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A man cannot get into the kingdom by confessing his neighbor's sins.

Have you ever seen a hog carry another hog an ear of corn? Neither have we.

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The fellow who is pulling the oars hasn't time to rock the boat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Fredricktown	152	162	158	165	158	163		
Mt. Pisgah	39	38	41		39	50	47	
Coppermines	92	99						
First, Flat River		141	167	175	174			
Fellowship	185	185	207	196	208	191	191	187
Leadington	94	94	95	110	98	93	94	96
Desloge	96	96	93	108	96	106	109	113
Farmington	46	52						
Fourth	63	70	67	59	62	68	47	
Southside			230	234	212	198		
Monett			118		131	102	198	
Old Bethel	102	130						
Third Church	24	24	33					
Berkeley	118							
Richwoods	156	186	196	185	175	175		
Neosho	75	66	77	96	90	92	89	
Mountain Grove						51	45	
Please send us your average, too.						209		

The Divine Imperative: Ye Must Be Born Again

Rev. James T. Davis

John. 3:5

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye Must Be Born Again." Although the new birth is an indispensable imperative and there is no salvation apart from it, yet multitudes of Christians do not fully understand the new birth and what it really means. Yet the teaching is so plain that the only excuse for being ignorant of the glorious implications and the blessings of the new birth can only be because we have never studied it with sufficient care. With a prayer, therefore, that these messages may cause sinners to see their need of Christ, but also that believers may realize more fully what their position, privilege and inheritance and blessing is through the Lord Jesus Christ, we bring you these messages on the new birth. We considered last time the question "Who must Be Born Again?" We concluded that all who enter the Kingdom of God must Be Born Again. Now we come to the second question, and it is an all important one. What is the method by which we are born again? Nicodemus, too, wanted to know the answer to this question, for after Jesus' opening statement in John 3:3, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again (Greek—Anothen—meaning from above) He cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Nicodemus comes right back, "How can a man be born when He is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

Nicodemus could not understand the miracle and mystery of this transaction and therefore asks really, "What's it all about?" Nicodemus realized that a rebirth of the old nature was absolutely impossible for no man can go back into the mother's womb and be born again. Even if He could he would still be the same individual no matter how many times this took place. Nothing could be gained by a re-birth of this kind. But Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit....."

John 3:5a

Our savior quiets Nicodemus' fears of a rebirth teaching him that method of the new birth and says it is "By Water and the Spirit."

Most Bible students are of one mind concerning the interpretation of the word Spirit and agree it is the Holy Spirit of God referred to here. But not all are in agreement on the word "Water" in John 3:5. We shall

try to give you the three most common interpretations of this word and then pray the Holy Spirit will guide you to see which of these is the correct one.

Water Baptism

First, there are those who take the word "Water" as referring to the literal waters of Baptism. These assert that a man can not have remission of sins until he has been baptised. There are two variations of this doctrine. There are those who claim that regeneration is the result of the sprinkling of an infant by the minister of the church. Then there are those who teach the same Baptismal regeneration for adults through immersion into water. They affirm that in addition to faith, and repentance one must be baptised in order to be saved. Personally and frankly we fail to find one shred of Biblical evidence for the doctrine of baptismal regeneration of any sort. We as Free Will Baptists reject sprinkling as baptism (Greek-Baptisma meaning immerse) and most especially infant sprinkling. We believe it is the repentant believer in Christ to witness for Him through baptism. But we cannot accept the theory that one's sins are washed away in the waters of baptism. There's only one thing that washes one's sins away and that is the Blood of Christ (I John 1:7). The Apostle Paul said on one occasion (I Cor. 1:17) that his mission was to preach the gospel and not to baptize. If baptism is necessary in order to gain salvation, then Paul missed the boat somewhere along the line. But it is the gospel of Christ that is the power of God unto Salvation and not water baptism.

Natural Water

Then there is another interpretation which teaches us that water of John 3:5 refers to the fluid in which the child develops in the womb of the mother before it is born. It is a physiological fact that the unborn child is suspended in water before it is born, and they tell us this water is the same as the water of John 3:5, referring therefore to the first birth. But again we reject this theory because of a lack of other biblical teachings on in. We believe the "water" of John 3:5 is an agent of the new birth. Jesus said except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he **can not** enter into the **Kingdom of God**. Both are necessary in order to enter the Kingdom of God. The first birth brings a man into the world of men but not into the Kingdom of God.

The Word

We feel sure the word "Water" of John 3:5 refers to the living, active

word of God. If we will conscientiously run our references on water we will find it is symbolic for at least three things.

1. When it is used in large quantities it refers to judgement. "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." Psalms 42:7, 69:1, 88:7, 124:4; Isaiah 30:20; Jonah 2:5; etc.

2. When water is used for drinking purposes it invariably refers to the work of the Holy Spirit. John 4:10-15; John 7:37-39.

3. When water is used for cleansing or washing it refers to the Living Word of God.

Paul in Titus 3:5 calls the new birth a washing of regeneration.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost."

In Ephesians 5:26 Paul speaking about Christ and His relationship to the church says:

"That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word."

Here the word is the agent that sanctifies and washes believers (in the water of the word.) In John 15:3 Jesus says to His disciples:

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

In Hebrews 4:13 the word of God is pictured as quick or life giving. When we take all these passages together, we see that the regenerative process is called a washing and is accomplished by the word of God. The apostle Peter clenches the entire matter when he tells us,

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." I Peter 1:23.

This should forever settle the matter that we are born again (1) by the Word of God. Then (2) Jesus said by the Spirit also.

The word of God is the word of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). The Spirit takes His word (the word as it is read, preached, sung, etc.) and plunges it into the hearts of unbelievers. This is called conviction or a pricking of the heart.

"Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts." Acts 2:37.

Christ told Saul of Tarsus that it was hard for him to kick against the "pricks". When conviction is produced, the individual begins considering his eternal welfare. The word of God teaches him what must be done. He

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Berkeley YPA Yearly Report

Number of members—22.
 Number of new members—11.
 Total membership—33.
 Average number present at each meeting—23.
 Number of meetings held—38.
 Prayer meetings conducted—10.
 Bible studies held—9.
 Youth Revivals sponsored—1.
 Number of Fifth Sunday Services with complete charge—2.
 Number of special speakers—4.
 Number of socials held—16.
 Number of C.F.C. Messengers printed monthly—8.

Financial Report

Offerings	\$ 58.00
Amount raised from C.F.C. Messengers	779.30
Amount raised by other methods	130.00
Total amount raised	\$967.49
Disbursements:	
Youth revival	\$ 75.00
Church Bulletin Board	100.00
Building and repairs	300.00
Record player for our pastor	72.00
Incidentals	213.49

Total

Balance in Treasurer

Our young people feel that God has richly blessed us this past year. Three of our young people have consecrated their lives to God for special service, and one of our girls will enroll in the Free Will Baptist Bible College in September.

We ask your prayers that we may be able to win many souls the coming year.

Glenda Barks, President
 Mrs. Lee Dewitt, Youth Sponsor

Northeast Mo., League Rally

The Northeast Missouri League Rally convened with the Graysville Church on July 28, 1956.

The Rally opened with the congregation singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," led by Miss Mary Latimer. This was followed by prayer and another song was sang "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?". For the scripture reading, the President Vernon Maggert, read Isaiah 40:26-31 and Rev. Kermit Crooks then led in prayer.

First on the business meeting was the reading and approving of the minutes of the last Rally meeting. A

motion was made and seconded that we take an offering at the League Rally to build a cabin for the girls of the Northeast Missouri Association at the Youth Camp. It was voted on after a discussion and unanimously accepted by the League Rally members. Jerry Pinkerton and Keith Phipps were appointed as ushers to receive the offering of \$35.02 at this time.

