succession simultaneously is very favorable. Some new schools appear this time. Thanks. Many schools are showing a monthly increase in average attendance. How is your school doing? Let us hear from you.

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| Richwoods | 68.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Leslie Logsdon, pastor | | | | | | |
| Hannon (Barton Co.) | 48.. | 50.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Conrad Williford, pastor | | | | | | |
| Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.) .. | 92.. | 90.. | 93.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Woodrow Matthews, pastor | | | | | | |
| Third St. Louis | 92.. | 93.. | 106.. | .. | .. | .. |
| League | .. | .. | 51.. | .. | .. | .. |
| James Barker, pastor | | | | | | |
| Fourth St. Louis | 53.. | 48.. | 50.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Wm. Turnbough, pastor | | | | | | |
| Salem, St. Louis | 56.. | .. | 50.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lawrence Thompson, Pastor | | | | | | |
| Fredericktown | 158.. | 172.. | 183.. | .. | .. | .. |
| League | 104.. | 74.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| W. T. Newsome, pastor | | | | | | |
| First Church, Springfield .. | 135.. | .. | 136.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Henry Long, pastor | | | | | | |
| Jones Chapel, Stella | 53.. | 54.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Winford Davis, pastor | | | | | | |
| Monett | 78.. | 78.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| James Davis, pastor | | | | | | |
| Southside, St. Louis | 156.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| James Franklin, pastor | | | | | | |
| Mountain Grove | 176.. | 193.. | 195.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Willard C. Day, pastor | | | | | | |
| Elizabethton, Tenn. 1st | 206.. | 217.. | 204.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Harvey E. Hill, pastor | | | | | | |
| Oilton, Oklahoma | 116.. | 133.. | 129.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Benjamin Scott, pastor | | | | | | |
| Lawnwood, Tulsa | 157.. | 165.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| H. E. Staires, pastor | | | | | | |
| Phillips Chapel, Arkansas .. | 170.. | 165.. | 163.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Tommy Day, pastor | | | | | | |
| Mt. Pisgah, Cabool | .. | 44.. | 40.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Homer Smith, pastor | | | | | | |
| First Church, Joplin | .. | 50.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Paul Williams, pastor | | | | | | |
| Parkview, Desloge | 86.. | 90.. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| John Long, pastor | | | | | | |
| Berkeley First, St. Louis .. | .. | 166.. | 168.. | .. | .. | .. |
| League | .. | 76.. | 64.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Don Ellis, pastor | | | | | | |
| Wolf Creek, Mansfield | 42.. | 39.. | 37.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Charles Findley, pastor | | | | | | |
| Union Third Fork, N.E. Mo. | 25.. | 25.. | 24.. | .. | .. | .. |
| Edward H. Corn, pastor | | | | | | |
| Fellowship, Flat River | 140.. | 141.. | 170 | .. | .. | .. |
| Rolla Smith, pastor | | | | | | |



From The Editor's Desk



FROM OUR FRIENDS

Sorry we have waited so long about sending in our money for the Gem. We have both been working and have neglected it. We just miss the Gem so much, and enjoy reading the good things in it. Mo.

As my time is out on the Gem, our church paper, I am sending my renewal, as I sure don't want to miss any. It is a little "gem." Ark.

Please renew our sub to the Gem. We can't get along without it. We do enjoy the Gem so much. May God bless you and your work there. Oregon

Although I don't get to go to a Free Will Baptist Church, I love to keep in touch with what is going on in our organized churches other places. Hoping that the Lord's work will continue. Missouri

I enjoy reading the paper very much. The Lord bless you in your good work. Missouri

Please send us dozen treatise. It was decided in our League assembly that the League should furnish every family with one treatise each. So send the above number for this purpose. Mo.

Rev. Tommy Day, pastor of Phillips Chapel Church, Springdale, Arkansas, and his family have spent some time recently visiting a son stationed with the navy in California.

