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MOTHER'S DAY

Gentle hands that never weary toiling in love's vineyard sweet,
Eyes that seem forever cheery when our eyes they chance to meet,
Tender, patient, brave, devoted, this is always mother's way;
Could her worth in gold be quoted as you think of her today?

There shall never be another quite so tender, quite so kind
As the patient little mother; nowhere on this earth you'll find
Her affection duplicated; none so proud if you are fine;
Could her worth be overstated? Not by any words of mine.

Vain are all our tributes to her if in words alone they dwell,
We must live the praises due her; there's no other way to tell
Gentle mother that we love here, would you say, as you recall
All the patient service of her, You've been worthy of it all?

—Selected



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Dear Gem Friends:

We just finished a wonderful pre-Easter service at the church here. Our Woman's Auxiliary had charge of the prayer and devotional service each evening at 7:30, with a different lady having charge each service. This was followed each evening by a short message on the "Footprints of Jesus," by the pastor Rev. John B. Elliston. We began these services on Palm Sunday evening with the message by the pastor "Into Jerusalem." The devotional was by Mrs. Kenneth Beveridge. Monday's message was "Cleansing the Temple," devotions by Mrs. Ed Boherslavicky. Tuesday's message, "Answering the Adversary," with devotions by Mrs. Robert Boherslavicky. The message on Wednesday was, "Sought After by the Gentiles," and devotions were by Mrs. Ed Reed. On Thursday the message was, "The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing," devotions by Mrs. Anna Howard. The message Friday was, "Trial and Death." Devotions were by Mrs. Ralph Conway. Saturday's message, "Silence of the Tomb," and devotions by Mrs. Joe Zumner. On Sunday night the auxiliary presented a drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," with devotions by Mrs. Howard Conway. Our average attendance for these services was 24.

Our Auxiliary sponsored family night at our church the first Tuesday night in April. We served cookies and coffee, and Rev. W. V. McPhail, pastor of the Cushing F.W.B. Church, showed our missionary picture, "Letter to Melitino." Our Auxiliary offering was only \$1.80 for missions, but we are thankful for our Auxiliary and their work. We have 13 members, and the organization is just seven months old. We also conducted cottage prayer meetings this month in the home of two shut-ins.

Our ladies are making cook books to sell to help on the building fund. We have \$100.00 already for the fund. As yet our church is meeting in a rented building. We are anxious to get a building of our own to worship in.

Pray for us.

Mrs. John Elliston, president
Mrs. Ed Harris, sec'y.-treas.

GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE

God's wonderful love is the greatest theme,

*That e'er engaged the mind of man;
'Twas embraced in His original scheme
When the great universe was planned.
This wonderful love from eternity,
Made full atonement for you and me.*

God's wonderful love is the grandest theme

*Ever sung by psalmist or seer;
No loftier theme did poet e'er dream,
Nor solon, nor sage e'er hear.
This wonderful love from eternity,
Made full atonement for you and me.*

God's wonderful love is the grandest theme,

*Proclaimed on earth or in heaven;
Most priceless treasure, of highest esteem.*

*Of all that God has e'er given.
This wonderful love from eternity,
Made full atonement for you and me.*

God's wonderful love is the grandest theme,

*Which saints or angels e'er sung;
Most exalted, lofty, sublime and supreme*

*From the symphony of God e'er sung.
This wonderful love from eternity,
Made full atonement for you and me.*

God's wonderful love is the grandest theme.

*Ever considered by God above;
He sent His Son mankind to redeem,
Because of His wonderful love.*

*This wonderful love from eternity,
Made full atonement for you and me.*

---Contributed

BACKSLIDING

Backsliding means falling away from God after having been saved by Him. Backsliding usually takes place gradually—the sliding is not sudden. Backsliding is often secret at first, being known only to the guilty soul itself. Backsliding may be partial, or it may be entire. Backsliding always originates in disobedience to God, either by transgression or by neglecting His commandments.

God said in Genesis 6:3, "And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man." I knew a man in Pendleton, Oregon, who had been a minister of the Methodist church. He was doing a good work for the Lord, but thought that he was not making enough money to live on. He was offered a job in Pendleton at a fair wage, so he decided to go and make a sum, then return to his preaching. The Holy Spirit strove with him and tried to get him to keep on preaching, and He kept striving with the man until he finally picked up a tool and started to work. Then the Holy Spirit left him and never again tried to get him to come back. It was several years after the Spirit ceased to strive with him that he told me all this. I have no reason for doubting his story, for he was a good man. He said that he was truly converted, but just disobeyed God. Sister and Brother give God the benefit of the doubt.

The Bible warns God's people of the possibility of falling away from him, and, after knowing His grace, of being finally lost. Read Ezekiel, chapters 18 and 33, and then pray earnestly. Ezek. 18:20, 26, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die."

Paul had a fear of being a castaway. I Cor. 9:27, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

Man is a free moral agent, and as such, can be good or bad as he chooses. God made man free, therefore if He forced men to do certain things, then man would not be a free man, but as the beasts.

God has made everything possible to induce and help man to be good.

He permits man to be tempted, but leaves him to act and choose as he pleases. In no state does man lose his power of choice. Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

You say, "Oh, I was born from above by the Spirit of God, so I am a child always. As I was born to my fleshly parents, I am still their child regardless of what I do." Friends, you had no choice of earthly parents. If you had, you might not have chosen the ones you have, or had. But you do have the choice of choosing Christ as your Saviour, and you also can deny Him. You may have had faith in Christ once, but you also may have lost your faith in Him and placed your faith back in Satan. You say, "No man can pluck me out of God's hand." That is so—no one but you yourself.

You ask, "Was not the prodigal son, spoken of in Luke 15:12-32, still his father's son when he was in the far country?" Yes and no. He chose to leave his home and not be subject to his father's command. But when he saw the state he was in, he chose to return to his father's house. The father told his oldest son that "this thy brother was dead, and is alive," that he was lost and is found. You say he never was converted. Then how did he know what was in his father's house, and how to return? This parable represents a man in a backslidden condition, one who has once known the love and goodness of God, and that God is willing to forgive and receive all who will repent and return to Him in humility.

Jesus described the return of the Devil to a heart from which he had been previously cast out: Matt. 12:45, "Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." It is harder to persuade one who has backslidden for a time to accept Christ anew.

Peter described certain people who had returned to their sin: II Peter 2:22 "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb. The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

Bad men are made good by God

when they accept God's plan of salvation. The general teaching of the Bible is that the whole of man's life is a probation. Salvation is promised on certain acts or choices of man. Heb. 2:14, "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end."

The writer of the Hebrews speaks of a fearful judgment, indignation, and punishment which will be incurred by those who, though once sanctified by the Blood by the Holy Spirit, and then despise and reject the same. "For if we sin willfully after that have received the knowledge of truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ... of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace." Heb. 10:26, 28.

I heard an evangelist preach from the pulpit; this is what he said: "James said, 'Faith without works is dead.' I don't believe it." What is one going to do or believe when a minister preaches that way just to satisfy his own whim? I say read the Bible and pray God for light. James 1:5, 6a, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith."

The Bible teaches of many who once knew and served God, but backslid and died in their sins: King Saul, a suicide; Judas, the betrayer; Ananias and Sapphira.

You say that Jesus said in John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear my voice, and know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." No man can take us out of God's hand, but we ourselves. If not, then we are not free agents or men. The true meaning is that God will, at the end, give life eternal to those who are faithful, and then they will be so secure that they will never perish. Matt. 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

In Revelation, the first chapter, it speaks of "them that overcometh" who shall receive certain rewards. So let us be overcomers.

