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F. F. Ortman

We thank Thee, Lord, for all the good
That we have had this year:
For raiment, shelter and for food,
For all the friends so dear.

We praise Thee for Thine only Son,
Who died to set us free;
We praise Thee for the victories won,
And for the light we see.

We thank Thee for Thy keeping power,
And for Thy saving grace;
For blessing us each day and hour,
With Thy sweet, smiling face.

We praise Thee for Thy blessed truth,
And for Thy love divine,
That leads us from our very youth
Until our years decline.

We thank Thee for Thy guiding hand,
And for the way of life,
That guides us safely through this land
Of darkness and of strife.

We praise Thee Lord for peace and rest,
That fills our very hearts;
For blessing us with all the best
That heaven can impart.

We thank Thee for Thy precious Word,
That feeds our hungry souls;
We thank and praise Thee, blessed Lord,
Who keeps us well and whole.

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and Mrs. Bullimore.

This part of the service was dis-
missed with prayer by Rev. Don Mc-
Coy, after which we gathered at the
shore of Casteel Creek to witness a
beautiful baptismal service. The fol-
lowing new converts, who were saved
during a revival at Mt. Zion Church,
followed Christ in baptism: Carl
Sloan, Mrs. Carl Sloan, Byrl Sloan,
Raymond Perkins, Clarion Lingo, Mrs.
Glenneda Spencer, Janette Tyer, Glad-
ys Boller, Betty Boller, Nadine Boller,
Gary House, Joyce Whitely and Eva
Coffey.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Marks Tyer

MY TESTIMONY FOR HIM

Friends of Christ, as I write this
testimony today, I want to say that
Christ means more to me than anyone.
He's a wonderful Saviour to me. Since
He saved my soul there has never been
another like Him, and there never will
be. I would like to say that if there
are any of you who are reading this,
and you know not Christ, I beg of you
to accept Him before it is eternally
too late. You know, God made it pos-
sible for us to be born again and to be
saved, with a plan in mind that we
would live for Him, serve Him, and
witness for Him, that others might
know His glorious truths also.

When November 25, 1954 comes, I
will have been a Christian three years,
and I've loved every moment of it.
There have been hard places, but oh,
how the Lord gave us grace to face
them. And the joy after winning a
victory over the devil, your worst
enemy! He'll try to stop me in the
days to come, and he'll try to stop
you. But take my advice and cling to
the Cross and you'll be saved. God
bless you.

Your Sister Servant in Christ,

Nancy Alexander
Monett, Missouri

**THIRTEEN BAPTIZED AT
FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING**

Gower, Missouri

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

The Northwest Missouri and North-
east Kansas Association of Free Will
Baptists convened in their regular ses-
sion of the Fifth Sunday Meeting with
the Union Fork Church near Easton,
Missouri on October 31.

The eleven o'clock message was
brought by Rev. O. T. Allred,
reading II Timothy 2:1-6 and James
4:15, speaking from the text, "For that
ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we
shall live, and do this, or that."

After a bountiful dinner at the noon
hour, the congregation was called to-
gether by singing, "I Love to Tell the
Story." The devotional Scripture was
read by Rev. O. T. Allred, followed
with prayer by Rev. Dave Homan. The
group was organized with Rev. Allred
presiding. The following officers were
elected: Mrs. Carl Sloan, president;
Curtis Coffey, vice president; Mrs.
Marks Tyer, secretary-treasurer. It
was decided to meet with the Mt.
Zion Church for the next meeting in
January.

The afternoon program was as fol-
lows. Duet by Eva Coffey and Joyce
Whitley. Duet, Karen and Twena
Woods. Song by Dixie Woods and
Iona Boyer. Piano solos, Janette Ty-
er. Sword Drill conducted by Mrs.
Marks Tyer. Winners were: Darrell
House, first; Velma Mae Perkins,
second; Janette Tyer, third. Duet, Mr.

Note: Nancy is one of our many fine
young people here in Monett. Still in
school, she views the realities of life
with seriousness; yet maintains a fine
sense of humor and has a wonderful
testimony for the Lord. She has al-
ready acknowledged a call to special
service for the Lord as one of His
ministers, and is preparing for a more
fruitful service in this calling. L.T.J.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Annual Missionary Conference at the Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the conference will be, "I am debtor... 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. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba. 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 co-operate 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 Dodd of the two mission departments will preside during the conference. The conference will close Thursday noon, November 25.

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THEME: "I am debtor... I am ready to preach..." Romans 1:14, 15

— Tuesday Evening - November 23 —

7:30—Conference opens with congregational singing Mr. Dowden
Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. T. G. Hamilton

7:50—Introducing the Conference program and the Conference personalities Rev. Raymond Riggs

8:00—Special music Bible College Music Department

8:05—The message, "I Am Debtor to Christ" Dr. L. C. Johnson

— Wednesday Morning - November 24 —

8:30—To His glory we sing, Bible College Music Department
Scripture reading and prayer, by Rev. Luther Sanders

8:45—"Where Christ has not been preached.. I am debtor," Tommy Willey

9:15—Special Music ... Bible College Music Department

9:20—Message Rev. T. H. Willey

10:05—Congregation sings

10:10—Message Rev. John Ruth

10:55—Recess

11:10—Morning worship

Congregational singing

Reading Scripture and prayer, by Rev. E. C. Morris

11:25—Special Music ... Bible College Music Department

11:30—"I Am Debtor to the Unconverted in the Homeland" .. Galen Dunbar

12:00—Benediction

— Wednesday Afternoon —

1:30—Worship time—song Bible College Music Department

Scripture reading and prayer, by Rev. Bob King

1:45—Message Rev. T. H. Willey

2:10—Special Music Bible College Music Department

2:15—"The Call of the North," Rev. John Ruth, Houlton, Maine

3:00—Benediction

— Wednesday Evening —

7:00—College Speech Department presents Vesper

8:00—"We Are Ready to Consecrate Our Lives to His Service"—the service of consecration, by Rev. Damon Dodd

8:10—Special Music Bible College Music Department

The service of giving, with the gifts being brought to the altar
Benediction

— Thursday Morning - November 25 —

9:00—"Come Ye Thankful People, Sing" Mr. Dowden
"Giving Thanks Always to God," Morning Meditations .. Laverne Miley

9:20—Special Music ... Bible College Music Department

Message Rev. Damon Dodd

10:00—Congregational singing

10:10—"For This We Are Thankful," the Thanksgiving Praise Service led by Rev. Raymond Riggs

10:45—Recess

11:10—The Morning Worship Hour

Congregational Singing

Special Music Bible College Music Department

Message Rev. T. H. Willey

Benediction

REVIVALS

We haven't heard from all the revivals that were in progress or scheduled recently around the country. Good reports have been coming in from several of them.

Rev. O. T. Allred closed revival services at the Mt. Zion Church in North west Missouri with a baptismal service on Sunday, October 31. There were eleven conversions during the revival, eight coming in one service. A total of 13 were baptized following the regular Fifth Sunday at the Union Third Fork Church. This church is 13 miles from Mt. Zion and helped in the revival services. Three of those baptized placed their membership at Union Third Fork, while Mt. Zion received 11 new members at the close of the revival. Others plan to join later. Both of these churches have been without pastors for the past several weeks, but both are now looking for new pastors. Union Third Fork plans to have a revival there soon.

