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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go . . . ."—John 15:16.

## Because You Prayed

### BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

God touched our weary bodies with His power  
And gave strength for many a trying hour  
In which we might have faltered,  
Had not you, our intercessors  
Faithful been and true.

### BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

God touched our eager fingers with His skill,  
Enabling us to do His blessed will  
With scalpel, suture, bandage; better still,  
He healed the sick, the wounded, cured the ill.

### BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

God touched our lips with coals from altar fires,  
Gave Spirit fulness and did so inspire  
That when we spoke, sin-blinded souls did see,  
Sin-chains were broken;  
Captives were made free.

C. B. B.



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**From The  
Superannuation Board**

By K. V. Shutes.

Greetings to our ministers and fellow workers everywhere.

I joined the F. W. B. church at twelve; was converted at seventeen; went to preaching just a little after my eighteenth birthday; went to F. W. B. Bible School in 1925; finished in 1928. Since 1927 I have pastored, evangelized in several states. I served my Lord and church as faithfully as I knew how.

Now I have a job put in my lap that I do not feel worthy of, nor capable, but with the prayers of our people, I will do my best to help this cause.

My hat is off to Bro. J. O. Fort and the board that have served with him to bring the Superannuation program where it is. My coat is off to you brethren for work in that great cause.

There are far too few ministers availing themselves of this endowment insurance by our board. Preachers are insured from twenty-one years to fifty-two years. The minister will pay half and the board will pay half.

For example, a minister twenty-

one years old will pay \$6.19 the first year and \$8.72 the other years, and the board will match it. This is for each \$1000.00.

Then if he takes \$2000.00 endowment it will be twice the amount. That is all the board is allowing anyone to carry now, but we hope to build this treasury untill our brethren can take out \$10,000.00 endowment.

It would be such a nice thing if the churches where the ministers have insurance would pay the ministers part of the premium.

We hope to get the states to organize Superannuation Boards where they do not have them already. What about the minister who has already worn out in the ministry and is too old for insurance? The State Superannuation Board ought to see that he gets his share of what comes in.

This Board wishes that every Superannuation Board would give 25% of its income to the National Board, where the State Board collects it and 50% of the income, where the National has to collect it.

I do not want to thrust myself on your church, Quarterly Meeting, or State Convention without an invitation. Will you please give me a chance to come explain our program to your people?

I challenge every minister who reads this to send \$1.00 to the National Superannuation Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Make all checks or money orders payable to the board.

I challenge every layman who has been blessed by some minister to do likewise.

This is a big job for a little preacher and I must have your prayers and cooperation or I cannot do the job.

Remember to address all correspondence to:

National Superannuation Board  
3801 Richland Ave.  
Nashville 5, Tenn.

Will you give this board the same chance you have the others?

I do not want to be agitator, dictator, spectator, imitator, nor aggravator. I just want to help.

Yours in His service,  
K. V. Shutes

**QUIPS AND QUOTES**

It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart. . . . Live a life; do not only get a living. . . . Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the dumb can understand.

—Selected

## "Having A Form Of Godliness"

Mrs. Wilbia Sell, R. R. 4,  
Stockton, Mo.

"Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" II Timothy 3:5. The meaning of the word "form" in the above scripture is an empty ceremony. An empty ceremony is one in which there is no spirit. God said in His word to turn away from such. There is only one true spirit and if the Spirit of God is absent from the service, then surely the Spirit of the devil is in control.

God does not want us to have any part of a service that is not led by His Spirit. There are individuals trying to carry on services, but because of disobedience, their understanding has been darkened. "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Ephesians 4:17-19.

Many people who have at one time been gloriously saved have then disobeyed God, or rebelled against God's power, and even fought against God-called preachers until the Lord darkened their understanding. It seems they don't realize or won't admit they are following a "form of godliness."

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18.

"That at the time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope, and without God in the world." Ephesians 2:12.

**HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS**—A ceremony or service that is bound or not free is not of the Spirit, therefore cannot be of God. We cannot deny the fact then that it is a form of godliness. (empty ceremony) "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Corinthians 3:17.

A song service that is not spiritual, a testimony that is not in the Spirit, is not of God. It cannot be so because we read this in God's Word: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit,

if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Romans 8:9.

Individuals are trying to plan services and get them put over, but it just doesn't work. We must be filled with the Spirit in order to be led of the Spirit. "Not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit," saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 4:6. "—but be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18.

Churches that a few years ago were on fire for God, today are cold and formal. A few years ago souls were saved during week-end preaching services, but today souls are perishing around us because there is no Spirit or drawing power in the services. It seems the very powers of hell have been let loose, bringing about general desolation. The true church and the world cannot associate and reap any harvest of souls. Some of the leaders in churches today are of the theater, the dance, and card playing crowd. Then we wonder why the church doesn't prosper. "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:14. "Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:30. The two above scriptures are Christ's own words.

As I write these messages, I pray earnestly that God will lay it upon the hearts of his people to stand firm for the things the scriptures teach, even though we face persecutions. The majority is not always in the right, as so many are walking after the lusts of the flesh, and God's people are far outnumbered. But I'm so thankful for many, many things. We have truly enjoyed some wonderful prayer services the past few weeks. Some of the most spiritual services I've ever attended are our cottage prayer services. One soul was saved at a prayer meeting recently. I'm so thankful for ministers of the gospel that preach under anointing.

I've enjoyed every article in the *Gem* paper that was written in the Spirit. When the Spirit of God dwells in our heart, we know when the preacher is anointed and whether or not he is acquainted with God. We know when the articles we read are written in the Spirit. "Beloved, believe not every Spirit, but try the Spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." I John 4:1.

Tact and personality often lead where cold reason cannot drive.

## "A Child's Experience"

A little girl in America, when she was asked by the church committee as to her knowledge of Jesus Christ, and was asked to recite her experience, said, "I do not know if I have an 'experience.' All I know is that Jesus said, 'Come unto Me,' and I came, and He said, 'I will give you rest,' and He gave me rest."

One of the older men said, "But you don't seem to know much about the Slough of Despond, my dear."

She dropped a curtsy and said, "Please, sir, I did not come that way."

—A. T. Pierson

Which way did you come? Or have you come at all?

## Quotations

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer. 17:9

From the above verse we can see that we cannot be positive, except through Christ's power as to what our future attitudes and actions will be.

Each of us should pray to be, and try to be, a **stepping stone**; not a **stumbling stone**.

Too many Christians pray like a certain man, "God bless me and my wife, John and his wife, Ann."

Some are more true to Christ with their afflictions and limitations than they would be without them.

Things that normally are not sinful, can be abused or misused so that it becomes a sin.

**Doubting** is Satan's first temptation to cause us to sin.

What counts? It isn't how loud we shout or how high we jump, but how straight we walk when we come down.

Many times a disappointment is a blessing in disguise.

All good deeds or motives are not accomplished through proper means.

—R. R. M.

## FROM THE PRINTERS

The General Baptist Press appreciates this opportunity to serve our fellow Arminian Baptists. You will find, no doubt, several errors in this first issue. It will take some time for us to find how best to handle your paper and to become accustomed to your names, town and so forth. Be assured that we will be, at all times, doing our best to give you a good printing job, and we are interested in you in more than just a financial way. May God bless the Free Will Baptists of Missouri State Association as they labor for the Master.

## Concerning The Gem

Evaluating from the action taken by the delegates to the Missouri State Association at its Forty-Second Annual Meeting in Esther, Missouri, August 22-26, it seems as if Missouri wants to keep its Gem paper in circulation.

Without one dissenting vote being cast, the body voted to "farm out" the Gem to the General Baptist Press at Poplar Bluff, Missouri. By the same majority, it was agreed to adopt the following subscription rates: Individual subscriptions, \$1.50; Church plan subscriptions, \$1.00 per year.

During the Association, and, sent in to the office, several new subscribers were added to the mailing list. Since the close of the Association, 2 churches have adopted the Church Plan and a total of seventy-four new subscriptions have been realized, bringing the grand total of subscribers to eight-hundred and thirty six.

If you haven't heard how the "Church Plan" works, let me explain it to you briefly. You list the names, by families, on your church roster. Then the list, with the correct addresses, are sent to the Editor. Your church is billed the first of the month for as many copies as are mailed out at the rate of \$1.00 per year, per family.

For example, let's suppose you have thirty-six families in your church. The rate of pay would be \$3.00 per month. (We will bill you quarterly if you prefer.) Let's further suppose out of those thirty-six families, twelve families are subscribing already. Then your rate of pay would be in proportion. When those twelve subscriptions expired, their names would be added to the church list. If you had other names that you wished to add to your list, the Editor would be glad to do so at any time. It is a simple plan, yet one that is working very well. I hope your church will be among those who have adopted the plan by next month. Actually, it is as simple a method as ordering your Sunday School literature. We are praying it will prove as beneficial by way of providing wholesome reading for your members.

More than this, your Gem will be what you make of it. Send your sermons, quotes, reports, or whatever you have to us. We promise to use all that we have space for.

Did you really mean you wanted to keep the Gem in circulation, when you voted "yes" at the State Meeting? If you were sincere, and I think you were, then get behind the Gem and give it your whole-hearted support.

Use its pages. It has been blessed

of the Lord in the past. I believe He will continue to bless it.

