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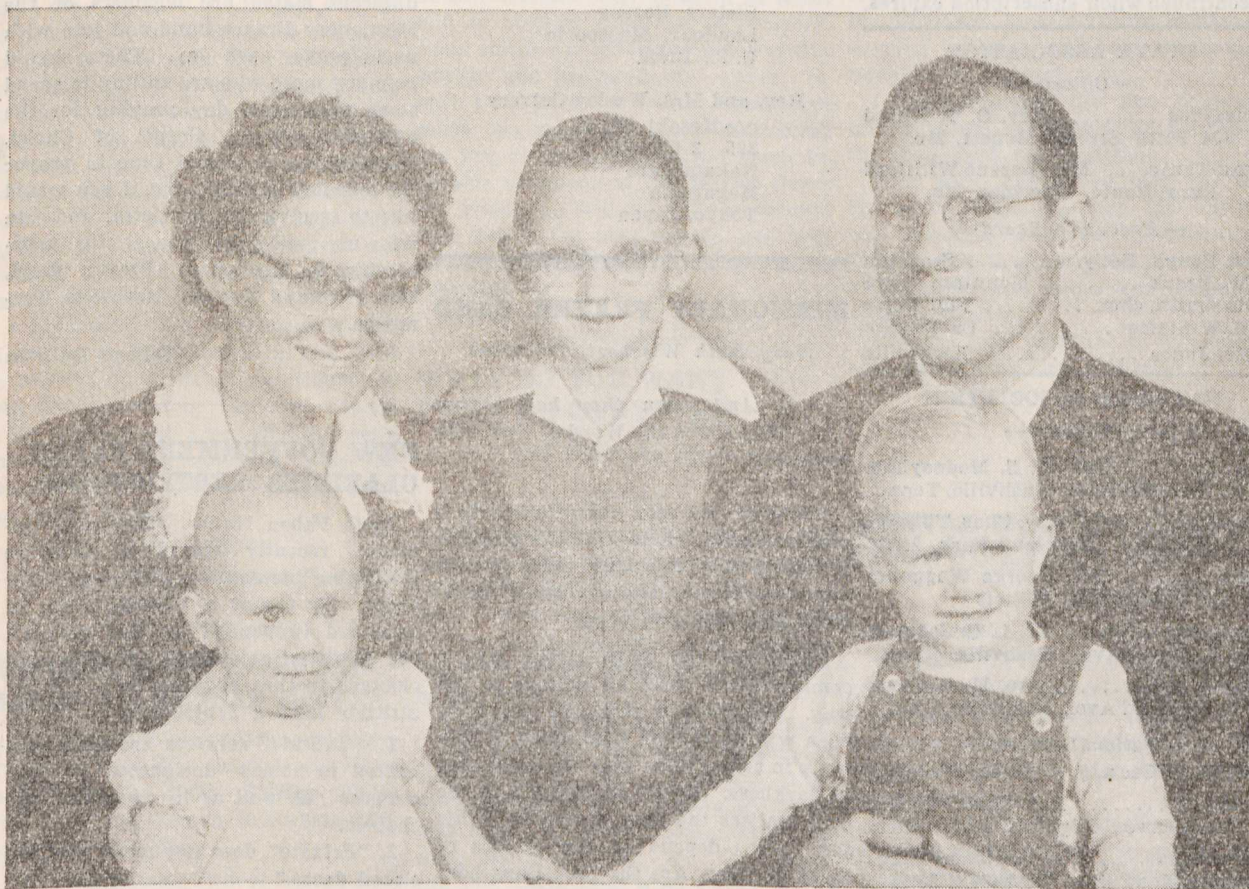
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Mary Ruth Wischart, President

... And when they had prayed  
... they spake the Word of God with  
boldness."

Someone has said every failure is a  
prayer failure. A look at the progress  
of world-wide missions today should  
cause one to stop and wonder if Chris-  
tians have failed to pray.

Christ left the earth giving man a  
commission to teach all nations in His  
way. Yet how few there are who have  
been willing to give themselves to this  
work in comparison with the many lost  
in darkness. Every missionary on the  
field realizes the need of prayer in his  
life. They depend on the prayers of  
those at home. Are the Christians here  
failing to pray God for them?

The Missionary Prayer Band grew  
out of a burden for those who had  
given their lives for the spread of the  
Gospel and the lost of the world. This  
organization encourages students to  
pray by getting before them the need  
of the world and then giving them  
definite requests for which to pray.  
Many students learn for the first time  
the conditions existing in lands where  
the light of Christ has not been taken.

Some catch for the first time a vision  
of the need of these souls in darkness  
and answer God's call to service.

Have you caught a little of the love  
of Christ which caused Him to die on  
the cross for those who bow down to  
wood and stone? Do you feel burdened  
to pray for the world? Perhaps you  
would like to join us in prayer. Maybe  
you would like to become better  
acquainted with the needs of the world  
as well as those of our own mission-  
aries. Each month the Missionary  
Prayer Band publishes a newsletter  
especially for you who wish to receive  
information and requests from differ-  
ent mission fields.

One hundred forty-four people from  
different states are members of the  
Missionary Prayer Band and join with  
us in prayer each day. There should  
be many more who are willing to spend  
some time each day praying for the  
extension of the Gospel of Christ.  
Perhaps you do spend time in prayer  
for missions already; but if you would  
like to receive our newsletter and join  
with us, mail your request for mem-  
bership to Missionary Prayer Band,  
3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Ten-  
nessee.

—College Bulletin

**NEW GOVERNMENT ORDER  
CLARIFIES RESTRICTIONS**

Incio Pabon Nunez, Minister of In-  
terior, recently issued a directive  
modifying his January 28th restrictive  
order. By means of Circular 1785 of  
June 3rd (appended to this article),  
the Minister announced the following  
changes in the government's official  
attitude toward Protestants:

1. "Private" services are now per-  
mitted in homes "designated for that  
purpose", as well as in churches and  
chapels.

2. "Private" does not mean "behind  
closed doors."

3. Protestant pastors must inform  
municipal officers in writing of the  
place of their meeting.

Whereas this month's Circular  
should help eliminate certain abuses,  
it leaves unchanged the January 28th  
order prohibiting any public manifes-  
tation of Protestant Christianity as  
well as the order prohibiting Protes-  
tant schools for Columbians in the  
"Mission Territories" (¾ of the na-  
tional area).



## ENROLLMENT HIGH AT BIBLE COLLEGE: ASKS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The following is an open letter to friends of the Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

I want to thank you for your friendship to the Bible College over the past years. The way the pastors of our denomination rallied to the Building Fund Campaign and helped us pay off the indebtedness on the Bible College was a marvelous thing. I want to thank every pastor for that victory.

However, our regular operating gifts suffered due to that campaign. At the same time we have the largest student body we have ever had, and expenses are higher than ever; and it is necessary that we call on you again to help us meet our financial needs here at the College. We need at least \$10,000 in the next few days to put us on safe grounds financially. If you are in a position to do so I would appreciate you taking it up with your church and sending the College as liberal an offering as you can.

I personally will appreciate it, and it will be an investment in the lives of some of the finest young people you will find anywhere. You have always stood with us and I am sure that with this matter being called to your attention we can expect to hear from you right away.

Yours in Christ,  
/s/ L. C. Johnson, President

## CENTRAL WEST MISSOURI MEETS AT KANSAS CITY

The Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened in their regular Fifth Sunday Rally with the First Church in Kansas City on October 31, 1954.

After the Sunday School lesson, Rev. Winford Davis brought the morning message I Thes. 4 on the theme of the rapture, with a personal appeal to the lost.

Bro. J. E. Williams, president of the meeting, had charge of the afternoon program. The devotional was by Rev. Mrs. Lorene Williford from Ezekiel 3:15-21. Prayer was by Rev. Mrs. Lowely Martin. An enjoyable program was rendered by various churches, and included special singing, readings, etc.

One half (\$35.12) of the offering was sent to the support of the Youth Camp, with the other half going to the morning speaker.

The next regular meeting will be with the Wagoner Church near Stockton, Missouri. Rev. Frank Linton will be the morning speaker. All have a cordial invitation to come and take part in these interesting and helpful services.

Editor's Note: Sis. Jeanne Barton, secretary of the Central Western Missouri's Fifth Sunday Rally, returned from the services at Kansas City seriously ill. Her illness was finally diagnosed as rheumatic fever and required hospitalization. She is again at home and is now on the road to recovery. Your editor has taken the notes of Sis. Barton and produced the above report. I am sure Sis. Jeanne could have made the report far more interesting for you, as we have received much favorable comment of the service there. We trust she will be fully recovered long before the next session, and will be able to report fully of the service at Wagoner.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Rev. Raymond Riggs

What kind of Christmas gift can you give to people who already have more "things" than they know what to do with? And how can we make the giving of Christmas gifts truly in keeping with the real meaning of the birth of our Saviour?

