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## - What Then -

When the great busy plants of our cities  
Shall have turned out their last finished work;  
When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk  
And dismissed the last tired clerk;  
When the banks have raked in their last dollar,  
And have paid out their last dividend;  
When the Judge of the earth wants a hearing,  
And asks for a balance . . . What then?

Acts 17:31

When the choir has sung its last anthem,  
And the preacher has made his last prayer;  
When the people have heard their last sermon,  
And the sound has died out on the air;  
When the Bible lies closed on the altar  
And the pews are all empty of men;  
And each one stands facing his record—  
And the great Book is opened . . . What then?

Revelation 20:12

When the actors have played their last drama  
And the mimic has made his last fun,  
When the film has flashed its last picture,  
And the billboards displayed its last run;  
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished,  
And gone out in darkness again;  
When the trumpet of ages has sounded,  
And we stand before Him . . . What then?

I Thessalonians 4:16

When the bugle's call sinks into silence,  
And the long marching column stands still  
When the captain reports his last orders,  
And they've captured the last fort on the hill,  
When the flag has been hauled from the masthead  
And all the wounded have been checked in,  
And the world that rejected its Saviour  
Is asked for a reason . . . What Then?

—Anon.



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## WHEN THEY WILL MEET

The 41st Annual Session of the  
Northeast Missouri Association of Free  
Will Baptists will convene with the  
Martinstown Church, Worthington,  
Missouri, on Thursday evening, July  
29 and continue through August 1st.  
The introductory message will be by  
Rev. Wayne Parsons; alternate, Rev.  
Alta Mikel. The communion message  
on Friday evening will be by Rev.  
Orville Dobbs, with Rev. Mildred Gil-  
ham alternate.

Ethel Thompson, clerk  
Greentop, Missouri

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The Northwest Missouri and North-  
east Kansas Association of Free Will  
Baptists will meet with the Philadel-  
phia Church near Pattonsburg, Mis-  
souri on Thursday night before the  
Second Sunday in August (the 5th).  
Rev. W. R. Rush will bring the intro-  
ductory message; Rev. John McKown  
alternate.

Rev. Mary Wellbaum, clerk  
Haddam, Kansas

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The next Fifth Sunday meeting of  
the Northwest Missouri and Northeast  
Kansas Association will be at Mt.  
Zion Church. The speaker is yet to be  
chosen.

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The Central Western Missouri As-  
sociation of Free Will Baptists will  
meet with the Independence Church  
near Stockton, Missouri, commencing  
Tuesday night, August 3rd. The intro-

ductory message will be by Rev.  
Lowell Martin, with Rev. Alice Dickey  
the alternate. Message for the Minis-  
ters Conference will be by Rev. Lloyd  
T. Jeffreys, and speaker for the League  
Convention is Rev. Conrad Williford.

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, clerk  
Monett, Missouri

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The Forty-First Annual Session of  
Missouri State Association will con-  
vene with the Jones' Chapel Church in  
Indian Creek Association near Stella,  
Missouri, beginning Tuesday night,  
August 17. Rev. James Barker will  
be the introductory speaker, with Rev.  
Fred Kirby his alternate. The State  
League Convention, Sunday School  
Convention, and Woman's Auxiliary  
Convention will precede the Associa-  
tion, with services starting in Monday  
evening, August 16.

Rev. Lorene Williford, clerk  
Freeman, Missouri

## BUSY IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Missouri  
3124 Mt. Pleasant

Dear Gem Readers:

South Side Church reporting again,  
and there is so much to report.

The G.T.A. girls had crowing of the  
queen. Carol Sue Langley was selected  
queen. Each of these girls worked  
hard and they cleared \$196.00. They  
also had a Mother's Day program with  
a mother and daughter banquet. Then  
each one gave their mother a plant.

We also had a chicken supper given  
by the Four Square to equip the soft  
ball club and to buy a water cooler. So  
you can see South Side has been busy.

We want to thank the Lord for  
Norma Jean Kennedy and Geneva Hill  
for the effort and work they are doing  
with these girls. If we could get the  
older women to come out and work  
like those children do, you would see  
the Woman's Auxiliary booming. Well  
done, Norma Jean and 'Gee Gee.'

We are certainly having a good at-  
tendance in Sunday School, and our  
average is climbing. We had 185 for  
the month of April. Remember us in  
prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James Franklin, pastor  
Olive M. Reeds, cor'spondent



# National Association to South Carolina



**Rev. Charles Thigpen**

The annual sessions of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the National Association of Free Will Baptists will convene in the Memorial Auditorium, Spartanburg, South Carolina in mid-July as guests of South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Leading off in the conventions, as is customary, will be the Auxiliary Convention with regular sessions set

to start at 7:30 in the evening, Monday, July 12, and will continue through the day Tuesday. An Executive Committee is scheduled to precede the convention at 1:30 p.m. Monday. Sessions will be presided over by Mrs. R. B. Crawford, president.

Following adjournment of business sessions of the Auxiliary Convention, the National Association will be convened on Tuesday evening, July 13 at



**Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator**

7:45. Moderator for these sessions is Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma City.

## BOWEN WILL KEYNOTE

While the theme for this session of the National Association is "Revival Now," the keynote for the opening service on Tuesday night, July 13, asks the question, "Can We Have Revival Now?" Rev. C. F. Bowen, faculty member at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville and secretary of the National League Board, will deliver the keynote message on "The Urgency of the Burning Heart. This opening service is expected to set the pace for the entire convention.

Because of the many forces being brought to bear against the American home, the program committee felt that a service emphasizing the need of revival in the Christian home during this year's association would meet a real need. So the entire worship service on Wednesday morning, July 14, will be developed around the keynote, "Revival in the Christian Home."



**Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.**

Selected to bring the message on "Revival Fires Burn on Family Altars" is Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

## JONES TO SPEAK

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., will bring one of the messages to delegates. (Continued on page Six, please)



**Rev. Raymond Riggs**



**Rev. Damon C. Dodd**



# Deputation to India

Dear Beloved Co-Laborers in Christ:

Refreshing has come from God's presence! Last week for four nights we held services in our little church conducted by Bro. Riggs (Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board) and Rev. P. Samuel, a fine Indian youth worker. There were about forty souls who were delivered from sin and their new names written down in glory! Isn't it wonderful to see people set free by the Son of man? Our hearts are so full and we are so strengthened and encouraged that words fail me as I seek to describe what God has done in our midst. I have never felt God's power in our church in the manner it was those four nights! No wonder hearts were convicted and fled to their only refuge, Christ Jesus. Pray that God may establish and strengthen these forty souls who have come out for Him. As you know, they'll be faced with many temptations and persecutions by their relatives.

On the 19th of last month (March) Bro. Riggs and Bro. Morris, Promotional Secretary of the Free Will Baptist Georgia State Association, arrived here. At present they are up north visiting with our missionaries and will return here sometime this month for a week or two. The Methodist Church want them to conduct services for four nights upon their return here; therefore, please stand with us in prayer that we all shall know God's will about this. This church has a great need and this may be the time God wants to pour out His blessings and these may be the men He desires to use. May God accomplish in and through them all that He desires ere their visit comes to a close. Already God has used them greatly, and they have been a means of blessing to all.

