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Success is speaking words of praise,
In cheering other people's ways
In doing just the best you can
With every task and every plan.

It's silence when your speech would hurt,
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It's found in laughter and in song.

It's in the silent time of prayer
In happiness and in despair,
In all of life and nothing less,
We find the thing we call success.

—C.B.A.



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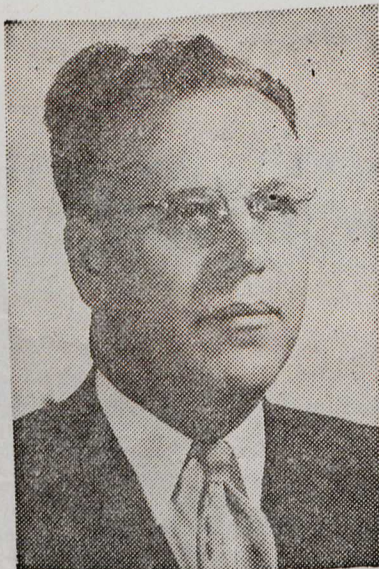
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**RESIGNS CHURCH, WILL
DO EVANGELISTIC WORK**

According to information received at
this office recently, Rev. Willard Day
has resigned his pastorate effective
October 1, after which time he will
accept evangelistic work. For the past
few years Rev. Day has occupied the
pulpit at Mountain Grove, Missouri. If
you need an evangelist, we believe you
will be pleased with Bro. Day. You
may contact him at box 421, Mountain
Grove, Missouri.

Church and from the Henryetta First
Free Will Baptist Church met the
Second Sunday in July for the ground
breaking services on the lots for the
new Okmulgee church. Councilman
E. P. Egerton of Okmulgee brought
the welcome address to the group. Rev.
Homer Young, pastor at Henryetta,
led the singing and prayed the dedica-
tion prayer. Rev. John Elliston, pastor
at Okmulgee, brought the message.
The trustees, Kenneth Beveridge, Joe
Zummer and Ed Reed, along with the
pastor, dug shovels full of dirt for the
foundation.

The lots are at Eleventh and Okla-
homa Streets. A building has been
purchased and moved to the back lots
for a temporary church.

The First Mission Yearly Associa-
tion will meet at the Old Ministers
Camp Ground on August 17-19, with
Rev. Harry Beatty bringing the intro-
ductory message. The Camp Meeting
began August 8, with Rev. Benjamin
Scott and Rev. Harry Beatty as the
evangelists. The Sunday School Con-
vention is to be August 16, and the
Auxiliary Convention on August 17.

WHEN THEY WILL MEET

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.

**GROUND BREAKING SERVICE
AT OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA**

A group of Free Will Baptists from
the Okmulgee First Free Will Baptist

COMMUNISTS ARE COMING

(The following is in the form of a statement by Dr. Carl McIntire, president of International Council of Christian Churches, concerning the admission of the Communist Clergy from Iron Curtain Countries to attend the second assembly of the World Council of Churches.)

Delegates from churches behind the Iron Curtain are scheduled to enter the United States and to attend the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, on August 15-31, 1954. These delegates come only by permission of their communist governments. They come in the "name of Christ and the church," but to preach propoganda for the communist world.

Russia is using the church in her Iron Curtain countries as one of the most effective weapons for world revolution. The pattern of communist control and use of the churches is generally the same in the Eastern European satellite lands. It is

(1) Communist approved leaders are established in official positions in the church, and opponents are liquidated and imprisoned.

(2) The churches accept the communist revolution as an "act of God in judgment" and pass resolutions praising the "new democratic order" as in keeping with the Scriptures.

(3) The churches adopt letters to their "sister churches in the West." These messages follow the Communist Party line and support the communist political interests throughout the world.

(4) The churches send delegates to the assemblies of the World Council of Churches, and these champion Russia's cause.

(5) The churches identify themselves with the Russian peace propaganda program.

Churches so completely subjugated are no longer free; they become tools of tyranny, agents of an atheistic state.

When the communists use the church as an instrument for their world revolution, it should be the concern of the United States Government and its agencies which deal with security. This concern has led American Legion units across the United States

to object to the admission to the country of these communist clergy. The National Executive Committee of the American Legion, May 4, protested "against any relaxation of security regulations to permit any Communists, or their supporters, to enter this country," and urged "the State Department to deny visas in strict compliance with the McCarran-Walter Act to any Communist-front representatives who seek to come into this country as a delegate to the Conference of the World Council of Churches or other conferences of whatever kind or character." The Cook County Council of the American Legion, in Chicago, asked the Government not to admit these delegates and named specifically Professor Josef Hromadka from Czechoslovakia, and Bishop Albert Beretzky of Hungary.

It has been this condition that led the American Council of Christian Churches to petition the Government not to admit the communist clergy.

The facts presenting this picture are well known and have been widely circulated throughout the world.

The subjugation of the Protestant churches in Hungary has been revealed in an official document, "Five Years of Hungarian Protestantism, 1945-1950," issued by the communist Hungarian Church Press, Budapest, 1950. Here it is reported that Albert Beretzky, now president and bishop of the Hungarian Reformed Church, was first a member of the illegal communist Hungarian front before the communists occupied the land. Thus we are told, "Quite naturally, after the liberation it was he (Beretzky) who proclaimed that the time of repentance had arrived, and it was his person that deserved the confidence of the people of the Church and the leading personalities of the revolution, with whom he had co-operated in the resistance movement."

Under his leadership the entire communist program was put into operation in the churches, and a resolution of his Synod, May 7, 1947, declared, "The forms of life of the new Hungary are not alien to our hearts, and we discover in them the frames, as ordained by God, of a juster and happier Hungarian life... The social revolutions and class-warfare have been due to the people having neglected to carry through the divine program of our Lord Jesus Christ." Divine sanction

is given to the communist order. Beretzky had one of his fellow travelers, Janos Peter, made a bishop of the Church, and Peter took a leading place in the communistic World Peace Congress, beginning with the Permanent Council of the Partisans of Peace, in Stockholm. In reporting this peace drive, Bishop Janos Peter, in an article, "The Church Serving the Cause of World Peace," declares, "It is really the Soviet Union that leads this movement... I must say that this is to the advantage of this movement."

The Lutheran Church in Hungary has gone the same way. Gyula Groo, secretary-general of the Lutheran Church, writing on the subject, "Theological Clarification in the Lutheran Church," declares that the church "willingly accepts its position... in the socialist State of Hungary."

Erno Mihalyfi, deputy minister of Public Instruction in the communist government of Hungary, was elected "almost unanimously," to the position of inspector-general of the Lutheran Church. And he declared in Budapest, Hungary, in 1952, that he was "passionately and with all my life loyal to the People's Democracy." He further declared, according to the communist Hungarian Church Press, that his "conviction and political standing is no secret to anybody," and added, "Those hundreds and thousands, whose votes have been cast for me, are not only members of the Lutheran Church, but they are working people as well, who take part, with all their strength and with enthusiasm, in the building of our country progressing on the road of socialism. Moreover, by the law of large numbers, they are partly members of the Communist Party, others are non-party peoples, who, under the leadership of the Communist Party, have their share in the political life of the country."

The reports of the subjugation and the so-called liberation of other churches are given in articles such as "The Freedom of Religion and the Religious Minorities," by Rev. Imre Somogyi, D.D., president of the Hungarian Baptist Church, with his first section being, "The Free Exercise of Religion Since 1945," when the communists took over. And again, "The Way of Hungarian Protestantism in the People's Democracy," by professor of medicine, Ferenc Kiss, president of

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PLAN MISSIONS PROGRAMS

Of considerable and vital interest to Free Will Baptists is the program of missions carried on both in the homeland and overseas. A summary of the work of both divisions of missions was presented at the recent annual session of the National Association at Spartanburg, South Carolina. Progress was noted, adverse situations cited, challenges given, plans proposed and adopted, and



Visas Again Denied

teams for home missionary work commissioned.