I learned of one woman who faced this problem and was conscience stricken about the "gimme's" that even Christians seem to have at Christmas time. So when people asked her what she would like for Christmas, she told them that what she would like best of all would be to have them send to Foreign Missions the money they had expected to use on a gift for her.

It does seem that Christians could put the true Spirit of Christ back into Christmas by adopting a Christmas gift plan which would concentrate on the Lord's work instead of the exchange of presents, especially for Christian adults.

I once knew an Adult Bible Class

that, instead of drawing names and exchanging gifts, they gave the price of a gift to Foreign Missions. The offering was always a sizeable one and the class was happy at Christmas time.

"Let's let this Christmas be Christ's Birthday!"

## STILL ENJOYS GEM

Elizabethton, Tenn.  
608 Holder Street

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

We just received the Gem and certainly appreciate the fine work you are doing. I certainly appreciate the Gem for since I have been out of Missouri, the Gem has been my only means of keeping in touch with our denominational work in your state.

I also appreciate the fine progress that Missouri is making and pray that the good work may continue.

I am very thankful to God for all His many blessings thus far during our pastorate here in Elizabethton. The church is progressing nicely and a new nine room educational building is in the making.

May the Lord continue to bless you, and may I hear from you soon.

Yours for the Master

/s/ Rev. Harvey E. Hill

## REVIVAL REACHES AGES SEVEN TO EIGHTY-TWO

Seymour, Missouri

Dear Friends:

We want to give you a report of our good two-weeks revival here at the Star Free Will Baptist Church near Seymour. Rev. Frank Linton was the evangelist and Rev. Allen Ledbetter is our pastor.

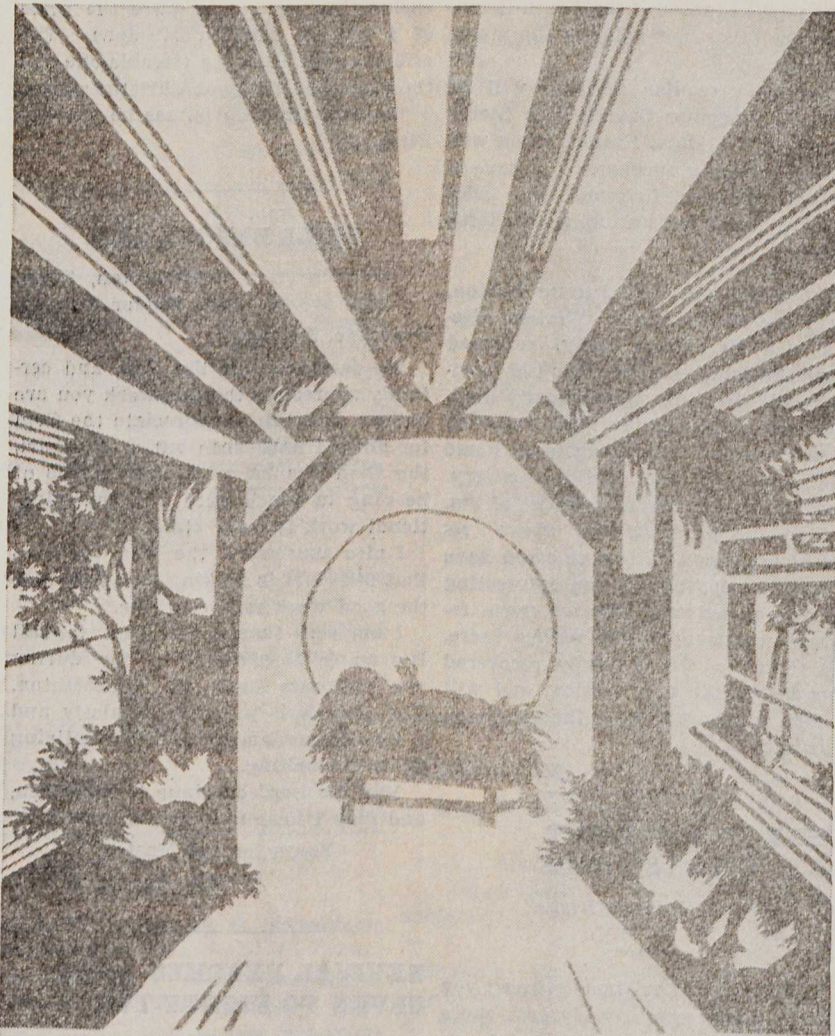
We certainly had a wonderful meeting, with eight souls being saved. One of these was an old man, 82 years old, who gave his heart to God, and one was a little girl seven years of age. So we feel that God richly blessed us in saving one of the oldest and one of the youngest of His creation.

We are just a small country church, but we are trying to do our best for God. We do have a good Sunday School and prayer meeting, so it is a pleasure to share our joys with others.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chas. Foxworthy, Reporter





# Christmas ... Gifts

By C. Norman Bartlett

We do not need to be reminded that on Christmas Day we commemorate the coming into the world of Jesus Christ to be the Saviour from sin. Christ was, indeed, God's supreme gift to a lost world.

Let us not, however, fix our eyes too much on the past, whether viewed from the standpoint of history or of personal experience. While it is true that Jesus was born once for all in the flesh in the little town of Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago, it is just as much a fact that He is ever being born anew spiritually in the hearts of penitent sinners.

God gave Christ for the world in the incarnation. But He wants to give Him to every soul who will accept Him. In fact, apart from such personal appropriation the gift of Christ for the world avails nothing so far as the individual is concerned. The Father longs to bestow His Son as a personal gift upon an ever-increasing number of receptive souls. Can He make use of us as His messengers in the furtherance of this precious objective. The giving out of Christmas baskets to the poor and needy is a blessed custom in many churches. But how incomparably more blessed to let God send us forth to bring the Christ of Christmas to men and women who, regardless of their temporal lot in life, are spiritually destitute and eternally lost without Him.

We dwell much upon the thought of God's gift of Christ to us; and it is well that we do so, for we can never begin to exhaust the riches of this great truth. But there is a companion theme of profound significance that we are all too prone to neglect, that of God's gift of us to Christ.

In reading the prayer of the Lord

... because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.—I John 2:8b

*How can we be roused out of our apathy toward the rich gifts in Christ that God waits to bestow upon us?*

We are now in the rush of Christmas shopping. To the best of our ability we have listed the names of all the friends and relatives whom we wish to remember with presents. But the chances are ten to one that when the glad day finally arrives we shall find that we have made one or more distressing omissions.

What to give to those we love is often a very real problem, for we naturally want to select the most suitable remembrances for the various individuals on our Christmas list. And yet even at best we are bound to make some mistakes.

With all the fuss and strain of Christmas shopping there is, nevertheless,

a real joy and satisfaction in buying gifts for those who are dear to us. We look forward to the happy surprises we are keeping in store for other members of the family circle. It is hard to wait until the time comes for all these joyous secrets to be unwrapped.

But because of the trouble and expense attendant upon the increasing commercialization of this holiday season, Christmas has become for all too many men and women something of a bugbear to be faced and borne with grim fortitude. What a pity that such should be the case! For material gifts are a sort of parable or analogy of what ought to take place in the religious experience of those who appreciate the deeper meaning of Christmas.



Jesus for His disciples recorded in John 17, our hearts are strangely warmed as we note how again and again the Saviour refers gratefully to His apostles, and to all who should be brought into the fold through their witness, as those whom the Father had given to Him; they were God's gift of love to His Son. And it is just as thrillingly true that all believers in Jesus, of every time and place, have been given to Him by the Father.

All this being so, does it not hold true that when we engage in personal evangelism we are used of God not only in giving Christ to souls, but also in giving souls to Christ. Thus we are privileged to contribute to the bliss of the Father in bestowing new-born souls upon His Son, and to deepen the joy of the Saviour in receiving such souls as gifts of love from the hand of His Father. What an unspeakably precious and sacred ministry is ours as soul-winners!

But we need not confine our thinking on this theme of Christmas gifts to the initial experience of conversion. While it is gloriously true that the very moment we yield ourselves in faith to Jesus He becomes our Saviour for time and eternity, we must not overlook the fact that we may enter into a progressively fuller appropriation of the treasures of grace that are at our disposal in Him.