Just a further word about revival blessings. Many young men visited Rev. P. Samuel's room and were gloriously saved. We have never seen the people in Kotagiri so hungry for Christ, and we believe that the reaping time is at hand. Pray with us that we may be watchful in order that we may reap a full harvest of souls at this time. We know all that has taken place has been because of prayer and

the faithful sowing of the word in years gone by plus the yieldedness of God's servants who were in charge of the services. It is not he that soweth, nor he that watereth, but God who giveth the increase; and our hearts are full of praise to Him for all the gracious work done in our midst in these last few days. I was blessed by God's child and servant, Samuel. He lives so close to the Lord—is the Lord's very own. His simple prayers struck a chord in my heart. He would fall on his face in our drawing room (we prayed each afternoon for the services) and say to the Lord, "Now, Lord, I am just your child—you have a message for these people. Put your words in my mouth—I'll say what you want me to say." And God did just that for Samuel. He came into special blessing himself as he traveled around with the Ruanda team, Dr. Church and Wm. Nagenda, from Africa; and he has become a greater power for God as a result of these special blessings. India needs more like him, who are consecrated and filled with a passion for the teeming millions of India's lost ones.

I, too, have received further blessings from the Lord. The closer we get to the Lord, the more delights of heaven He shares with us. He has planted my feet on higher ground and as a sunflower turns its face to the sun, so I've turned my heart to the Lord Jesus and what He has done within is indescribable! All this has come about through prayer. For over a week, night after night, I slept very little. Though I was unable to sleep, I was not unable to meet at the throne of grace with Jesus. And He poured in grace and joy and strength in a measure I have never known heretofore. The Word says, "I am come that your joy may be full." My joy is full and I am rejoicing in Him whom my soul loveth. Blessed be His name! May I be enabled to draw my soul out to the hungry as the result of all Christ has shared with me. Delights and pleasures forevermore at His right hand, is it not? How my soul loves Him and revels in Him! Freely we have received, freely we must give.

I want to share with you two thoughts that have blessed me these

days. Isa. 33:23b, "The lame take the prey." This is made possible by God's Spirit. We are weak but God is strong and will enable us to take the prey—*wondrous provision*. The other thought is about a voice. When we think of a voice, what comes to our minds first? Naturally, that a voice cannot be seen, is never seen, *only heard*. That is exactly what God wants us to be—only a voice for Him, so hidden in Christ that when we speak people will not be conscious of us but only of the *voice* relaying His message. May He enable me to be just a voice for Him!

Pray for us in all our witness in the various villages and for our four outstations where we conduct Sunday Schools each Sunday. Our village is so difficult—the people so unresponsive. Do pray that God may drive back the powers of darkness and let His Light shine into darkened hearts and minds. We want these people for Jesus and until He reigns in their hearts, we must keep sowing the seed and praying.

Laura B. Barnard

## TYPHOON HITS MISSION

Sonapurhat, N. India

Dear Brother Riggs:

Last week when we had our workers' meeting and day of prayer it came to me rather as a shock that already a whole month has passed since you left and still I had not written to you. We got your letter from Kotagiri and the card from Bombay. Did you stop over in Palestine? If so, let us hear about it. I hope you had a fine trip home and found everybody well and happy.

Soon after you left we really got into some hot weather. The winds had begun to blow a little when you were here, but each day after you left it got hotter and drier. To add to the affliction, the east wind would blow all morning and the west wind all afternoon, the winds from various directions would blow almost all night. The temperature was 105 and above from eleven to five in the living room day after day after day, with no let up and outside the winds were scorching. If you had come as planned, my prophecy of a scorched secretary would certainly have been true. I



foolishly tried to drive home one day about 1:30. On the road it got so bad that the heat was burning the inside of my nose so much it was painful and my eyeballs felt like they would dry up. I was afraid I might not make it, and I almost didn't. When I got home Trula helped me into the bathroom and poured buckets of cold water over me until I revived. It got more than Trula could bear, so she'd soak a sheet in water, and wrap it around her head and all. The rapid evaporation from the hot wind made it cool inside. We were sort of fraying at the ends when it rained and the sudden drop in temperature was refreshing. Then it dropped to 75 before morning and we had to pull up the sheet to keep warm. A few nights later a typhoon hit. The sound of it coming woke us up, and I ran out to shut the west shutters when it hit with full strength. I was afraid that the tree at the corner of the house would come down, so I told Trula to go into the living room while I ran to bring in the laborers who were sleeping in that conference shed. I heard the screech of tin, and in the constant flash of lightning saw the wall start to go over. I opened my mouth to yell but immediately it was filled with water and wind. The rain was almost horizontal. I could hardly stand and small branches and leaves were flying past me. I got the workers into the house and in spite of my raincoat was drenched to the skin. No damage was done to our property but many trees went over, tin roofs curled up, and many houses collapsed. Many others had the grass blown off the roof. But we are not surprised as this is the time of year for typhoons, seem to get at least one a year. Last year we were in the tent and only foresight in placing the tent amidst a clump of bamboos and the protection of the Lord, to be sure, kept the tent from going. One year the Woolseys' were living here in a tent, with no house to go to when a typhoon hit. But that was almost a week ago, and the weather is again hot and the air humid, but the wind is fast drying it out again. The few days of showers gave us a new lease on energy and the grass got green, so we feel better all around.

It was great to have you out here. Your visit was an encouragement and an inspiration to us. You don't realize how lonely it felt when you left that afternoon. Rather like when the Wool-

sey's train pulled out taking them away two years ago. It was sweet fellowship and we value your personal interest and friendship highly. We appreciate your sacrifice to take this work and it makes us feel that you are one with us. We feel that you are picked of God for the job and we stand behind you with our love, interest, prayers and loyalty. We anticipate with pleasure further fellowship on furlough.

We are glad of the opportunity to get to know Brother Morris. It was our first intimate contact with him. We covet his friendship and would like to get to know him better. Your visit encouraged the Indians and gave them more of a tie with the folks at home.

We had a good day of prayer with blessings. The two weeks Bible Institute starts the first day of June. We expect sixteen students.

The bank has slipped up, and has not sent my statement; so until it comes, I can't get an accurate report. It looks like the first one will be late. I hope to get it to you in time, however.

Servant in Christ,

Dan Cronk

### STILL LIKES MISSOURI

First Free Will Baptist Church  
706 First Street  
Elizabethton, Tennessee

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have reported our work here in Elizabethton. We certainly want to give the good Lord praise for His many wonderful blessings that we here at First Church have enjoyed these past few months. God has wonderfully blessed us in helping us to break all records in Sunday School attendance in this church which is 45 years old. On Easter Sunday we saw 333 crowd into our building, which is quite a few more than this church ever had before during its 45 years. Then for the month of April we also broke the average attendance records when we averaged 242 for the month.

God has so wonderfully blessed us that plans are now under way for a new educational building which we are so much in need of. We desire your prayers that God may continue to bless us as we labor for Him.

Last week our hearts were made to rejoice when we saw two fine men come down the aisle and fall on their knees and repent of their sins. They were brothers and one of them a leading business man of this town.

We are now planning a D.V.B.S. and Youth Revival for the month of June, with Rev. Bob Hill of Nashville as our superintendent and evangelist. We are hoping to enroll at least 250 in this school. Please pray that God may give us many souls during this revival.

I think often of my many friends in Missouri and sometimes I trust the Lord may lead me back there.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you as you labor for Him. I would be most happy to hear at any time from my many friends in Missouri.

Our prayers are with you,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill  
Box 295

### NEW BUILDING DEDICATED

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

We here at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church are happy to report that our new building is near completion, and we are looking forward to moving in soon. How we do thank the Lord for this much needed building. Also we are thankful for the brothers in Christ who have been so faithful to put in their extra hours in helping work. We are sure God will give them an extra portion of blessings.

Dedication services were held June 6, at which we had a wonderful time in the Lord. The service was well attended, and I am sure we all felt closer to the Lord at the end of this service. We had several new people who attended, but one which was outstanding, and that was little Shelia Elizabeth Ellis, who came to bless the home of our good pastor and wife, Don and Emma Ellis. She arrived May 30.

