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IF I HAVE NOT VISION

Though I speak concerning foreign
missions with great eloquence, and
have not Vision, I am become as sound-
ing brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Although I spend long hours in
study and reading missionary litera-
ture and know much concerning the
hardships and difficulties of a mission-
ary's life, and have not Vision, it prof-
iteth me nothing.

A Vision holdeth one steady before
God; a Vision enableth one to pray
earnestly; a Vision burdeneth, that
others may have salvation;

Doth not exalt any but Christ, seek-
eth only the redemption of the lost, is
given to those who earnestly seek for
it, thinking no price too great to pay;

Trieth not to discourage those who
would be missionaries, but trieth to
encourage them to answer the call of
God;

Beareth another's burdens, believeth
that God is willing to undertake, hop-
eth for the salvation of many, endur-
eth seeming failure and disappoint-
ment.

A Vision doth not soon fail; but
where there be excitement aroused by
hair-raising stories, it shall fail; where
there be mere tears stirred at a mis-
sionary convention, they shall cease;
where there be only interest, it shall
vanish away.

When they have Vision their luke-
warmness and intermittent interest

shall be done away.

For all Christians know in part, and
all Christians see in part; but before I
caught the Vision, I spoke as one with-
out a Vision; but when I caught the
Vision I put away half-hearted things.

And now to be a missionary Chris-
tian these are necessary—a prayerful
heart, a surrendered life, a Vision,
these three, with others, but one of the
greatest of these is a Vision.

—Author Unknown

FEAR NOT THE DARKNESS

Elizabeth Bodle

1. Fear not the darkness.
2. Grip God's hand and you will be
able with purposeful and trusting
step to go through even "the valley
of the shadow of death."
3. The darkness becomes friend when
we go along the road conversing
with God.
4. The darkness loses its harm when
He goes, leaving His luminous in-
fluence along the way.
5. The darkness stops tormenting when
His Word is a lamp to our feet and
a light to our paths.
6. There are not too dense shadows
for Him; He penetrates them all.
7. What should hold our attention is
not the shadows but if He goes with
you He is the great scatterer of
shadows.
8. Penetrate the forest without fear.
For through the thick foliage filter
rays of sun and moon that He sent
that your foot slip not.
9. Fear not shadows, never have they
been able to detain the advance of
the light.
10. Say to your soul, that is to be
encouraged, the shadows are impo-
tent, He is with you.

—International Gospel News

The church is the place to find God,
gladness and good friends.

No matter how right you are you
are wrong if you are unwilling to right
the wrong.

MISSIONARIES VERY BUSY STUDYING JAPAN LANGUAGE

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Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Thank you very much for the two copies of the Free Will Baptist Gem that you sent us. We are always glad to receive news from the churches at home and from the various mission fields. Christian publications can convey this news very well. We would be glad to receive the paper as often as you

States. Many people who told us that they were "behind us" have not written. We cannot feel sure that they are praying for us if they do not write. I'm afraid that they will forget to pray if they forget to write.

We are glad to be representing Free Will Baptists in this country and trust that the Lord will soon send others to join us.

In Christ.

Your Missionaries,
Wesley and Aileen Calvery



would like to send it.

We are still happy in our work here. At present our "work" consists of language study. We spend about eight hours a day studying the language—so that does not give much time for anything else. We are looking forward to the day when we will know the language well enough to witness to the people. But we do plan to start work among those who speak English in the near future. We do not consider it ideal to work with the English language here, but at least it is a way to begin. Although many of those who attend such services are primarily interested in learning English, we trust that the Lord will use us to win some of these to Him.

Please pray for us, and request that your readers do the same. Also, we would like to receive letters from all of our friends in the

WHO'S JESUS?

The jeep bumped along over the oxcart roads some thirty or thirty-five miles from our mission station near Sonapurhat in North India. We had already passed village after village of people who were without a gospel witness.

It was an extremely hot day. No rain had fallen in that area for six months. Dust was ankle deep in the road and was so stifling that we tied kerchiefs over nose and mouth to be able to breathe.

I was touring this area with our missionary, Dan Cronk, and an Indian evangelist. As we rode along over the rough road in a cloud of dust, we noticed an Indian man and his little boy driving eight head of cattle around in a circle. After stopping the jeep and waiting until the dust cloud cleared away, we walked over and found out they were threshing rice. The heads of rice were piled on the ground, which served as the threshing floor, and the cattle were driven over the spot. Their pointed hoofs performing the threshing process.

Of course it was a slow process requiring hours and hours, but eventually the straw would be raked to one side and the grain sifted from one vessel to another while the wind (or sometimes the women) fanned the chaff away.

As we visited with the man, the cows, seemingly glad for our interruption, lazily switched their tails in the hot sun. After some general conversation, we asked him the all-important question,

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"Do you know Jesus Christ as your Saviour?"

He looked at us with a blank countenance and asked, "Who's Jesus." He had never heard the name. He told us that he was head man of his village, and as we stood there he pointed out some twenty or more other villages whose thousands of people had never heard. As my eyes took in the challenging scene, my burdened heart echoed the words of a song I had heard somewhere:

Have you heard the sobbing of a thousand million souls,
Submerged in darkest heathen night?
Vainly groping for a way that leads to hope and peace,
They plead, and wait for gospel light.
A thousand million souls are dying,
A thousand million souls for whom the Saviour died.
Can you still deny their plea
Can you longer idle be
While a thousand million souls are dying?

Raymond Riggs

YOU CAN'T DO THAT

Touch your ear with your elbow.

Create or destroy matter.

Discover where the dark goes when the light is turned on.

Produce perpetual motion.

Convince some persons you're right.

Always get what you want.

Explain electricity.

Think up answers fast enough to satisfy a small child.

Find any entrance into Heaven aside from Jesus Christ.

—Church Bulletin

No Vision . . .

Wilbia Sell - Stockton, Missouri

"Where there is no vision the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Truth contained in the words of the above Scripture is indeed terrifying when we really let the meaning sink into our hearts. For people to perish is in plain words that they step into the very pits of hell.

We're living in a time of a great falling away and a great practice of a form of godliness in our churches. Churches that were one time on fire for God, today are spiritually dead! Why? Because sin has crept in. We read in II Chronicles 7:14 where God appeared to Solomon and spoke these words: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." The same God that spoke to Solomon is still speaking to us today. He is saying if folks that call themselves Christians (by My Name) would humble themselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, then He would forgive their sins. We cannot have sin in our lives and be a Christian, because we read in the Word, "He that committeth sin is of the devil . . ." I John 3:8.

When we become such that we cannot contact God, we have lost the vision. When we cannot contact God and learn His will, we have to go on our own, and the Word of God very plainly states that, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9. God will reveal His secrets to the hearts of His children: "Hast thou heard the secret of God? and doest thou restrain

wisdom to thyself?" Job 15:8.

Pardon this personal reference, but we know by experience that God does reveal things to us, sometimes in a very special way. The same God that spoke to the Old Prophets is still the same today. Real ministers of the gospel must speak, not by the will of man, but by the will of the Holy Spirit. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of men: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:21.

