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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As in years past, each Church in the state is expected to send a special offering for the expense of entertaining the State Association.

The expense will be greater this year since the sessions will be held at the Youth Camp. Usually the Association is held in an area surrounded by more Free Will Baptists than is the area around the Youth Camp and heretofore, much of the food has been donated. We cannot expect as much from local people this year; so please make your contributions with this in mind. Send your offerings to our State Treasurer, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo. Please earmark funds "State Entertainment."

Respectfully, Rolla D. Smith, Chairman of State Board.

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REVIVAL DATES

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"When you get to the end of your
rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

"Next to a backseat driver in a car
is a back-seat timekeeper at church."

Man talks of the survival of the
fittest but the glory of the gospel is
that it transforms the unfit.
—Selected

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Fredricktown	152	162	158	165	158	163
Mt. Pisgah	39	38	41		39	
Coppermines	92	99				
First, Flat River		141	167	175	174	
Fellowship		185	207	196	208	191
Leadington	185	94	95	110	98	93
Desloge	94	96	93	108		
Farmington	96	96				
Fourth	46	52				
Southside	63	70	67		62	
Monett			230			
Old Bethel	102	130	118		131	
Third Church	24	24	33			
Berkeley	118					
Richwoods	156	186	196	185	175	175
			77	96		92

Please send us your average, too.

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The Divine Imperative: Ye Must Be Born Again!

John 3:1-21

Rev. James Davis

"Ye must be born again"! Words have never been spoken with such significance as these words of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is an absolute imperative; Ye MUST be born again! These words were not spoken to a down and outer, a murderer, a thief or an atheist, but to a fine, moral, educated religious leader. It was to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, that Jesus said ye must be born again. In John 3:3 Jesus said: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." And then again he says in John 3:5, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." The words that Jesus spoke are an imperative or a must in every individual's life if they are to be Christians. This wonderful truth can never be over-emphasized or over preached.

It is said of George Whitfield a great preacher of yesteryear that half of his sermons were on the subject of the new birth. A man asked him one day why he preached so much along this line of thought. Mr. Whitfield answered and said, "I preach on the text 'Ye must be born again' so much because, 'Ye must be born again'." This is the best reason I know of in all the world for using this subject so much. Again we say it can never be over-emphasized or over preached to this sin cursed world. But in spite of the utter necessity of the new birth many professing Christians know nothing of this blessed experience. This is the reason we are devoting this series of articles on this all important subject.

In discussing this subject we shall answer the following questions:

1. Who must be born again?
2. By what means are we born again?
3. The results of the new birth.
4. "How can these things be?"

Who Must Be Born Again?

There are too many people who think the new birth is for only a certain class of individuals. They think that since the new birth is such a radical, revolutionary change in one's life that it is for only those who have tasted of the very dregs of sin, fallen into the depths of corruption and immorality and wickedness. They admit the need of such a change in these people's lives. But on the other hand

they say that if a person is born into a Christian home, taught in the doctrines of the church, baptised and confirmed into the church that there is no need of this experience in their lives. They have somehow always been a Christian. This is a complete denial of the words of Christ when he said, "Ye must be born again." It is inconsistent with the death of Christ and his resurrection. If this be true why did Christ have to suffer, bleed and die on the cross. Why was it necessary to send the Spirit of God if a spiritual birth was not necessary. My Bible says, "Ye Must be born again." These words were not spoken to an irreligious blasphemer but to a religious moralist. Let us look at this man, Nicodemus, for a moment.

His Name

The very name, Nicodemus in itself is exceedingly suggestive. It comes from two other words, "nico" meaning "victory or superiority" and "demos" meaning the people. Together they may be translated "the people's triumph." From the religious, moral, ethical standpoint, Nicodemus stood head and shoulders above the rest of the people. But yet to this man with this fine name Jesus said, "Ye must be born again!" The same is true today for I cannot find anywhere in the Bible where this command was revoked. It makes no difference what a person's family tree may be; you may have had preachers, teachers and church leaders of all sorts for your ancestors and still be lost and bound for Hell. Your name may be Smith, Jones, Davis, or Rockefeller, still Jesus says, "Ye must be born again!"

A Pharisee

In John 3:1 we find that Nicodemus was a Pharisee. Of course, we associate phariseism with hypocrisy because of their treatment of Jesus. But originally and even in Jesus Day it carried no such connotation. The Pharisees in the first place was a religious party which arose during the silent years between the old testament and the coming of Christ. It was originally a revival movement against the growing unbelief of the children of Israel. In Jesus' day to be a Pharisee meant that an individual must pass the most rigorous tests of orthodoxy and education. Just anyone could not be a Pharisee. The people looked to them for their instruction and guidance in religious matters.

They were the strongest religious party at the time of Christ. But to this man who was one of their number Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." There are many people who are in the churches today just like this man. They are good, law abiding, pious people. They do not do this or that. In fact, they don't do anything. There is really nothing positive in their lives. All of their goodness and morality amounts to less than nothing in God's sight if they have never been born again. God looks upon the heart.

Not only was Nicodemus a Pharisee but according to John 3:10 he was a "master of Israel", or literally a "teacher" of Israel. A teacher of Israel, yet could not teach them of the deep truths of God's word. The Apostle Paul states in I Cor. 2:14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." A man may be a wizard at the sciences, etc., and a genius in theology and be totally blind to the spiritual truth. It is no wonder today that modernism is rampant. It is no wonder that so many so called preachers all over the world are denying the virgin birth, the blood atonement and the substitutionary death of Christ. I have in my possession a clipping from a religious paper which cites the instance of a poll being taken in a chapel period at one of the large southern religious universities. Two questions were asked. The first was, "Do you think preachers in our denomination should be allowed to preach atheism if their conscience so dictated. Nine (9) hands went up. The second question was, "Do you think a preacher should be allowed to preach communism in our pulpits if he so desires. Twenty-one (21) hands went up. This may be a startling example but it is only a small part of the thinking of the carnal mind.

One of the outstanding leaders of the National Council of Churches in the United States said, "The virgin birth is unthinkable to the modern mind." The "modern mind" is just another term for the "carnal mind."

Oh, and then to say that the New Birth is not necessary in the life of an individual. Rom. 3:23 states: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Jesus said in John 8:44: "Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do—" Every individual that is unsaved is a child of Satan (I John 3:8-10). If he is to be saved he must

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"Is Thy God Able?"

Mrs. Pearl Periman
Phoenix, Arizona

"Is thy God able to deliver thee?" is a question taken from Daniel 6:20-22 which is addressed to Daniel, a young man and a foreigner in Babylon, and member of a captive race who had risen to power and honor in the kingdom second to king Darius. He had determined to serve God, regardless of what came before him or the cost he must pay. It takes the same kind of determination today to serve God, just as it did in that day. Our modern world is asking do we, who call ourselves Christians, really believe in God, who is Lord of all history, and judge of all the earth, and they are asking in earnestness, "What has God done for you?" These questions are not so easy to answer as they may sound, or I have not found them so, and have had to search deeply in Bible truths and my own heart to find an answer. We realize the God that Daniel served as being "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8) What He did for Daniel, He does for us. If we trust and obey when we find the tests most severe and the fire the hottest, then is when God's love shines through the brightest.

As we follow Daniel, there were those who opposed the great favor the king had bestowed upon him, so they set about to trap him. They knew his daily habit of prayer before God, so they set about to get king Darius to sign a decree that whosoever asked a petition of any God or man for thirty days save the king, should be cast in the den of lions. King Darius signed the decree which altered not.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing had been signed, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10) The men informed the king of his action and he was cast in the den of lions.

What did God do for Daniel? As we study the scripture, we are amazed at some of the things, He did not do. This was a time of cruel extremity for Israel. The fate of Christianity rested upon a God and a few faithful followers. He did not save the Israelites from capture and deportation from Jerusalem to Babylon where they lived as slaves for years. God did not, nor does not now, save His people from responsibilities. To refuse or cope with realities, and take our stand for Christ and overcome each

trial, is disobedience to God. After deportation God did not relieve Daniel or his people from the relentless Godless pressure of an idolatrous civilization. There was no deliverance for Israel, neither will there be for the church. He does not exempt us today from the current ways of life, that are so distasteful to us. His will for us in whatever age or circumstance we live, is that we must grow up and still remain faithful to Him. God did not spare Daniel or his three companions, the Hebrew children, from the ordeal of leadership. They had to undergo trial in the den of lions and fiery furnace. Daniel had to undergo his competence as interpreter of the king's dreams. Fidelity and competence are high service to God. They were not always ways of safety for men in Bible history. Faith and obedience to God did not then, or now, provide a guarantee from risk, danger, and suffering. God, who spared not His own Son in whose heart was a cross, does not call us to walk in a garden above the turmoil of the human scene into heaven. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:11,12) These are a few of the things God did not do for Daniel and his people. What, then, did He do?

First of all, the king was much disturbed about Daniel in the den of lions. When he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice, unto Daniel, and the king spoke, "Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?"

"My God hath sent his angel, and shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt." God did not only spare Daniel, but proved beyond a shadow of a doubt the great and marvelous Power of God, that is able to save and to keep through all our trials.