Rev. Frank Linton, recently returned from California, writes that he is very busy, both in pastoral work and in evangelism. At the time of his letter, he was in revival at the Star Church near Seymour, Missouri.

Sis. Lorene Williford, Missouri's State Treasurer, writes from the Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, that they enjoyed a fine revival there with Rev. Don Ellis doing the preaching. Six souls were saved during the services. Five joined the church. Sis. Ramona Bough of Greenfield, Missouri assisted with the singing for the revival.

The Fellowship Church in Flat River closed revival late in October. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham did the preaching. Rev. Rolla Smith is the pastor. The First Church of Flat River was to commence revival services soon afterward, with Rev. James Franklin of St. Louis doing the preaching. Rev. C. H. Beasley is the pastor of First Church.

Who Shall Be Saved?

Wilbia Sell-Stockton, Missouri

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13.

These are words spoken by Jesus himself, and we must endure to the end. By that we mean to firmly stand for Christ, living holy, righteous lives, free from all sin. If we profess to know God and have sin in our lives we cannot, according to God's Holy Word, escape the pits of hell. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." Matthew 23:26-28.

If we continue on with daily sin in our lives we are a hypocrite in the sight of God, and Jesus makes it very plain what our reward will be: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Matt. 23:33.

We believe we cannot be a Christian unless we completely abide by God's laws. So many times we see people who are trying to fool themselves, and others, when they are not even keeping the ten commandments. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him." I John 2:4. This is what God has to say about the liar: "But the fearful, and murderers, and whoremongers, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8

So many are dishonoring our Lord's holy day. We find people, and some of them are leaders of the church, using Sunday for a day of their own

pleasure, while others are using God's day for material gain, trying to make an extra dollar.

God warned us that in the last days a form of Godliness would sweep over the land. We're seeing that very thing creeping into the churches as time after time services are held and the Spirit isn't present. "Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." II Timothy 3:5. God's houses are being used for socials such as soup suppers and neighborly parties. Moving pictures and even games are carried on in some churches. We believe this is grievous to God for He said in His Word, "And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves." Mark 11:17. It's our earnest prayer that those having a born again experience would really wake up and

see just where our churches are headed unless the Spirit of God is kept in them.

Individuals can't be saved in services where there is no spirit, for the Spirit must send the conviction that draws souls to the altar. The Apostle Paul has this to say about the Spirit, concerning our salvation, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

We realize that it's one thing to be saved and another thing to stay saved. We cannot stand still in serving God. We're either going forward with Christ or else we find ourselves slipping backward. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever." II Peter 3:18. "... To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." Heb. 3:15. "He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Proverbs 29:1.

GO YE THEREFORE

CHRIST HAD just made the declaration to His disciples: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Then He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20a.

No one can sit idly by and carry out the great commission. There is the "Go ye," to teach and practice. Now, we as Free Will Baptists, have set before us some definite goals which, by the help of God, are easily within our possibilities. But to accomplish the task, we must all be willing to put our shoulders to the wheel and "work," "pray," and "give."

May I remind you again of these suggested goals:

First—That more souls be won to Christ through our efforts than in any previous year.

Second—That we may see twice as many Free Will Baptist Churches

organized in this state this year as in any previous year.

Third—Every church supporting our denominational work through the State Co-Operative Fund. We recommend that the church tithe its income to this fund. The next best plan is to take a regular monthly offering and send to the State clerk-treasurer designated for the State Co-Operative Fund. The clerk will then allocate this as designated by the State Association—70 per cent to the National Co-Operative Fund and 30 per cent to be used in the state work.

Fourth—At the last association, it was agreed that our Youth Camp Board be authorized to improve the camp, modernizing it so that it would pass state requirements for sanitation, and that each church send regular offerings direct to Rev. William Reeves to be used for the improvement and maintenance of the Camp. Your Board has secured a loan of \$5,000 from the Bank in Marshfield to be used in making these improvements, and active work has already begun on the Camp. A few churches have started sending in their offerings. Now is the time for the rest of you pastors to get your

churches started with their regular offerings.

Fifth—The goal of 2,000 paid subscriptions to the Gem through which means our people can be kept informed as to the needs and progress of all phases of our work. And as we have been given this special subscription rate for this limited time, shall we all lend our support and put this over in a great way for the glory of the Lord and His work. Just think what it would mean if each church would do as some of our churches have done: put every family in the church on the mailing list for the Gem. It isn't what would be derived from the subscription money thus sent, but what the church paper coming into each Free Will Baptist home in the state would benefit them.

Shall we arise in the strength of the Lord to the task before us.

Rev. O. T. Allred,
State Moderator

YOUNG CHURCH GROWING; PASTOR'S HEALTH BETTER, NOW BUSY IN EVANGELISM

Phillips Chapel F.W.B. Church
Springdale, Arkansas

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Just a short report of some of our work in the Lord's service, as it has been some time since we wrote to the Gem.

The Lord surely has been good to us here at Phillips Chapel F.W.B. Church since we organized. There has been a large number of souls saved and a large number united with the church, for which we thank and praise the Lord.

In April of this year we conducted a revival at Hobbs, New Mexico. Rev. L. C. Pinson is the pastor. We were there nine nights and the Lord blessed 12 souls in the altar. Among them were some high school boys and girls. Bro. Pinson and his good wife are wonderful people to work with.

We have had two wonderful revivals here in this church this year. In March, Rev. Vivan Rhodes of Huntsville, Arkansas conducted a revival for us, and a large number of souls were saved. In September, Rev. Jake Gage of Pryor, Oklahoma and Rev. Cecil Garrison of Huntsville, Arkansas conducted a revival for us and again a

large number were saved, all of which we thank the Lord for.

We have just closed a ten-nights revival in Wichita, Kansas for Rev. Jack Ledbetter, who had started a work there with the help of some people that wanted to worship the Lord in the old fashioned way. The Lord is blessing them with souls. I don't believe I have ever worked with a more humble and consecrated people than those people were. At the close of the revival on Friday night, October 15, we organized a Free Will Baptist Church with 20 members, and there were others who couldn't be there that night that want to become members of the church there. The church called Rev. Jack Ledbetter for their pastor. His address is 125 South Osage, Wichita, Kansas.

The Lord willing, we will begin a revival at Jones Chapel Church near Stella, Missouri on Monday night, No-

vember 1 for Rev. Winford Davis who is the pastor. We do ask all of you who read this to pray for us.

We are glad to report that our health is better, and we are thankful that we can be back in evangelistic work, and beside that we are pastoring Phillips Chapel F.W.B. Church full time. So we want to close this report with the words of the Psalmist David in Psalm 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Also in verses five and six, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May God help us to weep over those that are lost, even as our precious saviour wept.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Tommie Day
Route 4, Box 54

JESUS IS THE ROCK

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:15-19.