The vision of Christ is being lost. People are perishing because there is no vision. The preaching of messages and sermons must be a revelation from God. Today we are hearing messages from the pulpits that are read from a sheet or two of paper, a book, or from outlined notes, with several funny stories or fables to fill in the time. Now, God says in His Word that He supplies all our needs. The minister in the pulpit needs words. God will supply them if you will only leave it to Him. I believe God's Word that the Holy Spirit is a teacher and brings things to us, without our having to read our sermons or memorize our prayers. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

The Holy Spirit will even appoint the right pastor, leader or teacher in the church, if we will let Him. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28. Paul was instructing the elders at Ephesus to take heed unto themselves and to the flock, over which the Holy Spirit had made them overseers—

not the conference, nor the vote of the church, but the Holy Spirit had selected these men over the church, or flock of God. There are many crippled and dead churches today because God-appointed men have been voted out by a selfish church, where the Holy Ghost could not have His way. No vision! No vision! Children of God, where are we at today? People are perishing because there is no vision. We had better be willing to be led of the Spirit, or we shall all perish.

The Holy Ghost not only calls workers, but He appoints them their field of labor. From the depths of my heart I honestly believe if we as Christians would humble ourselves, and pray, and wait upon God, He would send the right pastor for every church, and then give them messages that are annointed by the Spirit. I believe we would see souls saved in our weekend church services, if we, as individuals, would take our hands off God's work and let the Spirit lead.

The failure to let the Holy Ghost be the leader produces a lifeless church, a play house religion, and souls perish because there is no vision.

God's house should be used only for prayer and praise of God. The Devil is a very sly and cunning one, and works in an undercover way. Some of God's houses are used for different forms of entertainment and socials. Games under the name of Bible games, are being played, in God's house, on the Lord's day, with the excuse that it furnishes interest and entertainment for the young people. When the Spirit of God is present, it furnishes all the entertainment needed and creates an interest that is pleasing to the Lord. Christ set the example for us, and truly I cannot find in God's Word where Christ told His people to play games or resort to any other activities in His house. But He does teach preaching, praying and praising of God. This, in Jesus' own words, is what He says about His house: "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer . . ." Matt. 21:13. "Even them will I bring to my

holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:7.

Christian people, it is time we arise and take a firm stand for the full Gospel. We see the church age move step by step into a form of godliness. We find in Paul's epistle to Timothy that he (Paul) is warning Timothy of the perilous times of the last days, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." II Timothy 3:5. "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." I Timothy 4:8. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables." II Timothy 4:3-4.

STATE SWORD DRILL

Attention Leaguers! Begin now to plan to attend the State League Convention which will be held in Flat River. One of the features of the program this year will be the State Sword Drill contest. Local and District League Presidents should see to it that each district convention has a contestant present.

The following is information concerning the Sword Drill Contest which will be conducted at the Missouri State League Convention in August of this year. These rules are the ones set up by the National League Board and should be followed carefully by those who expect to enter the state contest. One thing which should be observed is the fact that the contestant who wins at our state convention will not enter the national contest until in June, 1956, and for that reason it should be kept in mind that the age must be between 13 and 16 inclusively on that date. To explain further,

a boy or girl who wishes to enter may be only 12 at the time of our state convention, but if his birthday will be before the date of the national contest in June, 1956 he may consider himself eligible to enter our state contest this year; while on the other hand one may be 16 at the time of our state convention, but if his birthday will be before the date of the national convention he should not enter our state contest this year, because he would be disqualified if he were 17 before the date of the national contest.

Each District League Convention will be entitled to one contestant in the state contest. However, in case there is a League located in an association that does not have a district convention, that League may enter a contestant provided there is not another from that association.

Method of Drill is as follows:

1. Mass—At this command all rise and stand with Bible in left hand.
2. Attention—Heels together, shoulders up, hands at side, face the leader.
3. Salute—Regular military salute in two counts: (1) right hand brought quickly to forehead over the right eye; (2) hand brought quickly to side.
4. Draw Swords—Bring Bibles to waistline immediately in front of the body with left hand underneath the Bible and the right hand resting on top of the Bible, ready to turn the leaves.
5. Leader announces the Scripture to be found—for example, Matthew 6:33.
6. Charge—At this command every member of the group begins to search for the Scripture.
7. Each member who finds the Scripture steps forward. The first to move is scored 10; the second, 5; and every member who finds the Scripture before the leader calls "Time out," is scored 1.
8. Time Out—The leader may call "Time out" when he sees that most of the boys and girls have found the Scripture.

This is a signal for all to stop searching, and score is taken. The leader then asks the group or one individual to read the verse aloud.

Types of Drills which will be used in the contest:

1. Scripture searching—In this drill the leader will announce the verse of Scripture to be found, as Romans 8:28.
2. Book drill—In this drill the name of some book in the Bible is mentioned. The contestants find the book. They must be ready to tell which book comes before this book, and which book follows it before they step forward.
3. Character drill—The name of some Bible character is given. The contestants find the name of the character in the Bible. It must be found in the body of the verse and not in the heading of a chapter. This drill may be varied by telling some facts about the character without calling his name.
4. Unfinished quotation drill—The leader quotes the first part of a verse and the contestants must know its location and turn to it in the Bible.
5. Doctrinal drill—The leader asks the group to find a verse setting forth some great doctrine of the Bible. For example, "Find a verse which proves that faith in Christ saves," or, "Find a verse proving all have sinned." The plan of salvation may be worked into this drill.

Local leaders should make their drills in accord with the above types of drills. They should give the contestants a list of several possible answers to study before the final drill is held. A list from which the drill for the State Contest will be made will be printed in a future issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Contestants should study them thoroughly in preparation for the State Contest.

Anyone wishing further information may write Rolla D. Smith, 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Missouri.



From The Editor's Desk



ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

Part of our reason (or excuse) for being late again is that we made a fast trip to Nashville for the Annual Bible Conference when it was in session recently. We long ago learned that a day out of the office required several days of extra effort when we return. This has been no exception: we are very busy. But we enjoyed as much of the Conference as we were able to attend.

It is hard to class one conference above another, but this one seemed to be on the same wonderful spiritual plane as some of the past. Truly it is a wonderful experience in the life of any Christian to attend this remarkable spiritual program.

One of the very enjoyable features of this meeting is to renew fellowship with old-time friends and co-laborers. To an old Missourian, it was a real treat to greet others who have labored in this state, but who are now in service elsewhere—and there were a number of them. We also enjoyed the fellowship of other delegates and students from Missouri, and we certainly enjoyed meeting our many friends of other states, and to meet several whom we had not met before. The fellowship of the Conference can perhaps best be described in the words of the refrain, "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above," for it is a heavenly experience.

Cronks Speak

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, missionaries to India, arrived in time for the service Monday evening, and were among the speakers for the rest of the Conference. It was your editor's first privilege to meet these very fine servants of the Lord. It was a real privilege for us. Each of them expressed the inadequacy of words to convey a challenge of missions as they should like to. However, I am sure that each of us who heard their messages are even more im-

pressed with missions than ever before. They have a message that would be well for each of us to hear over and over again until every word of it burned itself into our hearts and lives. If you can arrange to hear their message during their furlough, I urge you to do so. Only the Cronks can give you the message of their mission work and the challenge of the task ahead. They can tell you that there is something for you to do in this vital work.