"What do you want for Christmas?" May we not hear God addressing this question to our hearts as we draw nearer to the day when we celebrate the birth of His Son in the Bethlehem manger? How shall we answer? What do we deep down in our hearts really want most from God this Christmas? Surely even the costliest articles of a material nature would be but gilt and tinsel in comparison with the priceless treasures in Jesus Christ that are ours for the asking. Why, then, are we so easily satisfied with our present possessions and meager attainments in grace?

How can we be roused out of our apathy with reference to the rich gifts in Christ that God waits to bestow upon us if we will but ask him? A look into the depleted stock in the storerooms of the soul should cause us to turn to the Lord for spiritual replenishment. As we gaze upon the shattered ideals, broken resolutions, tattered patience, threadbare courage, rusty convictions, and faded dreams

that litter up so much of our inner life, how can we help but beseech God to equip us anew this Christmas season with those graces of the Spirit that will enable us to be spiritually well-dressed and to live triumphantly for our Master from start to finish of the new year that is just around the corner?

Who of us, regardless of how well off we may happen to be in this world's goods, does not at some time or other think of how we could make very profitable use of a little more money than we happen to have in our possession? It is not always easy to refrain from envying those who enjoy a higher degree of financial prosperity than we do. If only we had some of their dollars to spend on things we have wanted for years!

Would that we were one-half as eagerly desirous of attaining to the spiritual affluence of Christlike followers of the Master, whose attainments in grace are far and away beyond anything we have ever acquired. If only we coveted spiritual riches as passionately as we seek to swell our bank accounts. A wealth of faith punctures a faith in wealth.

Those of us who have ever had occasion to take a small boy through a large store around Christmas time can well recall how he clamored for almost everything in sight, especially in the toy department. How trustfully he told Santa Claus what he wanted. May we not at this Christmas time make our way anew through the pages of God's Word, until our hearts are so inflamed with longing at the sight of all the treasures of truth and grace spread before us on every hand that we can rest content with nothing less than God's best for us in the way of spiritual enrichment.

These Christmas days should challenge us not only to a fuller appropriation of what Christ has to give to us, but also to a more complete dedication of that which we have at our command to give to Him. He longs for hearts and lives wholly yielded to Him, that upon them He may exercise His creative love and grace to the full.

The happiness that the artist finds in reproducing upon canvas the glories of a majestic landscape, the delight that a florist takes in laboring in his garden until it is abloom with flowers of every variety of color and fragrance, the satisfaction that the poet experi-

ences as he puts his glowing thoughts into deathless rhyme—all these are but faintly illustrative of the bliss flooding the heart of our Saviour as through the Holy Spirit He works out His eternal and gracious purposes in the lives of those who have given themselves to Him in wholehearted surrender.

Such reflections as these should prove an incentive to renewed devotion to our Lord. Let us pray our God to show us what He most wants from us at this Christmas time, and then let us gladly give Him all that He asks, regardless of what it may cost us in the way of hardship, danger, or sacrifice. What more fitting day than Christmas for a renewed giving of ourselves to Jesus Christ for His service?

As a matter of common courtesy, we express our thanks by word of mouth or in letters to those who remember us with Christmas gifts. Our real appreciation, however, is shown in the use we make of the gifts we have received from them. How a father grieves when his children seem to neglect and find no satisfaction in the costly gifts that he has bought for them at Christmas time. And surely our Father in heaven must sorrow when He beholds His blood-bought children treating with indifference and lukewarm response the Christ He has given them at such infinite cost. Let us bring happiness to our Father this Christmas by taking renewed delight in Jesus.

According to Romans 8:32, the gift of Christ is the measure of God's immeasurable love. In and with Christ He gives us all things needful for living the new life. God not only gives us Christ, but He gives us grace to live the Christ He gave. We are provided with ample ability and equipment for attaining to success in the greatest of all fields of creative art, that of living the Christ we love.

God's gifts to us in Christ are to be used as gifts for Christ in terms of service rendered in His name. "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ . . . and gave gifts unto men" (Eph. 4:7, 8). The gift of grace is followed by the grace of gifts, the gift of Christ by gifts from Christ—what a superabundance of love!

And these gifts we should esteem  
(Continued on Page-Nine, please)





# From The Editor's Desk



## SEASONS GREETINGS

Your Editor and the family wish to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes to you at this holiday season. It would be far more suitable to us to be able to sit down and send a personal greeting to each of you. However, this seems to be near impossible. So we have taken the liberty of cluttering up the front page of this issue of the Gem with the latest likeness of the family. Of course we deny that it is "good" of us, but perhaps it is more flattering that way. But in a more serious vein, we do extend our best wishes to each of you. In the event you would like to know the names of the children, Marvin is the oldest at seven, Gary is next and has just passed two, and Elaine doesn't want to be forgotten though not yet one year old. So from each of us to each of you, the very best at this Christmas time.

### Five Year Hitch

No, we do not compare our duties as editor to that of penal servitude. Indeed, it is not! But we note by the calendar that time has somehow fled away more rapidly than we care to admit and this issue completes five years in which yours truly has tried to serve you as editor. We have been here longer than that in other duties. Perhaps noteworthy here is the fact that we came here strictly on a temporary basis. We entered the office as an operator several months before becoming your editor, but was pressed into service as editor when that office was vacated by resignation.

The ensuing months and years have literally fled away. We have kept very busy. There has been the usual amount of routine duties, and many unusual ones. There have been many pleasant experiences and a few unpleasant ones. But through it all there has been a satisfaction with the feeling that this is a service that is imperative to the welfare of the Christian people of the Free Will Baptist denomination everywhere. Realizing this, we have been able to face every disappointment, every discouragement, and every obstacle successfully. To every one of you who have helped to make this possi-

ble, we humbly and sincerely say "Thank you."

### Manuscript Please

We are a little late this time for the need of reports and personal articles. Perhaps everyone is busy in the Christmas rush and forgot us. However, we would like to point out that it is vital to us and helpful to all of our readers that you get us your articles and reports regularly. Make it a habit. We wish to encourage the Auxiliaries to report their work more often. We need reports of revivals and special services, together with regular reports of the progress of the churches. We wish more would write testimonies and short articles. We need other feature writers. We are thankful for those who are so faithful in these matters, but we encourage you to join in keeping material coming to the editor's desk. Now, let us all be prompt and see if we can't make a special effort for the coming issue. Don't leave it to someone else—you do it! We will certainly appreciate it.

### Subscriptions

The subscription drive keeps climbing. However, it is not yet to the point we asked for. In fact, there is much work to do. For a while the subscriptions poured in pretty lively. Then they slacked off some and have held to a gradual increase since. We still feel that we have asked nothing out of order when we set a goal of 2,000 increase in this special drive. Won't you help us make it a reality? It is vital to us and important to the denomination and to the Lord's work. Don't put it off, there isn't too much time left to take advantage of the bargain drive.

### CEDEC Reports

For several years there has been a strong opposition by the Catholic organizations of the world against the Protestant Churches and their missionaries. This is particularly true in some nations of the world where religious freedom is not guaranteed by constitution or where laws regulating this freedom are not enforced. Our own missionaries have frequently felt the

onslaught of these persecutors. Today, wherever they do not fear action by the government, they are opposing by force and destruction every effort of the Protestant Churches, and hope to destroy us completely. In previous issues we have published accurate statements of that organization setting forth just such plans and policies to become effective in our own country just as soon as the mechanics of the plan can be set in motion without serious consequences to themselves. While this cannot yet be accomplished here in our United States, it is very definitely being accomplished in many nations of the world. Elsewhere in this issue are excerpts of several reports from the News Service of the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia and supplied to us through our own National Board of Foreign Missions. It is well worth your reading. Obviously, the potential fields of missionary endeavor, and even some of the existing ones are being eliminated. Added to this is the vast region now excluded by the Communists. Thus the world of the Christian religion is shrinking. If you believe that prayer changes things, it is time to join in prayer for the radical change of these situations and conditions. We urge you to read each of these reports of the CEDEC very carefully.

### WHAT MONEY CAN'T DO

Do you ever think, as the hearse goes by,  
That some day you may even die;  
You'll ride along in that big black hack  
With never a thought of coming back.  
If you skimp and slave, a fortune to save,  
You'll lose it all when you go to the grave.  
For if life were a thing money could buy,  
The rich would live, but the poor would die.

"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul. Matt. 16:26.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:3.



Bargain Rates are Now On  
One Dollar for One Year  
2,000 by February, 1955

## NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1 - October 31, 1954

**BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES**

Beautiful Baptismal Certificates,  
10½ x 5½ inches. On beautifully  
lithographed border forms, and suit-  
able for framing. Every Church  
needs these for a record.

These certificates are in books of  
20 and stubbed, check book style.

