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THE ABSENTEE

BY ELSIE DUNCAN YALE

"Some one is absent," the Shepherd said,
As over my classbook He bent His head;
"For several Sundays absent, too,
So tell me, Teacher, what did you do?"

"I didn't call, as perhaps I should;
I wrote some cards but they did no good;
I've never heard, and he never came,
So I decided to drop his name."

He answered gravely, "A flock was mine,
A hundred—no, there were ninety and nine,
For one was lost in the dark and cold,
So I sought the sheep that had left the fold.

"The path was stony and edged with thorn,
My feet were wounded and bruised and torn,
But I kept on seeking, nor counted the cost,
And, oh, the joy when I found the lost!"

Thus spoke the Shepherd in tender tone;
I looked, and, lo, I was all alone,
But God a vision had sent to me,
To show His will toward the absentee!



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EVANGELIST BUSY

Rev. Willard C. Day, former pastor
of the Church in Mountain Grove, Mis-
souri, recently resigned his pastorate
to give full time to evangelism. Almost
instantly churches from various sec-
tions have sought his service. And in
some instances that your editor knows
of, he has been unable to accept calls
because of previous commitments.



Here is a schedule of revival en-
gagemnts Rev. Day has agreed to
conduct.

October 3 to 16—Fredericktown, Mis-
souri, Rev. W. T. Newsome, pastor.

October 24 to November 5—Hannon
Church north of Liberal, Missouri, Rev.
Harold D. Hoover, pastor.

November 7 to 18—Russellville, Ar-
kansas, Rev. O. T. Dixon, pastor.

November 21 to December 3—Des-
loge, Missouri, Rev. John Long, pastor.

December 6 to 18—Hazel Creek near
Kirksville, Missouri, Rev. Stanley Let-
terman, pastor.

December 26 through February 19,
still open.

February 27 to March 12—Olney,
Illinois, Rev. Jess Kindred, pastor.

If you plan a revival and are in
doubt as to an evangelist, we suggest
you contact Rev. Day for open dates.
His address—

Rev. Willard C. Day
712 East 13th Street
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

CENTRAL WEST MISSOURI
CONVENES WITH HANNON

The Central Western Missouri Fifth
Sunday Meeting was held with the
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church
near Liberal, Missouri on August 29.

At the 10:00 o'clock hour we assem-
bled in our classes and studied the
Sunday School lesson, *Growth through
Christian Living*. Rev. Lowell Martin
brought the 11:00 o'clock message. The
Scripture used was Romans 12:1-2,
with the subject "Surrendered bodies."

The afternoon program started with
congregational singing led by Rev.
Conrad Williford. The opening song
was, "We're Marching to Zion." The
devotional Scripture was read by Bro.
Joe Cockrell, using Romans 10 for the
lesson. Bro. J. E. Williams, president
of the Fifth Sunday Meeting, was in
charge of the business and program.
An offering of \$49.20 was taken in the
afternoon: one-half was given to the
morning speaker and one-half to our
Youth Camp.

An enjoyable program was given by
those attending. Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys
gave a report of the State Association.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting of
this association will be October 31,
at the First Free Will Baptist Church
in Kansas City, Missouri (39th at Gar-
field). That church will arrange for
the speaker. Please attend the Fifth
Sunday Meetings.

—Reporter

CHAPELS FOR CUBA

Due to the interest of many of our people in the Chapels for Cuba project, we herewith submit a letter from our Mission Director regarding plans for the same. Please study the letter closely and help us to pray that the Lord may direct in this important challenge.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Dear Brother Riggs:

I have just returned from my monthly conference with the pastors in the Havana and Matanzas zone. We meet one day each month to study the progress and needs of the churches.

Our principal objective this month was to meet with our friend Suraz, the Christian contractor and one of the biggest in Havana. Mr. Suraz has drawn up plans for a church and we hope it will meet the approval of all our workers. I shall send you a negative of the plans and front which he gave me.

The plan he presents is that his company will build and finance the churches. He has the equipment to make his own blocks and has developed a roof especially adapted to the tropics. His plan of finance is with a cash deposit of one third of the cost of the building and six per cent interest on the balance to be paid like rent by the local congregations according to their ability to meet the rent. The members of the churches who can offer labor will get a high salary rate to apply on the building. The plans are to include an apartment in the church building for the pastor which will eliminate rents.

Johnny Cuba is very persevering in his effort to get a building in Guines. At the pastors meeting he came up with another proposition which seems more feasible and practical. He can buy a lot with a house on it for \$700.00. The house is one he is willing to live in. It will need at least a \$100.00 investment. The mission is paying \$20.00 per month and the local church \$10.00 for rent in the house which he lives in now. If the mission board can get the loan the \$30.00 can be paid monthly here on it and within two years we will have our own property in Guines. It is really a wonderful town. There is a large American textile company representing an investment of millions of dollars. Also there are about 50 canning plants and great numbers of

over fifty new converts since Cuba went there. There is an average of \$25.00 entering regularly into the funds of the church. The church there could be largely built by the members which would not require a great outlay of finance.

So if there is any possible way of getting a loan of say \$800.00 with the understanding that it be paid back in the form of \$30.00 per month, I can inform Cuba at once. I went to see the property and thought there might be a possibility of getting it on a down payment, but the family owning it is poor and in need of the money, so it will have to be a cash proposition.

This group really needs encouragement. They are one of the very best groups of people that we have and Cuba merits our encouragement.

The work in general moves steadily ahead. We are trying to get a lot in a new growing community in Pinar del Rio and hope to inform you before long on that. I don't think we can expect to build anything in Pinar del Rio for less than six or eight thousand dollars. If we can pay down a third or half, the more the interest will be reduced. The value of this will be that the local congregation can pay their part as rent to go on the balance. For example, the rent in Pinar is \$24.00 per month. If the Board can turn over to the contractor \$4,000.00, half of the cost, the church can or should be able to pay \$30.00 or \$35.00 per month on the balance. The pastors are enthusiastic about this plan. Melitino in Jaruco, Estenio in Jibicoa, Mario in Canasi de Matanzas all want to start building as soon as possible. This is really one of the important advances in our work.

Everybody sends greetings.

In Christ,

Thomas H. Willey

GROWING IN TUCSON

Tucson, Arizona

Dear Bro. Jeffreys and Gem Readers:
Greetings in the name of our Lord.

This being our first time to write to you we would like to say that we enjoy reading the Gem very much, and that we are trying to get all our people here to subscribe to it also.

We would like to tell you a little bit about our work here in Arizona. We now have three churches here: one in

Poenix, pastor is Rev. C. W. Hayes; one in Casa Grande, pastor is Rev. C. E. Singleton; and here in Tucson, with myself pastor, Rev. B. W. Hutchison, Jr. The Lord has really been blessing us good here.

We also have organized an association—the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists. The next setting of the association will be with the church here in Tucson at 2565 East Eighteenth Street in December commencing on Friday evening and continuing through Saturday evening.

Our church here was organized on December 11, 1953 with Rev. George McLain of Kerman, California and Rev. Barb Hickman of Stigler, Oklahoma setting it in order. We organized a Sunday School the last of January with 12 members, and the Lord has increased us to between 45 and 50, with a record of 59 last month. So we have a lot to be thankful for here in Arizona. We have organized a Free Will Baptist Y.P.E. also, and the Lord is blessing it. We plan to organize a Woman's Auxiliary soon.

We would like to hear from the readers of the Gem and should anyone reading this know anyone here in Tucson, Arizona, or anyone who is coming out here, we wish that you would tell them about our little church here and also get in contact with us.