As we view the outlook of our world today, we ask ourselves. Is our God able to keep us faithful and true in this pleasure loving world in which we live? Then the voice of our Saviour comes to us, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Psalms 46:10-11)

God led Daniel to see all life as

under God. Israel was deported and enslaved under cruel, pagan tyranny. The present was bitter, the future without hope. He did not despair, He glimpsed the long prospective of God, and declared His kingdom is an "everlasting kingdom". His dominion is from generation to generation." He changed the times and seasons, He removeth kings and setteth up kings, He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him. (Daniel 2:21-22)

Daniel gives us the Biblical philosophy of history. We do not live in a run-a-way universe. There is always a reckoning, a judgment that is not the judgment of men. Men and nations reap what they sow. I wonder if we really believe that we are under God, or are we under the men at the top of the political party. We must be clear in what we believe before we can truly answer the questions that are asked of us from a perplexed world in this troubled atomic age. God enabled Daniel to read aright the signs of the times. He kept his windows open toward Jerusalem and prayed three times a day. He also kept his eyes on Babylon. He also knew what was taking place before his eyes, and was able to discern the truth of what he saw. God gave him courage to speak the truth without fear, or favor before kings. He told Nebuchadnezzar that though he was king, he was dizzy with success and blind with pride, for he had vaunted himself as God. I wonder if we are not guilty before God as we boast of our mighty works. Daniel told him he would go mad, and dwell with the beasts of the fields, "Till thou knowest that the most high ruleth in the kingdom of men; and giveth it to whom ever He will." In twelve months the doom fell and his kingdom departed from him. Just as certain as judgment is coming for us as professing Christians. Never have we seen nicer edifices. We are dizzy with success and blind to the lost world's needs. "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Prov. 29:18) We have lost in our mad rush to modernize our churches and make them more comfortable, to vision the need of those who are hungry for the "Bread of Life."

As I recently visited in many large beautiful churches, being away from my home state, and in a strange place, I was hungry to hear the true Gospel preached. But sad to say, I only heard what the churches were doing, how they were growing, and the need to build more. Nothing about what God could do for those who

were burdened of heart. I left the church sick at heart and realized how far we had drifted and failed to meet the need of those who were hungry for the Bread of Life and Living Water. But too many can only say, "What is it?" Too few really understand "Heavenly Bread." As the Prophet Isaiah looked down through the ages and saw our Redeemer from the cradle to the cross, he portrayed for us one of the most comforting truths for the hearts of those who follow in His foot steps. Jesus told His disciples, "How it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought." (Mark 9:12)

Nothing—Jesus left His home in glory, took upon Himself the form of a servant, descended to the lowest in the thorns and darkness, and in all made Himself equal to nothing. Through it all He thanked and praised God, His father, for where He was reduced to nothing, He must praise the greatness of God, whose Word set Him as nothing at the depths of His suffering. He must render worship, loving God with His heart, mind, and strength, and His neighbor as Himself, even those who so cruelly used Him. He must bless the heart and hand that set this way before Him and to say, "Thy will be done." The pattern of Christ's life is the one God has set before us to follow, the blood-stained footprints of our Saviour, which leads from earth to glory.

The question still comes to us, "Is thy God able?" Men of faith are alerted to the crisis of the times and are coming forth to cope with it. It is a challenging call to faith and action. As we view the critical changing age in which we live, only the complete surrender to the perfect will of God will enable us to overcome the wiles of Satan. God has always demanded faith, trust and obedience. They are still the way. As we place our hand in His with full confidence and assurance that He will guide our frail ship, of which He is the captain, over the troubled sea of life, we can only say:

"Where God enters your life,
Points out to you your duty,
Lays on you your burdens,
Crowns you with suffering,
He stands at your side and says,
You and I can. (Phil. 4:13)

"Our God is able." "For this cause, I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12)

THOU HAST REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THE BLOOD

By Mrs. Gussie Hamblen

Rev. 5:9—"Who gave himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good work:—at the cost of the life of the Son of God. Our whole being, spirit, soul, and body, has been redeemed from Satan's power. There is a place in Christ for every believer where "that wicked one toucheth him not" (I John 4:18) and that is our city of refuge. Christ Jesus, the Lord, says in Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." His name represents Himself. The enemy of our souls has no right to touch us if we abide in Him and He in us. God has given us the blood of Jesus and says that it overcomes Satan as we believe in and testify to its power, which means Jesus' blood robs Satan of his power to harm us. Faith in the blood of Jesus and in His word, when used in testimony against Satan, will always cause him to flee. I Peter 5:9 says we are to be steadfast in resisting the devil. So our victory consists in steadfastly resisting Satan, until he goes. We should keep sheltered and protected by the blood of Jesus by asking the Lord to cover us with it and believing He does what we ask now—when we ask.

Let's take more courage each morning in our private devotion. God will give us more power and strength to meet our enemy day by day in this dark hour. We shall need all the courage, all the will-power, all the "sanctified grit" that God can give us. No matter who else may compromise, who else may cowardly retreat, who else may fall by the wayside, let us pray that the Lord encourage and strengthen us to continue holding up the cross of our Redeemer to a sinful world. Romans 12:1, 2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Matthew 7:14, John 3:16.

NOTICE

The Central Western Missouri Association will meet Aug. 7 through 10 at Kansas City. Mr. Joe Cockrell is the Moderator.



Rev. Lester Hilton

SHORT HISTORY OF NEW CHURCH

On November 12, 1955, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, accompanied by Rev. James Davis, met in the home of Rev. Lester Hilton to discuss the possibility of a second Church in Springfield, Mo. Following that meeting, interest continued to grow and a site for the church was sought very earnestly. A decision was finally reached to purchase a lot and build a new Church. On February 21, 1956, the lot was purchased. (200 feet by 170 feet), and an architect was employed to draw up plans for the building.

On April 12, 1956, work began on the building. The Church is 77 feet by 32 feet, with the sanctuary 32 feet by 52 and five Sunday School class rooms.

On May 17, 1956, the National and State Home Mission Board met and viewed the new building. Present were: Rev. Williard Day, Rev. Harry Staires, Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Lester Jones, Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Paul Williams, and Rev. A. B. Brooks. Others present were: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Ernest Harrison, Rev. Lester Hilton, and Rev. James Davis.

The first service planned to be conducted in the new building is July 8th with an all-day service. It will also mark the opening of a two-week revival with Rev. James Davis serving as the evangelist. Rev. Davis has worked with Rev. Hilton very faithfully since the beginning.

Rev. Lester Hilton has been called to serve as pastor. The church is to be known as "The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church."

—(Contributed)

From the Editor's Desk

A JOY PRODUCED BY HOPE

Journeying by the "Overland Flyer," a man noticed in the seat directly in front of him a lad who was traveling alone. Much of the journey was through a dreary waste of country. The boy sat, most of the time, looking out of the car window upon the barren plain.

Lunchtime came and the man went forward to the dining car. When he returned the boy was still looking out of the window. Toward the middle of the afternoon the man leaned forward and said, "My boy, aren't you tired?"

"Not much."

"But aren't you hungry?" looking into the man's eyes, with a wasteful smile, the boy said, "A little, but you see my father is going to meet me at the station."

In relating the incident, Dr. B. Wright Tersely Says: "He (the lad) could stand anything along the way for the joy of the meeting at the end of the journey."

HE GAVE ALL

Someone tells of a rising young physician in one of our larger cities, with an office practice that was reaching toward \$30,000 a year, coolly laid down an application for appointment as a medical missionary. The board was dumfounded. They asked him if he had carefully considered what he was contemplating, and he replied that he had, and was only doing that which he felt God had called him to do. They asked him if he knew what salary he could expect if given an appointment, and he said that he did: \$50.00 per month for himself, the same for his wife, and probably a pittance for the support and education of his two small children. He was not satisfied with just tithing his income. God had called for his all, and he was cheerfully giving it.

CHRISTIANS, Did You Say?

A lot of Christians (?) are like a wheelbarrow—no good unless pushed.

Some are like a canoe—they have to be paddled.

Some are like a kite—if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.

Some are like a kitten—they are not contented unless being petted.

Some are like a football—you cannot tell which way they will bounce next.

Some are like a balloon—full of wind, and always ready to blow up.

Some are like a trailer—they have to be pulled.

Some are like a neon light—they keep going off and on.

A real Christian is one who allows the Holy Spirit to lead him.

NOTICE

As Chairman of the Youth Encampment Board, and as Moderator of the Missouri State Association, I would like to take this means to invite everyone that is interested in the work of Christ as carried out through the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination in this state, to attend this year's session, which convenes at our Youth Camp, August 21-24, 1956.

The Youth Camp Board and the 4 churches near the camp, Nianqua, Amity, Macedonia, and Black Oak, with the town of Nianqua and the friends of the Camp in this vicinity, welcome you.

The facilities of the camp will be at your disposal, and the folk of these churches and this community have promised to furnish beds for all who can not be given beds at the camp.

Also, arrangements are being made to place a large tent by the side of the building.

So, come on, and help to make this the best State Association yet.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator, Mo., State Asso.

NOTICE

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with the New Harmony Church August 2-5, 1956.