Please pray for us here as this church, for our Auxiliary, the prayer meeting and for the visitation club which we have just organized. Several of us are praying for loved ones who are unsaved. I have an unsaved husband. Please, help me pray for him. Pray for us that we may do more for the Lord.

Mrs. Earl Coulter, reporter  
3648 East Edgar

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO SOUTH CAROLINA

gates attending the National Association. He will speak at 2:40 Wednesday afternoon, July 14, on "Evangelism and Revival." The afternoon business session will be suspended for a forty-minute worship service during which the noted Christian educator will address the convention. Both Dr. Jones

and his father, who is widely known for his great work in the cause of Christ, have proved themselves to be in sympathy with the work of Free Will Baptists and many will be looking forward to this great message.

### EMPHASIS ON MISSIONS

Coming right in the middle of the convention will be a service emphasizing

ing the missionary program of the denomination. "Revival Power for World-Wide Witness" will be the keynote and Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretaries for the mission boards, will give their reports and messages. At the close of the service the Home Mission Board will commission its first teams for work in the homeland.

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## Program of the 19th Annual Session

of the

## Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

KEYNOTE: *Declaring His Glory Now*

WATCHWORD: *Psalms 96:3*

CONVENTION HYMN: "*Jesus Saves*"

### Monday Afternoon, July 12

1:30—Executive Committee meeting

### Monday Evening, July 12

*Thought for the Day*—The Need for Declaring His Glory Is Imperative

*Scripture*—"The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified" (John 12:23)

7:00—Registration

7:30—"Declaring His Glory Now through Praise and Prayer," Mrs. Marjorie Morris, Bryan, Texas

7:45—The business of organizing

8:00—"This Convention Will Declare His Glory," Address of welcome by Mrs. Paul Kettman, Pamplico, S.C.  
—"May Our Lives Reflect His Glory," Response by Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Greenville, N.C.

8:05—Inspirational singing — Special music

8:15—"Declaring His Glory unto the Farthest Shores," Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, Africa missionaries  
—"Africa Calling," Film showing missionary work of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens

9:30—Benediction

### Tuesday Morning, July 13

*Thought for the Day*—No One Can Better Declare His Glory than a Consecrated Woman

*Scripture*—"Her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10)

9:00—"Letting Our Homes Declare His Glory," Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cairo, Georgia

9:15—Meet Your Neighbor — Learning who's here

9:25—"Our Task Now," President's message by Mrs. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, N.C.

9:45—Music

9:50—Business period

10:50—Intermission

11:00—"Letting My Life Declare His Glory," Miss Geraldine Gay, Nashville, Tennessee

11:15—Inspirational singing

11:20—"We Declare His Glory through Stewardship"—  
Declamation service led by Mrs. Paul Purcell

—Presentation of awards

12:00—Benediction

### Tuesday Afternoon, July 13

1:30—"Letting My Talents Declare His Glory," Mrs. Robert Wilfong, Nashville, Tennessee

1:45—Business period and reports

3:00—Closing hymn, "Glory to His Name"

—The last words — Adjournment and benediction

## Program of the Eighteenth Annual Session

of the

## National Association of Free Will Baptists

THEME: *Revival Now!*

SCRIPTURE: "*Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee?*" (Psalms 85:6)

### Tuesday Evening, July 13

KEYNOTE: *Can We Have Revival Now?*

SCRIPTURE: "...for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5b)

7:45—"O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord," Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. Stanley, pianist; Mr. James B. Smith, organist.

7:55—"Magnify Thy Word," Rev. Burkett Raper

8:05—The Association called into official session and introduction of moderator by Rev. George Waggoner, clerk

—Moderator's remarks, Rev. E. E. Morris

8:15—We Are Glad You Are Here, welcome address by Councilman John A. Wood, mayor pro tem

—Our Churches Welcome You, Dr. James S. Day, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church

8:30—The congregation sings

—"The Lord's Prayer," Donald Clark

8:40—The Keynote Message—"The Urgency of the Burning Heart," Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, messenger

9:15—Appointment of Committee on Committees

### Wednesday Morning, July 14

9:00—"Early in the Morning Our Songs Rise to Thee," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Smith

- 9:10—"Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart," Rev. Wade Jernigan
- 9:20—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee — Seating of delegates
- Recognition of visiting delegates from other religious bodies
- 9:35—Report of Committee on Committees
- 9:45—Report of General Board—Rev. George Waggoner, secretary
- 10:40—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. R. B. Crawford, president
- 10:50—Intermission
- 11:00—The Hour of Worship—  
*Keynotes* Revival in the Christian Home  
 SCRIPTURE: "...learn first to show piety at home ..." (I Timothy 5:14)  
 —We Worship in Song, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Smith  
 —Reading the Scriptures, Rev. James Barker  
 —Solo—"Bless This House," Donald Clark
- 11:20—Message—"Revival Fires Burn on Family Altars," Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, messenger

### Wednesday Afternoon, July 14

- 1:45—The Hour of Prayer, Rev. D. W. Poole  
 Hymns, Scripture and Prayer
- 2:00—Miscellaneous business  
 —Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members
- 2:30—"Cooperation without Compromise"—Report of the National Association of Evangelicals by Rev. Geo. Ford
- 2:40—Moments of Spiritual Refreshment  
 —Special music, Mrs. J. C. Moye  
 —Message—"Evangelism and Revival," Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., the messenger
- 3:20—Intermission
- 3:30—Report of Executive Secretary, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
- 3:45—Report of Stewardship Commission, Rev. Damon C. Dodd
- 3:55—"Bibles for Bibleless Millions," Report of American Bible Society, by Rev. Albert C. Johnson
- 4:10—Report of Superannuation Board, Rev. J. O. Fort
- 4:20—Report of Board of Publications and Literature, Rev. J. C. Griffin

### Wednesday Evening, July 14

- Keynote:* Revival Power for World-Wide Witness  
*Scripture:* "...ye shall be witness unto me..." (Acts 1:8)

### PROGRAM PERSONALITIES FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

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|--|---|--|
| Rev. James Barker—St. Louis, Mo., pastor of Third F.W.B. Church  | instructor at F.W.B. Bible College and secretary F.W.B. League Board                                  | Board  |
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| Rev. C. F. Bowen—Nashville, Tenn.,   | Mrs. R. B. Crawford—Greenville, N.C., president of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention              | Rev. George B. Dunbar—Greenville, Tenn., pastor of Harris Memorial F.W.B. Church           |
|  | Rev. Willard C. Day—Mountain Grove, Mo., pastor of F.W.B. Church, and member of National Home Mission | Rev. George Ford—Chicago, Ill., associate executive director of National                   |

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- 7:15—Report from India—color films and slides with commentary by Rev. Raymond Riggs on his recent tour of Free Will Baptist mission stations in India
- 7:45—"Sing Praises unto the Lord Among the Nations," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Smith  
 —Special music, Headquarters' quartet
- 8:05—"The Gospel in the Uttermost Parts," Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, by Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 8:35—Piano interlude, Rev. Herman Hersey
- 8:40—Revival Fires are Kindled on the Home Front," Report of Board of Home Missions, by Rev. Damon C. Dodd
- 9:10—Commissioning service for home missionary teams. (Those to be commissioned are: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, Flat River, Mo., assigned to work among Cubans in Ybor City, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., Calhoun City, Miss., assigned to Nebraska, and Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester Crawford, Belmont, N.C., assigned to Oregon.)  
 —Presentation of candidates, Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman of Home Mission Board  
 —Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. H. E. Staires  
 —The Missionary Charge, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary of the Home Mission Board  
 —Commissioning Prayer, Rev. Willard C. Day

### Thursday Morning, July 15

- 9:00—"O Come, Let Us Worship"  
 Hymns by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Smith  
 Scripture by Rev. George B. Dunbar
- 9:15—Report of Placement Committee for 1955 session
- 9:20—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board, Rev. C. F. Bowen
- 9:30—Adoption of reports of Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board given last night
- 9:40—Report of Sunday School Board, Rev. William Mishler
- 9:55—Report of Radio-T.V. Board, Rev. J. D. O'Donnell
- 10:05—Report of College Board of Trustees, Rev. J. L. Welch
- 10:20—"The Part of Christian Education in Revival Now," Dr. L. C. Johnson
- 10:45—Miscellaneous business  
 —Reports of committees — Election of officers
- 12:00—Final adjournment





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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### MONETT MEETS; STUDY CHARITY

The home of Mrs. Ollie Bennett was the scene of the May meeting of the Auxiliary of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church.