The following program was contributed: the Hazel Creek Church submitted a drill on Stewardship followed by Martinstown and Graysville combining their efforts with the following; Song by Randy Guffy, Song by Miss Marjorie Dean, "Tell me do you know where God lives", Mary and David Latimer, sang "Take up thy Cross" and "Wait a little Longer Please Jesus" with the help of Harvey Kelly on the Bass Fiddle.

Kirkville F.W.B. Church contributed a play, "The Army of the Lord." Shortly following the play, Mary Latimer sang two songs by request at this time to conclude the program.

Announcements were made and the Rev. Stanley Letterman pronounced the benediction on the service.

Secretary,
 (Miss) Shirley Houston

Dollar A Month Club

We are very happy to report a number of new Dollar A Month Club members. However, we need many more. So if you would like to join the Dollar A Month Club, please send in your first dollar to me and in return I will mail you a membership card and some self-addressed envelopes. Rev. Reeves suggested that all Dollar A Month Club members return their dollars each month in the self-addressed envelopes which will help him to keep better records. If any members are in need of additional envelopes, please write your promotional secretary and I will forward some to you.

National Approves Greater Bible College

The National Association of Free Will Baptists at the Huntington, West Virginia session, July 10-12, approved the Board of Trustees' recommendation for a "Greater Bible College" by the erection of two new buildings.

An architect's sketch of the proposed buildings was placed at the College display booth so everyone might see the proposed addition to the present auditorium and the addi-

tional structure to be erected on the school campus.

The first building will be one story and will house a dining hall and kitchen, and a students' lounge.

The other building will be two stories and will house the administrative offices, the library, classrooms, and teachers' offices.

The space occupied at present by offices, library, and classrooms will be used for dormitory purposes.

Construction will begin just as soon as funds are available, the Board explained.

A meeting of the Board building committee is planned right away to work out plans to raise the funds. This committee is composed of Rev. James Miller, Kinston. Rev. F. B. Cherry, Greenville; and Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Mr. Ennis is serving as proxy for Rev. J. R. Davidson.

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DUNBAR PROPERTY PURCHASED

An additional building has just been purchased for the Bible College, according to the College administration and Board officials.

The two-story brick home at 3611 Richland Avenue was purchased from Mrs. James S. Dunbar at the price of \$15,000. The 11 room structure will give the College needed expansion for the coming year and will fit into the long-range plans of the Board of Trustees for a "Greater Bible College."

Payment will be due upon delivery of deed, and the house is to be ready for occupancy by August 15.

This purchase will make possible the arrangement for extra classroom space for the coming year as well as alleviate the crowded dormitory conditions among the men students.

The property is located between Davidson Hall and the school's vacant lot, making it a very desirable campus addition. The school now owns from 3607 Richland through 3615 Richland Avenue.

President L. C. Johnson said an appeal will be made for funds to pay for the new purchase.

The state of perfect and abiding peace is for a child of God: ready to come, ready to go, ready to stay, ready, dear Lord, for you to have Your own perfect way.

Fun is cheap pleasure, and pleasure is cheap joy. Real joy is only that which radiates from the life hidden with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3)

ADULT DEPARTMENTAL SESSION

One of the pressing needs in our church schools today is to interest the adults. We have been given the impression over the years that Sunday School was for women and children.

I presume that there is more interest placed on reaching the children for the School than for the Adult. But We must Remember That The Sunday School Is The Teaching Program Of The Church, and adults need it as much as anyone.

Most generally the Adult Department will determine what the rest of the School is like. Adults bring children, and of course many times children bring adults.

There is a vast difference in handling Young Adults 25 thru 40 and Senior Adults, people over 40 years of age.

Therefore it becomes necessary to divide these into different groups.

Problems of Young Adults:

1. If unmarried, they face problems connected with seeking a life partner, fellowship, recreation of a wholesome sort, Spiritual needs.

2. Adjustments of early married life (This is important today)

3. The coming of children to the home.

4. Religious differences.

5. Getting started in business.

6. Finding one's place in the community.

7. Finding one's place in the Church.

The Strategy of Young Adult Work:

1. We must recognize that adults are the school's largest group.

2. Without the adults the school would soon cease to exist.

3. The adults is the greatest source of teaching material.

4. Adults have the money needed for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

5. Attendance in other departments is increased when adults attend.

6. The reaching of adults insures that adequate provision will be made for their children.

The Laws of Sunday School Growth For Young Adult Work:

1. Classes seem to reach their peak in attendance in 18 to 24 months.

2. If attendance is increased there must be correct organization, either divide the class, or organize it to where the teacher will not have to look after so many pupils.

3. The enrollment increases in direct proportion to the number of workers at about ten to one.

4. Attendance increase in direct proportion to the number of visits

made. "They will not seek; they must be sought. They will not come; they must be brought."

5. Bellevue Baptist Church, Teachers and Officers made 58880 calls one year. This is 1132 calls per week.

6. Chesterfield has 250 people making 80 contacts per day, selling cigarettes. There is no substitute for work in God's business. How many contacts do we make for God?

The Administration of Young Adult Work:

1. The best authorities say that the adult classes should be graded as well as the children.

2. It recognizes the individuals change of interest.

3. It provides opportunity for change of class affiliation without embarrassment to the member or teacher.

4. It simplifies the work of enlistment. It saves overlapping and competition in visitation.

5. It broadens one's acquaintances.

6. It breaks up unwholesome cliques.

7. It saves classes from becoming self-centered. It drives out the desire just to hold your own.

8. Teaching those of the same age range enables teachers to do more effective work.

9. It creates a better departmental spirit.

10. It saves those who join the Sunday School from difficulty and embarrassment when choosing a class.

11. It is a means of providing more workers for Christ.

12. It is a means of getting more men into the Sunday School.

Does the football player play just where he chooses to play?

Double the number of classes and you double the enrollment.

Adult Departmental Session (Senior)

After people reach 40 years of age there begins to be a problem, and they need special attention, and the longer they live the more attention they will have to have.

The general Objectives for Senior Adults will correspond to those of other adult departments.

1. To REACH them and bring them into the orbit of the Sunday School. (Path)

2. To TEACH the saved and the unsaved.

3. To WIN the lost for Christ.

4. To TRAIN them for Christian service.

5. To ENLIST them in the work of the school and church.

Reaching Adults Over 40:

1. Prospects

A. Members of church and congregation.

B. Parents of Sunday School Children.

C. The unchurched.

2. Special Needs of Older Adults.

A. Physical and mental powers past peak.

B. Tendency toward disillusionment, bitterness.

C. Involvement in broader responsibilities.

D. Attitudes Difficult to change.

3. Means of Reaching.

A. Continuing visitation.

B. Active and diversified social program.

C. Proper facilities.

D. Home Department.

4. Teaching Adults over 40.

A. Teacher must know and Love adults.

B. Curriculum should center on study of Bible.

C. Lessons should relate to adult needs.

D. Difficulties to be overcome.

1. Frustration and discouragements.

2. Living in the past.

3. Domestic problems and disappointments.

4. Disuse of mental powers.

5. Fear of the future and death.

5. Winning Adults over 40.

A. Active missionary and evangelistic program (These are hard to win)

B. Personal work.

6. Training Adults over 40.

A. More diversified interest and abilities.

B. Richer experience.

C. Ability to give more of self and possessions.

D. Teaching of God's claims and man's responsibilities.

E. Participation in class sessions.

F. Teacher training courses.

G. Leadership training class.

7. Enlisting Adults over 40.

A. Needed by Sunday School and Church.

B. Avenues of service.

1. Class offices.

2. Teaching in other classes.

3. Church offices.

4. Committee offices.

5. Giving.

6. Personal work.

7. Visitation.

This would be a great program for some of our idle ministers.

Remember, for every victory won, a battle is fought; and for every battle fought, surely a victory is won. The battle is God's but the victory is ours. Let's fight the fight of faith.

From the Editor's Desk

New Editor Speaks Missouri Moves Forward

Outside our brief remarks of acceptance upon our election as Editor of the Gem paper at the Missouri State Association, we are coming to the readers of the Gem for the first time.