Your's in the Master's service,

Rev. B. W. Hutchison, Jr.
Box 7092 Tele. 2-4018
Tucson 3, Arizona

WHEN WE THINK OF THE LOST—

We *will not* have time for petty and childish things.

We *will not* have time to have our feelings hurt.

We *will not* have time to gossip about the pastor, choir, deacons, the church or our neighbors.

But *we will* be loyal and faithful to our church.

We *will be* friendly to the visitors among us.

We *will* have time for visitation.

Is your child lost?

Is your wife lost?

Is your husband lost?

Is your neighbor lost?

Are your parents lost?

Are you lost?

—Church Bulletin

Transformation

There are many forms of transformation. There has been a great change in methods of farming from the primitive man with his wooden tools to the discovery of the use of metal, on through to the present day tractors with their combines, gang plows, corn pickers, and other such implements.

Likewise the crude weapons of war compared with the modern present day tractors with their combines, gang plows, corn pickers, with today's ocean liners. These have brought about a great transformation of farming, war and commerce.

Nations have been transformed from their way of life into the way of life of other nations. Babylon was cruel to her captives during the reign of the Chaldeans, but when she fell to the Medes and Persians the captives were shown mercy and many of them were returned to their native land.

In the third chapter of Genesis is recorded a great transformation. Before man had sinned against God, everything was perfect. Man had perfect fellowship with God. The earth yielded her strength. And man had complete dominion over the rest of the creation. But after he sinned his fellowship with God was broken, the ground was cursed, and man now has only partial dominion over the rest of creation.

Because of sin entering into the race, unregenerated man has now a depraved nature. Man in this condition cares little for anyone but himself. Life has become cheap to him, and he seeks his own way regardless of the effect it may have upon others. But there is a Power that can change and subdue this fallen nature and make life beautiful by making men honorable and a blessing to others. This Power is God. In spite of the fact that there are men in this age who declare there is no God and others who say Christianity is not a reality, we have an abundance of evidence to the contrary. Let us now look at some of the evidence.

It is perfectly natural for any man to want to be near his relatives and friends. We read of a strange thing happening to one man once. He had not had a quarrel with his kin folk nor he had not fallen out with his

neighbors, but he took all his possessions, his wife, and a nephew and moved away never to return. Of course we know this man was Abraham. And he did this because God had ordered him to do so. Nothing else could have caused him to forsake all and move out into a strange land.

Who—other than God—could cause a man to become a sheep herder in the wilderness rather than to sit upon the throne in Egypt? Moses was a man of much learning, trained in all the ways of the Egyptians and heir

*By Rev. Lester Jones, pastor
of the First Free Will Baptist
Church of Kirksville, Missouri*

to the throne; yet he chose to suffer the afflictions with the children of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Let us now study some of the New Testament characters. We will not have space to mention all of them, but let us notice some of the happenings in the life of the Apostle Peter.

It is logical to believe that any other man could have come along and said to Simon, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," and have gotten the same results?

There is far more in this statement than is seen on the surface. There was, and is, in Jesus the power to transform the lives of men who will let Him. This is the beginning of the transformation of Peter's life. Peter was busy making an honest living. Possibly this was his only source of livelihood, but he became willing to forsake it all and his father to follow Jesus.

The next three and one-half years had a great effect on his life. The most important thing he learned is stated in Matthew 16:16, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." He learned another important thing at the end of Christ's ministry and during His crucifixion; that was, that the spirit is indeed willing but the flesh is weak. How can we account for the change in Peter from the coward that he was on the night of Christ's trial to the bold, fearless apostle he was after the day of pentecost? There he stood warming by a fire when a mere little maid accused him of being a disciple of the Lord. What was the result? He denied with an oath that he had ever known the Christ, and he did it merely to save his own neck. But let us look in Acts, second chapter, after the Holy Ghost had changed him and note the difference. Here Peter was preaching Christ to his fellow Jews. Notice especially his bold statement in verse 23, "Ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." Let us also contrast the scene of his cowardly stand the night of the trial with his appearance before the Sanhedrin court in Acts 5. He was once afraid of a little girl, but he now stands in the face of the high court, after being charged by them not to teach in the name of Jesus, and he says in verse 29, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

We notice another happening in the life of Peter. He was indoctrinated with Judaism to the extent that he would not as much as enter into the house of a gentile. But God showed him that He gave His Son to die for all men. Then we find him in Acts 10, in the house of Cornelius (a gentile) preaching Christ to them also. No one but God could have wrought this change in Peter's heart. This would be called a growth in grace. Although we know that Peter's conversion came on the day of pentecost, the transformation as gradual from the day he met Jesus until His departure from this world. What has been said here of Peter could be said of the other apostles in general.

Turning our attention to another character let us look at the life and deeds of the unmerciful, proud, cruel, persecutor, religious bigot, Saul of Tarsus, who became the great Apostle Paul. Saul was a man of high standing in Israel. He was highly educated, ranking next to Gamaliel (his teacher) who was the greatest educator of his day in Israel. He probably would have taken Gamaliel's place had not God came upon the scene to change his life's course, but after he had seen Christ on the Damascus road he willingly laid all this aside that he might please Him. Phil. 3:7-8, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

In these verses Paul is stating that the things he one time counted as the highest attainments of life became insignificant when compared with Christ. This certainly was a great change in Paul's thinking. He was a Pharisee of the Pharisees who guarded the law with great zeal. They regarded the Lord and His disciples as imposters and heretics and did not tolerate them. The Pharisees were the chief persecutors of Christ and His followers, and Paul said he was the chiefest of them. Paul states in Acts 22:4 that he persecuted, even unto death, binding and casting into prison both men and women. He persecuted from city to city with great zeal, having very little mercy on anyone. He gave consent to the unmerciful stoning of Deacon Stephen.

What earthly reason could anyone give that Paul would be willing to give up the rank and station to which he had achieved and to which he would achieve to condescend to a state of humility, suffering and persecution? It certainly wasn't because of the glamor of a Christian life, for there isn't any glamor in being stoned almost to death or being scourged, or to be persecuted from city to city, and last of all to be slain for the cause of Christ.

From a natural stand point of view there certainly would be no point in going from place to place preaching, while hungry and half clothed—when he could have done far better as a

teacher and judge. Paul was a man of great possibilities. He could have made an easy and comfortable living. Then why did he choose such a hard, gruesome life? There is only one reasonable answer. He had to be motivated by a divine being. Let us consider another way in which Paul was changed. Who can—apart from God, account for the fact that Paul was once a cruel persecutor of those who disagreed with him, while in later life he had a passionate love for all men whether friend or foe? In early life he zealously defended what he believed—with cruel persecutions. But, after the Damascus road experience, he loved even those who sought his life. After his conversion the Jews became his rank enemies and sought to destroy him, but he prayed for them. Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel, is that they might be saved." These are Paul's own words concerning his own people while they were persecuting him. Acts 26:29, "And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." This was before King Agrippa and other gentiles. Paul was wishing that they were all Christians as he was that day. Only God can transform a man from cruel hatred to a life of love, as Paul had been transformed.

Show me, if you can, where atheism or Mohammedism or what "ism" have you that has ever produced any such transformation as has been wrought in Peter and Paul. How many transformed lives has infidelity or rationalism produced, Not one. Wherever Christianity prevails there is a higher state of civilization existing. Christianity, wherever accepted, raises the morals of the people.