Moderator—Rev. Lester Jones
Clerk—Ethel Thompson

NOTICE

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

The 1956 Session of the Yearly Meeting will convene with the Leadington Church at Leadington, Mo., August 9-11, 1956. Rev. S. A. Hand, Fredericktown, Mo., is to deliver the introductory message with Rev. W. S. Day, Oklahoma City, Okla., as alternate. The Moderator is Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Missouri, and the Assistant Moderator is Rev. John Long, Desloge, Mo. The Pastor of the host church is Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

The Yearly Meeting is composed of Twenty-Five churches with approximately Twenty-Five hundred mem-

bers and forty to fifty ordained and licensed ministers.

—Clerk, Rev. Albert Halbrook

In behalf of the Missouri State Home Mission Board, in co-operation with all other boards, mentioned, which met in Springfield to view one of the most promising prospects for a new work in the State of Missouri.

The work has been generously supported by those involved, thus, a nice new church has been erected and nearing completion as planned early in July, when we observed the work again.

These brethren are to be commended for this splendid work which will be an asset to our denomination, and we trust, an honour to our Lord.

—Rev. Harry Beatty

THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE: YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!

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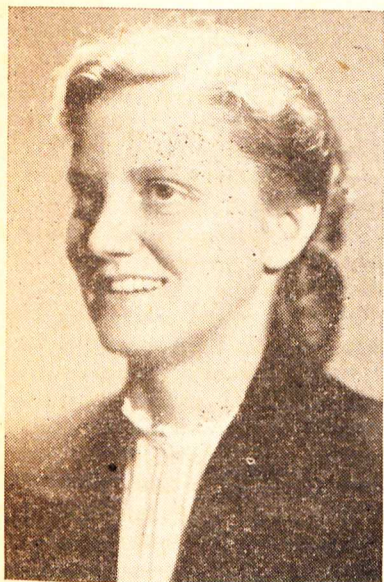
be born from above by the Spirit of God and receive the Divine nature (II Peter 1:4; Gal. 2:20). Can you dare say it is not necessary to be "born again." The individual that has never had the wonderful work of grace wrought in his heart is as blind as a mole because Jesus said in John 3:5: "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot SEE the Kingdom of God." And certainly he who cannot see the Kingdom cannot and will not see the King.

Yes, Nicodemus was a good fellow as far as good fellows go. But his righteousness "was as filthy rags" before God. He needed to be clothed in the "righteousness of Christ." If Nicodemus needed to be born again, don't you agree that every individual needs this spiritual birth.

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of four articles to be written on the new birth by Rev. James Davis. Succeeding articles will appear in the **Gem**.)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—SPECIAL MISSIONARY NIGHT!

On Wed. night, July 11, 1956, during the convening of the National Association, a special missionary service will be held. Those appearing on the program from the Foreign Mission Department will be Rev. Thomas H. Willey and Miss Lucy Wisheart from Cuba. Also, three of our Cuban pastors, Benito Rodriquez, Melitino and Estenio. Make your plans now to attend and if you have a special offering for foreign missions, please bring it to the Foreign Mission Exhibit. We hope to see you in Huntington, West Virginia July 10-12. Please watch our papers for full program.



Lucy Wischart

MISSOURI ITINERARY FOR LUCY WISEHART

July 18—Aulsbury Chapel
 July 19—Desloge
 July 20—First Flat River
 July 21—Farmington
 July 22—Leadington 11:00 A. M.
 July 22—Fellowship 7:30 P. M.
 July 23—Fredericktown
 July 24
 July 25—Mountain Grove
 July 25—Mountain Valley
 July 27—Hartville
 July 28—Lebanon
 July 29—Berkeley
 July 30—South Side
 July 31—Third
 August 1—Fourth
 August 2—Wellston
 August 3
 August 4—Mount Zion
 August 7-9—Association at Kansas City
 August 10—Indian Creek Association at Monett
 August 10—Arkansas Association at Rogers
 August 12—Joplin 11:00 A. M.
 August 12—Carterville 7:30 P. M.
 August 13—Springfield—Hilton
 August 14—Springfield—Long
 August 15—Cuba
 August 16—Old Liberty
 August 17—Niangua
 August 18—
 August 19—Pocahontas Arkansas

(These dates are contingent upon approval of the churches)

(Miss Lucy Wischart, missionary to Cuba, who is home on furlough spoke at the Youth Camp on Thursday and Friday. It was such a real

joy to have Lucy at Camp again. Welcome home, Lucy!

VACATION TIPS FOR CHRISTIANS

Take A Vacation, But Not From God. A vacation is a time of physical refreshment. It can also be a time of Spiritual refreshment. Wherever you are, a church will be nearby. Attend church every Sunday somewhere.

Write Your Church. Here's a worthwhile tip: Every Monday morning, address an envelope to your pastor, enclosing bulletins, programs, and other printed material you have collected on Sunday.

Don't Burden Your Church When You Take A Vacation. Remember the expenses of your home church go on, whether you are present or not. Be sure to give your tithes and offerings either before you leave or upon your return.

When You Return, Return To Church. Plan your trip so as to get back in time for church service. Don't wait for your pastor to make a call before returning to church. Yes, take a vacation—but not from God.

A TEEN-AGER'S CODE FOR THE YOUNG

Dallas, Texas

A teen-age girl has found her way into the public press of this city by drawing up a code of ethics and of conduct for her contemporaries which parents would do well to "read, mark and inwardly digest." In submitting her ten commandments the youthful author, Virginia Chose, suggests that "if every teen-ager would follow these simple rules, the world would be a safer place to live in." To which one may add, "Amen."

1. Don't let your parents down. They brought you up.
2. Stop and think before you drink.
3. Ditch dirty thoughts fast, or they will ditch you.
4. Show-off driving is juvenile. Don't act your age.
5. Be smart, obey. You'll give orders yourself, some day.
6. Choose your friends carefully. You are what they are.
7. Choose a date fit for a mate.
8. Don't go steady unless you're ready.
9. Go to church regularly. God gives you a week. Give Him back an hour.
10. Live carefully. The soul you save may be your own.

—The Church Advocate

DID YOU KNOW?

The cost of our atomic bomb would send and maintain 1800 missionaries for one year.

As a nation we spend \$750.00 on "pleasure" for every \$1.00 given to missions.

It is easier to use Bible language than to obey Bible Commands.

If a hundred members of a church each gave a postage stamp a day, they could support a missionary.

Every man has a religion but millions do not have salvation.

MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE

Miss Lucy Wischart moves from Cuba to the states for her first furlough.

The Cronks left New York June 6, enroute to India.

Miss Volena Wilson is scheduled to leave Bombay on July 27. This will be her first furlough after five years in India. Please pray for each of these during these days. Pray especially for little "Randy Cronk" that no illness shall befall him enroute.

FROM THE FIELD

Erwin Tenn.

Free Will Baptist F. M. Board
Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find check for \$5.39 from Kraft Mayonnaise Company. We saved coupons to receive this money, and would like the full amount credited to Miss Laura Belle Barnard' account.

We have named our circle for Miss Barnard. Thanking you, I am,

Mrs. Maggie Black, Pres.
Laura Belle Barnard Circle—
WNAC

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Williamston, N. C.

Bro. Riggs:

The Cedar Grove Ladies Auxiliary is sending \$5.00 for foreign missions. Please use it where it is needed most and we pray that some soul will hear and believe through it. May the Lord continue to use you and bless your work for His glory.

Mrs. Gordon Howell

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Logan, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

I am a leader of young people in our church. We are going to start giving our offering of one meeting a month to Foreign Missions. I would like to give them a little talk on our missionaries. Could you supply me with this information?

Our church is the Trinity Baptist Church of Henlawson, W. Va. Our pastor is Wayne Damron.

Mrs. Bill McCoy

Join The Church Family Plan

The Need for Foreign Missionaries

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Text: Matt. 28:18-20

Introduction:

Christ has given His people one task to perform. What is that? The evangelization of the world. Hear His words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). After reviewing the five separate statements of the Great Commission found in the Gospels and the Acts, Dr. Robert H. Glover states:

"Could anything be more significant than this five-fold record of the Great Commission given by the risen Christ to His followers, especially when it is coupled with the complete silence of Scripture as to any other task or responsibility enjoined by Him upon those to whom He entrusted the launching of the Christian movement? Can any thoughtful Christian fail to see that the one thing uppermost in the mind of our blessed Lord, the one great burden upon His heart during His last days and even His very latest moments upon earth, was that the message of redemption wrought out by His death and resurrection should be carried to the whole world? The very last recorded words of the ascending Christ to His disciples ere an enveloping cloud hid Him from their view were: 'Ye shall be my witnesses—unto the uttermost part of the earth.'" (Bible Basis of Missions, page 31).

Dr. A. T. Pierson once remarked: "For the present generation of the saved to reach the present generation of the unsaved, is the one question of the hour that leaves all others far in the distance. To the solution of that problem in God's own way, the Church and every member of it, should bring all the brains, heart, conscience, will, money, intelligence and enterprise at command." (1900 China's Millions, P. 20).