Prayer by Mrs. Nettie Harrell followed the singing of "Standing On the Promises" by the group, which opened the meeting.

Mrs. Lyle Roller conducted the lesson, which was taken from the year book on the subject "Charity." Mrs. C. L. Atwell gave the devotional, reading from I Corinthians 13. Those discussing topics were Mrs. James McCully, Mrs. W. L. Powell, and Mrs. Haskell Hultgren.

The president, Mrs. Russell Weisman, conducted the business meeting. Roll call was answered with favorite Bible verses, after which vice presidents presented their reports.

Plans and suggestions were made for the D.V.B.S. which was to begin May 24. The dismissal prayer was by Miss Lillie Drowley. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ed Jones.

The hostess, Mrs. Bennett, served refreshments to three visitors and 18 members.

### INSTALLATION SERVICE AT COMANCHE, TEXAS

The Easley Chapel Auxiliary elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. John Allen Brinson, president; Lillian Kirkland, enlistment chairman; Francis Plumlee, youth chairman; Belle Easley, program chairman; Rebecca Williams, literature chairman; Owassa Taylor, benevolence chairman; Nona McGuire, secretary; Maude McGuire, treasurer.

We had a beautiful installation service. The platform was lovely in Irish Bells, Shasta Daisies, and a trellis of red roses. The setting was patterned from the picture in the year book. A miniature church was made by Mr. Kirkland, a pool by Mrs. Kirkland, fountain and rainbow by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Kirkland.

I had the pleasure of installing these officers, as I had organized them. Our son, Eld. Clarence Hearron, read the Scriptures. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Easley let the ladies have their farm home as a work shop.

While there, my husband preached a week in Comanche at the First Church. This church had no pastor, but has called Bro. Ted Patton.

Our revival will begin here June 13: Eld. J. O. Hudson, of Clemscott, will be our evangelist. Pray for us that we may see souls saved in our meeting.

Essie Hearron,  
Sulphur, Oklahoma

### THEIR FIRST VISIT

Pine Prairie Auxiliary  
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Gem Readers:

As this is our first visit with you we would like to tell you something about our new church building and every phase of the work. God has richly blessed our efforts.

Two years ago in October the new church building was begun. By January it was almost completed and we entertained the quarterly meeting. The church membership is 123 with an average attendance of 96. A full time pastor, Rev. H. Ray Berry, has faithfully served the church for almost three years.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed. Souls are saved during regular services, which is very encouraging.

The Woman's Auxiliary has an average attendance of 18 members. The Auxiliary has sponsored a number of grocery showers for the sick and the needy. Also they sold 40 bottles of vanilla flavoring and purchased a 48-cup coffee urn for the church. The next project is to paint, paper and furnish the nursery. The Auxiliary is financing one adult to go to encampment in August. The pre-Easter week of prayer was enjoyed very much with good spiritual services.

Organized one G.T.A. with an average attendance of 25.

The Sunday School has 95 enrolled

with an average attendance of 86 in six departments. We are also looking forward to having the Sunday School Convention at our church.

The League is doing a wonderful work, with an average attendance of 72 members in three departments.

We have some fine young people, and pray that the Lord will call a number of them out into the mission field.

Pray for our revival, which will begin June 28. We are trusting God for a great spiritual awakening.

Yours in His service,

Rev. H. Ray Berry, pastor  
Mrs. Opal Koehl, president  
Mrs. P. J. Wood, secretary

### ILLINOIS CONVENTION

The Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary met May 19, 1954 at the Johnston City Church.

The service was opened by singing, "More Like the Master," after which Sis. Geraldine Lewis led in prayer. The devotional reading was given by Miss Joyce McClerren. Another congregational hymn followed, "At the Cross." Sis. Mae Williams led in prayer before the business session.

Old and new business was discussed. Reports were given by delegates from the National. It was voted on and carried to send \$25.00 to our reception room at Nashville.

Officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: President, Geraldine Lewis; 1st vice, Emily Malone; 2nd vice, Otha Phillips; 3rd vice, Helen Hartley; 4th vice, Zola McClerren; 5th vice, Aleen Hanna; reading secretary, Chesta Clampet; treasurer, Mae Williams, and corresponding secretary, Joyce McClerren.

At the 11:00 hour, Sis. Aleen Hanna brought a soul searching and warning message on the subject, "Ye must be born again." The service closed with a handshake and prayer by Miss Joyce McClerren.

Lunch was served at the noon hour in the church basement. The afternoon service was opened with singing, "I Am Thine O Lord." Reports were read



and accepted. The delegates to the National were selected. They are: Opal Hiltibidal, Helen Hartley, Flo Farris, Geraldine Lewis, Mary Peterson, Dora Jones and Joyce McClerren.

The program chairman, Sis. Zola McClerren selected Emily Malone and Helen Hartley to serve on the committee to arrange program for Yearly Meeting. Place for next meeting will be Oak Grove, May 18, 1955.

A reading was given by Dora Jones and a solo, "Honey in the Rock," by Aleen Hanna. A missionary play was presented by the Nason Church. Sis. Eunice Edwards led in the social service, and God sent a blessing to every receptive heart.

A united prayer in the altar was offered up, led by Bro. Claude Childers.

The service was dismissed with prayer by Sis Ethel Hoffart.

Contributed

## FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Dear Friends in Christ,

May we come in again this lovely morning. God has been so very good to us in sending the rain and sunshine, and as we look around us and see the beauty of God, it makes us look up and say, "Thank you God, for every blessing."

Our Auxiliary met at the church on April 29 for our all day meeting. The theme of our program for the day was "A Tribute to Mother." A good program was rendered in memory of mothers—both those who are living and those who have gone on to their reward. We should all be very thankful for Christian mothers.

After the program we were dismissed for the noon hour, where all enjoyed a wonderful fellowship together. Everyone present left feeling in their hearts it was a wonderful day in the service of the Lord.

Pray for us that we will ever live so that God can use us in His humble service.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, reporter

## HAZEL CREEK W.A.

The Hazel Creek Auxiliary met on Wednesday, May 5, with Juanita Newcomer for our all-day meeting. The work for the day was fixing handiwork

for D.V.B.S. Plans were also discussed for serving refreshments at Bible School.

Mrs. Thompson led the devotional period with all singing "More Like the Master," followed with prayer by Sis. Oletha Parsons. Scripture reading was Luke 21:1-4. Mrs. Van Laningham introduced the lesson, "His Command—My Task, to Tithe," The topics were discussed by Lola Filkins, Juanita Newcomer, Ethel Thompson and Lizzie Filkins.

A special feature, "Today and Tomorrow," was given by Mrs. Parsons.

The eight members present reported having read 502 Bible chapters, sent 19 cards and made 46 calls. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Filkins.