## Missouri State Association

The Missouri State League and Sunday School Conventions met August 22, 23, 1955, at the Esther High School Auditorium at Esther, Missouri, and preceded the setting of the Missouri State Association. Rev. Wm. Mishler, Promotional Secretary of the National Sunday School Board was the featured speaker for these conventions.

The Association proper convened on Tuesday evening and continued through Friday noon. Good preaching and singing was used of the Lord throughout the meeting to bless those present. Special mention must be made of the Association Choir composed of singers from the Lead Belt Churches under the direction of Rev. Albert Lee McFarland.

Officers elected to serve during this year are as follows: Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred; Assistant Moderator—Rev. Rolla Smith; Clerk-Treasurer—Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Every report given showed progress was being made in the various departments of the work and for which we praise the Lord.

Highlights of the actions adopted by the Association were as follows:

That the Missouri State Association underwrite Miss Wanda Edwards' salary to whatever mission field that God may send her.

That every church adopt the church family plan as offered by both the Gem and Contact.

That the Gem be "farmed out" to the General Baptist Press at Poplar Bluff, Mo. (Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo., was elected Editor.)

That each church tithe their income to the State Cooperative Fund which is allocated as follows:

70% to the National Co-Operative Fund.

12% to the State General Fund.

10% to the State Home Mission Fund.

7 1/2% to F. W. B. Gem.

1 1/2% to State Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Geo. W. Scoot nominated to the General Board of the National Association.

That the Dollar-A-Month Club be promoted as a means of support for the Youth Camp in addition to regular support from the churches.

The next Association is to convene at the Missouri F. W. B. Youth Camp, Nianqua, Missouri, beginning on

Tuesday night following the third Sunday in August, 1956.

## FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

South Main and Fourth Streets,  
Mountain Grove, Mo.  
Othel T. Dixon, Minister

### A Church In Action

In accepting and adopting the general report of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees last Wednesday night our church will cooperate with our National Association by giving a tenth of our income and will have a part in our world wide ministry. Therefore, every time you give your tithes and offerings you may rest assured that you are helping to support every missionary that we have on the field, our Bible College, the Executive Department, and other work of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, both State and National, as we strive to get across the glorious message of Christ and His power to save to the whole world.

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### The Womans Auxiliary

A very profitable meeting was held by the Auxiliary last Tuesday night in the Sanctuary of the Church. Mrs. Margaret Dixon, who was president of the Arkansas State Auxiliary Convention last year, gave an informal talk on Auxiliary work. Mrs. Neva Raney was chosen as the Go Tell Auxiliary Director. Mrs. Effie Holt is the Worthy President and she invites all the ladies of the church who possibly can to become active members of the Auxiliary.

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### Just A Thought

Better take an interest in the future! That's where you are going to spend the rest of your life.

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### Decisions For Christ

We are certainly thankful for the decisions made last Sunday, and we welcome into our fellowship Brother and Sister Otis Sanders and daughter, Kathey; Brother Murray Raney and daughter, Barbara. Power to these precious souls as they work with us for Christ and His Kingdom in the Church.

The following Sunday the Lord blessed us with 6 souls.

—Othel Dixon

Maybe one reason we miss so many opportunities is that they always look bigger going than coming.

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You can't see the flaw in the bridge until it falls down—or the flaw in a man's character until he meets temptation.

### SPECIAL ISSUE OF CONTACT

In October, instead of sending you our Prayer and Praise letter, we plan to send to each and everyone on our mailing list a special Missionary Issue of our National Publication "CONTACT". list. We hope that you will like the paper well enough to subscribe. The subscription price is only one dollar per year and then you may have the official voice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist coming into your home every month. Please note October's issue of Contact with it's many pictures and interesting articles on missions!

Please keep praying for the missionary candidates whom we hope to send to the field within the next year, not only pray but ask the Lord what He would have you to do toward their financial support.

**We Are Glad**—for your interest in our Foreign Mission Program. Give yourself fully to it, Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work". Let missions be our food—our purpose in life, to finish that work.

Raymond Riggs,  
Promotional Sec.-Treas.

### The Stevens Write From Africa

Spiritually, the work has been most encouraging since our return, for souls have been saved all along and there is a good response to the preaching of the Gospel.

With the new equipment which the Lord provided for us through our Christian friends we feel that this term is an era of Mission work for us! We now speak of the "old days"—just six years ago, but things have changed so much now that we have the new truck, airplane, and the Jeepster which supporters gave just before we left. This was a real step of faith, but by these earthly means we have covered a large territory during the last eight months doing almost double what could have been done a few years ago. Just this morning Harold flew to KwaZibi which would take a days traveling, but he made it in 15 minutes!

### Miss Lucy Wischart Writes From Cuba

A glowing report comes from Lucy as she has spent most of the summer in visiting the different churches in Cuba and conducting Daily Bible Schools, etc. We do not have space to print the letter in full, but she is most grateful for the wonderful op-

portunity she has had because she says, "it was a real time of blessing for me". She further states, "at one place I saw something that I had never seen before. After giving the closing words at the last service all the children began to clap their hands and then started screaming, because they did not want us to go. We had to stop up our ears and began to wonder what we could do to get them to hush. Finally, above the noise, I asked them if they wanted to have their pictures made and this quieted them down. There were a total of 14 conversions and many of them were adults and young people. In Melitino's church a lady was saved for whom they had been praying a long time". Lucy states that in the Bible Schools conducted this summer she had a total enrollment of 350 children. Surely this report should encourage our hearts as to what our missionary is doing in Cuba. Lucy's account is in the red to the amount of \$217.10. Let's pull her out of the hole this month. Why not send in your gift now?

### "YOUR G. T. A. LEADER"

I am the best little helper you can find if you are not a "born Leader" or a "self-made Leader". Your G. T. A. members need a "Leader" to add spice to the programs and socials.

Try me! I'll do my very best!  
W. N. A. C. at 3801 Richland,  
Nashville, Tenn., will be glad to send me your way for \$.50 a copy.

### REV. O. T. DIXON ASSUMES DUTIES AT MOUNTAIN GROVE JULY 24

Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Dixon and ten year old daughter, Lynda Dee, arrived in Mountain Grove late last week and Rev. Dixon has assumed his duties as pastor of the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Dixon replaces Rev. Fred Kirby who resigned the pastorate to move to a church in Oklahoma.

Rev. Dixon comes to Mountain Grove from Russellville, Arkansas, where he was pastor of a Free Will Baptist Church for four years. Prior to that pastorate, he served a church in Charleston, Arkansas, and has served other churches in Arkansas during his seven years in the ministry.

Although born in Arkansas, Dixon was reared in Oklahoma. He received his degree from the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Arkansas, and also studied a year at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He has been moderator of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists for three years and has

been President of the State League Convention of Free Will Baptists. During his time in Russellville he has been President of the Russellville and Dardenelle Ministerial Alliance.

### THE TRUE SPIRIT

A convert in India, entreated to give up the Christian religion, said: "I love Jesus Christ because He loves me, and I must obey Him. Even if I knew that Heaven were full, and there was no room for me, I should still love Him, and live for His honour and glory."

Efforts were made to convince him by arguments. He said, "Should they even be able to bring sophistical arguments which I could not answer, I should not be troubled. I have an inward experience of the love of Christ which can never be shaken or removed!"

His relatives wept over him as going to perdition. He said to the missionary, "Threats I can bear; arguments do not shake me; but the hardest thing to bear is the persecution of tears. It almost breaks my heart to hear them, but not even for this can I leave Christ."

Other converts and enquirers in his native village were told that he was about to return to his old faith. He said, "should I go back, they would all be discouraged. I thank God that He has helped me to stand firm for their sakes. No! If my soul were not worth saving, I would still cling to Christ, in order to bring them to Him also!"

Surely this is the spirit of primitive consecration and endurance!

—Evangelical Messenger

### GROWING "CHURCHIANITY"

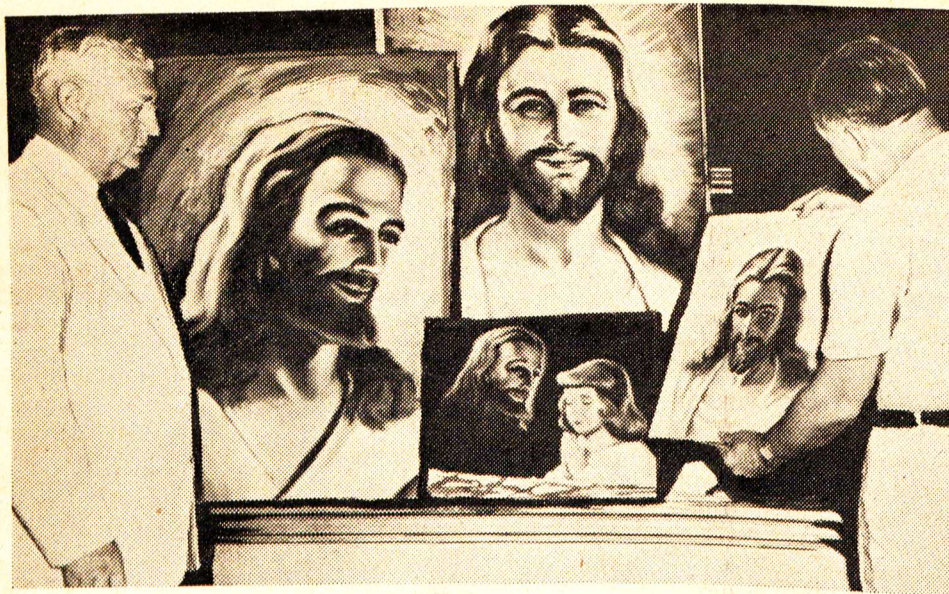
One enthusiastic editor of a church paper speaks of "Growing Godliness" because of the increase in Church membership. "In the past 20 years Americans turned to the church as never before in history. Church membership rose sharply from 50 millions in 1929 to nearly 90 millions at the present."