But the Word of God does not tell us that generation after generation shall seek to give themselves to this task and wage an endless struggle against heavy odds century after century, with no eventual goal ever being reached. Our text does not say: "Until the end of the world" (KJV), but "until the consummation of the age," (ARV). This age will not abruptly end; it will be consummated. And there is a vast difference between ending something and consummating it. The one implies a weary round suddenly terminated

with nothing necessarily accomplished, whereas the other implies the completion of a program, the accomplishment of a purpose.

Will the task of world missions ever be completed? Some feel that God will never be able to obtain from His people anything other than a half-hearted devotion that will express itself by continuous failure in their efforts to serve Him, and that in the end He will suddenly terminate their feeble efforts of "fiddling and fuddling around" trying to evangelize the world, and call them Home to Glory. But others feel that Mark 13:10 should be taken seriously, even literally: "the gospel must first be published among all nations,—or as it is recorded in Matt. 24:14: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

I firmly believe that God means to consummate this age. He is working today throughout the earth—that He might consummate on the morrow His program of world-wide witness. Hence there is something strategic, even awe-inspiring about our Nation Wide League Conference being convened this year. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to address you on the subject of "The Need for Foreign Missionaries."

Recently a Conference of over forty leading scholars of the prophetic scriptures gathered together at considerable expense in New York City to consider the truth of our Lord's return. They pondered this age and its dark overtones in the light of the Prophetic Word and felt that the Great Day of God's final Triumph was at hand. They called God's people to look with renewed anticipation for the coming of the Lord. But in their Conference they almost forgot that the Word of God tells us not only to **Look** but to **Hasten** Christ's coming. (II Peter 3:12 "Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.")

To "look for" means to wait for with expectation. The force of the Word translated "hastening" implies the aspect of "hastening on,"—i.e. "Causing the Day of the Lord to come quickly by helping to fulfill those conditions without which it cannot come." In other words, the day is not so inexorably fixed that the church is not free to hasten it on by her world wide witness.

1. Great Potentials

One of the most unrecognized facts before us these days in our missionary thinking is the enormous population

increase that faces us and the staggering opportunities and obligations which we have. A November 1955 issue of News Week indicates, for instance, that within 32 years the present world population will have reached the point where hundreds of millions will be starving for lack of food, and that the world simply will not be able to produce enough food for all the people who are in it. We are told that right here in the United States a baby is born every eight seconds; which gives an increase in population of 7,062 every day or 2½ million per year. This represents a population equivalent to the state of Oklahoma or Tennessee.

On the world scale, the population is increasing by 100,000 persons every 24 hours or 37 million each year. This is a population larger than the Dominion of Canada.

Of great significance is the fact that the United States is growing at the rate of 1.1% a year, while Asia, Africa, and Latin America, already greatly outnumbering the rest of the world are increasing now at the rate of 3.3%, just three times as fast as the United States. Needless to say that all of these are potential heirs of the Kingdom of God.

2. Complications

As populations continue to rise we may be sure of enormous political, economic and social repercussions, to say nothing of the religions, which will face us within these next 32 years if the Lord tarries.

The problem is further complicated by the fact that we are told that the latest hydrogen bombs have 750 times the power of the one that destroyed Hiroshima, and 60,000 inhabitants in a moment of time. If the United States and Russia were utterly destroyed, we might feel that perhaps in truth the end of the world had arrived. Nevertheless, within ten years the population would have been completely replaced and the world would go merrily on without us.

This present unrest, upheaval and threat of our day is characterized by wars and revolutions. And the end is not in sight; the ferment still continues. To what is all this tension and strife leading? At least one dominant result is becoming increasingly apparent; the nations of the West are no longer able nor do they have the moral status to continue to lead the world. As a result the center of political power and influence is shifting from the western world toward the eastern (non-Christian) world. The day of the white man's political and cultural dominance is ending and the

day of the other races is dawning. The Western world is in political decline. This means that the Communist Whispering Campaign throughout the Asiatic and Colonial World that "Christianity is a white-man's religion" is having the damaging effect of identifying the message of God's Eternal Truth with politically "has been" people. In the Nineteenth and first half of the Twentieth centuries, it was the politically dominant who were evangelizing the politically subservient. But not so now. As a result, the whole tone of missionary work is changing. The white missionary is regarded with suspicion, scorn, and impatience. He is becoming increasingly unwelcome. He must therefore lose his identity, submerge himself in the Word of Truth and reflect the character of the Cosmopolitan Saviour.

AFRICAN ASSIGNMENT OFFICIAL

Following is a statement taken from letter dated May 11, from Mr. George Constance regarding territory in Africa: "Your Board's petition was studied by the federation of missions in French West Africa and it was decided to cede an area in Ivory Coast which borders on Gold Coast and lies north and northeast of the Methodist and Christian and Missionary Alliance areas. It also borders on the Conservative Baptist region. This is called the Bondougou Circle and constitutes a tremendous missionary challenge. This area has officially been placed at your disposal should the Lord so lead and you desire to take up work there."

Plans have been made for Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens to make a personal survey of this area beginning July 21 and continue to the end of Aug. Money has already been advanced to Bro. Stevens for this project and we have faith that God will repay four fold. In a recent letter Bro. Stevens says: "We must not minimize the far reaching effects of prayer in such an endeavor as this. I believe that this special call to prayer will serve a fourfold purpose:

1. Prevent us from the possibility of making a "flop" of the survey. (The trip will involve 8000 miles in travel).

2. Stimulate interest in the cause of missions as a whole.

3. Challenge the hearts of young people to staff this new field.

4. Partly, if not entirely defray the expenses of the survey. (The cost will be about \$1200.) Will you place this special prayer request on your list?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION Pinar del Rio, Cuba

June 1, 1955—June 1, 1956

Cash on Hand, June 1, 1955	\$ 23.00	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1955	213.00	236.00

Receipts

Received from Mission Board		
Regular checks	31,629.32	
Phenicie Boys	1,170.00	
Temples	6,150.00	
Dormitory	1,200.00	
For trip to South America	600.00	40,749.32
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Gifts	2,090.00	
Gift (for Temples)	120.00	
Books and Quotas (Students)	230.70	
Sale of Light Plant	300.00	
Sales	335.25	
Refund from light fund	200.00	
Refund from loans	40.00	3,315.95
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		\$44,301.27

Expenses

Temples	5,434.10	
Dormitory	1,093.59	
Other building	203.07	
Food	2,240.13	
Salaries (Includes Phenicie boys)	22,090.69	
Rent	3,305.00	
Hospitalization	939.70	
Repairs on Equipment	1,511.79	
Gas and Oil	965.66	
Hardware (General Maintenance)	1,241.12	
Fuel	252.92	
Animal Feed	1,213.19	
Farm and Animal Expense	411.65	
Passage	254.90	
Mr. Willey (Trip to So. America)	600.00	
Printing Press and Expenses	508.14	
Office Expense	141.19	
School Supplies	45.65	
Pump for Windmill	58.80	
Final payment on Deep Freeze	200.00	
Tuning Piano	15.00	
Convention Expense	197.80	
General Miscellaneous	165.96	
Bank charges	65.03	\$43,155.08
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		\$ 1,146.19

Cash on Hand, June, 1956	34.25	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1956 (General)	5.53	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1956 (Dormitory)	106.41	
Cash in Bank, June 1, 1956 (Temples)	1,000.00	\$ 1,146.19
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Equipment		\$10,455.00
Buildings and Property		\$24,500.00
Livestock		2,000.00
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		\$38,101.19

REPORT OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

The tenth annual session of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment convened June 24 and continued through the 30, at the Missouri State Youth Camp in Nian-gua, Missouri. This session is reported to be by far the most outstanding youth encampment in the history of the Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri.

The registrar reports a total enrollment of 259. This exceeds any previous year's enrollment by more than 50 students. The following break-down is given in the supervisory staff, worship service speakers, teachers, and general instructors and sponsors.

Given also is the name of the entire student body who received credit for having done satisfactory work throughout the youth encampment.

Supervisory Staff

Rev. Lester Jones—General Supt.
Rev. O. T. Dixon—Principal of Teaching.

Rev. Stanley Letterman—Registrar.

Worship Services

Rev. Charles Black — (Sunday) Evening Service.

Rev. Lesley Logsdon — (Monday) Morning Service.

Rev. Phillip Bashaw — (Monday) Evening Service.

Rev. Harvey Hill — (Tuesday) Morning Service.

Rev. Teddy Davis — (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) Evening Services.

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon — (Wednesday) Morning Service.

Lucy Wisheart — (Thursday and Friday) Morning Services.

Teachers

Rev. Eunice Edwards — Creation and fall of man.

Rev. James Davis — Law and it's purpose.

Rev. Rolla Smith — Prophecies of Christ and their fulfillment.

Rev. B. R. Scott — The New Testament Church.

Rev. Harry Beatty — Summary.

Junior Department:

Mrs. Lester Jones — General Director.

Teachers

Mrs. Margaret Wantland, Mrs. Stanley Letterman, Mrs. Larve Horn, and Mrs. O. T. Dixon.

General Instructors and Sponsors

Rev. O. T. Allred — Chairman of

Youth Camp Board.

Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves — Campground Supervisors.

Rev. Paul Williams — Physical Education Instructor.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill — Promotional Secretary.

Rev. Glenn Rehkop — General Sponsor (Boys).

Louise Underwood — General Sponsor (Girls).