Perhaps because of the far-reaching scope of the work of the foreign missions department, it captures the attention and interest of all quite readily. This has not long been so, but may it be said to our credit that this vital program has at last struck a vibrant chord in the hearts of the members of the denomination, and now a program of some proportion is yielding a gratifying result. To be sure there are many handicaps to be encountered. In recent months the visa of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery has been rejected for the second—and perhaps last time to India. These young folks have prepared for missionary work and are determined to enter a field elsewhere if completely denied entrance there. There are about 11 other candidates with application for duty as foreign missionaries.

It is of course very obvious to all fair minded people that we are not yet living up to our responsibility in this great work, either in recruiting those who should go or

supporting those who have already gone. To this, Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of this work, adds that probably our greatest breach of duty is failure in constant, fervent prayer for those actually serving on the foreign field as missionaries. He brings this challenge after his recent first hand deputation trip to the work in India.

Cash receipts by the Office of Foreign Missions last year (12½ months) was \$69,516.49. This was somewhat short of the amount asked for for the operation of the program as planned. There were some other receipts, such as from sale of books, special funds, etc., that brought the total receipts to \$73,601.09 which was still short of the desired \$75,000.00. For the second straight year Missouri did not reach the suggested quota, falling nearly 23 per cent short of the goal of \$9,000.00.

States reaching their goal were Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, and Tennessee, with Arkansas showing perhaps the best gain by almost doubling the \$1,100.00 set for them.

The newly adopted suggested quota table for next year totals \$83,998.00, as follows.

Alabama	\$ 2,500.00
Arkansas	2,500.00
California	2,500.00
Florida	1,500.00
Georgia	3,200.00
Illinois	3,300.00
Kentucky	1,300.00
Michigan	10,000.00
Mississippi	1,500.00
Missouri	9,000.00
New Mexico	200.00
North Carolina	16,000.00
Ohio	2,200.00
Oklahoma	6,000.00
South Carolina	3,800.00
Tennessee	7,500.00
Texas	3,500.00
Virginia	3,000.00
West Virginia	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,498.00

This is a sharp downward revision in miscellaneous receipts expected for next year. Missouri, Illinois and Texas remain same as last year. All other states have

been given increases, with the most noticeable one to Michigan which now places it ahead of Missouri in the anticipated revenue, second now only to North Carolina.

Sharing interest this year is the commendable achievements of the home mission department. Operating for the first time with a full-time worker, the department has



Rev. Raymond Riggs, Foreign Missions Promotional Secretary

realized the organization of several nice church organizations in the year. Also, there is now contact with organizations that have operated independently since the dark days of the sell-out. Many of these are highly interested in affiliating with the National Association. Many promising contacts are being investigated for further evangelistic work and a real program of progress and expansion set in motion. To help carry out this program, three home missionary teams of man and wife have been commissioned to full time work in the vineyard of the homeland. Perhaps the highlight of the recent association was the commissioning of these teams. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong will go to Ybor City, Florida to work among the Cuban people located there. They are particularly well qualified for this work, having spent three years in Cuba.

Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., are going to Denman, Nebraska to care for the only remaining Free Will Baptist Church in that State.

Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester will eventually be at work in Oregon, but will work temporarily with the church at Bakersfield, California.

So Home Missions is on the



Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Home Missions Promotional Secretary

road to becoming the real enterprise that it should long ago have been. But to accomplish even a fraction of the projects at hand will require considerable financial outlay. To meet this need the board suggests the following table for giving to home missions.

Alabama	\$ 1,000.00
Arizona	200.00
Arkansas	1,200.00
California	1,200.00
Florida	2,400.00
Georgia	1,500.00
Idaho	100.00
Illinois	1,200.00
Kentucky	1,000.00
Louisiana	200.00
Michigan	1,750.00
Mississippi	1,000.00
Missouri	2,400.00
New Mexico	100.00
North Carolina	2,500.00
Ohio	850.00
Oklahoma	2,500.00

Oregon	100.00
South Carolina	1,200.00
Tennessee	2,500.00
Texas	1,000.00
Virginia	1,000.00
West Virginia	1,000.00
Sale of Merchandise	3,700.00
Pledges	3,900.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Total	\$37,500.00

Your continued support is needed. Basic and current information can always be had by addressing these missions offices at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. You will enjoy missions.

F.W.B. PROGRESS NOTED

Stratford, Mo.

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Please find enclosed my remittance for the extension of my subscription to the Gem. You are making the Gem a good paper and the Free Will Baptist should greatly appreciate your work.

May the Lord be with you.

The Free Will Baptist organization has made advancement within my memory, and I rejoice to see it grow.

Your friend,

J. M. Doughty

(One of our warm friends of another church. Thank you. Editor.)

WARNING TO AMERICANS

Are you informed about the Roman Catholic aspirations as to the United States?

The following quoted from a letter by Father Patirek O'Brien of Rochester, N.Y., was printed in "La Aurora," a magazine put out by the Italian Baptist Publishing House of Pennsylvania.

"We the hierarchy of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, expect all loyal children of the church to assist the president with all our strength to see that individuals comprising the United States Supreme Court shall obey the President's injunctions. And, if necessary, we shall change, mend, or blot out the present Constitution

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so that the President may enforce his, or rather our humanitarian program and all phases of human rights as laid down by our saintly Popes and the Holy Mother Church.

We elected our worthy President by the greatest majority ever recorded in history. We are going to have our laws made and enforced according to the Holy See, and the Popes and the canon law of the Papal throne. Our entire social structure must be rebuilt on that basis. Our educational laws must be constructed to the end that atheism, the Red peril of totalitarianism, Protestantism, communism, socialism and all other of like ilk, and stamp; be driven from this fair land.

The cross was planted on our shores by a staunch Roman Catholic. This land belongs to us by every right. Long enough have we compromised on every important question. Now we demand what is really ours, and we are going to have it. We will support our President in every way to obtain it, peacefully, honestly, if we may. If necessary we are ready to fight and die for it.

We want as Cabinet Members children of the Holy Mother Church holding important positions in the entire structure of our government.

We control America and we do not propose to stop until America or Americans are genuinely Roman Catholic and remain so. God help us."

That is plain language.

Do you know that the inquisition, the Jesuitism and all further appendices of the Vatican government are already preparing for their planned removal to America?

Have you ever realized what will be the future of your free country when it is under the hierarchy of the "Holy Roman Catholic Church?"

—Christian Triumph

the Hungarian Federation of Free churches. And then, "The Emancipation of the Hungarian Methodist Church in the People's Democracy," by Rev. Janos Szecey.

The leaders of the World Council of Churches who desire that the representatives of these communist dominated churches be brought to Evanston are fully aware of this condition. Bishop Bereczky and Bishop Peter attended the World Council's Conference on Faith and Order in Lund, Sweden, in August, 1952. Bereczky has attended sessions of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and so has Bishop Peter. As late as February, 1954, Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft and Dr. George K. A. Bell, Bishop of Chichester, England, visited the churches in Hungary, and the *Christian Century* has commended the Hungarian Reformed Church as one of the most active support of the ecumenical movement.