You say that Paul says, "Nothing

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Daubing With Untempered Mortar

Thora Grider-Greenfield, Mo.

"So WILL I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 13:14.

This promise of God's judgment was directed at the Israelite nation because of their tolerant attitude toward false prophets invading the camp with their damnable doctrines; the effects of which had been a laxness and complacent attitude among the people relative to their spiritual obligations to God. It is a fact not to be overlooked that there had been no complete breakdown of observances of the rituals and ceremonies. There was strict adherence to religious worship, and there was activity about the camp at all times. The significance is in the fact that "one built a wall, and lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar." The untempered mortar bespeaks of faulty material used by an unskilled workman, which would inevitably result in a defective product.

There is a wealth of truth contained in the lesson which is applicable to us in our dispensation. This same truth God has reiterated through His servant Paul in I Corinthians 3:10-11, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In Ephesians 2:20-21, Paul tells us we should be "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord." The Psalmist said on one occasion, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Ps. 127:1)

We hear a lot about juvenile delinquency in our nation. There have been many articles written expressing views on the cause, and giving suggestions as to a cure. Many are good in their theory, but in actuality would not rectify the trouble I fear. I think the analysis J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. has made is commendable. He attributes this problem to a moral and spiritual breakdown in the home and church—giving some startling statistics concerning the per cent who have been victims of broken homes, or the lack of spiritual training.

Surely it goes without contradiction that this nation, which was founded on religious principles, has been doing as the Israelites—daubing the walls with untempered mortar, else this curse would not be prevalent. God has given explicit directions as to the training of children from the time he spoke to the Israelites (Deut. 11:18-19), "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." The New Testament admonition of Eph. 6:4, "...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

It is not hard to understand what has brought about this curse when we consider the vast difference in what constitutes the training of children now and that of years ago. The influences of a child's environment, be they good or bad, contribute to his education from the time he is old enough to learn, which it is conceded by most all authorities is a very early age of infancy. At one time the sphere of a child's activity was for the most part his home, church and school; now it covers a greater territory, thus he is confronted with every ungodly influence from his earliest impressionable age.

One has only to make a habit of observing children at play to learn what things make the greatest impression on their minds. Most of it being from the outside world, and is

of a corrupt nature, which could only cultivate the mind and heart in the ways of deceitfulness, crime, murder, and lustful living, unless there is enough spiritual training given as an antidote to counteract the evil. Many children are not fortunate to have any attempt made in this direction; and more tragic than that is the fact many others who do have religious affiliations, receive training in powerless churches where they are not taught and brought into the knowledge of the fullness of joy and sufficiency of God. In many instances amusements of the world are offered to their inquiring, hungry minds and souls in an attempt to satisfy and hold them.

I have said all that to say this—if the wall is to be daubed with tempered (well proportioned, conditioned) mortar, instead of untempered, so as to make for a strong spiritual building of our nation, who is to direct the work, and how? The church must, by a conscientious, thorough child training program. If this is left out the structure is defective, and as Ezekiel 13:14 states, "...the foundation shall be discovered." We believe one of the essentials of a child training program is the Summer Daily Vacation Bible School department. **WHY DON'T YOU CONDUCT ONE?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DEPUTATION WELCOMED

(The following address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Joshua Paul, native pastor of Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Kotagiri, South India. The occasion was the arrival of Rev. Raymond Riggs, secretary of F.W.B. Foreign Mission Board, and Rev. E. C. Morris, deputation team to the Mission Fields in India.)

It is with feelings of deepest pleasure and gratitude that we, the workers in the Vineyard of Christ, welcome you into our midst on behalf of the congregation, friends, and supporters of the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Mission in Kotagiri. Your auspicious visit, in the midst of your various and crowded preoccupations betokens the love in your hearts for this land and her peoples. The Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Mission of India owes its existence to the great love of these devoted souls whom you represent to the self-sacrificing and untiring labors of Miss Barnard who is rightly called the god-mother of the Harijans in Kotagiri and the surrounding areas.

Our hearts rejoice at the message of hope and cheer and of salvation that you bring to this downtrodden community, as a precious gift from your country. Those that lived in darkness have seen the light and the light is kept burning for others to see and come.

Eighteen years ago the Gospel seed was planted in this valley in the shape of a humble schoolroom with one teacher and about twenty Harijan children. Fed and strengthened by Miss Barnard's devoted care the baby school soon grew up and today it can boast of its status as a government recognized school with three trained and certificated teachers and over 120 children receiving free education, including first aid. Out of this school two have gone out to the South India Bible School at Darapuram, and one for Bible woman's training at Cobichettypalayam.

Besides this, six teachers conduct regular Sunday classes in five Harijan centers of Kotagiri, with a total strength of about 120 children. Preparatory classes for Sunday School teachers are a regular feature of this work. Thus our humble foundation is being laid in the hearts of tender children that they may be won for

Christ in the years to come, and we acknowledge with gratitude the keen, personal care that Miss Barnard continues to bestow for the health and general welfare of these young ones.

Thanks to the undaunted and persistent endeavours of Miss Barnard and Miss Wilson a church was organized and started two years ago with a congregation numbering over eighty souls and the commissioning of a pastor and a Bible Woman was made possible. Since the inauguration of the church twenty-five souls have been baptized and at present there are thirty inquirers. Evangelistic work under Miss Barnard and Miss Wilson is being carried out throughout the Harijan centers of this district. Weekly prayer meetings are regularly conducted in the Free Will Baptist Mission Bungalow. Quite recently in response to an urge expressed by some young men of Kotagiri, Revival Fellowship Meetings are now being held in the Mission Bungalow on Sunday evenings and thus many local young men who otherwise idle away their Sunday evening hours, have been afforded fellowship in prayer and songs. In general the policy of the Mission has been one of close co-operation with other main denominations such as the C. M. S. and the Methodist and this was well demonstrated during a Sunday School rally held by us some time ago. The Mission is determined to continue this beneficial policy in all its activities.

We also acknowledge with gratitude all the kind and beneficent help of Rev. H. Merriweather, who through the years has been a friend and advisor and rendered invaluable help to the Mission.

Again our hearts rejoice in the thought that this great and sacred work in the midst of these Harijans was made possible by the great love and sympathy of the supporters and well-wishers of this Mission abroad and we lift our prayers and thankfulness to Him who guides and inspires all human hearts and efforts.

We pray that the blessed hand of Christ may protect and comfort and guide you in all your travels and outgoings in His service. Finally we would quote St. Mark 16:15 and St. Luke 19:10 for our inspiration in all our efforts. Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Luke 19:10, "For the Son of

man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Yours in Christ,

The Workers and Congregation of the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Mission, Kotagiri.

KANSAS CITY REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri began a revival meeting April 12, and closed with the Sunday night service, April 25. It was a real pleasure to work as the evangelist with this church and the people in this revival campaign. God's blessings were upon the services. Only one man was converted, but a number of Christians testified that they were greatly helped in their spiritual life. Twelve united with the church during the meeting. The church also enjoyed a record attendance of 122 in Sunday School one Sunday, and 94 in attendance the other Sunday of the revival.