But, strange as it may seem, this phenomenal increase in church membership has actually been accompanied by an increase in crime. Our home life is not as good as it used to be; the tenor of modern preaching is far below the spirituality in the pulpit and the pews of fifty years ago.

It is interesting to note however, that the proportion of protestants, Jews and Catholics remains almost constant. Protestants claim 59 per cent of the church members, Jews 6 per cent and Catholics 23 per cent; all others have 2 per cent.

—The Evangel





## Prisoner Paints "The Smiling Christ"

Locked away in prison, some men sour, some lose their minds, and some find their souls. The unknown painter, pictures of whose work appear above, is a prisoner who found new meaning to life. See his story on this Page.

## Prison Artist Paints 200th Christ Smile

The convict-artist in the Florida State Prison, who for years has painted portraits of Christ smiling, completed his 200th painting a few days ago. It is the first of four requested by churches of various denominations in Pheonix City, Alabama, to further the rebirth of Christian zeal in the former "Sin City," and the remarkable increase in church attendance there.

Perhaps you have heard of the story about the old alcoholic at Raiford who, after many evenings of praying for Divine guidance, began painting portraits of Christ with a soft smile of encouragement.

The inmate, once a respected artist, now serving life for four convictions of paying for liquor with worthless checks, says he wants to devote the rest of his life to painting Christ with a kind and cheerful smile, to express the inner joy he feels at having found his way to the Church.

It was only natural that word would leak out of Raiford about the old lifer's efforts. Letters have poured into Superintendent L. F. Chapman's office requesting details.

An art museum at Jacksonville offered to exhibit the paintings for three weeks. The superintendent discussed the letters with the artist and it was decided that the paintings were to be given to Alcoholics Anonymous to

exhibit and then distribute as they saw fit. It was agreed, also, that the artist's name would not be revealed. He is known as the Old-timer at the prison. All of this occurred four years ago.

Turning down all offers to sell his portraits, many for substantial amounts, he has given 200 without cost to churches of many denominations, prayer groups, missions, convents and worthy individuals over the world. He has a growing list of over 6,000 requests, but steadfastly he refuses to accept pay for the oil paintings. He furnishes all his own materials from a modest income and from the sale of occasional water-color scenes when his funds run low.

Says Warden Chapman, about the results these paintings are accomplishing outside Raiford's high fences: "The mounting flood of mail which comes here to Raiford from people all over the world who have heard about the Old-timer or have seen his paintings, is evidence of the truly great contribution this man is making toward advancing the cause of Christianity. And I attribute our own rising rate of attendance at religious services in no small measure to his work."

In the spring of 1953, Lillian Roth, whom the artist had known in the 30's wrote him a beautiful letter, telling of her devotion to Christ for having given her the strength to combat her alcoholism, and asking if she might see the "Smile."

Several days later she and her husband visited the institution. Given her choice of the paintings the artist had just finished, she gratefully made her selection. Later she wrote him: "I keep the picture near me always. If I become weary and a bit cross, I have only to look at His Smile to get the spiritual lift I need."

Recently he permitted prints to be made of four paintings to meet the thousands of requests for copies. But he will continue to give the original oils to churches without charge. They are unsigned, and he insists on withholding his identity.

"I don't want my name used because I am not seeking personal acclaim", he explains. "I don't want people to talk about the painter of Christ Smiling, I want them to talk about Christ."

—General Baptist Messenger

## HOME MISSION BOARD ORGANIZED

This is the first report of the Madison County Home Mission Board. This board was first organized at the Quarterly Meeting April 9, 1955 when convened with the Fredricktown church. The Board consists of three members. Those elected were: Leeman Killian, one year; Cecil Sheppard, two years; Willard Day, three years.

During the Madison County Tent Revival, all offerings were turned over to the Board to use as they saw best.

The Board met September 6, and unanimously agreed to send \$50.00 to the State Youth Camp; \$50.00 to the Twin Oak Church building fund; \$50.00 to the Oak Hill Church building fund.

We ask your prayers as we continue in this new work of serving Him.

—Leeman Killian, Clerk-Treas.

Dear Gem Readers and Co-Labours in Christ:

My wife, Gladys, and daughter, Mary Belle, and I have just moved to Clovis, New Mexico. I am teaching English in the Cloves High School.

There is no Free Will Baptist work near here, yet there is a great need for it. I am hoping to help start a mission here soon and I would like for every reader who has friends or relatives in or near Clovis to send me their address. Send it to:

John B. Elliston, 516 Norris,  
Rt. 1, Clovis, New Mexico.

Chains of habit are usually too small to be felt until they become too strong to be broken.



## MADISON COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORTS

The 227th Session of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting was held with the Twin Oak church, July 8, 9, 1955.

The introductory message was brought by Rev. Clinton Fulton, a licensed minister.

Saturday morning services were called to order by the Moderator. After the reading of the letters and the seating of the delegates, the officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Cecil Sheppard; Ass't Moderator, Rev. Willard Darnell; Clerk-Treasurer, Mr. Leeman Killian.

Rev. Dewell Smith brought the eleven o'clock message. During the afternoon, the various reports of committees were read.

In planning for the tent revival to be held at the Mine La Matte, the Business Committee recommended that all churches in this conference dismiss all evening services and attend the meeting. The next Quarterly Meeting will be with the Mine La Motte church October 7, 8, 1955. Rev. Rehkop will bring the Introductory message with Brother Melvin Howell being the alternate.

—Leeman Killian, Clerk

## THE DOLLAR A MONTH CLUB

During the last session of Mo. State Youth Encampment a club came into existence known as the Dollar-A-Month Club. The members of this organization support the camp with one dollar each month. The membership has grown to 49. This is an easy way to finance the Youth Camp, if you want to join the number send your name and address to Willard C. Day, Box 345, Fredricktown, Mo. and you will receive envelopes, and membership cards.

## THE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Willard C. Day, pastor and teacher is now offering a Bible Course by mail.

The Bible Correspondence course is approved by the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The course has 52 lessons on the articles of faith of our denomination. for full information write Willard C. Day, Box 345, Fredricktown, Mo.

## COPPER MINES ADOPTS CHURCH PLAN

A few lines from the Copper Mines Church and our activities. First we wish to give thanks to God for the continuing of the publication of the Free Will Baptist Gem. En-

closed you will find the names and addresses of each family of the church to show that Copper Mines is behind the Gem in that we have adopted the family plan for subscriptions.

The Lord has been blessing us and giving us souls in our services. It is truly a blessing to hear these young converts stand and give praise unto God for His saving and keeping power.

In a recent business meeting, the church voted to erect a parsonage. We hope to soon start this addition. We have raised the valuation of the church building from \$8000.00 to ten thousand dollars.

We also elected two more deacons: Brothers Milton Rovis and Melvin Howell. Before the Quarterly Meeting, Brother Hovis was elected to fill his place as deacon.

Our Sunday School continues to grow. We have an enrollment of 109. We have 47 enrolled in the Leagues and there have been some inspired programs which are truly a blessing to all. We are thankful for our young people and we continue to pray that God will lead them into service for Him. They are doing a good work with their singing and helping in the services.

We are truly thankful for our pastor, Rev. Glen Rehkop and his companion, Evelyn. We pray God's richest blessings to ever be with them as they labor in His vineyard.

We covet the prayers of all as we do our best in winning the lost to Christ. Three of our members are very ill at this writing, we ask that you pray for them.

—Leeman Killian, Cor.

## REVIVAL AT FIRST CHURCH

Dear Gem Readers:

A young lady was saved last evening. A young man was saved in our service this morning. A young man, Ralph Dees, was saved Friday night in our revival meeting. Rev. Milton Hollifield, Canton, N. C., is our Evangelist. He is a real man of God. We had a wonderful service this morning. The Lord's blessing was upon the people like an old-fashioned camp meeting and for which we thank the Lord.

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That is a wonderful promise and a gift from God to all eternity bound people in this sinful world. When God said, "whosoever", He did not only mean white people, but He meant every race and color.

Jesus said, "Pray without ceasing." Let us pray for one another, pray that we may not enter into temptation, pray the Lord's prayer. Jesus said, "Watch and pray."

Again I will say, may God bless you and keep you happy in His service.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

## Millions Will Read The Bible Together

(American Bible Society  
450 Park Ave. New York 22, N. Y.)

Led by citizens of the United States, people in over forty countries will follow the 12th annual observance of Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored each year by the American Bible Society.

Starting Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, and continuing through Christmas, thousands of families will be reading identical passages of Scripture from the greatest chapters in the Bible. Lists of the passages, in convenient bookmark form, are provided by the American Bible Society, free of charge, to all who will use them. Again this year the Society has prepared the passages in Braille so that sightless people may join with others in following the readings.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is honorary chairman of a national sponsoring committee of laymen, has issued a strong endorsement of the observance as follows:

"Please accept my best wishes for the greater success for this year's Worldwide Bible Reading Campaign, to take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In this period between the two holidays, when Americans give thanks for their blessings and renew their hopes for a just and lasting peace in the world, all of us, of what ever religious belief, may well turn to the Bible for guidance and inspiration for the tasks which lie ahead. I hope that many individuals and many families will do so, and that they will continue this practice in the New Year, joined by men and women of faith and good will in other lands."