While on the other hand, even though an atheist himself may be sound morally, the next generation is invariably rotten. This is because if there is no God there is no fear of judgment: so why restrain yourself? Many people have been changed for the better by accepting Christ. Many have been rescued from a life of sin and uncertainty and have ever afterward lived clean, upright lives. Justin Martyr tried many human philosophies in search of the truth, but found it only through a definite, personal experience with Christ. Before his

conversion, Augustine was bad in his habits; afterward he became Saint Augustine.

John Bunyan was a wicked and profane man before his conversion. Afterward he wrote *Pilgrim's Progress* and preached the gospel with power. Can infidelity cite one book that has sold like this one? No, nor can it produce one instance of such moral or spiritual change. When has infidelity or rationalism produced any such men as Wesley, Spurgeon, Moody, Fuller or Graham? These false cults have not given anything to the world except that which had not ought to be. Has one atheist ever given his life for the cause he represents? Christianity can produce records where many thousands have sealed their testimony with their own blood. Only a true child of God can do this. There has been no lasting good come from beyond the bounds of Christianity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

August 1, 1953 - July 31, 1954

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Enroll. Avc. Atten. Classes

Mtn. Grove ...	250	198	19
Fredericktown ...	215	174	10
Berkeley	197	160	13
South Side ...	185	158	12
(St. Louis)			
Fellowship ...	195	156	14
(Flat River)			
First Flat Riv. ...	178	153	10
Third St. Louis ...		97	10
Leadington ...		95	9
Desloge131		92	7
Kirksville115		87	10
Monett120		79	10
Macedonia 80		75	6
Kansas City ..137		60	6
Hazel Creek .. 72		58	8
Richwoods ... 75		56	5
Myrtle 69		56	5
Merle's Chapel ...	75	55	6
Mt. Pisgah ...		50	6
Mill Creek 75		50	5
Union Light .. 95		50	4
Hannon 64		48	6
Number One . 48		48	6
Faith & Hope . 40		35	4
Mtn. Valley .. 40		35	3
Hickory Grove 61		35	5
Marble Hill ... 43		35	4
Sublette 40		32	4
Pleasant Grove		25	3
Union Chapel . 30		23	3



From The Editor's Desk



GEM AT A BARGAIN RATE FOR A LOW MAGIC NUMBER

In Easy Reach—It Can Be Done!

TWO-THOUSAND is the magic number! Yes, we are asking two-thousand new and renewal subscribers by February, 1955. And to get them, we have the permission and support of the State Executive Board to reduce the price of the Gem to *ONE DOLLAR* per year to those responding to this drive. Further than this, the plan also is that when we reach this amount, that we shall make the price retroactive to the last State Association. In other words a plan will be worked out by which your subscription—for which you remitted \$1.50 at or after the last state association—will be credited at the new rate of \$1.00 per year and you will receive your full value. Further,

of your church on our list, too. So you see why it is so important to us that this drive become a success.

Perhaps some of our readers will feel that there may be a hidden factor in this proposal. But to set all minds at ease, we would like to assure you that the full purpose is to increase the circulation, and thereby also increase the effectiveness of the ministry of the printed page.

Also we anticipate the usual "gloomy" attitude of defeat. Certainly, we have heard various adverse thoughts of the Gem (and most all of the Lord's work) for some time. The value and importance have been assailed. Still there are those who are faithful (full of faith) who have seen a real service supplied by the Gem, and who are convinced that the Gem must thrive. To such friends we are eternally indebted. It is certainly inspiring to receive some of the letters from friends who appreciate the work here and who

As to the value of the Gem—we disagree *violently* with anyone who will in any way minimize its value. We receive repeated evidence that it is of great value. In fact, as we consider these evidences from day to day, we must conclude the value is far greater than we at first suspected or than some will admit. We think you, too, will be impressed with its value when you read it carefully month by month.

As to other conditions—they are too numerous to consider. But they are no greater than any time previous to now. And we have met them to this time. We think you—our faithful friends—will continue to include our needs in your stewardship of what the Lord has given you, and that you will continue to make possible the important ministry of the printed page.

I feel sure greater things are ahead, and I want you in on it. So I am very anxious that you and every one of your friends subscribe to—and read

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your editor will appeal to the Board that the regular price of the Free Will Baptist Gem be changed back to only one-dollar per year. BUT, these last two propositions are contingent on the success of the drive for TWO THOUSAND SUBSCRIPTIONS by February, next. So everyone stands to profit by the drive—the new subscriber by the reduced rate; the ones subscribing at or since the association; and all older subscribers when we can get a permanent reduction to only \$1.00 per year. So it will be to the interest of everyone to promote this subscription drive.

The success of this drive depends on you. There is no doubt that there is a far greater potential than merely 2,000 new subscriptions, even in Missouri—and we are not setting any confines or boundaries. You can take advantage of this drive regardless of where you live. And we hope you will. We urge you to. After all the only justification for our being here is to provide a beneficial ministry to you—and we certainly can not accomplish this ministry without you on our mailing list. And we need all your friends

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contribute to it in several ways.

Some promote the idea that the Gem is short lived; that the editor will not continue any definite time, and even other conditions could force the end before long. Of course for only one dollar you could hardly be concerned by such rumors. But if you are interested in our observations, here they are. As to the editor terminating his services, it is not beyond the realm of possibility. In fact it has been within possibility ever since assuming those duties. Your present editor has always reserved the right to respond to call or condition. At any time that necessity demands or the Lord directs, we will certainly vacate our position here. *But it hasn't happened in about six years now!* And if it did, it certainly does not mean the end of the publication here. It is interesting to note that in these same years a sister publication has had three editors—and is still publishing regularly. In fact, it is probable that several readers are not aware of it or could tell you who has been involved in these changes. So no man is indispensable.

TWO-THOUSAND

the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Remember, the key word is *TWO-THOUSAND*—by February, 1955, four full months to work. *Start now!*

FROM HERE AND THERE

It seems to be revival time among Free Will Baptists, with several of our churches having just closed with revival services and many others now in progress or about to start.

Rev. Willard C. Day is currently in revival with the Fredericktown F.W.B. Church where Rev. Wm. Newsome is the pastor. This revival will continue through October 17.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, national executive secretary, is bringing the messages at services now in progress at Fellowship Church in Flat River, Mo. Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor, states the revival will continue through October 17 also.

The Leadington Church will commence revival services October 18 to

run through the 28th. Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee will do the preaching. Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards is the pastor.

Copper Mines Church near Fredericktown, Missouri will start revival services on November 1 and continue through the 13th. Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards will be the evangelist. Rev. Glenn Rehkop is the pastor.

Southside Church in St. Louis began revival services September 22 with Rev. Raymond Riggs doing the speaking. Rev. James Franklin is pastor.

Aulsbury Chapel in Southeast Missouri Association engaged in revival services September 26, with Rev. Fred Kirby the evangelist. Rev. C. B. Dees is the pastor.

Aurora Church is currently engaged in a revival, with Rev. James Davis doing the preaching. Rev. Bert Hall is pastor there.

Merle's Chapel near Cassville, Missouri, is also now in revival services.

revival the congregation organized a Free Will Baptist Church and called Rev. Dean Burpo as pastor.

A revival is planned as soon as an evangelist can be obtained and other arrangements made in Greenfield, Missouri. An organization is planned at the close of the revival. There are now several Free Will Baptist living there without a church home.

PASTORAL CHANGES—

As usual, the end of the summer has brought its changes in pastorates. Some of the ones we know of are as follows.

Rev. Fred Kirby to Mountain Grove. Rev. Kirby was formerly pastor of the First Church in Flat River. He succeeds Rev. Willard C. Day who has entered full-time evangelism.

Rev. H. Beasley, of Michigan, will be the pastor of First Church of Flat River, succeeding Rev. Fred W. Kirby.