This September issue has been edited by our retiring editor, Mrs. Edwards, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for her past year of service. She has done a noble job as editor and as the Secretary-Treasurer of our great Missouri State Association, and we are sure she will, by the help of the Lord, do the same in her WNAC office at Nashville. We feel it our duty and privilege to pay tribute to her and trust we are speaking the sentiment of our entire Gem family.

We urge you to send the material you want printed. We will do our best to please you in the printing of it, but should some be disappointed, bear in mind we are doing our best. We do not want to be partial to any, but treat all with the same consideration.

This will be a new experience for us in editing your paper; therefore, it is imperative that we have your prayers, helps, and suggestions along with your constructive criticism.

Above all we want Christ to be exalted through the medium of the printed page, and if that be so, then souls will be saved and saints edified, for He said, "And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

So in closing until the next issue of the Gem, in behalf of our retiring editor, our Gem family, and all Free Will Baptists, we quote the Aaronic prayer: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Where is your vision—are you laying brick or building a cathedral? I fear we have too many brick-laying Christians and not enough cathedral-builders. You say, "Let's build a strong home base." A base is where you run from to victory. A nest is where the eggs spoil.

Look ahead, think as you go.

The Missouri State Association while convened in its forty-third annual session at the Youth Camp Grounds, Niangua, Mo., August 20-24, 1956, took definite steps forward.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones were employed to serve as full-time missionaries within the state.

The Rev. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo., were elected to serve as Clerk-Treasurer and Editor of the Gem.

Rev. O. T. Allred was elected Moderator; Rev. O. T. Dixon, assistant Moderator; Miss Leona Thompson, Statistician.

The Association was marked with fervent, evangelistic preaching and a definite spirit of progress. Every report revealed a growth and much praise was given to God. Who is due all praise for any and all good accomplished.

Speakers at the Association were: Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon, Pastor of the Myrtle, Mo., church who spoke on "Soul-Winning." Rev. John West, Pastor of First F. W. B. church of Tulsa, Okla., spoke three times on "Building the Sunday School." Rev. Harry Beatty, pastor of Thayer church used "Waymarks" as a subject and in which he declared Free Will Baptist's need, to cling to the fundamentals of Christian truth as revealed in God's Word. Miss Lucy. Wischart, missionary on furlough from Cuba, spoke at the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention from the subject: "What Is That In Thine Hand?" Miss Wischart asserted that the least things, when dedicated to God, are blessed and used by Him. Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Nashville, Tennessee, used the subject, "Seven Secrets of Paul's Success," and very pointedly brought out the need for constant evangelization if we are to reach the world with the Gospel. Rev. W. A. Hales, pastor of the Southside church, St. Louis, Mo., subject was: "The Forward March." The message was timely and well received. In the closing service, Rev. O. T. Dixon brought an evangelistic message using Romans 1:16 and used as his subject: "Not Ashamed." Rev. Dixon declared that Free Will Baptist's have no reason to be ashamed of the doctrines of God's Word and that is what our doctrine consists of.

REPORT FROM TOM AND RUTH WILLEY

Our Dear Friends:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" is truly our testimony in these marvelous days. We have hardly had time to stop and rest since we arrived on July 12th.

The Lord provided so that we could get our equipment over practically duty-free. We had no more than gotten our boxes to the mission when we had to plunge into the work of our third annual Youth Camp. How the Lord did bless there; Actually we did not expect many young people to attend since we had given the camp but very little publicity during the last few months, but here too the Lord blessed and sent us one of

the finest groups of young people we have had. What a blessing to arise in the morning for the sunrise services conducted altogether by these precious young people. The services were of great blessing all through the week and we believe that the Lord

has really worked in a deeper way than ever in the hearts of those who attended. One young fellow commented on the last day, "Oh, if tomorrow were only the first day of camp again."

Words are not sufficient to express our joy in being here in the work of the Lord. The challenge is great; in fact, at present we are in the midst of drawing up plans for the nationwide conference which will possibly be held in November. We do covet

your prayers as to plans and contacts that must be made. We expect around 500 to 1,000 from all over the Island, so be much in prayer for the music, speakers, and the possibility of a radio program.

Ruth has been adapting herself quite well to the life here. She still isn't very friendly with the lizards and bugs, though she is gradually getting to know them better. She has two that constantly play in front of her typewriter. She begins language study sometime next month, so pray too that the Lord will bless in this respect.

We both want to express our gratitude to the many with whom we visited and to the many who helped us reach the field. You, in a very real way, have a part in everything that the Lord does through us. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Tom and Ruth Willey

Faith and Works

By Rev. Lester Jones

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

We notice from the above statement that we are saved because of our faith. We are not saved by afflicting ourselves. We are not saved by sacrificing. We are not saved by trying to be good; but we are saved by believing in Christ. (John 3:16) If we believe in Christ at all we must believe in Him altogether including his message. If we actually believe in Christ we see Him absolutely holy and just and we see ourselves in the light of Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous" and Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned" In other words we see Christ **absolutely holy** and ourselves **absolutely sinful**.

The very natural thing which follows this is repentance, which means—the confessing, or acknowledging, of our sins to God and in our hearts turning away from them not loving to do them again. Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." This does not mean that you will not be tempted by sin again, neither does it mean that it is impossible to fall to temptation. The sinner is not justified by faith alone but by faith in action. For instance: Abraham was not justified until he put his faith in action by offering his son, Isaac, on the altar. There is no salvation apart from repentance (action faith). The first message of John Baptist was repentance. Christ's first message was repentance. The Apostles' first message was repentance. The theme of repentance goes all the way through the New Testament.

Not only are we saved by faith in Christ but we are also kept by faith in Him. II Corinthians 1:24 "For by faith ye stand." I Peter 1:5 "Who (believers) are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." According to Romans 1:16 the power of God unto salvation is the gospel of Christ, and according to Romans 10:17 saving and keeping faith comes by hearing, or receiving this gospel. If we actually receive the gospel we live by it, or in other words it becomes the guide of our lives.

The Bible (gospel or word) teaches us that we are to win souls, be faithful in attendance at the services of the church, be kind, be patient, love one another be humble, etc. These are some of the "good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in (do) them" (Ephesians 2:10) "Faith without works is dead." (James 2:20) Works without faith is of no value, neither is faith without works of any value. When a Christian's good (righteous) works cease, you can be sure his faith has died. Since a Christian's spiritual life is kept alive by faith, when his faith dies he dies spiritually, and therefore becomes a lost backslider. Colossians 1:22-23 "to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel—" In talking with back sliders you will discover that many of them know that they have been saved but have not been true to the Lord. The majority of so-called back-sliders may have never been saved but many of them have been and they know it. They also know they are lost. There are backsliders who do not know they are lost. This is largely due to false teaching.

There are those who teach that once a person is saved he can never be lost, but let us notice some scripture to the contrary. Luke 12:46 "The Lord of that **Servant** (christian) will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and will cut him asunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers." Read Matthew 24:50-51. Matthew 25:30 "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." I Timothy 1:19 "Holding faith—which some having put away have made shipwreck."

Romans 11:20—22 Well; because of unbelief they (Jews) were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches (the Jews) take heed, lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity; but toward thee goodness, If thou continue in his goodness, otherwise thou also shall be cut off." II Peter 2:20-21 "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than,

after they had known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Read Hebrews 6:4-6.

Some are undecided as to where to draw the line over which when a man passes he is spiritually dead. To me this is simple. Since we are saved by faith, the very moment that a person exercises faith in Christ, repenting of his sins, that moment he passes from death unto life. Since we are kept by faith, the very moment that a person ceases to believe that God for Christ's sake has forgiven him, that moment he passes from life unto death, because his faith has died. II Corinthians 1:24 "For by faith ye stand." To show how this might happen, let us use for an example, a sinner who uses profanity. This man becomes a Christian and lives a faithful Christian life for some time. Suddenly, one day when he was least expecting it, the temptation comes upon him and before he realizes it he has fallen to the temptation. Afterward he sees what he has done and repents of this sin. He believes that God has forgiven him because God has promised to do so if he would confess his sin.