This fine church is located at 43rd and Garfield Streets. The pastor's name and address is: Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton St., Kansas City, Missouri. Anyone having friends who are Free Will Baptist, or who come from Free Will Baptist homes, should urge them to visit this church and get acquainted with the pastor and the folk who worship there. Also, if you know of someone who should be worshipping there, send their address to Sis. Dickey and she will be glad to contact them.

Yours for the Master,

Rev. O. T. Allred

OKLAHOMA TO HOLD SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

A Sunday School workshop for Free Will Baptists in Oklahoma will be held Monday, May 17 at the Haskell Free Will Baptist Church, Haskell, Oklahoma, in an all-day session.

Every pastor, every teacher and assistant teacher, all secretaries—both general and class secretaries, all Sunday School superintendents, in fact every Sunday School officer and all those who aspire to be an officer or teacher, are urged to be present.

Mrs. John Elliston

Complacency always stops progress.



From The Editor's Desk



SORRY

We've had an abundance of urgent work at the office recently. We lost some valuable time from the office in order to be at Nashville for a Board meeting. We are pretty busy with the regular duties of a minister. Some of the offices to which we have allowed ourselves to become involved have demanded some attention. And as a result of these circumstances, we are late with the Gem. However, we are still using our intended Mother's Day front page, just as we had intended, even though you will now receive it after Mother's Day. We hope it may bind you closer to your own mother.

THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

We are getting around a little late, perhaps, to tell you of the highlights of the recent Bible Conference held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. However, there may be those who have not received a report of this the "best session yet."

The sessions convened in the auditorium of the Bible College, commencing with the Sunday evening service on the last Sunday in March. Rev. O. T. Allred, Missouri State Moderator, and your editor made the trip together. Due to commitments on the local field, we were unable to arrive in time for the opening conference. We were on hand for the Monday evening services. This service alone made the trip worth while. The Spirit was certainly present, and continued to bless each speaker and each service. President Johnson and the rest of the staff and the students are to be highly commended for the arrangement of every detail of the conference.

Four speakers alternated in bringing the messages on pre determined subjects. Each message was a real blessing and a masterpiece. Rev. Joseph Ange of North Carolina, and former student at the college, was speaking on the subject of the Holy Spirit and a separated life. The Spirit Himself attended these messages, and certainly we were better instructed on the Holy Spirit after hearing the Word on this subject.

Also from North Carolina was Rev.

W. Burkett Raper speaking on the different Philosophies of Life. To your editor, this seemed an especially hard subject to be assigned. But Rev. Raper is to be commended for the very superior method of handling it. It was interesting, instructive, and eagerly received by the audience. In concluding his series, Rev. Raper questioned if the leading philosophies of the world had brought us to a better way of life and a brighter future. It was his reluctant observation that perhaps our modern philosophies were exerting a negative influence, especially to the souls of men. These observations are certainly a challenge to us.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, now of Nashville and Promotional Secretary for Home Missions, brought a series of messages on Revival. Certainly the messages were instructive and well received. These messages emphasized that the revival is to the Christian, set forth how revival comes about, and summarized the results of revival.

Rev. Ralph Staten, Oklahoma pastor, was the other of the four featured speakers. Rev. Staten brought messages on some of the doctrines of Free Will Baptists, discussing regeneration, the great commission, and similar subjects. Like the rest, these subjects can not be over used, and so were full of instruction to every Christian, and especially to the special servants.

Climax to the Conference came perhaps in the Friday morning service. The program was by the student body of the Bible College. At the end of this program, a parade of donors brought their gifts and turned them in toward the liquidation of debt at the Bible College. This service netted some \$30,000 in gifts for this purpose. It was a scene never previously witnessed in modern history of Free Will Baptists. The liquidation of the debt against the apartment building became a reality.

Crowds attending the conferences were the largest yet. Over 400 visitors filled the auditorium at nearly every service. On occasions the building was used to the very greatest capacity. It is obvious that more room must be available for future sessions. Dr. Johnson stated that it was planned to add balcony room soon. With rapid

growth at the college, this and other expansion is a must. Many other facilities are urgently needed now. Certainly we can well be thankful for the Bible College.

One feature of the conference that was particularly enjoyed by all was the College Choral group, and the very fine singing throughout the sessions. It is certainly inspiring to see and hear these fine young people, possessed with this talent, dedicating themselves to the glory of God in song.

Indeed, every phase of the conference was wonderful.

SUPERANNUATION PROGRAM

The National Superannuation Board needs—of all things—money! Yes, that is right. If the program of this department is to proceed without interruption, the Superannuation treasury must have some consideration financially.

In order for us to understand how and why this need has come about, let us look into the program.

In practically every profession of life, there is some plan for the retirement of those growing old or disabled while pursuing that vocation, and for providing certain other benefits for them. Personally, I am glad that such consideration is being given for the comfortable welfare of the aged and needy. It should be so. In our day of greatly increased living costs, meager life savings—if any—soon vanish when one can no longer replenish them. With no plan of subsistence to meet the need, then privation and hardship ensues.

However, in the case of the minister and other special servants of the Lord, there has been a marked apathy to this situation. As has too frequently been the case with the loyal work animal, when his usefulness is over he is "turned out to grass" and must cope with the unfavorable situation of gleaming a meager existence and an inadequate shelter from the storm. So also are we prone to treat those who have been faithful stewards of the Gospel of Grace. This shouldn't be so. Perhaps no one is willing for it to be so. Several other religious groups have recog-

nized the seriousness and unfairness of this and have met the situation with positive action and set in motion certain machinery to cope with the situation. But we who are Free Will Baptists are insufficiently advanced in this program.

Although we recognize a deficiency, it is not to be admitted that we lack foresight in the matter. There has been a National Board of Superannuation in effect for some time. And this Board has accomplished some things worthy of note. Chiefly, the program at present is one of insurance that can be taken out at an attractive rate. This is set up so that the Board meets one-half of the premium from offerings received; the individual or his church supplies the other one-half. At first the applicant could only have \$1,000 worth of this insurance, simply because the Board could not meet their one-half premium of any more than that. Later this was raised to \$2,000. It has been the hope of the board to raise this to \$5,000 at an early date, and soon to the maximum of \$10,000, which is the desirable for retirement and other benefits. However, a dilemma has ensued. Receipts are now below expenditures.

All old policies are continuing in effect, which testifies to the desirability of the insurance plan. Added strain is constantly experienced by new policies going into effect. But still the Board was approaching the desired immediate goal of allowing \$5,000 policies. Then drought and economic recession stabilized receipts short of this goal. Then added to this is the expense prorated to the Board for the establishing, maintaining, equipping and operating the National Headquarters Building in Nashville. Now, the Board does not question the desirability and indeed the need of such an enterprise. Nor does it feel that such can be realized without considerable expense to all concerned. While the Board has not yet directly benefited from the headquarters, it has to date met its prorated part. But in doing so the badly needed funds of its treasury are being depleted, and with this is the recognized fact that any continued process of this kind will bankrupt the treasury and throw the entire retirement policy plan out of joint—perhaps wrecking the plan entirely.

Now, it isn't the desire or plan of the Superannuation Board to default

on any obligation. And most especially are they unwilling to retrench in this desirable and needed program. Already they have had to forego certain plans for furthering the program, but will just as soon as possible, expand and set in motion more of the programs until every need is met by positive action.

All of this has been an orientation to bring us to this point: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are sure that you are in accord with any program for the better condition of our retired servants of the Gospel. So the Board is suggesting that you make one special drive for this purpose and contribute liberally to this need before the last of June. It is very important. Channel your gifts for this program through your own treasurer to be forwarded to the treasurer of the National Superannuation Board, Rev. J. O. Fort, of Lake Butler, Florida. Please don't let this program down, even to forcing it into a retrenchment. It is far too important for that. There is need to expand, and that is what the goal is. Be a faithful steward now!