Rev. Harold D. Hoover is half-time

Wayne Parsons.

Rev. Glenn Rehkop is pastor of the Coppermines Church near Fredericktown. He succeeds Rev. Woodrow Matthews who served several years there.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews accepted a call to pastor the church at Cushing, Oklahoma. He formerly was pastor of Copper Mines Church in Southeast Missouri.

FROM OUR FRIENDS—

Enclosed find money order for my renewal subscription. We like the Gem very much, and I hope I am not too late for the next issue. V. G. E., New Mexico.

Thanks for the card reminding me that it was time to renew. I've been sick and overlooked it. I don't want to miss a copy. I wish you lots of success in your work, and may God's richest blessings rest on you, your wife and the staff. T. D. M., Missouri.

I am looking forward to my first

The Gem goes Bargain Rate

One Dollar for Two-Thousand

By February, 1955

Rev. Fied Cunningham is evangelist. Rev. O. T. Allred, Missouri State moderator, is pastor there.

Neosho Church commenced revival services October 3rd, with Rev. G. J. Pingleton the evangelist. Rev. C. M. Hatfield is pastor of the church.

Hickory Grove, near Harrisonville, Missouri is now in a revival with Rev. Don Ellis bringing the messages. Rev. Conrad Williford is pastor there.

The church in Monett, Missouri will start revival about October 24 with Rev. H. E. Staires doing the preaching. Rev. James Davis is pastor.

In a recent revival at Lebanon, Missouri, Rev. Willard C. Day, Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Wm. Reeves, and Rev. Leo Curtis teamed together to conduct the services. Near the conclusion of the revival a new church was organized and selected Rev. Curtis as their pastor.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd conducted a revival at the mission in Farmington, Missouri recently. At the close of the

pastor of Macedonia Church near Monett, and half-time pastor of the Hannon Church near Liberal, Missouri in Barton County. He succeeds Rev. Winford Davis at Macedonia and Rev. Conrad Williford at Hannon.

Rev. Conrad Williford has accepted half-time with Independence F.W.B. Church near Stockton, Missouri, succeeding Mrs. Williford there. He will continue the other half-time with the Hickory Grove Church.

Rev. Kenneth Turner will succeed Rev. Harold Hoover as full time pastor with Carterville Church.

Rev. Frank Linton will pastor the Verdella Church near Iantha in Barton County, Missouri. He succeeds Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Rev. Winford Davis will go to the Rock Chapel Church near Hartville, and continue with the Jones Chancel Church near Stella, Missouri.

Rev. Stanley Letterman has accepted pastorate of Hazel Creek Union near Kirksville, Missouri, succeeding Rev.

copy of the Gem. I am pastor of the First F.W.B. Church of Tucson. Rev. B. W. H., Arizona.

BUILDING COMPLETED

Cairo, Georgia

Dear Gem Readers:

I haven't reported to the Gem lately, but I have a little time now to write to you good people in Missouri. We have just got our church built here. We had our Quarterly Meeting at the Church, August 29 with 160 people attending. We had an all-day service and a basket dinner, and we really enjoyed a good day in the Lord.

Also, the same night we started a revival which is still going on (September 13). We have been hearing some wonderful messages from our evangelist, Rev. Downey from Bainbridge.

We here ask the prayers of you praying people in Missouri. Remember us in all of your prayers. I hope to report more the next time.

I remain the same,

Rev. Woodrow Messex, pastor

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES IN PRACTICAL TRAINING

The days of these two summer months on the Cuban mission fields have been without a dull or idle moment. Two groups of young people from our Bible College have had a realistic glimpse through the eyes of active missionaries. What they have seen and felt will of course depend on them. Naturally it is very easy to imagine the conditions under which an under-privileged, underfed, uninformed people live, and their reaction to the Gospel when they hear it for the first time. This is just an effort to tell you, who might have had a part in making it possible for them to come, some of the things which they really saw and experienced.

We cannot express our gratitude to the sons of a Free Will Baptist family, the Taylors of Sea Level, North Carolina, who could not have treated royalty better, making it possible for these students to travel on their ships. It is with a thrill of pride that we Free Will Baptist Missionaries in Cuba watch their great ships come in majestically by the famous light house, Moro Castle in Havana harbor. We like to say they are our people.

Every week large groups were assembled in different fields as we went there. The first was in Jaruco in the Province of Havana. Melitino, whom many of you know in the moving picture, "A Letter to Melitino," is pastor. This was the first Young People's Conference that has been had in the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba. Our hearts thrilled as we saw our wonderful young people assembled from all that district and the marvelous opportunity presented to our fine Cuban pastors. What a joy to see them putting into active service our young Cuban Christians.

We wish it were possible for our brother Dick Norwood of Sulphur, Oklahoma and our dear friends of the Blue Bird Bus Company to appraise the immeasurable value of the bus as we loaded and went into the fields, sometimes trips taking three or four days; the boys sleeping in the bus, preparing our meals in the open. Many places, to reach our people, we had to drive through open fields.

Everywhere we went great crowds turned out.

The second group coming down in August consisted of ten in our company. To get back into one of our fields in the mountains, eight of our boys had to help pull the truck by a heavy rope. Every night we were in a different field with great groups of people inadequately seated. One place has just had the Gospel for three months. They sat on palm planks and listened enthralled with the gospel message. Tommy (Willey) served as interpreter with excellent results. Our young preachers did some fine preaching—brothers Bobby Jackson and Eugene Waddell, and they all left some friends among our Cuban people.

We reached the end of this new venture, partly tired in our task but never tired of our task. We immediately began our plans for the new group of young Cubans, called to consecrated service, to train in the school here. The year ahead seems very bright and we have every reason to feel greatly encouraged by the support, prayers and loyal co-operation of you our people.

How we wish it were possible for every loyal Free Will Baptist to come and actually see what God is doing in Cuba.

Lucy Wisehart

RESPONSIBILITY AT HOME

Rev. Raymond Riggs

THE BATTLE is the Lord's. I Sam. 17.47b

Recently I was in a home when a "Penny a Meal" jar was on the table, and a little boy and girl in that home seemed to take so much pride in dropping in their pennies for foreign missions. I thought as I watched them scramble to see who would be first, "Here is where our responsibility begins."

Rev. William A Mahow in writing for Biblical Missions, says, "The term 'missionary training' usually brings to mind the need for our missionary candidates to be well equipped as far as educational, technical and theological knowledge is concerned. We are in the Lord's battle and the soldiers of the Lord must have the best in

equipment and training as they go forth for Him. But a war is not won simply in the front lines. The home front must supply the needed backing and support. War bond sales, home defense organization, defense plant operation are all familiar to those who have lived through a war. For these activities also, training is needed. Just so in the Lord's battles. Those who 'stay by the stuff' must know how to pray and to support those who have gone to the uttermost parts of the earth. This training must begin with our children.

"Recently the following quotation from a newspaper in Communist China was brought to our attention: 'The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same it is we who finally will beat you. We are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the million. But if you remember the story of Gideon and his 300 companions you will understand why I am right. We Communists do not play with words. We are realists and, seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries and wages, we keep only what is strictly necessary and we give up the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also 'consecrate' all our free time and part of our holidays. You, however, give only a little time and hardly any money. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of the Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands.'

"While this statement contains some grave inaccuracies, it also states some surprising admissions and some heart-searching accusations for those of us who would fight the Lord's battle. While the power of the Gospel is admitted, the failure of Christian people for the most part to support it and to propagate it is all too clearly seen. Do we believe in the Christian message to the extent that we are ready to sacrifice everything? Or does this Communist journalist have the right to apply these words to us?