Price, Post Paid ..... \$1.00

Cash in Bank—July 1, 1954.....\$13,451.23

Receipts—July 1 to October 31, 1954 ..... 24,280.14

\$37,731.37

**Disbursements:****Foreign Missions—**

India .....\$ 6,400.00

Cuba ..... 13,487.01

Africa ..... 192.49

Japan ..... 2,966.42

23,045.92

**Travel and Promotional—**

Executive Department ..... 750.00

Itinerary expense ..... 371.28

Tracts ..... 188.66

1,309.94

**Administrative—****Salaries**

Rev. Raymond Riggs ..... 1,520.00

Office ..... 600.00

Printing ..... 1,026.44

Telephone ..... 30.30

Office Supplies and Expenses ..... 148.01

Postage ..... 364.77

Miscellaneous Expense ..... 565.35

Accounting Fees ..... 136.00

4,390.87

**Other Expenses—**

Missionaries Medical Care ..... 138.00 138.00

28,884.73

Cash in Bank—October 31, 1954 .....\$ 8,846.64

**Comparative figures:**

Receipts—July 1 to October 1, 1953 .....\$24,118.28

Receipts—July 1 to October 31, 1954 ..... 24,280.14

Amount of increase for current year ..... 161.86

The preceding is a recapitulation of the Financial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions for the first four months of our church year. Our books are open for the inspection of any of our people.

Raymond Riggs, Treasurer

**KERNELS OF TRUTH**

Jesus was born to die and died that we might live

Math. 2:11 indicates the "wisemen" did not arrive in time to see Jesus in the manger. (According to marginal dates, it was about two years later. Herod's killing all children up to and including two years also indicates this.)

It is generally assumed the number of "wisemen" were "three" because they offered "three" kinds of gifts. However, this is no sure basis to determine the number.

Few people knew or would have believed then who Jesus really was or what He would do.

Lk. 2:6, 7, 16 indicates Mary never lay in the manger with Jesus.

Who or which will be supreme in your Christmas—Christ or Santa Claus?

I wonder what God thinks of the way "His Son's Birthday" is celebrated.

Also I wonder how Jesus feels about our commercializing "His Birthday."

Among your gifts, what are you giving Christ in memory of "His Birth" and in appreciation for His many gifts to you?

The Shepherds anxiously left their flock to find Jesus. Oh that we all could have the same intent desire.

—Contributed



## THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Many people do not believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. They say He was a good man, a great teacher, and was in close contact with God. Some say He was a great philosopher, likening Him to Plato, Socrates, Pericles, Aristotle, Baron, Newton, Kent, Lincoln, and other great men.

If Christ was not Divine, the whole Bible is fiction, and is false and unreal, and the New Testament is a farce, ridiculous, a comedy in which qualities and actions are much exaggerated. If Christ was not the Son of God, a Divine person as He was claimed to be, then He was one of the worst impostors and deceivers that ever lived. We will see what the Holy Bible says about Christ.

### As Jehovah

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" Isa. 40:3. "For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" Matt. 3:3.

### Creator of All Things

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" John 1:3. "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, . . . by whom also he made the worlds" Heb. 1:2. Here we see John and Paul declare Jesus as Creator of all things. If He was Creator, He had to be God, for God only can create.

In John 5:21, we see where John declares, "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them (maketh alive); even so the Son quickeneth whom he will." Here we see He has the same power as God.

### Eternal and Omnipresent

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God" John 1:1. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" Matt. 18:20.

### Omniscient and Omnipotent

"And he (Peter) said unto him,

Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee" John 21:17a. Omnipotent—having unlimited power. "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself" Phil. 3:21.

### Anointed by the Spirit

"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him" John 3:34. That is, God the Father did not send the Spirit just at times unto Christ, but the Spirit was with Christ all the time to impart His power unto Him at all times. Christ preached the Gospel in its fullness, and worked miracles which no one could do unless he was divine. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" Matt. 4:23. You say that Moses, Elijah and Elisha performed miracles; but they did it by the power of God as Jesus did. But Jesus did one miracle that they could not do. He raised Himself from the dead! "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to take it again" John 10:17-18. Jesus declared in John 14:10 that He was in the Father and that the Father was in Him. He also declared in John 14:9 that who hath seen Him also hath seen the Father. Before He was born, it was prophesied that His name should be called Emmanuel, that is, God with us (Matt. 1:23).

Paul says in I Cor. 15:16-20 that Christ rose from the dead; if not, our faith is in vain and we are still in our sins. Without Christ's resurrection we are of all men most miserable and without hope. He is declared to be the only Mediator between God and man I Tim. 2:5.

### In the Throne

He sits in the Throne of God—Rev. 3:21. Paul declared that Christ knew no sin; that is, He was sinless (II

Cor. 5:21). We know no just mere human; one is not—and cannot be without sin. For we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Therefore if Christ was sinless He had to be Divine. If Christ was not Divine, then the nations are deceived, because they count time by dating it before Christ (B.C.), and after Christ's birth (A.D.), the year of our Lord. Therefore we see Christ as the Divider of time. Let us see some results that take place in the human life by believing and confessing faith in Him as Divine.

Through faith in Him, many men have been made a new creature—a new man, turning from hate and murder to love and compassion; turning from sinful lusts to righteousness, and from covetousness and lust to benevolence and morality. Through a belief and faith in Christ, thousands have found peace, comfort and happiness. Through belief and faith in Him, many have died with a smile on their lips and a quietness in their souls. Through a belief and faith in Him, homes have been reunited and home has become a happy home. Through a belief and faith in Him, many debts have been paid and enemies made friends again. Through a belief and faith in Him, many a community has been made a better place to live in. Through a belief and faith in Him, many a father and mother and their children have been united in love. Through a belief and faith in Him, many a wanderer has been brought back to the fold and a home. Through a belief and faith in Him, democracy has been established, for where there is no Christianity, democracy does not exist. Democracy and Christianity go hand in hand.

Yes, there are countries claiming to be ruled by the Christian faith and are not democracies, and the people have not the freedom and liberty that a democratic form of government gives. They are not ruled by true Christian principles, but by hierarchism. As a nation believes so is that nation. If Christ was—and is not Divine, then all Christian preachers and teachers are liars.

I am happy that I believe, and that I have a faith in Christ as the Divine One.

Warren Moffitt,  
Winigan, Missouri



## THE TRANSFORMING FRIENDSHIP

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing . . ." Acts 4:13-14.

As we read the fourth chapter of Acts, what a wonderful vision we have of the great transforming power of the Holy Ghost. Peter and John were so changed after the day of Pentecost that the priests and Sadducees were grieved at their preaching and teaching, and the marvelous power of God. They set them in their midst, and asked, "By what power, or by what name have ye done this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, spoke with the unction of the Holy Spirit in such power, telling them that Jesus whom they had crucified, and whom God raised from the dead, had become the chief cornerstone, and "neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." And now they were amazed at the boldness of Peter and John. They took knowledge of them (or remembered) that they had been with Jesus. They saw in these unlearned and ignorant men a likeness to the King of Kings.

To become like Jesus is our passion, if we truly believe in Him and love Him. We must be with Jesus as was Peter and John. Impossible? Not at all! It was not their knowing Jesus "after the flesh," but living with Jesus when they no longer saw Him except in the mirror of His Word and in the unceasing prayers of their hearts. That was—and is—the transforming friendship.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" John 15:13-14. The longer and more intimately we are with Jesus, the more we will be changed and be like Him. "And be ye conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect

will of God" Rom. 12:2. Our conversation and actions betray how much time we spend with Jesus. The world is looking on and trying to see in us a resemblance to the King of kings. Peter and John prayed for boldness to preach the Word of God. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke of God with boldness: and with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" Acts 4:31, 33. How we need the witnessing power of the Holy Spirit: the only thing in this world that can win lost souls to Christ.

The Holy Spirit speaks for itself in our lives, for it is impossible to have the Holy Spirit in our hearts and not grow more like Jesus each day. May we realize our great responsibility in living a life that has been transformed into the likeness of Christ. "Does my life bear resemblance to the Saviour," is a question we must face at the judgment. "How am I spending my time?" "In living close to my Saviour so I can point lost souls the way, or more concerned with the things of the world?" May God help us to pay the price, whatever it may be, to live a Spirit-filled life for Christ.

Can the world see Jesus in me!

Mrs. Pearl Perriman,  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS—(from page 5)

priceless, as coming from the hands of our risen Lord and consequent upon His sacrifice in our behalf on the cross of Calvary. We shall use these gifts from Jesus Christ more carefully as we view them more prayerfully. Gifts from our Lord are to be used as gifts to and for Him. As a matter of fact, it is only what He bestows on us that He can accept from us.

