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"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."—James 1:22.

"Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.  
"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."  
"And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The Anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

—Author unknown

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**HOME MISSION NEWSLETTER**

Dear Co-laborer in the Lord:

It is a privilege to write you again from the Home Mission office, in Nashville. This has been a busy summer, but many blessings and victories have come to make it a delightful one indeed. It has been a source of real joy to witness revival spirit in many localities and to hear our people express themselves in terms of missionary vision. I'm sure that the Lord will honor His people who strive to find His will and do it.

**The Outstanding Need!**

The one demanding need this month is funds. We must have money if we are to continue our Home Mission work.

July and August were heavy months in disbursements. There were some contributions made to new churches which pulled down our reserve to the danger point. We had counted on the funds being replaced by offerings coming into the Home Mission office, but the offerings fell off about 25 per cent below normal. Add to this the fact we doubled our missionary payroll by adding two more Home Mission Teams and you can readily see what our need is.

We will have sufficient funds with

which to pay our missionaries this month, but unless offerings increase vastly before next month everyone on the field will have to receive only a portion of his salary.

Home Missions is a Biblical program and the preaching of the Gospel is one of our major responsibilities. I'm sure that we as a Denomination, are not going to let down in this matter. Please pray about it and mention it to others. And then increase your giving to Home Missions.

If you feel led of the Lord to do so, we would appreciate a special offering to help us over this hard place.

This letter is going to nearly 8,500 people. A small offering from each one would certainly meet the need and put us on our feet.

Please don't let your missionaries down. And above all things, let's not disappoint our Lord, under whose direction we are working.

**New Churches:**

Several new churches are reported this month by Rev. Tom Hall, of Bristol, Tennessee. We are listing some of them herewith: Clinchport Free Will Baptist church in Clinchport, Virginia; Hilton Church in Hilton, Virginia and Blountville church located in Blountville, Tennessee.

New churches are also in the making in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Coffeyville, Kansas. There will be more definite information on these churches as they progress.

**Things to Remember**

1. The Mission Conference in Nashville, November 22-24 of this year.
2. Special Missionary Issue of Contact Magazine in October.
3. Home Mission Months—November and December.
4. Special prayer for our Home Mission program that the necessary funds will be supplied.

God bless you as you continue to pray for the great Kingdom work.

In Christ Jesus,  
Damon C. Dodd

**CHRIST'S STANDARD**—Our nation has had heated political discussions as to what is the proper standard of value in the financial world. But in the spiritual realm the followers of Jesus Christ have no room for "difference of opinion" as to what is the standard of value. When His disciples were debating the question as to who should be the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven, Christ put before them a little child.

—Moore

## Annual Missionary Conference In Nashville

Highlighting the theme "Constrained by love—that all might live," the Annual Missionary Conference of Free Will Baptists will open on Tuesday evening, November 22, at 7 o'clock P. M. at the Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium and continue through Thursday noon, November 24.

The Conference, which is jointly sponsored by the Foreign and Home Mission Departments, will feature outstanding speakers from our Free Will Baptist Missionary ranks, together with Drama and music from the Bible College.

The Theme will be developed from three subjects: Sin the Universal Malady; Christ, the Universal Remedy; and Service, the Universal Obligation. The first two messages will be by Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk, missionaries on furlough from Indiana, and the latter subject will be discussed by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Denominational Executive Secretary.

The opening service on Tuesday evening will feature Dr. L. C. Johnson in the introductory message and the College Speech Department will present a drama entitled, "Thy Will Be Done," an original play written by Miss Naomi Brant, head of the Speech Department.

On Wednesday evening the film entitled, "Passion for Souls," will be shown. This is a moving message by Dr. Oswald J. Smith in which the challenge of missions is presented first-hand. Following the film the missionary offering will be presented.

The offerings again this year will be divided equally between the two mission Departments unless the gifts are designated, in which case they will go to the cause for which they are marked. Pastors are urged to plan now to have their churches represented with an offering at this service.

Rev. James E. Timmons, who has recently been sent to Mexico by the Home Mission Board, will speak on Wednesday and Thursday. Other messages will be brought by Rev. J. Reford Wilson, of Pocahontas, Arkansas, and Rev. Homer E. Willis, of Paintsville, Kentucky.

The Conference will close at noon on Thanksgiving day with a commissioning service to be conducted by the Foreign Mission Board for six missionary candidates who are soon to go to the field.

Accommodations for room and meals may be had nearby for out-of-town visitors and we will be happy to help you make previous arrangements. Your letter or postcard telling of your desires, addressed to Missionary Conference, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, will be sufficient. Plan now to attend this great Missionary Conference.

### OBEDIENCE

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7)

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:15-17)

In these scriptures we find the first of God's "Thou shalt not's". That of God our Heavenly Father teaching His first creation, Adam, to be obedient.

Perhaps some may say, if God did not want Adam and Eve to eat of the fruit of this tree, why did He put the tree in their way to tempt them? In the first place, God made the garden of Eden first, then He made man and put him into the garden. God, from the beginning, has permitted man to be a free moral agent—to choose for himself. The Lord God knew the devil was upon the earth, and knowing how deceitful Satan was, God warned Adam even before He created Eve to be with him. You might ask, "Why was not God afraid to put man here knowing how mean and deceitful the devil was?"

God is all power in heaven and earth and when man chooses to obey God, no power on earth can draw him away. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:38, 39)

James has this to say to the Christian who is tempted: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempt-

eth he any man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed." (James 1:12-14)

The "shalt not's" are for God's children, and when we are surrendered to God's will, we will be obedient and be a happy, fruitful people for our heavenly Father.

In the latter part of the twenty-second verse of the 15th chapter of I Samuel, we are told, "It is better to obey than sacrifice."

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul admonishes the church at Ephesus to honor and obey their parents. How much more should children of God, love and honor our heavenly Father, who is deserving of all honor and praise through devoted obedience.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Church	Month	Average
Mt. Pisgah .....	Sept. ....	55
Copper Mines .....	Sept. ....	93
1st. Flat River ....	Sept. ....	148
Fellowship .....	Sept. ....	178
Leadington .....	Sept. ....	109
Desloge .....	Sept. ....	98
Farmington .....	Sept. ....	36
Fourth .....	Sept. ....	57

WEEDS Come of themselves; flowers require cultivation. There is depravity in the soil; a tendency to thorns and thistles. It is under the curse. Good things are brought out of the soil, like good things out of the human heart, only as the result of much labor. It takes no pains to produce a harvest of weeds, nor to produce the harvest that the thief or the drunkard reaps—nor more effort than is required to float down stream. This is depravity.

—Gleanings for Sermons



## Herod, The Fox

Ollie Latch

"He (Jesus) said, Go ye, and tell that fox....." Luke 13:32.

A number of men by the name of Herod appear in the gospels and in Acts, so we should point out that the Herod under discussion here is known as Herod Antipas, killer of John the Baptist. He was a son of Herod the Great, whose horrible crimes included the murder of the children in Bethlehem. This Herod is the only man to whose name Jesus added an epithet. Our Lord generally held no man in contempt, and apparently he was not contemptuous of Herod. But the life and action of this man could not but draw the revulsion and scorn of a clean and noble mind. Jesus certainly held the threat of Herod in contempt, and expressed a very low opinion of him as an individual. "That fox", which Jesus so aptly applied to Herod was undoubtedly deserved, and this incident gives us additional insight into the things which Jesus despised. For our own good it is well that we look over the life and record of Herod, the only man on whom Jesus bestowed a contemptuous title.

### I—A Man without Principle

Herod was a man who lived without law. Senseless, cruel and low, this man had no guiding principles. He claimed to be a Jew but he ignored all the laws by which godly Jews lived. In Luke 3:19 we have a very good summary of the case against Herod as an unprincipled scoundrel. Luke tells us that "being reproved by him (John Baptist) for Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison."

Herod broke up the home of his brother, Philip, taking his wife and living with her in an incestuous marriage. The utter lack of respect for family ties, for decent relationships, and for the law shows us a desolate, unprincipled man, having no decent rules by which to live. With clearness, but with kindness, Luke points out that this was only one of the many evils of which this king was guilty. Being reproved by the fearless Baptist, Herod restored to the rule of a tyrant, and he shut up the prophet in prison. Every civilized nation under the sun at that time would have recognized Herod's act as one of shame and degradation. But Herod showed no respect for the principles of mankind, and imprisoned the man who dared to call his sin to his attention.

Today we have people like this

man Herod. They have no principles by which they live, except the principles of selfish, sensual lust and the feeding of the appetite of the body. From them no home is safe, no innocence is respected, no decent rules are regarded. Yet if you dare to criticize their sins, you are set upon by all the hounds at their command. We have not passed the day when a minister will be lashed, mauled and crushed by unprincipled people because he dares to expose their sins. I have felt the power of these "little Herods" more than once, and so has every other minister who dared to challenge sin. And do not forget that, in subtle ways, they can deal out misery, for no principles restrain them. Our tyrants often "out Herod Herod", as the English bard puts it.