(I John 1:9) Therefore he is forgiven. Suppose this should happen again and again until it becomes a practice rather than a falling to the temptation. Then he no longer believes that God will forgive him even though he confesses his sin because he is not turning away from it, but rather is practicing it. Ephesians 4:21 "They which do (practice) such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." This man is cut off from God because of his unbelief. This is not the unpardonable sin. This man is a backslider (lost). Unless he confesses and turns away from his sin, renewing his faith in Christ he will be cast into eternal punishment at the judgment day. God has not promised that the backslider will return to Him but has left him free to make his own choice as to whether he will or will not return. He may acknowledge openly that he is backslidden and quit pretending, or he may remain to some degree active in the church, even serving on the official board. He might even preach. Never-the-less, he is lost.

Some say God is married to the backslider, therefore he cannot be lost—referring to Jeremiah 3:14, which reads: "Turn, O backsliding children saith the Lord; for I am married to you: and I will take you

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Miss Wilson Writes of Indian Worker

"My first meeting with John Raju seems somewhat hazy in memory. Perhaps it is because at the time I met him there were so many other new faces. He is a young man who is keen to know God's will and obey it. He loves God's Word and is zealous for His cause. It has ever been a source of joy to see the growth of grace apparent in his life. His eagerness to win his entire family to Christ has been another source of joy. And we rejoiced with John Raju when on April 29th he helped baptize his sister and her husband and son. The last members of his family are now safe in the fold.

John is now doing evangelistic work in Bogichettipalayam where God is blessing his efforts. I do not know how many he has won to the Lord there but a number he told me. God has given him the enablement to feed hungry souls upon the Bread of Life and lead them into a saving knowledge of Christ as Saviour. We believe that he, like Wilson-Raj, shall be one of India's sons who will bring many to Christ. His hunger to know more of God and His ways and to be wholly yielded unto Him mean that many testings come to him. Please uphold him in your prayers that God may do wonders in and through him.

The following is his testimony. I had to cut some of it out as it was quite long and you too may find that you will have to leave some of the following out:

"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He put a new song in my mouth even praise unto our God."

"I praise God for what He has done in my life and the life of my family. Through my Saviour's love I was saved in 1947 August. I was a Hindu and my father and mother came from a Hindu background. They were god-fearing people and very poor coolis. In my childhood my mother taught me to be a child of god (Hindu god). I wanted to be a good boy to my god and try to be good to my parents.

Then God brought Miss Barnard to our place and she taught a Sunday School which I attended. I was very interested in the Sunday School lessons and through them came to know about the Lord Jesus. At first I did not yield to Christ and there was no peace in my heart. I was involved in

most all of the sins that an individual can be. And there was no hope for my sin—what a terrible condition! Then in 1947 my heart became hungry to hear the Word of God and to accept Christ. Thank God for His mercy. And praise Him for forgiving me. He changed my sinful heart. Daily now I come to Him and ask Him to show me the sins in my heart that I am not aware of. I promised Him that I was willing to pay the price whatever it may be. I thank Him for showing me and I have the victory over them.

I praise God for what He has done in my life. There is such joy and peace in my heart which the world cannot give. After I was saved the Lord put a burden in my heart, "Why don't you go out and tell these dying souls about Jesus?" I felt that I was not worthy to work for the Lord. However I knew He had called me and I must obey. Therefore I have taken the step and today I am laboring in His vineyard. The Lord has done such a marvel in my life as well as in the life of the members of my family these last ten years. One after one of my entire family has come to know about the Lord Jesus and accepted Him. Praise God.

The Lord has helped me so much and I have found as I step forth at His Voice I am happy. There is no place where I can be happy and have peace except in the center of His will. Yes, at Jesus' feet there is happiness and peace. I praise God for dear friends whom He has given to help me spiritually—such as Miss Wilson, Miss Barnard and the Merriweathers. These are the ones who have helped me a great deal to learn from Jesus.

And I praise God for my wife, also. He has given me such a good spiritual wife. Her prayers help me so much and I have learned a great deal from her.

When I see all the things God is doing these days in various places in India I pour out my heart before Him in prayer and ask, "O Lord, help me to do thy will". Thank God for His wonderful promises such as Jer. 33:3. His promises encourage us. The Lord is able to do mighty things whether we do our part or not. We all have to be very careful when the Lord has started to bless us the devil will start his work. Whatever the Lord does through us the glory belongs to Him and to Him alone. So often we see that people try to show themselves. If this is true God cannot bless. If we try to go our own way, we easily make mistakes. If we put everything at Jesus' feet and wait for His will, there is joy and peace in our hearts.

I do want to say how very proud of our little Church I am. The Lord is wonderously blessing us here. During my Bible School days this small Church gave some support to me. The only desire in my life is to serve my Saviour who loves me. I want to be out and out for God. And the one thing I ask of God is to give me a clean heart. Please pray for me."

From The Field

Dear Bro. in Christ:

Here is an offering for the foreign missions. We are praying for missions in our prayer meeting.

Rev. W. L. Kell

Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Church,
Ashville, N. C.
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Dear Sir:

The "Free Will Baptist Vacation Bible School" of Pensacola Fla. is sending an offering of \$34.80 to be used in the phase of your work where it is most needed. We trust it will help in some small way to spread the gospel of our Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Naomi Cook,
Pensacola, Fla.
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Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed is four dollars from our first Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion Church, Arlington, Ga. The children were told that this money would go for foreign missions to help other boys and girls hear about the Lord Jesus Christ. We all enjoyed a good time with the Lord together. Please remember us in your prayers.

Mrs. J. W. Clower
Arlington, Ga.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION

The Missouri State Sunday School Convention convened at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp at Niangua, Missouri, August 20, 21, 1956. The convention was opened by an evangelistic rally. The speaker was the Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon, pastor of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church, Myrtle Mo. His text was Luke 22: 54-62. His message declared the culminating effort of the Sunday School, League, and church should be the salvation of souls.

"To scatter true Christians is like casting good seed into the ground; they are bound to bear fruit."

—Selected

If you want to go to heaven—live the Christian life.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1956—July 31, 1956

Free Will Baptist Mission

Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cash on Hand, July 1,	\$ 33.47		
Cash in Bank, General	\$ 333.57		
Cash in Bank, Dormitory	5.91		
	<u>339.48</u>		
Cash in Bank,			
Temples (Overdrawn)	300.30	39.18	\$ 72.65
Income			
Check from Mission			
Board (General)	2,725.00		
Check from Mission			
Board (Temples)	600.00		
Gifts	209.35		
Refunds from Campamanto			
(Youth Camp)	37.20		
Offering D.V.B.S.	4.00		
Refunds on Books and			
Quotas (Students)	15.40		
Refund on Medicine	5.35		
Refund on Food	94.00	3,690.30	
		<u>\$3,762.95</u>	
Expenses			
Food (School)	72.24		
Salaries—			
Mr. and Mrs. Willey Sr.	165.00		
Allowance for Dental			
Bill—Mrs. Willey	10.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Phenicie	150.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Willey Jr.	150.00		
	<u>475.00</u>		
Cuban Workers	1,413.70	1,888.70	
Rent (9 Churches)		297.50	
Hospitalization			
(Cuban Workers)		91.45	
Maintenance of Equipment—			
License Plates	75.00		
Repair	71.43		
Gas and Oil	120.89	267.32	
General Maintenance		37.98	
Building—			
Girl's Dormitory	55.13		
Tool Shed	6.00		
Temple, Vinales	100.00		
Temple, San Juan	77.05	238.18	
Animal Feed		120.00	
Medicine, Animals		4.40	
Office Expense		20.05	
Repair on roller,			
printing press		6.70	
Repair on Washing Machine		12.00	
Rox Rental		2.00	
Ball for campamento			
(Youth Camp)		2.50	
Bank and Exchange			
charges		9.56	3,070.58
			<u>\$ 692.37</u>
Cash on Hand, July 31,	106.47		
Cash in Bank, General	458.25		
Cash in Bank, Temples	127.65		692.37

FROM THE FIELD

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find Post Office Money Order in the amount of \$35.00. This is a donation for foreign missions given in memory of my mother, Ophelia Spencer, who went on to be with the Lord ten years ago this past July the Fourth. My prayers are that it may be used for the glory of the Lord.