The peak of the observance comes on Universal Bible Sunday, December 11. Churches of every Protestant denomination by the thousands observe the day throughout the United States and overseas. Posters, responsive readings, bookmarks and other material to assist pastors in the observance were mailed early in September to approximately 170,000 ministers.

Big men become big by doing what they didn't want to do when they didn't want to do it.



## Roving With The Roving Secretary

Rev. Raymond Riggs

It's Thursday, August the 4th and we have only been home a few days but the calendar tells us that on this evening we are scheduled to speak in the Camp Meeting in the Tabernacle in Benton, Ill. So, we are up and scrambling around to take care of a few things in the morning, have a council over the problems of the family and then load up the station wagon and set out for Illinois.

We go across the highways through Clarksville, Tenn., Hopkinsville, Ky. and follow a route that takes us by way of a ferry which is a short-cut into the state of Illinois. We arrive in ample time and upon driving upon the grounds of the Tabernacle we note that there are many foot prints in the sand which indicates to us that the Youth Camp has just closed. We also observe an advertisement, fastened upon the Tabernacle door and on a telephone post, with the pictures of Dr. L. C. Johnson and myself, Raymond Riggs, as featured speakers of the Camp Meeting.

Having been informed that Bro. Johnson could not join us until on Sunday, we recognize that the responsibility of speaking would be left upon our shoulders.

After a while the folk start coming in and we are real happy to meet some of our old friends and fellow ministers of the Gospel; Bro. Burton, one of our leading men in Illinois; Bro. Jack Kettelman, Bro. George Waggoner; Bro. Carl Williams, Bro. John Hiltibidal, Bro. Paul Sulcer, and many other of the brethren greet us with a warm welcome.

The service gets under way under the competent leadership of Rev. Carl Williams who is president of the Camp Meeting Association. Bro. Carl is a young man who believes in getting things done so he puts some punch into the service and we are off to a good start.

Night after night the people came and it wasn't very long until the Tabernacle was literally filled with the exception of about five or six vacant seats. The choir did some excellent singing and a spirit of revival seemed to prevail.

Bro. Johnson joined us on Sunday afternoon and he spoke in the afternoon services at 2:30 while I did the speaking each evening until I had to leave on Thursday morning, August the 11th. It was necessary for me to leave the Camp Meeting on Thursday, August the 11th in order to make another appointment with the

Old Mt. Zion Association held in Phillips Chapel Church near Springdale, Ark.

As I glanced over my back on Thursday morning I recognized that I had around 500 miles to travel before reaching my appointment. I also observed that the route would take me through my home town in Poca-hontas, Arkansas and out across the hills of the Ozark Mountains, through Eureka Springs and on to Springdale. Well as the miles began to fall behind us and as the ribbon of road stretched out in front, I was thankful for the station wagon and, even though traveling alone, I was keenly conscious of the presence of the Lord who has promised never to leave or to forsake us.

I crossed the Ohio River into the state of Missouri and beheld the acres and acres of green crops and corn and then along the highway stacks and stacks of watermelons and cantalopes which pointed out to me that the Lord had blessed and had given an abundant crop to this area. On and on we travel, passing through many small towns, going through Sikeston, Mo. and wishing that I had time to stop and say hello to some of my old friends who live in this town. Matter of fact, the chief of police, Bob Rogers, was a man who was converted in our church in Highland Park, Michigan years ago. Bob certainly looks like a typical policeman dressed out in his uniform with his billy and his gun on his side. Even though he looks to be a tough policeman we know that he has a soft heart and he loves the Lord. His good wife Minnie, and he have been a great blessing in our life. But we don't have time to stop this time so we go on across the traffic light and out into the flat country of Missouri headed toward the little town of Poplar Bluff. There are also familiar sights along this road as we recall having traveled this highway years ago even as a boy.

We pass by the printing press of the General Baptist Association. We wish we had time to stop to say hello to the editor, Bro. Ollie Latch, but our time is limited and we must get on to Springdale, by service time—so the station wagon lurches forward as we press on the accelerator and on and on we go. Through this farming section we note also the blessings of the Lord giving an abundant crop. Acres of green cotton loaded down with blooms and young cotton bolls. Also heaps and heaps of watermelons stacked by the road side as we see large trucks loading and hauling them off to distant cities for sale.

Down highway number 67 from

Poplar Bluff, Mo. we note the signs along the way that gasoline is cheaper in Missouri than in Arkansas. The signs read, "Save Arkansas Tax". We look down to our gage and discover our tank is almost empty so we pull in and fill with gas.

Then across the Missouri state line into the state of Arkansas, down to Corning across the country through the little towns of Datto, Biggers, Reyno and then into our hometown, Poca-hontas. The new highway does not go through the center of the little city as it did when we were there as a boy, so we go on across the river to a new settlement and pull into a barber shop that is operated by an uncle of ours. We combine business with Pleasure and as Uncle Burel works our head over, we also received information relative to many of the other relatives in and around Poca-hontas.

After the haircut and the shave we cross the river again and go to the parsonage of the Free Will Baptist Church hoping to find the pastor, Rev. Reford Wilson at home. Bro. Wilson is of course one of our Foreign Mission Board members so we felt like that we ought to report to him at least pay a courtesy call. Upon arriving we find that Bro. Wilson has left for the Sunday School Convention in Russellville, Ark; we had a chance to visit with his wife and his two children.

Then out across highway 42, going through a community where we used to teach school. We notice that a new cobblestone church has been erected and we reminisce over the days when we romped over those hills as a student and also as a school teacher. My, it seems that the country side has changed; we note some of the homes of the neighbors and friends. On across the mountains we go, or rather the foot-hills of the mountains until we reach the heart of the Ozarks. We had never been in the extreme western part of the state so this provided an opportunity long coveted. The Rockies of the Western Coast are beautiful so are the mountains of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina; the Blue Ridge and the Smokies, but I tell you the beauty of the Ozarks is not to be sneezed at. We enjoyed it so much.

Finally arriving at Eureka Springs we decided that it would be well for us to spend the night. We pulled into a tourist court wondering what the rates were. We approached the lady and she told us she had a very nice cabin for \$2.50. We wondered if it would really be nice for this price but wanted to conserve money as much as possible, we decided we could get



along with this and actually it was a pretty nice cabin, at least the accommodations were much better than some accommodation we remember having had on the mission field.

I remember one night in Cuba having to sleep on poultry wire with nothing but a thin sheet under me. So as I looked at the little bed and the cabin, even though it was just a little saggy in the middle, I was reminded of the sacrifices that many missionaries are making and especially those in foreign lands who have so much less than we have in luxurious America.

Having my supper in a nearby restaurant, I then proceeded to take a walk out across the mountains and enjoy the chilled mountain air. Certainly lovely out under the moon and the stars, to gaze down over the city seeing the dazzling lights.

Then back to the cabin and into bed. Up the next morning and out to Springdale which was only about an hours drive and out to the church. It's a very lovely little church, just outside of the city of Springdale, pastored by our good friend Bro. Tommy Day. Upon our arrival many had already arrived for the opening session.

We proceeded to go inside and arrangements were made for a table for us to spread our display of foreign mission material. The service soon got under way under the direction of Rev. Horace Knox who has been moderator of the Old Mt. Zion Association for the past 14 years. Incidentally Bro. Knox was re-elected to succeed himself. We think that this is quite a commendation for a man to serve in this capacity for this length of time. He is thorough however in his work and he has the confidence and respect of the brethren and they follow his leadership. It was a typical Free Will Baptist Associational meeting with the reading of the letters from respective churches and the seating of the delegates; receiving the right hand of fellowship and then the eleven o'clock hour arrived for preaching service. Bro. Grim Jones, a fine preacher who has not been preaching too long, brought the message. It did not take long to realize that he knew the Lord and a good portion of His Word. I was especially impressed by the number of Scriptures that he used in his message. After all, we preachers are supposed to preach the Word: not necessarily our experience or the biography or the historical record but preach the Word and Bro. Jones did that in this session and we enjoyed it very, very much.

At the close of the service a very

fine meal was spread on the ground by the good sisters of the various churches. The tables were under the tent outside the church building and it was indeed a lovely time together. Arkansas has always been noted for its preparation of good food and this was certainly no exception.

In the afternoon at 1:30, we gathered back into the church to continue the Associational Meeting. After a very few items of business, I was introduced as the guest speaker in the interest of our Foreign Mission Program. There must have been some 200 delegates, ministers and visitors present and it certainly afforded a wonderful opportunity to present the cause of missions. The Lord honored the service with His presence and we gave the Missionary Message along with greeting from each of our fields and also from our Headquarters Building and department in Nashville, Tenn.

At the conclusion of the service, as per instruction of the moderator, an offering was received for foreign missions. We placed the offering plates down on the Altar and then invited representatives from the various churches who purchase had prepared offerings in advance, to bring their offerings forward. One by one they came; some having emptied their "Penny banks", others with checks, Sunday School offerings were laid upon the Altar. Three of the men were designated to count the money—they retired into one of the lovely class rooms and after a while made the report. Bro. Knox the moderator, seemed so happy to announce that the congregation had given \$282.00 to the cause of foreign missions. Bro. Knox was not the only one who was happy about this because I too was deeply grateful for this generous contribution. Again we want to say that we are most thankful for the offering from the Old Mt. Zion Association in the state of Arkansas. During the day many, many individuals came to us and pledged their personal support in prayer and finance to this cause of missions, a cause that is dear to the heart of God.

We spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the service. We were very much impressed by the testimony and songs of our dear aged minister in this area, Rev. J. A. Roberts who is 83 years old. He is very feeble but he stood and Rev. J. A. Roberts who is 83 years old. He is very feeble but he stood and addressed the audience and sang from one of the old hymn books that was over 100 years old and had been in the old Mt. Zion Association for all that time. Of course there was no music, or not the

kind of notes we use today but he sang with the spirit and even though with a faltering voice it blessed our hearts.

Free Will Baptist folk are moving forward even though some of the old timers are fading out of the picture we praise God for the young men with a vision and those who love souls and determined to follow on and to do the entire will of the Lord.

The afternoon session was over and the host pastor, Bro. Tommy Day, announced that supper would be served under the tent; actually I had hoped to stay through the next days service but being reminded of the distance between Springdale and Nashville and then the fact that I was scheduled to be in Bonifay, Florida for another meeting the following Sunday, we decided perhaps we should start out across the trail to home.

After supper we said good-bye to all of the fine folk of the Old Mt. Zion Association, loaded up our material and climbed into the station wagon and set out back across the Ozark mountains, down into Russellville, where we spent the night and then on into Nashville, arriving home about 2:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

Well, Sunday morning, actually we don't like to travel on Sunday, but duty and appointments call us so the family and I load into the station wagon and head for Bonifay, Florida. We are trusting the Lord for good meetings here and as we continue to travel across the country, we trust that you will pray for us that God will use us for His Glory in presenting the Gospel to the folk here at home, and challenging our people to support the program that people in every nation, tongue, tribe and kindred might hear the message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### REVIVAL TIME!

Kirksville Church, Rev. Lester Jones, Pastor; Evangelist, Rev. Rolla Smith—Date: October 17-28, 1955.  
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Leadington Church, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Pastor; Evangelist, Rev. Homer Willis—Date: October 12-19, 1955.  
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Southside Church, Rev. James Franklin, Pastor; Evangelist, Rev. Luther Gibson—Date: Oct. 19-30.

If a man is known by the company he keeps, is the good man bad because he keeps company with a bad man, or is a bad man good because he keeps company with the good man?



# Woman's Auxiliary

## ENLIST THE UNENLISTED

New members add spice to our auxiliary program. It would, however, be most unusual if the prospective members made the initial effort to become members of the local auxiliary. A wide-awake Women's Auxiliary will be on the look-out at all times and make every effort possible to bring into its fold woman in the church who is not already an active member. There are many ways to attract the attention of the "unattracted," but perhaps you feel that you have tried them all. I wonder, though, if you have tried an Enlistment Tea. I suggest that you begin to plan now for just such an occasion and arrange to have it as early in January, 1956, as possible. Your active members will be the hostesses, and the invitation list will include the names of all inactive and prospective members. Make the usual preparations for a tea, and then as an extra feature prepare an interesting program with which to close the gathering. This may be arranged by the Program Committee with the assistance of the president. A suggested outline follows:

Devotional—Program — Prayer — Chairman.

Welcome—Enlistment Chairman.

Special Music.

Message—"A Woman's Part in the Work of the Lord" (this may be given by the local president, the pastor, or by a guest speaker who is well acquainted with the situation and with the work of the Woman's Auxiliary).

Special Music.

Playlet—(Suitable playlets may be secured from W. N. A. C. Headquarters)

Closing Prayer.

Mrs. J. B. Chism,

Enlistment Chairman of W.N.A.C.

## HOW TO PLAN A SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP

Here is a bare outline for a Woman's Auxiliary Workshop. It is largely up to the study course chairman and president to make it live, and breathe information and inspiration to every woman who attends.

Below are some suggestions to help promote your workshop.

1. **Publicize the Workshop.** "Talk it up, write it up, print it up and spread it out."

2. **Notify those who have parts on the program,** instructing them specifically concerning their part.

3. **Begin on Time.** By starting late

it discourages those who are early and causes them to lose respect for the leadership. All equipment and materials should be prepared and in their place before time for the meeting to start so that none of the workshop time will be used arranging displays, etc.

4. **Provide a display table** where tracts, books, pamphlets and other literature on Family Devotions, Missions, Stewardship, Christian Living, Young Auxiliary and Co-laborer Plan of Work can be arranged.

5. **Display posters** emphasizing the day's program. For example—Above Colleges place this caption: **WE NEED TRAINED LEADERS.** Below the picture—F.W.B. Bible College, (or Mount Allen Junior College), meets this need. On a poster of visual aids write, "India Needs Visual Aids—W.N.A.C. will meet this need." On another—"NEED WHICH CHALLENGE HOME MISSIONS" with pictures of the Wilfongs (Florida); the Lees (Nebraska); the Crawfords (California); the Postlewaites (Washington-Oregon); James Timmons (Mexico). Effective posters showing the need of Family Altars are easily prepared.

The Question and discussion period, "We Need To Know...." will give lagging auxiliaries an opportunity to express their needs and receive help and encouragement.

Workshops carefully planned, prepared, and presented will make a con-

tribution in the life of every woman who attends. Plan it well.

Mrs. Paul Pursell

Study Course Chairman

W. N. A. C.

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## SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR FIRST QUARTER WORK-SHOP 1956

**Our Need For Such A Time As This**

9:30 A. M. Registration.

10:00 A. M. Hymns: "I Need Thee Every Hour" or "I Need Jesus".

10:10 A. M. Devotional: "We Need Consecration for such a Time as This." Hymn: "I'll Live for Him".

10:25 A. M. Greetings and Recognition of Auxiliaries.

10:35 A. M. "We Need to Work Together."

In Committees

Co-laborer Plan

10:50 A. M. "We need to make time for Family Altars".

11:00 A. M. Film or skit on Family Devotions.

11:20 A. M. Hymns.

Special Music

11:30 Missionary Message.

12:00 Benediction.

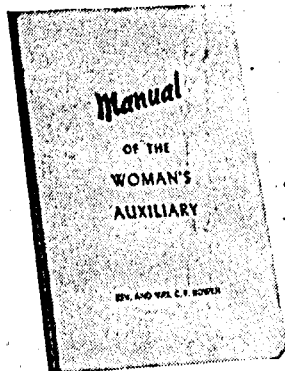
1:00 P. M. Chorus Singing.

"What the World Needs is Jesus"  
"Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me"

1:10 A. M. Devotional.

1:25 A. M. "The Needs of our Mission Fields".

## New "Know-How" Manual



148 pages describing in detail the functions and organization of Woman's Auxiliaries for the local church, and district, state, and national conventions.

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Visual aid project of W. N. A. C. Home Missionary Teams.  
 1:40 P. M. "The Needs of Youth in a Topsy-Turvy World".  
 1:55 P. M. "Our Need in a Time of Specialized Training."  
 2:10 "Our Need of Tithers for a Time of Unequaled Opportunity".  
 Stewardship playlet, "Murky Church Discovers God's Plan." (order from W.N.A.C. 10c)  
 General singing: "When Christians all learn how to tithe".  
 2:40 P. M. "We Need to Know..." (Question Period)  
 3:00 P. M. Adjourn.

## Highlights Of The State Convention

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at the Esther High School Auditorium, August 24, 1955, with Mrs. Lester Jones presiding over the 87 registered delegates present besides a large crowd of visitors.

The program was carried out as planned with Rev. Willard Day speaking at the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. Day brought a very challenging message using as a subject: "The Business of Making Lives Over", and for a Scriptural basis, Romans 1:21-24.

The afternoon service was devoted to the Declamation Contest, with Miss Annette Cox of Fredricktown as the winner, and the regular business of the convention.

Following are the names and addresses of the officers who were elected to serve this year: President—Mrs. Lester Jones, Kirksville; Enlistment Chairman, Mrs. Harry Betty, Thayer; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Willard Day, Fredricktown; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Oxendine, Joplin; Program—Publicity, Mrs. Leah DeWitt, St. Louis; Secretary-Treasury, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge.

One of the highlights of the Convention was the film, "The Heathen Rage", presented on Wednesday evening through the courtesy of the Southeast Mo. Women's District Convention.

Two of the most important items of business adopted by the Convention were Items 3 and 4 from the Business Committee which read:

Item No. 3. That we accept our quota of \$100.00 for purchase of visual aid equipment for our missionaries and that the Executive Committee be given the responsibility of assigning the quota to each local auxiliary.

(The Executive Committee decided upon 30c per member.)

Item No. 4. That each local auxiliary tithe its income into their respective district convention tithe into the State auxiliary treasury and that the money be used for promotional enterprises.

## THIRD CHURCH AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary is growing in number and we still believe that God will answer our prayers for more workers. Our meetings are a source of great spiritual strength to each of us. We feel that our cottage prayer meetings on the second Friday of each month have been a very worthwhile undertaking. We gather together our many requests for prayer and humbly place them in the Master's hands and we know that He will answer each one according to His will if we keep our faith and "faint not." Our Easter week of prayer was well attended by our church membership and their many testimonies made us feel that the Lord had really been with us in everything we had planned. On Wednesday evening we observed Communion and Feet Washing and the Lord really blessed our hearts. On Easter night, we presented the very impressive pageant, "The Book of Life". There were two conversions following the presentation.