### II—A Moral Coward

For all his unprincipled attitudes and deeds, Herod was a moral coward. In Matthew 14 we have the conclusion of this story about John the Baptist, and the story there cannot help but curl your lips with contempt and scorn. Having placed John the Baptist in prison, he lacked the moral courage to see the miserable thing through. He was afraid of the people. One feels that, had Herod executed John the Baptist without respect to the opinions of the people, we could find one thing to regard him for, his courage. But Herod lacked the courage to try John and execute him. He left the poor man to languish in prison, the act of a moral coward. But he was to be forced by his very lack of courage to do the things he had not the natural character to face.

Herodias, infamous for her towering rages, would have made speedy work of the Baptist had it been within her power. And suddenly, in an unexpected way, she is presented with the opportunity. On Herod's birthday a great drunken party in his honor was given. It was filled with dissolute people like himself, and the party reached a climax when Salome, wicked and ribald daughter of Herodias by her former marriage, came in to dance for Herod and his guests. In the fashion of the time, she was probably nearly if not entirely nude. The dance was one of those Oriental sexual displays. Herod, drunk with wine and burning with passion, offered this girl anything she would ask as a reward for her contribution to his party. Being coached by her mother, she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a charger. Herod was aghast at her request. In his heart he knew John was innocent or he would have had him killed long

before. But he had made the promise on an oath, and he hated to back down before his guests.

His terrible moral cowardice was never more in evidence. The life the girl asked was not Herod's to give. He was never bound by oath when he wanted to break them. But the grinning scorn of his drunken companions forced him to carry through his promise. So he had John killed and his dripping head relayed to the girl. But moral coward that he was, he had to live with this ghost the rest of his life. In his twisted, cowardly mind he pictured Jesus as John come back to life. For all of this he lacked the courage to repent. Too weak to turn away from sin because of what others might say to him, and too weak to repent of his weakness. That was Herod, the moral coward: many, many are like him today.

### III—Spiritually Destitute

Such a life leads inevitably to spiritual destitution. The spark of the divine in us will not stand up always under such sledge hammer blows. All that is best and noblest in us dies when forced to live under these conditions. Driven desperate by his ghosts, Herod fell lower and lower. In his dissolution, he had a mad craving to see Jesus. His mind was filled with superstitions, and he probably felt that in some way this miracle worker could help relieve the fever of his soul. Perhaps it was only his desire for the unusual. He would have Jesus perform at his court like the king's jester. Anyhow, he did not get an opportunity to see Jesus until just prior to the crucifixion. Pilate, on hearing that Jesus was from Galilee, sent him to Herod to be judged. Herod was delighted. Now he had a chance to see this miracle worker face to face.

But Herod was chagrined and angered by the attitude of Jesus. Our Lord had already shown his contempt for the character of this man by calling him "that fox." He now further exhibits that contempt by refusing to even answer one question of Herod. When this attitude is placed side by side with the attitude Jesus displayed before Pilate, it is impressive. There is no question as to the unfitness and low character of Pilate. But for all his weakness and cruelty, Pilate was not totally depraved. He was not lacking in human feelings. He was a torn and driven man, and the struggle through which he passed prompted Jesus to answer him calmly and respectfully. Once Jesus told him, compassionately, "Those who delivered me to thee are the real offenders



here." Jesus talked freely with Pilate. But he totally ignored Herod as a cunning and cruel tyrant without spiritual sense enough to listen. The record shows that Jesus ignored Herod so completely as to insult the so-called king. There is not another occasion where Jesus shows this attitude. Even for the wicked priests he had some answers, but for this spineless, spiritless excuse of man Jesus had not a word.

Does this seem cruel, unkind in our Lord? It will not if you remember the terrible warning of the Bible against spiritual destitution. In the very first book of the Bible and in the earlier chapters it is said, "My Spirit will not always strive with man." It should not surprise us, when Paul tells Titus that there are those who are "unto every good work reprobate." And when we recall the ominous word of Paul in Rom. 1:28 when he speaks of God giving men over to reprobate minds, then the action of Jesus with regard to Herod becomes clear and understandable. With these things in mind, and knowing the dissolute nature of Herod, the scene in the king's palace takes on meaning.

### Conclusion

In this day there is a tendency to admire the sharp, the smart and the able in the world of social and economic actions. Many people may know that a man is a sharpshooter in business, a reprobate in life, and desolate spiritual wreck. But if he can dress well, carry out smart business deals, make and spend money, he has the secret and open admiration of many people. Young folk are apt to be taken in by him especially. It is in this respect that Herod Antipas becomes an interesting figure for study today. He was that kind of man. He was sharp, smart, nimble with his personal affairs. He slipped the beautiful Herodias away from his stolid and plodding brother, Philip, in such a way as to leave the hangerons a juicy bit to gossip about for many days. No doubt about it, he was smart. He was a fox. But having said that, you have said it all. For a heart he had a thumping stone, for mind he had a twisted and ruined thing, for religion he had superstition, for a soul he had a reprobate spirit now condemned forever to inherit the house of lost souls. For all of us there is a point of no return, and Herod passed that point before he ever faced Jesus. When he did face our Lord, there was nothing in the empty shell of him to which Christ could speak. Therefore, our Lord sorrowfully ignored him.

## Do We Want A Superannuation Program

By K. V. Shutes  
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This question is addressed to you, my brethren, in the Gospel Ministry.

I would like to answer this as I see it. When I came to this office, I asked the Lord to lead me. The first thing I did, after getting straightened out from moving, was to send out a circular letter to 1700 of our ministers.

I asked for only one dollar per minister in the letter. I thought I might hear from half this number and fix up an office in the Headquarters Building. But, to my bewildered amazement, I have not heard from one dozen out of 1700, from coast to coast, with an offering; but many requests for insurance. We wanted the request and also wanted an offering.

I tried to set forth in the circular letter that we wanted to insure all full time ministers from twenty years old to fifty two years old, and to try to set up in every state a Superannuation Board where they do not have one.

We find in the states that have a board that is functioning that it is far more successful to channel all this money through their board and let them send 25 per cent of it to the National Superannuation Board to insure the ministers who are insurable; then keep 75 per cent of it in state treasuries to help the disabled ministers who are not insurable.

It is appalling to know how many states and local associations are not doing anything for their ministers through either of these means.

There is one association, I have learned, that is paying all of their ministers premiums on their policies. This is a noble example to follow.

Then I know of a state that channels all its money through the state Superannuation Board, and they are doing one of the best jobs of any of the states in giving monthly checks to all the retired ministers and ministers widows.

If this program succeeds, the churches will have to pay into the National Superannuation treasury as much money as it costs to insure the ministers, or better still, the church would do a golden deed if it would pay all the minister's premium.

From the 1700 letters sent out we got a number of requests for insurance,

but not much money. In fact, the money received from these letters would not pay for the postage.

If you want to know why there are less than one hundred ministers insured in ten years of this program, it is because of insufficient funds.

There are thirty three policies for \$2000 and thirty in force for \$1000 and a number pending. It would almost exhaust all of our funds to issue the new policies wanted.

Brethren, if we cannot depend on you, on whom are we to depend? I ask you to sincerely join us in prayer for this cause.

I will appreciate an invitation to visit your churches and associations to explain this program to you.

It would break your heart to read the letters from some of our elderly ministers, who have worn themselves out in the cause, asking for help from this office.

If I cannot get to your church people to explain our program to them, the offerings will continue to be small.

Many churches are baring the door to everything except the Co-operative Program, and some of the states are doing likewise.

The move that was passed at the National Association, was that as a supplement to the Co-operative budget each respective department be encouraged to promote its particular phase of the work, and to receive designated funds as individuals, groups or churches may feel so disposed to give. That all churches be encouraged to give 10 per cent of their general offerings to the Co-operative fund as a minimum of their denominational giving.

May we count on you for your prayers, letters and offerings.

The St. Francois County Sunday School Convention met at the Fellowship Church in Flat River, Mo., October 30, 1955 with Vice President Dain Ward presiding.

All of the Sunday Schools were represented with a total of ninety-seven present.

The next Convention will be Jan. 29, 1956 at the First Church in Flat River.

### HOW OLD ARE YOU . . . .

On the tomb of Dwight L. Moody, at Northfield, is graven the sentiment: "He that doeth the Will of God abideth forever." The passing of the years has ever served to remind us of the rapid flight of time and the amazing brevity of our life on earth, but our faith reminds us that lives lived for God and humanity defy the grave.