In Czechoslovakia the story is the same, except this land has provided the leading spokesman for the communist world, Professor Josef Hromadka of Prague. During World War II he taught in Princeton Theological Seminary in the United States. But he has embraced communism and consistently championed the whole communist program. In Lund, Sweden, in 1952, in an address to the World Council of Churches' Conference on Faith and Order, he defended the communist world in its attitude toward NATO, rearmament of Germany, recognition of Red China, the war in North Korea—virtually everything that Russia wanted. He championed what was called the "Eastern view" in the formation of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948. He is a member of the communist World Peace Council and has been a featured speaker at communist peace rallies in Eastern Germany and Helsinki, Finland. In an interview with a representative of the *Christian Century* in Sweden, in 1952, he boasted that he "has been repeatedly surprised to discover how many western Christians substantially agree with him." The Czech Brethren Evangelical Church, Professor Hromadka's church, issued a letter in the fall of 1953 to churches of "all countries and nations," declaring that the Czechoslovakian church wants to come closer to the Protestant churches abroad and to tell them "how she lives

and in what perspective she understands her present mission." That perspective is that the communist order is one of "higher justice," that the revolution has been one of "divine judgments" which they accept as "a precious opportunity for new beginnings." The church denies that it is "theologically wrong and Biblically dubious" to declare the communist world to be something "basically evil and worthy of condemnation." The Iron Curtain countries are said to be "a new society of nations in common co-operation and trust which has been started" in Central and Eastern Europe. In 1953, when Hromadka went to Sweden for a meeting of the Bureau of the World Peace Conference, he was interviewed and asked questions concerning some of the clergy in his country who are in jail. He was asked, "Do you know anything about the Baptist pastors who are in jail?" He replied, "Not all Baptist pastors are in jail. Pastor Prohaska is confined. Pastors Burgert and Jelinek are in custody; they are not sentenced." Again he explained, "As regards Dr. Antonia Kleinerowa, the Quaker lady and member of the parliament, she was sentenced to penal servitude for life as a result of political conspiracy together with Horakova who was sentenced to death. I have read the official records of the case, and there was nothing about religious reasons." Hromadka was further asked, "But don't you think that her actions may have had religious reasons, exactly as your own?" He replied, "It is difficult to say. Remember the whole life is in a state of transformation in our country."

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, while speaking in Washington, announced that four delegates from Hungary and four from Czechoslovakia would come to the United States and that they were "wholly committed to the life of the church." But the life of the church is wholly committed to communism.

Under the leadership of Baptist Pastor Vaclav Tomes, who surrendered to the communists, a Conference on Baptist Unity in Czechoslovakia was held on December 12-13, 1953. The convention gave its endorsement to the communist order. Concerning their imprisoned fellow Baptists, they declared, "There happened to be in our

ranks, even in the ranks of our leaders, people who violated the precepts of Christian love and the laws of our country. These brethren took part in activities which had nothing to do with the service to the Church and our Lord. By their illegal actions they endangered the results of the diligent labor of the whole nation and they were also punished accordingly. It was with a deep sadness that we witnessed confessions of their grave guilt."

The story in Poland is similar. Dr. San Szeruda, head of the Evangelical-Augsburg Lutheran Church of Poland, relinquished his position because the communist authorities demanded his resignation, and in his place, a communist appointee, Bishop Karol Kotula, was selected. The Polish Embassy in the United States, on November 25, 1953, released the text of a resolution passed by the Supreme Council of the Evangelical-Augsburg Church, under the leadership of Bishop Kotula. The resolution declared that the church "endorsed the progressive social changes now taking place in the country and pledged the Church's continued support to 'the fulfillment of the creative efforts of the people.'" The Polish Embassy further reports, "With regard to Poland's Western Territories the Church's Supreme Council declared that these lands 'were returned to Poland by a just verdict of history' and every Pole stands against the plotting of German revisionists." And it concludes, "We, therefore, turn away from all those who under the pretext of defending Christianity aid war and violence in order to restore and maintain an unjust social structure based on the exploitation of man."

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church, early in 1954 appealed to Bishop Kotula to come to the United States to attend the World Council of Churches Assembly. If he comes, he will be the mouthpiece of Malenkov. In the United States the leaders of the National Council of Churches, who are also the leaders of the World Council of Churches, are doing everything they possibly can to secure the admission of these communist clergy. Before the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church, in Detroit, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council, appealed at length for the admittance of these Red clergy, insisting that to deny the ad-

mission of these communist clergy would actually "deny the very *raison d'être* of our movement" (the reason for the existence of the World Council of Churches). He declared that these communist church groups should meet together with the Western world church groups, else the World Council would be only a Western Council. He further emphasized that the World Council served as the bridge between the East and the West by bringing together in one body these different church leaders. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) in an action, June 1, appealed to the National Council of Churches to do everything in its power to get these communist delegates into the country. The delegates from these communist churches have been permitted by their communist governments to go out and they always return safely to the security of the Iron Curtain.

It is clear now that dollars of American Christians are paying the expenses of these communist delegates to the World Council conferences! According to the latest official financial report of the World Council of Churches issued July 13, 1953, in Geneva, none of the churches in the World Council of Churches in Iron Curtain countries have contributed anything to the World Council of Churches for the years 1951 and 1952. In Hungary, the Reformed Church and the Lutheran Church are listed in the statistical report as contributing nothing. In Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, and Yugoslavia the same is true. Churches in communist countries have not contributed anything to the support of the World Council of Churches. Furthermore, in 1952, the latest report shows \$306,316.14 contributed to the World Council of Churches for their general budgets. Of this amount, \$240,000.00 came from the United States, or approximately three-fourths has been American dollars. In the report of the Third World Congress on Faith and Order held in Lund, Sweden, August 15-29, 1952, the largest item is entitled, "Travel expenses, lodging, etc., for Delegates," and this includes the delegates from the Iron Curtain countries. Dollars from the pockets of U.S. Christians made possible Hromádka's presence and propaganda for Russia.

In the contributed fund of \$240,000 from the churches in the United

States, the largest contribution for 1952 was from the Methodist Church—\$70,161.12. The next was from the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.—\$42,564. The third was from the Protestant Episcopal Church—\$28,000. Here then is the leadership of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, representing the Methodists; Dr. John A. Mackay, representing the Presbyterians; Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, representing the Episcopalians. The three largest contributing groups are under the leadership of these three men, who have been the three main leaders in the church world attacking the Congressional Committees exposing communism within the United States.

The Committee on Un-American Activities investigating communists among the clergy is under attack by the top World Council clergy in our land, and these same clergy desire that churches under the control of the communists in Iron Curtain countries send delegates to the United States to present their communism. And money from the collection plates of Protestant churches in the United States is to be used to help pay the expenses of these communist clergy! What more could Russia ask?

The government is faced with the decision of letting the communists enter the country, and the Christians of the country, members of churches connected with the National Council and the World Council of Churches, are faced with the spectacle of Communist Party leaders being recognized as prominent churchmen and communist controlled and dominated churches being recognized within the membership of the World Council as true churches of Christ. A church dominated and controlled by the communists has ceased to have Jesus Christ as its Head and Lord. No amount of explaining or justifying can obscure the fact that the communists are using the church and desire to continue to use the church throughout the whole world, represented through the World Council of Churches, to promote the Red program of peace, socialism, subversion, and revolution.

Under the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, if the Red clergy are admitted, the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, must make the recommendation to the Attorney-General. Mr. Dulles has already given "reasonable assurances" to Bishop G. Bromley

Oxnam and Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft that these clergy will be admitted. Bishop Oxnam, in a letter under date of December 16, 1953, said: "I am happy to say that several conferences with Mr. John Foster Dulles, to whom the church owes an increasing debt of gratitude, have resulted in reasonable assurances that the delegates to the coming assembly of the World Council of Churches will be admitted without difficulty."

BUSY IN REVIVALS

The summer revival season is in full swing for us. We were in a 10-day revival in Weatherford, Texas, where our son Clarence is pastor. We met a group of fine people there—some real old soldiers of the Cross. We think especially of Bro. and Sis. Dallas. Mrs. Dallas was a victim of polio 30 years ago, but she is a wonderful lady, and an artist whose beautiful pictures are a delight to see. Also, we met the Measure's, real soul winners.