Violet Caldwell, Alice Dickey, Avery DeWitt, Sylvia Hill, Kenneth Reeves, Otto Mackey, Chas. Black, Lee DeWitt, James McCulley, Opal Williams, Avis Latimer.

Music Department

Mary Latimer — Music Director.

Glenda Barks — Pianist.

STUDENT BODY

Liberty Association

Ann Clark, Peggy Clark, St. Louis; Jackie Covington, Freddie Walton, Joyce Thompson, Sandra Sell, Vronica Sell, James E. Wantland, Jackie Sue Wantland, Niangua; Karen Sue Evans, Sharon Evans, Laura Evans, Marsfield; Donna Knight, Donna Doty, Jo Ann Cornelison, Carol Cornelison, Lebanon.

Mission Association

Mary Elliott, Lois Workman, Sharon Shannon, Lynda Dixon, Barbara Raney, Gerald Nevils, Tommy Wade, Barbara Briggs, Merle Hill, Mountain Grove.

Cave Springs Association

Leroy Beatty, Earl Smith, Johnny Crawford, David Ivey, Kenneth Combs, Thayer; Barbara Wisheart, Brenda Wisheart, Kay Bryan, Eleanor Wisheart, Fredricka Wisheart, Francella Brown, Morris Brown, Mickey Dunkin, Myrtle; Patricia Caldwell, Evelyn Caldwell, May Bell James, Dolly Pohnert, Thayer.

North East Missouri Association

Bernice Burgin, Patty Johnson, Kirksville; Kay Waggoner, Shirley Morton, Greentop; William Kirkpatrick, Betty Kirkpatrick, Jerry Filkins, Jolene Drennan, Nancy Drennan, Patty Drennan, Janie Adkins, Darlene Griswold, Jerry Pinkerton, Vernon Maggart, Bettie O'Haver, Patsy O'Haver, Dixie Pettit, Dorothy Pettit, Madeline Roe, Della Roe, Mary Pettit, Neta McElhinney, Carol McElhinney, Kirksville.

North West Missouri Association

Jeanette Tyer, Gary House, Gower; Sally Ann Sloan, Joyce Whitely, Plottsville; Eva Coffey, Easton; Jack McAllister, Slater.

Central Western Association

Rita Marie Smith, James Robert

Smith, Earl Smith, Anita L. Coiner, Susan M. Coiner, Lepha Cole, Terry Cassatt, Liberal; Jimmie Williams, Hichman Mills; Jimmie Weaver, Liberal; Dwayne Rhoden, Bronaugh; Robert Crockett, Roberta Sue Weaver, Liberal; Linda Venable, Arcadia, Kansas; Johanna Eccher, Elaine Whitson, Iantha; Sandra Bowman, Kansas City; Patricia Coah, Parkville; Susan Allan, Kansas City, Kansas; Mary Coah, Parkville; John Bowman, Lewis Bramblett, Kansas City; Betty Rhodes, Overland Park; Beverley Barton, Stockton, Kansas.

Indian Creek Association

Albert Williams, Charles Matney, Nancy Sterling, Jean Johnson, Colleen Hall, Phyllis Hall, Carterville; Tommy Corlson, James Johnson, J. L. Phillips, Larry Roller, Rosalee McCully, Sharon Corlson, Janice Roller, Gloria Hultgren, Monett; Carlis Sterling, Carterville; Jimmy Williams, Joplin; Sherwin Sterling, Carterville; Richard Largent, Hancy Largent, Ruth Williams, Paula Sue Williams, Joplin; Rodney McCulley, Richy McCulley, Lauose McCulley, Barbara Thurston, Pete Childress, Wilma Pogue, Dickey Pogue, Robert Pogue, Retha Russel, Mary Pogue, Loretta Pogue, Neosho; Phyllis Wilson, Anderson; Linda Sue Mackey, Wanda Kay Mackey, Patty Mackey, Eddie Mackey, Monett; Ruby Spor, Granby, Donna Newton, Granby; Carolyn Cantrell, Diamond; Lynda Davis, Myrlon Brittenham, Delitha Marbit, Macedonia; Merle Hill, Dicky Highfill, Dale Highfill, Springfield; Linda Davis, Monett; Orville Boyd, Deborah Boyd, Joplin.

South East Association

Robert Ferguson, Jane Ferguson, Berkeley; Paulette Dyer, Diana Dyer, Jean Francis, Donna Denton, Melvin Steagal, John Chandler, St. Louis; Bonnie Stephens, Curtis Stephens, Evan Thebeau, Wellston; Norma Sinko, Verlin Sinko, Bill Holt, St. Louis; Sharon Schlottach, Jean Schlottach, Lillie Schlottach, Lillian Moore, Valley Park; Sonny Peifer, Fredericktown; Dorothy Robertson, Sylvia Robertson, Ferguson; Joan Eades, Virginia Eades, Berkeley; Ettie Logsdon, Larry Shiverdeck, Billy Woodruff, Helen Marie Bayer, Diana Schutte, Diana Smith; Geneva Barks, St. Louis; Elaine Williams, Juanita Williams, Mary Beth Schmidh, Berkeley; Sandra Cantrell, Larry Hill, St. Louis; Annett Cox, Fredericktown; Diana Land, Kathryn Land, Charlotte Land, Earleen Brakefield, Sandra Raney, Alice Fay Dotson, St. Louis; Judy Henson, Nancy Henson, Fredericktown; Pat Hurley, Sylvia Brooks, Flat River; Nancy Jane Durbin, Sue

Palette, Gloria Palette, Desloge; Marilyn Pinkston, Ruth Ann Smith, Bonne Terre; Gerald E. Boyd, Farmington; Donald Pinkston, Alan Pinkston, Jackie Smith, J. D. Crabtree, Bonne Terre; Gary Boren, Fred Boren, Ruby Boren, Ralph Treaster, Diane Gillette, Leadington; Barbara Jenkerson, Susie Jenkerson, Esther; Pamela Robinson, Sharon Murphy, Diane Hargiss, Carolyn Hargiss, Leadington; Ronald Jenkerson, Patricia Jenkerson, Flat River; Jerry Limbough, Joy Limbough, Fredericktown; Tommy Harper, Mine La Motte; Bobby Shetley, Allen Lewis, Joe Skagg, Fredericktown; Rita Ray Ragsdale, Karen Ragsdale, Linda Smith, Lee Willingham, Flat River; Franky Burham, Esther.

The above list of students showed exceptionally keen interest in the work at the camp are to be recognized by our entire state association, and it is therefore requested that we remember them in prayer that they continue to work in their respective churches throughout the state.

It was my happy privilege to be a part of this youth camp which I believe was one of the greatest I have ever seen in action.

—O. T. Dixon

Principal of Teaching.

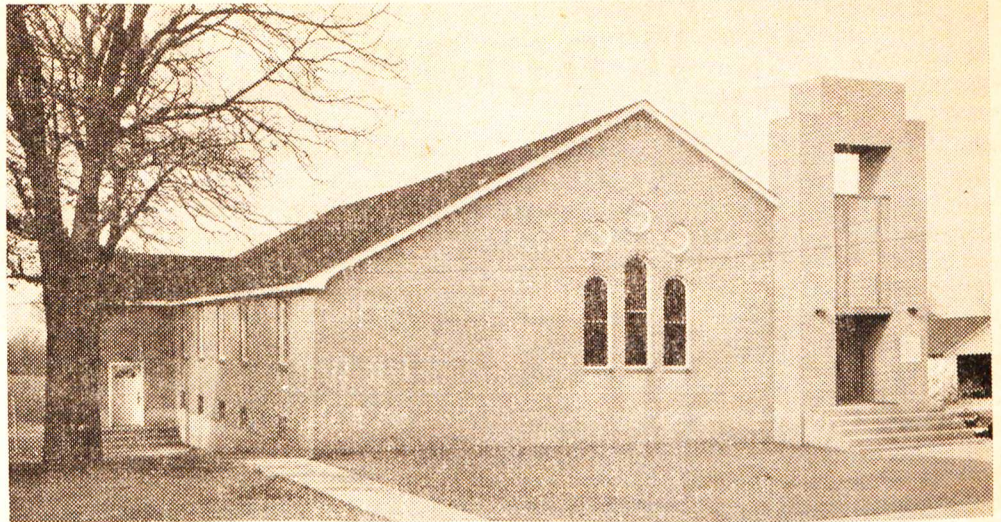
BERKELEY CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive them of their sins and heal their land." II Chron. 7:14.

This verse of Scripture has been demonstrated during our Youth Revival here at Berkeley. As we closed our one week revival, eight souls found the Lord precious to their hearts, eighteen re-dedicated their lives to the Lord and two or three consecrated their life to God for special service. The Lord smiled down on us with the richest of blessings by sending to us for our evangelist, Rev. Teddy Davis of Monett, who we believe to be one of the outstanding young ministers in our Free Will Baptist denomination, and we are proud to claim him as one of our Missouri boys.

Several of the Crusaders helped with the Vacation Bible School which closed June 23rd. An average of 90 attended each day. Several children accepted the Lord at this session of Bible School, for which we are praising God.