# From the Editor's Desk

## THE NEED OF WITNESSING

"Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." (Mark 5:19)

The most careful scrutiny of God's Word will fail to find one instance of Jesus commanding His followers to be selfish with His Gospel. However, there are uncounted commands for them, and us, to share His Gospel with others. How can anyone be so blind to God's will for the salvation of the world as to think for one moment that Jesus would have them hoard His Gospel? That it is for them alone? That the Gospel was given for one age, one people, one race?

Not once did Jesus ever infer that the gospel of salvation was for a select few. But He did give us some specific orders about sharing it with the world—with "every creature."

We are to begin our witnessing at home. Jesus said, "Go home. . . and tell." How much I pity the man or woman whose children scorn their salvation. Too many parents talk loudly in public, but fail to "tell" of Jesus and His mercy at home. They fail to "tell" with loving deeds that any sinner can understand. Children and young people do not appreciate the salvation of parents who are not consecrated at home. Jesus said, "Go home. . . and tell", so we are to begin witnessing at home.

Who are to witness? Those for whom Christ has done "great things." Has Christ saved your soul? Then you surely have a message for others. We cannot witness to something that we have not experienced or do not know, but if Jesus has done "great things" for you, can't you do as much witnessing as the maniac of Gadara, with whom our text deals?

David said, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." (Psa. 51:12, 13) There is power behind the testimony of a converted person, but testimony becomes a weak, ineffectual thing when a person tells of a salvation they have not experienced, one they have only heard or read about.

The maniac of Gadara had many things done for him when Jesus saved his soul. Jesus delivered him from his

stubborn, rebellious will. The Word says, "No man could tame him", but Jesus did. Has Jesus conquered your stubborn will? Jesus also delivered him from the power of the devil and I Corinthians 6:11, teaches that we too, were in the grip of the devil for the Word says, "and such were some of you."

Incidentally, as soon as Jesus freed this poor man from the power of the devil and restored his sanity, the man put on clothing. No longer did he run around naked, but "he was clothed and in his right mind." Jesus declared that a person who follows Satan, "know not what they do."

The maniac lived among the dead until he met Jesus. Those who are dead in sins and are dead to the will of God still "dwell among the tombs." However, any person who accepts Christ, lives among the living and his testimony must circle the globe if he is obedient to Christ's commands. Even as this man cut himself with stones, so does the one whose life is filled with unbelief. He destroys himself. A life spent in unbelief is a life that is wasted.

The maniac obeyed Christ's command to "go home. . . and tell", and then he followed the pattern I believe God would have each of His children follow. Verse 20 tells the story of a man who is now in the complete will of God, for it says, "and he departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel." Not only did he witness at home, but he pushed out farther with this wonderful testimony of praise. We should do the same. We should never be content with just telling those right about us, but we should be ever seeking to widen our world of witnessing.

The witnessing power of any person is greater when the commands of Christ are obeyed. Jesus said, "Go and I will be with you." Friend, if you are one of those who think that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is only to a certain class, race, or creed, you do not have the assurance of His presence that Jesus promised. Jesus will not be with you in your daily life nor with you in your work, but instead, His blessings will be withheld.

I pray that God will challenge your heart with this truth! Find a church, or person, who is obeying Christ's command to "Go" and you will find God's blessings being showered there.

On the other hand, find a church, or person, who is hoarding the Gospel and you will find God's blessings being withheld.

It is only when we obey God that He blesses us. He said, "Go. . . tell others." Are you doing it?

## Adversaries On The Mission Field

By Raymond Riggs

Our Free Will Baptist Missionaries are laboring on five different Foreign Mission Stations. On each station there are peculiar problems that demand our prayerful consideration. The chief adversary of course, is the devil himself.

It is our prayer that during these days many of you will take on a new burden to pray definitely for our representatives in foreign lands.

No doubt one of the greatest adversaries on the mission field is that of superstition. Japan, for instance, is usually considered a highly civilized nation and its standard of education equals that of America. However, its heathenism is seen in the superstitions that still rule even the most cultured classes.

Here are some of them—

(1) It is unlucky to face northeast because that is the "devil gate" direction. For the past 1200 years a special prayer is uttered annually by 100 priests in Kyoto to pacify the northeast.

(2) Once in every 64 years is the "fire horse year." Girls born in that year are doomed to spinsterhood because they are as wild as horses and likely to kill any man who would marry them.

(3) The danger age for men is 42 and for women 33. These are years of calamity. When people reach those ages, the faithful ones spend much time in temples, seeking survival.

(4) Priests in one ancient temple own more than 200 huge fans, each six and a half feet long. In case of fire, each priest grabs a fan and waves it madly, shouting, "Confusion to the spark." They report they extinguished fires that way in 1876 and 1926.

(5) Geisha girls go each year to temples to pray for the souls of departed cats who furnished the catgut strings or their musical instruments.

When mailing manuscript or orders for the Gem, please send it direct to the Editor, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri. It will facilitate servicing your correspondence. Thank you.

## Touch Not Mine Anointed

Mrs. Wilbia Sell  
Stockton, Mo. Rt. 4

"Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm," I Chron. 16:22. These are mighty words and professing Christians today are taking them very lightly. We had better be very careful in our criticism of ministers of the Gospel. God will protect His anointed and all our fault-winding and picking them to pieces will only be to our own suffering. God said, to do His prophets no harm. "He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes." I Chron. 16:21.

Real God-called ministers that are preaching the straight Word of God and are anointed by the Spirit are being scorned and literally driven from our churches by so-called members. My heart goes out for real Spirit filled preachers. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matt. 5:11-12.

It is a very dangerous act, when we (who profess to know God ourselves) lay hands on one of God's called servants. "And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" I Samuel 26:9. If we have been born of the Spirit, we are supposed to know real messengers of God from false prophets, for we read this in God's Word: "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.

"And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." I Samuel 24:6.

We read in the book of the Revelation that Christ is holding the "angels" of the churches or messengers of the churches in the right hand of His mighty power. To be able to get to a godly minister and harm him, therefore one will have to loosen the hand of Christ, and who can do that? We need to think twice before we try to dislodge a spiritual preacher from the place where Christ has put him. Christ has full charge of his anointed servants and no puny hu-

man hands should be stretched against His mighty hand.

I give one example that was personally known to me; a church was spiritually alive and the attendance was above average for a country church. Hands were stretched forth against one of God's prophets and today the church is cold and formal and the attendance has dropped to a very low number. Substitutions are being used to try to build up the organization, but nothing will work in place of God's Spirit.

We need to take heed when God warns us, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." I Chron. 16:22. David dared not touch Saul as long as he was in office of the king, to which place God had appointed him. Read I Samuel 26:7-12, 23.

What if we refuse to receive one of God's pastors or prophets? "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." John 13:20. What if we fail to receive the message from God's anointed? Uzziah tried to stretch forth his hand against Israel's ark of the covenant and he fell dead. Saul of Tarsus put his hands on God's people barring their testimony, and he was struck down to earth. Elymas put his hands on one of God's preachers (Paul) and was struck blind. Anyone today who tries to interfere with a God-called preacher or pastor is inviting God to smite him. It is a sin to lay unbidden hands on the holy thing of God. It is indeed "sacrilege", which is to commit the crime of stealing or desecrating that which is sacred. It is an insult to Christ to force one of His prophets from a field where the Holy Ghost has led him to serve. It is the sin of touching God's anointed and doing His prophet harm. If we lay hands on God's chosen ones we are trying to keep God's message from going out to the people.

Forms of godliness are being indulged in and people are trying to scorn the Word of God, but they are only rejecting the Authority of the Scriptures. To persevere in this present age demands separation from the world and a close adherence to God's Word. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrew 12:14.

When we are sure the individual or the deed is of the Lord, then let's give them or it our whole-hearted support, lest we bring the curse of

God upon our heads. "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."

## DON'T STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH

- because you are poor. There is no admission charge.
- because you are rich. We can help you cure that.
- because it rains. You go to work in the rain.
- because it is hot. It's hot at your house too.
- because it is cold. It's warm and friendly inside.
- because no one invited you. People go to movies without being begged.
- because we have an emotional religion. How about the ball game?
- because you have little children. What if you didn't any longer have them? We have a 'cry-room' and a convenient nursery.
- because you don't like the preacher. He, or she, is human like you.
- because your job makes you tired. You may lose your job.
- because there are hypocrites. You associate with them daily.
- because you have company. They will admire your loyalty if you bring them along; or tell them to wait 'till you get back from church.
- because you need a little week-end vacation, occasionally. If your soul takes a vacation from God, It's not good.
- because your clothes are not expensive. Our church isn't supposed to be a fashion show anyway.
- because our church standard is too high. Take a look at the Bible standard if you think ours is high.
- because the church always wants money. So does your grocer.
- because you have plenty of time ahead of you to get saved. Are you sure you do?

—Contributed

THE MODEL—Did you ever watch a little child take a lesson in model drawing? Never two strokes of the pencil without a glance at the model. And the first law and the last law of the imitation of Christ is just this—"Looking unto Jesus".