We are now in a meeting at Red Oak. Elder Carl Holcomb is pastor. We have only had two services, but have had good crowds and fine cooperation. Bro. Holcomb is a young man, but a very able evangelist. This year he held one revival at Tuska and organized a new church in a new building owned by the people. He held a revival at Frost Chapel and had 12 conversions. This is a new church that will build. Bro. J. H. Burr is their pastor. Bro. Holcomb conducted another revival at Hopewell where there were 29 conversions with 16 additions to the church. He has a meeting scheduled at Pirtle and Lone Oak churches, with two new churches in prospect—so he has been busy. These are all country churches.

Next week we will be in a revival at the Gartman's View church near Comanche, Texas, with our oldest son Arthur Hearron. Pray for us.

My husband will have finished 54 years of preaching for the Free Will Baptists in September. We were married 50 years ago in October. He is pastor of the East Sulphur (Okla.) Free Will Baptist church, and gives one Sunday each month to the church at Comanche, Texas.

There is no discharge in this war.

Essie Hearron
506 E. Tahlequah
Sulphur, Okla.

BUSINESS AGENDA AND PROGRAM

of the

Missouri State Association

Monday Evening—August 16, 1954

Devotions — — prayer — — singing — — specials
 Evangelistic rally Rev. LaVerne Miley, speaker

Tuesday Morning—August 17
 (SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION)

10:00 Devotional Rev. Ted Davis
 10:15 Reports and Business
 10:13 Open forum led by Rev. Lester Jones
 11:00 Recess
 11:10 Message Rev. LaVerne Miley
 (Emphasis on Sunday School)

Tuesday Afternoon
 (LEAGUE CONVENTION)

1:30 Singspiration
 1:45 Devotional Rev. James Davis
 2:00 Sword Drill
 2:20 Recess
 2:30 Message Rev. LaVerne Miley
 (Emphasis on League)
 3:15 Open forum led by Rev. Willard Day

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION**Tuesday Evening—August 17, 1954**

Devotions — — prayer — — singing — — specials
 Convening the session, Rev. Lorene Williford, clerk
 Welcome Address
 Response
 Moderator's message Rev. O. T. Allred
 Introductory message Rev. James Barker
 Alternate Rev. Fred Kirby

Wednesday Morning—August 18

Devotions — — congregational singing — — prayer
 Receive letters and seat delegates
 Receive letters from corresponding religious bodies
 Seat corresponding messengers in conference
 Reading of By-Laws
 Election of officers
 Appointment of Committees
 Enrollment of delegates and visitors

Eleven O'clock

See Woman's Auxiliary program on back of folder

Wednesday AfternoonSee Woman's Auxiliary program on back of folder
Association resumes business as time permits**Wednesday Evening**

Devotions — — prayer — — singing — — specials
 Message Speaker to be selected

Thursday Morning—August 19

Devotions — — congregational singing — — prayer
 Reading of minutes Clerk

Receive late letters and seat their delegates
 Receive reports of all boards
 Receive report of Free Will Baptist Gem office
 Receive Statistician's report
 Receive report of State Treasurer
 Miscellaneous business

Eleven O'clock

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer
 Message Speaker to be selected

Thursday Afternoon

Devotions — — congregational singing — — prayer
 Receive committee reports
 Miscellaneous business

Thursday Evening

Devotions — — prayer — — singing — — specials
 Message Speaker to be selected

Friday Morning, August 20

Devotions — — congregational singing — — prayer
 Reading of minutes Clerk
 Receive final reports of all committees
 Any remaining unfinished business
 Final reading of minutes Clerk

Eleven O'clock

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer
 Message Speaker to be selected
 Final adjournment

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "His Command, My Task"
 Watchword: John 20:21b
 W.A.C. Colors: Lavender and White
 Convention Hymn: "More Like the Master"

Wednesday Morning—August 18

9:00 Registration
 11:00 Hymn, "More Like the Master"
 Devotional Scripture Mrs. Fred Kirby
 Prayer
 11:10 Welcome Mrs. Opal Williams
 Response Mrs. Willard Day
 11:15 President in charge Seating of delegates
 Appoint committees President's remarks
 11:30 Hymn
 Message Rev. Alice Dickey

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Hymn
 Devotional, "Development in Christian Service
 through prayer" Mrs. Lester Jones
 Prayer
 Highlights of combined reports Secretary
 Report of National Convention
 Committee reports: Registration - Finance -
 Business - Nominating - Appreciation
 Miscellaneous business
 Installation service Benediction

Wednesday Evening

"The Lord Will Work it Out," Monett Auxiliary

THE STATE CONVENTIONS MEET AT JONES' CHAPEL

Another Annual Session of the Missouri State Association is at hand. These annual sessions have long been very important to the coordinated program of the Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Missouri. It is at these sessions that a review of work accomplished and the status quo is considered and analyzed. From these analysis hopes and plans for the future are laid. It is of great satisfaction to come into such an assembly and there discover the commendable achievements over the field. It is a recognized fact that an isolationist, in any sense of the term, doesn't have a very optimistic view. The church is no exception. So it is vital to the progressive view of the peoples of the denomination that there be such an annual assembly.

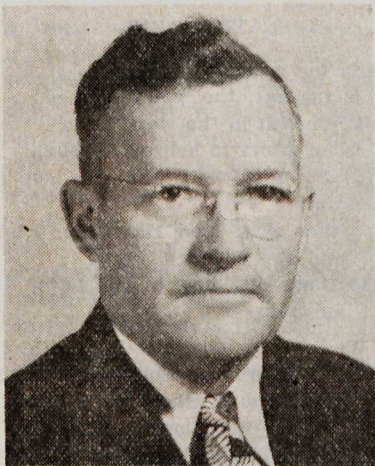


Rev. Winford Davis, pastor

It is not an uncommon happening that there should attend this convention those who have labored against great odds in an isolated segment of the vineyard, and who have felt the cruel heel of the adversary, that from the assembled facts of achievement and new progressive programs adopted, that these burdened servants

have taken renewed courage and gone out with new determination to do the full will of God.

There is considerably more to this assembly than merely digesting statistics and reports. Highlight of every such session is the periods devoted to worship. Then hungry souls drink in the abundant blessings of God. There are periods of testimony, congregational and special singing, messages by talented speakers, and other special periods of worship. These services make the trip to



Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator

the association well worth it. In fact, several always attend who are not delegates, and thus are not encumbered with the work of session.

Also, always looked forward to is the chance to fellowship with friends of past years and to make new acquaintances. As one begins to meet his several friends and visit with them, the time goes all too swiftly, and such valued moments come to an end.

Not to be overlooked is the time of partaking of foods. The ladies of the host church have made all preparation possible to take care of this important item. And most of the delegation seems to have a very good appetite at these conventions and justice is always done in dispensing with the adequate and tasty foods prepared for the enjoyment of those present. Many good things are planned to be served at this session.

Realizing the importance of the assembly known as the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists and wishing to again ex-



Rev. Lorene Williford, Clerk

perience the blessings of hosting the meeting, and willing to provide the labor incumbent to the entertaining of the meeting, the Jones' Chapel Church asked for and was granted the session for 1954. Through their pastor, Rev. Winford Davis, the church has extended a most cordial invitation to attend. The church has long looked forward to this time. Many years ago, in the very infancy of the organization, this church was host. Since then the state work has grown until many local associations are larger than that early assembly. So the church is anxious for you to come so they may again experience the thrill of this assembly.

How to Get There

To reach Jones Chapel, come to Monett, then south to Purdy on Highway 37, then west on a surfaced road to Fairview, continue west for three miles (gravel) to the second cross roads, then south two miles (also the second cross roads), and one mile west to the church. Those coming down 71 from the north may come across to Fairview, then follow the route described above.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville, Missouri met July 1, 1954 with Sis. Ollie Martin of Greentop. The meeting was opened by the president, Sis. Alta Mikel, with the group singing "Co-Laborers." Prayer by Sis. Moyers. Song, "More Like the Master."