Program Speakers

Rev. LeRoy Forlines conducted some very fine outline Bible study lessons, presented on a plane even yours truly could understand. Bro. Forlines is head of the Extension Department of the Bible College, and you will do well to contact him for service in this department.

Also enjoyable were the addresses of the different speakers, including Dr. Johnson, president of the Bible College, Mr. Hyman Appleman, Christian Jew, Rev. Charles Thigpen, National Association moderator and pastor of Highland Park, Michigan, and others. The music department contributed so much to the good of the Conference and to our enjoyment.

Mileys to Missions

Of particular interest was the message delivered Tuesday morning by Rev. LaVerne Miley, dean of the Bible College. Bro. Miley's address was based on his personal testimony of the will of God for his own life. The Spirit of the Lord blessed us greatly as we heard the account of the steps of consecration experienced leading to the various phases of service in which Bro. Miley has labored for the Lord. Climax of the address was his announcement that he will not return to the Bible College as a faculty member for the next term. Rather, he plans to engage in additional training that will eventually result in his qualification to go to the foreign mission field as a medical missionary. Certainly our people can well be

thankful for Bro. and Sis. Miley and their family. You are requested to be much in prayer for them during the time of their preparation for service as medical missionaries.

Entry Visa Denied

Of sobering and saddening effect was the news that the visa of Miss Wanda Edwards, of Desloge, Missouri, has been rejected by the India government. Sis. Wanda has made all preparation to go to India as Free Will Baptist's first medical missionary. She has completed training as nurse, accumulated a quantity of materials needed for such service, and part of the necessary funds for other equipment and passage. But now in keeping with the austere policy in force by the Indian government, some technicality is supposed by them, and they have refused entry permit. This matter is of a considerable disappointment to Sis. Wanda, to the Cronks and other missionaries who have been needing her and waiting for her on the field there, and to us who have been watching and praying for her sojourn to India.

It is too early yet to write this off as the final chapter. In fact, it isn't the end yet. Prayer does change things. It can change this. You are urged to join in definite prayer in this matter. The visa could be reviewed by the Indian government and passage granted. But in the event this does not happen, the Lord can lead into other fruitful service. Wanda still has her call to medical missionary work; she has completed her training and is qualified; she has part of her equipment and some of the funds contributed for her. Perhaps the field of service may be changed. What servant of the Lord is there that hasn't experienced a change of plans or field of service in order to currently be in the Lord's appointed work? Prayer—your prayers—will alter this situation to the Lord's glory, our good, and the satisfying and fruitful service of Sis. Edwards.

Pray!

Committee Meetings

As is usually the case, several of the boards of the National Association set this as a time for called meetings necessary to take care of current business and to plan programs of operation. Several such boards and committees convened during the Conference; among them, the College Board of Trustees, the Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Publication and Literature, and the Superannuation Board. These meetings took considerable time, meditation and prayer. But they are a necessary function of these committees. We ourselves spent some time with the Superannuation Board, which program we hope to see expanded greatly in the next short while.

Yes, we really made a rushed trip, but we enjoyed it. However, we are back doing double duty for a while trying to get caught up with our work.

IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE

The Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Springdale, Arkansas recently closed a revival in which 13 souls were saved. Evangelists were Rev. Lester Hilton, pastor of a Fundamental Methodist church in Springfield, Missouri, and Rev. Cecil Garrison of Huntsville, Arkansas. Rev. Tommie Day is pastor of Phillips Chapel.

A Go-Tell Auxiliary (G.T.A.) was recently organized in the Fellowship Church at Flat River, and plans were to organize a Y.P.A. also. These are proving their worth, and more and more of our churches are organizing the G.T.A. and Y.P.A.

Freeland, Michigan—The delay in my reply to you was caused by the serious illness of my wife who has anemia and fainting attacks. We are old pilgrims. I am 81; she only a little younger. I am still preaching every Lord's Day—the old fundamental gospel of the premillennial coming of our Lord from heaven.

Niangua, Missouri—The people of this community sure enjoy the paper,

so keep the good work up.

Flat River, Missouri—Work was begun February 25 on an educational unit of the Fellowship Church. The unit will consist of nine class rooms, two assembly rooms, and a library. The structure will be of brick to match the present building. A contractor will do the brick and masonry work, and members of the church are donating labor for such jobs they can do in time off from their regular employment. The building is expected to be completed by mid-summer. Rev. Rolla Smith is pastor of the church.

Recent revivals were conducted in two of the churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rev. Luther Gibson was the evangelist with the new Airport Church, and Rev. Paul Pursell did the preaching at the Lawnwood Church.

Greentop, Missouri—We are very happy in the service of the Lord here. God is richly blessing. It is hard work, but we love it. God is calling out some very good workers from both churches, for which we are so thankful. Truly, workers are so much needed in this great harvest field which is white ready to harvest.

FACTS AND FIGURES

There are more Indians in Guatemala than in vast Brazil, according to statistics of Mexico's "Instituto Nacional Indigenista." Evangelistic missionaries are urgently needed.

The Reds liquidated more than 500 Presbyterian pastors of North Korea.

A recent letter from an American residing in Turkey states that there are probably not more than five professing believers in the whole country.

In Spain the number of Spanish Protestants who profess to belong to 30,000. There are approximately 300 Protestant congregations, of which only about one third meet regularly for worship with the permission of the authorities. Religious meetings and services can be held only inside a build-

ing. A Protestant funeral is often prohibited as a "public demonstration."

Every year on January 30, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi a two-minute silence will be observed throughout India at 11:00 a.m., in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for India's freedom.

In Greece no neo-Greek Orthodox group can build a house of worship unless the Greek Orthodox bishop of the area gives his consent.

Out of 8,000,000 radio receiving sets in Japan, only 450,000 are in Christian homes.

There are more radio receivers in Latin America than the combined circulation of all their daily newspapers.

—Missionary News Service

TIME

The old man began to talk,
As I listened patiently;
Time was slipping by—
Scarcely a moment to whisper a reply.

He told of the time he lived for Satan,
But was too busy for God.
Time now was growing late,
A dark way must be trod.

He had no time for church,
No time for prayer;
No time to linger with Christian ones,
Just busy with worldly affairs.

Time now had turned to death—
How dark the way seemed!
This time had come too soon,
For the poor old man's soul had not been redeemed.

This makes one think of how many others
Feel the need to pray,
But always wait until tomorrow—
BUT TIME MAY END TODAY!

Erma Kerner

The blessing that is shared is not halved but doubled.



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PRAYER

Prayer is the medium God has provided for man to communicate with him. It is vital to the unsaved person who desires God's forgiveness of sin, and it is of utmost importance in the life and growth of a born again believer. It is as most as old as the human family; it is referred to in Genesis 4:26b: "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." The need of prayer is universal; no race or people is free from the need of prayer. In Psalm 65:2 we read, "Oh thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." And in Isaiah 56:7b, "Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

Many times in the Bible men are admonished to pray—not one or twice, but continually. I Chron. 16:11, "Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually." I Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." And many others. We need to realize that prayer is not only a privilege, but it is also our duty. We must make our needs known to God. We should be encouraged to pray by reading the many examples of answers to prayer in the Bible. Besides giving us the recorded examples of answered prayer, God, in the Word, has the promise to answer prayer if we meet the required conditions. In John 15:7 He says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

If we think we have prayed as we ought, and yet our prayers are unanswered, we might search our hearts and attitudes and see if we have met the conditions God requires before he answers our prayers. We cannot expect God to answer our prayers if we have a haughty spirit. He says that we must humble ourselves and pray. Neither can we expect God to answer our prayers if we pray halfheartedly. He says, "And ye shall

seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your hearts."