—George Jackson  
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CHARTED—It is not darkness you are going to, for God is Light. It is not lonely, for Christ is with you. It is not an unknown country, for Christ is there.

—Charles Kingsley



# Missionary From Cuba Writes

The tide of interest in native churches is running high. While we are far short of the goal with the amount on hand, which in itself would build only one church in these large cities and towns, it is serving as a vale of confidence to spur the Cuban believers on to build and to do the larger part themselves.

Sunday, Mrs. Willey, Lucy, Mr. Phenecie and I attended our district conference in Havana and Matanzas. Our people were on hand with their pastor. The temple in this town is almost finished. It stands as a monument of Cuba and American co-operation in the Kingdom of our God. Up to now the temple has cost \$2,250.00 and \$1,800.00 is needed to finish it. Half of this is Cuban money and when it is finished it will mean it is our property with the title held jointly by the Cuban Free Will Baptists and the Original Free Will Baptists of North America. The mission treasury will be through paying rent.

The next place of importance is one of our newest works within the city of Havana where lots alone cost \$12.00 a square yard. The latest information is a lot available for \$1,900.00. The mission paying \$400.00 and the church paying \$12.00 per month, with a little help, they will begin to build. This church represents about 6 bricklayers and 5 carpenters whose time and labor will be donated free. This means that \$55.00 per month will go into our own property.

In Vinales, one of our pastors and people have bought a lot. They are now laying the foundation out of the Chapels for Cuba money we gave them (\$105.00). The building will be 21 feet by 69 feet including the parsonage. The building will gain the attention of everybody passing through. There are bus loads of tourists going to the valley of Vinales.

At the present we are investigating a number of properties in Pinar del Rio, hoping to buy our own building large enough for big evangelistic campaigns. We need much prayer and your concentrated means to advance. Too many of the existing churches hold just a small handfull and while our churches never hold the crowds people will go home for lack of seats.

We are facing a new day in the history of the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba. It has meant that we either move ahead or continue crippled in our capacity. Thank God for

those of you who are under the burden with us.

Thomas H. Willey

## Congratulations

During the National Association of Free Will Baptists held in Tulsa, Okla., many friends extended their congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey in honor of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Willey have spent most of their life on the mission field under the auspices of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They have done an excellent job in Cuba for which we are most grateful.

Incidentally, congratulations are still in order! A Special Project, "Chapels for Cuba" is being jointly sponsored by the Free Will Baptist League Board and the Foreign Mission Department. We are continuing to ask Free Will Baptists to contribute to "Chapels for Cuba Fund" in honor of the Willey's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Our goal for this project is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). As of this date we have received \$4,354.89 which leaves a balance of \$5,645.11. This money is badly needed to finish Chapels started also to begin others. The National Christians in Cuba have proposed to match our gifts in the erection of these Chapels.

Send your Congratulations to-day in the form of a gift to:

"Chapels for Cuba"  
3801 Richland Ave.  
Nashville, Tenn.

## Financial Report

of the Foreign Mission Board  
September, 1955

Cash in Bank Sept. 1,  
1955 ..... \$10,567.40

Receipts:	
W. N. A. C. ....	160.70
Missionary Prayer Band .....	15.75
Sale of Tracts .....	.12
Sale of Books .....	60.54
Chapels for Cuba .....	216.12
Anniversary Gift .....	20.00
Alabama .....	498.63
Arkansas .....	144.09
California .....	90.55
Florida .....	30.77
Georgia .....	455.12
Illinois .....	15.56
Kentucky .....	86.26
Michigan .....	1,238.91
Mississippi .....	35.00
Missouri .....	190.43
New Mexico .....	15.00
North Carolina .....	704.48
Ohio .....	51.55
Oklahoma .....	236.39
Oregon .....	10.00
South Carolina .....	295.38
Tennessee .....	722.39

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## STATES QUOTAS

### STATE

	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama .....	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 926.02	\$ 323.98
Arkansas .....	1,240.00	669.49	580.51
California .....	1,250.00	155.90	1,094.10
Florida .....	750.00	72.19	677.81
Georgia .....	1,700.00	636.36	1,063.64
Illinois .....	1,750.00	449.74	1,290.26
Kentucky .....	900.00	242.26	657.74
Main .....	100.00		100.00
Michigan .....	5,750.00	2,941.25	2,908.75
Mississippi .....	800.00	250.43	549.57
Missouri .....	5,000.00	1,548.63	3,441.37
Nebraska .....	50.00		50.00
New Mexico .....	100.00	20.00	80.00
North Carolina .....	8,750.00	4,360.87	4,389.13
Ohio .....	1,250.00	250.89	999.11
Oklahoma .....	3,000.00	616.00	2,384.00
South Carolina .....	1,900.00	1,107.66	792.34
Tennessee .....	4,000.00	1,533.05	2,466.95
Texas .....	1,750.00	411.64	1,338.36
Virginia .....	1,550.00	726.04	823.96
West Virginia .....	1,250.00	220.64	1,029.36
Miscellaneous .....	900.00	486.78	413.22
	\$45,000.00	\$17,535.84	\$27,464.16





### TEMPLES IN CUBA ARE GOING UP

Herewith is a picture showing the Temple that is being built in Cuba in the town of Jibacoa. This picture was sent to the Foreign Mission Office by Miss Lucy Wisehart and here is what she has to say about the picture:

"I am enclosing picture which I made in Jibacoa during the Vacation Bible School there. This is a side view of the Temple which they are building showing the men working. The Christians themselves raised \$1,000.00 for the building and of course that isn't nearly enough to finish it. They have made great sacrifices and I know the Lord will supply the means to finish the Temple".

Since the funds, Chapels for Cuba, is left open we trust that others throughout the denomination will see fit to send in special gifts to the Foreign Mission Department designated for Chapels for Cuba.

Mr. Willey states in recent correspondence that investigation for proper location for a building in Pinar del Rio has been thoroughly made and land would cost from ten to twelve dollars per square yard. He has a proposition however of buying a building right down town with suitable facilities for our church in Pinar del Rio. It will cost in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars additional to swing the deal with the total price being \$7,500.00. We appeal to each of our constituents to make this a definite matter of prayer that the Lord might provide the necessary means that our work there may continue to advance.

**Remember Chapels For Cuba Is Still A Special Project And We Are Quite Anxious For Funds To Come In Until We Reach The \$10,000.00 Mark.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

(Continued from page 8)

Texas .....	133.87
Virginia .....	336.83
West Virginia .....	188.51
Washington .....	50.00
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	6,002.95

\$16,570.35

#### Disbursements:

Dan Cronk's Insurance ..	\$ 23.73
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk—Salary .....	177.27
India .....	1,426.54
Japan .....	260.00
Cuba .....	2,805.00
Thomas A. Edison Co. ...	29.39
Postage .....	107.63
Salaries .....	625.00
Printing .....	257.08
Subscription, Moody	
Monthly .....	5.00
Film Titles .....	21.00
Itinerary Expense .....	387.55
Books .....	3.01
Auditors .....	117.50
Promotional Secretary—	
Itinerary Exp. ....	66.71
Mrs. Josephine Stevens	
(Africa) .....	193.61
Utilities—Etc. ....	119.32
Chapels for Cuba .....	400.00
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	7,025.34

Balance Oct. 1, 1955 .... \$ 9,545.01

### BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund .....	\$ 3,542.85
Rev. Daniel R. Cronk .....	1,640.57
Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk .....	1,507.44
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert	
Phenicie .....	45.69
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle	
Hanna .....	830.70
Mr. and Mrs. Harold	

Stevens .....	212.39
Volena Wilson .....	40.00
Wanda Edwards .....	1,461.39
Esther Ruehle .....	15.00
Chapels for Cuba .....	278.60
His Name Among All	
Nations .....	4.00
Rev. and Mrs. Fred	
Hersey .....	95.93
Sam Ziady .....	55.00
Rev. and Mrs Thomas H.	
Willey, Jr. ....	30.00
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	\$ 9,822.56

#### Deficit:

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley	
Calvery .....	\$ 5.24
Lucy Wisehart .....	161.44
Books Account .....	110.87
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	277.55

Total Accounts Balance  
Oct. 1, 1955 ..... \$ 9,545.01

### BARNARD REPORTS ON COST OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING IN SOUTH INDIA

Following is a paragraph taken from a recent letter from Miss Laura Belle Barnard regarding the cost of the new church building in South India.

A few months ago a picture of this church appeared in our church papers as the church of the month. Miss Barnard writes as follows regarding the cost of this building.

"The entire cost of the building was something under Rupees 10,000. The Estimate came to a bit over the amount but the contractor bought usable materials of the old building and it brought the cost down below Rupees 10,000. Now according to present exchange \$2,000.00 is slightly more than Rupees 10,000 so that the actual expenses of the finished building would be nearly \$2,000.00. I am sorry that some have gotten the impression that it cost \$5,000.00. If I have been responsible, I would like to correct it."