It is imperative that we sense the stewardship of gifts. Our gifts from the Lord are not silver loving cups to be kept on display in a glass case, but tools and instruments to be employed in the Master's service. Gifts are calls. Talents involve duty. Privilege en-

tails sacrifice.

We must beware of false modesty. To each of us his gift, to be improved, not buried in a napkin. Much laziness masquerades in the garments of lowliness. It is all too easy to deny our gifts in order to evade our tasks. Alas for the genuine ability "frozen" in a spurious humility!

But if we are not, on the other hand, to despise our gifts from the Lord, neither, on the other hand, are we to be puffed up by them. Failure to recognize the Author of our gifts may issue in vanity. The richer the talents, the greater the dangers. Is it not significant that among the New Testament churches the most highly gifted church was the most deeply rifted church—we refer to the church at Corinth. Gifted Christians need to be sifted Christians, that is to say, cleansed of all admixtures of pride and self. It goes without saying that the Church will be rifted, and not lifted by the gifted, if the gifted are not sifted.

—Moody Monthly

### PROHIBIT PROTESTANT SERVICES IN HOMES

In Puente Nare (Antiequita Department) the Inspector of Police, Horacio Vesquez, citing the January 28th order of the Interior Ministry, notified the Senora Candelaria de Diaz that she would be punished with a 20-peso fine or a jail sentence if she continued celebrating Protestant religious services in her home.

Said the Inspector in his notice of May 16th, "The necessary requirement for practicing the Protestant religion in Colombia is the construction of a church or chapel." The Governor of Antioquia was immediately informed of the Inspector's action.

### No Cottage Prayer Meetings

Lieut. Luis Geravite, military mayor of Richacha (Magdalent Department) notified Protestants of his city on May 6th that their cottage prayer meetings were prohibited by the Interior Ministry and ordered them to confine their services to their church building. Church members had been meeting in the home of a baptized believer for a mid-week service of prayer, Bible study, and singing, under the direction of pastor Gabriel Guerra.





## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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### NEW AUXILIARY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Copper Mines Auxiliary  
Fredericktown, Missouri

We of the Copper Mines Auxiliary are happy to report to the Gem of our newly organized auxiliary. We have been working together in our Auxiliary just two short months, but it has been a great blessing to work together in God's service.

We had one new member in the month of November. We now have 18 members. Our meetings are well attended. We have just had our pre-Thanksgiving week of cottage prayer meetings, which was a blessing to everyone that attended. One of the homes in which we had a service was that of Mrs. Alice Potts. She is the "mother" of our church, and its oldest member, now 82 years old. She is a great inspiration to us all to be humble and faithful to our Lord, as she has been.

We just received our first issue of the Gem in our home recently, and enjoyed it so much.

Pray for our church and our Auxiliary that we might be a blessing to our church and to those whom we meet through our work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Hovis  
Secretary-Treasurer

### NEW HARMONY AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church of Greentop, Missouri met with Mrs. Allie Peterson in Kirksville on Tuesday, November 23 in an all-day meeting. A bountiful carry in dinner was served at the noon hour. The work for the day was completing a comforter.

Fifteen members, one visitor and four children were present.

The afternoon meeting was opened by singing "Count Your Blessings." The president, Mrs. Paul Daniels, read for her Scripture, James 1:26-27.

The lesson, "His Command . . . My Task To Do," was given by Mrs. Ernest Thomas, Mrs. Leonard Thomas,

Mrs. Oscar Western, and Mrs. Marvin Gregory. Prayer was by Mrs. Dan Gillian.

Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

There had been 199 Bible chapters read, 12 sick calls made, and 15 cards sent since the last meeting.

A missionary play, "The Lord Will Work It Out," was given by Mrs. Oscar Western, Mrs. Richard Talbert, and Mrs. Ernest Thomas. Two letters from the orphanage were read by Mrs. Dan Gilliam. The Auxiliary voted to send home-made candy and gum to the orphans' home for Christmas. Boxes of food and clothing were brought by those present to give to a needy family at Thanksgiving.

An offering of \$5.74 was received and \$5.50 for yearly dues.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison to close the day's meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 7 at the home of Mrs. Warren Ditmar in Greentop.

### ILLNESS AND DEATH IN FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH

Fredericktown, Missouri  
510 East College

To All of Our Dear Readers:

It has been some time since we have reported the work of our Woman's Auxiliary here in Fredericktown. We have had considerable sickness and death in our church since the last report. Death claimed Bro. Bebout who passed away after a stroke. His passing was just before his 82nd birthday. He had been helpless for eleven long weeks, but could talk. He would talk of heaven, and say that it wouldn't be long before he was there.

Then Sis. Marie Tripp's mother passed away suddenly. We certainly don't know just what time the death angel is coming for us. Last week, Bro. Archie Lewis' father passed away, and also two Brothers Stacy.

Now our past president, Sis. Hallie Dettmer, is sick and has been in the hospital. She is again at home but unable to be out. Because of these

things she resigned as president at the last meeting of the Auxiliary, and Sis. Lula Freeland was elected the new president. We were all sorry to give up Sis. Dettmer, for she has been such a good president. She could always talk about the Lord. And Sis. Freeland is a fine Christian, and I know she will also be a good president.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas observance by the Auxiliary, at which time we will exchange gifts and reveal who are secret pals.

A later report of the sick is that Sis. Blanche Pogue is just out of the hospital, as is Bro. W. I. Jemes. Bro. Sharp is also among the sick. Also, Bro. Whitworth has passed away. So it seems we have had considerable sorrow recently.

May God bless you, Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys, and all the big family of readers.

Mrs. W. I. Jemes, cor. secy.  
Rev. W. T. Newsome, pastor

### ST. LOUIS CHURCH ORGANIZES AUXILIARY

Overland 14, Missouri  
3327 Woodson Road

Dear Sis. Jeffreys:

We, the ladies of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, met on Tuesday, November 16, and organized our Woman's Auxiliary. We elected the following officers: President, Wilma Brakefield; vice president, Gerry Bullis; secretary and treasurer, Lee Dewitt; prayer chairman, Elva Turnbough; assistants, Otha Hubbard and Mariam Willhite; committee for the sick, Nellie Willhite, Cleora Breden and Opal Turnbough.

The G.T.A. and the Y.P.A. were organized November 23.

Much interest was shown in this new phase of the Lord's work, both by the youngsters and adults of our community.

We desire the prayers of all God's people that this new work will be a blessing to this church and strengthen each of us in His service.

Mariam Willhite, Reporter



## UNION (ILLINOIS) W.A. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Union Free Will Baptist Church near Thompsonville, Illinois convened at the church December 2 in their regularly scheduled meeting. There were 12 members and one visitor present.

The Scripture lesson was read by the president, Sis. Reathel Jones. Prayer was by Mrs. Charlie McClerren. Topics were presented by Dean Parton, Juanita McClerren, Barbara Read and Muriel Jones. Minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll call taken. The special committee to secure gifts at Thanksgiving for the aged of the church was dismissed. It was voted to send \$10.00 to the orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee for our Christmas gift to them.

Election of officers for the new year resulted in the following being elected: President, Sis. Barbara Read; 1st vice president, Sis. Zola McClerren; 2nd and 3rd vice president combined, Sis. Osie McReynolds; 4th and 5th vice president combined, Sis. Annie Zanters; secretary and treasurer, Sis. Juanita McClerren; corresponding secretary, Sis. Muriel Jones, and Sis. Vaula Cook was named to send cards to the sick.

Mrs. Juanita McClerren,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## CALVERYS REACH JAPAN; BEGIN MISSIONARY DUTIES

Tokorozawa-shi, Japan  
November 17, 1954

Dear Christian Friends,

It seems that I will never really find time to write so I am just going to stop and write anyway. There has been so much that has happened the last few days I don't know if I will be able to remember even the outstanding things. But I will try to tell you about our trip because I know many of you were praying for us. This letter will be proof that your prayers have been answered.

On October 31st at 8 p. m. we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco on the Philippine Bear. A big lump came in my throat as I stood on top deck with Aileen and the four other passengers to get the last glimpse of the United States for five years. But I was not sad, in fact I

was very happy, because now I knew that I was on my way to the mission field where I had longed to be for so long. The voyage was very fine the 14 days that we were on the ocean except for about 24 hours of storm just two days before we reached Japan. We did not see land until we reached Japan. On the 8th day out we saw another ship which was the only other ship that we saw on the whole trip. On the 12th day out we hit the storm, or I should say it hit us. The wind was blowing at 70 miles an hour from the side of the ship which made it rock back and forth at about a 30 degree angle. The waves looked like Tennessee mountains they were so big. Two or three times the entire ship was covered with the waves. We could not stand up so we spent most of the time in bed. It sounded like everything in the ship was moving. I'm sure everything in our room moved. We finally just piled everything in the middle of the floor. The verse of Scripture that came in my mind was the familiar but wonderful Rom. 8:28. I confess, it was hard to have faith and believe that if we went down it would be best but I believe that God has preserved us for a purpose.