When He was talking about "upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," He was talking of the confession that Peter made, saying to Him, "thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Friends, are you going to turn Christ down? Or will you be saved and enter into the kingdom of God? "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. You won't deny Christ will you? He died for our sins.

We are at a stage now where we need Jesus Christ more than ever. As you walk down the street you see one sinister thing upon another. You may see a man that will go to church, and come home to beat his wife. You see children drinking and getting drunk. You can see girls out on the streets late at night, going out with boys, at midnight and after.

My friends, if you only knew the sorrow that fills my heart when I see these things, you would try to do something about it. You see women going around on the streets half dressed. You hear men and women curse in front of their small children. When you see these small children curse and drink, you wonder why they do it. Now you know. Are you one of the people that does that?

Believe me friend, on that judgment day the Almighty will judge you. Do you want to be on His right hand, or do you expect to be on His left and hear Him say, "I never knew you?" Be saved today so you can be on His right hand. For friend, if you are on His left hand, you can blame no one but yourself. What if He were to call you now? Are you ready? *Are you ready to enter into His kingdom?*

Remember, He is no respecter of persons. That is one place you cannot talk your way out!

Billy Hillman (age 15)



From The Editor's Desk



THE SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Last month we inaugurated a subscription drive to increase our mailing list by 2,000 in the next few months. For this drive we have reduced the rate to only \$1.00 for the year. This is naturally a poor way to try to make money. However, we are very anxious to make that much increase in the number of subscribers. We believe that if we are to perform a useful service for our people, we must get the Gem out to every home possible. That is solely why we even considered making the drive and reducing the price during the campaign. February is set as the end of the drive. Therefore we will all have to be very busy during this time.

Response has been encouraging after a slow start. In the past few days the word has spread to new fields and several are taking the opportunity to subscribe. There is still a long way

shall call the Church Family Plan, the clerk-treasurer will supply us with the name of every family in the church. This list will be revised each month or as is necessary. On the basis of the revised list, we will send a statement to the clerk each month for the amount due for that month. In other words, if the church received Gems enough for 12 families for the month, we will send a statement for \$1.00 for that month. A church of 18 families would pay \$1.50 for the month, and so on according to the number of families. We think this is a very fine plan. We urge you to use it. It is a sure, easy way for every member of the church to receive the Gem.

We could name other churches and other individuals who are being very helpful in representing the Gem, both in Missouri and in other states. To each of you, our sincere thanks. You are responsible for the success of this drive, and we are depending on you to make it a success. I, personally, believe

error. Apparently it comes from the fact that we agreed to cooperate in the establishing of a national publication, and when—and only when—that publication was able to supply the service now offered by the Gem we would present this fact to the Missouri State Association with the logical assumption that the decision would no doubt be to suspend local operation in favor of said national paper. However, some have interpreted that if the latter paper survived it would automatically suspend us. This is indeed unfortunate.

The Contact has survived, and will continue to operate. We expected it to and have given every cooperation we know how to give for it to become a reality. But just because someone else builds a house down the block where it is badly needed is no reason to set fire to your own building, for it is sure to still be needed. I'm sure you get the picture. We have observed the simultaneous operation of the two

Bargain Rates are Now On

One Dollar for One Year

2,000 by February, 1955

to go to realize the increase we desire. However, it is apparent that we can do it—IF everyone will work at the job. If all our present readers will share this responsibility we will go far beyond the number asked for.

Our church at Copper Mines in Southeast Missouri merits a commendation. Through the tireless efforts of the pastor, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, and the clerk, Bro. Leamon Killian, the church is now a 100 per cent subscriber to the Gem. Some of these came in well before the current drive was started. So when we are able to realize the 2,000 increase we are also going to give them credit at the reduced rate, as we will all who have subscribed or renewed since the State Association. So it is to the interest of all to help us reach the goal.

Also a 100 per cent church is the Fellowship Church of Flat River, Missouri. This church is using a new plan to subscribe to the Gem and also to the Contact. In the plan, which we

you will make it a big success.

Correcting an Error

Somewhere, somehow a serious error is being promoted, either by accident or intentionally, that the Gem is out of operation or is committed to suspend operation at an early date. We really feel that it is an unfortunate interpretation of some statement or article from this office or from some official of the association. However or whatever the source, it is unfortunate and is working a hardship on some of our representatives and friends on the field. In one instance, one of our friends in an adjoining state approached a pastor and his church for subscriptions, only to be told, "They are out of operation. We can't invest in a publication that has ceased operation." In fact, we have found instances where the idea is promoted that we are committed to suspend operation. This definitely is an

publications for a year now. It has repeatedly surprised us that while the Contact is meeting an urgent need, it has apparently never minimized the usefulness of our own publication. A top-level conference has confirmed this opinion. There is not even a suggestion by National Officials that we limit or cease operation to favor them. *We just simply are not in conflict!* There is still ample reason for both publications—and probably will be for some time. Therefore, we are still very much in business for the Lord here, and are very anxious for your interest, your support and your subscription. We may have to alter methods from time to time, but our purpose is to deliver you the Gem—INDEFINITELY!

One Dollar for Two-Thousand

By February, 1955



THANKSGIVING

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father
 For goodness Thou hast shown
 To us in all our weakness;
 Thou hast our sorrows borne.
 For love that Thou hast, Father,
 For sinners lost, undone;
 For Christ, the great atonement,
 The gift of Thine own Son.

We thank Thee, Loving Father,
 For blood that freely ran
 On Calvery's cruel mountain:
 'Twas shed for every man,
 To make the crimson spotless—
 White as the driven snow—
 The cleansing stream for sinners
 That live on earth below.

We thank Thee, Almighty Father,
 For sunshine and for rain,
 For health, food and for comfort.
 In sickness and in pain,
 For churches and the people
 Who love Thee, whose hearts sing
 Praises for your goodness, and
 Thank Thee for everything.

Eld. Austin Mullin,
 Saffeel, Arkansas

CLASS VISITS NASHVILLE

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

We at South Side had a wonderful

revival, with Bro. Riggs bringing the messages. Several were saved, and others rededicated their lives to the Lord, and we thank the Lord for them. The revival also helped the Christians so much.

Recently, Bro. Chesley Hill took the Sunday School class to Nashville, Tennessee. From the reports they had a fine time. Bro. Chesley, your's tops with our young folks. I thank the Lord for Bro. Chesley and the interest he is taking with the young people. It keeps them off the streets with his leading them.

The quartet from Nashville Bible College was at our church for the revival. They consisted of our boys: Brothers Bob, Don and Bill Hill, and Johnny Vick. They did a fine job.

Remember South Side in your prayers that we may continue to grow and keep in the Lord's will.

Yours in Christ,
 Rev. James Franklin, pastor
 Olive M. Reeds, Secretary

**YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT
 SEEKS HELP IN HIS STAND
 IN DEFENSE OF KING JAMES
 TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE**

The following is parts of a letter received recently from one of our very fine young men, now a student in one of the leading universities of the land.

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

I received my Bible (King James) a few weeks ago. Already I have grown to like it very much.