I am sure that all of us are proud of the new church in Kotagiri, South India and we are praying that as the Nationals continue to assume more and more of the responsibility that it will grow into a strong church that shall be standing even when the Lord comes. Miss Barnard further states that there are some 40 members in the church which constitutes about 10 families. In addition to the church that is being carried on in this building, village work continues to be carried on through the National workers and also the Christian day school.

—Raymond Riggs



# Woman's Auxiliary

## LET YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE HELP WITH YOUR PRE- SEASONAL WEEKS OF PRAYER"

The Pre-Seasonal Weeks of Prayer are for everyone, and not just the members of the Woman's Auxiliary. One of the best ways to get this across to the people is to invite various ones to participate. This affords a golden opportunity to use the young of the Church.

Perhaps the young people could serve as a choir during the week—rendering special music each night; or, maybe you would want to give them one night and let them be in complete charge of the service. A play would add variety and would give more of the youth a chance to participate. Readings, poems, flannel—graph stories, if well rendered, can be most effective as special features during the services.

For instance for the Pre-Thanksgiving Week for Tuesday night the theme is "Testimony in the Home". Perhaps some of the young people have already written their essay on "The Worth of the Family Altar"; if so, why not have the essay read as a special feature? Wednesday night the theme is "The Missionary Vision". The play in the Year Book of Programs—"Lighting Your Way by Giving you All" would be most appropriate. Thursday night the theme is the "Stewardship of Vision"—there are many flannel graph stories of missionaries and Bible characters who had a vision for service, that would climax this program in a wonderful way. Have a capable boy or girl present one of these stories during the service. For Friday night—perhaps during the week some of the young people have been led to give themselves to God for full time service, and it would be an excellent way to close the week by having them give their testimony as to what their desire is to do for God.

There are many and varied ways in which to use the young people but use them. Let them know they are needed and wanted, and that you appreciate their services. Conduct the services in such a manner that the young people will consider it an honor to take part in them. The youth should be made to realize that to be a Christian, and serve Christ by taking part in Church activities, is as great an honor as being on the school ball team, captain of the team, or

being Miss America. The things of the world are glamorized, then why shouldn't the beauty of purity and the honor of respectability be emphasized in the Christian life. We need to help our youth get their values straight! We can do this by words of encouragement and prove by our daily lives that we consider it the highest of honors to live for Christ. By using the young people in ourselves it will impress upon them the fact that they are a vital part of the Church.

May God bless you and may you have wonderful services during the weeks of Prayer.

Mrs. Helen Sanders  
W.N.A.C. Youth Chairman

### LISTEN!

The Free Will Baptist Y. P. A. is to the church what a brush is to ones hair, a **regular** application is suggested in either case. Hair will grow even if it isn't combed, but brushing stimulates growth and adds to the appearance regardless of ones age.

The church can go on without the YPA as some have for years, but you can add to its power in many ways: by starting in the GTA and growing into the YPA and, in later years, being active in the Women's Auxiliary. For if we live we must grow old, and why not proceed with honor and usefulness?

It takes more than a well kept "hair do" or fashionable dress, to make one easy to love, to command respect and to prove a clean life. Do you know someone of this description? We make the mistake many times of selecting one of this group to lead the meetings. From the youngest to the oldest there has always been a few who want the honor of holding some office only for social reasons.

It is a fact young folk make young decisions and many of their notions should be over-looked, but it should be the intention of any teacher to demand with firm convictions that clean morals and honesty are included in the foundation for a happy future.

Evil communications corrupt good manners. Some people seem to think the old saying; "when in Rome, do as Rome does," is part of the Gospel. That is the reason so many folk forget they are Christians. It doesn't take long being with the wrong crowd to push out the peace and confidence

one has in God. It is true if you laugh and enjoy their ways, finally, you will be classed with them, for most people believe a small part of what they hear, especially if there is a hint that a Christian is involved. So it is respectable connections that stimulate good manners. It is hard enough to make right decisions among the most righteous.

Do you think less of the church that includes your membership than you do your social club? One girl said, "I wish someone would take down that back date calendar and fix up our Sunday School room so I wouldn't be ashamed to invite my friends to our class." If you've had this impression about any part of your church can't you recognize a special talent trying to attract your attention? Do it your self and you will be commended.

The Y. P. A. is an organization for boys and girls, Christian and non Christian, but as I have tried to make clear only Christians trying daily to add strength to their lives by experience of faith and prayer should be elected to hold office.

In this age group most young people have begun to think of matrimony. It is a hard saying, but many sorrows and disappointments result from a Christian marrying a non Christian, or denominational differences that exclude complete faith as Christ being Divine.

One has said I would attend the meeting regularly if all the young people would. May I tap you on the shoulder to remind you, how did they all manage to know about the school party? That is different. Indeed it is! The telephone rings the same bell for YPA that it does for other conversations. So strike up the band and march to auxiliary in an army that any church and pastor can be proud of.

By Mrs. Willard C. Day  
Youth Chairman, Missouri State Aux., Convention

### CHURCH—

A reading church is an informed church;

An informed church is an interested church;

An interested church is an acting church;

A serving church is a Christian church.



## MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF OUR YOUTH

In the hearts of children and young people alike comes the desire to know God. We need not look far to see the results of young people without instruction and leadership in the things of God. The boundless energy of youth makes them easy prey for the powers of the devil unless they are led in the direction of Christ. Into their fresh pliable lives should be poured the truth of God's Word which can only satisfy their longing hearts.

But how many of our churches today are overlooking our young people? With many of our services geared to the adults, we have given our young people that left out feeling. It is a common trait among young people to want to be grown up. They want something to do and to feel that they are needed in the church. Have we neglected our young people?

The answer to that question is to be found in the number who dedicated themselves to full-time service for the Lord. In instructing the Children of Israel, God said, "and these words which I command thee shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Deut. 6:6, 7. We cannot have ministers, missionaries, and church leaders tomorrow unless we are teaching our children today. And to neglect this command is to cause many lives to go the wrong way and have a weak ineffective church. Jesus puts much emphasis on these little ones, "But who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matt. 18:6.

Have we encouraged our young people? Have we given them a place in our church? Have we guided their enthusiasm so that their lives will glorify Christ?

Through the GTA and YPA we endeavor to reach our young people with the importance of living and giving themselves to the task of serving the King. We want to help you to help your young people. In our GTA and YPA literature you will find effective programs that will show them the importance of prayer, Bible reading and daily Christian living, along with the main emphasis on Missions.

Our newest publication "Missionary Education of our Youth" will make an excellent study course book for your auxiliary. It will bring a

challenge to your women of the need of training our youth today in order to meet the challenge of missions tomorrow.

By Joyce Thompson  
Promotion Chairman  
WNAC

## TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION CLOSES IT'S TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists, held it's Tenth Annual Meeting at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. "Women and the Missionary Message" was the theme for the Convention. The highlights of the convention were, a Declamation Contest in which Reba Brinton of the Cumberland Association and Iva Jeanne Reed of the Union Association participated. The subject for the contest was "Missions"; Iva Jeanne Reed was the winner however both the girls will be sent to the National Convention next July in Huntington, W. Va. Special music was rendered during the Convention by a ladies quartet composed of Mrs. Chas. Sublette, Mrs. Bill Boyd, Mrs. N. V. Williams and Miss Ernestine Mitchell with Mrs. Raymond Riggs at the piano. Speakers for the Convention were Rev. Daniel R. Cronk, missionary to India and Rev. Horace Teague of Knoxville, Tenn.

Officers elected for the next two years were: President, Mrs. Chas. Sublette, Nashville; Vice-president, Mrs. Robert King, Cedar Hill, Tenn; Youth Chairman, Miss Jewell Dunbar,

Erwin, Tenn.; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Loudon, Tenn.; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Claude Hampleman, Knoxville, Tenn.; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. C. A. Christian, Surgoinsville, Tenn.; Rec. Sec'y., Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Nashville; Ass't Sec'y., Mrs. Harry Satterfield, Knoxville, Tenn.; Corresponding Sec'y., Mrs. H. B. Sloan, Nashville; Treas., Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Ashland City; Exec. Sec'y., Mrs. Bill Boyd, Nashville.

## FREDERICKTOWN AUXILIARY REPORTS

The Fredericktown Ladies Auxiliary met for its regular night meeting with an unusually large number present. There were twenty-seven ladies and twenty-seven boys and girls of our Youth Auxiliary, making a total present of fifty-four.