Mrs. H. S. Swain,
Columbia, N. C.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to have two of your Missionary Posters for our church. We are progressing slow but there is a work to be done here and I am glad God has led us this way.

We covet your prayers. This city is a city of 170,000 people and so many different races of people. Catholics on every corner.

We have a young man who is enrolling in the college there in Sept. Believe he is really a true Christian.

We have had one Catholic woman saved which is something to thank God for.

We have 16 members now. We ask your prayers that God will send us more laborers to help us.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. W. W. Winters, Church Clerk
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, with Mrs. Taylor, arrived directly from mission surveys in South America. Dr. Taylor is the executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. In his report on this as well as his recent extensive survey of Africa, Dr. Taylor summarized, "The crying need on every field is not only to evangelize but to disciple the Christians, and thus make evangelism the business of every Christian. I see no other way to get the job done and reach the world in time with the gospel."

—E.F.M.A.

PRAY FOR THE STEVENS

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of prayer during these days for Harold and Josephine Stevens. It will take them all of the month of August to complete the survey of our field in Africa. We can be sure that satan will attack from every side. Will you become an intercessor on their behalf? Also please pray for Lonnie and Anita Sparks as they make preparations to go to Africa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF STATE ASSOCIATION

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Location, recommend that we meet here at the Youth Camp for the 1957 session.

We further recommend that the Executive Board officially handle the arrangements in order not to impose on the community.

Amended to read: That the Executive Board take the authority to investigate the possibilities of holding the Association at another suitable place. Their voice to be final.

O. T. Dixon
Henry Long
Willard Darnell

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MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on missions, submit the following report:

1. We, recommend that each local association, under the direction of the National Missions Departments, sponsor a Missionary Conference at least once this year.

2. Due to the great expense involved in preparation for medical missionaries and the fact that Bro. Laverne Miley is a native of Missouri, we recommend that our churches receive an offering for them October 7, 1956.

We further recommend that we continually remember them in prayer.

3. Since we can get so much information about the accomplishments and needs of our missions departments through the News Letters sent out each month, we recommend that each pastor make sure that each family in his church is on these mailing lists.

Signed:

Mrs. Rolla Smith Mrs. Russell Weisman Tony Davis
Lester Jones Lucille Beatty

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YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Youth Camp Committee, recommend the following items:

1. That each pastor urge his church to organize a youth auxiliary.

2. That each church accept the project suggested to them by the Youth Camp Board, and support it with their financial, physical, and spiritual strength.

3. That each church support the Youth Camp regularly, and that individuals adopt the Dollar-A-Month Club.

4. That each pastor promote interest with his youth to attend Youth Camp.

5. That some member of the Youth Camp Board attend each district associational meeting to promote the Youth Camp.

Signed:

Paul Williams Russell R. Spurgeon Glenn Rehkop

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YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward from 1954-55	\$ 240.16
Received General fund	1,627.47
Received May special drive	779.72
From Dollar-A-Month Club	481.00
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	\$2,888.19

\$3,128.35

Disbursements of General Fund:

Treasurer's bond	\$ 5.00
Paid Caretaker (Salary to Sept. 27)	125.00
For Lumber	74.20
Interest at Bank on note	250.00
Paid Stigman Lumber Co.	
(on debt)	1,300.00
Interest on debt	79.69
General expense, Lights, etc.,	777.14
(Payment on gas tank, printing, Labor, postage, mileage, Supplies)	\$2,611.83

Balance	\$ 516.52
1956 Camp Session:	
Paid by registration	\$1,642.00
Special offerings and cold drink stand	549.47
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	\$2,191.47
Expenses of entire session	\$1,641.04
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	\$ 550.43
Balance in all funds	
August 1, 1956	\$1,066.95
(Signed) Rev. Wm Reeves	
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board Members:

5 year term—Deacon John Bough

3 year term—Rev. O. T. Dixon

Superannuation Board Members:

5 year term—Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys

3 year term—Rev. Dale Jones

Youth Encampment Board Members:

5 year term—Rev. Harvey E. Hill

3 year term—Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Sunday School and League Board Members:

3 year term—Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon

Statistician:

Miss Leona Thompson

Delegates to the National Association:

Mr. Virgil Cantrell, Mrs. Bernice Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans, Miss Margaret Evans, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. H. C. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McCully, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Russell B. Spurgeon, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mrs. Glen Rehkop, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, Mrs. Ben Scott, Mrs. Harvey Hill, Mr. John Bough, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. James Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Miss Sylvia Robertson, Mr. J. K. Stephens, Vallie Grout, Reva Prinz, Gene Mikel, Alberta Hoover, Thora Grider, Mrs. Theo Bough, Tony Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boland, Mrs. Willard Darnell.

We recommend the preceeding as delegates to the National Association and the moderator be empowered to fill Missouri's assigned quota.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER

Regular fund receipts as follows:

Former Treas., John Bough	Sept. 29, 1955	\$ 939.37
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Oct. 3, 1955	105.16
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Nov. 3, 1955	44.97
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Dec. 2, 1955	218.22
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Jan. 4, 1956	117.07
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Feb. 3, 1956	104.94
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	March 3, 1956	58.36
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	April 3, 1956	103.70
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	May 2, 1956	100.17
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	June 2, 1956	99.38
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	July 5, 1956	97.64
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Aug. 2, 1956	145.59
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Total Receipts		\$2,134.57

Disbursements as follows:

Rev. Harry Beatty for Alton church	Oct. 19, 1955	\$ 500.00
Grant Avenue Church of Springfield	May 17, 1956	750.00
Rolla D. Smith, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	22.50
A. W. Brook, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	7.00
Paul Williams, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	7.00
Harry Beatty, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	14.00
Lester Jones, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	26.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	May 16, 1956	11.29
(Phone Calls)		

Total Disbursements	\$1,337.79
Balance in Treasury, Aug. 6, 1956	\$ 796.78

GEM FUND

Receipts as follows:

O. T. Allred, Nov. 28, 1955	\$5,800.00
O. T. Allred Jan. 3, 1956	70.84
O. T. Allred, sale of supplies July 5, 1956	4.65

Total receipts \$5,875.49

Disbursements as follows:

O. T. Allred, services in handling the sale of Gem property, Dec. 5, 1955	\$ 75.00
One half (1/2) of receipts of the sale of Gem transferred to Home Mission Loan Fund	2,897.92

Total Disbursements \$2,972.92

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 6, 1956 \$2,902.57

HOME MISSION LOAN FUND

Receipts as follows:

Transferred from Gem Fund	\$2,897.92
O. T. Allred, sale of supplies, July 5, 1956	4.65
Grant Avenue Church Aug. 2, 1956	50.00
(Loan payment)	

Total Receipts \$3,002.57

Disbursements as follows:

Grant Avenue F.W.B. Church, May 17, 1956	\$2,250.00
Total Disbursements	\$2,250.00
Balance in treasury, Aug. 6, 1956	\$ 752.57
Total amount on hand of combined funds	\$4,451.92

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

1. That we abstain from and go on record as firmly disapproving the sale and use of all alcoholic beverages.

2. That we heartily favor local option.

3. We further recommend that our State Association send a letter to the office of the Governor endorsing said local option.

4. We also recommend that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation in our social relationship with both the saved and unsaved.