One can be humble in spirit and be in dead earnest, fully realizing his need, but unless his prayer is offered in faith, it will avail nothing. In Mark 11:24, Jesus told His disciples, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

As in everything else, the Christian should take Christ as his example in prayer. If it was necessary for Him to commune with His Father in prayer, how much more is it necessary for us? Christ prayed in early morning, in the evening, and even all night. He prayed when He was surrounded by the multitudes and He prayed when He was alone. Are any of us strong enough to stand the tests with less prayer than our blessed Savior? Surely we should pray without ceasing.

Agnes Smith
State Program Publicity Chairman

PRE-EASTER SERVICES

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri met March 16 in the home of Mrs. W. K. Weston, with 27 members in attendance. The meeting was opened with singing of a hymn, followed with prayer by Mrs. Lloyd Jeffreys.

"Prayer" was the theme of this most impressive lesson taken from the Year Book and conducted by Mrs. Lyle Roller, program chairman. Those discussing lesson topics were Miss Virginia Long, Mrs. Burl Thomas, Jr. and Mrs. Will Gates. Others added to the discussion in giving their personal comments concerning public, family and private prayer and the importance of each in our Christian growth. Personal testimonies about experiences in prayer seemed to draw closer the Lord's presence.

Mrs. Nolan Thomas, president, presided during the business meeting, at which time roll call was answered

with favorite Bible verses. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The vice chairmen gave their reports. A review of work done was received. Phone calls for new members, one; calls to absentees, seven; visits to absentees, one; get-well cards were sent by 21 members; 37 sick calls made; 10 soul winning efforts reported; nine bouquets of flowers, seven trays and 10 garments given; 14 members took part in or attended cottage prayer meeting.

Our Auxiliary has assumed partial support of a boy in the Greenville orphanage, and at the meeting an offering of \$7.15 was received to send to him for shoes before the home-coming there soon. We are furnishing 100 plates and 200 spoons for Youth Camp.

Plans are being completed for a spiritual pre-Easter week of services at the church.

SUPPORT EDWARDS FUND

The ladies of the Hazel Creek Auxiliary met for their March meeting with Lizzie Filkins. There were 12 member, two visitors (Rev. Letterman and Bernice Thomas), and six children present. Sheets and tea towels were made. The president led the devotional period with all singing, "Send the Light." Opening prayer was by Oletha Parsons. Scripture reading was Mark 16:15-16. "Declaring His Glory Now in India," was studied, with topics given by Maizie Sevits, Leona Thompson, Ethel Thompson and Martha Letterman. Rev. Letterman closed with a prayer of consecration.

Maizie Sevits gave a report of the Y.P.A. that has been organized. Motion carried to send regular offering of \$5.00 per month to Wanda Edwards Fund. Motion carried to put "How to Pray, by Torrey, in the church library. "Guide Book for Auxiliaries" was reviewed by Dora Sponsler.

Report showed 1,068 Bible chapters had been read, 67 calls made and 40 cards sent. The Co-Laborer offering was \$1.33. Dismissal prayer was by Martha Letterman.

—Reporter

TEXAS AUXILIARY BUSY

Pine Prairie Church
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Editor and Auxiliary Members:

Members and visitors of the Woman's Auxiliary of our church met at the church at 10:00 o'clock, February 15. The service opened with singing, "Jesus Saves," and prayer. The meeting was for a study course on Stewardship, entitled "Found Faithful," which was taught by the study course chairman, Mrs. Martha Mize.

At the noon hour a covered dish luncheon was served at the church, and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. At 1:30 the regular meeting was opened with prayer. The president conducted a business session. A roll call was made and minutes were read. Plans were made for Stewardship night at the church.

Delegates were elected to attend the District Convention to convene with the Pine Prairie Church. We had a wonderful District Meeting, with good attendance. We received a special blessing at the eleven o'clock hour in a good sermon, "The Second Mile," by Bro. Zellars from North Zulch Church. The message was followed by a bountiful lunch.

Our February lesson on "Family Worship" was discussed by Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Koehl and Mrs. Fulton.

On March first, the Auxiliary met for a study course on "Personal Soul Winning," which we enjoyed very much. We were made to realize more fully our responsibility to the unsaved.

During the past six months we have enjoyed five study courses, have sent \$6.00 to the Co-Laborer Fund, and have served lunches to bereaved families.

The March 22nd meeting of the Auxiliary was well represented, and one new member was received, making a total of 22 members. The lesson on "Declaring His Glory Now in India" was a wonderful lesson. The privilege of carrying the Gospel has been committed to every Christian. Everyone has a part in this, by our prayers for laborers and missionaries on the field, and to support them in a financial way.

Our project for this year is to send an adult counsellor to the Youth Camp in August.

A year ago the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored the organization of a Y.P.A. and a G.T.A., with 12 members in each

department. During the year these departments helped to send one child to the Youth Camp. They are sponsoring one young person again this year. They participated in the Thanksgiving Week of Prayer. Recently both departments took part in the Stewardship Night service. They have had regular monthly programs and a Stewardship Study of "All of Mine for Him." Both departments have enjoyed three socials during the year, and all the while growing in membership. The present enrollment of the G.T.A. is fifteen, and the Y.P.A. has a membership of twenty.

Mrs. Phil Wood, Sec'y.

FREDERICKTOWN W.A.

Dear Gem Readers:

We wish one more time to report on our church and our church work.

Last Wednesday we met at the home of Sis. Souden in our Home Mission meeting, and continued quilting for the church. In the evening several of the members of the Auxiliary came in for prayer meeting, with Sis. Nancy Ward as leader, and she did a wonderful job. She is getting up in years, but is young in the cause. She has not been a Christian very long, but she never gets tired of talking about the Lord and His goodness. We had a good prayer meeting.

Then Thursday was our all-day Auxiliary meeting, and the Lord really blessed our souls, and there was old-time shouting and praising the Lord. We do thank God for our Auxiliary, and for our president, Sis. Freeland, and for each member. Sis. Graham gave a nice song. Then we enjoyed a reading, "The Master Is Coming." That makes us rejoice every time we hear it, for we do know He is coming some day, and we must be ready.

We appointed Sis. Pogue, Sis. Baldwin and Sis. Lewis a committee to have us a table made for our kitchen in the basement, and to get tile to cover the floor. They have it all done, and the tile and the table are beautiful.

We do thank the Lord for the ladies in our church. They are a working little bunch. Oh, the men are all good, too, but we love to think we can beat them. We are thankful for our pastor, his wife and daughter. They are really a blessing to us. We do believe the Lord sent them our way, for we did

not have to go through that tiresome try-out method to get a pastor. We had selected Bro. Day before our other pastor left. However, it was four weeks before he could come. He has been preaching such good sermons, and Sis. Day is so interested in the young folks.

We will begin our revival in April with Bro. Willis as the evangelist. We do ask the prayers of all of our Gem family for our meeting that souls may be saved and our church revived.