## HAVE YOU MADE SOMEONE BETTER?

*Is anybody happier because you passed his way?*

*Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?*

*The day is almost over and its toiling time is through.*

*Is there anyone to speak a kind word to you?*

*Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along?*

*Or just a sort of "Howdy," then vanish in the throng.*

*Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along your way,*

*Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today?*

*Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast,*

*That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?*

*Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?*

*Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?*

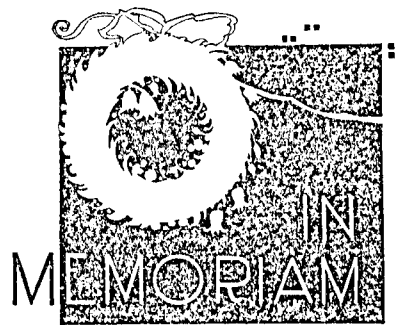
*Did you waste the day, or lose it; was it well or poorly spent?*

*Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?*

*As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God would say,*

*"You have earned one more tomorrow, by the work you did today."*

—T. A. Bell



## LEVI RANEY

Levi Anderson Raney, son of John and Ellen (Absher) Raney, was born in Wright County, Missouri on March 7, 1873, and passed away at his farm home near his birth place, November 23, 1953 at the age of 80 years, eight months and 16 days.

He was converted to the Christian faith in early manhood and united with the Free Will Baptist Church, being a charter member of the Rock Chapel Church at the time of his death. He was an active supporter of the church work and derived much pleasure in rendering service to his neighbors and friends.

He was united in marriage to Docia T. Butcher on February 2, 1899. Six children were born to this union. One daughter died in infancy. His companion preceded him in death April 28, 1953.

He spent his entire life in Wright County as a farmer. He was a devoted companion and father, giving much of his time and interest to the education and well being of his children. In his passing, the community has lost a well-loved and useful citizen.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters: Alva I. and Don L. of Norwood; Frank R. and Mrs. Daisy James of Mountain Grove, and Mrs. Marie Thomas, Kansas City. One sister Jane Owens of Mountain Grove, four grandchildren, and a number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were at the Rock Chapel Church near his home, with Rev. Selph Jones officiating. Hymns were sung by the church choir, a solo by Rev. Jimmy Hyllton accompanied by Miss Louis Van Noy, and a solo by Rev. Jones accompanied by Mrs. Jones.

Interment was in Thomas Cemetery near Norwood.

## PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

Association of Evangelicals  
 Rev. J. O. Fort—Lake Butler, Fla., pastor Harmony F.W.B. Church, and secretary of Superannuation Board  
 Rev. J. C. Griffin—New Bern, N.C., pastor Ruth's Chapel F.W.B. Church near Bridgeton, N.C., and chairman Board of Publications and Literature  
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 Rev. Herman Herscy—Raleigh, N.C., pastor First F.W.B. Church and vice president North Carolina State Sunday School Convention  
 Rev. Wade Jernigan—Kerman, Calif., pastor First F.W.B. Church  
 Rev. Albert C. Johnson—New York, N.Y., secretary Visual Aids for the American Bible Society  
 Dr. L. C. Johnson—Nashville, Tenn., president F.W.B. Bible College  
 Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.—Greenville, S.C., president Bob Jones University  
 Rev. William Mishler—Detroit, Mich., pastor Philadelphia F.W.B. Church, and chairman National S.S. Board

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham—Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary National Association of Free Will Baptists  
 Rev. E. E. Morris—Oklahoma City, pastor Capitol Hill F.W.B. Church, and moderator of National Association of Free Will Baptists  
 Mrs. J. C. Moye—Snow Hill, N.C., music director for Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church  
 Rev. J. D. O'Donnell—Columbus, Mississippi, pastor First F.W.B. Church, and secretary Radio-T.V. Board  
 Rev. D. W. Poolc—Dothan, Ala., promotional secretary Florida State Association of F.W.B.  
 Rev. Burkett Raper—Snow Hill, N.C., promotional secretary North Carolina State Association of F.W.B., and pastor Hull Road F.W.B. Church  
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Rev. J. L. Welch—Nashville, Tennessee, pastor of Cofer's Chapel F.W.B. Church, and chairman of Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

	JA	FE	MR	AP	MA	JU
Richwoods .....	55..	68..	..	..	..	..
<i>Leslie Logsdon, pastor</i>						
Hannon (Barton Co.) .....	44..	48..	50..	48..	..	..
<i>Conrad Williford, pastor</i>						
Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.) ..	92..	90..	93..	105..	103..	..
<i>Woodrow Matthews, pastor</i>						
Third St. Louis .....	92..	93..	106..	110..	..	..
<i>James Barker, pastor</i>						
Fourth St. Louis .....	53..	48..	50..	54..	42..	..
<i>Wm. Turnbough, pastor</i>						
Salem, St. Louis .....	56..	..	50..	51..	..	..
<i>Lawrence Thompson, Pastor</i>						
Fredericktown .....	158..	172..	183..	..	..	..
League .....	..	104..	74..	..	..	..
<i>W. T. Newsome, pastor</i>						
First Church, Springfield ..	135..	..	136..	..	..	..
<i>Henry Long, pastor</i>						
Jones Chapel, Stella .....	53..	54..	65..	77..	..	..
<i>Winford Davis, pastor</i>						
Monett .....	78..	78..	..	..	..	..
<i>James Davis, pastor</i>						
Southside, St. Louis .....	156..	..	156..	185..	..	..
<i>James Franklin, pastor</i>						
Mountain Grove .....	176..	193..	195..	238..	200..	..
<i>Willard C. Day, pastor</i>						

Elizabethton Tenn. 1st ....	206..	217..	204..	242..	..	..
<i>Harvey E. Hill, pastor</i>						
Oilton, Oklahoma .....	116..	133..	129..	182..	..	..
<i>Benjamin Scott, pastor</i>						
Lawnwood, Tulsa .....	157..	165..	166..	229..	172..	..
<i>H. E. Staires, pastor</i>						
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas ..	170..	165..	163..	176..	172..	..
<i>Tommy Day, pastor</i>						
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool .....	..	44..	40..	51..	..	..
<i>Homer Smith, pastor</i>						
First Church, Joplin .....	..	50..	..	..	..	..
<i>Paul Williams, pastor</i>						
Parkview, Desloge .....	86..	90..	96..	103..	..	..
<i>John Long, pastor</i>						
Berkley First, St. Louis ....	..	166..	168..	202..	138..	..
League .....	..	76..	64..	69..	59..	..
<i>Don Ellis, pastor</i>						
Wolf Creek, Mansfield ....	42..	39..	37..	..	33..	..
<i>Charles Findley, pastor</i>						
Union Third Fork, N.E. Mo. 25..	25..	24..	..	..	..	..
<i>Edward H. Corn, pastor</i>						
Fellowship, Flat River ....	140..	141..	170..	185..	..	..
<i>Rolla Smith, pastor</i>						
Leadington .....	..	111..	132..	116..	..	..
<i>Eunice Edwards, pastor</i>						
Mt. Zion 3, Cuba .....	..	..	..	47..	..	..
<i>Leo Curtis, pastor</i>						
St. Mary's, New Bern, N.C. ..	..	..	..	317..	..	..
<i>Cecil H. Campbell, pastor</i>						





## From The Editor's Desk



### SUPERANNUATION

In the last issue, the editor attempted to relate to you the plans of the National Board of Superannuation, the importance of this work, and some of the immediate pressing needs in this department. A positive response is very necessary to this program. It is not the aim of this board to minimize the importance of other enterprises of the church to which you may now regularly subscribe. Indeed you are encouraged to continue your support to every needy place. No department is oversubscribed. However, there does exist a great need in the department of superannuation, and this need must be made known and the need supplied.

Here, in part, is a letter circulated by Rev. J. O. Fort, secretary to the National Board of Superannuation. It will help you to understand more of this enterprise and the needs.