Now I have another favor to ask of you. I would like some of your collection of Scriptures on how the Revised Version of the Bible is trying to destroy the diety of the Son of God. Also, if you can refer to any particular data on the men who wrote it as to whether they were inspired of God.

The reason I would like to have this information is because I have a class in Life and Literature of the Old Testament. Sometimes we conflict in the different interpretations by the two Bibles, and since I do not have a Revised Bible, I cannot find very much grounds to rebuttle.

Sincerely yours,

Signed by the student

**IMPORTANT WORKING IS
 SET FOR YOUTH CAMP**

November 29 - December 4 has been set as work days at the Youth Camp. It is hoped that a considerable number of volunteer workers will assemble to expedite the improvement program of the Camp. Come and stay as long as you can. Meals will be served at the camp. Sleeping accomodations can be arranged.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



Advancing With Christ

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CO-LABORER PLAN

The Co-Laborer Plan is the united efforts of all our women to support all causes of our denomination that are included in our Plan of Work. Your support means that we can give more to missions and education. Two-thirds of your funds sent to WNAC office will be allocated to the treasurers of the National Association boards as follows: Foreign Missions, 50%; Home Missions, 20%; and Bible College, 30%. One third of each dollar is retained in WNAC treasury for promotional work, literature and expense. This is your WNAC Financial Plan. Join with us and send an offering to your WNAC Treasurer, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. *Support all causes!*

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Missouri

Dear Auxiliary Workers:

I am so happy to come and to say a good morning to all of our dear friends and workers everywhere. I love our Free Will Baptist Gem so very much. It keeps us informed about our work everywhere. I wouldn't want to do without it, and I thank God for our good editors, Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys. They are doing a splendid work for the Lord. So I say God bless everyone everywhere who have a part in the progress of our work in any way.

We of the Fellowship Auxiliary met on October 28 for our all day service and fellowship. The theme of our program was Working for the Cause of Missions. A wonderful service was rendered, and the Spirit of the Lord was felt throughout the program. A lovely dinner was served at the noon hour, and the fellowship enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon, we went to a home in the country and had a prayer meeting with some of the friends of the church. Again the Lord blessed our

hearts. For all these blessings we can say, "Thank You, Lord."

Pray for us at the Fellowship Church that God will ever keep us humble in His service.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, reporter

WANDA EDWARDS FUND

(Continued from last report to November 8, 1954.)

Cash Received:

Mine LaMotte (for supplies) ...	\$25.00
Union Light	50.00
Desloge	7.00
Farmington Mission	25.00
District W.A.C., Illinois ..	35.00
Mill Creek	12.60
Mill Creek League	15.00
Boys Intermediate S.S. Class,	
Desloge	5.00
Fredericktown League	10.00
Madison County S.S. Convention	50.00
Salem Ladies' Aid	10.00
St. Francois Co. W.A.	25.00

Gifts Received (approximate values):

Anonymous—white hose	\$ 5.00
Boys' Intermediate S.S. Class of	
Desloge—Medical Supplies ...	
Young Married Couples' Class,	
Leadington—Shower of supplies and personal garments ..	98.00
Kirksville W.A.—Potato masher,	
12 wash cloths, 3 pair pillow cases, 4 dish towels, 2 towels..	

Gratefully yours,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

NEBRASKA FWB CHURCH ORGANIZES AUXILIARIES

Nebraska's only Free Will Baptist Church now has a Woman's Auxiliary. The church was organized October 8, 1954 with 15 members and Rev. George Lee as pastor. The Woman's Auxiliary was organized on November 4 with seven women present. The meeting was at 9:30 a. m. with the pastor's wife in charge. The women

elected officers and listened to Mrs. Lee's explanation of the aims and purposes of the women's group.

Officers elected were:

Mrs. George Lee, president Mrs. Maude Argo, vice-president; Mrs. Don Carlson, youth auxiliary director; Mrs. Howard Felps, study course chairman; Mrs. Dale Wilcox, program and prayer chairman; Mrs. Harold Bisland, personal service chairman and Mrs. Curtis Thienel, secretary and treasurer.

Organized with seven charter members and one auxiliary member, the Shelton Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. We have weekly cottage prayer meetings in the mornings where we are planning a week of prayer before Thanksgiving.

The G.T.'s were organized on November 12 with four boys and one girl from 9 to 13 years. They elected the following officers:

David Thienel, president; Bobby Carlson, vice-president; Lynn Thurston, secretary and Bobby Thienel, treasurer.

They plan to pay 10 cents a month dues. Part of this is to go to a missionary friend of Mrs. Lee. This group is working now on plans for a Christmas program.

—Contributed

INSTALLS ORGAN

First F.W.B. Church
Flat River, Missouri

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

It is indeed a pleasure to write to you about our mission work. It has been some time since we have reported. Our work is going forward, and we are growing and working in a wonderful way.

I know the Lord is pleased and glorified in the way our new pastor carries on the work here. Rev. and Mrs.

H. C. Beasley are fine people. They have so much love of God in their hearts, as you will know when you meet them. They have three children, and they also love the Lord.

Our Mission is doing a fine work. We have time for a one hour devotion each Wednesday at 1:30. We enjoy singing, praying and shouting in the way the Lord leads. There is always the Scripture lesson.

The Lord blessed our Mission with a new organ for the church recently. It cost several thousand dollars. The devil said it was too much money to put in a church. No doubt you will be surprised at the amount of wealth the devil takes in over each weekend.

The Lord is soon coming for those that love and serve Him. Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, reporter

MONETT AUXILIARY MEETS AT CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett met at the church for the regular meeting. To open the session, the group joined in singing "More About Jesus," after which Mrs. Harry Stairs of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a guest at the meeting, led in prayer.

The lesson for the afternoon was taken from the yearbook and entitled "His Command, My Task . . . To Go." Mrs. Will Gates read the devotional from the first chapter of same. Those discussing topics were Mrs. Bill Medlin, Mrs. Bennie Smith, Mrs. Ralph Shirum and Mrs. O. T. Alhed.

Mrs. Nolan Thomas, auxiliary president, presided during the business meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and roll call was answered with favorite Bible verses.

Vice-chairmen made reports and announcement was made that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dan Smith, with Mrs. Ralph Shrum as the co-hostess.

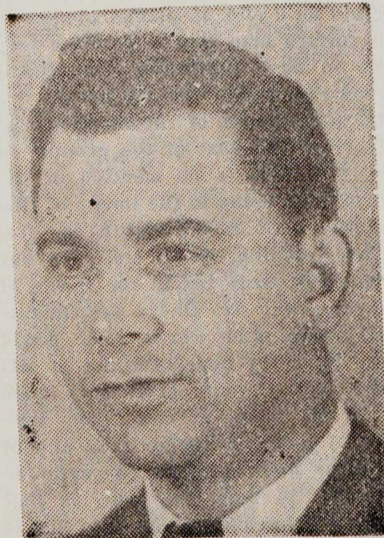
Note: The Monett W.A. now has 50 members.

The vast army of criminals, is ten times greater than the number of students in our colleges and universities.