Rev. and Mrs. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt sponsored thir-



Above is the new Church at Monett, Missouri completed in May 1955. The Church has a membership of 185 and a Sunday School enrollment of 191. The present Pastor, under whose leadership the Church was erected, is Rev. James Davis, Monett, Missouri.

teen of our young people to Youth Camp this week. The Lord blessed us there by allowing all of them to come back to our church Christians and with a determination to do a greater work for the Lord.

The Crusaders for Christ pray a special blessing upon our church for the special interest they put forth in helping us as a band of youth and pray we can stay true to our aim, Building for Christ.

—Crusaders for Christ.

KANSAS CITY DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Kansas City Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted June 11-24. There was a total enrollment of sixty. Five students accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour during the school.

NOTICE

A two weeks' revival will begin July 15th at the Kansas City Church. Rev. Teddy Davis from Monett, Mo. will be the evangelist. Mrs. Alice Dickey is the pastor.

MAY DRIVE FOR YOUTH CAMP

The total amount received from the May Drive for the Missouri State Youth Camp as of June 28, 1956 was \$722.45. Thanks to all who helped in this drive.

Dear Editor:

Find enclosed one dollar and fifty cents for the renewal of my subscription for the **Gem**.

I have subscribed to the paper since the first publication years ago.

I took the **Morning Star** and other Free Will Baptist papers before it.

I enjoy the paper very much and get much good from its contents. I believe if homes had more Christian literature in them and not so many comic books, and other trash publications, maybe there would not be so much juvenile delinquency. Sometimes I wonder if it isn't parental delinquency.

I'm enclosing a little poem of my own composition that you can publish in your paper sometime if you have space and see fit to use it.

Yours for His Cause,
Mrs. Grace Royster,
Rt. 1, Hartville, Mo.

(We are happy to hear from you and thank you for your kind words, and the contribution.)

Jesus Is Coming Again

Jesus is coming, so watch and pray;
For we know not the hour nor day.
But we do know He is coming again,
For He has told us in His word so plain.

As a thief in the night to those who sleep;
And do not His commandments keep.
But the righteous will be yearning
For the sight of His returning.

His appearing they will love,
As they see Him descend from above.
But the wicked will hopelessly cry
When they see Him in the sky.

Some will be happy and glad,
While others will be doomed and sad.
Today is the time to prepare and repent

Before He makes His second advent.
—Grace Royster.

Woman's Auxiliary

ILLINOIS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Illinois Free Will Baptists convened with the Union Free Will Baptist Church, Thompsonville, May 16, 1956. The program opened with congregational singing and prayer. Morning devotions were brought by Sis. Robin Van Hoorebeke.

Mamie Edwards, president, presided over the business meeting. Chesta Clampet, secretary, and Robin Van Hoorebeke, treasurer, gave their reports. The following officers were elected for the year 1956-57: Mrs. Emily Malone, president; Mrs. Mamie Edwards, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Altha Phelps, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Kettelman, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Juanita McClerren, 4th chairman; Mrs. Aileen Hanna, 5th chairman; Mrs. Chesta Clampet, secretary; Mrs. Robin Van Hoorebeke, treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Waggoner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Juanita McClerren, Mrs. Altha Phelps and Mrs. Roberta Bain, program committee.

Webb's Prairie women will be host to the next state meeting to be held the third Wednesday in May, 1957. This meeting will convene at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle in West City, Illinois.

Mrs. Mabel Kettelman, state delegate to the 1955 national convention, gave her report. She thanked the auxiliaries for sending her as a delegate and urged every member to attend the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Rev. Claude Childers, pastor of the Johnston City Free Will Baptist Church, brought the eleven o'clock message. He spoke from Mark 14: 3-9, urging the women to give their best for Christ.

A very delightful lunch was served by the women of Union Church.

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing, followed with devotions by Rev. Joyce Browning. A playlet, "Murky Church Discovers God's Plan," was given by the Webb's Prairie women. A duet by Gladys Hoffart and Claude Childers preceded a reading given by Sister Myrtle Jones. Sister Emily Malone then led the women in a period of testimony and praise of definite answer to prayer.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

—Reporter.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY MEETS

The ladies met at the Free Will Baptist Church at Neosho, Missouri, June 14th, with six members present. Mrs. Dorothy Childress directed the devotional and read Luke 19:1-10. Our lesson subject was: "We Need Soul Winners for Such a Time as This." After the benediction, refreshments were served.

—Mrs. W. F. Childress, Reporter.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville met at the home of Mrs. Betty Swisher of Laplata, with Mrs. Josie Fiscus as co-hostess. The meeting was opened by the vice-president, Sis. Lillian Wood, in a short devotional period of singing and prayer. The scripture reading was given by the acting president, from Luke 19: 1-10.

A season of prayer followed a short business meeting.

The program was given on the subject, "We Need Soul Winners for Such a Time as This." Topics were given by Lillian Wood, Elfie Dare, Julia Mollick, and Grace Lawson.

Refreshments were served after which Grace Lawson prayed the benediction.

The Hazel Creek Ladies Auxiliary met June 6th, for an all-day meeting at the home of Martha Letterman. There were eleven members, two visitors, and several children present.

A comforter was tacked and bound for Mrs. Letterman. Tea towels were made for the youth camp.

The president led the devotional period of singing and sentence prayers by the entire group.

A business period was followed by the lesson entitled, "We Need Soul Winners for Such a Time as This" which was introduced by Waneta Newcomer. Topics on the lesson were given by Emma Van Laningham, Dora Sponsler, Martha Letterman, and Lola Filkins.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick read Luke 19:1-10 for the scripture lesson. Dismissal with prayer by Ruby Morton.

FROM THE FIELD LETTER FROM FRANCE

Gentlemen:

Hello from way over here in France! There may be many miles between us, but each month as we receive the "Contact" and Mission re-

port, we feel very near to the College and it's work.

We are doing our best to help with the Lord's work at the Army Chapel and in a way we feel it's a sample of foreign mission work. Soon we will be in charge of the Sunday School and Morning worship services, plus the weekly Fellowship Hour. When we left the U. S. we prayed for a place in God's services and He surely has answered it. We have 30 children in S. S. now and we are so thrilled. Please pray we may do our best in leading the children in the way of the Lord.

We trust the enclosed offering will help our state meet it's quota (Missouri) and that God's work may go forward.

Sp. 3 and Mrs. Howard E. Filkins

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Springfield, Oregon

Enclosed is \$10.00 for Foreign Missions.

—Audria Metcalf

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Grantsboro, N. C.

Dear Bro. Riggs:

The enclosed money order in the amount of \$51.00 is from our first Vacation Bible School in the history of Rock of Zion F.W.B. Church. The children want this money to carry the Gospel to some one who has never heard it over seas, (to use their words.)

Everyone enjoyed their work, especially the children, said they would like it to go the whole summer.

I, as director, thank our Lord for a successful week.

Mrs. W. C. Eastwood

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Winfield, Alabama

Dear Bro. Riggs:

In Vacation Bible School today our offering was for Foreign Missions. We had a very fine school and are happy to be able to send this small offering for missions. The offering amounted to eight dollars and ten cents. (\$8.10)

Harold A. Pitts

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Fountain, N. C.

My pledge for \$1.00 for the month of June is enclosed.

May the Lord bless you as this tiny bit is used to carry the Gospel to those who have never heard.

Mrs. Heber Tyson

BIBLE CLUBS IN HIGH SCHOOLS

An estimated 23,000 high school teen-agers were won to Christ through the ministry of Youth for Christ International's high school Bible club work during the past school year, a survey conducted by YFC's Jack Hamilton, director of the high school Bible club ministry, has revealed. The survey further revealed that 1,956 YFC high school clubs were in operation last year, with an average attendance of thirty-five. The total enrollment of all high schools was 7,400,000, and about 25% of the schools were contacted by the YFC Bible club. In addition, the survey showed that there was an estimated total of 1.2 young persons per club per month won to Christ.

Hamilton states that the high school enrollment this year is approximately 7,650,000 young people and by 1960 it will reach 9,000,000. It is the goal of the YFC high school Bible club departments to double the number of schools reached.

—Gospel Herald.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

1. Does my life please God?
2. Am I studying my Bible daily?
3. Am I enjoying my Christian life?
4. Am I walking in the Spirit daily?
5. How much time do I spend in prayer?
6. Do I pray with faith believing that God will answer?
7. Have I given out any tracts, or spoken to someone about the Lord today?
8. How many things do I put before my religious duties?
9. How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
10. Can others see Christ in me?
11. Am I giving at least one tenth of my income to the Lord?
12. Is there anything that I cannot give up for Christ?

—Evangelical Tract Distributors.

TESTIMONIES FROM CAMPERS

"At Youth Camp, I found a new Friend. A Friend that will stay with me until the end of eternity. A Friend that paid the highest price to become my Friend. The day that we became friends He showed me one thing in particular. He showed me His might and power that built the world and everything in it. The power that can save a person from his sins. This Friend is God. He saved my soul on Wednesday, the 27th of June, 1956"—Verlin Sinko.