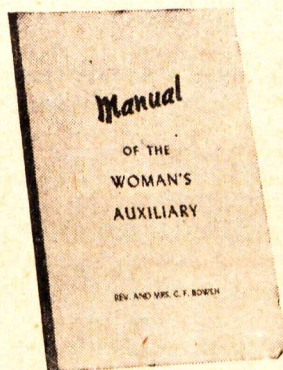
Services were opened with everyone standing and singing, "My Country Tis Of Thee". Prayer, Rev. Willard Day. Our president, Mrs. Day, led the group in singing choruses.

A special musical reading was given by Mrs. Helen McGraw and Mrs. Juanita Skaggs. Special song by Mrs. Easter Graham. Special prayer for our missionaries by Mrs. Hallie Dettmer and Mrs. Day.

Introduction to the lesson, "Declaring His Glory In South America", given by Beulah Newberry. Topic by Mrs. Lula Freeland. Song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by duet. Third topic by Helen McGraw. Offeratory. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Rose Sharp.

Mrs. Hallie Dettmer, Cor. Sec.

## New "Know-How" Manual



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## WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

3801 Richland Avenue

Nashville 5, Tennessee



**BULLETIN**

LaVern D. Miley, professor of Greek and Bible since 1950, and acting Dean-Registrar for the past two years, has given up his duties at the Bible College to enroll at the Medical School of the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

Mr. Miley stated he had considered training for medical missions for some time. He announced his plans to further his training at the Bible Conference in March of this year.

During his five years with the College, Mr. Miley, in addition to his classes in Greek, Bible and science, headed the Practical Work Department for three years and was a great help in raising the College training to the four-year level.

Mr. and Mrs. Miley and their three children live at 2543 Cantor Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

—FWBBC (Bulletin)

**GROWTH:**

Greetings from Southside. May we tell you what the Lord has been doing for us the past few months?

During the month of August we had the pleasure of having five of our young ministers and their families visit with us. They were, Rev. and Mrs. Buddy Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Roger Reeds and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Hill and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Don Hill and Rev. and Mrs. John Vick Jr. These young men attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. Each was in charge of some church service during their visit.

On Sunday, Aug. 21st, the church had an ordination service for Bro. Don Hill and Bro. John Vick Jr. Roger Reeds, who graduated from college this year, will assume a pastorate in North Carolina. The other four returned to Nashville.

Our average attendance in Sunday School six months previous to Aug. was 217. We had our Sunday School Rally Day August 14th with an attendance of 380 which brought our average up to 258 for the month of August.

Due to the growth in our Sunday School, we have had to evacuate the second floor of our parsonage and convert it into an Educational Building. We thank the Lord for this increase.

We are planning a Fall revival starting October 24 thru Nov. 4. Rev. Cecil Sheppard of Fredricktown will be the evangelist.

We request the prayers of all Christians everywhere.

—Lucille Garrison, Cor.

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Flat River Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad to give a report of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River.

Rev. H. C. Beasley is our pastor and we truly thank God for him. As you have read previously in your paper; since he became our pastor we have entered into a building program. Rev. Beasley, along with the building committee and the people of the church have accomplished a great deal on this project and expect to have all the class rooms ready for occupation in the very near future. We also have purchased one hundred new class room chairs.

On September 12, the First Free Will Baptist Church started a revival and continued through September 23. The evangelist was Rev. Melton Hollyfield from Canton, North Carolina. We had some wonderful services and received many blessings. There were 8 conversions and 2 rededications during this campaign. The God sent messages were certainly an inspiration and an uplift to every Christian who attended.

We are grateful to the spirit of cooperation from our neighboring churches and it was a compliment to Gods church.

Since the meeting we have added 4 to our membership. One by letter and 3 were baptized on Sunday, October 9.

May the tranquility of this meeting continue to prevail in the hearts and souls of all those who were brought to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and all Christians that we may become better brothers and sisters in the Lords service.

Sister McAdams has visited us recently. She was in several of our services and participated as guest speaker for morning and evening worship on October 2.

We ask all of God's people to pray for us that we may win souls for His Kingdom.

—Mrs. Marian Wilson, Cor.

**A NEW CHURCH REPORTS**

On April 3, 1955, a group of Christians met at 2:30 on a Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the **Wellston Free Will Baptist Mission**. There were three St. Louis churches represented at this service: Southside; Fourth; and Berkeley City Churches. Services were opened with congregational singing and special numbers were presented by each of

the participating churches. The pastors of the various churches spoke after which Rev. Bud Arnold was elected to serve as pastor of the Mission.

Rev. Arnold served as pastor until August 31, 1955, when he left to attend the Free Will Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Harry Asher was elected to fill his vacancy.

The Lord marvelously blessed the Mission, both spiritually and financially. On October 8, 1955, the Executive Board of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting met with the Wellston Mission to organize the Mission into a Free Will Baptist Church.

Brother Frank David presided. After congregational singing and prayer, Rev. Rolla Smith brought a message from God's Word. Rev. Bill Turnbough presented the Bible to the charter members and charged each member to carry the message of Jesus to a lost world. The Church Covenant was then read by Rev. James Franklin. The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Harvey Hill.

The election of the church pastor and officers followed. Rev. Harry Asher was elected Pastor. There were 43 charter members in all. The right hand of fellowship was given to each member by the Executive Board. The service was concluded with the ordination of the newly elected pastor, Rev. Asher.

Please pray for us as we go forward for the Lord in this new work that He will bless our efforts for Him.

Yours in His service.

Church Reporter

**FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY**

Dear Gem Readers:

It is indeed a privilege to greet you in the name of our Blessed Lord. Our Mission is a great blessing to our church. Jesus was the greatest missionary among men. While on earth, Jesus told us to "occupy till I come." The only way we can "occupy" for Jesus is to be sure we love and serve Him daily. We are to be steadfast, faithful, unmoveable, in our work for our Lord and in our living.

We witnessed ten conversions during our revival. Our revival was an old-time revival. The power of God fell on people in most every service.

We have moved into our new class rooms for Sunday School. We had outgrown our old building. We do thank and praise the Lord for the vision He gives to His people to trust Him.



Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." If we are faithful, then the Lord will hear and answer our prayers and bless our labours."

We are happy to have the **Gem** once more in our home. It is a great blessing to hear from our people over the state. We only have the privilege of seeing some of our friends at the State Meeting, so we certainly enjoy meeting them through the pages of the **Gem**.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

The Rev. Geo. W. Scott is recovering from his recent illness at his home. Anyone caring to send cards to Rev. Scott can send them to his home address: Myrtle Missouri.

### NEW HARMONY MISSION

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

I am sending you a report of what the New Harmony Mission has done since our last fifth Sunday meeting, July 31, to be published in the **Gem**.

We have met six times with seventy members and three visitors present, making an average attendance of eleven. There had been 861 Bible chapters read, 118 sick calls made, 70 sick cards sent and 2 tracts given out. We have given \$12.00 for Home Mission Work, \$1.50 for flowers for the sick, \$4.69 for literature, \$7.35 for gifts for the orphanage, \$2.48 to Wanda Edwards Fund and \$5.00 to the Co-labourer Fund.

—Mrs. Oscar Western, Cor.

### WICHITA, KANSAS

Dear Editor:

I received my **Gem** this morning after a long absence. I like it fine. Although we are far removed from old Missouri, we still call it home.

Our little church is just one year old. We have doubled in membership. We had 118 in attendance at Sunday School last Sunday. We worship in a little basement, but the Lord blesses at every service. They named our church, Hartley F. W. B. Church. I believe if I had a few samples of the **Gem** I could get a few subs.

Yours in the Master's cause.

Mrs. A. W. Hartley  
720 N. Market

### LEBANON CHURCH REVIVAL

We just closed our revival meeting. We had a good meeting with four souls saved. Rev. James Franklin was our Evangelist. Our Pastor is Rev. Leo Curtis.

—Mrs. Cornelison, Cor.

### REVIVAL TIME

Southside Church—Rev. James Franklin, Pastor; Evangelist, Rev. Cecil Shepard, Date, October 24—November 4, 1954.

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Farmington Church, Rev. James Barker, Pastor; Evangelist, Rev. Glen Rehop—Date: October 31—November 12, 1955.

The Rev. Luther Gibson is confined to the hospital in a serious condition from a bleeding ulcer. His address is East Tupelo, Mississippi. I know he will appreciate your prayers.

### YOUTH CAMP NEWS

The State Youth Camp met Friday, October 21 at the camp, and plans were discussed which would enable us to have a better camp. While the board was in session the chairman of the board, Rev. Willard C. Day, resigned as member of the board to become promotional secretary for the board. The Rev. James Franklin of St. Louis, Mo., was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Day. Beginning the 1st of November. A news sheet, entitled "The Youth Camp Crier", will be mailed each month to all who will send their name and address to Rev. Day, Fredricktown, Mo., Box 245.

#### Attention Club Members!

The Dollar-A-Month club has been a great help in supporting the camp, don't forget that \$1.00 on the 1st of each month. Also, enlist others! Just have them send their name and address to me and I will send them a membership card and 12 envelopes.