"God's call is for 'good soldiers' of the Lord Jesus Christ, whether abroad or on the home front. This entails loyalty, obedience, sacrifice, training. Yes, three hundred good soldiers of Jesus Christ will do more than thousands of nominal ones. In this the Communist is right. One evidence of our failure to 'train' and 'be trained' properly for our place in the Lord's army is the meager per capita giving to the Lord's service in so many quarters. Our sacrifices for the Lord's cause often do not reflect the love for Him which we profess.

"Our children, our churches must be trained to give. God's wonderful promise that it is more blessed to give than to receive must be proven in the home, in the local church, and in the denomination. What are you doing to train your children to support missionary work? What are you yourself doing to support missionary work? 'The battle is the Lord's.' True! But we, His soldiers and defense workers, are called upon to furnish ready hands and hearts."

WANDA EDWARDS SUPPLIES COMING IN; PASSAGE FUNDS, PLEDGE FOR SALARY ASKED

Dear Friends:

As you will notice by the list following this article, much equipment for Wanda has already come in, or at least has been pledged. To each and every one who have responded so graciously, we wish to express our deep appreciation.

Inasmuch as many of Wanda's needs have been supplied, and to avoid duplication, may we suggest your sending your future gifts in cash. Too, Rev. Riggs can buy materials through the N.A.E. at considerable discount (40%) and much can be saved. However, if you have some gift already purchased, send it on. All gifts are gladly accepted.

The outstanding needs left at present are: \$700.00 for passage; \$250.00 for medical supplies; \$250.00 for a washing machine and some miscellaneous items. We continue to trust God and to look to our people for these things. We are certain neither will fail us.

And, while I'm writing, I would like to remind you also, that Wanda's salary of \$75.00 per month remains to

be underwritten. Any church or group wishing to share in this obligation, please make your pledge known as early as possible.

Again, to our many friends over the state who have been so kind we thank you most heartily and ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers, for without praying we can do nothing.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

GIFTS RECEIVED:

Rev. and Mrs. Willard Darnell, Flat River—\$24.00 (used for personal items).

Mrs. Melba Burch, Farmington—\$1.95 (applied to purchase of foot locker).

Miss Mary Burcham, Flat River—1 shag rug; 1 double sheet.

Auxiliary, Monett—14 dish towels; 13 wash dish cloths; 13 bath towels; 2 face towels; 14 wash cloths.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Campbell, Leadington—1 foot locker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wright, St. Louis—Stainless steel service for 6.

Auxiliary, Kirksville—2 one pint and 1 one gallon thermos; \$3.00 (applied to purchase of foot locker).

Mrs. Clara Gaston, St. Louis—Aluminum water set; 6 plastic mugs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan, Leadington—Personal clothing.

Third Church, St. Louis—\$50.00.

" " Men's Club—\$25.00.

" " Auxiliary—\$25.00.

Mrs. Della Roach, Flat River—1 pair pillow cases.

Copper Mines League, Fredericktown—\$25.00 for bedding.

Myrtle Church, Myrtle—\$20.00.

Leadington Ch., Leadington—\$111.88.

GIFTS PLEDGED:

Richwoods Ch., Richwoods—1 gasoline iron; oven for 1 burner oil stove.

Boys Jr. S.S. Class, Kirksville—2 doz. wash cloths.

Boys Int. S.S. Class, Desloge—Medical supplies.

Boys Jr. S.S. Class, Desloge—2 doz. wash cloths.

Fellowship Ch., Flat River—\$100.00 for passage. Note: Gifts earmarked "Passage" are sent on to the State Treasurer.

Sublett League—\$10.00.

Auxiliary, First Church, Flat River—\$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

CALVERYS TO JAPAN

After many delays and disappointments, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery are now scheduled for missionary duty in Japan. These young folks presented themselves as missionary candidates many months back, and started their preparation for duty. If your editor remembers accurately, they were then impressed to go to Japan. But because there was a momentary interest of the need in Japan by other workers, and because of the serious lack of



interest of the work and needs in India, they agreed to go there instead. At the completion of the usual preparation, it was discovered that requirements for entry in India had been revised and their visas were denied.

Not to be denied, they entered further training, including a tour of duty on the field in Cuba. But even with additional qualifications, their application for visas to India were refused.

It is obvious that the need in Japan has not been supplied, and there is an alarming need of missionaries for that nation. So the Calverys have been issued visas for duty there. Passage has been obtained, and they expect to sail for their field of service October 29. Thus Free Will Baptists will soon be at work in four parts of the earth as our missionaries—in Cuba, India, Africa, and Japan. Their sacrifice will call for our support; their labor will depend on our loyalty, and their perseverance will merit our prayers.

Bon voyage Calverys!



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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CONSECRATION - SERVICE

"AND IF IT seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

It has been said that entire consecration embraces three things—*being, doing, and suffering*. There is a vast difference in being truly consecrated and just drifting along, being only a nominal follower of Christ. In consecration we choose to be like Christ in all we do. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." In being and doing for Him we must suffer with Him. Are we willing? It includes body, soul and spirit to present ourselves for consecration and service.

A CALL TO DECISION

Joshua is demanding of the people to make a choice of whom they will serve: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." He asked for their choice today. When God directs us into a special service or to some duty, doesn't He want our action now? I believe that He does. When we know the will of God for our lives, let us respond now. We cannot serve two masters, although I'm afraid some try to do it. To halt between the opinions of self and God is to tarry upon the plain of destruction. "Remember Lot's wife." After being warned and begged to leave that wicked city, she was told not to look back upon the destruction. Even though she was going, there was still love for the sin and vice of that place in her heart and she yearned to take a look backward, and immediately was turned to a pillar of salt. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servant ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6:16.

A NOBLE DETERMINATION

"As for me and my house, we will

serve the Lord." Joshua determined that he and his house would serve the Lord regardless of the people's decision. Sometimes our determination is guided by the actions of others, but not so with Joshua. He loved the Lord and was determined to serve Him. Notice he said, "As for me and my house..." He so taught and commanded his family in the fear of the Lord. Many of us, as parents, could apply the same rule in our homes today with much more God-pleasing results than we are having. Many parents fear their children instead of fearing God. As a result our churches are becoming cold and formal and our nation a wicked and perverse nation.

The Lord, in some way, will publicly acknowledge those who—in the fear of God, command their children and their households. "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Gen. 18:19. One is your master. Who is he, self or Christ? Let's determine to let Christ have full control.

A STIRRING REFLECTION

"And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; for the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs 'n our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: and the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the Lord; for he is our God." Joshua 24:16-18. Their calling to mind the past goodness of God led them to a definite surrender of themselves to God. Shall not the memory of Christ's sufferings and victory for us, not constrain us to yield ourselves in loyal service to Him? We are not our own but are bought with the price of Christ.

A SOLEMN DECLARATION

"And Joshua said unto the people, ye cannot serve the Lord: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins." Joshua 24:19. Joshua is declaring to the people that mere lip service will not be acknowledged by God, but that all sin and selfishness must be truly repented of. They could not go on in the sin of worshiping other gods and expect to be honored with blessings from the Holy God. It is an easy thing to say that we will serve the Lord, but an entirely different thing to put it into daily practice. The service of God is a holy service and can only be rendered by holy ones.

A DECIDED AFFIRMATION

"And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the Lord. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses." Joshua 24:21, 22. When we choose to serve the Lord we become witnesses against ourselves. The people were faced with this fact, but they were steadfast in their decision to serve the Lord. Not long before the trial of Christ, His disciples affirmed that they had rather die than deny Him, but when the crucial hour came they fled. Peter, who had been so outspokenly firm, even swore that he had never known Christ. Let us be sure that our strong will is a blessing and not a snare.