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given and accepted. Nine members answered to roll call, and two new members were added. They are: Betty Ewing and Alma Scrivens.

In the election of officers, the following were elected for the coming year. President, Alta Mikel; first vice, Lillian Woods; second vice, Myrtle Jones; third vice, Mildred Shoop; fourth vice, Velma Wellman; fifth vice, Ethel Adkins; secretary-treasurer, Effie Dare; reporter, Lillian Wood.

The program subject was "My Task to Go." Topics were given by Myrtle Jones, Alta Mikel, Eva Peterson, Effie Dare. There were several prayer requests. Sister Allie Peterson led the prayer service. The meeting closed with prayer. The hostess served refreshments to eleven members and the following visitors: Mrs. Moyers, Belda Arnold and daughter, Wanda Scrivans and son, and Wilma Bybee.

The next meeting will be August 5, with Sis. Mikel at Greentop.

Mrs. Lillian R. Wood, reporter

HONORS PRESIDENT

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since we have reported on our Woman's work here at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri.

In the month of June at one of our regular meetings, we sent eight boxes of home made candy and cookies to the service boys from our church. Most of these boys are overseas. We have received nice letters and "thank you" cards from each one, telling us how much they appreciated these

boxes. We are planning to send more soon.

We also remembered our good president of our woman's work, Sis. Hazel Scott, on her birthday with a surprise handkerchief and birthday card show-er. Sis. Genevieve White composed a little poem to express our appreciation to Sis. Hazel. The poem is as follows.

TO HAZEL

H is for a heart of gold
A is for age, tho' you're not old
Z is for zeal in the work to do
E is for effort to help us through
L is for our leader and our love for you!

Together they spell Hazel, our leader and our friend;
May God's blessings to you never find an end.

We opened our meeting with the songs, "Where the Soul Never Dies," and "Are You Washed in the Blood?" Sis. Helen Williams is our pianist, and Sis. Gussie Hamblen our song leader. Sis. Scott read for our Scripture selection, I Cor. 2. We were led in prayer by Sis. Genevieve White. Sis. White read a letter of praise and thanksgiving from Rev. Lizzie McAdams for the recent love offering our mission sent to her for her church.

After our business session ended, we were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Clemmie Kirby.

We are truly thankful for our woman's work, and praise the Lord for His many blessings. Pray for us that we may continue to work and grow in His grace.

—Reporter

FREDERICKTOWN ELECTS

Dear Gem Readers:

As it has been some time since we have reported on our auxiliary, we will just combine the report of our last three meetings.

We do thank God for the auxiliary, for we always feel God's presence with us. We held our regular night meeting the seventh of June, and decided

to have our picnic on the 24th of June at the water park. It was for all the members and their families. It was hot, but we had a beautiful shade and a fine dinner, and everyone enjoyed it.

Sis. Helen Gamon gave a wonderful talk on the auxiliary and how to operate it. We all do enjoy Sis. Helen's good talks. She is the daughter of Rev. S. A. Hand that everyone loves so well. We do love Sis. Helen too.

As this is the month to elect new officers, a committee was appointed to see who they thought could serve as officers.

Then July 7 was our regular night meeting, with a good attendance. The service opened under the direction of our president, Sis. Newsome, with the song, "More Like the Master," directed by our song leader, Sis. Margie Hahn.

Sis. Newsome was our president for the past year. She did a good job in this office. For the coming year we elected officers as follows: Sis. Hallie Dettmer, president; Sis. Reba Matthews, vice president; Sis. Blanche Pogue, program committee; Sis. Bessie Baldwin, personal worker; Sis. Lula Freeland, prayer committee; Sister Lewis, treasurer; Sis. Helen Gamon, recording secretary; Sis. Beulah Newberry, assistant; Sis. Helen Magrow, song leader for night meetings, Sis. Marjorie Hahn for day meetings; Sis. W. I. Jemes, corresponding secretary. We were dismissed with an uplifting prayer by Sis. Sharp.

We do ask the prayers of everyone for our church and auxiliary. Rev. Newsome was elected for our pastor for another year. We wish all God's speed for the coming year.

Sis. W. I. Jemes, corres. sec'y.

TRINITY TEMPLE W.A. COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

Our yearly report is as follows:

We organized with a charter membership of 12 ladies; we now have a membership of 26. Our average attendance has been 15 at each meeting for the year.

Personal service: Bandages rolled,

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

1,540 dozen (service hours earned—357 hours, or 48 eight-hour days). Our ladies served at two nurses 'capping' services. We have two ladies who were awarded 100-hour pins this year. These were Sis. Erelene Wren and Sis. LaDonna Inbody. We have sent \$3.00 each month to the orphanage. We also gave \$125.00 to the church building fund.

Projects sponsored: two rummage sales; one chilli supper; vanilla sales (to obtain coffee urn); Christmas card sale; Mother's Day banquet (56 attendance); Thanksgiving basket; four sunshine boxes for shut-ins; Easter week of prayer; Thanksgiving week of prayer, and flowers for every father in the church on Father's Day.

We are giving thanks for this great first year and pray that the second will be better.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Paul Inbody

MARTINSTOWN HOST TO NORTHEAST AUXILIARY

The Northeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened Saturday afternoon, July 31, 1954 with the Martinstown Church. The convention opened with the vice president, Rev. Alta Mikel in charge. The congregation sang, "Ready." Prayer was by Sis. Elfie Dare. The vice president read for our Scripture lesson the 37 Psalm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from the Kirksville, Hazel Creek and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was also read and accepted. The election of officers was as follows: President, Sis. Myrtle Jones; vice president, Rev. Alta Mikel, and secretary-treasurer, Leona Thompson.

The following program was given. Solo, "My Father Watches Over Me," Velma Wellman. Reading, "At Wet's Ends Corner," Lillian Wood. Duet, "Heartaches," Iva Daniels and Anna Bell White. Chemical lesson by Jenatta VanLaningham. Solo, "Does Jesus Care?" by Phyllis Mathis. Congregational number, "Sitting At the Feet of Jesus."

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

Leona Thompson, sec'y-treas.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20.

We cannot think of summer without thinking of the sun. Summer, as it is used in this text, means the days of God's warm grace: the great sunshine of His love and truth as going out from many rays of His light. Neither can we think of the warm grace of God apart from His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Everything that is perfect and lovely and joyous comes forth because of Him.

The work of creation was by Him. He made the seasons of the year. Yet this was not His greatest work, else why does our Bible use so few chapters to write of this? His redemption of man comprises the major part of God's written word. Yet we know every created thing has a lesson for us.

Let Us Look at the Seasons

In the summer, His beauty gladdens the earth with a carpet of green grass, dressing the world. The vast expanse of it can only be the work of a Master. Such prolific new life is as a type of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also, the fruit from the blossom and the leafing of the tree that looked to be dead in the winter—when summer comes, life comes forth. Look into the heart of a rose or any other of the flowers that Jesus made. Behold, the beauty? These things are the blessing of a summer time. But even in these Jesus allows man to have a small part.

In summer men do the planting and providing for the days ahead. Especially is it true for the growing of food that sustains the natural life of us all. The laborers go forth in the summer days early and late. They toil. Can we remember the summer days when our fathers held to the plow handles 'till their hands were calloused, that we might have the supply of food necessary to keep us? Many times we have seen them following their tired teams

home, with not a dry thread on their clothes and the horses wet with sweat. It was summer, but they knew it would not last forever.