EASTER SERVICE AT OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

Rev. John B. Elliston, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Okmulgee, Oklahoma speaks of their Easter services as wonderful.

The church at Okmulgee was one year old the 28th of March, and in this one short year the church has received some fairly hard tests and bumps, but praise God, it has brought forth many blessings too. The blessings have far outweighed all else.

The Church had a fair attendance for both Sunday School and preaching service on Easter Sunday. A beautiful Easter lily was given to the one bringing the most visitors. Mrs. John Elliston received the lily, but sent it to the home of a shut in. The eleven o'clock message was "Death Defeated."

At noon our members took a basket dinner and joined with the Henryetta Free Will Baptist church at the lake for a fellowship basket dinner. After the wonderful dinner, an egg hunt was sponsored for the children.

At three o'clock in the afternoon a joint baptismal service was held. Rev. Homer Young, pastor of the Henryetta Church, led the singing. Rev. W. H.

Carter, a retired minister from Bristow, led in prayer. Rev. John Elliston brought a short message. Then Rev. Young and Rev. Elliston took their candidates into the waters of the lake where Rev. Young administer baptism to two, and Rev. Elliston to nine precious souls.

Rev. Elliston stated, "I baptized them from six to sixty." His own daughter, Mary Bell, was only six, and brother Ed Reed, who was baptized, was 60.

—Contributed

NEW HARMONY S.S., GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 1954 (First Quarter):

| | |
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| Average attendance | 66 |
| Average offering | \$ 19.34 |
| Total offerings during quarter.. | 251.42 |
| Brought forward Jan. 1 | 490.17 |
| Total receipts | 741.59 |
| Expenses for the quarter | 297.18 |
| Balance, March 31, 1954 ... | \$444.41 |

Martha F. Buchanan, treasurer

OLD TIME RELIGION

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

Dear Gem Readers:

As I missed last month, I will try to write something for this time.

South Side is still growing and prospering. The Woman's Auxillary had their pre-Easter revival with a different minister each night. Each brought a wonderful message, and though we didn't have any conversions, the Christians were helped.

Not too long ago an elderly man was visiting our church, and it made me proud to be a Free Will Baptist when he told me that he didn't know they still preached the old time religion as we do. I thank the Lord that visitors can still visit our churches and feel the spirit of old time salvation.

We were in Nashville, Tennessee during Easter, and attended the showing of Pilgrims Progress at the Bible College. We were visiting Rev. Roger C. Reeds and wife.

Yours in Christ,

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



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



MORE ON DECLAMATION

Rules of the Stewardship Declamation Contest of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention to be held during the National Auxiliary Convention at Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 13, 1954.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, from your Sunday Schools, Leagues or Youth Auxiliaries.

SUBJECT MATTER must absolutely be one of Stewardship—of time, talents, personality, possessions, etc.

WHERE CAN I OBTAIN SUITABLE MATERIAL? Any Stewardship book will furnish ample material for speeches which should not be over 10 minutes long. (See W.N.A.C. Year Book pages 33, 35 for suggested books.)

CONTESTANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS: Value in teaching Stewardship, 50 per cent, poise 10 per cent, expression and interpretation 10 per cent, memorization 15 per cent, enunciation 15 per cent.

TIME LIMIT: Ten minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over allotted time.

DEADLINE FOR ENTERING CONTEST: June 15, 1954. Names of contestants and oration titles should be sent, not later than this date, to the National Youth Chairman, Mrs. Paul Pussell, 1111 E. 11th St., Shawnee, Oklahoma.

FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

Dear Sis. Jeffreys and All of Our Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been sometime since we have reported our Auxiliary and Mission work. We do thank the Lord for our Auxiliary. We only met for a half day last meeting, but before now we have been meeting for all day, and we have such a good time in the Lord.

Our pastor's wife, Sis. Newsome, is our president. She is doing a great work for our church. She paints bulletins for every occasion, and has now painted a beautiful picture for our new baptistery. We are so thankful for the work they are doing. Bro. Newsome

made a beautiful stand for our new class room.

Our last night meeting was April 6, and it was enjoyed by all. The topics were given by Sis. Dettmer, Sis. Beabout, and Sis. Headecky. We do love all of the good lessons in our Year Book and thank God for someone that will get up such a good year book.

Our revival will begin on Monday night after Easter, with Rev. Staires as our evangelist. Do pray for us in our meeting that many souls may be saved.

Our pastor is now in a revival at Union Light. We do hope and pray for many souls to be saved there.

We had a good split in our Sunday service.

We old Mission sisters are still quilting, so do pray for us all.

Yours for the Master's Work,

LATER:

This is a report on our last day meeting. We had our meeting at the church April 22. The session was opened by our president, Sis. Newsome. Our song leader, Sis. Hahn led our singing, with Sis. Hodges at the piano. Songs were, "More Like the Master," and "Redeemed." Prayer was by Sis. Staires. The secretary-treasurer's report was read and received. Motion carried that we send Sis. Barnard a \$5.00 love offering.

We thank the Lord for the dear sisters in our Auxiliary. Our treasury never has much money but when something comes along for which we need money, the Lord always provides.

We also talked of repapering our two little rooms in the front of the auditorium by the stand. Sis. Gamman said she would donate the paper: Sis. Newsome said she could put it on. So that is the way we work, and with God's help we are going through. A motion carried that we order the regular woman's secretary record book and separate slips for each one to keep her own record on.

Sis. Staires of Oklahoma, our evangelist's wife, gave us a good talk on how to raise money. She said they made money on cakes. Sis. Beatty, also of Oklahoma, said they made

money on pies. So if we had them both to make pies and cake for us, we would have a fine dinner anyway.

Sis. Staires also said that their men helped them by giving their pennies. I don't think our menfolk ever have any pennies—anyway we don't get any of them.

We were very glad to have both Sis. Staires and Sis. Beatty with us. It seemed so good to have Sis. Beatty back again.

Sis. Staires, Sis. Beatty, Sis. Hahn and Sis. Sharp each gave a good talk on working and praying to get souls saved. Then we met around the altar for a prayer for our revival, and were dismissed for dinner by Sis. Beatty. We all certainly enjoyed the noon meal.

The afternoon meeting began by singing, "Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer was by Sis. Murry. Because of sickness she had not been with us recently. Sis. Dettmer and Sis. Graham sang a special, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Bro. Staires gave us a nice talk on Stewardship, after which we were dismissed.

Do pray for our church. Bro. Staires has been with us a week, and only one soul has been saved. He was Bro. and Sis. Stacy's little boy. Sis. Stacy and her four dear children furnish special music. Her two oldest children were already Christians. Now this one was saved. His parents were real happy and we were happy for them.

So do pray for us, and God bless everyone that reads this.

Rev. Wm. T. Newsome, pastor
Sis. W. I. Jemes, reporter

MONETT AUXILIARY

Mrs. Everett Carlson was hostess at the recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting opened with the group singing, "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was by Mrs. Lewis Greenway.

The lesson study was "Character Building," led by Mrs. Lyle Roller. The devotional was by Mrs. Roy Nichols, from the second chapter of Phillippians. Mrs. Burl Thomas, jr., Mrs. Has-

kell Hultgren, and Mrs. Brattin Wormington discussed the topics.