Word from Leamon L. Killian, clerk at Copper Mines Church near Fredricktown is that they are to enter into revival services April 5. We expect to have more on this later.

The church at Oilton, Oklahoma is in a building program. An educational unit of 24x36 feet is being added. Rev. Benjamin R. Scott is pastor.

Carterville Church in Indian Creek Association has just closed a revival, and report three saved and the church encouraged and revived. Rev. Winford Davis was evangelist and Rev. Harold Hoover is pastor.

Merl's Chapel Church near Cassville, Missouri is rejoicing for their young man who publicly acknowledged his divine call to preach the Gospel at a recent Sunday evening worship service. Charles Black is the new preacher. He is a veteran recently returned from armed service. Rev. O. T. Allred is pastor of the church.

The church at Myrtle, Missouri has been in revival, with Rev. Reford Wilson of Pocahontas, Arkansas doing the preaching. We do not have late report from these services. Rev. George W. Scott is pastor.

First Church in Kansas City will start revival by observing the pre-Easter Week of Prayer and continuing after Easter. Rev. O. T. Allred will be bringing the messages. Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey is pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liberty No. 2 Sunday School Convention will meet with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ashville Alabama, April 24-25, 1954.

Chester O'Donnell, Secretary

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Rev. Harry Sterling, full-time pastor of the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, has some open dates for evangelistic work. You may contact him at 302 North Terry, Carterville, Missouri, or by phone at 954W, Webb City, Missouri.

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We have received information that Mrs. Thora Arbogast Grider will be available for Daily Vacation Bible School work this summer. Mrs. Grider is a former Bible College student, and has had considerable experience in conducting and instructing in D.V.B.S. If in need of a director or teacher, contact her personally: Mrs. Thora Grider, Greenfield, Missouri, or we will be glad to forward your inquiry to her.

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The next Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Association will convene with

the Mt. Pisgah Church near Cabool, Missouri. Rev. Homer Smith is the pastor of the church. We are sorry that we do not have the actual dates of the convention.

HOLD PRE-EASTER SERVICES

Dear Gem Readers:

The Lord is still blessing us, and as we enter into the Easter season we are looking forward to some wonderful blessings from the Lord.

The Woman's Auxilliary is sponsoring five nights of pre-Easter services which begin April 12 and ends April 16, with a different speaker each night. An offering will be taken for Missions.

We have started our building program, for we are badly in need of room for Sunday School classes. We certainly thank the Lord for a growing Sunday School.

We had a young preacher preach to us today. He is Jerry Thompson who is from our church, but is now attending Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.

Pray for us and for our good pastor and his wife.

Mrs. Edna Coulter, reporter
Berkeley Church (St. Louis)

REVIVAL FOR MEMPHIS

May 2-16 has been set as the date for the Free Will Baptist revival in Memphis, Tennessee. The meeting will be sponsored co-operatively by the National Home Mission Board, the Northeast Mississippi Association and the Tennessee State Home Mission Board. Rev. M. L. Hollis of Amory, Mississippi will be the evangelist.

This will be the first Free Will Baptist effort ever to be put forth in Memphis. A number of Free Will Baptist people who are residents of Memphis have expressed a willingness to become charter members of the new church, which will be organized at the close of the revival.

Plans call for a tent revival, with services to be held nightly at 7:30. A 15 minute daily radio broadcast is also being arranged. Churches from the

surrounding Mississippi and middle Tennessee areas are urged to begin now to make plans to come in groups to the revival.

WHY SOME PEOPLE STAY HOME FROM CHURCH

Some stay home because it's cold,
And some because it's hot;
And some because they're getting old,
And some because they're not!

Some stay home because their hat
The milliner's not finished;
And some, because their liking for
The minister has diminished.

Some declare they don't enjoy
The singing of the choir;
And some because a fellow saint
Aroused their wrathful ire.

Alas! Alas! How excuses grow
To drive our thoughts from God,
And turn us from the house of prayer,
The place our father's trod.