—J. Edgar Hoover

REV BEASLEY NEW PASTOR NORTHEAST MISSOURI FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri, located corner of Emerson and Cedar Streets, now have a new Hammond organ which was installed in the sanctuary October 19, 1954. Funds for the organ were provided by the Woman's Mission of the church, of which Mrs. Floyd Scott serves as president. Mrs. Albert Lee McFarland will be the organist, assist-



Rev. H. C. Beasley

ed by other ladies of the church. Mr. McFarland is the choir director, and Rev. H. Beasley is the new pastor.

Rev. H. C. Beasley, with his wife and three children, Wanda, Darrell and Timmy, have moved to Flat River, where Rev. Beasley has accepted pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church. He succeeds Rev. Fred Kirby who, with his family have accepted pastorate in the Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri. Rev. Beasley came to Flat River from Breckenridge, Michigan where he held a very successful pastorate for the past four years.

While a member of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists in that state, he served in the position of Assistant State Moderator, and was a member of the Superannuation Board. Rev. Beasley left behind a host of Christian friends in moving to Flat River to serve his new pastorate.

The Church is currently in revival. Rev. James Franklin, pastor of the South Side Church in St. Louis, is the evangelist.

An overflow crowd attended the Fifth Sunday Meeting of Free Will Baptists in Northeast Missouri which convened with the Graysville Church, October 31, 1954. Sunday School was at 10:00 o'clock, with worship service following. The worship hour opened with congregational singing. Rev. J. E. Corey read for his Scripture, Luke 10:38-42. His subject was, "One thing is needful." After prayer, he delivered a very inspiring message. An invitation hymn was sung. We were dismissed by Rev. Stanley Letterman. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by the president, Sis. Myrtle Jones. The congregation sang, "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Prayer by Rev. Stanley Letterman. "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation. The president read the 23rd Psalm for a Scripture lesson. The congregation also sang, "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds." The minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Letters from New Harmony, Hazel Creek and Kirksville Auxiliaries were read. The next meeting will be with the Martinstown Church. Rev. Stanley Letterman will be bringing the eleven o'clock message; with Rev. Wayne Parsons, alternate.

The following program was enjoyed. Two duet numbers by Marjorie Shrake and Dorothy Cornelison. Play—"Be Our Guest," the Martinstown Church. Solo—"If I Could Live My Life Over," Mrs. Velma Wellman. Play, "As A Twig Is Bent," Hazel Creek Young People. Song, "God Is Love," Kirksville Junior girls. Congregational number, "When I See the Blood." Sword Drill by the Intermediates, with the winners as follows: First—Wanda Burgin; second—Shirley Christman; third—Patty Drennan. Song by the congregation, "This World Is Not My Home." Play—"The Lord's Messenger," Graysville Church. The congregation sang, "Where He Leads Me." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wayne Parsons.

Leona Thompson, Secretary

Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of people alone. The people themselves are its only safe depositories.

—Thomas Jefferson

Created - Formed

In writing this article, there is no intention of teaching doctrinal points, neither is there any intention of causing any dissension or strife with those who might disagree with the views revealed in the Scriptures given, but only that honest hearts wanting to know and searching for truth might know the truth as given in the Word. There has been and still is a teaching going forth, teaching a sixth day creation and an eighth day formation of man. The teaching is that there was a race of people created, by the spoken word of God, called the sons of God (Gen. 6:1, 2) on the sixth day of creation (Gen. 1:26, 27) and that Adam was not of this created race, and the first man created. In fact, that he was not created at all but was formed of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7), not on the sixth day but on the eighth day after God had rested on the seventh day.

I never have been able to see such a teaching from the Word, and after several years of careful, prayerful study of the Word on this subject, I find no contradictions in God's Word against Adam being the first man created, and that he, Adam, was actually created on the sixth day. On the other hand I find that if we try to uphold the theory, or heresy, of a sixth day creation and an eighth day formation, the Bible becomes a book of contradictions. The Bible's statements of the creation of man are distinct and clear and with no contradictions. In the first chapter of Genesis we have a general account of all creation including the creation of man as the finish, the most perfect of all creation but without the minute details. In Gen. 1:27 we have the general statement that God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he them. (Note the Word plainly states that the sixth day creation was MAN and not SONS OF GOD, also that male and female were both man.) as Paul says, "Neither male or female, but one in Christ Jesus." In Gen. 2:7 we find a more minute or detailed description of just how God formed man. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;

and man became a living soul." As we read through this second chapter we do not find any direct statement that God called this formed man Adam; in other words, nothing in this chapter to show directly that God named the formed man Adam, but we do find the name Adam used six times in connection with and, so plainly applies to this formed man that it becomes very clear to any reasonably intelligent person that Adam was his name.

In this account of the formation of man from the dust of the ground, in Gen. 2:7 there is no mention of the formed man being in the image of God and according to the eighth day formation teaching, Adam and Eve, our foreparents, were not in the image of God, and we as their descendants never were, and worse still, would never have the hope of being in His image, and if our foreparents were not in the image of God, then they were no better or higher than any of the other beast creation (*because the difference in man and beast is that man has a knowledge like unto God to think, plan, build, etc., whereas beasts do not*), and the teaching of the evolutionists that our foreparents were monkeys might well be true and we are their descendants. I thank God, that His Word is clear and plain and delivers us from such a sad condition and in Gen. 5:1, 2 we find this clear truth revealed: "*This is the book of the generations of Adam.*"

In the day that God created man, in the likeness and image of God MADE he him, male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. We see clearly from these Scriptures that Adam was created, and this account in Gen. 5:1, 2, harmonizes perfectly with the two previous accounts of Gen. 1:26, 27, and Gen. 2:7. There are some details made plain here about Adam that were not brought out in either of the other accounts. This definitely states Adam was created, and not only that he was created, but that he was created in the likeness of God and that God blessed them as He did the created man in Gen. 1:27, 28. It certainly is clear that this created Adam of Gen. 5:1,

2 is the same Adam as the formed Adam of Gen. 2:7. Also it ought to be clear that the words CREATED and MAKE in Gen. 1:26, 27, FORMED in Gen. 2:7 and CREATED and MADE in Gen. 5:1, 2 are in meaning one and the same thing and are used interchangeably.

The objection has been made by eighth day formation teachers that it would be foolish to think God would give an account of the creation three times. God does not give an account of the creation three times in these 1st, 2nd, 5th chapters of Genesis but does give more detailed account of portions of the creation in 2nd and 5th chapters than in the first, but in the Scriptures there are many times, several accounts of the same incident, as Hezekiah's sickness given in Isaiah 38 and in II Kings 20 and many other incidents throughout both Old and New Testaments, I could give if time and space would permit. "We are recreated or renewed in knowledge after the image of him who created us." Col. 3:10. If Adam, the formed man, was not created in the image and likeness of God, then according to the teachings of the eighth day formationists, the created race was all destroyed in the flood and we do not descend from those created in the image and likeness of God, but from Adam, a formed man and is impossible for us to be recreated or renewed in knowledge after the likeness of one whom our father, Adam never bore. John says, "Beloved, it doth not yet appear what we shall be like, but we know when he shall appear, we shall be like him." 1 John 3:2. Praise the Lord!