The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Russell Weisman. Vice presidents gave their reports and the second vice-president, Mrs. Wayne Terrell, stated that plans were complete for a Daily Vacation Bible School to start May 24. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. C. L. Atwell. The next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Ollie Bennett.

Members present were: Mrs. James McCully, Mrs. Wayne Terrell, Mrs. Jeff McCully, Mrs. U. E. Finn, Mrs. Wallace Williams, Mrs. Roy Nichols, Mrs. Russell Weisman, Mrs. O. T. Allred, Mrs. Burl Thomas, jr., Mrs. Brattin Wormington, Mrs. W. L. Powell, Mrs. Lewis Greenway, Mrs. C. L. Atwell, Mrs. Haskell Hultgren, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Lyle Roller, and Mrs. Ed Jones.

GIRLS COMPLETE STORYBOOKS

The Girls Auxiliary of the Monett F.W.B. Church met at the home of Mrs. Wayne Terrell in their last meeting. Roll call was answered with a Bible verse after the meeting was by prayer and singing.

The remainder of the meeting was spent completing the work on the picture storybooks to be used by the nursery age children of the church.

Dorothy Brafford was a new member. Other members present were: Betty Gates, Carol Boedecker, Beverly Boedecker, Mary Clapper, Becky Terrell, and the teacher, Mrs. Wayne Terrell.

ILLINOIS CONVENTION

The Franklin County District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met April 22nd at the Nason Free Will Baptist Church at Nason, Illinois. The spirit of love and real fellowship prevailed throughout the day.

Sis. Geraldine Lewis, our president, called the meeting to order with singing led by Allene Hanna. One of our visiting women brought the devotions. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Sis. Chesta Clampet, our recording secretary. Business reports were given. Our field worker, Sis. Emily Malone reported two new Auxiliaries organized. The treasurer's report given by Allene Hanna. The Bear Point Church was selected as the next meeting place

for Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows. President, Allene Hanna. Enlistment chairman, Marjory Dame. Youth chairman, Maxine Sneed. Study course chairman, Mae Sneed. Program and publicity chairman, Mary Peterson. Benevolence chairman, Helen Cockrum. Treasurer, Geraldine Lewis. Recording secretary, Chesta Clampet. Corresponding secretary, Ruby Connor. Field worker, Emily Malone. We are sure these are God's selection, and each one accepted the office as service for God. We look for a future of progress in spiritual growth as we put first things first.

Plans were made for our Annual Christmas Offering to be brought in white stockings to decorate our Christmas tree in October, and sent on by Christmas to foreign missions, orphanage, and the youth camp in Illinois.

Delegates named to the National Convention were: Opal Hiltibiddal, Helen Hartley, Flo Farris, Geraldine Lewis and Mary Peterson. This closed our business session.

The sermon was brought by Rev. Emma Moore on the subject, "God's Will and Man's Will," showing that man may know and walk in the perfect will of God, by the Holy Spirit working in us by the power of God's Holy Word.

An offering was taken for the youth camp, and the morning session closed with earnest prayer, Sis Geraldine Lewis leading.

The afternoon program opened with congregational singing. Special song by Allene Hanna. The Nason Auxiliary presented a play, "The Garden of Prayer." Testimonies and praise was led by Carrie Shaeffer, and entered into heartily, and the presence of the Lord caused much rejoicing.

We left with a purpose to will and do of His good pleasure.

Rev. Emma Moore

FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT

We are grateful for those who are taking advantage of the opportunity to assist in the furnishing of the Conference and Reception Rooms of the Headquarters Building.

The estimated cost of this project is \$800.00. A suggested quota was set up for each state and a little more than half of the amount needed has been

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Beautiful Baptismal Certificates, 10 1/4 x 5 1/4 inches. On beautifully lithographed border forms, and suitable for framing. Every Church needs these for a record.

These certificates are in books of 20 and stubbed, check book style. Price, Post Paid \$1.00

received. Three states have contributed more than their suggested quota, and we feel sure the balance needed for this purpose will come in shortly.

Following is a statement of gifts received:

| | Quota | Gifts |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Alabama | \$40.00 | \$14.00 |
| Arkansas | 10.00 | 16.50 |
| California | 40.00 | 45.00 |
| Florida | 20.00 | 17.00 |
| Georgia | 40.00 | 54.00 |
| Illinois | 25.00 | |
| Kentucky | 20.00 | 2.50 |
| Michigan | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Mississippi | 20.00 | |
| Missouri | 70.00 | 34.10 |
| North Carolina | 140.00 | 60.50 |
| Ohio | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Oklahoma | 80.00 | 18.00 |
| South Carolina | 90.00 | 8.00 |
| Tennessee | 90.00 | 42.00 |
| Texas | 45.00 | 40.00 |
| Virginia | 10.00 | |
| West Virginia | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Total | \$800.00 | \$406.60 |

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Exec. Sec'y-Treas.

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.

BACKSLIDING (from page 3) can separate us from God's love." That is true. God loves all—the sinner as well as the saint. Regardless of what the sinner does, God still loves him. God does not save us in our sins, but from our sins. If you are still a sinner, and still sinning, you had better get converted and become a saint; for no sin can enter heaven. Some say that the Bible says we are of two natures. I cannot find such in the Bible. But I do find, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. 5:17. This is before we are converted. After we are converted the Devil still tempts us, but God helps us to overcome those temptations. Some say that being tempted is sin. Now, if it is, Christ was a big sinner: for He was tempted in all points as we are yet without sin. Christ overcame by knowing God's word: we should know His word, too, to be able to overcome.

James 1:14-15, "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." When one turns away from trusting Christ, he has lost faith in Him, and in God the Father. Without faith it is impossible to please God. The backslider has then placed his faith back in Satan and the lusts of the world.

May God help us to strive to be better Christians; and to live a righteous life. We can if we try.

Warren Moffitt, Olinigan, Mo.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

We certainly don't want to do without the Gem. It is about the only contact we have with the work of our own people.—I. H., California.

Thank you very much for reminding me (of the expiration of sub), for I don't want to miss an issue. I wish it was a weekly: a month is so long to wait. May the Lord bless you, and keep up this good work.—O. R., Ark.

Please renew my sub to the Gem. I don't want to miss a copy. I am work-

ing and have neglected to send in my renewal.—V. S., Missouri.

Please keep them coming, for I don't want to be without the Gem. I have been taking the Gem since 1928.—Mrs. S. H., Missouri.

We certainly have enjoyed every word of the 'Gem' this month, and certainly appreciate your sending us another copy and reminding us of our lapsed subscription. Sorry we have been neglectful, and we'll try not to let it happen again.—Mrs. L. W., Mo.

We had all-day services here at the church (Phillips Chapel, Springdale, Arkansas) Easter Sunday. The Lord saved and blessed six precious souls in the afternoon service. The Lord has certainly blessed our efforts here. Pray for us that He will continue to bless. Our pastor left this morning for Hobbs, New Mexico for a revival meeting in the F.W.B. where C. L. Pinson is pastor. Susie Watson secretary-treasurer.

The church continues to grow, for which I am humbly grateful. There were four (junior age) boys saved at prayer meeting Wednesday evening. We have enjoyed a gracious revival at the church. Rev. James Franklin was our evangelist. There were nine conversions during the meeting, but many more both before the meeting and yesterday.—Rev. Eunice Edwards, Leadington pastor.