5. We admonish the Free Will Baptist people to be modest in dress. (II Peter 1:6).

Altal Mikel
Margarete Dixon
Oletha Parsons
Braxine Evans
Mrs. Will Gates

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REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

By Secretary-Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$283.60
Money received from Oct. 1955 to August 1956	122.21

Total Receipts \$405.81

Disbursements as follows:

Christmas Checks, December 3, 1955	\$ 75.00
1. Bro. B. F. Brown	\$25.00
2. Bro. John Johnson	25.00
3. Bro. George Scott	25.00

\$75.00

Total Disbursements \$ 75.00

Balance on hand, August 14, 1956 \$330.81

Signed:

John D. Long, Sec. Treas.

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OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee, submit to the will of God, who through His wisdom, has called fifty-five (55) of our

number. We ask that we stand in silent prayer in memory of our dear brothers and sisters, followed by prayer.

Signed:

John Long
James McCully
Bill Turnbough

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Publications Committee, submit the following report: Whereas the Free Will Baptist Gem, a monthly organ published by the Missouri State Association, carries news items of vital interest to our work in the state, and whereas Contact is a national monthly publication which carries news items of denominational-wide interest, we recommend that all our churches adopt the "Family Plan" of subscription for both papers.

Signed:

Harry Beatty
W. A. Hales
Milford House

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend that a committee of three (3) be elected to make arrangements for a state-wide minister's conference to be held at the Youth Camp sometime during 1957.

2. We recommend that the moderator appoint a publicity committee of three (3) to publicize the 1957 session of the Missouri State Association.

3. We recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to renew the contract with General Baptist Press for one (1) year on the same terms as last year.

4. We recommend that each church give a minimum of 10 percent of its total income to the State Co-operative Fund to be allotted this year as follows:

National Co-operative Fund—70 percent.

State General Fund—5 percent.

State Home Missions—17 percent.

Gem—7 1/2 percent.

State Superannuation—1/2 percent.

5. We recommend that the Constitution and By-Laws be printed in the minutes this year.

6. We recommend that \$2000.00 be transferred from the Gem Fund to the Home Missions Loan Fund.

7. We recommend that By-Law number 9 be changed to read as follows: \$300 per year instead of \$120.

8. We recommend that Rev. Albert Halbrook be employed as Editor of the Gem and Secretary-Treasurer of the state association. We further recommend that he be paid \$60.00 per month as editor.

9. We recommend that Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones be employed as a state Home Mission team to work under the direction of the State Home Mission Board under the following terms:

1. Salary to be \$65.00 per week including a two-week paid vacation.

2. Allowance for rent and moving to be \$20.00 per week.

3. Allowance for travel to be five (5) cents per mile when surveying a new field.

4. A sixty-day (60) notice to be given should either party desire to terminate the contract.

10. We recommend that \$1500.00 be transferred from the general fund to the Home Mission Fund.

11. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to Bro. and Sister Reeves, the Youth Camp Board, the Liberty Association, and the surrounding community, and to everyone who has had a part in so wonderfully entertaining this state meeting.

12. We recommend that Mrs. Edwards be given a standing vote of thanks for her efficient and sacrificial service in the capacity of Clerk-Treasurer and Editor of the Gem.

Rolla Smith
James Davis
Dale Jones
John Bough
Woodrow Matthews

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Woman's Auxiliary

MISSOURI STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Missouri State Women's Auxiliary Convention met August 22 at the Youth Camp. The Theme for the Convention was "Using What We Have." The Meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Myrtle Jones. The Devotional was conducted by Mrs. O. T. Dixon. Miss Lucy Wisheart spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on the subject "What Is That In Thine Hand?" In the afternoon meeting a Playlet "Aunt Martha Wins the Victory" was presented by Miss Dolly Pohnert from the Thayer Auxiliary. The Business Committee recommended the following recommendations and all were adopted.

1. That each Auxiliary be responsible for 60c per member to reach the assigned State Quota of \$200.00 for the National Project for this year. The project is the purchasing of a tent to be used by the National Home Mission Board and the total project is not to exceed \$2000.

2. That the corresponding Secretary be assigned the task of publicizing the tent project, and the cost of same be assumed by the State Convention.

3. That we pay for the printing of the programs, badges, and our proportionate cost of the minute.

4. That each local Auxiliary tithe its income into their respective district treasury and the district convention tithe into the State Auxiliary treasury and that the money be used for promotional enterprises. If the local Auxiliary does not belong to any district they tithe direct to the state treasury.

5. That we give an honorarium of \$10.00 each to our state president and secretary.

6. That we pay \$30.00 toward the expense of the winner of the declamation contest to the National Convention. Since there was no contestant at the state, if any one wishes to enter they may appear before the executive committee and be approved as Missouri contestant to the convention.

7. That we pay 5c per mile to the Enlistment Chairman for promotional work done in behalf of the state convention. During the Executive Committee meeting it was voted to have a Workshop, for the entire State, at the Thayer Church, November 8th.

Officers for the coming year are:

President—Mrs. Myrtle Jones.
Springfield, Mo.

Enlistment Chairman—Mrs.
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122 Wyandotte, Thayer, Mo.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs.
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Youth Chairman—Mrs. Margret
Dixon

Box 464, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs.
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601 Buckley, Flat River, Mo.

Stewardship-Prayer—Mrs. Reva
Prinz,

3244 Mersington, Kansas City,
Mo.

Personal Service Chairman—
Mrs. Dorcas Weisman,

Rt. 2, Monett, Mo.

Recording Secretary and Treas-
urer—Mrs. Genella Scott,

Box 345, Fredericktown, Mo.

The Southeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary met August 10th at the Leadington church, Leadington, Mo. Mrs. Beasley, vice-president of the convention called the meeting to order.

Devotional thoughts was conducted by Mrs. Oletha Parsons.

Annette Cox, National Declamation Contestant Winner, gave her declamation, "The Master's Call". The Fredericktown Auxiliary presented a playlet entitled "Love or Duty".

During the business session the convention voted to buy an electric sewing machine for the Mission field in Cuba, as their years project.

The officers elected for the coming year are:

President—Mrs. Genelle Scott.

Enlistment Chairman—Mrs. Virginia Beasley.

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Lee De-
Witt.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs.
Agnes Smith.

Stewardship-Prayer—Mrs. Helen
McGraw.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs.
Mildred Hildebrand.

Secretary-Treas.—Christine Pink-
ley.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Evelyn
Rehkop.

THANKS TO WNAC

"I wish to thank the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention for their lovely gift to me at the national convention of a typewriter. I cannot tell you how much this was needed and how much it has already helped me. I praise the Lord for the Woman's work and for each of you as individuals. You have been such a special help to your missionaries. Thanks again and may God richly bless and reward you."

Sincerely, Lucy Wisheart

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Neosho Auxiliary met at the church for their August meeting, with Mrs. Virginia Pogue, Mrs. Lucas conducted the devotional.

The Year Book study was enjoyed very much with topics by the various members.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Benediction by Mrs. Dorothy Childress.

(Editor's Note: Auxiliary tithes are to be sent to: Mrs. Ben Scott, Fredericktown, Mo.

HAZEL CREEK WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The July meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Waneta Newcomer. It was an all-day meeting with five members and five children present. Topics were given by Emma Vanlaningham, Mary Filkins, Leona Thompson, and Maizie Sevits. Dismissed with sentence prayers by all present.

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Maizie Sevits. It too, was an all-day meeting. There were nine members, three visitors and eight children present. Mrs. Myrtle Jones conducted a devotional and prayer was offered by Ethel Thompson.

Topics on the day's program were rendered by Mary Filkins, Lola Filkins, Sylvia Sevits, Emma Vanlaningham, and Ethel Thompson.

Dismissed with prayer led by Mrs. Jones.