Speaking of the created race being the sons of God as taught by eighth day formationists, Adam was the son of God. Luke 3:38. The truth of this is that the sons of God and the daughters of men as mentioned in Gen. 6:2, means that man is spoken of and regarded as sons of God because Adam came direct from the hand of God, and the woman as daughters of men because Eve came out of man after man had been created, and not directly from the ground as did Adam. "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 1 Cor. 11:3. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is

the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man." 1 Cor. 11:7-9.

In the Apocrypha of the Bible, II Esdras 6:53, 54, it reads as follows: "Upon the sixth day thou gavest commandment unto the earth, that before thee it should bring forth beasts: cattle and creeping things: And after these, Adam also, whom thou madest out of all thy creatures: OF HIM COME WE ALL, and the people also whom thou hast chosen."

I do not quote this as authority outside of the Bible, but with the Bible and the account of the creation of man and beast agree, exactly with the account in the first chapter of Genesis, and Esdras makes the plain statement that Adam was created or made on the sixth day. The statement is in perfect harmony with Genesis 1: 26, 27; 2:7, and 5:1, 2. The objection is raised by eighth day teachers that there had to be other people on the earth for Cain to find a wife and the Scripture quoted for proof of this statement as follows: "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the East of Eden. And Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bare Enoch." Gen. 4:16, 17. The expression "KNEW HIS WIFE" does not refer to meeting or getting acquainted with her in the land of Nod, but clearly means he knew her in the marital relationship as the next words clearly show. "And she conceived and bare Enoch." Also the same expression is used in Gen. 4:1. "And Adam knew Eve his wife and she conceived and bare Cain." Also in the 25th verse of the same chapter, "And Adam knew his wife again, and she bare a son and called his name Seth." Gen. 4:25. Also in Luke 1:30, 34. Clearly meaning she had known no man in marital relationship. *Adam lived in all nine hundred thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.* Gen. 5:4, 5. Josephus tells us Adam and Eve had thirty-three sons and twenty-three daughters. Plenty of daughters for Cain to find a wife, it seems to me. Adam was one hundred thirty years old from the time of his creation when Seth was born, Gen. 5:3, and there may have been several daughters between that time and Cain and Abel or even before their birth where Cain could have gotten his wife. For instance it was the custom all through the Bible in

giving generations to record only the first-born son's name. See Gen. 5:6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 25, 28. In all these instances only the first-born son's name was recorded and in hundreds of others throughout the Bible. It would be very strange indeed if in all the hundreds of such examples in the Scriptures there should not be a girl child born first. Girls did not count; it was the man child that counted to carry down through succeeding generations the family name, even as it is today. Another Scripture that sounds very much like Adam and Eve might have had children before Cain was born while they were yet in the Garden of Eden is found in Gen. 3:16. "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." This verse clearly teaches that even before the disobedience in the garden it had been clearly understood between Adam and Eve and God that they were to multiply and bring forth children, but without the great sorrow and suffering of bringing children into a world of sin and suffering, as after the fall. There is a slight suggestion that Eve might already know something about child-bearing. This verse agrees perfectly with Gen. 1:28: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it."

Remember the command in the last quotation was to the sixth day creation man, and we do not find any such command given to the formed man of Gen. 2:7, although it seemed it was clearly understood by Adam and Eve in Gen. 3:16, that they were to be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, if indeed they had not been doing so already. But in Gen. 3:20, while they were still in the garden and before any mention had been made of Cain's birth we have a "*More sure word of prophecy*", "*whereof we are exceeding glad*." "And Adam called his wife's name Eve: because she was the mother of all living." This is very clear and definite. Note that the phrase, *was the mother of all living*" is given in the past tense. If there were no living, then it is clear that Eve was not a mother at all and the above quoted verse is incorrect and God's Word cannot be depended upon.

If "*Eve was the mother of all living*," then the thing is in the past and she had living children, but no mention of Cain's birth until in Gen. 4:1. "After they had been cast out of the garden and the cherubims, and flaming sword placed at the east of the garden to guard the tree of life."

The eighth day teachers teach that the created race was separate and distinct from the formed race and were not Adam and Eve's descendants. If that be true, then the created race was not a living people but were dead, because God's Word says, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the Mother of all living." Again the teaching of an eighth day formation of man I find very contradictory to the word, because I find the Word reads like this:

"Thus the heavens and the earth were FINISHED, and ALL THE HOST OF THEM. And on the seventh day, God ended his work which he had MADE; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had MADE." (Note the word "made" is twice used here speaking about the things the Word had clearly said were "created" Gen. 1:1 and 3:4. The words created, formed and made are constantly used interchangeably. "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his works which God CREATED AND MADE". Gen. 2:1, 2, 3. I can see no possible room for God to begin work of creation again on the eighth day, when the Word is so clear that the heavens and earth and all the host of them were finished in six days and God rested the seventh day. Seven denotes completeness all through the Word. Again we read in Exodus 20:11: "For in SIX DAYS the Lord made HEAVEN AND EARTH, the SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." No room left, and nothing left to create on the eighth day. In concluding this little treatise I want to give one more Scripture from God's precious Word to show clearly that Adam, our forefather, was truly created in the likeness and image of God and was truly the first man ever created.

We read in I Cor. 15:45: "And so it is written, the FIRST MAN ADAM was made a living soul: the last Ad-

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**QUARTERLY REPORT
OF STATE TREASURER**

JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 1954

STATE ENTERTAINMENT

Niangua Association	\$ 10.00
Leadington	23.80
Desloge	25.00
Wagoner	10.00
Fellowship	50.00
Indian Creek Association	25.00
C.W. Missouri Association	15.00
Graysville	10.00
Martinstown	10.00
Liberty Association	20.00
Verdella	10.00
Woman's State Auxilliary Com.	25.00
Niangua Association	6.00
Harmony Association	5.00
Cave Springs Association	25.00
By Jones Chapel Clerk*	224.91
(*Includes individual gifts to Jones Chapel Church for State Entertainment.)	
Total	\$633.21

CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Carterville	\$ 39.24
Hannon	28.14
Salem	11.00
Hazel Creek	102.09
Black Oak	9.30
Mt. Valley	21.80
Copper Mines, Golden Gate....	82.19
St. Louis, Third	39.22
Greentop	15.45
Union Light	18.54
Kirkville	123.33
Fredericktown	161.73
South Side, St. Louis	90.00
C.W. Mo. Ministers Conference	11.16
Rock Chapel	27.60
Oak Grove	9.00
Twin Oak	19.60
Fellowship	293.90
Merls Chapel	60.85
Leadington	132.00
Sublette	28.16
Flat River First	211.59
St. Louis Fourth	20.00
Mine LaMotte	37.05
Verdella	21.47
New Prospect S.S.	11.64
Niangua Quarterly Meeting ...	5.00
Myrtle	28.55
Hickory Grove	17.56
Desloge	39.37
Kansas City	30.00
Pleasant Grove	8.00
Mill Creek	72.70
Total	\$1,750.55