I realize what a great responsibility you have in putting the paper together. I am sure it takes much prayer. I often think of you in your work, and as I read it (the Gem) I can see you are doing a wonderful work for God. May God richly bless you in your work, and may our Gem paper reach out in an unusual way. May God use it to wake up Christians and inspire them to look about them and win more souls for God's work.—P. P., Illinois.

Please send our paper to the new address below. I am enclosing a check

for renewal, for I believe our time is out in the next month or two. But we want to get the Gem, as it is the only way we can stay in touch with the churches. There is no Free Will Baptist Church around here. — R. D. P., Wisconsin.

We liked the last Gem very much. L. A., Arkansas.

Please send Gems to the following people. These people are from the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church (in St. Louis). We all like the Gem very much, and we will remember you in our prayers.—Alice Stephens, St. Louis

Please renew my sub to the Gem. I look forward to receiving it each time.

I would like to say this about the Mt. Zion Church at Grove Spring, Missouri. We have large crowds at each service. Over the Easter week end we had a very large crowd. There were two saved. We thank God for His blessings upon us.

May God bless you in your work in printing the Gem, and all Free Will Baptists everywhere.—Rev. Leo Curtis Lebanon.

A WALK WITH GOD

I walked with God on yesterday,
But today I need Him just as much.
He puts in my heart what my lips
should say,
And guides my steps by His golden
touch.

How sweet to know that there's a hand
That I can reach out and grasp:
An anchor for me in a troubled land;
One that leads to joy at last.

Sometimes there's feet that wayward go
Down a path of thorns and stones
God's love to them we must ready show
And not let them walk alone.

Our earthly lives soon fade away;
Please be ready when He calls,
For it's wonderful to know that on
that day
He'll draw near when life's curtain
falls.

Maxine Rogers,
Thompsonville, Illinois

Program For The
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
 Of The
MISSOURI STATE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Youth Encampment
 To Be Held
JULY 19 - 24, 1954
 At
CAMP SHARON
VERSAILLES, MISSOURI
 (On Lake of the Ozarks)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is it?

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH ENCAMPMENT—which is held annually.

2. Who may attend?

Any young person who is eager to become a better servant for his Lord. Any boy or girl who likes to play and work will feel at home at the encampment.

3. What will we do?

Bible and Stewardship lessons will be taught to those over 10 years of age. Those under 10 will have special instruction including flannel graph stories. Music will be offered to all.

4. Will it all be study?

No. Thirty minutes each morning and three hours each afternoon will be spent in supervised play. This will include hikes, soft ball, volley ball, horse shoes, etc. All play will be supervised and sportsmanship will be emphasized.

5. How much will it cost?

The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and fifty cents for insurance. This includes board and room for the entire session.

6. What do I need to bring?

You need to bring your toilet articles such as soap, tooth brush, towels, etc. Bring a pillow, bed covers, sheets and blankets. Also be sure to bring some old clothes and shoes for play, and your Bible, a notebook and pencil for your study work.

7. When should I get there?

You should be there by 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 19. *Do not come Sunday night.*

8. Some Special Regulations:

- (1) No smoking will be allowed.
- (2) Attendance at all classes will be required unless excused by the General Superintendents. Unexcused absences will take points from your grade.
- (3) Each instructor will give written examinations. Come expecting to learn.
- (4) No courting will be allowed.
- (5) You will be asked to sign an agreement that you will fully observe ALL rules governing the camp. Breaking of any rule set up by the Camp Board will warrant expelling from the camp.

9. How shall I enroll?

Fill out the application blank enclosed with this folder, and send it together with fifty cents insurance fee to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri, not later than July 15. All persons attending—including the teachers and sponsors—should register and send insurance fee.

10. How to get there

From North and Central Missouri, take U.S. Highway 50 to Tipton (27 miles east of Sedalia; 35 miles west of Jefferson City), then State Highway 5 south to approximately four miles south of Gravois Mills, then Lake Road 8 east one-fourth mile to fork of road, then take left hand road and follow signs about four miles to Camp Sharon. Coming from the south, use U.S. Highways 54, 66, or 60 to reach State Highway 5, then north across Lake of the Ozarks to Lake Road 8, then proceed as above to Camp Sharon.

Statement of the Board—

Parents may feel that proper care will be given all children who come to the camp. They will have strict supervision, good housing, and medical care if necessary. Any child who becomes ill or should need the care of his parents will be rushed to his home immediately.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

| | JA | FE | MR | AP | MA | JU |
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| Richwoods | 68.. | | | | | |
| Leslie Logsdon, pastor | | | | | | |
| Hannon (Barton Co.)..... | 48.. | 50.. | 48.. | | | |
| Conrad Williford, pastor | | | | | | |
| Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.) .. | 92.. | 90.. | 93.. | 105.. | | |
| Woodrow Matthews, pastor | | | | | | |
| Third St. Louis | 92.. | 93.. | 106.. | 110.. | | |
| James Barker, pastor | | | | | | |
| Fourth St. Louis | 53.. | 48.. | 50.. | 54.. | | |
| Wm. Turnbough, pastor | | | | | | |
| Salem, St. Louis | 56.. | | 50.. | 51.. | | |
| 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.. | 65.. | | | |
| Winford Davis, pastor | | | | | | |
| Monett | 78.. | 78.. | | | | |
| James Davis, pastor | | | | | | |
| Southside, St. Louis | 156.. | 156.. | | | | |
| James Franklin, pastor | | | | | | |

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| Mountain Grove | 176.. | 193.. | 195.. | | | |
| Willard C. Day, pastor | | | | | | |
| Elizabethton Tenn. 1st | 206.. | 217.. | 204.. | 242.. | | |
| Harvey E. Hill, pastor | | | | | | |
| Oilton, Oklahoma | 116.. | 133.. | 129.. | | | |
| Benjamin Scott, pastor | | | | | | |
| Lawnwood, Tulsa | 157.. | 165.. | 166.. | 229.. | | |
| H. E. Staires, pastor | | | | | | |
| Phillips Chapel, Arkansas .. | 170.. | 165.. | 163.. | 176.. | | |
| Tommy Day, pastor | | | | | | |
| Mt. Pisgah, Cabool | 44.. | 40.. | 51.. | | | |
| Homer Smith, pastor | | | | | | |
| First Church, Joplin | 50.. | | | | | |
| Paul Williams, pastor | | | | | | |
| Parkview, Desloge | 86.. | 90.. | 96.. | 103.. | | |
| 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.. | 185.. | | |
| Rolla Smith, pastor | | | | | | |
| Leadington | | 111.. | 132.. | | | |
| Eunice Edwards, pastor | | | | | | |

Work, For the Night is Coming

"I KNOW thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Rev. 3:15-19. May we read these verses prayerfully and take our Bible and read the entire third chapter of the Revelation—God's warning to us.

It is so easy to close our eyes and to wall ourselves off from the appeals of a dying world. A false freedom,

when we refuse to open our eyes and sit blindfolded. What true Christian with his eyes opened to behold the sinning and desolation can have less than a sympathetic weeping with those who weep? With such desperate need on every hand, the cruelest man alive could not sit at his feast and not be stirred, if he were not blindfolded. Satan is very busy rocking the cradle and keeping us asleep. He tells us that it is no concern of ours—take care of ourselves. Will we be able to find excuses for this drowsiness and paralysis that has rendered the church powerless in this critical age when we need real Power of God?

Revelation 3:18, God says, "...buy of me gold tried in the fire, ...and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, (God righteousness and humility) ...and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see"—the anointing Power of the Holy Ghost to look with God's eyes on the unsaved world.