Our Sunday School attendance has improved with an average attendance of over one-hundred. The newly organized Junior Department is growing and we feel that it is a real improvement in our Sunday School.

Fifteen new members have been added to our church this past quarter and we are thanking the Lord for these and for the stand they are taking for and right.

Our young people have a newly organized Young People's Auxiliary. They meet twice each month with a devotional service and close with an hour of fellowship. Again, I would ask you to remember us in your prayers that we might always place God first in our lives.

—Mrs. Alvie Denton, Cor.

## KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY REPORTS

It has been quite some time since we sent a report of our Women's Auxiliary at the First Free Will Baptist Church of 512 W. Elizabeth Street, Kirksville, Missouri. I hope to see our report in the next issue.

Our Auxiliary met at the home of Rev. Alta Mikel in Greentop, Mo., with thirteen members and four visitors present.

The president, Mrs. Mikel had charge of this meeting. The services

were opened by group singing, followed by prayer, led by Mrs. Grace Lawson, and Myrtle Jones. Scripture reading was by Mrs. Mikel.

After a short business meeting a program was given, "Declaring His Glory In Japan." Topic I—"Japanese Religion", by Mrs. Elfa Dare; Topic II—"Lost Opportunities", by Mrs. Helen Sorenson; Topic III—"Are We Indebted to Japan?" By Mrs. Grace Lawson; Topic IV—"Forgive As We Forgive", by Mrs. Alma Scrives. Poem, "Forgive", given by Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Allie Peterson.

There is so much work to be done in our field of labor and we do ask your prayers that we will be a fruitful auxiliary and always be willing to work where-ever the Master calls us.

—Mrs. Velma Wellman, Cor.

Your young people deserve a chance for understanding missions. We deserve the strength of their youth. For a challenge and an aid read **Missionary Education of Our Youth** by Mrs. Cleo W. Pursell. We liked it! You will too. Let us share it with you. Simply send \$.30 for each copy and let us count the multiplied blessings together in the future.

"WE" are W. N. A. C., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Let us know WHO-O-O you are!

## COSTLY FRUIT

In the early days India took sad toll of missionary wives and children. The Bowdens were called upon to part with their beloved little Robert. Whilst the child was lying very ill, the time came for Mr. Bowden to pay his monthly weekend visit to Palakol. It was a question whether or not he should go that time, but his accustomed strong sense of duty prevailed. He decided to set aside domestic ties for the sake of the Lord and His needy flock.

He went and preached from the words, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." As he preached, the Spirit strove with one who had long attended heedlessly the Gospel ministry, Chedalada Francis, until he cried, "Lord, I need the eyes of my mind opened," and yielded himself wholly to Christ.

On his return home Mr. Bowden found little Robert dead! They gave back to God a son in the flesh that day. In return He gave them a son in the faith, who for over fifty years was to be a fruitful witness for Christ to his own people, and a great comfort to their own hearts!



**NEW CHURCH AT ALTON, MO.**

At the close of a successful revival, in which twenty-eight souls were saved, at Alton, Missouri, a Free Will Baptist church was organized September 16, 1955, with forty-three charter members.

The four pastors teaming together and doing the evangelistic preaching for this revival were: Reverends Billy Rogers, Clarence Dodson, Davie Combs, and Harry Beatty. These brethren served as organization council. Elected Pastor, Rev. Clarence Dodson; Clerk, Mrs. Ernest James; Treasurer, Ernest James; ordained deacons received and accepted as deacons in the new organizations were: Clifton Wright, Eligin Williams, and J. W. Harding.

Plans are under way to build as soon as timber can be milled and site possessed within Alton, the county seat of Oregon County.

**HONOR ROLL OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN SUBSCRIPTION**

CHURCH	PASTOR
Fellowship .....	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity .....	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Black Oak .....	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Cedar Ridge .....	Rev. Wm. Reeves
New Lebanon .....	Rev. Leo Curtis
Leadington .....	Mrs. E. Edwards
Copper Mines .....	Rev. G. Rehkop

May we have the pleasure of adding your name to this list by the time for the next issue?

We recommend the Church Subscription Plan. Try it!

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES**

Church—Month	Average
Jones Chapel—August .....	40
Copper Mines—August .....	106
Fourth—August .....	47
First Flat River—August .....	145
Leadington—August .....	99
Fellowship—August .....	164
Desloge—August .....	84

**REPORT FROM SOUTHSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

The annual election of church officers was held on June 29, 1955, and the following officers and teachers were elected: Pastor—Rev. James Franklin; Church Clerk—Wm. Holt; General Sunday School Superintendent—James Langley; General Secretary—Mrs. Pearl Price; Supt of Junior Dep't—Pete Schollotic and Bill Cruse; Pianist—Ned Templeton; Ass't Pianist—Norma Sinko; Choir Director—Bud Brawley.

To those who might be interested in the growth of the Southside Sunday School, we report the following averages:

July, 1952 to July, 1953, average 130.

July, 1953, to July 1954, average 157.

July 1954, to July 1955, average 188.

Month of May, 1955, average 187.

Month of June, 1955, average 196

Note the steady growth. We thank God for it.

**LEBANON CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS**

The Lord has graciously blessed our efforts in His Name here in Lebanon, and we are truly grateful for it. We do not have as large crowds perhaps as some of the larger churches, but we do enjoy God's blessings. There has been a lot of work done on the building with much yet to be done. We sincerely thank all that have given to this work and pray God's blessings upon them.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Liberty Association met with our church in May and was a real blessing to us.

Rev. Leo Curtis was reelected as Pastor for this year; Mrs. Doty, Treasurer; and Cornelison, Clerk.

We wish to extend an invitation to any one going through Lebanon at any time to come visit our church. The church is located on Lynn Street, North.

—Church Reporter

**NEW CHURCH IN MISSISSIPPI**

The Lord is still blessing our work here in South Mississippi. On May 2-12 we began an old-fashioned tent revival and enjoyed good attendance from the start right through to the close. The revival was culminated on May 12, with an organizational meeting. The deacon appointed was Claude Burgess, church clerk, Louis Ezell, and Rev. J. L. Quick as Pastor.

On June 5, we met for the purpose of organizing the Sunday School with 32 present. We will be meeting in a store until we can get us a building.

We would appreciate any offering you might feel led to send us. Send the offerings to: Mr. Claude Burgess, Buckatunna, Mississippi.

Yours in His great service,

Rev. J. L. Quick,

Laurel, Rt. 6, Miss.

**DONOTHINGISM**

We are not told that the unprofitable servant who has his talent was a murderer, or a thief, or even a waster of his Lord's money. But he did nothing—and this was his ruin. Let us beware of a do-nothing Christianity. Such "Christianity" does not come from the Spirit of God. "To do no harm," says Baxter, "is the praise of a stone, not of a man."

**Christ On The Campus**

Blanton Croft

(Student in Western Kentucky State)

One bright sunny August morning I awoke with added gusto, for today there were things to be done. Besides sorting clothes, books, etc., I had a million other miscellaneous jobs to complete before that suitcase was packed and I was bounced back into that world of hustle and tussle on the campus.

The morning wore on—finally all was finished, except one lone box of books. Maybe I should sort them out. There might be one in there that I could sell a friend. After digging to the bottom I pulled out my ragged backed Bible.

I stopped and thought a moment as I stared at its crinkled binding: thought of how few times I had read it; thought of how few times my life had reflected its teachings in school; thought of all the chances I had missed to witness for Christ on the campus.

"Oh, dear God," I uttered as I closed my eyes in shame, "please forgive me." Slowly I began to realize what a mistake I had made. Three years had gone by: three years of school and none of them really Christ-like.

With grim determination I gently pressed out the wrinkled cover and layed the marred Book on top of the stack.

Thus begins my new school year and I'm sure that of many other Christian young people. As we return to our various schools, my prayer is that we all may have similar experiences such as mine. Experiences which may make us stronger in our belief and our influence in school.

Meeting old friends and professors after a pleasant summer overjoys us all but let us not forget our paramount calling: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

Many opportunities are available on the campus for witnessing. Most state schools have denominational groups such as Baptist Student Unions, Methodist Youth Fellowships, or Young Men's or Women's Christian associations. These organizations hold daily devotionals or vesper services as well as carry on a social program, designed for Christian fellowship.

If you are attending a religious school, faculty guidance is given daily Christian living.

As Christian young people, let's make this year's slogan "Christ on the Campus" a reality. By prayer and Christian living it can be done.

# From the Editor's Desk

## IS SOCIAL DRINKING SAFE?

This subject has been discussed by so many eminent authorities that I hesitate to even attempt to add anything to what has already been said, but I do have some deep convictions on the subject and I would like to share these conventions with you.

First, do you think that "social drinking" is safe for the American home? I do not. In 1952, American mothers purchased two and a quarter billion dollars worth of beer from their retail grocers. Do you think those mothers could be counted on to fill their places as responsible teachers of children? Children who will tomorrow be our leaders. What do you think of the mothers moral and spiritual relationship to their families their homes, their communities? I think they are inadequate for the task.

We are told that American homes fell apart at the rate of one out of four last year. Do you think "social drinking" could be partially the blame? I do.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover advises us that "social drinking" is a far more sinister threat to our nation than communism. The Children's Bureau of Washington stated, "We of the Bureau are deeply worried about the future of America's children."