"We are taking this means of bringing to your attention a most important matter with which every Free Will Baptist should be keenly concerned, particularly all ministers. We are also seeking to enlist your help in accomplishing this task for the glory of God and the benefit of the Free Will Baptist ministry.

"The important matter is Superannuation or retirement for Free Will Baptist ministers. Many ministers have given their active lives to the cause of preaching the Gospel, and now are unable to carry on for the Lord. They have only a meager income, and must depend largely upon charity for their very existence, or else they have been forced to enter some other field of endeavor in connection with preaching to plan for their old age. You perhaps know some such men who have toiled faithfully, and now are not receiving the care they deserve.

"Then, some of us who are now preaching are naturally thinking of the days when the churches will no longer call us because our age will not permit us to render the service that some younger men can do. Or we are thinking of the time when we will not be physically able to answer the call of duty that we have once per-

formed. We are all forced to think and plan for the day when we cannot provide for our daily bread through our own efforts.

"Therefore, the National Superannuation Board of Free Will Baptists is administering a plan which will provide for the needs of the ministers when they must retire. The program has now grown to the point that we have 57 policies with more than \$80,000 in retirement benefits to our ministers.

*Now, here is what you can do to help*

1. "Pray earnestly for the program.
2. "Take this matter before your congregation and discuss it with them.
3. "Urge them to make an offering for National Superannuation... at a *very early date*—this month if possible. (See that these offerings get to Rev. J. O. Fort, secretary-treasurer of National Superannuation, Lake Butler, Florida. Your State treasurer will do this for you if you wish.)
4. "Join the policy holders and share in the benefits of the program if you have not passed your 52nd birthday.
5. "If you are past 52 years of age, you can share in the program from the state level.
6. "Write us giving the place and date of your next State Association, asking us to send a representative to consult with your State Superannuation Board about a more efficient organization.

"Finally, let us urge you and your people to join us in this undertaking. This plan was approved by the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association in session at Nashville, Tennessee, on March 30, 1954. Will you help us?"

Very truly yours,

J. O. Fort, secretary-treasurer,  
National Superannuation Board

### FROM OUR FRIENDS

Our Sunday School average attendance was 182. This is a new high. Our single day attendance record of 172 was broken Easter Sunday with 265 being present. Our new educational

building is nearing completion (at Oilton, Oklahoma). B.R.S.

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Our D.V.B.S. attendance average was 99; eight souls were saved; missionary offering was \$34.38; a real school and a real blessing (at Leadington). —E.E.

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Thank you for reminding us again. It is so easy to neglect things that we really intend to do, but just put it off from time to time. Please renew our paper. Sorry that we have delayed, so thank you.—W.H.W.

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Will write you these few lines and send along our renewal to the Gem, as we feel that we can't get along without it.—L.J.

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I have accepted a full-time work at Norfolk, Virginia, and am pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church, Little Creek. Please send my Gem up here.—Rev. E. H. Corn. (We are sorry to lose you from our state.—Editor)

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Rev. Frank Linton, well known pastor and evangelist, will again be available for pastoral work in Missouri this fall. Rev. Linton is completing his secular pursuits in California now. However, he can be contacted by addressing him at Macks Creek, Missouri.

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Please renew my sub to the Gem. I enjoy it so very much. Sorry I waited about renewing it.—V.W.

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## SELF IMPROVEMENT

II PETER 3:18 "But grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

A very common error among Christians, made unconsciously after conversion, is to think there is something to belonging to a church which will make them successful, as Christians, apart from their own efforts. This is not so—it helps.

ALL THAT the church can give you:

1. *An Open Door*—I Cor. 16:9, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." Yes, the door is open for us to work, but we also will come up against adversaries and trouble, but God is near.

2. *A Membership*—Yes, I believe all Christians should have a membership in some church organization. It will help us to grow.

3. *Doctrines*—Something to believe in and something to stand for and on. I Tim. 4:6, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, wherunto thou hast attained." The benefit of the organization, and its methods, is to help you grow and improve, such as in teaching and exhortation.

### *A Christians Responsibility for Self-Improvement*

Your position and your opportunity demands it. Your friends and relatives may ask you how to become a Christian, or how do you know you are a Christian. You should have an answer. Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." You have capacity and therefore responsibilities for improvement; *God demands it*. A leading professor of the day made the following statement, "Nature has made all men equal in capacity, although 95 percent live and die without discovering their strong points."

If we do not improve, we rob God of our all—and of our best, as Malachi wrote to Israel: not the quantity but the quality of their gift. And we also rob the Church. The Church needs workers—now, more than ever. The

world is in a condition of chaos, with men fearing and not knowing where to turn or what to do. God, through Christ, is the answer. The Church is working to that end, and there's need working to that end, and there's need of us in this work.

If you do not improve as a Christian you will become a miserable failure. Your heart will never know the joy and happiness of salvation. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord." You will never know the peace of soul and mind except the peace that Christ gives. John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Some eyes have never really been opened to the magnitude of the Christian need, and to their opportunities. They do not see their need of improvement. They are not consecrated enough. They fear persecution and possibly losing some old friends. Matt. 5:11, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." They have no definite standards or aims.

### *How to Improve*

Watch and pray, pray, pray! Jesus says in Mark 13:33, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

Read and study God's Holy Word. II Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Study on systematic lines. Recognize what little you know and what a lot there is to learn. Be willing to learn by the humblest means. James 1:5-6, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...but let him ask in faith."

Be willing to work hard to improve yourself. Do everything you do thoroughly and in love, not to please man, but to please God. Recognize that God and the Church needs you. Attend church regularly, and associate with Godly people. Faith comes from God, so ask Him for faith. Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, ask and it shall be given you.

Warren Moffitt,  
Winnigan, Missouri

## "WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH"

Jesus went about all the cities and villages preaching the Gospel, teaching and healing every sickness and disease among the people. Matt. 9:36-38, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The same call is going forth today from our heavenly Father for consecrated laborers. The fields are white unto harvest.

As we try to visualize a need so great, we cannot find words to describe the terrible destruction that Satan has caused in this world of ours. Broken homes, children cast into the clutches of Satan without any knowledge of the saving power of God—these are just a small part that God looks down upon. But the saddest of all that God must look down upon is a people that have forgot to pray, and are busy heaping up treasurers of this

life, and even in attending to church business, and find no time for God's business—of seeking for lost souls. That has little or no part in our modern program. God calls for laborers whose hearts are set on heaven, and whose eyes are open to the great conflict we are engaged in. The closer we walk to the Lord, the more Satan tries to hinder and destroy. But God's promises are to those who overcome: "He will keep thee in the hour of temptation."

When the testing time takes you down until you feel you are forsaken by God and man, and if you can yet sit in the midst of utter ruin and desolation, and regardless of all that has happened still sing faith's joyous and triumphant song, victory is yours. The prophet Habakkuk says, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom (utter desolation)...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength. (3:17-19). Job says, "Though he slay me yet will I trust in him." (13:15). "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand



at the latter day upon the earth.' (19:25). The Psalmist sang it: "I am continually with thee." (73:23). And the Apostle Paul—the mighty power for God, says, "...for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." (Gal. 6:17). They are the proof of Paul's service to his Saviour. Paul prayed to serve the Lord: that was his desire and prayer. His prayer was answered in an unexpected way and in an unusual experience. II Cor. 12 tells us he was caught up into paradise, whether in the body or out of the body he "could not tell, God knoweth." There he heard unspeakable words which "is not lawful to utter" (They couldn't believe it if he told them the wonderful things he saw and heard, and unless he be exalted above measure through this wonderful revelation given to him, there was given him a thorn in the flesh—a messenger of Satan. He besought the Lord thrice that it might be removed, but God's answer was "My grace is sufficient for thee," for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Only then can God's strength be made perfect when we are made to realize our helplessness, and depend wholly upon God, knowing that without His power we are nothing. Then and then only, can we rise above the fiery darts of Satan that compass us on every side, trying to destroy our very soul and our testimony. God's answer is "My grace is sufficient."