Every dollar that comes to the treasurer of this camp is used to pay on the camp's indebtedness. Rev. W. M. Reeves, cancelled his salary which was \$50.00 per month, and is taking care of the camp for his rent and utilities, however, when work is to be done which will be under the direction of the board, Brother Reeves will receive pay for his labor.

Willard C. Day, Secretary  
Box 345  
Fredricktown, Mo.

### RICHWOODS REPORTS

Dear Gem Readers:

Our Sunday School average for this year up to October first is 83. Superintendent, Clarence Sohn.

Our League average for the year is 42. President, Jim Schutte. Our new League Correspondent is Mrs. Sophie Ackerson.

God bless you always in His service is our prayer.

—Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Pastor

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in Jesus Name.

We are still on the battlefield for our Lord at Richwoods. The Lord is blessing us with showers of blessings for which we are thankful to Him.

Our average attendance in Sunday School the past 3 months was 83, and our average in League was 36.

We ask everyone to pray for our church that it may continue to grow.

—Mrs. Sophie Ackerson, Cor.

### THE SEVENTH NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CONFERENCE MEETS IN NORTH CAROLINA

For the first time since we have been having nationwide league conferences, we are going to one in the Old North State.

North Carolina has more leaguers than any other state, as far as records in the National League Board office reveal. At least we are sure of ten-thousand and there must be many more. This large group should be capable of providing for and entertaining the seventh nation-wide league conference—and there is no doubt in our minds that it will.

The state league convention has invited the conference to hold its seventh session on the campus of East Carolina College, located in the thriving city of Greenville. This college is attended by a large number of our own young people each year and has on its campus a Free Will Baptist youth fellowship which is a part of the organizational structure of the large college.

A planning committee, headed by members of the National League Board, Rev. Robert Crawford and Rev. Henry Melvin, has already been at work making advance plans for the most important meeting in North Carolina during 1956.

Greenville is located in the heart of thousands of Free Will Baptist homes in that area. There should be little difficulty getting at least 2,000 together (including those from other states).

The keynote for the conference next year is "Faith Is the Victory." The program is being planned by the secretary of the National League Board, Rev. C. F. Bowen. There is little information that be given at this early stage of the program, but for further details regarding the location, etc., write to Rev. R. B. Crawford, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, North Carolina. Mr. Crawford is pastor of one of the two churches of our faith in the city.



## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Nov. 22nd—Nov. 24th

**Suggested Theme: Constrained by  
Love—That All Might Live  
II Cor. 5:14-15**

**November 22nd**

### Tuesday Afternoon:

1:30—Semi-annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. **Please pray for this meeting.**

### Tuesday Evening:

7:00—We Began by Singing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Invocation—John Moehlman.

Introducing the Conference Program and the Conference.

Personalities—Rev. Damon C. Dodd.  
Special Music—Bible College Music Department.

Message—Dr. L. C. Johnson.

Missionary Play—College Speech Department. "Thy Will Be Done"—written by Miss Naomi Brant.

**November 23rd**

### Wednesday Morning:

8:30—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Devotional—Rev. William Hill.

8:45—Sin, the Universal Malady—Rev. Daniel R. Cronk.

9:30—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Special Music.

9:40—Christ, the Universal Remedy—Trula Cronk.

10:25—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

10:30—Speakers: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.

10:55—Recess.

11:10—Morning Worship.

Together We sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Prayer—

Special Music—

Speaker: Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

12:00—Benediction.

### Wednesday Afternoon:

1:30—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Devotional—Rev. J. B. Bloss.

1:45—Speaker—Rev. James E. Timmons—(Mexico)

2:30—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

2:35—Service, the Universal Obligation—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

3:15—Adjournment.

### Wednesday Evening:

7:00—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Devotional—Rev. Sammy Wilkinson.

Special Music.

Message—(Film)—"Passion for Souls"—Dr. Oswald Smith.  
We Bring Our Gifts for Missions.  
Benediction.

**November 24th**

### Thursday Morning:

8:30—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Devotional.

8:40—Speaker—Sam Zaidy.

9:20—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

9:25—Speaker—Rev. James E. Timmons.

10:05—Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

10:10—Speaker—Rev. Homer Willis.

10:50—Recess.

11:10—Special Commissioning Service.

Together We Sing—Mr. Ross Dowden.

Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. Eugene Waddell.

Special Music.

Presenting the Candidates—Rev. Mark Lewis.

The Charge—Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Prayer for Candidates Parents and Relatives—(Standing)—Rev. J. W. Alford.

Commissioning Prayer—(Kneeling)

Closing Hymn—"Send the Light".

Benediction.

## CHAT WITH OUR BRETHREN

By K. V. Shutes

Dear Brother Preachers:

I have been elected to serve you this year as National Promotional Secretary of the Superannuation Board. This is a job I did not ask for, but the Board told me I was their choice.

If anybody ought to understand each other's heart-throb it should be brothers in the ministry. Brethren, I covet your prayers and cooperation. I ask for a chance to present this cause to your churches and conventions.

I feel like a boy, who applied at a factory for work where he saw a sign, "Help Wanted". He could not answer half the questions, but he signed off by saying, "I guess I don't know much, but I can and will learn." He got the job. I do not know much about this, but I can and will learn.

I do know our ministers are insurable from twenty-one to fifty-two years old. Also, that if you are twenty-one years old your part of the premium on each \$1,000.00 will be \$6.19 the first year and \$8.72 the following years. If you are forty years old your part of the premium will be \$12.47 the first year and

\$17.72 the following years, and the National Superannuation Board will match it and send the total amount to the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union, 3100 Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Please make all checks and money orders to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

It will be a fine thing if you brethren, who are already insured will send to this office your church treasurer's name and address. We may be able to get your church to match your part of the premium.

The Rev. John T. Knight, who baptized me when I was twelve years old, stood before the General Conference in 1927 at Steel City, Florida, and pleaded for us to do something for the aged ministers. He would have died in the poor house had it not been for his son. He organized forty churches and most of them live today.

My dad carried the Word fifty-seven years and never had one dollar from a Superannuation Board.

I heard an elderly minister in North Carolina, by the name of Coats, in the early forties plead before a convention in that state that he was too old to work or preach and had gone to Raleigh to run a Boarding House; had failed, and had gone to the welfare board and they failed him. "What am I to do?" he said. They gave him a nice love offering, but nothing permanent. Now, they have a good Superannuation program.

Brethren this thing is in all our laps. Will you help me to raise enough money to insure every F.W.B. minister from twenty-one to fifty-two and set up in every state a superannuation board to help raise money to insure those from twenty-one to fifty-two years old and to give a nice monthly offering to the man who has already worn his life out in the ministry? Will you write this office for information about it? Will every minister send an offering for superannuation to this office (at least one dollar) and see to it that your church does something about it. This thing concerns every minister in our church. We can put it over or fail, but we will be the ones who suffer. Two thousand dollars is all the endowment the board can offer now, but we hope to build it up until one can have \$10,000.00 endowment if he desires.

**We hope to start insuring ministers' autos, church buildings, and parsonages in February of 1956.**

Brethren, I plead with you to show



your interest in this cause before I plead with the laymen.

**INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE 1955 SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** by Bro. Joe Fort, former Secretary and Treasurer.

**The purpose of National Superannuation is to make possible for every active minister and full-time Christian worker the following benefits:**

1. Protection for loved ones in case of untimely death of the insured to the extent of the face value of the policy plus all accumulated dividends.

2. A regular income in case of total and permanent disability by their receiving \$10 per month per thousand dollars of insurance if disabled before the age of 56 years.

3. Income from retirement and until death through receiving the face value of the policy or a monthly income.

**The Board pays one half the annual premiums of those insured by it.** The annual premiums are 17 per cent lower than the average of twenty-five of the largest companies in the nation for policies of this kind. The Ministers' Life and Casualty Union, Minneapolis, Minnesota, issues our policies when signed by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.

**How can ministers and full-time Christian workers secure these policies?** They should write the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for an application blank with specific instructions as to filling it out and returning it to the Board.

#### **The Board Makes the Following Recommendations:**

1. That more of our active ministers make application for policies through the Board.

2. That every insured minister urge his church or charge to pay to National Superannuation at least as much as his policy costs the Board. This will insure the soundness of the programs.

3. That the National Association authorize the Board to offer an "Endowment-At-Age-65" policy in addition to its present "Endowment-At-Age-70" policy.

#### **NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION**

Six months' budget, July 1, 1955, December 31, 1955—\$7,410.00.