I have before me the statements of twelve leading Jurists concerning the terrible plague that is upon our nation, and without exception, drinking is given as the most common cause of the cases brought before them.

"Social drinking" is worse than any epidemic of disease. Its results are more deadly and far-reaching.

I want to call your attention to this fact, and note it carefully: we have had repeal about twenty years. In many cases, it doesn't take twenty years to become an alcoholic, but most "hard drinkers" have been drinking about that long. Are we just beginning to reap the awful harvest of repeal?

Look at the accident figures in our daily papers and notice how many times, "social drinking" has been a contributing, if not a direct, causal factor. Is "social drinking" safe? I do not think it is.

Natural reserve and modesty breaks down after a "drink or two". Sin does not seem as sinful; temptations are more easily succumbed to; and all the time God speaks a warning from His Word: "Wine is a mocker,

strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1)

Is "social drinking" safe for our national leaders and diplomats? "It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink; Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted." Proverbs 31:4, 5) I can only echo God's Word, No! it is not safe.

The poison-peddlers who sell the stuff have said that they will increase their sales by forty to sixty per cent in the coming year. Will you be taken in by their propaganda? Or, will you be true to your convictions and remain firm in your refusal to become a part of the vast army of alcoholics in our nation today? For that is what "social drinking" leads to —alcoholism.

My honest conviction is this: that drinking is not safe for anyone, "social" or otherwise.

The worth of a Youth Camp cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. Not to the young people who attend, the adults who sponsor it, nor the denomination that profits from the trained boys and girls who come from it. The value of a youth camp however can be measured, by the service rendered to Christ throughout the year by those who were permitted to enjoy its blessings during camp time.

What happens to our Youth Camp boys and girls between camp sessions? Are their lives proving to their churches at home that camp is a blessing? Do their lives count for Christ to the extent that their churches will want to sponsor them to camp next year? Are they busy serving Christ now? Or, are they waiting to do something for Him next camp-time?

Many of our young people acknowledged a call from God for definite Christian service while at camp. In the warmth of a real Christian atmosphere, shut away as it were from the world, definite consecrations were made for Christ. But, away from camp and in an atmosphere perhaps not as conducive to spiritual values, their consecration seems to grow cold and far away. Are adults partly to blame?

Are the young people of our churches given an opportunity to serve Christ? Really, I fear that sometimes we adults are jealous of the youth and lest our slipshod methods be exposed, we just conveniently ignore

the young people, for most young people want things done correctly.

Is an opportunity made available for the youth to use their talents and thereby cultivate the consecration they made while at camp? Young people, are you using your talents through the familiar avenues of service made available to you in your church?

There is much to be said for both groups: adults and young people. Each have their place of service and need the support of the other to accomplish the maximum good for Christ and His Cause.

The F. W. B. Leagues needs supporters. I do not know of any avenue of service offering greater opportunities for development than in and through the Leagues of our churches. Opportunities for developing Bible appreciation, a deeper prayer life, and poise in public appearance.

The F. W. B. Sunday School needs faithful workers. Workers who will not only teach, visit, and pray, but who will be taught of others. I don't believe any of us know all there is to learn about Sunday School work, however many give that impression for they will not attend instruction classes.

Young people, the adults will respect your profession more if you give yourself to instruction and advice. Adults, the young people will develop as Christians more if we permit them to be a part of today's church.

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A 55-year old woman in Cleveland, Ohio, recently was granted a divorce because "her husband is a teetotaler, and when she gives an evening drinking party he retires to his room to read the Scriptures and pray, refusing even to drink with her guests." And for this crime (?) a Cleveland court gave her a divorce!

## TO ALL THE WORLD

To all the world! O Jesus Lord,  
While here before Thee bending,  
Strike in my heart love's master chord  
All low desires transcending—  
Love for Thyself who gavest all,  
Love, to obey Thy dearest call,  
Love, to redeem from sin's dark pall;  
Send me, whilst Thou are sending!  
To all the world! O word of love divine!  
To all the world! This is Thy blest design;  
To all the world! And lo, the task is mine.  
Send me! Send me!  
—Author Unknown



**NOT ALTOGETHER RURAL**

Up to a few years ago the F. W. B. churches were mostly confined to rural areas. Today it is different. The following letter is an example of what is being done in many large cities in good 'ole U. S. A. We're on the March!

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Wichita, Kansas,  
September 13, 1955

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I have certainly enjoyed the letters I have received from the National Association and the encouragement. Bro. Bruce Phillips from the Mt. Zion Association has been a great blessing to the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita in which I try by God's help to pastor. There have been other ministers also who have been a blessing. Bro. Herman Lewis from Batesville, Ark. was with us in a revival about three months ago and three souls were saved. Three weeks ago Bro. Steve Smith from near Ft. Smith Ark. and Bro. Orvil Spears, a young minister were with us in a revival, six souls were saved, and it was a wonderful revival. In the last year there have been about fifty souls saved and the Lord is really blessing us. We have about eighty-five in Sunday School. The most of the members are young Christians, and they are wonderful workers for the Lord. We ordained two preachers and three deacons three weeks ago. Bro. Bruce Phillips, Bro. John Morgan and myself. We only have forty-three members in the church now but I think there will be fifty in less than a month. We have \$600.00 in the Building Fund. At present we are meeting in a store building. Thought you might be interested to know we started meeting in a double garage with three families in Dec. 1953. The Lord was in it, and it began to grow; we organized our Sunday School and then in May we organized the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. Bro. Bruce Phillips and Bro. George Lynch from the old Mt. Zion Association in Ark. came and assisted with the organization service. The garage soon was too small and God made the way for us to rent the store building we are in at the present; and it is too small now for our Sunday School classes etc. We are praying that the Lord will make a way for us to obtain a suitable building site soon. It is quite a problem here with our church membership small and of course our financial means small, but we know God is with us and will see us through, if we will trust and believe His promises. We do trust and desire your prayers in this matter.

We have some money now for the

National Association. I think we can add some more before sending it.

Bro. Riggs, we hope you can be with us sometime in the near future. I realize you are very busy, but maybe you can be with us some week end and maybe for a revival. We hope so. We hope soon there will be more churches in Wichita and other parts of Kansas.

There are five F. W. B. preachers in the church. Two are strong and well established, and hope to start a church soon. I think they will be wonderful workers and can have a good church soon.

I have heard there are 100,00 people here who do not attend church, so you can see the harvest is white.

I could not be at the Mt. Zion Association this year. Bro. Bruce said you gave a wonderful message. I would love to have been there.

Some young converts are coming here for Bible study tonight so I will close. Pray for us, and we would love very much to hear from you if you are not too busy.

Yours in Christ,  
Dave Casteel

The World says, "Look Out," . . .  
God Says, "Look Up!"

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It isn't the smooth sea that makes a skillful mariner.

**WHAT AMERICA NEEDS**

**A Leader Like Moses**, who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter but was willing to go with God.

**Army Generals Like Joshua**, who knew God and could pray and shout things to pass rather than blow them to pieces with atomic energy.

**Preachers Like Peter**, who would not be afraid to look people in the eyes and say, "Repent or perish," and denounce their personal as well as national sin.

**Mothers Like Hannah**, who would pray for a child that she might give him to God, rather than women who are delinquent parents with delinquent children.

**Children Like Samuel**, who would talk to God in the night hours.

**Physicians Like Luke**, who could care for your physical needs and introduce you to Jesus Christ who is a specialist in spiritual trouble.

**A God Like Israel's**, instead of the dollar god, the movie god, and the auto god.

**And a Saviour Like Jesus**, who could and would save from the uttermost to the uttermost.

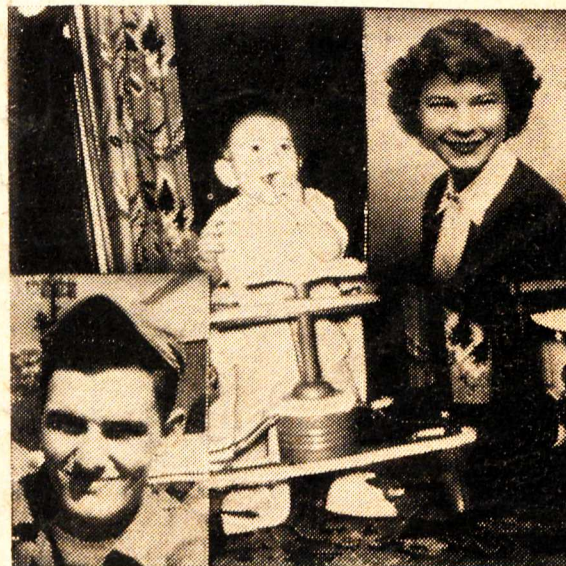
—Christian Digest

Almost any system will work if the people behind it will.

**MR. AND MRS. FLOYD WAGGONER**

At the recent Missionary Conference in Jacksonville, N. C. this couple Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waggoner dedicated their lives as missionaries to Korea. Floyd was there during the war. Pray the Lord to lead.

Raymond Riggs,  
Promotional Sec.-Treas.





## POEMS

## WEEDS AND DEEDS

A naughty little weed one day  
Poked up its tiny head.  
"Tomorrow I will pull you up,  
Old Mr. Weed," I said.  
But I put off the doing till,  
When next I passed that way,  
The hateful thing had spread abroad  
And laughed at my dismay.