Proverbs 24:11-12, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?" Is not your heart stirred when we read Jesus' words in Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." So many are rejoicing in their own security while millions are dying without the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and are starving for the love of God manifested in the lives of professing Christians. I John 3:17, "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I Cor. 13:4, "Charity suffereth long, and is kind." Suffering

is love's first virtue. In a suffering world, love can not but suffer with those who suffer. The greater our love the more we suffer.

If we have no love, then we expose no part of ourself to God's work. We can do many outstanding deeds. We can go to the foreign lands and take pictures of the sick and starving and look upon the misery and wrecks of humanity and none of this ever touch our hearts. We think none of this can ever happen to us. But with love in our heart, we look with pity and think, "If it were not for God's love and tender mercy toward us, it could have been us, and we will help with all of the grace that God gives us to tell of One who can change lives." May God humble our hearts so God can use us.

Do we fear to be exposed to God's work because of the suffering that it may involve? I once heard a returned foreign missionary say, "The love of luxury was the downfall of America." We are afraid this might be true. When we think of the many who need help, and so few who are willing to go by faith. What will our answer be when we stand in the judgment? We can find no excuse, for God reveals His will to us—if we crucify ourselves. Jesus died for all. II Cor. 5:15, "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." Delivered from myself, I am now free to give myself to others.

Are we free to work for Jesus? He came to set the captive free.

Let us work while it is yet day. The night cometh when no man can work.

Prayer changes things. Give God a chance in your life.

—Mrs. Pearl Perriman,
Springfield, Illinois

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI CHURCH PLANNING TO LIQUIDATE INDEBTEDNESS

Dear Bro. Jeffreys and Gem Family:

A few lines from the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church. It has been some time since we last wrote, and the Lord has been blessing us here. We just closed a three-week old-fashioned revival in which there were seven souls saved. Rev. Cecil Sheppard, the

pastor of the Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church, was our evangelist. Rev. Sheppard is truly a man of God. Each night his messages were real soul inspiring, and truly the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in each service. There was one addition to the church and we are thankful for this one.

We are planning on retiring the debt on the church building in the next month or two. Then we plan a dedication service soon. We have been in this new building since 1948, but decided not to dedicate it until the debt was cleared. I believe the Lord has blessed us here financially since the erection of the building. The valuation has been set at \$8,000.00, and praise the Lord, it has all been paid just through the small membership of the church. There has never been any outside donations. So we can be very thankful to God for His blessings to us.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews is still our pastor, and much of the success of the church is creditable to him. He is truly a shepherd of the flock. Rev. Woodrow Matthews has been the pastor here for the past eleven years and we thank God for sending him our way.

Our Sunday School average is on the upward climb once more after much sickness in the community, and due to the moving away of some of the pupils. Our average was 105 for the month of April. Bro. Milton Hovis is the superintendent, and Bro. Ray Thomas is the secretary. We also are thankful for the Free Will Baptist League. There is at this time 41 on the enrollment and our average attendance has been very near the enrollment. Leamon Killian is the president and Sis. Barbara Hovis is the secretary.

It will soon be Daily Vacation Bible School time again. We had a very good enrollment last year and with God's help we expect one this year.

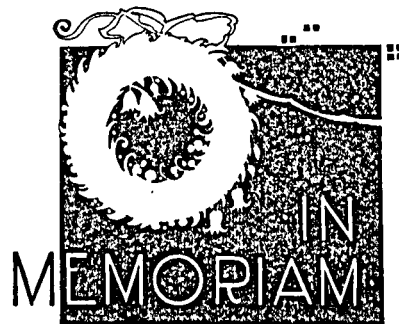
We ask the prayers of all Christians that we may grow in the grace of God.

Your Servant inn Christ,

Leamon L. Killian, clerk

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MRS. WM. SEARCY

Ida Blanche Quinn, daughter of John and Martha Quinn, was born April 17, 1873 in DeKalb County near Maysville, Missouri, and passed away at her home in Altamont, Missouri, April 3, 1954, at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 17 days. She had been in failing health for some time. All that loving hands could do was done, but to no avail.

She moved with her parents to Davies County, near Winston, in March 1891. It was there she met William S. Searcy, and they were united in marriage October 13, 1897. To them were born three children. They lived on a farm the greater part of her life. It was here that she reared her children.

She was converted early in life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Center Point. She was a noble Christian woman loved by her family, neighbors, and by all whom she came in contact. Her consistent Christian life will live on and on. She has left an inheritance for her family that means more than money. She attended her church as long as health permitted. She was devoted to her home and family, and was always interested in those around her, helping out in sickness and wherever she could. She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband and three children: Ira Alpha of Rensselaer, Ind.; Myron Ralph of Weatherby, Mo., and Mrs. Phillip Steinhauer of Jefferson City, Missouri, two grandchildren, and many other relatives and a host of friends.

It can truthfully be said of her, "A good woman has gone to her just reward."

Funeral services were at Altamont, Missouri, conducted by Rev. Mrs. Mary Wellbaum of Haddam, Kansas. Interment was in the Cape Cemetery.

THE DEPARTURE OF FATHER

Our dear father, precious father,
Has laid down this earthly life,
And has gone to be with Jesus
Where there is no sin and strife,
Far beyond this world of trouble
Where the blessed angels stay,
And where none grow old and feeble,
And no head is ever gray.

He was kind to all his children,
To his friends and neighbors too;
Had for them a deep compassion
As true-hearted Christians do;
Lived to bless them with his presence,
With his prayers and helpful deeds,
With his words of blessed counsel,
With his principles and creeds.

Now that he has gone to Jesus,
How we miss his lovely face—
Miss the sunshine of his presence,
And his Christian love and grace!
But we do not mourn his going
As we would if hope were dead;
For he told us ere departing
That for death he had no dread.

Some bright day we'll meet dear father
Up above this world of fears,
Where no death can bring bereavement,
And no eyes are dim with tears.
There to praise our Lord and Master
Where the praises never cease
And where sin can never enter
To molest our perfect peace.

—Walter E. Isenhour

WHAT MAKES A GREAT LIFE

Do not try to do a great thing: you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention do them as they come, from a great motive, for the glory of God, to win His smile and approval and do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity acting thus, than to stand on the high places of the field, within the view of all, and do deeds of valor at which rival armies stand still to give attention. But no such act goes without the swift recognition and ultimate recompense of Christ.

To fulfill faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the uttermost the gifts of your ministry, to bear chaffing trivial irritations as martyrs bore the pillory and stake; to find the one noble trait in people who try to

molest you; to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words; to love with the love of God even the unthankful and evil; to be content to be a fountain in the midst of a wild valley of stone, nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep; and to do this always, and not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God—this makes a great life.

—C. B. S. Advance

QUALIFICATIONS OF A GOOD PREACHER

A GOOD PASTOR MUST HAVE:

The strength of an ox,
The tenacity of a bulldog,
The daring of a lion,
The wisdom of an owl,
The harmlessness of a dove,
The industry of a beaver,
The gentleness of a sheep,
The versatility of a chameleon,
The vision of an eagle,
The hide of a rhinoceros,
The perspective of a giraffe,
The disposition of an angel,
The endurance of a camel,
The bounce of a kangaroo,
The stomach of a horse,
The loyalty of an Apostle,
The faithfulness of a Prophet,
The tenderness of a shepherd,
The fervency of an evangelist,
The devotion of a mother—
And then he would not please every-body!