Reporter, Leona Thompson

MISS WISEHART IN MISSOURI

Miss Lucy Wisheart, home on furlough, has made a very successful itinerant among several of the churches in her home state. She has a very fine set of colored slides on Cuba and her services are proving a great blessing. Continue to pray for her work.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WOMAN'S DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Northeast Missouri Woman's District Auxiliary Convention met at the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, August 4, 1956. The President, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, presided and read for the Scripture lesson from the 67th Psalm. She then appointed a Business Committee, Nominating Committee, and Appreciation Committee.

Guest speaker at the eleven o'clock service was the Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Johnson spoke from John 15.

The afternoon theme was "Workers Together." Each of the Convention officers gave a talk on the theme.

Auxiliaries reporting were: Hazel Creek, Kirksville, New Harmony, and Low Ground.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. Alta Mikel; Vice-president, Mrs. Mildred Gilliam; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Maizie Sevits; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Lillian Wood; Personal Service Chairman, Bernice Thomas; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Leona Thompson.

After a program of songs, readings, and a playlet by the Hazel Creek Auxiliary, the benediction was given by Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

Reporter—Leona Thompson

COPPER MINES AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary meets twice each month with our Year Book study on the second Tuesday and our study course on the fourth Thursday. We usually have cottage prayer meetings between the regular meetings. Miss Louise Underwood conducted our June study course on the life and missionary trips of Paul. Miss Underwood is one of our youths and she is being used of the Lord to bless our church.

For our July study, we went in a group to hear Miss Lucy Wisehart, our missionary home on furlough from Cuba. Her message made us understand more clearly the needs and blessings of our foreign missionaries.

Our officers for the coming year are:

President—Evelyn Hehkop; Vice-President—Edith Underwood; Study Course—Phyllis Hovis; Program-Prayer—Marie Graham; Personal Service Chairman—Elma Henson; Secretary-Treasurer—Mildred Killian; Corresponding Secretary—Lillian Hovis.

Pray for us.

Reporter—Mrs. Hovis

AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Kirksville Auxiliary report electing the following officers for the ensuing years:

President: Mrs. Alta Mikel; Vice-President, Mrs. Lillian Wood; Youth Chairman, Dorothy McElhinney; Study Course Chairman, Betty Swisher; Personal Service Chairman, Velma Wellman; Secretary-Treasurer, Reda Maggert; Reporter, Mrs. Russell Wellman.

This Auxiliary made a visit to the Community Nursing Home and reported a blessed time of visiting with the shut-ins.

The August meeting of the Kirksville Auxiliary was held with Mrs. Russell Wellman and Mrs. Lottie Clayton served as co-hostess.

The meeting was conducted by the president and the program from the Year Book was discussed and enjoyed.

The Auxiliary requests prayer that they may grow and do more for the kingdom in the coming year.

Reporter—Mrs. Russell Wellman

FREDERICKTOWN AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Election as follows:

President—Jenelle Scott.

Recording Secretary—Juanita Skaggs

Corresponding Secretary—Hallie Dettmar

Enlistment Chairman—Helen McGraw

Study Course Chairman—Margie Hawn

Program Prayer Chairman—Ann Copher

Personal Service Chairman—Lulu Freeland

Youth Auxiliary Chairman—Helen Gamblin

We, of the Fredericktown Auxiliary, are beginning a new year this July. With the election of new officers, we are seemingly beginning with a new zeal this year, realizing that we have let down somewhat in the past few months. It seems as though we go through times and periods when we all begin to neglect the work of God and it becomes secondary in our lives.

We women realize there is such a great work to be done through our auxiliary organization. The auxiliary is much more personal, than the church as a body, about doing work that would otherwise be left undone in the community. Our work and financial support reaches into many places and we hope and pray that souls will be brought to God through our efforts.

Each of us, as officers, should realize our duty and obligation in carrying on our work; then, and only then, can we hope to achieve the "Standard of Achievement" and accomplish the many benevolent works that we find to do.

Hallie Dettmar,

Corresponding Secretary

CHRISTIAN SUCCESS

It should be the desire of every born-again believer to become a mature Christian. The following may be called "steps in Christian success" and if put into practice will make for Christian growth.

1. Confess Christ before the world (Matthew 10:32).

2. Study the Word of God regularly and hide it in your heart (1 Peter 2:2, Psalm 119:9,11).

3. Pray without ceasing (Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1).

4. Surrender your will absolutely to God (Acts 5:32).

5. Be a constant and generous giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Malachi 3:10).

6. Go to work for Christ and keep working for Him (Matthew 25:14-30).

—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Highland Park Church Bulletin.

HE PAID THE PRICE

A boy was taking a journey by train. When he arrived at the depot he found that he had lost his ticket. Of course, the collector at the gate wouldn't let him through without it. The boy was much troubled because he didn't have money enough to buy another ticket. His only hope was to find the lost ticket; so he went back to search for it.

A workman saw him and asked, "What have you lost, Sonny?"

"My ticket," answered the boy, "and they won't let me through until I find it or pay for another. And I haven't any money."

"Never mind," answered the kind-hearted man, "I'll pay the price for another one for you."

Who was it that paid the price that we might pass through the gate of heaven? Are we grateful to Him?

—The Young Soldier.

God says the heathen need the Gospel; man replies, "I want a new automobile." God says the heathen need the Gospel; to which man replies, "I want a bigger bank account, new coat, suit, or something else." And too often it ends there.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI QUARTERLY MEETING

The Northeast Missouri Quarterly Meeting convened with the Graysville church July 28, 1956. The theme of "Missions" was carried out during the meeting. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Stanley Letterman. Topics were given by Kermit Crooks, Vernon Maggert, and Rev. Lester Jones.

There was a youth rally on Saturday night presided over by the President, Vernon Maggert. An offering was received to start a fund for the purpose of erecting a girl's cabin on the Youth Camp grounds.

The Kirksville church presented a playlet, "The Army of the Lord" that was greatly enjoyed.

Benediction by Rev. Stanley Letterman.

Reporter—Leona Thompson

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Graysville church on Sunday, July 29, 1956. Rev. J. E. Cory was the speaker for the morning service. He spoke from the subject, "The Clay in the Potter's Hand" and used Jeremiah 18 as a text.

Fellowship dinner at noon.

The afternoon session was given over to prayer, praise and devotions.

The next meeting will be with the Kirksville church. The Pastor, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, to be the speaker at the eleven o'clock service with Mrs. Alta Mikel as alternate.

Benediction by Mr. Alfred Peterson.

Sec.-Treas., Miss Leona Thompson

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting met in its 63rd session at the Leadington Free Will Baptist church as Leadington, Mo. It was a time of refreshing and blessing to all who attended. Rev. Glen Rehkop delivered the introductory message with challenging messages followed by Rev. W. C. Hales, Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. James Barker and Rev. Willard Darnell.

We were also blessed by the program and playlet rendered by the Woman's District Convention.

According to reports the churches made gains over the previous year in different departments of their work. Especially we rejoiced over the souls reported saved and the amounts given to missions and the Co-operative Fund.

Rev. Rolla Smith was re-elected as Moderator; Rev. Harvey Hill as Assistant Moderator; Rev. Albert Halbrook

re-elected Clerk and Rev. W. C. Hales as Executive Board member.

Much praise is due to the host pastor, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, and her church along with the churches that assisted in so royally entertaining the session.

The next session will convene with the Berkely Church, August 1957.

Rev. Albert Halbrook, Cor.

ILLINOIS CAMP MEETING

There were over 500 members joined the Illinois Camp Meeting this year. Speakers for the meeting were Rev. Damon C. Dodd, and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, both of Nashville, Tennessee.

Camp Meeting officers elected for the coming year: Carl Williams, President; Floyd Hartley, Vice-President; George W. Waggoner, Secretary; Howard Flota, Treasurer.