In every season God has a picture for us all. How He speaks through the seasons. In each individual there has been the season of preparation and sowing the seed—the springtime. Maybe the Sunday School teacher was the first to sow the seed of the gospel, how that Jesus gave His life on the cross for our sin that we might be made the sons of God in Him. Maybe it was your father or mother who gave you your first planting of the Word. Did you ever see them give thanks and pray? It was the seed of obedience and faith in Christ for your springtime planting. Have you forgotten and have other things choked it out?

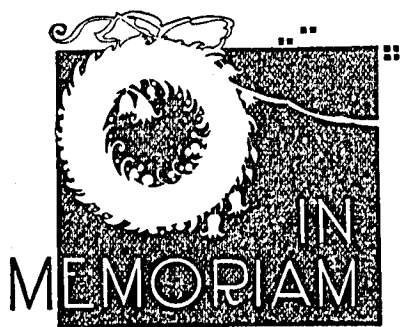
Then there were the summers when the old faithful messengers of God preached the Word, sweat and labored, walked miles, and worked on their old cars in other days in order that the summer would bring growth to your heart. Where did they get their messages? God gave them the word for your good.

The harvest comes in the fall when the fruit is ready for use. The night—or winter days, and death—is coming. Many times in harvest days God has brought many souls, by His Spirit, through some worker, to touch lives and bring a great harvest for our Lord. But each time there are just as many not saved who are left.

The Harvest is Past, and the Summer Ended, and We Are not Saved

Truly, we believe the harvest days of this age will soon be past. Look at the signs of winter—desolation on this old earth, God's people being called home to be with Him, and no one to tell us the way.

May God give us His children, (Continued page 15, column 1, please)



ELIZABETH F. HILL

Southside F.W.B. Church
3124 Mount Pleasant
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Our hearts were saddened by the death of one of our dear ladies who passed on to her reward in heaven on July 21, 1954—Grandma Hill, as every one knew her and loved her.

I only pray I can leave as wonderful a testimony for my Lord and Saviour as she has. She was never too ill or tired to praise His name, for us at Southside who will miss her so much.

I know that with our Saviour's help some day we can all meet her over there.

Elizabeth F. Hill, 9917 Lark Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, entered into rest at Elizabethton, Tennessee on July 21, 1954. She was the beloved mother of Lester, Chesley and Rev. Harvey Hill, and Zelta Rankin. She leaves other relatives, including her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Southside church by the pastor, Rev. James Franklin. Interment was at Leadington, Missouri.

Yours in Christ,

Olive M. Reeds, correspondent

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT ENROLLS FIFTY-TWO

Niangua, Missouri
July 30, 1954

Dear Gem Readers and Co-Workers:

Just these few lines to tell you of the Eighth Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment that convened at Camp Sharon, near Ver-

sailles, Missouri on the north arm of the Lake of the Ozarks on July 19 through 24.

The Reeves family arrived first at about 9:00 o'clock in the morning of July 19. In a short time car loads of young folks began to arrive and register. By 11:00 o'clock there were over 40 registered. Others came later and brought the total to 52 registered. Sis. Shirley Day assisted Kenneth Reeves with the registration during the rush time.

The faculty was as follows: Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves, general superintendents. Rev. Rolla Smith, principal of teaching. Kenneth Reeves, registrar. Bible doctrine was taught by Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of Berkeley. Rev. James Franklin, pastor of Southside, taught Stewardship. Sis. Agnes Smith, of Flat River, was music director. Sis. Alice Hoover of Liberal was primary teacher. Playground directors were Sis. Willa Barker and Rev. James Franklin. Sponsors of girls cabins were: Sis. Alta Mikel, Sis. Agnes Smith, Sis. Willa Barker, Sis. Alice Hoover, Sis. Jeanne Barton.

Sponsors of the boys cabins were Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Don Ellis, and Rev. Rolla Smith. Rev. Smith and Rev. Franklin were called away for funerals, so Kenneth Reeves was in charge of the second boys cabin the remainder of the week.

Rev. Leo Curtis brought very inspiring sermons at the evening services. Six conversions were witnessed (but several left unsaved). He really was filled with the Spirit and love of God.

God blessed with a good shower of rain which cooled the air and settled the dust on Monday afternoon.

Non-mixed swimming was enjoyed by those who wished to swim in the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, with a lifeguard on duty nearby.

Classes were well attended and many learned new ideas and more about the Bible, so they can be better stewards in the Lord's work.

It was too warm to play very many games, so horse shoes was the main recreation, with two games often going at the same time.

Sis. Hoover's class studied flannel-graph lessons. They also enjoyed the swing down close to the lake.

The food was very good, served cafeteria style in the nice dining hall. Eight could be seated at each table.

Many changed from table to table during the week, thus getting acquainted with each other and showing a fine spirit of fellowship.

On rainy nights the dining hall was used for revival services.

The entire camp was saddened when Rev. Franklin was called home to the funeral of the mother of Rev. Harvey E. Hill. Rev. Hill was former member of the Youth Camp Board and very active, being a director of the camp.

Also the camp extended sympathy and offered prayer for Sis. Blanche Tucker of Flat River when Rev. Rolla Smith was called home to the funeral of Sis. Tucker's mother.

The last night of the camp, after services, stunt plays and songs were engaged in by all present. Those coming after the young folks also took part and all enjoyed it very much.

It rained for several hours Saturday morning, so good-byes were mostly waved from the dining hall doorways.

The Reeves family and Richard Carter were the last to leave the camp after collecting clothing left in the cabins.

Last, but not least, we want to mention the two young ladies and one young minister there at the camp grounds. They were Spirit filled and a great help to all present. The young minister brought a good message at one of the morning services.

All in all, we had a good camp session, and will look forward to seeing each one again next year and others too. May God bless each and everyone is our earnest prayers.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

THE FINANCIAL REPORT—

Received:

For insurance	\$ 26.00
Board and meals	414.25
Total receipts	\$440.25

Expenses:

Insurance	\$ 26.00
Board and meals	414.25
For Camp help	100.00
Mileage for Camp help..	49.80
Doctor's office	4.00
Total expenses	\$594.05
Deficit	153.80
Paid from Camp general fund	\$153.80

Rev. Wm. Reeves, treasurer

When it is hardest to pray, that is the time to pray hardest.—Selected

NEW CHURCH AT THAYER

The need of a Free Will Baptist Church in the Thayer, Missouri vicinity is at long last realized. After a two-weeks revival conducted by Rev. Harry Beatty, an organizational meeting was held on Saturday night, July 31, 1954. At this meeting 33 members presented themselves, and since then some 27 more have been added for a total of about 60 members in this new organization. Of the original number, 23 came with a letter, two on recommendation, and eight having experienced salvation and baptism.

The organization was completed to the selection of seven deacons, some of whom came experienced in the office of deacon and carry ordination from other Free Will Baptist Churches of which they were previously members. A Board of Trustees and regularly appointed ushers were elected. Mrs. Ben Pohnert is the clerk-treasurer of the organization. Her address is Thayer Missouri.

The church has an option on four lots in a desirable location for a church in Thayer. As soon as title and possession can be had on these lots, the organization hopes to launch a building program. As yet no pastor is available.

Bro. Beatty, formerly of the Thayer community, became exhausted from his rigorous schedule and the extreme heat, and spent the last part of the revival in bed, arising just as long as necessary to conduct the evening services. He is the pastor of the church in Drumright, Oklahoma, and carries several other responsibilities in the Lord's work.

Those wishing to contact the church at Thayer for any reason can do so by addressing the clerk as listed above.

AGED SOLDIER OF CROSS SENDS WARMEST WISHES

Masonic Home
Arlington, Texas

My Dear Friends:

I surely have delayed writing to you longer than I should have done, but now here I am in the Masonic Home, and at present in very good health.