We arrived in Yokohama at 5 p. m. November 14. Brother McPhail was on hand to meet us so we went immediately to his home in Tokorozawa which is about two and one half hours by train from Yokohama. The trains (street cars of Japan) are almost indescribable. Everyone running and pushing and coming from all directions to get on. But most of the time there is standing room for everyone. When we arrived at the McPhails home we went into our first Japanese home. We took our shoes off and began our Japanese life. That night we slept on a Japanese bed (about like a heavy quilt on the floor). But we were so tired I think we could have slept anywhere after that first ride on the train. Since then we have been trying to go through customs and make all arrangements necessary in coming into Japan and we are not finished yet. It seems that we are dead tired every night because we have walked so much during the day. Brother McPhail does not have a car so we have had to do lots of walking since our arrival.

Today we moved into our new house. It is certainly good to be home again

even though all my neighbors are Japanese. We have a very typical Japanese home with three rooms. It is very nice here but would not be much in the states. It is really shocking how crowded things are here. The street to our home is not even wide enough for a car and there must be at least 50 people living within a hundred feet of us. Our neighbors have been very nice to us. They brought us tea and fruit before we even got moved in. We do not have our furniture yet so we are still on the floor, but that is part of being a missionary to Japan. I'm sure that I am going to like it here very much.

I must close now but I will be writing again and I trust that many of you will be writing to us in the near future.

In Christ,

Wesley and Aileen Calvery

P. S.: The following is our address at present:

c/o Arai Chuichi  
122 Kotobuki-cho  
Tokorozawa-shi  
Saitama-Ken, Japan

## BUSY IN ST. LOUIS

South Side Church  
3124 Mt. Pleasant

Dear Gem Readers:

I'm a little late, but this is busy times for everyone I know.

Today being Thanksgiving, we would like to thank the Lord for the many blessings of life. But most of all we wish to thank Him for saving our souls.

We at South Side Church here in St. Louis have so much to be thankful for. Our church is still growing. Our Sunday School has grown from an average of 118 in January, 1954 to a current average of 192.

May the Lord bless your work for the Gem.

Yours in Christ,

Olive Reeds, Correspondent  
Rev. James Franklin, Pastor

A successful man is one who has tried; not cried; who has worked, not dodged; who has shouldered responsibility, not evaded it.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	JA	FE	MR	AP	MA	JN	JL	AU	SE	OC	NO	DE
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.	92.	
<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.	59.	62.	
<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.	213.	166.	
<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 .....	118.	159.	160.	182.	157.	173.	147.	174.	174.	192.		
<i>James Franklin, pastor</i>												
Mountain Grove .....	176.	193.	195.	238.	200.	210.	210.	208.	194.	189.	185.	
<i>Fred Kirby, pastor</i>												
Elizabethton, Tenn. First ...	206.	217.	204.	245.	218.	212.	171.	199.	211.	186.	189.	
<i>Harvey E. Hill, pastor</i>												
Oilton, Oklahoma .....	116.	133.	129.	182.					121.			
<i>Benjamin Scott, pastor</i>												
Lawnwood, Tulsa, Okla. ....	157.	165.	166.	229.	175.	173.	152.	180.	186.	188.	196.	
<i>H. E. Staires, pastor</i>												
Phillips Chapel Arkansas ...	170.	165.	163.	176.	175.	174.	168.	160.	153.	158.	142.	
<i>Tommy Day, pastor</i>												
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool .....	44.	40.	51.		41.	51.	46.	58.	49.	48.		
<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.						
<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.	305.	354.		
(League) .....											52.	
<i>Cecil H. Campbell, pastor</i>												

Bring Your Report up to date—Send us your averages

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Chipley, Florida

The Free Will Baptist Church of Chipley, Florida is sponsoring a Missionary Conference beginning Sunday, January 4th.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman of the National Home Mission Board and Rev. Raymond Riggs of the National Foreign Mission Board will be the principal speakers. It is hoped that churches in Alabama and North Florida will send delegations to attend this conference.

Rev Bonnie Hughes is the church pastor and invites all to attend.

Following is the program:

### Program for Missions Conference at Chipley Free Will Baptist Church, January 2-4, 1954

Theme: "Ye shall be witnesses . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

#### Sunday Evening

(Local Church in Charge)

7:00 Devotional

7:15 Our Conference in Preview

7:30 Message Rev. Raymond Riggs

#### Monday Morning

9:45 Registration

10:00 Devotional, Rev. Robert Owen

10:15 Welcome Address, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby

10:20 "Witnessing as an Individual," Rev. Woodrow Messex

10:50 Recess

11:00 Morning Worship Service

Devotions, Mrs. Oma Owen

Message, Rev. J. B. Bloss

12:00 Benediction

#### Monday Afternoon

1:30 Devotions, Mrs. Myrtle Bloss

1:45 "Witnessing Through the Local Church," Rev. Chas. Craddock

2:15 Congregational Singing

2:20 Message, Rev. Raymond Riggs

3:29 Adjourn

#### Monday Evening

6:30 Film (Home Missions)

7:00 Congregational Singing

7:10 Devotional, Rev. John M. Rich

7:20 Playlet (Local Church)

7:50 Offering

8:00 Message, Rev. J. B. Bloss

#### Tuesday Morning

9:45 Devotional Rev. T. U. Bryant



10:00 Congregational Singing  
 10:15 "Witnessing Through the State Program," Rev. D. W. Poole  
 10:50 Recess  
 11:00 Morning Worship  
 Special Music, Rev. and Mrs. Williams  
 Message, Rev. Raymond Riggs  
 12:00 Benediction

### Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Devotional, Rev. Williams  
 1:45 "The Reward of Witnessing," Rev. Rufus Hyman  
 2:15 Message, Rev. J. B. Bloss

2:45 Open Forum, Rev. Bloss and Rev. Riggs  
 3:30 Adjourn

### Tuesday Evening

6:30 Film (Foreign Missions) Slides of India  
 7:00 Congregational Singing  
 7:05 Devotional, Rev. Daniel Pelt  
 7:20 Time to Witness  
 7:45 Offering  
 7:55 Special Music, Rev. and Mrs. Williams  
 8:00 Message, "I Give Myself to Witness" Rev. Riggs

dent they were doing that which the Lord would have them do. They will be our first Free Will Baptist missionaries in Japan. Let us pray for them, support them that they may be a great help in proclaiming "His Name among All Nations."

## CHURCH IN LEBANON BUYS OWN BUILDING

Lebanon, Missouri

Bro. Jeffreys and Staff:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are doing at the newly organized Free Will Baptist Church here. We have purchased a building that is 30 x 60 feet in size. We have done a lot of work on it. When it is all finished it will have cost about \$12,000. We are very proud of it.

Last Sunday (November 28) we had our second service in it, and had 59 in Sunday School. We had a much larger crowd in the evening service. We had a very good service, with three coming into the fellowship of the church.

We have a fine Ladies' Circle. They are doing a good part in helping to finance our building program.

We have lost one member through death, Rev. Leonard Cornelison. God called him to rest on the 22nd of November. We do miss him so much.

We are now located on Lynn Street and Highway 5 North. We are looking forward to a revival soon, and we would like for all of God's people to pray for us. If anyone would like to help the church here, it would be appreciated.

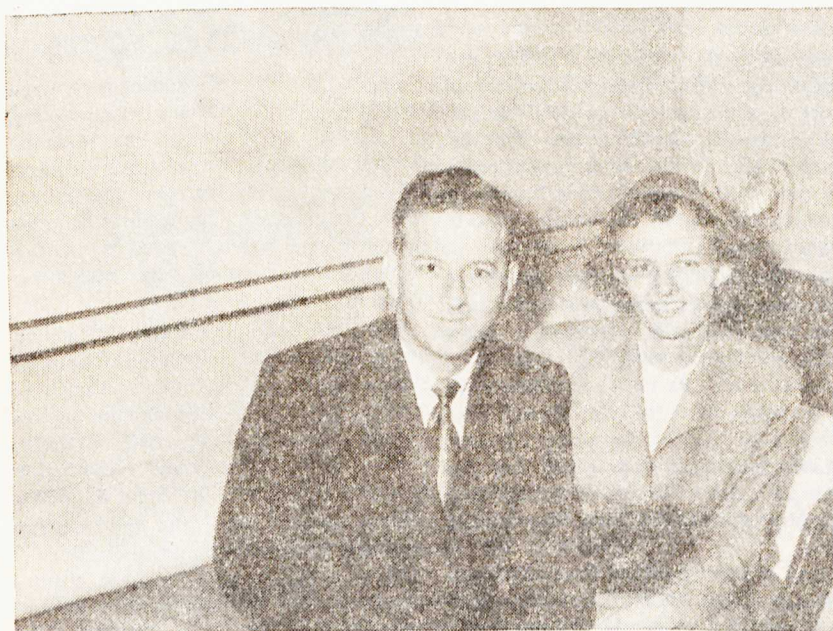
Our pastor has been very busy in revivals. He has just closed his 15th week. Anyone wishing to contact Bro. Curtis may write him at Lebanon, Missouri or call 1491.