The Lord said in Luke 22:31-32, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Peter said that he was ready to follow Jesus to the prison and to death: but he did not realize his weakness. Neither do we until all human hope fails, as when the shadow of calvary hung over that band of disciples. Satan desired to have them, as he does every true child of God who dares to trust and serve Him. But Simon had already had an intercessory prayer gone up to the Father: "I have prayed for thee." Is it not wonderful to know that no trouble is permitted to harm a child of God until it first goes past the Heavenly Father? He knows our ability to stand by faith. No one is tested more than he can bear.

We see Peter go down until recovery

looks almost impossible. But again he is raised to the highest power of usefulness in God's service.

Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." What a wonderful Saviour!

He is still calling for laborers who have overcome this world: I John 4:4, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. He wants laborers that are full of love and compassion for this lost and dying world, "Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master ... We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." Amen.

Pearl Perriman,  
Springfield, Illinois

#### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT HADDAM, KANSAS

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas met in May with the Hickory Grove Church near Haddam, Kansas. The morning service was opened by Rev. Mary Wellbaum, with congregational singing. Two vocal solos were given by James Eichman, "Tell It Again," and "An Evening Prayer." The speaker, Rev. Mary Kathryn Eichman, used for her Scripture reading, Luke 14:16-25: subject, "Excuses." A timely message was given and enjoyed by all.

A basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour.

The afternoon services were opened by congregational singing, after which several choruses were sung, led by Mrs. Wellbaum with Miss Shirley Coder at the piano. The program consisted of both vocal and instrumental numbers. Duet, Mary K. Eichman and Ethel Louise Brown. Saxophone numbers by Ethel Louise Brown, with Mary K. Eichman at the piano: "Whispering Hope," "Abide With Me," and "Rock of Ages." Solo, Mary K. Eichman, "Crying in the Chapel." Trumpet solo, Larry Cross, "Till We Meet Again." Three duets by Shirley and Alice Coder, "Have You Counted the Cost," and other two not recorded. A piano solo by Alice Coder, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Vocal by Miss Myrtle Russett (blind) playing her own accompaniment. After the

program, we enjoyed another message which was brought by Rev. John McKown of Northwest Missouri, using Romans 8:38-39. A real message was given. He and his wife were the only ones present from Northwest Missouri. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Wellbaum.

Everyone went home feeling it was a day well spent in fellowship and in the service of our Lord.

We missed Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Corn, and was sorry to lose them from our Association. We had learned to love them, and our fellowship together meant much to me. They are real servants of God, and I know God will use them where ever they go. We pray God's blessings on them.

Mrs. Wellbaum

#### TEXAS CHURCH ASKS HELP

Huntsville, Texas  
1304 Tenth St.

Dear Co-Laborers:

I am writing you concerning our church here in Huntsville.

We resigned as pastors here nearly two years ago. We pastored here five years ago. We followed Bro. Miller. He did a good work what time he was here, but since he left the work has gone down, and now we are back trying to build it up again.

First, we want your prayers.

Then we are making a prayerful appeal to Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, Leagues and individuals: if any man or woman with this world's goods would like to invest in some stock in heaven's bank, just pray and whatever the Master leads you to send as an offering unto Him, will be greatly appreciated. We don't want to lose this work. The state prison is located here, and also a fine college. It is the best town in Texas for a Free Will Baptist Church.

Please pray and ask God to lay this place on the hearts of the Mission Boards. It is a fine work for them. Pray for us, too, to have faith and courage to help here until we can get someone.

The church clerk is Miss Tommie Franklin, 1008 Avenue L, Huntsville.

Yours in Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S NINE REASONS FOR GOING TO CHURCH

### FIRST

In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or have ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.

### SECOND

Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.

### THIRD

There are enough holidays for most of us. Sundays differ from other holidays in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year—Therefore on Sundays go to Church.

### FOURTH

Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in a man's house just as well as in a church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship.

### FIFTH

He may not hear a good sermon at church. He will hear a sermon by a good man, who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in making hard lives a little easier.

### SIXTH

He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss.

### SEVENTH

He will take part in singing some good hymns.

### EIGHTH

He will meet and nod or speak to good, quiet neighbors. He will come away feeling a little more charitable toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men who regard church-going as a soft performance.

### NINTH

I advocate a man's joining in church work for the sake of showing his faith by his work.

## AND NINE OTHER REASONS

### FIRST

Action of mind upon mind is a recognized principle in psychology. As a mob easily turns to mob violence, and an army to unparalleled deeds of patriotism, so a body of worshipers ascends unscaled spiritual heights.

### SECOND

Regularity in any worthwhile undertaking is most desirable; and by virtue of a recognized holy day, adjustment of industry, schools, and government thereto, regularity naturally means weekly. Certainly nothing less would be adequate.

### THIRD

It creates public opinion so that the weak, the young and the vacillating are directed into a helpful practice.

### FOURTH

It secures the service of a good habit. By it the work of the Kingdom is promoted through the church more than in any other line of church activity, advancing Sunday School attendance, finance, evangelism and Christian leadership.

### FIFTH

It is a natural outreach of the inner life after satisfaction of a constitutional life-hunger; and is universally available.

### SIXTH

It is always an open sesame where religion's endeavor finds new fields of creative thought and spiritual companionship.

### SEVENTH

It creates and nourishes that sacred inner motive without which good works lose their meaning and content.

### EIGHTH

Without stipulated financial requirement, social standing or racial exclusions, it is the most powerful stimulant toward democracy.

### NINTH

Being the supreme art, public worship is the noblest form of culture of any single practice known to mankind, and opens the door into unlimited activities where native capacity gets its best opportunity for self-development.

*A Church Temperance Tract*

## INTERCESSORY MISSIONARY

*S. C. Todd*

Some years ago my eyes fell on the record of a wonderful work of grace in connection with one of the stations of the China Inland Mission, where both the number and spiritual character of the converts had been far greater than at other stations, and yet the consecration of the missionaries at the latter had been just as great as at the more fruitful place.

This rich harvest of souls remained a mystery until Mr. Hudson Taylor, on a visit to England, discovered the secret. At the close of one of his addresses a gentleman from the audience came forward to make his acquaintance. In the conversation which followed, Mr. Taylor was surprised at the accurate knowledge the man possessed concerning this Inland Station.

"But how is it," Mr. Taylor asked, "that you are so conversant with the conditions of that work?" "Oh," he replied, "the missionary there and I are old college mates, and for years we have regularly corresponded; he has sent me names of inquirers and converts, and these I have daily taken to God in prayer."

At last the secret is found! A praying man at home, praying definitely, praying daily for specific cases among the heathen—this is the intercessory missionary idea. This man had become a real intercessory missionary.

How different the record of missionary service would be, if each missionary on the field had such an intercessory missionary to hold up his hands!

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:6.

*"Away in Foreign Lands they wondered how*

*Their single word has power!*

*At home the Christians, two or three,  
Had met to pray an hour."*

*"To obey is better than sacrifice"*



## REVIVAL AT ST. LOUIS

We wish to report our revival meeting held here May 2 through the 16th. Rev. William Buster of Thebes, Illinois was the evangelist.

We thank God for men like Bro. Buster who still proclaim the gospel in its truth and purity.

We saw seven people come to the Lord, and had five unite with the church. The Christian people were revived and filled with a new zeal to carry on the work of our Saviour.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the other St. Louis churches for their support and cooperation.