This home is a home in every detail, and the provisions for my comfort are ample in every way. This home is the

finest home of its kind in the world. There are about 150 persons, or I should say members, in this large family. Each of us have a private room of our own, and we have hot and cold water in every room. Our bedding is strictly first class in every way. The bed linen is changed and cleansed periodically, and these periods are regular. We have three meals a day and our food is plenty and of the best quality. The food is prescribed by a special dietician who also has personal charge of the kitchen and dining room. Our manager is also our family physician, and his medical work is sponsored by the knights templar hospital located here on the same premises with the home. Now I shall not go further with the home other than to assert that it is indeed a home and not a place of confinement in any way.

Well, Bro. Jeffreys, just here I wish my best to you and to all my fellow workers of the church. On the ninth of this month (July) I observed my 91st birthday. During the past four months I have been suffering quite a bit with bronchial trouble. Occasionally I have been confined to my bed for several days at a time, and now it is so more than ever on account of this terrible hot weather. I am compelled to stay out of this hot sun.

I had hoped to do quite a bit of traveling this summer, and especially to visit in Missouri. Of course that would mean Monett, the Gem Office, and the churches in Anvora and in Springfield, but this intense heat forbids any of that.

And now, in closing, let me say my love to your entire family and also to the great family of God in your State. And now may the God of all grace continue to bless and guide you all.

Your Brother in Christ,

J. W. Handy

Note: Bro. Handy became particularly endeared to your editor by his tireless efforts on behalf of the Gem. It has been our particular good pleasure to know him and to reminisce of the experiences of his fruitful ministry extending over 65 years. Bro. Handy has remained active long past his many year, retains a superbly clear mind and a balanced interest in every phase of the work of the church. His is truly an enviable record,

FORMER MISSOURIAN WRITES FROM TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tennessee
4100 Media Street

I have not forgotten the Gem. I am just so busy that I haven't had time to renew my subscription. The Gem every month to me is like a letter from home, for Missouri will always have a close place in my heart. I hope the State of Missouri will never extinguish the Gem but keep it operating. Of course I realize it must be supported to be kept in operation. Maybe some day they (the state association) will include it in a State Promotional Office and let it be the voice of the promotional secretary.

(Bro. Reeds—and his wife, former Missourians, gives a brief summary of his present work in Tennessee. While attending Bible College, he is night clerk at a very nice hotel in Nashville, and pastors a church which is progressing nicely in the Lord's work.)

The church is coming along very nicely. We averaged 113 in Sunday School for the month of July. We have had a gradual rise in Sunday School attendance since I've been pastoring the church. I guess the Sunday School attendance board is the barometer of the church. We are now in a building program, adding three more class rooms onto the auditorium, with a basement underneath that will house a kitchen and recreation room. We hope to make our next step a parsonage. We begin a revival next Monday night (August 2) with Rev. Lonn Davault as the evangelist.

Trusting the Lord is still blessing you, I remain

Yours in the service of Christ,

Rev. Roger C. Reeds

TIRE BLOWS, CAR HITS; REV. JOHN ELLISTON HURT

Rev. John Elliston, pastor at the Okmulgee, Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Church, received a broken ankle, fractured ribs and a fractured jaw when the left front tire on his car blew out. As a result, he lost control of the car and it hit a bridge. He was enroute to Tulsa University where he is working toward his Doctor's degree in education. He is home improving from his injuries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	JA	FE	MR	AP	MA	JN	JL	AU	SE	OC
Richwoods	55..	68..	55..	70..	63..	77..	68..	..	..	..
(League) .....	..	..	30..	29..	27..	25..	30..	..	..	..
<i>Leslie Logsdon, pastor</i>										
Hannon (Barton County) ..	44..	48..	50..	48..	..	44..	..	..	..	..
<i>Harold Hoover, pastor</i>										
Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.) ...	92..	90..	93..	105..	103..	93..	107..	..	..	..
<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..	46..	..	..	..	..
<i>Wm. Turnbough, pastor</i>										
Salem, St. Louis	56..	..	50..	51..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Laurence 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..	58..	62..	57..	..	..	..
<i>Winford Davis, pastor</i>										
Southside, St. Louis	156..	..	156..	185..	170..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>James Franklin, pastor</i>										
Mountain Grove	176..	193..	195..	238..	200..	210..	210..	..	..	..
<i>Willard C. Day, pastor</i>										
Elizabethton, Tenn. 1st	206..	217..	204..	242..	218..	212..	..	..	..	..
<i>Harvey E. Hill, pastor</i>										
Olton, Oklahoma	116..	133..	129..	182..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Benjamin Scott, pastor</i>										
Lawnwood, Tulsa	157..	165..	166..	229..	175..	173..	..	..	..	..
<i>H. E. Staires, pastor</i>										
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas ..	170..	165..	163..	176..	172..	174..	168..	..	..	..
<i>Tommy Day, pastor</i>										
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool .....	..	44..	40..	51..	..	41..	51..	..	..	..
<i>Ezra Butts, pastor</i>										
First Church, Joplin .....	..	50..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Paul Williams, pastor</i>										
Parkview, Desloge	86..	90..	96..	103..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>John Long, pastor</i>										
Monett	78..	78..	81..	77..	72..	71..	93..	..	..	..
<i>James Davis, pastor</i>										
Berkeley First, St. Louis ..	..	166..	168..	202..	138..	..	..	..	..	..
(League) .....	..	76..	64..	69..	59..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Don Ellis, pastor</i>										
Wolf Creek, Mansfield	42..	39..	37..	..	33..	31..	..	..	..	..
<i>Charles Finley, pastor</i>										
Union Third Fork, N.E. Mo. 25..	25..	24..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>No pastor</i>										
Fellowship, Flat River	140..	141..	170..	185..	167..	..	..	..	..	..
<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 Berne, N.C.	..	..	..	325..	317..	303..	..	..	..	..
<i>Cecil H. Campbell, pastor</i>										

ORGANIZE IN MEMPHIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We have just been organized into a church here in Memphis, Tennessee. It is the first Free Will Baptist Church in Memphis. Brother M. L. Hollis of Amory, Mississippi held a revival and it was indeed a wonderful meeting.

We are all so happy that we have a church of our faith. We have 40 or 48 members so far, and more who have promised to come in. But we need help to get a building. We are now renting a place, but won't be able to keep it indefinitely. So we want to get a building started as soon as possible. If there is anyone interested please contact Rev. M. L. Hollis at Amory, Mississippi, or Mr. W. A. Gray, 2819 Oxford Drive, Memphis, Tennessee (phone 2-9248). I believe that God will put it in some one's heart to help us. Only He knows how badly this church is needed.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. W. A. Gray

ENJOYS READING OF THOSE WHO ARE 'KEEPING FAITH'

Malta, Illinois

Rev. Jeffreys and Gem Family:

I am just a little late in sending in my renewal subscription to the Gem, but I guess it is better to be late than never isn't it?

I enjoy the Gem so much and how I love to read about the wonderful work being done for the Lord. How marvelous it is to know God's people in the Free Will Baptist Church are still on the firing line for God. Keep up the good work, and God will reward.

Oh, how it behooves every child of God to keep praying and working for Him. He will not fail us, so let's not fail Him.

In Romans, first chapter, and eighth verse, it says, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

I am so glad that in many, many parts of the world that the Free Will Baptist people are spreading the gospel and keeping faith with Him. May God richly bless in this work until He returns to gather His loved ones home.

Mrs. James Ballard

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to see with the eyes of Christ, those that would be redeemed, if we would work in sowing the seed in love, watering it with the tears of the Holy Spirit's compassion for the souls we know are bound for outer darkness unless someone with the glorious Gospel lights the way to Christ, who only can save.

"Look unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved." "For as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus is the life-giver. Bless His name. He tasted death for every man. But He lives, and "as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." He came forth from the grave and gave us this grace of redemption through His blood.