May God bless you and all of our good brothers and sisters everywhere.

Mrs. Ira Jones, Clerk  
 Rev. Leo Curtis, Pastor

P. S. Further word is that the above church enjoyed having an increase to 69 in Sunday School the following Sunday. One soul was saved and one united with the church in the evening service.

'Tis better to be alone than in bad company.  
 —George Washington



## STATEROOM

Shown herewith is the likeness of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery as they recently appeared in their stateroom, aboard the S.S. Philippine Bear enroute to Japan as Free Will Baptist Missionaries.

We are indebted to Rev. Dean Moore, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Richmond, California, and their fine congregation for the wonderful send-off they gave the Calverys.

Wesley and Ailene Calvery sailed for Japan Sunday, October 31, from Pier 42 in San Francisco, California.

A group of their newly acquired friends, from the Richmond church, accompanied them to the ship. By obtaining permission from the steamship company the group was able to go on

board with them and see the stateroom in which they were to live for the next 15 days.

The ship on which they sailed was the S.S. Philippine Bear. Their stateroom, lounge and other accommodations were very nice and comfortable.

The Calverys received a number of telegrams from their friends over the denomination wishing them a happy voyage, assuring them of prayerful support and commending them to have faith in Christ.

Wesley and Ailene were able to visit three of the Free Will Baptist churches in this area. They were graciously received in each of these churches and each church greatly enjoyed the messages given by them.

Wesley and Ailene seemed very anxious to sail and were perfectly confi-



## REVIVAL IN DALLAS COUNTY

Long Lane, Missouri

Rev. Frank Linton and Rev. Charley Findley, evangelist, have recently closed revival services at the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church here in Dallas County (Missouri). There were four conversions and six additions to the church during these services.

We enjoyed some real gospel preaching and some old-time shouting. All in all it was good to meet at the house of the Lord. There will be a baptismal service Sunday, December 5, with a basket dinner at the church. Our pastor is Rev. Frank Linton.

The revival commenced November 15 and closed November 27.

Mrs. Georgia McDaniel, clerk

## CATHOLIC PRIEST ENTERS PROTESTANT CHAPEL TO INTERRUPT WORSHIP

While the Rev. Victor Lang was preaching in the Protestant church of Villa Nueva (Magdalena Department), Sunday, May 30, the parish priest, Friar Jose de Sueca, a Capuchian monk, entered the sanctuary, walked down the aisle, and stepped up on the platform.

White with emotion, the priest faced the congregation and said, "Let me speak." Seconds passed before he could begin. "This foreigner, Victor Lang," he said, "is trampling under foot the constitution of our country." Since the priest is himself a Spaniard, the congregation smiled. Someone asked him what nationality he was, and he replied that he was a Colombian.

The priest then asked Mr. Lang for the pulpit, and tried unsuccessfully to push him to one side. Next, he ordered one of the members of the congregation to go for the bishop and the police. Instead, the member came forward with Bible in hand to engage the priest in a discussion of the Scriptures. Others joined him, and for a half-hour they reasoned with the priest until he could be persuaded to leave the service.

In January, this year, Mr. Lang, a Canadian citizen, was fined 100 pesos for participating in a religious service in the Villa nueva church. Friar de Sueca and his bishop, Vincente Roigy Villalba, vilify the work of Mr. Lang and his colleagues, and the civil au-

thorities harass them with petty annoyances. Mr. Lang is a member of the Evangelical Union of South America.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST ENTERS MANSE; ATTACKS PROTESTANT MINISTER

On May 13th, Father Jose Maria Gallo, parish priest of Calamar (Bolívar Department), led a religious procession through the streets with an image of the Virgin of Fatima. At the house of the Protestant pastor, Sr. Carlos Pajaro, he stopped the procession. Looking inside, he saw the pastor seated at his desk.

Father Gallo shouted, "Stand up! Anyone of culture would stand up in front of a group such as this. Aren't you going to stand?" Sr. Pajaro, from inside his living-room, replied to the priest, "I shall not rise because I don't think I have to render worship to an image."

On hearing this, Father Gallo led the procession, pushed aside the children seated on the doorstep, entered the house, and struck Sr. Pajaro a blow with his fist with such force that he knocked him to the floor. The priest tried to beat the pastor further, but was prevented by a friend in the house, Sr. Aden Gomez, who held him by the arms and led him out to the street.

That night when the Protestants of Calamar met in their chapel for a mid-week service a gang of ruffians threw small torpedo bombs and stones at the chapel. During the service Father Gallo arrived with about 100 men. Under his direction they began to stone the chapel and shout abuses. When it appeared that the priest and his followers would force their way into the sanctuary the church members sent for protection.

Lieut. Lucio Jimeonez and a police detachment arrived and ordered the crowd to disperse. They refused, and under the leadership of the priest continued their stoning and shouting against the Protestants. The mayor, who had also come to the scene, sent some of the police for their rifles and then threatened to shoot into the crowd. The priest and his followers then left.

Many Roman Catholics of Calamar called in Sr. Pajaro to express their

disapproval of the behaviour of their priest. As usual after such attacks, interest in the religious faith of the Protestants was aroused, and attendance at their services has increased.

Father Gallo drew up a memorial stating that the Protestant pastor of Calamar had been drunk on May 13th and had entered the Catholic Church to attack him. However, the mayor, well informed as to what had happened, reported directly to the governor of the Department to deny the priest's report.

## FREQUENT CHANGES IN THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-PROTESTANT POSITION

In a series of orders aimed at suppressing Protestantism, Colombia's pro-clerical government has demonstrated an uncertain attitude toward its religious minority. In September, 1953, for example, it prohibited the presence of Protestant pastors in the "Mission Territories" by affirming that,—

"The Ministry of Foreign Relations has always considered that in the mission territories of the country the presence of pastors or missionaries of religions distinct from the Catholic Church is not permitted." —(Interior Ministry Circular 5106, Sept. 3, 1953).

Five months later the government reversed its position and declared:

"The presence of Protestant ministers in Mission Territories, in conformity with the stipulations of the 1953 Treaty on Missions between Colombia and the Holy See, is protected by constitutional guarantees . . ." —(Interior Ministry Circular 310-R, Jan. 28, 1954)

The four orders of the military government of Lieut.-Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla aimed at limiting the growth of Protestantism were issued in the form of Circulars by the Ministry of the Interior. All except the first were signed by Incio Paboa Nunez, highest ranking cabinet minister. Following is a resume of the first three orders:

Circular 5106 of Sept. 3, 1953, outlawed Protestant worship in the Mission Territories by prohibiting, (1) the presence of non-Catholic missionaries and pastors; and (2) the construction of Protestant churches or chapels.

Circular 4793 of Oct. 24, 1953, permits non-Catholic ministers (both mis-



sionaries and nationals) to reside in the Mission Territories, but forbids them to engage in any "public missionary work except for the children of non-Catholic foreigners." No Protestants in Columbia may engage in "public proselytizing nor employ methods of propaganda outside of the buildings where they celebrate their services." Still prohibited were Protestant services in private homes.

The government's shifting position is caused by the difficulties inherent in the attempt to fasten an inferior civil status on its Protestant citizens. More easily accomplished a century ago, this feat is difficult for a government which professes to be a democracy and is signatory to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the charter of the Organization of American States.

## PROTESTANTS ATTACKED IN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

While Protestants of La Donjuana (Norte de Santander Department) were celebrating a Good Friday service in their chapel, April 16, 1954, they were attacked by a crowd of fanatical Catholics led by two policemen. Shouting insults to the Protestants and vivas to the Catholic religion, the Virgin Mary, and Pope Pius, the attackers threw stones at the chapel and forced open the windows and doors.