—News Broadcast

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

The Madison County (Southeast Missouri) Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the Twin Oak Church, April 25, 1954 at 2:00 p.m. The president, Bro. Harold Baldwin, was in charge of the program.

There are seven Sunday Schools in our convention: six of them reported by letters and the other one was represented in person. Each Sunday School had a good report. Enrollment present at the convention was 101. The host pastor, Rev. Clarence Elders, gave us a nice welcome.

Each Sunday School gave a song or number of their own choice. Topic—"A Sure House for the Lord," by Bro. Basil Smith. Then we had Rev. Harry

E. Staires from Oklahoma with us. He was holding a revival at the Fredericktown Church. He gave a talk on "The Possibilities for a Sunday School," which was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be with the Mine LaMotte Sunday School in July.

Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Mildred Killian, secretary

MOTHER'S HOUSE

*SHE'LL ne'er be dead, this mother of mine,
Who's crossed the great dividing line.
'Tis true, the house she occupied,
Her home for years, is laid aside:
The house was not my mother's you know,
'Twas only where she lived, and so
I'll look beyond the house of clay
To her new home across the way.*

*AND when she went she left with me
Of her loved life the master key
That unlocked and brought good cheer
To souls along the life-road here.
Unselfish service opens the gate
That leads to happiness' estate.
This key He bade me give to you,
As she has done that ye might do.*

*THE house she lived in, worn and cold,
We laid within the earthly mold.
But that was all; 'twas nothing more
Than where she lived in days of yore.
I would not, could not say, "Goodbye,"
For lives like she shall never die:
The key of her unselfish love
Unlocked a home with God above.*

—Author Unknown

Contributed by Doris Rollins, in memory of our dear Mother who passed away June 20, 1953.

BEGIN

Lose this day loitering, 'twill be the same story
Tomorrow, and the next more dilatory
Each indecision brings its own delays,
And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days.
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute!
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated.
Begin, and then the work will be completed.

SPARTANBURG CLOSE AT HAND

If you will study the following table, you can tell at a glance how much your state lacks having her Foreign Mission quota. With time running out, we must make one final appeal for everyone to send in your pledges and offerings before June 30th. We still have hopes of clearing the balance in every state, but we must have your immediate co-operation. Our hats are off to those states who have already gone over the top, but there is still room for all to do more. You may not be able to do much, but do something NOW, and send an offering for Foreign Missions "pronto!" R. R.

| | Quota | Paid | Balance | Overage | % Paid |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------|
| Alabama | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,320.80 | \$ 179.20 | | 88% |
| Arkansas | 1,100.00 | 1,839.93 | | 739.93 | 167% |
| California | 800.00 | 1,188.06 | | 388.06 | 149% |
| Florida | 1,000.00 | 610.50 | 389.50 | | 61% |
| Georgia | 2,500.00 | 2,199.60 | 300.40 | | 87% |
| Illinois | 3,300.00 | 1,756.69 | 1,543.36 | | 53% |
| Kentucky | 1,600.00 | 889.98 | 710.02 | | 55% |
| Michigan | 8,000.00 | 8,101.04 | | 101.04 | 101% |
| Mississippi | 1,000.00 | 622.26 | 377.74 | | 62% |
| Missouri | 9,000.00 | 5,754.82 | 3,245.18 | | 63% |
| New Mexico | 150.00 | 80.00 | 70.00 | | 53% |
| North Carolina | 14,000.00 | 11,898.40 | 2,101.60 | | 84% |
| Ohio | 2,000.00 | 1,250.72 | 749.28 | | 62% |
| Oklahoma | 5,500.00 | 3,185.64 | 2,314.31 | | 57% |
| South Carolina | 3,600.00 | 2,442.52 | 1,157.43 | | 67% |
| Tennessee | 6,500.00 | 5,986.55 | 513.45 | | 92% |
| Texas | 3,500.00 | 1,638.98 | 1,861.02 | | 46% |
| Virginia | 1,800.00 | 1,160.25 | 639.75 | | 64% |
| West Virginia | 2,000.00 | 1,358.54 | 641.46 | | 62% |
| Miscellaneous | 6,150.00 | 2,039.20 | 4,110.80 | | 33% |
| Totals | \$75,000.00 | \$55,324.53 | \$20,004.50 | \$1,229.03 | 73% |

Thus the percentage paid lines up with Arkansas leading the list. Then comes California and Michigan, all having passed their suggested quota. After these come Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Missouri. Bunched together are Mississippi, Ohio, and West Virginia. Next in line is Florida. Then Oklahoma and Kentucky. New Mexico and Illinois come next. Texas at present has not yet reached the one-half way mark, with Miscellaneous yielding only 33% of the expected amount. The total runs 73% of the total amount set up as the workable amount for the year.

PENNY-A-MEAL

*A penny a meal for foreign missions
Surely isn't too much to give;
It will help spread the Gospel in foreign lands
And will teach other nations how to live.*

*The meals you eat, three times a day,
Cost more than just one cent;
That penny for missions, three times a day
You'd never realize was spent.*

*It may be that some poor missionary
Might fail to eat one meal each day;
Because their so-called F.W.B. friends
Are eating and drinking, and too tight to pay,*

*Now just hunt a little old jar;
And paste the sticker outside;
Drop a "penny a meal" in the slot on top
And you'll feel better satisfied.*

*Well, you may think that's too much some times,
Trust God, He'll see you through;
If you'll help spread His Gospel, all over the world,
He'll make the way for you.*

*Maud Reynolds Dean
Huntington, W. Va.*

When one is convinced against his will, he is of the same opinion still.

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Here the life of God I see;
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I can see you whole and free.

I behold the Christ in you.
I can see this as you walk;
I see this in all you do,
I can see this as you talk.

I behold God's love expressed,
I can see you filled with power;
I can see you ever blessed,
See Christ in you hour by hour.

I behold the Christ in you,
I can see that perfect one;
Led by God in all you do,
I can see God's work is done.

—Frank B. Whitney

The true, strong, and sound in mind
is the mind that can embrace equally,
great things and small.

—Selected

All through life I've always found
The poorest fruit is on the ground.
To get the apple that is prime,
You have to reach or have to climb.

—A Church Bulletin

"The Church is not built by those who can, but by those who will." Sel.

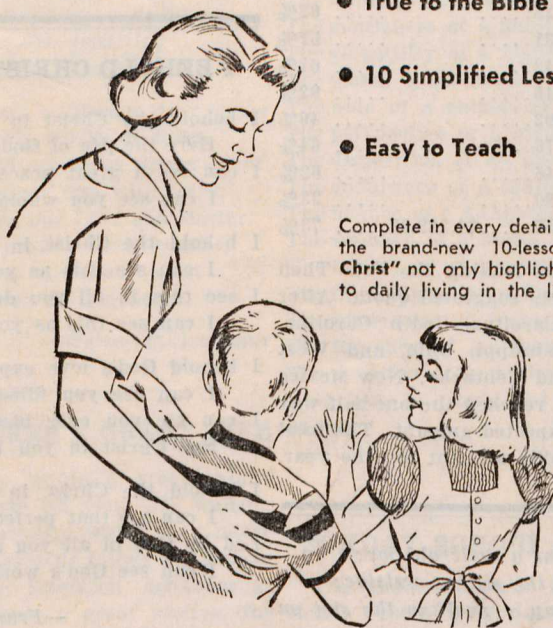
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