AN INDISPENSIBLE CONDITION

"Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel." Joshua 24:23. If the Lord is to be served, every other usurping god must be put away, and the whole heart turned toward God. Material gain, worldly popularity and greed are keeping many of us from a life of consecration and service. Let us dispense with it and serve God with a heart free of these incumbrances. Service must always be associ-

ated with holiness. Work for God is the fruit of personal consecration to God. David would not offer to God that which cost him nothing, but said, "I will surely buy it of thee at a price." II Samuel 24:24. True consecrated service to God will cost us sacrifice and often times suffering. The ministry of the Son of Man was to give His life for the world. All we can give is ourselves, and let us do it in real consecrated service to Him.

MONETT AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of Monett met in their last regular session at the home of Mrs. Bill Medlin. The group joined in singing of hymns, followed with prayer by Mrs. Haskell Hultgren.

The lesson was on the subject of "Money and Its Use," and was conducted by Mrs. Lyle Roller. Those discussing topics were Mrs. Haskell Hultgren, Mrs. Will Gates and Mrs. W. K. Weston.

Mrs. Nolan Thomas presided during the business session following the lesson. Roll call was answered with a favorite Bible verse. The vice chairmen made their reports. The fifth vice chairman, Mrs. W. K. Weston, gave a report on the gift sent recently to their adopted boy at the Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee. It was also reported that a gift of various items had been sent to Wanda Edwards, missionary, who will leave for India in February.

Mrs. Lyle Roller dismissed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting is to be in the evening at the church.

FREDERICKTOWN MEETS

Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Big Family of God:

We were so glad to get our dear paper again. We do thank Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys for the good work they are doing.

We want to tell you all about our meeting of the District Auxiliary workshop that as held at our church. We were really glad to have them all with us, and a really nice time was enjoyed by all. We especially enjoyed Sis. Eunice Edwards' wonderful message at 11:00 o'clock. Then the nice dinner served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon we had topics from

the other auxiliaries. All were very good and well given. Sis. Beulah Newberry gave a good reading entitled "Little Crippled Jimmies Prayer," that was enjoyed by all.

We were glad to have all the ladies of the other churches with us.

Our revival will begin the first Sunday in October with a big home coming day, an all-day service and dinner at the church. Our evangelist for the revival is to be Bro. Willard Day, so pray that the Lord will save many lost souls.

Mrs. W. I. James

AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

Mrs. Wm. Newsome of Fredericktown and Rev. Eunice Edwards of Desloge, met with the ladies of the Coppermines Church near Fredericktown on September 30, and organized a Woman's Auxiliary. There were 16 charter members who elected Mrs. Glenn Rehkop as president. Mrs. Rehkop is wife of the pastor, Rev. Glenn Rehkop. This new auxiliary will be affiliated with the Southeast Missouri District Convention.

The District Convention will hold their next workshop with the Desloge church, January 12-10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Missouri

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys:

May we come in for a visit this morning?

We at Fellowship are still in the battle for the Lord. Our church work is going forward for which we do thank and praise the Lord, for without His help we can do nothing.

The ladies of the auxiliary met at the church on September 30 for our all-day meeting. There were 16 members present. A good program was rendered. The theme was "Giving Christ Pre-eminence through Personal Soul Winning." The presence of the Lord was felt throughout the entire program. At the noon-hour a nice dinner was served, with a good fellowship by all.

After the noon hour, a stewardship study was given by Willa Mae Barker: "All of Mine for Him," written by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. This was en-

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joyed by all. God is so very good to us that we can't thank Him enough for all He has done for us. Pray for us that we will ever be humble in His service.

God bless every one is my prayer.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, reporter

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN NOVEMBER

The Annual Missionary Conference at the Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the conference will be, "I am debtoor... I am ready to preach..." Romans 1:14, 15.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of the College will bring the opening message on the subject, "I am debtor to Christ." Other featured speakers on the program will be Rev. John Ruth from Houlton, Maine and Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, missionaries on furlough from Africa. On Wednesday evening a special Thank Offering for missions will be received which will be equally divided between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Churches are asked to prepare a special offering for this occasion, and if possible have a delegate present to present the gift on Wednesday evening. A goal of \$2,500.00 has been set, and I am sure we can easily reach it if everyone will cooperate in some small way. If you cannot come in person, please send your Thanksgiving offering, and I am sure God will bless you for so doing. Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Damon C. Dodd of the two mission departments will preside during the Conference. The Conference will close Thursday noon, November 25th.

Watch next issue for the program.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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Richwoods	55..	68..	55..	70..	63..	77..	68..	82..	87..	
(League)	26..	26..	30..	29..	27..	25..	30..	33..	53..	
<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..	96..	100..	
<i>Glenn Rehkop, pastor</i>										
Third, St. Louis	92..	93..	106..	110..	?	?	?	?	?	?
<i>James Barker, pastor</i>										
Fourth, St. Louis	53..	48..	50..	54..	42..	46..	48..	49..	51..	
<i>Wm. Turnbough, pastor</i>										
Salem, St. Louis	56..	?	50..	51..	?	?	?	?	?	?
<i>Lawrence Thompson, pastor</i>										
Fredericktown	158..	172..	183..	?	161..	169..	160..	160..	?	?
<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..	65..	?	?
<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..	208..	194..	
<i>Fred Kirby, pastor</i>										
Elizabethton, Tenn., First ..	206..	217..	204..	245..	218..	212..	171..	199..	211..	
<i>Harvey E. Hill, pastor</i>										
Olton, Oklahoma	116..	133..	125..	182..	?	?	?	?	121..	
<i>Benjamin Scott, pastor</i>										
Lawnwood, Tulsa, Okla.	157..	165..	166..	229..	175..	173..	152..	180..	186..	
<i>H. E. Staires, pastor</i>										
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas ..	170..	165..	163..	176..	175..	174..	168..	160..	153..	
<i>Tommy Day, pastor</i>										
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	44..	40..	51..	?	41..	51..	46..	58..		
<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..	105..	?	?
<i>James Davis, pastor</i>										
Berkeley, St. Louis	166..	168..	202..	138..	?	?	?	?	?	?
(League)	76..	64..	69..	59..	?	?	?	?	?	?
<i>Don Ellis, pastor</i>										
Wolf Creek, Mansfield	42..	39..	37..	?	33..	31..	?	?	?	?
Wolf Creek, Mansfield	42..	39..	37..	?	33..	31..	?	?	?	?
<i>Charles Finley, pastor</i>										
Union Third Fork, NW. Mo. ..	25..	25..	24..	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
<i>No pastor</i>										
Fellowship, Flat River	140..	141..	170..	185..	167..	161..	149..	162..	?	?
<i>Rolla Smith, pastor</i>										
Leadington	?	111..	132..	116..	?	?	?	?	?	?
<i>Eunice Edwards, pastor</i>										
St. Mary's, New Berne, N.C. ..	?	?	325..	317..	303..	?	?	?	296..	
<i>Cecil H. Campbell, pastor</i>										

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NEW CHURCH DEDICATED;
SPIRIT FILLS THE HOUSE

Gallion, Louisiana

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord.