"I would like to announce my call-

ing to be a minister of the Gospel for my Lord Jesus Christ. I received my call at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on Tuesday night. I had two of the most wonderful preachers in the world to pray for me and, with their help, I have finally accepted my calling. Rev. Harvey Hill and Rev. Leslie Logsdon have made this camp for me not only pleasant but educational. Since I have been in this camp I have come to know my Lord better. As I go through this life, no matter where I am I will always look back and rejoice over this camp."—Jack McAllister.

"To attend Youth Camp is the most wonderful thing that can happen to a person. To be able to study more about God's word and to have such a beautiful fellowship with young Christians from all over the state is a wonderful blessing. It is so different from anything I have ever known that it is hard to explain. Christ is with me at all times, but I have felt His presence very much more since coming to Youth Camp. He is with me so much that my soul feels as if it is overflowing with His love. This is the first time I have attended Youth Camp, but already I have received many blessings. It is my earnest prayer that I may have the opportunity to come again."—Virginia Eaves.

"This session at Youth Camp has been the real beginning of the most wonderful part of my life, for now Christ dwells within my heart ruling completely and forever. Sinners found Christ dear to their hearts, among whom was my own brother for whom my family and I have been praying for two or three years. The blessings are uncountable and I have learned to wait upon God."—Norma Sinko.

"Youth Camp this year has been a wonderful experience for me. One great blessing was meeting new friends and renewing old friendships. The classes are so inspiring because of the many new and old things we hear about God and all of His wonderful works. The teachers are all so helpful in their teachings also. The night services are such spiritual blessings. It is soul-stirring to see the happy faces of the young people who have given their hearts completely and wholly to God. I could never tell how wonderful all the experiences have been at Youth Camp. I just thank God that I have had the wonderful opportunity to come to Youth Camp and I hope to be able to come back again to receive more blessings."—Fredericka Wischart.

THIRD CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS

We wish to report we are still working for the Lord, and seeing souls saved.

Our church is growing and we thank the Lord for the growth. We are especially grateful to the Lord for sending Rev. John Rogers, our pastor, to us.

We had the Harmony Echo Boys from Frankfort, Illinois for a service and preaching was done by Rev. Don McCool. There were two souls saved.

We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

—Mary Regh, Correspondent.

THE AMBASSADOR MISSOURI ITENERARY

All services are at night except where indicated.

- July 2—First Church, Monett.
- July 3—Macedonia Church, Purdy.
- July 4—First Church, Joplin.
- July 5—Hannon Church, Hannon.
- July 6—First Church, Kansas City.
- July 7—Shibley's Point, near Kirksville.
- July 8—11 A.M., First Church Kirksville.
- 2 P.M., New Harmony, Greentop.
- 8 P.M., Hazel Creek, Kirksville.
- July 15—11 A.M., Berkeley City Church, St. Louis.
- 2:30 P.M., Third Church, St. Louis.
- 7:30 P.M., South Side, St. Louis.
- July 16—Independence Church, near Monett.
- July 17—Wagner Church, near Greenfield.
- July 18—Rock Chapel, near Monett.
- July 19—Lebanon Church, Lebanon.
- July 20—Hartville Church, Hartville.
- July 21—Fredericktown Ch., Fredericktown.
- July 22—11 A.M., First Church, Flat River.
- 2:30 P.M., Copper Mines, near Flat River.
- 7:30 P.M., Fellowship Church, Flat River.
- July 23—Desloge Church, Desloge.
- July 24—Leadington Ch. Leadington.

GOOD REASONING

After Calvin Coolidge made it known that he did not choose to run again for the Presidency, he was besieged by newspaper reporters for a more elaborate statement. It seems one member of the fourth estate was more persistent than the others.

"Exactly why don't you want to run for President again Mr. Coolidge?" he inquired.

The President's solemn reply: "No chance for advancement."

—Sunshine Magazine

Jesus Needs Witnesses

Rev. Ollie Latch

John 18:20

Introduction:

Jesus had been arrested, and in this text, was facing the first of the several bitter trials he was to pass through before going to the cross. In this instance he was before the overbearing, wily Caaphais. He was questioned in regard to his doctrine and his disciples. His reply forms the text of this message, "Ask those who heard me."

One wonders if there is not anxious hope in these words that some of those who had seen and heard him might come forward and witness for him. Alone, and at the mercy of his enemies, Jesus needed the friendly witness of at least two people. It would seem almost that he is saying, "If those who know me will witness for me, you will find readily enough that the charges are not true." Certainly there were people not very far away whose words would have made a world of difference in the whole situation. Note what some of them could have said in his behalf.

I—The Man from the Tombs

Let's call up this fellow and ask him. He could have been a witness for Jesus in this hour. He could have said, "I was possessed with a legion of devils. I spent my time in the tombs, naked and ruined. I was wretched and I made my people wretched. I was victim of a fevered brain and out of my mind. Jesus came into my country. I first saw him as the little boat drew near the shore. The devils that lived in me were afraid of him. But Jesus put his hands upon me. The fever left my brain. I put on my clothing. I returned to my family, well and happy. You are wrong, Caaphais. This man is not guilty of the things you have charged against him."

You can find in every direction you turn today those people whom Jesus has healed of sin-fevered minds and of a wretched existence. This man is a perfect type of many of us. If he had been allowed to speak, if he had been called to speak, if he had demanded to be heard, what a difference he might have made in this sordid affair.

II—The Converted Business Man

Let's ask this man about Jesus. He was a business man. He had good training. He had a good position. He heard Jesus and saw him work. Let's ask Levi about the charges against

Jesus. This was what he could say, "Yes, I was a successful business man. I had a good paying job but I was wasting my life. I had possibilities which were going to waste in the place where I worked. I worried about my business. I was a slave to the desk where I labored. I was losing friends. I was losing my family. I was rapidly bringing to a close a wasted life, tied only to the coin of the realm. Jesus came to my place one day. He smiled at me. He saw my talents going to waste. He showed me a friendly heart. He invited me to stop wasting my life and follow him. Caaphais, you are wrong. The charges against Jesus are not true."

Many a man, slave to business worries and money, could testify today that Jesus has given him new life. Many a man who was once a slave to the dull and killing routine of business is now a free soul because he came in contact with Jesus. What if these men all spoke up fervently for Jesus?

III—A Multitude of Others

Multitudes of people could have been called to testify for Jesus that day. Lepers who had been cured were back safely in their homes and businesses. Blind men were once more occupied and useful people. Men who had been possessed of demons were now sound and sane. There were people who had received their dead back to life. They could have set at nought the false accusers. There was the great teacher, Nicodemus. His testimony about Jesus would have carried weight. There was a Joseph of Arimathea whose word would have shaken the crafty old high priest to the bottom of his soul. There was the wealthy and respected centurion whose daughter was healed. His word would have been a boon to Jesus. But in spite of all these witnesses, Jesus was forced to face his enemies all alone. No voice was raised in his defence. No testimony was given, and Caaphais was permitted to send him to the cross.

Conclusion

So, you see, just a few witnesses in that day would have made a great deal of difference. It would not have saved Jesus, for his life was dedicated to the cross, but all around him would have been the feeling of people that there was something to this man. People would have said, "Look how many folk stood up for him." As it was, the world sneered at Jesus and said, "Not even one friend stood by to witness for him."

Jesus stands charged in our world today. He is on trial and many are his accusers. Satan provides a constant stream of witnesses which speak out against the things of Jesus. He still needs witnesses to tell the world about him. He still needs someone to speak up in his defence. He has done great things for you, friend. Here we sit in this church today—the housewife, the laborer, the business people. Here we are from every walk of life. We say Jesus has healed us of sin. We say he has given us new life. We say he has done great things for us. Will we stand up and witness for him to others? Today Jesus is still saying, "Ask those who know me best." Are you providing him with an able witness in this gainsaying world?

MASTERPIECES

The other day I was watching some men working in a vacant lot down the street and I got to thinking about that ingenious little helper, the humble wheelbarrow.

Because it has only one wheel it can travel along narrow paths where it is impossible for a wagon to go. It rests on three points, occupying a small amount of room, yet it is firm and cannot easily be upset. It seems to me that when the wheelbarrow was first invented it must have been considered a remarkable contrivance.

I delved into my sources of knowledge to find the name of the inventor and was greatly surprised to find that, according to tradition, it was Leonardo da Vinci. The same hands which painted that masterpiece "The Last Supper" had fashioned this valuable contribution to the workaday world. And who will deny that Leonardo's "Last Supper" and Leonardo's wheelbarrow are both masterpieces? — By Bruce Barton.

HURRAH FOR PA!

A little girl submitted the following composition on "people" to her teacher:

"People are composed of girls and boys, also men and women. Boys are no good at all until they grow up and get married. Men who don't get married are no good either. They want everything they see except soap. My ma is a woman, and my pa is a man. A woman is a grown up girl with children. My pa is such a nice man that I think he must have been a girl when he was a boy."—Hoard's Dairyman.

HOW SHALL WE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

Some Churches Try Cooking . . .

- . . . Chili Suppers
- . . . Bean Dinners
- . . . Oyster Suppers
- . . . Fish Fries.

Others Try Merchandising . . .

- . . . Rummage Sales
- . . . Bake Sales
- . . . Bazaars, etc.

Some Even Try Gambling . . .

- . . . Bingo
- . . . Raffles
- . . . Card Parties.