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 44.19
Flat River First	104.45
Fellowship	75.00
Verdella	84.71
Independence	5.15
Coppermines S.S.	16.30
Union Light S.S.	35.90
Desloge Mission	7.50
Joplin	25.69
Mine LaMotte	2.32
Wolf Creek	15.00
Hartville	26.74
Low Ground	26.00
Monett	23.71
New Harmony D.V.B.S.	32.05
New Harmony Mission	2.65
Fredericktown	16.89
Indian Creek Association	16.66
Total	\$560.91

MISSIONS

Rock Chapel	\$ 60.95
Graysville D.V.B.S.	23.61
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 10.00
Flat River First	56.05
Macedonia	74.45
Indian Creek Association	10.00
Old Bethel	24.95
Mrs. A. L. DeWeese	6.00
Total	\$266.01

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 6.59
South Side, St. Louis	10.00
Total	\$ 16.59

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Monett	\$ 6.60
Indian Creek Association	16.66
Total	\$ 23.26

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE

Jewell and Mulberry D.V.B.S. .	\$ 5.56
Hazel Creek Beg. & Prim. Class	6.20
Total	\$ 11.76

BIBLE COLLEGE

Monett	\$ 23.71
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SUPERANNUATION

Monett	\$ 9.48
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YOUTH CAMP

Monett	\$ 5.31
C.W. Mo. Association	27.10
Total	\$ 32.41

CO-LABORER FUND

Monett Auxilliary	\$ 35.37
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Fredericktown Ladies Mission .	5.00
Total	\$ 40.37

GENERAL EXPENSE

Laclede County Association ...	\$ 6.50
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EDWARDS FUND

Hazel Creek D.V.B.S.	\$ 26.71
Verdella D.V.B.S.	3.67
Mountain Grove	11.00
State W.A. Convention	196.22
Kirkville Church	10.00
Hazel Creek W.A.	5.00
Total	\$252.60

HANNA FUND

St. Louis Third	\$ 70.00
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GEM

Monett	\$ 9.48
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**NEW THAYER CHURCH
IN BUILDING PROGRAM**

Dear Bro. Jeffreys and Staff:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are progressing at the newly organized Free Will Baptist Church at Thayer, Missouri.

Although we have had the misfortune to lose one of our deacons through death. Yet, things have been moving along quite well. The membership now stands at 61, with a good prospect of many more that will join in the near future.

The ladies of the church recently held a bake sale which netted \$82.00 which went for the building fund. The timber for the building is now being cut. Construction on the new building is planned to start very soon. The people of the church are very zealous and are anxious to get started on the building project. Anyone having a contribution that you would like to send to this endeavor may do so, and it will be deeply appreciated.

As yet the church hasn't called a full-time pastor. However, I have accepted the work on a part time basis until they do call a full time pastor. Although there isn't preaching every Sunday, still the Sunday School and League attendance is very good. For example, this Sunday the Sunday School attendance was 73, with the League attendance being 76.

While we are reporting, I might add that the other half-time church of

which I am pastor has seen an increase in the last year from a Sunday School average of about 35 to 60. Just last meeting day saw the old record broken, with the attendance being 76. We also saw one conversion in the morning service. This is the Royal Oak Free Will Baptist Church near Alton.

Then with the writer of old we may say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Pray for us in our endeavors.

Sincerely yours in His name.

Rev. Kieth Johnson
Route 1
Alton, Missouri

REVIVAL IN TEXAS

Huntsville, Texas

Dear Co-Laborers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful and victorious Christ.

It has been some time since we have written, but we have not forgotten you. We have just closed, or rather conducted a revival in Midland, Texas with Bro. J. A. C. Hughes and his

Church. We had victory from the very start. Five young men were saved first, then others until the number reached 20. We were there less than two weeks. Eleven united with the church, six were baptized, and more plan to join and be baptized. We have heard from there since we left, and they have had conversions every Sunday night. They wrote that three were saved last Sunday night. Bro. Hughes has done a good work in Midland. He tells me that they plan to build a new rock building in the near future.

We are still in Huntsville, and ask your prayers for our church. We are not the pastors and haven't been for two years. We are just filling in. We are trying to get some one. Pray that we make no mistake, and pray for us in a financial way as our church is weak and needs help. I know God is able and everything belongs to Him.

We trust and pray that as the old year goes out that all of our reports will be good. The harvest is so white and the reapers are few. May God bless our Gem family and all of its readers is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

VISITS "FIRST LOVE"

Dear Bro. Thigpen:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the opportunity and privilege of visiting your church recently in the interest of our foreign mission program. As you know, we visited several of the churches in Michigan and the response in every case was most encouraging.

Michigan, of course, is my "first love" in the Gospel Ministry, and to come home after 14 months of work on the field, and to see the growth and progress among our churches, and to have fellowship with loved ones and friends is an experience I shall never forget. There just isn't any substitute for good Christian fellowship, and of course it is sweeter when it is with your own people. This is one thing our missionaries on the foreign fields miss most—fellowship with their own people.

This is the report of the recent visit to Michigan.

Clark Street Church, Monroe—175 \$19.36 received.

Highland Park Church (three services)—450, 500, 800 attended, \$1,000.00 in offering, two conversions.

Ten Mile Church, Hazel Park—175 present, \$101.88 received, \$1,750.00 was pledged, 12 dedications.

Lansing Gospel Temple, Lansing—125 present, \$26.00 received.

Free Will Baptist Temple, Detroit—200 present, \$155.81 offering, \$510.00 pledged.

Bethel Missionary Baptist (Womans Auxiliary)—25 attended, \$10.46 total offering.

Ten Mile Prayer Band—offering was \$10.00, pledged \$10.00 per month.

Total received was \$1,323.51.

Thanks again for your splendid response, and may you continue in this phase of our Lord's work.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Riggs

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION ONE OF BEST EVER

The Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Stigler on October 19-21. Rev. F. A. McCage is the pastor there.

This was the Forty-Sixth Annual session of Oklahoma State Association. There were more than 580 ministers, delegates and visitors present for this—one of the best state meetings ever.

Rev. Dale Munkus, pastor of the Air Port Church of Tulsa, brought the introductory message Tuesday evening, October 19. On Wednesday morning, Mr. Jack D. Stickley, City Manager of Stigler, brought the welcome address to the association. Rev. John Elliston, Okmulgee pastor, gave the response to the welcome. Rev. M. L. Sutton from Texas brought the message at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. I. W. Yandell of Oklahoma City delivered the message on Wednesday evening. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell of Ada brought the message at 11:00 a.m. Thursday.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, Bible College President, brought greetings from the

college at Nashville, and from the students in Bible College. Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, national executive secretary, also of Nashville, spoke for a few minutes. Another out of state visitor was Rev. Willard C. Day of Missouri.

Many reports were given, and much business was taken care of to further the cause of Christ. Officers for the year are: Rev. John H. West, pastor of Tulsa First Church, re-elected as moderator. Rev. Harry E. Staires, pastor of Lawnwood Church in Tulsa, re-elected as assistant moderator. Rev. Weldon Wood, pastor at First Church in Ada, re-elected clerk. Rev. Robert (Bob) Duncan, pastor First Church of Norman, re-elected assistant clerk. And Rev. Delbert Akin, pastor at Tecumseh, re-elected executive secretary.