We had our first service here in our new Hill View Free Will Baptist Church of Bastrop on Saturday night, September 11. This was a service of thanks unto God for His wonderful blessings, and commending our church into His hands for safe keeping and for His service to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

It seems to me that if I couldn't tell you about the dedication service that the rocks would cry out and reveal it. Sunday, September 12 was our first service in the new church on the Lord's day. And the Lord was there even before we arrived. As I walked up to the door, it seemed like the Lord was there to meet me. I could almost hear Him say, "Come in my child. I am Master of ceremonies today." As I walked down the aisle, this is what met my eyes: two beautiful bouquets, compliments of Blackwell and Golden Flower Shop of Bastrop and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore of Mer Rouge. What a beautiful surprise.

We opened our service with the glorious old song, "Amazing Grace." The power fell on us, and we couldn't do anything but weep for joy. Our Sunday School superintendent, a man who never showed emotion like that before in his life, was so overcome with joy that he had to take his seat and ask our pastor to take over. Our pastor also couldn't do anything but cry. Well, you know pure and undefiled religion is contagious. So we wept and cried, laughed and shouted.

Just to show you how the Lord was Master of ceremonies in this service, let me tell you how our plans went astray. Because of too much hard work and not many laborers, our faith had grown weak and we were afraid to advertise the opening of our church very much—afraid we wouldn't have it ready. "O ye of little faith." We had asked Rev. W. S. Isbell of Russellville, Arkansas to preach for us on the 12th of September. He failed to arrive as scheduled. We thought we would have to resort to an all-day singing as the opening service on the first Lord's day in our church.

Friend, I love good gospel singing,

but I think the gospel from the pulpit is before and above an all-day singing. O, how I did want to hear a good gospel sermon on the opening day for our church. A dozen times in the night I begged God to send us a preacher of His choosing. We had hardly got through our Sunday School when in walked two ordained Free Will Baptist ministers. Yes, they both filled the stand, bringing a message that thrilled our hearts and did honor to the power of God. Eld. D. Smith brought the opening message, with Eld. Bill Smith following him.

At the noon hour we spread the most beautiful dinner I believe I have ever looked upon, feeding some 200 people or more. Before we were finished they begin to come in from Oak Grove and Lake Providence; Eld. J. E. White was with them. As we took up the fragments, it made me think of the twelve baskets full.

Yes, Eld. J. E. White preached for us at 2:30. Many testified that they could feel the presence of the Lord when they walked in the door that morning.

Our pastor preached the first sermon in our church on Saturday night, September 11, dedicating it to the Lord for as long as time shall last.

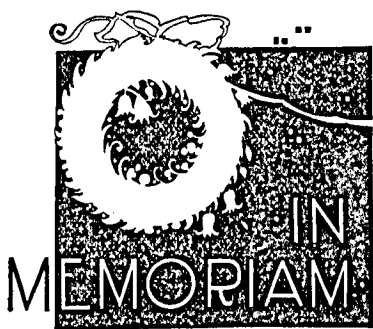
We would like to send a special thanks to Eld. W. S. Isbell of Russellville, Arkansas; Mrs. Melissa Robinson, Casa, Arkansas; Mr. Claude E. Sawyer, Donalds, South Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Loy Archer and Jimmie Phillips, Hindsville, Arkansas; and Eld. J. T. Quick of Richton, Mississippi for their precious gifts to help on our church. It gave us much needed help financially, lifted our hearts with gladness, and gave us new courage that we needed so much. May God's choicest blessings forever rest upon you all. And pray that God will keep us humble and use us to His honor and glory, and keep our beautiful little church under the shadow of the Holy Spirit and that He will be our constant companion.

Yours in Christ,

Bertha Cappell

Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever!

—Selected



VERA FRANCES TERRY

Vera Frances Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thomas, born March 8, 1931 near Purdy, Missouri, departed this life August 20, 1954 at the age of 23 years, five month, 12 days.

She was married to Haskell Terry, January 2, 1954. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her passing, one son David three years old by a former marriage; her mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Purdy; four brothers, Aubrey and Lawton of Monett, Paul and Dale of Purdy. Her father, Webster Thomas, preceded her in death February, 1942.

She was converted to Christ a few years ago, and united with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. She left a clear testimony with her loved ones that she was ready to go.

She will be sadly missed by her many relatives and friends. Funeral service for her was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in Macedonia Church, and burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

WILL PRICE

Will Price, son of W. A. and Melinda McPherson Price, was born March 4, 1888 and departed this life September 19, 1954 at the age of 66 years, six months and 15 days.

He was born in Cedar County, Missouri and lived most of his life in Cedar and Dade Counties. At the time of his death he maintained his home in Stockton, Missouri. Death came to Mr. Price suddenly while visiting a brother-in-law, Frank Oder, in Laramie, Wyoming. He had been visiting a son, Fred, in the State of Colorado, and with other relatives who live in Colorado and Wyoming.

On February 8, 1920, Will Price was united in marriage to Cora Oder. To this union three children were born: two daughters, Vestaleen Montgomery of Willard, Missouri and Christine Glenn of Crisp, Missouri; and one son, Fred, of Ault, Colorado. Surviving Mr. Price are his wife, Cora; his three children, nine grand children, one brother Roy of Lockwood, Missouri, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Will Price confessed his faith in Jesus Christ at the Cave Springs Baptist Church in the year 1932, and later united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Olive north of Greenfield, where he was a member at the time of his death. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were in the Mt. Olive Church conducted by Rev. Winford Davis. Burial was at Stockton, Missouri.

*When gray threads mar life's pattern
And seem so out of line,
Trust the Master Weaver
Who planned the whole design.*

*For in Life's choicest patterns
Some dark threads must appear
To make the rose threads fairer,
The gold more bright and clear.*

*The pattern may seem intricate
And hard to understand,
But trust the Master Weaver
And His steady, guiding hand.*

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Richwoods, Missouri

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys:

Here is our sub for the Gem. And I would like to include this short note along with it.

We had an all-day service on Sunday, August 22, with a basket dinner at the church. We had 119 in Sunday School. Then in the afternoon, we went to the creek and baptized nine. The Lord wonderfully blessed the whole day through.

We are trying to get a string band together for the League and pre-service time.

May God bless you in your wonderful work with the Gem is our prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Logsdon

AUGUST RECEIPTS DOWN

Foreign missions went begging in August to the tune of \$3,131.30. Says Rev. Raymond Riggs, secretary to the FM Board, "This, to be sure, is not good business." And we might add that no business—or enterprise—can long exist, to say nothing of succeeding, under this condition. And other departments and enterprises of the denomination seem to be harassed by the same limitations—lack of adequate funds. Your Gem itself can give the same testimony. So we often wonder about this often reoccurring dilemma, and try to analyse it.

Post mortems sometimes show up unpleasant facts, and sometimes nothing unusual at all. We do recognize the extended drought has exacted its toll. We are aware that it is taking more to operate the local church than ever before. We are painfully aware that living costs have soared. However, the polls and opinions of the experts is that there is nothing seriously out of joint in the economy. Punctuating their conclusions is the fact that most everyone is doing just about what they wish to do—including the purchasing of every convenience and contraption suiting the fancy. Witness the new automobiles, the television sets, the fine furniture, the remodeling of our homes, and innumerable other things reflecting our belief in a sound economy. And still foreign missions goes in the red for August \$3,131.30. Why? The post mortem does not supply the answer.

Frankly, the church population of the Free Will Baptist denomination and conditions as they were in August, 1954 *DOESN'T* justify the results. Nor should education, publications, superannuation, home missions, youth programs, or any other enterprise find it embarrassing to their operation because of insufficient finance.