### Break Furniture

Some of the crowd entered the chapel, shouting at the worshippers. They broke benches and chairs and seized three New Testaments and a hymn book. Some cried out, "We have come to the service! Why don't you go out?" Others began to play football inside the chapel with an empty tin can.

At this point the sheriff, Sergeant Gamez of the National Police Force, arrived at the chapel and ordered the attackers outside. He called for those responsible for the Protestant congregation in La Donjuana, and Senora Candelaria Blanco and Sr. Jose Maria James presented themselves. He then addressed them with words to the following effect:

"The government is obliged to protect the lives and goods of its citizens. But you have been very imprudent in choosing such an important as this to

gather for a religious service. It is true that there were once many Protestants here, but now La Donjuana is a Catholic town. You Protestants are shameless tramps who have come here to disrupt the devotion and offend the faith of Roman Catholics.

"Why don't you stay in Cucuta and have your services there where no one will bother you instead of coming here to do your proselytizing? I am not responsible for what happens to you here. Now leave. I am going to call the governor's office in Cucuta and inform him that you have disturbed the public order."

Turning to the Catholic mob he said, "You were right to feel offended. These people should be jailed." He then posted a policeman to see that the Protestants would not continue their service.

Sr. Jose Maria Jaimes, the visiting pastor, reported the attack to the governor's office in Cucuta. However, to date, no action has been taken to restore religious freedom in the town. Sergeant Gamez continues as sheriff.

La Donjuana has a history of religious persecution equaled by few other towns in Colombia. Twice this year fanatics have tried to set fire to the chapel by lighting combustible material piled against the front door. In each case the Senora Candelaria Blanco, 75-year-old caretaker, put out the fire before it had opportunity to damage the building.

In 1950 La Donjuana had a thriving congregation of 120 members. In November of that year, police and Catholics, incited by the parish priest, attacked the chapel, broke furniture and part of the roof, and desecrated the sanctuary by using it as a latrine. They carried off and destroyed five pews, two chairs, the communion table and the pulpit. The priest and police so intimidated the church members that most of them fled. The boys used the ruined chapel for a clubhouse, and neighbors kept animals in it.

Two days after the above attack, the parish priest returned to the chapel, stood outside while police under his direction removed more furniture from the chapel. A short time after the November, 1950 attack, the priest had a shrine to the Virgin Mary erected a few feet from the Protestant Chapel. His workers stored their materials in the chapel and mixed con-

crete on the floor of the sanctuary. A sign on the front of the chapel reading, "Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," was torn down and its boards used to make the roof of the shrine. The priest celebrated masses at the shrine, and often his people would turn from the mass to stone the chapel.

In December, 1950, the chapel was attacked in the night by a mob which stoned it for two hours. During the assault one man went for the caretaker's house with a machete. Swinging at the Senora Candelaria Blanco he severed her finger. He cut off part of the arm of an 83-year-old Protestant woman, and stabbed a 10-year-old Protestant girl in the chest twice. For three days preceding this attack nuns of the Sisters of Charity led school children to the statue in front of the Protestant chapel to recite the rosary. Each time the children stoned the chapel.

## GLEANNINGS

Everything worth while has a wall around it—but always there's a gate and key.

The happiest people are those who are too busy to stop and wonder if they are or not.

Religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.

There isn't much fun in medicine, but there's a good deal of medicine in fun.

Keep your fears to yourself but share your courage with others.

Laziness grows on people; it begins with cobwebs and ends with chains.

Don't be an "eager beaver"—beavers sometimes get skinned.

Like refrigerators, people need defrosting occasionally.

A lot of good could be done for the world if nobody cared who got credit for it.

When you get discouraged at your job and feel like the smallest pebble on the beach, remember that the "big potatoes are on top of the heap because a lot of little potatoes are in there holding them up."



## CATHOLIC PRIESTS LEAD STONING ATTACK IN S.A.

Recently the Catholic priests and nuns of Buenaventura led a campaign to close the Protestant chapel in that Pacific coast port city. The first step was the erection of an image of the Virgin Mary across the street from the chapel, where priests and nuns brought school children to recite the rosary.

### Anti-Protestant Rally

On May 15th the image was moved to a position next door to the chapel, and that night priests directed an outdoor religious service in front of the chapel. They reviled Buenaventura's Protestants and led their followers in the 23-verse anti-Protestant song, "We Don't Want Protestants."

Next day, Sunday, May 16th, over a loud speaker installed against the chapel wall fanatical Catholics broadcast insults and threats and sang, "We Don't Want Protestants." During the Young People's service which began at 6:30 p. m., the volume on the speaker was increased so that those inside the chapel could not hear their own leader.

### Catholic Procession To Protestant Chapel

As the 7:30 p. m. service of worship began two Catholic priests, Father Carmona and Father Alfonso Gomez, brought a religious procession to the chapel door. They led their followers in the rosary, interspersed with shouts and cheers. Sample yells, "Long live the Catholic Church!", "Down with the Protestants!", "Long live the Pope!", and "Long live Catholic Colombia!"

Unable to make himself heard inside the Rev. Oscar Jacobson, resident missionary in Buenaventura, motioned to the worshippers to kneel at their pews in prayer.

### Attack Church Members

While the congregation was praying, some of the mob rushed into the chapel. One man seized a pew, broke it to bits and armed himself and others with the pieces. Others threw rocks and stones into the chapel, striking several people. Mr. Jacobson was struck on the forehead by a rock.

He warned the two priests at the

door that their followers were endangering the lives of those in the chapel and urged them to leave. One of the priests shouted, "These heretics have no right to have public meetings. The laws of Colombia prohibit them from having public services."

One of the church members stated that the constitution guaranteed their right to have public meetings in their church. "No, sir," cried one of the priests, "There is tolerance, but there is no liberty." Pointing to an outdoor neon sign with the words "Evangelical Church", he said, "You have to remove that sign and close the door and windows."

### Priest Insults Protestants

Father Carmona turned to the crowd and spoke the following message, or words to that effect:

"We don't need these sons of Luther to corrupt our country. Sixty per cent of the United States is pagan, and it is these pagans who have come to our land to try to enforce their paganism on our people. Catholicism is making a sweeping victory in the United States.. Pagans are flocking to the Catholic Church to embrace the truth, while these pagans come to our country to steal the sheep from the fold."

To Mr. Jacobson he said, "You talk about salvation by faith. We have come to show you that salvation is by works, as taught by St. James." The missionary asked him if their demonstration that night was part of the works by which they expected salvation. Father Carmona replied that they were doing the will of God and would not give up until they had rid the country of Protestants. With that the crowd shouted Vivas to the Catholic religion and threats to the Protestants. The priest then read to the crowd a Roman Catholic tract called "Anti-Protestant Pills and Drops," and called for the destruction of the church's neon sign. With stones and sticks the crowd broke the glass tubing.

At 8:30 p. m. armed soldiers arrived and attempted to restore order. The priests, however, refused to stop their demonstration. The secretary of the military commandant in Buenaventura then ordered Mr. Jacobson to close the chapel doors and threatened to sus-

pend religious services unless his order was obeyed. The missionary refused to close the doors, and the shouting, singing, and stoning continued until 9:00 o'clock.

The next day Buenaventura's military mayor, Lieut. Baraya, told Mr. Jacobson that the Protestants would have to remove their sign and worship behind closed doors. The missionary replied that he would comply only upon receipt of a written order signed and sealed by the mayor.

### Interior Ministry Permits Church Sign

CEDEC reported the attack to the American Consul in Cali and to the Minister of the Interior in Bogota. Later, the Interior Ministry telegraphed the following instructions to the mayor.

"The Ministry considers that signs indicating location of churches pertaining to religions distinct from the Catholic are not public propaganda or proselytism. Consequently, the Protestant chapel in your city is permitted to have its sign."

Damages to the church building amount to approximately 300 pesos. Several sheets of corrugated roofing were shattered by stones, and heavy rains flooded the chapel before repairs could be made.

Rev. Oscar Jacobson is from St. Paul, Minnesota. He has worked for many years in Columbia under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The Catholic Mission of Buenaventura includes some 54,000 inhabitants. According to the latest Yearbook of the Catholic Church in Colombia (1953) there are four priests to care for the population, or one priest for each 13,500 people. From the standpoint of adequate pastoral care (one priest for every 1000 people), the region is virtually abandoned by the Catholic Church. Despite the magnitude of the pastoral work facing Bishop Gerardo Valencia and his priests they seem more intent on driving out Protestant Christians than they are in preaching the gospel. It is worthy of note that the priests assigned to Buenaventura come from the seminary of Bishop Miguel Bulles, who advocates a holy war to drive Protestants from Colombian soil.