#### **State Quotas:**

Alabama .....	\$ 296.40
Arkansas .....	148.20
California .....	74.10
Florida .....	222.30
Georgia .....	741.00
Illinois .....	222.30
Kentucky .....	148.20
Michigan .....	148.20
Missouri .....	741.00

Mississippi .....	148.20
New Mexico .....	74.10
North Carolina .....	1,778.40
Ohio .....	222.30
Oklahoma .....	741.00
South Carolina .....	296.40
Tennessee .....	741.00
Texas .....	370.50
Virginia .....	148.20
West Virginia .....	148.20
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,410.00</b>

#### **"MEETING TIME"**

##### **First Free Will Baptist Church**

South Main and Fourth Streets,  
Mountain Grove, Mo.

Othel T. Dixon, Minister

##### **Watch With Me One Hour ....**

Not at night, nor in the tense atmosphere of pending danger. Not with a traitor approaching. But at the high noon hour from 11:00 to 12:00 and from 8:00 to 9:00 in the evening in an atmosphere of worship and well being among friends. This is His invitation, on every Lord's Day. Will you accept it? ... making every Sunday your day of **Church Attendance**.

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##### **New Members ....**

We are indeed happy to welcome into our fellowship the following people who joined our church last Sunday:

Bro. W. H. Butcher, 516 West First, Mtn. Grove.

Bro. Homer Clark, Rt. 4, Mtn. Grove.

Sister Wilma Clark, Rt. 4, Mtn. Grove.

Sister Shirley Clark, Rt. 4, Mtn. Grove.

Sister Carolyn Clark, Rt. 4, Mtn. Grove.

We pray God's blessings upon these precious souls and we are looking forward to a blessed time of fellowship as we work with them in our church.

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##### **The Baptismal Services .....**

The following people were baptized last Sunday in one of our greatest services:

Bro. Theodore McCarty.

Sister Ollie McCarty.

Bro. Don McCarty.

Sister Martha McCarty.

Bro. Estel "Tom" Sanders.

Sister Glenna Sanders.

Bro. Howard Sanders.

Sister Kathy Sanders.

Bro. Harold Pettyjohn.

Sister Janice McDaris.

Sister Nina McDaris.

Sister Barbara Raney.

Sister Shirley Clark.

Sister Carolyn Clark.

Those of you that were able to attend this beautiful service I know were grateful to see these follow the example of Christ in the sacred ordinance of Christian baptism.

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##### **Brother George Scott Improves ....**

News from the Baptist Hospital, Springfield, reveals the fact that Bro. George Scott is improving after a very serious heart attack. The family has expressed their sincere appreciation for the prayers of the church in the behalf of Bro. Scott. Let's continue to hold him up daily in our prayers.

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##### **New Book Racks .....**

Brother Hershel Halliburton has just completed 36 new book racks for the pews. Also the racks for the pews. Also the racks contain a place for visitors cards which we hope will be signed by those visiting with us each Sunday. This work was done under the direction of the official boards of the church. The beautiful work done by Bro. Halliburton is greatly appreciated.

Berkeley City

Oct. 7, 1955

The Womans Auxilliary of Berkeley City Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday Night Oct. 4, and with 15 members present. The service opened with singing and prayer by Sister Hill. The lesson was, "Declaring His Glory Now In South America." It proved to be a very interesting subject. This month was election of officers and also revealing our secret pals name. We drew names for the coming year. Our Secretary was absent but for a very good reason. She was at the hospital with her grandson, which was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hubbard. We are beginning a new year now and we pray that God will richly bless each and every one of us. We are praising God for our Ladies Auxilliaries throughout our denomination for the good work they are doing. Pray for us that we will continue to do our work and that God will bless us.

Mrs. Floyd H. Cantrell, Cor.

#### **MEMORY**

"Into my heart's treasury

I slipped a coin,

That time cannot rust

Nor a thief purloin;

Oh, better than the minting

Of a gold-crowned king

Is the safe-kept memory

Of a lovely thing."

—Sara Teasdale



# From The Field

NOTE: Each month we receive a financial report from each of our Foreign Mission Fields. We do not feel it necessary to publish all of these, but now and then we will publish one from each field to keep you informed as to the cost of operation.

Rev. R. Riggs  
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

August 1, 1955—August 31, 1955  
Free Will Baptist Mission  
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cash on hand	
August 1, 1955 .....	\$ 10.47
Cash in Bank Aug. 1,	
1955 (General) .....	4.29
Cash in Bank Aug. 1,	
1955 (Temples) .....	164.10
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	178.86

### Received:

Check from Mission	
Board .....	\$2,691.29
Check for repair of dining	
room, Kitchen and Girls	
Dorm .....	600.00
Check for temples .....	3,000.00
Tithes from	
Missionaries .....	27.00
Gifts .....	60.00
Students quotes .....	5.00
Sales .....	18.00
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	6,401.29
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	6,580.15

### Expenses:

Food .....	89.59
Salaries (American	
Missionaries) .....	514.54
Salaries (National	
workers) .....	1,335.25
Rents .....	234.50
Hospitalization .....	100.01
Maintenance of	
Equipment .....	42.26
Gas and Oil .....	125.27
Hardware .....	75.82
Fuel .....	31.50
Cow Shed .....	53.00
Animal Feed .....	75.45
Pasture rented for	
Animals (six months) ..	31.00
Passage .....	17.00
Office Expenses .....	.88
Supplies for Camp .....	10.55
Medicine for animals .....	8.84
Temple in Jibacoa .....	950.00
Lot in Canasi .....	50.00
Miscellaneous .....	2.65
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Cash on Hand Aug. 31,	
1955 .....	.70
Cash in Bank Aug. 31,	
1955 (General) .....	68.24
Cash in Bank Aug. 31,	
1955 (Temples) .....	2,164.10
Cash in Bank Aug. 31,	
1955 (Repairs) .....	600.00
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	2,833.04
Thomas H. Willey (signed)	
Lucy Wischart (signed)	

## EDGEMONT CHURCH PLEDGES \$8,604.60 FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sunday, Oct. 9, marked the beginning of the third annual Missionary Conference of the Edgemont F.W.B. Church, Durham, N. C. Missionary Conference week is always a spiritual highlight in the life of Edgemont Church.

Speakers for the Conference this year were Rev. T. H. Willey, from Cuba, Mrs. Trula Cronk, from India, and Rev. Raymond Riggs, Foreign Mission Secretary. In addition to these speakers, Missionary films, The Heathen Rage, Passion for Souls, and Slides of India were shown.

Every service was well attended and a deep pudent spirit of compassion was manifested in every service, as each one was made to realize his responsibility to a lost and dying world.

As in every Christian service the most important happening is the salvation of lost souls. It was a real joy to see souls come to Christ in almost every service. Also, many dedicated their lives anew to the service of the Lord.

On Sunday night Oct. 16, the Missionary Conference came to the close with the tabulation of Foreign Mission pledges for the next year. After each Sunday School Class had submitted their monthly pledge, each member of the Church was given a pledge card and asked to prayerfully mark the card as to how much they would pledge each month for Foreign Missions. It was a real joy to sit in the audience and watch the pastor, Rev. Joe Ange, read the amounts from the pledge cards, and to hear the adding machine "click off" the totals. Everyone was held in suspense, waiting for the last pledge and the grand total. Finally it came, and Rev. Dan Mergh, Educational Director for the Church, held up the long list of figures on the add-

ing machine paper, and announced the total pledges to be \$8,604. 60. This represents about \$1000.00 more than was given by this Church last year for Foreign Missions. Also, when we realize that less than four years ago this church was giving less than \$200.00 per year for Foreign Missions it certainly represents a tremendous increase.

As a result of the missionary spirit of this church the pastor reports that within the last three years there have been six hundred (600) decisions, and souls are still being saved in almost every service.

One hour of the Sunday evening service is being broadcast, and the church is also supporting the other phase of the denominational program. Their Foreign Mission offerings are being channeled through the State Mission treasurer, Rev. Bruce Barrow, Lucama, N. C.

In addition to the services at Edgemont, missionary services were held in following churches near by Sherron Acres, Calvary, King's Chapel and Shady Grove.

## SERVICES AT THE REST HOME

A worship service is conducted by the pastor at the Pamperien Rest Home each Thursday at 3 P. M. Sister Lucy Agee, our extension leader, conducts the Sunday School work there each Sunday, and there is a real interest that will prove to be a blessing to anyone who can see them in action for Christ. However, Sister Agee states that they are badly in need of a piano. If you have, or know of someone that has a piano that might be used please contact Sister Agee or the pastor as soon as possible. Singing with an instrument would be such a blessing to these precious old people.

If You Must Whisper in Church—  
Whisper A Prayer.

## Can A Child Of God Be Lost?

The Bible answer to this question is truthful and adequately given in a set of four-lessons which employs more than 300 passages of scripture and gives detailed information relative to Arminian and Calvinistic theology. The set of lessons can be obtained by sending your name and address and \$1.00 to the Bible Correspondence School, Box 345, Fredericktown, Mo.