A naughty little thought one day  
Popped right into my mind.  
"Oh, no!" I cried. "I'll put you out  
Tomorrow you will find!"  
But once again I put it off,  
Till like the little weed,  
The ugly thing sprang up apace,  
And grew into a deed.

So, boys and girls, heed what I say,  
And learn it with your sums;  
Don't put off till tomorrow, for  
Tomorrow never comes.  
Today pull up the little weeds,  
The naughty thoughts subdue,  
Or they will take the reins themselves  
And someday master you!

—Selected

## THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

There are twenty-four hours in every  
day,  
Twenty-four hours to watch and pray.  
Seconds and minutes and hours are  
given  
To work for our Father, who dwell-  
eth in heaven.

The harvest is ripe, but the reapers  
are few.  
How do you pass the time God has  
given to you?  
Time passes so swiftly, and earth's  
joys grow dim,  
Have you treasures in heaven? Are  
you working for Him?

Oh! What will you give in exchange  
for your soul?  
Today is the day to think of your  
goal.  
Is your faith growing weak, or does  
it grow stronger?  
When the last trumpet sounds, then  
will time be no longer.

—Christian Shaner

## AFRICA'S MISSIONARY

Have you forgotten her,  
Preaching the Word,  
Far in a land where  
Christ's name was not heard;

Nursing the sick ones,  
Helping the old,  
Gathering the black lambs  
Into His fold;

Guarding the helpless,  
Guiding the lost

To Him who saved them,  
At infinite cost;

Heaping up treasures  
For days yet to be,  
Jewels for Jesus  
In lands o'er the sea;

Cheering, encouraging  
Loved ones each day;  
Not a career girl;  
Unknown, little pay?

Toilsome and sad, you say?  
Yes, sometimes she grieves,  
But one day, rejoicing,  
She'll come bringing sheaves.  
—By Violet Ursula Fraser,  
from Sunday School Times

## SOME HAVE GONE FORTH. . . .

Some have gone forth far from loved  
ones and home,  
Leaving their all for His service alone,  
Counting the gain of this world  
Only dross,  
Seeking no glory save that of His  
cross.

Some have gone forth into darkness  
so dense,  
Darkness that crushes, a darkness in-  
tense.

There in far lands where their Lord  
is not known,  
Gladly to work for His glory alone.

Some have gone forth with the story  
so old,  
Reaping a harvest more precious than  
gold,  
Are you too, faithfully doing your  
share,  
Helping together by gifts and by  
prayer?

Some have gone forth, but so many  
remain  
Safely at home other honors to gain.  
Millions of lost ones who never have  
heard,  
Few, oh, so few to go forth with His  
Word.

—The Evangelical Christian

## IN ACCEPTANCE LIETH PEACE

By Amy Carmichael

He said, "I will forget the dying  
faces;

The empty places,  
They shall be filled again.  
O voices moaning deep within me,  
cease."

But vain the word; vain, vain:  
**Not in forgetting lieth peace.**

He said, "I will crowd action upon  
action,  
The strife of Faction  
Shall stir me and sustain;

O tears that drown the fire of man-  
hood, cease."  
But vain the word; vain, vain:  
**Not in endeavor lieth peace.**

He said, "I will withdraw me and be  
quiet.  
Why meddle in life's riot?  
Shut be my door to pain.  
Desire, thou dost befool me, thou  
shalt cease."  
But vain the word; vain, vain:  
**Not in aloofness lieth peace.**

He said, "I will submit; I am defeated.  
God hath depleted  
My life of its rich gain.  
O futile murmurings, why will ye not  
cease?"

But vain the word; vain, vain:  
**Not in submission lieth peace.**

He said, "I will accept the breaking  
sorrow,  
Which God tomorrow  
Will to His son explain."  
Then did the turmoil deep within him  
cease.

Not vain the word, not vain;  
**For in Acceptance lieth peace.**

—From Toward Jerusalem

## A PRAYER

Help me to see in those I meet  
On country road or city street  
Not just strange people passing by,  
But those for whom You came to die.

Then through thine eyes of love and  
grace  
Let me find beauty in each face.  
These weary people passing by  
Are those for whom You came to die.

—Standfast

## MOTHER'S LOVE

A teacher in one of our public  
schools put the following question to  
little Harry during Arithmetic lesson:  
"Harry, suppose your mother made  
an apple pie and there were eight of  
you at the table—Father, Mother,  
and six children—how much of the  
pie would you get?"

"A seventh, miss," was the prompt  
reply.

"No, no, Harry," replied the teach-  
er; "now pay attention," and she re-  
peated the question, emphasizing,  
"Remember there are eight of you in  
the family," and adding sharply,  
"Don't you know your fractions?"

"Yes, miss," was the quick reply  
of little Harry. "I know my fractions,  
but I know my mother, too. She  
would say she did not want any pie."

—Gospel Herald



## From The Field

September 3, 1955

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We have been having a wonderful time in the Lord the last few weeks. It seems that the Lord is really blessing our efforts here lately. There have been several who have believed on Jesus Christ as Saviour through the efforts of the meetings in our garage and the attendance has increased at all of the meetings. There are others who seem to be very interested in the Gospel but have not yet accepted Christ. Please pray for these as well as those who have already believed that their conversion will be sincere and true. The last two Sunday evenings we have had more than 20 to attend our adult meeting. Our garage was full, so I got some more pews (wooden boxes) this week. The Sunday School has grown too. We now have two classes. Some of the older children have expressed a desire to become Christians. It's wonderful to be here in the will of the Lord and I would not trade positions with any pastor in the states; no matter how big the church, nor how much the pay would be. It seems that the Lord is blessing here so much when outwardly the circumstances do not look so good. For example, our meeting place is far from beautiful, I can't speak the language very well yet and the seats in our meeting place are so uncomfortable, but God is working and we praise Him for it.

On the 12th we will begin language school again. We are getting anxious to start "digging the language again. We do have a desire to learn it and we feel that the Lord is going to continue to help us.

Just a few days ago we had our physical examination. All of the test proved satisfactory and the doctor did not make any recommendations. We praise the Lord for good health this first year.

In Christ,  
Wesley Calvery (signed)

### HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE FOR MISSIONS?

If you are asking yourself the above question, here are some thoughts which we would like you to consider:

1. If you refuse to give anything to missions this year, you practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary in both the home and foreign fields.

2. If you give less than heretofore, you favor a reduction in missionary forces proportionate to your reduced contribution.

3. If you give the same as formerly, you favor holding the ground already won, but you do not favor any forward movement. Your song is "Hold The Fort!" You have forgotten that the Lord never intended His army to take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders at all times. They are commanded to "GO!"

4. If you advance your offering beyond former years, then you favor an advance movement in conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall you not join this class: "Resolved, I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries; therefore, I will increase my former offerings to missionary work."

## Ministering to the Home Through Visitation

(From "Link")

In all of my experience as a pastor, I have come to regard a regular, well-ordered program of visitation on the part of teachers and co-workers as of indispensable value to the promotion of an effective Sunday School. I do not say that a Sunday School cannot be conducted without such, but I do say that an "effective" Sunday School cannot. There are a number of reasons why I make this statement.

In the first place, a worthy program of visitation tends to create friendly ties between the home and the church in general.

For the teacher the matter of visitation is of inestimable, yea, even indispensable value. It affords the only adequate basis for understanding the pupil; it is his best avenue to pupil study.

One of the greatest advantages in a program of visitation lies in the matchless opportunity it affords for soul-winning.

Through visitation, the Sunday School may, in a very effective manner, further the teaching program of the church.

Not least among the benefits to be derived by the home through an effective program of visitation is the matter of enlistment; for, through visitation, valuable objective data may be obtained which may make possible the utilization of every individual within the home in projecting the vast program of the church.

There is perhaps but one word that is adequate to describe the total benefits that might be enjoyed by a church where there is at all times an adequate program of visitation. That word is

BOUNDLESS. Surely, in a carefully planned program of visitation, the key is found with which to unlock, within the home many a door of difficulty; and with which to enter, within the church, many new fields of spiritual enrichment, development, and service. We have been too slow to realize this grand truth.

Place visitation as a major feature in your church and Sunday School program today.

### Tips for Visitation

1. Pray concerning each call. God knows everything about the person on whom you are making the call and can lead you to speak just the right words in extending your invitation. Only as God is able to work through you will your call be successful.

2. Look as neat and attractive as you can. When the person on whom you make a call sees you, his impression of a Christian is what he sees you to be.

3. Limit each call to about twenty-five minutes.

4. Identify yourself at the door. "Good evening. Are you Mrs. —? I'm Mrs. — from the Community Church. May I come in?" is a good introduction.

5. Get down to business as soon as possible. State the reason for your call at the start.

6. Show an interest in the person. You are interested in him. Christ through you is very interested in him. Show it. Above all, show an interest in them spiritually.

7. Be positive, aggressive, and enthusiastic. Don't apologize for calling. Be enthusiastic about your church and its program.

8. Try to get a definite commitment. Instead of a general answer of, "I'll be there sometime" get a definite commitment of being present for a certain meeting.

9. Leave literature such as the church bulletin, and a tract then ask if you may have prayer with them.

10. Thank them for letting you call as you leave.

### HOW SHE MANAGED IT

An old Lancashire woman, dreadfully crippled with rheumatism, used to hobble to church on two sticks, with utmost pain and toil.

"Mrs. X, how do you manage it?" asked a friend.

"My heart gets there first, and my old legs follow on after," was the reply.

—Selected