This evening we enjoyed having the Peerless Quartet with us, and they were a blessing to us with their wonderful singing. May God bless them in their singing.

May God bless you both, Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys and the children, and all the Gem readers.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. W. I. James, corres. sec'y.

PLAN BIBLE SCHOOL

First F.W.B. Church Auxiliary

The Kirksville Auxiliary met March 3 at the home of Lillian Wood.

Sis. Alta Mikel conducted the meeting which opened with singing, "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer was by Sis. Allie Peterson. The president read Mark 16:15-16 for the Scripture lesson. There were 16 members and three little visitors present. A short business session was held in which plans were made to purchase the needed supplies for a D.V.B.S., to have one of the pianos repaired and tuned, to furnish refreshments for the Young People's social meetings, and to visit the shut-ins as our March project.

The members reported having read 484 Bible chapters, made 38 sick calls, and sent 30 cards. The amount of the offering was \$14.52. The secretary announced that the two monthly offerings to the Wanda Edwards' Fund had been sent. A number of special prayer requests were made: Sis. Myrtle Jones offered the prayer.

The lesson for the day was "Declaring His Glory Now in India." Topics were given by Helen Sorenson, Alma Scrivens, Grace Lawson and Ethel Adkins. We were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Jones, after which refreshments were enjoyed.

Our next day meeting will be with Julia Mollie at 708 N. Franklin Street.

Elfie Dace, secretary

ADOPT ORPHANAGE GIRL

Fourth F.W.B. Church
Vista and Newstead Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Readers:

We wish to report that our Auxiliary movement is progressing. We had one visitor and received one new member at our last meeting.

We are adopting the support of pretty little six year old Mary Elizabeth Abney who lives at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greenville, Tennessee. The G.T.A.'s are choosing her name for the name of their Auxiliary. Both they and the Y.P.A. will contribute to her support. We pray that by bringing a little love and happiness into the life of this little child, that we will be strengthened and brought closer to each other and also brought into a closer union with our Heavenly Father.

We had a bake sale February 12 which was very successful.

A group from the G.T.A. and the Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on Sunday afternoon, February 13, and canvased the neighborhood, taking a church census and handing out tracts.

The women here have made a covenant to have a ten o'clock prayer hour each day in behalf of our coming revival.

Our prayers are that God will bless not only in our neighborhood, but that He will also spread sunshine into the lives of each of you—the readers, and Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys.

Mariam Willhite, reporter
Rev. W. T. Turnbough, pastor

ENTERING REVIVAL

Johnston City, Illinois

Dear Sis. Opal:

I thought you might be interested in our Auxiliary here at the Johnston City Free Will Baptist Church. We meet on the Third Thursday of each month.

Recently we made and sent a quilt to the orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee. We also made capes for our children in the Junior choir. We have adopted a boy at the orphanage and send his clothes as needed. We contribute regularly to the college. We are trying to help any and all we come in contact with, and in so doing carry on our Lord's work. We enjoy our

work and the lessons in the Year Book so much.

Our District Meeting will be held at our church early in April. We wish it were possible for you to visit with us some time. Sis. Eunice Edwards of your state has visited with us and has been a great blessing to us.

We met yesterday (March 18) for our regular monthly meeting. We had 23 ladies and our pastor, Rev. Claude Childers, present.

I enjoy the Gem, and was glad to see your family's picture on the cover.

We are entering a revival on Easter Sunday, with Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Nashville, Tennessee as our evangelist. Bro. G. N. Parks of Herrin, Illinois will be our song leader. Help us pray that we will have a great meeting and many will be saved.

Yours truly,

Mae Williams, president

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers.

May we come in again for a short visit and tell you a few thing we are doing.

Our Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Wallace Dodd for our all day service. The theme of our program was "Steadfast in Personal Service." A very good program was rendered. Everyone present felt the presence of the Lord. At the noon hour a lovely dinner was served and a good fellowship enjoyed by all.

There were 12 members and five children present after the noon hour. We all went to the home of Miss Mary Burcham, who has been ill for some time, and had a prayer meeting with her again. The Lord blessed every heart. How good God is. It was indeed a good day in the service of the Lord. Pray for us at Fellowship Church that we will ever stay in His will.

Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand, reporter

SUPPORT CO-LABORER FUND

The ladies of Union Free Will Baptist Church near Thompsonville, Illinois met in their regular Auxiliary meeting at the church on March 3. Nine members were present. The service opened with singing, "Send the

Light." Prayer was by Sis. Ethel Boyer. The Scripture lesson, Mark 16:15-16, was read by Sis. Zola McClaren. Topics from the lesson were given by Sis. Flo Elam, Sis. Bessie Morris, Sis. Myrtle Jones and Sis. Merle Jones. Prayer by Sis. Reathel Jones. Dues and a tithe offering was taken following the roll call and reading of the minutes.

We agreed to send as much each quarter to the Co-Laborer Fund as we could. Our meeting was closed with prayer by Sis. Dean Parton.

—Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

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Lawnwood, Tulsa, Okla.	206.194.183
Harry Staires, pastor	
G. W. Cunningham, Supt.	
Mountain Grove	185.157.169
Fred Kirby, pastor	
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas	147.146.143
Tommie Day, pastor	
Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.)	94. 97.103
Glenn Rehkop, pastor	
Fourth. St. Louis	80. 84. 85
Wm. Turnbough, pastor	
Parkview, Desloge	104. 88. 84
John Long, pastor	
Richwoods	83. 79. 71
(League)	54. 48. 34
Leslie Logsdon, pastor	
Clarence Sohn, Supt.	
Jones Chapel, Stella	63. 54. 54
Winford Davis, pastor	
Farmington	46. 45. 49
James Barker, pastor	
Joplin First	33. 35. 38
Paul Williams, pastor	
Elizabethton, Tenn. First	195. .193
Harvey E. Hill, pastor	
Fredericktown	160.161.
Willard Day, pastor	
Monett	111. 98.
James Davis, pastor	
Leon Hilton, Supt.	
St. Marys, New Berne, N.C.	335. .
Cecil Campbell, pastor	
Southside, St. Louis	204. .
James Franklin, pastor	
New Hope, N'ville, Tenn.	168. .
(League)	76. .
Robert Hill, pastor	
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	46. .
Ezra Butts, pastor	

RADIO PROGRAM

Our friends of the Fundamental Methodist Church located at Scott and Broadway in Springfield, Missouri, have recently contracted a 30 minute program each Saturday morning, 8:00 o'clock, over radio Station K.W.T.O. in Springfield. Rev. Lester Hilton is pastor of the church, and will be the speaker on the program. We suggest you listen regularly to this program.

STRANGE BIBLE FACTS

The learned prince of Granada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the crown for fear he should aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the Place of Skulls, Madrid. After 33 years in this living tomb, death came to his release, and the following remarkable researches, taken from the Bible, and marked with an old nail on the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years:

In the Bible the word "Lord" is found 1,853 times.

The word "Jehovah" 3,855 times.

The word "reverend" but once, and that in the 9th verse of Psalm 111.

The 8th verse of the 97th Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible.

The 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther is the longest.

The 35th verse of the 11th chapter of John is the shortest.

In the 107th Psalm four verses are alike—the 8th, 15th, 21st, and 31st.