Those who are loyal to these causes and contribute regularly to their support are a real reason for rejoicing and for continually thanking God. But there remains a serious number who maintain no deep interest in these or anything else, and respond meagerly or not at all until prompted, primed, petted and pumped into contributing something to one or the other of these departments. And as soon as the "shouting and tumult dies" they again perch on their pocketbooks until some later date when they are again coaxed

into another offering.

Yes, the exploratory incision has not revealed anything unusual or any alarming symptoms. God's plan—the tithe—will still work. Am I right or wrong? If you have the answer, the various departments of your church would be so grateful to receive it—especially in dollars and cents.

REVIVAL SCHEDULED

Plattsburg, Missouri

We are going to have our revival at my home church, Mt. Zion, north of Plattsburg, Missouri, beginning October 18. Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri, will be the evangelist. We have no pastor at present. Pray much for our meeting and for victory for the Master. We would like for you to come this way when you can.

We will have our local association with our Union Third Fork Church, Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in October through Saturday, with Rev. W. R. Rush of St. Joseph, Missouri bringing the introductory message.

We will also have our Fifth Sunday services with the same church. Pray much for these services also.

May the Lord bless you and your family.

Yours for the Master,

Melba White

LORD BLESSES NEW WORK IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Richton, Mississippi

The Free Will Baptist Family:

I will ask for space in our good paper to tell you of God's good blessings that He has given us since we have been here.

We held a tent revival in Pascagoula, Mississippi that ran 10 days. It started on June 28 and on Friday night, July 3, we organized it into another new Free Will Baptist church.

Also, we of this association adopted the Treatise of the National Association. Forty-one new members have been added to the four of our churches of the Quarterly Meeting. A Sunday School Convention has been organized.

We convened in one of our new churches on October. There was a full house from four of our churches.

Our Sunday School evangelist is Bro. Wyett Duncan; president, Bro. Tillis Walley; vice president, Bro. Austin Conway; secretary and treasurer, Sis. Darlene Palmer; assistant secretary, Sis. Jewell Mazingo; program committee, from the churches: New Love Well—Bro. William Brewer, Corinth—Bro. Dave Palmer, County Line—Bro. Matthew Mazingo, Bethel—Sis. Mary Lucille Conway. We will meet twice each year for our conventions, with a program from each church.

We have organized two Woman's Auxiliaries since we have been here.

We feel that God has richly blessed us in our work since coming here, which will be two years the last of October. We ask the prayers of all our brothers and sisters to pray for us in all our work.

Yours in His great service,

Mrs. J. T. Quick

ARKANSAS REVIVAL

Springdale, Arkansas

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines for the Gem. The Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church has just closed a revival in which 14 souls were saved, and for which we thank the Lord. Rev. Jake Gage of Pryor, Oklahoma, and Rev. Cecil Garrison of Huntsville, Arkansas did the evangelistic work. We do thank the Lord for both of them.

Thanks for letting us write this little note.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Jim Davidson,
Church reporter

NORTHEAST MISSOURI TO UNION THIRD FORK

The Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists will convene Friday, October 29, with the Union Third Fork Church. The introductory message will be by Rev. W. R. Rush of St. Joseph, Mo.

Business will be taken care of on Saturday, October 30, and the regular Fifth Sunday program will be the following day, October 31. The speaker for this program is to be chosen by the host church.

Rev. Mary Wellbaum
Associational Clerk

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

From a church bulletin:

Thou shalt not come to service late,
Nor for Amen refuse to wait.

Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
When speaks the organ its refrain.

But when the hymns are sounded out,
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.

The endmost seat thou shalt leave free
For more must share the pew with thee.

The offering-plate thou shalt not fear,
But give thine uttermost with cheer.

Thou shalt the minister give heed,
Nor blame him when thou are disagreed.

Thou shalt the bulletin peruse,
And look there for your church's news.

Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend
And, if a stranger, make a friend.

Thou shalt in every way be kind,
Compassionate of tender mind.

And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
Thou shalt show God within this place.

—Contributed

WHAT ABOUT SEGREGATION

We have never read where there is
segregation in hell.

We have never read where there is
segregation in heaven.

*Should there be segregation on
earth?*

—Church Bulletin

I CAN'T AFFORD IT

"I can't afford it," said Ray Long
queerly.

The other boy looked at him in
surprise.

"Can't afford it?" he repeated. "The
trip is free. Mel Wood has offered to
take the crowd over in his machine,
and Art Hasoles has agreed to stand
the hotel bill. I don't understand what
you mean by saying you can't afford
to go. There won't be a cent to pay."

"Yet I expect it will cost me more

than I want to pay and I must de-
cline," Ray repeated.

Ross Bickford wanted to know just
what Ray was driving at, but was
peevish at the other's refusal to go and
would not let him see his interest, so
turned his back on his friend.

Ray heard no more from them until
Monday noon. Then he saw Ross and
was surprised at the look on his face.

"Why, Ross, what's the matter?" he
inquired. "You look sick."

"I am sick," Ross replied, "but not
in the way you think. I'm sick at the
narrow escape I had from making a
fool of myself."

"What happened?" asked Ray.

"Oh, it wasn't so much what happen-
ed yesterday, although I was disgusted
with some things said and done by
the crowd! I never realized that in
spite of their position and money those
fellows were just plain vulgar."

"This morning the boss called me
into the office; said he was sorry, but
I would have to change the company
that I travel with or I could not con-
tinue in his employ; he did not think
I could afford to have the reputation
I would get by going with that crowd.
I'm glad I found out in time, for it
might have been too late. I see now
what you meant by not being able to
afford the trip. The cost is too high.
A fellow is surely known by the com-
pany he keeps."

—Selected

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR FATHERS

1 Thou shalt be the husband of one
wife; and thou shalt cleave unto her
until death do you part (Matt. 19:5,6;
cf I Tim. 3:12; Titus 1:6). Thou shalt
not shun the duty of fatherhood, for
children are an heritage of the Lord
(Ps. 127:3,5; cf Gen. 1:28).

2 Thou shalt take thy place as the
head of thy family and be the spiritual
leader and teacher, as well as the bread
winner (Deut. 11:18; Isa. 38:19; cf
I Tim. 5:8).

3 Thou shalt love thy wife and thy

children as thy own flesh (Eph. 5:
28,29).

4 Thou shalt correct and discipline
thy children when necessary (Prov.
13:24; 22:6,15; 23:13,14). But be care-
ful that thou train them by example
as well as by precept.

5 Thou shalt not discourage thy chil-
dren by unfairness or unjustifiable
wrath (Eph 6:3; Col. 3:21).

6 Thou shalt be a faithful father to
thy children and provide for them and
protect them from danger and harm—
moral and spiritual as well as physical
(Luke 11:11; I Tim. 5:8).

7 As a father thou shalt comfort thy
children (I Thes. 2:11).

8 Thou shalt turn thy heart toward
thy children, and be a companion to
them (Mal. 4:6).

9 Thou shalt leave an inheritance
for thy children, remembering that the
best inheritance that thou canst leave
them is thy own good name and the
remembrance of thy godly walk and
of thy prayers (Prov. 13:22).

10 Thou shalt make sure of the sal-
vation of thy own soul and thou shalt
seek to win all thy children to Christ,
that thy family circle be unbroken in
Heaven, lest thou beget children into
the physical world that shall be lost
in the world to come (Matt. 16:26;
Acts 16:31; John 3:16).

—A Church Bulletin

No matter how stony the path, some
forge to the front, and no matter how
easy the going, some lag behind.—Sel.

—o—

God has never been able to use any
man in a large way who could not be
trusted to faithfully handle small
matters.

—Selected

—o—

Salvation may come quietly, but you
cannot remain quiet about it. "And
they overcame him by...the word of
their testimony."

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