Our yearly association will meet next October at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, where Rev. Jack Dodson is the pastor.

Mrs. John B. Elliston

EVANGELIST

We have received word that Rev. Harry Sterling, 302 North Terry, Carterville, Missouri, is available for evangelistic work. Bro. Sterling is full time pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church near Anderson, Missouri. You may also contact him by phoning 954W, Webb City, Missouri.

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 am was made a quickening Spirit." This is very clear that the first man was Adam, and very clear that Adam was the first man, therefore he was the created man of Gen. 1:27.

To God's truth-seeking children I prayerfully dedicate this little treatise on the creation, with the earnest desire that it may prove a great blessing to many troubled, hungry hearts.

—Evangelist R. E. Griffith,
 Gray, Oklahoma

TWO QUESTIONS

Here are two questions that should be easy to answer. Yet I do not believe that any honest person can answer them, and still believe the oneness doctrine..

Question number one—Who is a Mediator?

Question number two—Between what two parties did Christ act as Mediator?

You can find the answer to the first question in any good dictionary.

Answer—A Mediator is one who mediates; one who interposes between parties at variance, to reconcile them. Then to mediate is to interpose between parties as the equal friend of each to effect a reconciliation.

Jesus was the only one that was equally related to both God and man. Therefore, He was the only one that could act as Mediator between God and man. He was begotten by the Father (John 3:16) through the medium and power of the Holy Ghost. That made Him related to God. He was born of woman. That made Him akin to the human family.

Answer to question number two: Paul said, "...we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son . . ." Romans 5:10. He also stated that ". . . there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." I Tim. 2:15.

There are many places in the Scriptures where God called Jesus His Son and where Jesus called God His Father. Jesus said that His Father was greater than He was (John 14:28). Paul preached that Christ was the Son of God (Acts 9:20). The Scriptures were ". . . written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son

of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31.

John said, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." I John 4:15. Yet there are some that do not believe that Jesus is God's Son. They say that Jesus is all the God there is. I repeat the second question. If Jesus is all the God there is, between what two parties did He act as Mediator?

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



J. F. IRWIN

Joshua Francis Irwin, son of James and Mary Abigail Irwin, was born August 7, 1857, and departed this life October 25, 1954, at the age of 97 years, two months and 18 days. He was born in Madison County, Missouri and lived here most of his life. He was united in marriage in 1873 to Sarah McBay. To this union eight children were born. His wife and four of the children preceded him in death. In later years he was married to Sarah Rosetta Stacy, and to this union nine children were born. This companion and six of the children preceded him in death. In 1933 he was married to Eveline Wilson, who also preceded him in death.

He joined the Free Will Baptist church some 40 years ago, with his membership remaining with them.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Mrs. Pearl Irwin; seven of his children: Jim and Alfred of Fredericktown, Mrs. Mary Kennedy and Mrs. Mandy Tuggle of Fredericktown, Leo

and Irwin of St. Louis, and Fannon of San Francisco, California; 22 grand children, 55 great grandchildren, and 26 great great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Leslie Logsdon of Richwoods and Rev. Marvin Tuggle of St. Louis, with burial in the Christian Cemetery at Fredericktown, Missouri.

COMPLETE NEW BUILDING AFTER DISASTROUS FIRE

The Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church is now in a new building, with full size basement, and heated by two gas floor furnaces. The opening day of services was held on September 12, 1954, with an all day program.

Cost of the new building without the furnaces was \$4,332.95. There is an indebtedness of \$1,400.00 still standing.

A very good revival was just closed, with 26 conversions. The evangelist was the pastor Rev. Cecil Sheppard, who was assisted by Rev. Jeff Yount. We are thankful for all who came from our sister churches to help in these services, and trust in God for more and bigger things for His name's sake.

Our Sunday School attendance reached a high of 80 on September 12, and we expect to go higher soon. Pray for our church here, as we still stand very much in need of your prayers.

—Reporter

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	JA	FE	MR	AP	MA	JN	JL	AU	SE	Oc
Richwoods	55..	68..	55..	70..	63..	77..	68..	82..	87..	88
(League)	26..	26..	30..	29..	27..	25..	30..	33..	53..	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..	97
<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..	177..	
<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..	55..	
<i>Winford Davis, pastor</i>										
Southside, St. Louis	156..	? ..	156..	185..	170..	? ..	? ..	? ..	200..	
<i>James Franklin, pastor</i>										
Mountain Grove	176..	193..	195..	238..	200..	210..	210..	208..	194..	189
<i>Fred Kirby, pastor</i>										
Elizabethton, Tenn., First ..	206..	217..	204..	245..	218..	212..	171..	199..	211..	
<i>Harvey E. Hill, pastor</i>										
Oilton, Oklahoma	116..	133..	128..	182..	? ..	? ..	? ..	? ..	121..	
<i>Benjamin Scott, pastor</i>										
Lawwood, Tulsa, Oqla.	157..	165..	166..	229..	175..	173..	152..	180..	186..	188
<i>H. E. Staires, pastor</i>										
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas ..	170..	165..	163..	176..	175..	174..	168..	160..	153..	158
<i>Tommy Day, pastor</i>										
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	44..	40..	51..	? ..	41..	51..	46..	58..	49	
<i>Ezra Butts, pastor</i>										
First Church, Joplin	50..	? ..	? ..	? ..	? ..	? ..	? ..	? ..	? ..	
<i>Paul Williams, pastor</i>										
Parkview, Desloge	86..	90..	96..	103..	95..	91..	87..	95..	91..	93
<i>John Long, pastor</i>										
Monett	78..	78..	81..	77..	72..	71..	93..	105..	? ..	100
<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..	178..	187
<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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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI QUARTERLY MEETING
 Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:
 The Madison County Quarterly Meeting was held with the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church October 8-9, 1954. There are nine churches in this Quarterly Meeting, and eight were represented in person and all nine by letter.
 Rev. Dewell Smith, a licensed minister, brought the introductory sermon on Friday evening, October 8. Rev. Cecil Sheppard is the moderator, and the assistant moderator is Rev. Albert Halbrook. The clerk-treasurer is Bro. Leamon Killian.
 The Saturday morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Willard C. Day, a visiting minister from Oklahoma who was at the time in a revival meeting at the Fredericktown Church.
 A part of the business taken care of during the session was to receive an offering and add \$15.00 from the treasury and send to the Wanda Edwards Fund. The total amount was \$23.75. Rev. Dewell Smith will be ordained October 23, 1954. This service will be held at the Old Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.
 Another item of business was the recommendation of the business committee that every Free Will Baptist home subscribe to the Free Will Baptist Gem. This item was adopted, and there were several persons who gave their names for subscriptions at this time.
 The next Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Marble Hill, Missouri, January 7-8, 1955. Rev. Glenn Rehkop will bring the introductory message, with Rev. John Rogers the alternate.
 The enrollment for this session was sixty-four.

Leamon L. Killian, clerk