Ezra 7:21 contains all letters of the alphabet except j.

Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike.

No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible.

The 37th chapter of Isaiah and 19th chapter of II Kings are alike.

The word "girl" occurs but once in the Bible, and that in the 3rd verse of the 3rd chapter of Joel.

There are found in both books of the Bible 3,538,483 letters, 773,693 words, 31,373 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books.

The 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is the finest chapter to read.

The most beautiful chapter is the 23rd Psalm.

The four most inspiring promises are John 14:2, and 6:37, Matthew 11:28, Psalm 37:4.

All who flatter themselves with vain boasting should read the 6th chapter of Matthew.

—The King's Highway

OTHERS

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel and pray,
My prayer will be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for You,
Must needs be done for others.

Let "Self" be crucified and slain
And buried deep: and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for others.

And when my work on earth is done
And my new work in Heaven's begun
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes, others—
Let this my motto be:
Help me to live for others
That I might live like Thee.

—C. D. Meigs

FROM OUR FRIENDS

I want to renew our subscription to the Gem. We just couldn't get along without it. We sure do enjoy reading about our brothers and sisters in Christ. J.R., Mo.

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Please renew my subscription to the Gem. I do get a blessing from reading the articles, and after I am finished with it I give it to my neighbor with the understanding that she will pass it on. May the Lord continue to bless in this work. Mrs. M.H., Mo.

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I enjoy the Gem. I don't get to attend church, as my husband is an invalid and I can't leave him. C.H., Mo.

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The people of this church enjoy the

Gem very much, so keep up the good work. L.F.C., Mo. (This church uses the Church Plan of subscribing to the Gem.)

—o—

I sure do enjoy our Gem, and I am glad to hear from the different churches and of the good work that is going on. We still need more revivals and more Christian people to carry on. I am praying that this might be one of the greatest years in this work. E.S., Mo.

—o—

We have taken the Gem for a long time and would hate to be without it now, as we always look forward to the time it comes. J.W.H., Mo.

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As for me, I am going to do all I can for the good Gem. I am enclosing two new subs (and his own renewal). H.L.T., W.Va.

SANCTUARY

I am a salesman for my Lord,
He has a home for you.
The deed is made—the title clear,
There is no mortgage due.

You sign no paper, pay no bills,
You ask no lawyer's aid.
The land is bought. The house is built.
The price has all been paid.

The Master asks you to accept
This house not made with hands;
And with it goes eternal life
Spent on its golden strands.

The place is Heav'n where streets are gold,
The angel voices sing.
The most exclusive part of town—
You have to know the King!

And when you see the pearly gates
That stand beside the road,
I know you'll want to tarry there
And throw aside your load.

For Christ has died for all your sins.
There is no trouble there.
The only law is God's command,
The burdens He will bear.

This offer doesn't stand for long.
We know not when we go.
Don't take a chance. Accept, I pray.
You must let Jesus know.

—Charlotte Skinner



Mrs. Minnie Chandler

Mrs. Minnie Ellen Muse Chandler, daughter of W. H. and Ellen Jane Muse, was born May 22, 1911 at Marshfield, Missouri. She departed this life March 19, 1955, at her home on a farm near Niangua, Missouri at the age of 43 years, nine months and 27 days.

On April 5, 1930, she was united in marriage to Raymond R. Chandler. To this union two daughters were born: Lela Mae, who preceded her in death, and Lola Fern of the home.

Minnie was converted at an early age. She was baptized and joined the Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church in 1953. She was an active member in all church activities, a good neighbor, and a kind and loving wife and mother. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, two brothers, Tom and John Muse, both of Marshfield; and one sister, Ida Love of Millersburg, Indiana.

Just say that I am gone away—

Don't say I've died, although I cease to breathe;

And should you gaze upon the empty clay,

Don't call me dead, but constantly insist

I'm still living. I've merely gone away.

Then think this way—'twill help to lessen grief—

Just think. She always knew she couldn't stay,

And always moved about so much;

She's living still—she's only gone away.

And you, too, make plan to come and visit me,

And 'neath the tree of life for hours we'll play

As little children play in parks,

I'm sure you'll like where I've gone away.

**HARVEY HILL EVANGELIST
FOR ST. LOUIS REVIVAL**

St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

It has been sometime since I have written to the Gem. Our church is small in number, but the Lord has been blessing it in a big way. Within the last year there have been eleven members join the church. The church has been organized two years. The first Sunday School attendance was 25, a year later there was 51, and this last anniversary there were 97 present. So you see the Lord has truly blessed the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church here in St. Louis.

A Woman's Auxiliary, a G.T.A. and a Y.P.A. have been organized in the church. These groups have just been started since January, 1955, so they haven't got to do as many things as they would like to have done. The women have had a bake sale, and also adopted one of the children in the Free Will Baptist Children's Home to sponsor. The child is little six-year old Mary Elizabeth Abney. The G.T.A. and Y.P.A. filled dime books for the revival we had, and they gave an offering of \$28.61 as a love offering. The women sponsored a missionary program on India in April. We considered it a grand privilege to have Sis. Bishop with us to conduct the service. Sis. Bishop has been a nurse missionary and spent 10 years in service on the mission field in India. We were also glad to have our own Free Will Baptist missionary, Sis. Wanda Edwards, who is waiting to go as our first medical missionary.

We have just completed a two-week revival with Bro. Harvey Hill as our evangelist. We have known Bro. Hill to be a real servant of God and of our denomination. We of Missouri are grateful for him, and we miss his service. Bro. Ned Templeton was our pianist and Bro. Bud Brawley our choir leader. They are members of the South Side Church in St. Louis. They did a wonderful job, using their talents for their Master's cause in the revival. Along with them, Bro. Dobson of the Berkeley Church, the girls and the families of South Side Church, the Four Notes, the Brooks Family, and the Lester Band of Station K.S.T.L. rendered praises to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in music and song. The church was full each evening

except one, when snow covered the streets. There was standing room only the night the Lester Band was there.

Churches as far away as Richwoods were represented many nights. The First Church of Flat River and of Salem came. South Side and Berkeley Churches were represented each night, and united in great numbers with us. Five precious souls found the Lord in the two weeks of service, and we thank the Lord for these souls. We sincerely thank the Lord for the two churches who helped us in this revival, and we want them to continue to pray for us as we try to grow in the Lord's service.

In the Lord's service,

Sis. Jerry Bullis

THE POWER OF PRAYER

On a Sunday night in April, 1912, the great "Titanic" went to the bottom of the Atlantic ocean.

It had struck a mighty iceberg which had torn open its side. Hundreds of passengers went down to a watery grave that fateful night. Among the passengers on board the "Titanic" was Colonel Gracie.

That night a woman far away in America could not sleep. Her mind was filled with fear for her husband. She felt he was in grave danger. She began to pray earnestly for him. As the hours went by, she kept praying in agony. Finally, about five o'clock in the morning, peace came into her heart and she slept.

Meanwhile, her husband, Colonel Gracie, was helping launch the lifeboats from the sinking "Titanic." He had given up all hope of being saved himself. There were not enough lifeboats to take care of all the passengers. The "Titanic" plunged to her watery grave at the ocean's bottom, and he was sucked down to the great whirlpool. He began to swim toward the surface. He found himself near an overturned lifeboat. He and several others climbed on top of the boat and for several hours clung to it. Then, about five o'clock in the morning, another lifeboat saw them and rescued them!