This day of grace is summer. The harvest is as surely on its way. May you be in the harvest field if you are saved, bringing precious ones to Jesus as the Holy Spirit gives you power. For one day, not long from now, the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of the arch angel, and the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise, and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The blood redeemed will be taken up.

Where will you be in that day, with the redeemed in glory at the great marriage feast of the Lamb, or rejecting the sacrifice He made for you? Oh soul, the sore punishment when the sickle is thrust into the earth to reap, in the wrath of Almighty God blood will come out of the winepress, even to the horse's bridles. It will be the blood of human beings, because they refuse the blood of the Saviour. Will you be in that number who will say that summer is ended, the harvest is past, and we are not saved? There will not be another season then left for you to make up your mind.

Be thankful for this time and repent and turn to God who will abundantly pardon. Let Him give

you a new life to live eternally.

Chaos is near. As Christ's ones, may we respond to the call to action. May we live on our knees that the warnings of the danger may go forth. Oh for more Holy Spirit power and less of human planning; more witnessing for the Christ, and more cash for Christ's cause.

Rev. Emma Moore
Springfield, Illinois

SPIRITUAL QUICKENING IN KOTAGIRI, INDIA

God has certainly been patient and persevering in dealing with us this year. Last week we had a Brother Daniel with his wife and son (Indians) here in a town-wide revival meeting lasting eight days. We had long waited them. We have not had such simple, direct, heart-searching and practical messages from any one, Indian or European. I suppose it would be hard to find anywhere in the world a team more completely yielded to God in all things, first of all in personal holiness and then in the life of faith in its wider outreach. This gives a holy magnetism to their testimony and to their presentation of Bible truth in such a quiet, simple, altogether unspectacular way. No propositions were ever made in the meetings, no show of hands asked for, only the presentation of the Word and the personal witness to its faithfulness and power. But at the close of the meetings hungry souls moved by the Spirit sought the members of the team, bringing their problems for analysis and application of the Word. Never in my experience has any movement so touched the private, personal, inner-life of the Church in Kotagiri as I know this series of meetings to have done. My one disappointment is that so few of our own congregation attended. However, our own servants attended all meetings, with manifest blessing. As did Paul and Salomi. Particularly has Salomi been broken up. She is choice anyhow. As for myself, I feel I am still such a child in the faith and

in spiritual attainments! I have understood so little of the meaning of true, personal holiness. I can only bow in contrition before His grace and tender expression that lures me on. How slow we are (I am) to learn to live as we pray.

Long years I've said, "I have been crucified with Christ," and **resolved** to live the crucified life. But self and flesh do not die so willingly as that! How I wish I had been taught in my youth and childhood the real secret of holy living. I am sure my life and service would have been so different. I suppose the reason is that my elders and spiritual leaders themselves did not know it—and, worse, were satisfied not to know it. As I recall, the word 'holiness' was in distaste and was to be shunned.

Is it not possible to save our children and youth today from the blight of a system of teaching lacking the message of personal victory in all of life's relationships? It is the burden of Scripture. How have we missed it?

—Laura B. Barnard

BORROWED A GEM: RENEWS

Berkeley F.W.B. Church
St. Louis 21, Missouri

Enclosed is my check for the renewal to the Gem. I missed it so much this month that I borrowed one to read.

We are glad to report that our Sunday School and League attendances are getting back to normal. We have had so many families away on vacation that our attendance had really been down.

We want to request the prayers of each and every one who knows the value of prayer, that you pray for our church. We surely do need prayer. Pray for our pastor, Rev. Don Ellis, and his family.

The election of officers of the church was held July 25. Pray for God's will to be done here.

Mrs. Earl Couker
3648 E. Edgar

Sampson was asleep when he lost his power.
—Selected

CHURCH CHANGES PASTORS

Our pastor for the past five years has been Rev. Homer Smith of Mtn. Grove. We have had a wonderful time in the Lord during his stay with us. Bro. Smith is a wonderful pastor.

Our recently elected pastor is Rev. Ezra Butts, and of course we are looking forward to a great year in the Lord here at Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church (near Cabool, Missouri). Pray for us.

J. A. Odom, clerk

THE CASE AGAINST TOBACCO

Tobacco is poison. There is enough nicotine in one pound of tobacco to kill three hundred dogs. One squirt of tobacco juice spit into the mouth of a snake will kill it within a few minutes. All who began to use tobacco in any form, had to force the habit at first. John F. Draughon, head of a chain of colleges, wrote against its use, saying that he never knew of a single one of his pupils, who was an inveterate smoker to graduate at the head of his class.

Smoking burns the brain, dulls the memory, shortens the breath, affects the heart and saps physical vitality. "I am not much of a mathematician," said the cigarette, "but I can add to a boy's nerve troubles, I can subtract from his physical energy, I can multiply his aches and pains, I can divide his mental powers, I can take interest from his work, and discount his chances of success."

Tobacco is a "wicked giant in our land that is weakening our men, making slaves of our boys, incapacitating our women, and debauching our girls." Of course there are some who are unwilling to admit this. "It is an undeniable fact that tobacco kills people; not instantly, like a gunman, but it shortens life and lands many people in their graves long before the time they might have lived if they had not become victims of tobacco."

"Last year more than 400 billion cigarettes were sold by American manufacturers—eight billion

more than the year before. That is 18 billion packs which cost consumers more than three and one half billion dollars, and enough, if laid end to end, to girdle the earth 680 times. The use of tobacco induces and leads to drinking intoxicants in about eighty five in a hundred cases.

Said the whiskey flask to a cigarette, I'd like to make a good sized bet That I can get more scalps than you Although your victims aren't so few. Said the cigarette to the whiskey flask, Well, that's as easy as I could ask, For I give kids their downward start, Then you pitch in and do your part, They come to you with burning thirst, But I'm the fellow that sees 'em first: I'll take the bet; it's a cinch, d'ya see? So most of them should count for me.

Then the whiskey flask had this to say, I never looked at the thing that way. But I must confess you spoke the truth 'Tis you that tackles foolish youth— You fill his system with dopey smoke, I mold him into a first class soak; We work together far too well To quarrel for even a little spell. So the whiskey flask and the cigarette Shook hands together, called off the bet,

And away they sauntered side by side Hunting for victims far and wide; In every corner of the nation, Partners in crime and ruination. Anon

"In a lecture before the American Association of Medico-Physical Research at Chicago, Dr. C. Barber said, "A baby born of a cigarette smoking mother is sick. It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth. The post mortem shows degeneration of liver, heart and other organs. Sixty per cent of all babies born to cigarette smoking mothers die before they are two years old." (Crusader)

"The ideal woman is not afraid to be different for conscience sake."

"A young cigarette smoker, watching the monkeys in a menagerie said to the keeper, 'Would it do any harm to offer one of them a cigarette?' 'Not a bit,' replied the keeper, 'he wouldn't touch it. A monkey is not as big a fool as he looks'."

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"Why do you smoke anyway? It takes time, it befouls the air, it burns money, it hinders work, it weakens the heart and endangers the health in other ways. (Ulysses S. Grant and Mark Twain both died from injuries sustained in the use of tobacco.) It is a habit-forming drug. It is not recommended by your mother; it is unclean." It causes cancer, lung trouble and heart trouble and other ailments. Why use it?

—J. E. Forrest in the Church Recorder

Where the true Christian religion takes possession of the human heart there the relation between rich and poor, between rulers and subjects, between employers and employees, and between the lofty and the low, is really improved. —C. F. W. Walther

No government can be free that does not allow all its citizens to participate in the formation and execution of her laws. Every other government is a despotism. —Thaddeus Stevens

Totalitarian objectives may be summed up as follows: First, God dethroned; second, humanity dehumanized; and third, governments demonized. —Oliver E. Williams