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

## WESTERN CONVENTION

Parlier Free Will Baptist Church was host to the Center Association of California on May 13-14, 1954.

The ladies of the church served some 200 plates to the overflow crowd at lunch Friday. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Association in every way.

It looks as if we have the honor of serving the last meal to the Association, as they voted it out at this session. Of course we ladies are happy about it, as we will now get more of the services. We had some inspiring

messages throughout the Association that led to one conversion the following Sunday.

Although we are small in number, we are striving to do the will of God, and we need your prayers very much.

We are now entering work for our Vacation Bible School which will begin the following week after school is out in June.

Pray for us that we will do more for Him in the months to come than we have done in the past.

Rev. O. D. Scroggins, pastor  
Mrs. Norma Voss, reporter

## A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

A merchantman who was a Christian was asked to help by a contribution in a certain work of the church. He gladly wrote a \$250.00 check and gave it to the visitor.

At that moment a cablegram was brought in. The merchant read it and looked troubled. "This cablegram," said he, "tells me that one of my ships has been wrecked and the cargo lost. That makes a difference in my business. I'll have to write another check."

The visitor understood and handed back the check for \$250.00 and the merchant wrote out another and gave it to him. When he read it he was

utterly amazed. It was for \$1,000.00.

"Haven't you made a mistake?" the visitor asked.

"No," said the merchant, "I haven't made a mistake." Then his eyes filled with tears, he said, "That cablegram was a message from my Father in heaven. It read, 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.'"

## THE GEM A PLEASURE

Ontario, California

I have changed my address and am writing in so that my Gem can be forwarded to me. I don't want to miss getting it, for it is a pleasure to me to know all about the dear Free Will Baptist family through the Gem paper.

We are frail in body, but praise the dear Lord, I'm still living for my dear blessed Saviour, the One who can do so much more for us than we can do for ourselves. Praise His Holy Name!

It is a lovely morning here, with the sun shining and so many lovely flowers to look at, which is so very interesting to me.

I hope I can go to church here, for it is food to my soul to attend a church and to hear the blessed Word of God preached.

A Sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Tom Youngblood

## F. W. B. YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

July 19-24, 1954

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## THE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00- 7:30 a.m. Rise and shine  
7:30- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:00- 8:25 a.m. Free period  
8:25- 8:45 a.m. Morning devotions  
8:45- 9:30 a.m. Class No. 1 ..... Stewardship  
Class No. 2 ..... Bible  
9:30- 9:45 a.m. Recess period  
9:45-10:30 a.m. Class No. 1 ..... Bible  
Class No. 2 ..... Stewardship  
10:30-11:00 a.m. Supervised play  
11:00-11:45 a.m. Worship service  
11:45-12:00 a.m. Prepare for lunch  
12:00- 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00- 2:00 p.m. Rest period  
2:00- 3:00 p.m. Singspiration  
3:00- 5:30 p.m. Supervised play, etc.  
5:30- 5:45 p.m. Prepare for evening meal  
5:45- 6:30 p.m. Evening meal  
6:30- 7:15 p.m. Free period  
7:15- 7:35 p.m. Cabin prayer meeting  
7:45- p.m. Evangelistic service  
Following the evangelistic service, an hour of fun and fellowship: supervised.  
Retire to cabins ..... All quiet

## KIRKSVILLE CHURCH HOSTS NORTHEAST MISSOURI MEET

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville on May 30. Sunday School was at 9:45. The morning worship service was opened by congregational singing led by Mrs. Russell Wellman. Prayer by Rev. Alta Mikel. Rev. Lester Jones delivered a wonderful message, reading as a Scripture lesson, Matthew 16:1-4, and using for his subject, "Signs of the times." Dismissed in prayer by John Filkins. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by the president, Sis. Oletha Parsons. The congregation joined in a couple of songs, after which the Intermediate girls of the Kirksville Church gave us a special number. Prayer by Dwane Matthews. The president read for a Scripture lesson Luke 22:39-46. The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Letters from Kirksville and Hazel Creek Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The next meeting will be with the Hazel Creek Church. Rev. Alta Mikel will bring the message; Rev. Lester Jones is the alternate.

The following program was given. Choruses by Kirksville Juniors. Reading, "The Story of Jesus," Kay Waggoner. Solo, "Sometimes," Janie Adkins. Duet, "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus," Carol McElhinney and Thelma King. Song, "Living for Jesus," McElhinney girls. Solo, "It Is No Secret," Mikel Conner. Piano solo, Patricia Drennan. Duet, "It Is Mine," Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Matthews. Duet, "Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart," Fern Dobbs and Anna Lou McElhinney. Solo, "The Heart that Was Broken for Me," Mrs. Dewey Conner. Play, "The Lord Will Work it Out," Hazel Creek Church. Dismissed in prayer by Herman Miley.

Leona Thompson, secretary

## NO MAMA, NO PAPA— NO MAMA, NO PAPA!

*Raymond R. Riggs*

We had just finished our supper in the missionary home, located on 11-1 mission row, near the Evangelical Bible and Tract Depot in Calcutta,

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India. Guided by Bro. Daniel R. Cronk our missionary in North India, we went down the stairs, through a large iron gate and out into the crowded street. The noise of clanging street cars, tooting of auto horns, the cluck, cluck of bullock carts, the jingling of the cycle bells and the call of a hawker as he announced his wares, were a few of the sounds that greeted our ears. We made our way through the crowded streets to the Carey Baptist Church. There we saw the very pulpit from which William Carey preached. Many other things of interest were pointed out which reminded us of the faithful ministry of the early missionaries to India.

After leaving Carey Baptist Church, we made our way along the crowded street through the bazaar. Many people would crowd against us, and I kept feeling someone pulling on my coat. Having been warned of "pick-pockets" I hastened my pace and checked to see if I still had all of my possessions. Feeling secure again, I resumed my interest in the many things around us, but soon realized that again I was being contacted, and upon looking down there a little girl about five or six years old, holding out a dirty little hand, begging. We tried to evade her, but to no avail. She followed us for two blocks continuing to plead. Her hair was strings, her little face dirty. She had learned a few words of English and as she pointed to her bloated little stomach, she kept saying, "No mama, no papa!" Such is the plight of thousands of little children in India who need help.

This help will come as India hears the Gospel and accepts the Saviour. Please pray and continue to give that it may be so.

## HICKORY GROVE HOST TO RALLY DAY MEETING

The Central Western Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, Missouri. The host pastor, Rev. Conrad Williford, brought the message from the text "What think ye of Christ?"

After partaking of a very delicious dinner, we gathered into the church for the afternoon program which was under the direction of the president, Bro. J. E. Williams. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Conrad Williford.

Since this was national 4-H Sunday, and as the local 4-H boys and girls were our guests, Rev. Lowell Martin directed the devotions to them. She used Ecclesiastes 12, which gives a wonderful admonition to young boys and girls.

The special program was made up of several solos, little folks singing, a duet, and a musical reading. The host church gave a playlet. An offering of \$32.37 was received, one-half of which was given to foreign missions. The next session will be with the Hannon Church near Liberal, Missouri on the 29th of August. The speaker will be Rev. Lowell Martin, with Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys the alternate.

The officers of the Fifth Sunday Meeting were elected as follows for 1944-55: President, Bro. J. E. Williams, vice president, Bro. Joe Cockrell, and secretary, Sis. Jeanne Barton.

As you read this report, I ask that you would utter a prayer of thanks to God for your Fifth Sunday Rally Day, or Quarterly Meeting, and ask that it might be used to His honor and glory. Then ask if there would be something which you as an individual might do to create an even greater interest or to make the day more enjoyable. If there is some service, then do it.

Please attend Rally Day and offer your talents for the program and to God.

Yours for Christ,

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