God was the strong protector of Col. Gracie. When all seemed hopeless, He came to the rescue, answering the agonized prayers of a woman who believed in God.

—The Gospel Herald

YES—HE WAS HUNGRY

I almost slapped his hand. He was just a little lad, made homeless because of the recent war in Korea. Yes, he was hungry and trying to find something he could sell to get enough rice for one more meal. His search was in the pockets of the soldier wandering on the streets of Seoul.

I had completed a 40 mile trip to Seoul. The roads were exceedingly dusty and the jeep springless. I was near the PX in downtown Seoul. My hands were busy trying to keep my possessions under constant surveillance. Somehow he managed to break through my guard and was just lifting my pen when I realized what was happening. My first reaction was to slap his hand—but the Lord checked me.

Immediately I was reminded that this could have been my boy rather than an unfortunate Korean orphan. I managed to get him to understand sufficiently that he waited outside the PX while I purchased a few articles of food for him. He was so grateful, backing away, bowing and smiling his thanks.

We who live in plentiful America should be ever so grateful for our good fortune. God has been good to us in supplying our physical and material needs.

With so many needs outside our country, we must do what we can to relieve them. The Lord expects us to do what we can. The naked need clothing. And many children play far into the winter without any clothes at all, mainly because they do not have any. Food—thousands are barely getting enough to hold body and soul together. Money—to buy those items that cannot be sent, to supply the literature, Bibles, New Testaments, tracts. Korea, along with the entire Orient, needs all the help that we can give.

Pray for these people. Help them, and rejoice with them as they turn to the Lord.

Chaplain Boyd W. Davis
(International Gospel News)

GLEANINGS

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited." Jer. 17:5-6.

You will never find a God-loving, God-fearing backslider!

A Christian should: *subtract* sin, *add* grace, *divide* his earnings; then he will have *multiplied* blessings.

Many take their "burdens" to the Lord, but few of these leave them there.

The 'IAN' ending of the word 'Christian' helps define its meaning. The 'I' stands for *I*, the 'A' for *am*, and the 'N' for *nothing*. Thus, Christ is all; *I am nothing*. Are you a Christian?

All "good deeds" are not done with the right motive or attitude. Make sure yours are.

If you meet a man who has no smile, then give him one!

More Christians should hang a sign on their ears, saying, "Please do not dump your trash here."

Doubting is failing to believe; thus it is unbelief or disbelief.

Even our petitions and requests can bring glory and honor to God along with our thanksgiving. "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High: and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psalm 50:14-15.

—R. R. M.

S.S. CONVENTION MEETS

The regular meeting of the Triumphant Sunday School Convention convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at Richwoods, Missouri on April 2. Four churches had delegates present: Berkeley, two present; Fourth Church, 11 present; South Side of St. Louis

with eight, and Richwoods, 41. There were four visitors.

Rev. Lesley Logsdon, host pastor, called the meeting to order. Sis. Elsie Schutte led the congregational singing, with Bro. Ned Templeton at the piano. Prayer was by Rev. Bill Turnbough. Bro. Logsdon appointed Sis. Sophia Ackerson to act as secretary in the absence of the regular secretary. Rev. Bill Turnbough was elected to preside over the convention during the absence of the president and vice president.

The welcome address was by Sis. Dorothy Cordia: the response by Bro. Ned Templeton. Special by Richwoods, "O Say, But I'm Glad." Accordion solo by Sharon Bullis of Fourth Church. Piano solo by Ned Templeton of South Side Church. Solo, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," by Sis Dorothy Cordia of Richwoods. Duet, "In the Garden," by Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Logsdon. Rev. Harry Asher of South Side Church read Psalm 25 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Bro. Ned Templeton. Then Bro. Asher used Psalm 27:10 for a text and preached an inspiring message.

New officers were elected for the coming year. President, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Richwoods. Vice president, Rev. Harry Asher, St. Louis. Secretary-treasurer, Ettie Logsdon, Richwoods. A standing vote of thanks was given the retiring officers. An offering of \$12.80 was received for the Youth Camp. Bro. Bullis offered the prayer of thanks for the offering. The fellowship hour and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Bro DeWitt asked the Lord's blessings on the refreshments.

Ettie Logsdon, secretary

HE SUPPLIES OUR NEEDS

The large snowflakes were steadily falling and in a few minutes the earth was covered with a white blanket. I thought not of the cold and unpleasantness but of the scorched, dry earth of a short while back and how good this moisture will be for vegetation.

Then my thoughts returned to the Great Provider and I again realized that in due time our every need will be met and that whatsoever He does will be done well. Phil. 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Mae Heide, Patton, Missouri

MURDERER SAVED

A father of a family of twenty-one sent his children across the state border to steal. If they returned home empty-handed they were promised a beating. The father had also been held on murder charges in both Ohio and West Virginia. But several months ago a consecrated Christian gave this wicked man a gospel tract from the Colportage Department of Moody Bible Institute. After the worker had dealt with him about his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit convicted him of sin and he accepted Christ as his own personal Saviour. Later he related, "I'm 60 years old, and it is the first time I ever made a start. Well, nobody ever cared enough to ask me before." —Moody Alumni News

A Sword Drill was conducted for the young people. First place was Darrell House, second was Janette Tyer, and Velma Perkins was third. A missions offering was taken in the amount of \$16.09 to be given at the program scheduled for February 7 in Kansas City by Rev. Raymond Riggs. The meeting was adjourned to meet with the Union Third Fork Church in May.

Mrs. Mark Tyer, secretary

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT FOURTH ST. LOUIS CHURCH

We have just closed a very successful revival here at Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. Rev. Harvey

Hill of Elizabethton, Tennessee was the evangelist. Bro. Hill was formerly the pastor of South Side Church here.

Five young people surrendered their lives to Christ. The inspiring messages were enjoyed by all. We appreciate the wonderful cooperation of the other Free Will Baptist Churches, and the fine job that Bro. Ned Templeton and Bro. Bud Brawley did in directing the congregational singing.

In His service,

Rev. Bill Turnbough, pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Gower, Missouri

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the N.W. Missouri and N.E. Kansas Association met with the Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church January 30, 1955. The morning worship service was at 11:00 o'clock, with Rev. W. R. Rush bringing the message, "Converts exhorted," taking a Scripture text from Acts 11:23-24. The Primary Class of Mt. Zion sang, "I'll Be A Sunbeam," and a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tyer sang, "A Beautiful Life."

After a bountiful dinner, the president, Mrs. Carl Sloan, called the group together again by singing, "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes." Rev. Melba White read the Scripture, I Peter 2, and prayer was by Mrs. Mary House.

After a short business meeting, the following program was enjoyed. Piano solo, "I Need Thee Every Hour," Janette Tyer. Quintet, "On the Jericho Road," Carl Sloan, Marks Tyer, Raymond Perkins, Claron Lingo and Darrell House. Solo, "Open Up Your Heart," Kay Thomas. Solo, "I Bow'd My Knees and Cried Holy," Eva Coffey. Solo, "Somebody Bigger than You and I," Mrs. Quentin Thomas. Duet, "From the Manger to the Cross," Mary Ruth and Alice Mae Patterson. Clarinet solo, "Rock of Ages," Janette Tyer. Duet, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone," Mrs. George Sims and Mrs. Bill Carterman. Play, "A Call to Missions," Mt. Zion Church.