Some Churches Try God's Way . . .

- . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . (Mal. 3:10)

Tithing Is God's Way to Support the Church!

—Cumberland Presbyterian.

EFMA EXECUTIVE VISITING MISSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, left Washington, D. C. on June 8 to visit evangelical missionary work at various places in Latin America. Accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, he is participating in the observance of the Centennial of Protestant missions in Colombia.

The first Centennial celebration was held June 3-10 at the First Presbyterian Church in Barranquilla. Dr. Taylor preached the last sermon on Sunday night, closing a conference which had been attended by missionaries, pastors and lay workers from all the northern provinces and from central Colombia. Approximately 500 people attended each of the night sessions. Outstanding evangelical leaders from five countries took part in the meetings, during which a total of 86 conversions were recorded. On Saturday the 9th, a plaque was placed in the First Presbyterian Church of Barranquilla commemorating the 100th anniversary of Protestant missions in Colombia.

Evangelical gatherings similar to the one held in Barranquilla are scheduled for Cali, June 24-July 1, and Bogota, July 15-22.

Before leaving South America, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will visit Radio Station HCJB at Quito, Ecuador. Brief stops will be made in Panama City, Guatemala City and Mexico before returning to the States in late July, when Dr. Taylor is scheduled to participate in a conference of The Navigators in Colorado Springs.

Two things are bad for the heart—running up stairs and down people.

AWARDED DEGREE

George L. Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, was granted an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Greenville College, June 4.

Dr. Ford has been associated with the NAE in an administrative capacity since 1951 when he began as director of the Northwest Region. In 1953 he visited Japan, Formosa and Korea for the purpose of checking on relief needs and distribution in Korea. He was appointed Associate Executive Director in 1954, assuming responsibility for the administration of the overall NAE work. At the last Convention in April of this year, he was promoted to Executive Director.

"This Untoward Generation"

By W. R. Cullom

Of course my readers will recognize this expression as one that was used by Peter in his address on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:40) (King James Version). "Untoward"! Surely God was speaking through Peter in the use of this word. It is so expressive and so accurate in describing the generation in which we find ourselves just now—a generation that is not headed toward any place or any goal in particular. Most people know that both the Hebrew and the Greek word for "sin" means Missing the mark. What word could describe "missing the mark" so accurately and so meaningfully as this word "untoward"? What could furnish the basis for a pulpit appeal today as does this word "untoward"?

I feel as if I should like to go into all the world and call people to lift up their eyes; center their attention on the lack of definite purposefulness; on the wobbling that is to be observed everywhere; on the strong tendency to run here and there and center attention and purpose on no one thing in particular. If I could lift my voice and make it heard throughout the earth I would speak my word of exhortation to the home, to the church, to the school, to the clubs, to the societies, to business organizations, to every person and to every group everywhere that they bestir themselves, that they turn their attention from a negative attitude to what is positive, to what is meaningful, to what is constructive, to what is life-saving and life-giving, to what is really wholesome, and what will really make a better world!

—Baptist Observer

FLAT RIVER, FIRST REPORTS

We of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo., would like to give a report on our Vacation Bible School.

The School started on May 21st, and ended on June 1st, 1956. There were 96 students enrolled. The theme of our Bible study was "The Christian's Birth and Growth". All those that were able to help during the Bible School could truly say it was a great blessing. Just think! 96 children wanting to learn more about the Lord Jesus. Isn't that thought a blessing in itself? We thank God for everyone who attended and a special thanks for the two juniors who gave their hearts to the Lord.

We would also like to report we were privileged to have Rev. Bill Newsome as our evangelist for a one-week revival which started on May 13, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marion Wilson.

COUNT YOUR WEALTH

You are rich indeed—if square dealing has brought you that priceless thing, a clear conscience—if good health is your portion—if your measure of cheerfulness, generosity, and forgiveness is enough to overflow for the benefit of others—if you have earned friendship by showing yourself friendly—if you have the gift of appreciation for "life's extras," stars, flowers, sunsets; or for a fellow being's efforts—if you have the inward peace which makes for calm in the midst of storm—if you have the grace of gratitude with which to warm the heart of man and God.

These things money cannot buy, but they make character, and constitute wealth untold—the riches that cannot pass away.

ONLY ONE TO PLEASE

A young man had just become pastor of a large church. At a reception given him by his people, one of the gossips, a woman with a dangerous tongue, came up and said: "I do not understand how you dared attempt the task of pleasing seven hundred people."

Quick as a flash the Lord gave him the answer. He replied: "I did not come to this city to please seven hundred people. I have to please only one; and if I please Him all will be well."

—The Watchman Examiner

"The heart of education is the education of the heart."

PROGRAM

for
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Also the annual sessions of the Sunday School Convention and the League Convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

Monday Evening — 8:00 P.M.,
August 20, 1956

Evangelistic Rally — Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon, Speaker.

Tuesday — August 21, 1956

10:00—Devotional by Rev. Glen Rehkop.

10:15—Sunday School Workshop by Rev. John West, Chairman, National Sunday School Board.

11:00—Recess.

11:10—Message by Rev. John West.

12:00—Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Singspiration.

1:45—Latest Headlines from Sunday Schools and Leagues.

2:00—Play, "Elijah's Mantle" by the Mountain Grove League.

2:30—League Workshop.

3:15—Benediction.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Evening — Aug. 21, 1956

Congregational Singing led by Rev. Teddy Davis.

Devotional by Rev. Ben Scott.

Convening the Session by Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Clerk.

Welcome by Rev. Paul Williams.

Response by Rev. Dale Jones.

Moderator's Message by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Introductory Message by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Wednesday Morning — Aug. 22

Devotions, Congregational Singing, Prayer.

Receive letters and seat delegates.
 Receive letters from corresponding religious bodies.

Seat corresponding messengers in conference.

Reading of By-Laws.

Election of officers.

Appointment of Committees.

Enrollment of delegates and visitors.

Wednesday Afternoon

Woman's Auxiliary Program.

Associational business as time permits.

Wednesday Evening

Devotions, Prayer, Singing, and Specials.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

Thursday Morning — Aug. 23

Devotions, Congregational Singing, and Prayer.

Reading of minutes by Clerk.

Receive late letters and seat delegates.

Receive report of all Boards.

Receive Statistician's Report.

Receive report of State Treasurer.

Miscellaneous business.

Thursday Morning — 11 o'clock

Congregational Singing and Prayer.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotions, Congregational Singing, and Prayer.

Receive Committee Reports.

Miscellaneous business.

Thursday Evening

Devotional, Prayer, Singing, and Specials.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

Friday Morning — Aug. 24

Devotions, Singing, and Prayer.

Reading of minutes by Clerk.

Receive final reports of all Committees.

Unfinished business.

Final reading of minutes by Clerk.

Friday Morning — 11 o'clock

Congregational Singing and Prayer.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

Adjournment.

"To Sin By Silence"

Americans are not especially noted for being reticent, but most of them seem reluctant to talk about their feelings for their country. They leave such sentiments to orators and editorial writers. Deep down inside, however, they do have a feeling of intense pride and affection for their country. They just don't like to talk about it. Well, the time has come when they should talk about it. Silence breeds apathy—and the greatest danger that confronts our nation today is the apathy of its citizens.

It is time for each of us to speak out about the basic things our country stands for—such things as self-respect, self-reliance, and individual responsibility. The foundations under our nation were laid by men who thought deeply—and spoke feelingly—about such matters. We, their spiritual heirs, must think deeply, and speak

feelingly, about such things if we are to check apathy and keep America the kind of America that was left in our safekeeping.

A very great American once said that "to sin by silence when they should speak out, makes cowards of men."

—J. Ollie Edmunds, in
 Whatsoever Things.

Stretching the Soul

It is a delectable story which was told not long ago by R. Lee Sharpe. And a short but big sermon it was, too! Let us relate it mostly in Mr. Sharpe's own language.

"I was just a kid. One spring day, father called me to go with him to Old Man Trussel's blacksmith shop. He had left a rake and a hoe to be repaired. And there they were ready, fixed like new. Father handed over a silver dollar for the repairing. But Mr. Trussel refused to take it. 'No,' he said, 'there's no charge for that little job.' But father insisted that he take the pay, still extending to him the dollar.

"If I ever live a thousand years," said R. L. Sharpe, "I'll never forget that great man's reply: 'Ed, can't you let a man do something now and then—just to stretch his soul?'"

That short but big sermon from the lips of that humble, lovable blacksmith has caused us to find, again and again, the great joy and quiet-happiness which come from a little "stretching of the soul."

As all who make it a practice of "stretching their souls" can tell us, it is a simple matter. Doing little favors, perhaps mere trifles in themselves—making life a little brighter to those who hail us—not expecting a return of any kind.

But it does get a return. Oh, yes, indeed one does! It is the old law. The giver becomes the receiver. Bread cast upon the waters comes back. It really does come back. Still, one who stretches his soul a little deeper into deeds of love and kindness never does so expecting returns.

—Alabama Baptist

D. L. Moody used to say that there was no better way to wake a church up than to put its members to work. He said, "One man will wake up another in waking himself."

"Jesus Christ was the first to bring the value of every human soul to light, and what He did, no one can ever more undo."—Harnack.