Church Bulletin

CARNALITY

What Does It Mean to Be Carnal?

There are those that claim that carnality is in the soul or inward man, and by a second work of Grace it will be eradicated.

God is the Father of Spirits (Heb. 12:9), and He does not give depraved souls or spirits to babies.

All the carnality in man is in the flesh, and God has not promised to eradicate it, but will give us grace to overcome the weakness of the flesh.

The Greek word, *Sarkikois*, translated 'carnal' in I Cor. 3:1, means fleshly and is so translated in some translations.

Paul had addressed the church at Corinth as having been sanctified (consecrated ones, Williams translation) in I Cor. 1:2. Yet they were yielding too much to the flesh—something that too many today are doing regardless of how many blessings they may have had.

I read a very fine book written by a man that had fasted and prayed to be sanctified by a second work of grace. He finally claimed the blessing, but he soon realized that he still had the weakness of the flesh to contend with,

and he was honest enough to confess it. After studying the Scriptures more closely he wrote the book mentioned.

He said that others that had claimed to have been sanctified, confessed to him that their experience did not coincide with their testimony.

If ministers would get some good concordance and find out what the original word was and what it meant, instead of getting some holiness commentary or a Webster's dictionary to try to prove some theory, I am sure we would not have so much confusion among us.

A servant,

Rev. A. B. Talbert
119 South Florence
Claremore, Oklahoma

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Let us learn from the old Negro minister how to pray a fervent prayer:

"Oh Lawd," he prayed, "give dy servant this mawnin' de eyes of de eagle, and de wisdom ob de owl, connect his soul wid de gospel telefoam ob de central skies, 'luminate his imagination, grease his lips with 'possum oil, loose his tongue wid de sledge hammer ob dy power, electrify his brain wid de lightnin' of dy Word, put perpetual motion in his arms, fill him full of de dynamite of dy glory, 'noint him all over wid the kerosene of dy salvation, and set him on fire. Amen."

Contributed

HOW BETTY SAID IT

"Betty has been telling me all day how much she loves me," said Aunt May, as she folded her little niece in her arms.

Betty looked up into her Aunt's face, with a little flash and said, "Why Auntie, I do love you to - to - to - pieces! And I have been wanting to tell you so ever since I came, but somehow I couldn't. It's Alice who comes right out and tell folks how she loves them—but somehow I can't."

"Yes, you know how to say it," said Auntie. "You have been telling me all day that you love me, and in a perfectly beautiful way. What little girl rushed down to the store after that

package I had forgotten just when that same little girl was getting ready to play 'mother' with her little sister and the children next door? What little girl hunted for as much as ten minutes till she found the back number of a church paper that auntie wanted?"

Betty's little face was smiling and happy and she said, "Oh, if you mean that, then perhaps—"

"There is no perhaps about it," smiled Aunt May. —Contributed.

WHY I DON'T GO

Albuquerque, N.M.—A minister has stopped trying to persuade folks who don't go to church to mend their ways. Instead he just hands them a list he calls "Why I Don't Go to Movies, which lists these reasons

1. The manager of the theater never calls on me.
2. Every time I go they ask me for money.
3. Not all the folks live up to the high standards of the film characters.
4. I went so much as a child, I've got all the entertainment I need.
5. The performance lasts too long. I can't sit still for more than an hour.
6. I don't care for some of the people I meet at the theater.
7. I don't always agree with what I hear and see.
8. I don't think they have very good music at the theater.
9. The shows are always held in the evening, and that's the only time I'm to be home with my family.

The pastor has heard all of these excuses, haven't you.

—Contributed

No abilities, however splendid, can command success without intense labor and persevering application.

—A. T. Stewart

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THE DRUNKARD'S WILL: "I leave to the world a ruinous example; to my parents all sorrow possible to bear; to my brothers and sisters shame and dishonor; to my wife a broken heart and a disgraced life; and to my children poverty, wretchedness, and a memory of a father in a drunkard's grave." Sel.

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