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And how shall they preach, except they be sent, as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15.

What a privilege to carry a Gospel of Hope and Peace to this troubled world in which we live. Are we adequately equipped with the Power of the Holy Ghost. Is the Gospel of Hope and Love shining forth in our daily life? We preach our most effective sermons in our daily walk, and how we meet the trials of life. Do we complain and condemn? So many times we act as if it were a great burden to serve the Lord, considering our own comfort. How easily God can take away the comforts of home and all the things we love so dearly.

Some of the greatest testimonies of faith have come from those who have looked with tears, through the light of the fiery furnace, to the Cross of Calvary and God has placed a testimony in their heart. Such a testimony goes out to unsaved souls and cold and

indifferent church members.

When God has placed Faith and Hope within your heart you can not contain it within yourself. Jeremiah tried, and failed. "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, But his word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Jer. 20:9. Do we have that kind of witness? If we have the power of the Holy Spirit, it will speak for itself.

Have we exchanged our worries for faith, our fear to trust, our anxieties to confidence in God? If we have we can speak with the assurance of faith that God can and does help in each walk of life. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 5:17-18.

All around us is confusion—"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:26. How sad when we think of the condition of lost souls. What are

The Gospel of Peace

we doing about it? Ministers and Christians, are we following in the path that Jesus trod, going out into the highways and hedges, seeking, sacrificing, paying the price to know and follow God's will? Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go out and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16. At the day of judgement, God will not look us over for medals, but for scars. Hear the prophet of old, "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar." Joel 2:17a. Let tears of penitence and compassion for lost souls flow. The Spirit of God will have access to hearts, if His people will have tear-stained cheeks and heaven refreshed hearts.

Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart does the Spirit control?
You can only be blessed
And have peace and sweet rest,
As you yield Him your body and soul!

May God stir our hearts to the great need of lost humanity. You are the only means God has to tell of His love. God pity us if we fail Him.

EVERY JEW TO BE A KING— EVERY GENTILE TO BE A SLAVE, SAYS RABBI RABINOVICH IN SECRET ADDRESS

Mr. Eustus Mullins, an eminent student of world affairs, came into possession of a secret copy of an address delivered by Rabbi Emanuel Rabinovich at a secret conference of Jew-Zionist leaders from all over the world, held on January 12, 1952 in Budapest, Hungary. The copy was not supposed to be distributed, except to trusted Jew-Zionist leaders. A copy was passed to Mr. Mullins by a former Bulgarian diplomat who had broken with the Communists and was hiding out with friends in Budapest. Later a copy of the speech was smuggled into Hamburg, Germany, and made its way to this country through the instrumentality of Mr. Mullins and his European friends. Mr. Mullins reports that he

met the former Bulgarian diplomat personally. He begged that Mr. Mullins do all in his power to distribute this speech. In releasing it, Mr. Mullins says: "I sincerely hope it will give the American people a better picture of the force arrayed against them."

*Important Excerpts from Speech
by Rabbi Rabinovich delivered at
Secret Conference of Jew Leaders
in Budapest, January 12, 1952*

"You have been called here to recapitulate the principal steps of our new program. As you know, we had hoped to have twenty years between wars to consolidate the great gains which we made from World War II, but our increasing numbers in certain vital areas is arousing opposition to us, and we must now work with every means at our disposal to precipitate World War III.

"The goal for which we have striven so concertedly for three thousand years is at last within our reach, and because its fulfillment is so apparent, it behoves us to increase our efforts and our caution tenfold. I can safely promise you that before ten years have passed, our race will take its rightful place in the world, with every Jew a king and every Gentile a slave. (Applause from the gathering).

"You remember the success of our propaganda campaign during the 1930's which aroused anti-American passions in Germany at the same time we were arousing anti-German passions in America, a campaign which culminated in the Second World War." * * *

"Within five years our program will achieve its objective, the Third World War, which will surpass in destruction all previous contests. Israel, of course, will remain neutral, and when both sides are devastated and exhausted, we will arbitrate, sending our Control Commissions into all wrecked countries. This war will end for all time our struggle against the Gentiles.

"We will openly reveal our identity with the races of Asia and Africa. I can state with assurance that the last generation of white children is now being born. Our Control Commissions will, in the interest of peace and wiping out inter-racial tensions, forbid the whites to mate with whites. The white women must cohabit with members of the dark races, the white men with black women. Thus the white race will

disappear, for mixing the dark with the white means the end of the white man, and our most dangerous enemy will become only a memory.

"We shall embark upon an era of ten thousand years of peace and plenty, the Pax Judaica, and our race will rule undisputed over the world. Our superior intelligence will enable us to retain mastery over a world of dark peoples."

Question from gathering: "Rabbi Rabinovich, what about the various religions after the Third World War?"

Rabinovich: "There will be no Christianity. Not only would the existence of a preacher-priest class remain a constant danger to our rule, but belief in an after-life would give spiritual strength to irreconcilable elements in many countries and enable them to resist us. We will however, retain the rituals and customs of Judaism as the mark of our racial laws so that no Jew will be allowed to marry outside our race, nor will any stranger be accepted by us.

"We may have to repeat the grim days of World War II, when we were forced to let the Hitlerite bandits sacrifice some of our people in order that we may have adequate documentation and witnesses to legally justify our trial and execution of the leaders of America and Russia as war criminals, after we have dictated the peace, I am sure you will need little preparation for such a duty, for sacrifice has always been the watchword of our people, and the death of a few thousand Jews in exchange for world leadership is indeed a small price to pay.

"To convince you of the certainty of that leadership let me point out to you how we have turned all of the inventions of the white man into weapons against him. His printing presses and radios are the mouthpieces of our desires and his heavy industry manufactures the instruments which he sends out to arm Asia and Africa against him." * * *

"And so, with the vision of world victory before you go back to your countries and intensify your good work until that approaching day when Israel will reveal herself in all her glorious destiny as the light of the world!"

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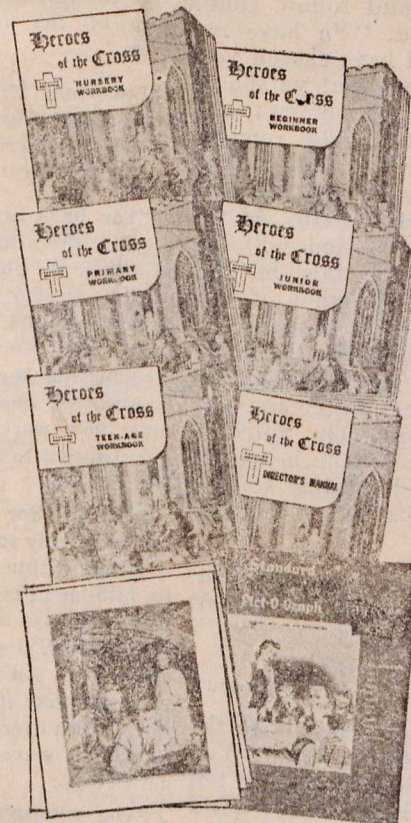
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