Huntsville, Texas

Dear Co-Labourer:

It has been some time since we reported to the *Gem*, but we have been receiving it all the time, with the many good reports and articles telling of the work everywhere. We have just returned from a missionary tour in North Carolina. We visited 17 churches and had 13 souls saved. Four consecrated their lives to the services of the Lord. We found most of the churches in good working order. Many new churches are being built, and they have included Sunday School rooms. In some places the spiritual condition was low, but we can expect that in these wicked days. The Master said it would be that way, but it does us good to see our people making a great effort to go forward. We can see great progress in the last 47 years, which rejoices our hearts. Something like Paul of old, when he went back over his years of labor, it rejoiced his soul to see the work spreading in spite of the enemy.

We found the dear pastors very co-operative and the fellowship sweet with them and their dear members. It was wonderful to visit in some places where we use to pastor, and where we held tent meetings. I found many who were saved over 30 years ago. In one city I was in, I found a union prayer meeting I had organized around 35 years ago. It rejoiced my heart to see the work still going on. This was in the city of Kinston, N. C. Rev. James Miller is the pastor there now. It was good to visit with Bro. Millers' church where we preached before we went to the West Indies. That was 38 years ago this fall.

May God bless all you dear workers out there in the field.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Mission Association of Free Will Baptists

The Mission Association of Free Will Baptists held its annual session with the Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church, August 9-10. The Association composed of over twenty active churches elected Rev. Othel T. Dixon, Pastor of the Mtn. Grove First Free Will Baptist Church, as Moderator.

Rev. Homer Smith, pastor of the Mtn. Valley Free Will Baptist Church was given a vote of thanks for his faithful service as Moderator for the past few years.

Outstanding reports were given by the different churches and plans were made to increase the work for the coming year in every field. Speakers for the session included Rev. G. W. Scott, Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon, Rev. Light, and Rev. O. T. Dixon who brought the Association Message.

The next session of the Association will be held August 8 and 9, 1957.

DON'T SNUB

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the great inventor, first entered Boston, he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches, although it was in the depth of winter.

Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was a big log cabin.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. The author of *Pilgrim's Progress* was a tinker.

Don't snub anyone; not alone because some day they may outstrip you in the race of life, but because it is neither kind, nor right, nor Christian. —Anon.

Life is time spent for the glory of God and the good of our fellow man. Anything less is just existence. The darker the day, the greater the obligation. For the truly born-again Christians this darkness is the dawn of sunrise; for all others it is the twilight of sunset. Read Luke 21: 25-28.

LUCY WISEHART REPORTS

I have received the following offerings for Missions from Berkeley and Wellston Churches.

Wellston—\$75.00.

Berkeley—\$27.36.

**REPORT OF THIRD CHURCH
—ST. LOUIS**

We have started our Daily Vacation Bible School as of August 6. Our attendance thus far has been 72. We are trusting this to be the greatest Bible School we have ever had.

We had four young people saved in our Sunday services which we feel has started already the revival we are looking forward to having August 20. Rev. Teddy Davis is to be our evangelist.

Do pray for us and our work here that we will see many souls won to Christ.

Mary Regh, Secretary

RENEWAL FROM CALIFORNIA

Enclosed is my renewal and a subscription for my sister to our beloved Gem.

Without the Gem I would not know anything about the Free Will Baptist Church, as I can't go to church now in my condition.

I love the Gem very much as I have been a subscriber since it was first published in Oklahoma. It means so much to me that I hope I don't miss a single issue.

I ask all Christian people to pray for me that I may be healed of my ailment and once more be allowed to attend church to fellowship with Christians again.

Mrs. Tom Youngblood
Ontario, California

**STATE ASSOCIATION
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

(As appointed by the Moderator at the recent session)

Rev. O. T. Dixon; Rev. C. B. Dees;
Rev. Lester Jones.

**MINISTER'S CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE**

(As elected at the recent session)

Rev. Harvey Hill; Rev. Ben Scott;
Rev. Willard Darnell.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EVANGELICALS**

"NAE Week" will be observed in evangelical churches throughout America October 21 to 28. The theme, "Spiritual Unity in Action", will emphasize the work of the National Association of Evangelicals in promoting the evangelical cause.

An example of how the NAE serves is seen in the case of church extension. In recent years Councils of Churches, national and local, have exercised considerable control of church location in new and redeveloped communities. Evangelical churches have often found difficulty in acquiring building sites. The NAE has participated the last two years in meetings of the American Institute of Planners resulting in a new appreciation by planners of the evangelical viewpoint. Planners have since indicated their desire to provide freedom of choice in granting church locations. The Commission on Evangelism and Church extension of the NAE is continuing an aggressive program for maintaining this freedom. This is just one of the many reasons why Bible believing churches should back the NAE in every way possible.

Churches planning to observe "NAE Week" should write to their regional office or the headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, for free material, including bulletin covers or inserts, descriptive folders, offering envelopes and a pastor's handbook of information.

McCorkle, W. Va.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Free Will Baptist Church of McCorkle is raising money for a new church. A few years ago our church was damaged by water, which has rotted the foundation. We are badly in need of a new church.

We live in a small community, have only about 50 members in our church. We are asking other churches for small donations, to help us on our church. We will appreciate any offering you could send us.

Church Clerk, Mrs. Lucile Griffith,
McCorkle, W. Va.

Davis, North Carolina

Dear Sister Edwards:

Of course I wish to maintain my subscription to the Gem. It is one of the main points of contacts I have with the State of Missouri and what is happening there. I assure you that nowhere that I have gone, have I found the Free Will Baptists more on the march than they are in Missouri and I have found no greater tie of love than among the Christians in the South-East Missouri Quarterly meeting. Many times I long to be in some of those good meetings we used to have.

I understand you will soon be leaving Missouri for the Volunteer state and I wish you God's blessings upon

your new assignment. I'm confident you do the same good job there as you have done elsewhere. Some day I would love to sit down with you and have one of our confabs that we used to have.

Well I must close for now. It is Saturday and I am busy doing those last minute things we usually have to get done for Sunday.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds

**PASTOR RESIGNS ST. LOUIS
CHURCH**

Rev. Bill Turnbough has resigned as pastor of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis. He has served as pastor there since March 1953, when the Church started as a mission.

Rev. Bill Turnbough
4346a Vista Ave.
St. Louis 10, Mo.

THE BOYLESS TOWN

A cross old woman, of long ago, declared that she hated noise. "The town would be so pleasant, you know, if only there were no boys"

She scolded and fretted about it till her eyes grew heavy as lead, and then of a sudden the town grew still, for all the boys had fled! And all through the long and dusty street there wasn't a boy in view! The baseball lot, where they used to meet, was a sight to make one blue! The grass was growing on every base, and in the paths that the runners made, for there wasn't a soul in all the place who knew how the game was played.

The dogs were sleeping the live-long day. Why should they bark or leap? There wasn't a whistle, or call to play; and so they would only sleep. The pony neighed from his lonely stall, and longed for his saddle and rein; and even the birds on the garden wall chirped only a dull refrain.

The cherries rotted and went to waste—there was no one to climb the trees. And nobody had a single taste, save only the birds and the bees. There wasn't a messenger boy—not one—to speed as such messengers can. If people wanted their errands done, they sent for a messenger man.

There was little, I guess of frolic and noise. There was less of cheer and mirth. The sad old town, since it lacked the boys, was the drearest place on earth!

The poor old woman began to weep, then woke with a sudden scream! "Dear me!" she cried. "I've been asleep—and Oh! what a horrible dream!"

—Virginia Methodist Advocate

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF STATE ASSOCIATION

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STATE TREASURER'S REPORT: 1955-1956

<i>Co-operative Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$10,962.80
Amount disbursed (as follows)	\$10,962.80
National Co-op Fund	\$ 7,673.98
General Expense Fund	1,315.51
State Home Mission Fund	1,096.27
Free Will Baptist Gem	822.23
State Superannuation	54.81
Total	\$10,962.80
<i>Missions Fund</i>	
Amount Received	\$ 1,335.34
Amount disbursed (as follows)	1,335.34
Foreign Missions	\$ 934.73
Home Missions	\$ 400.61
<i>Foreign Missions</i>	
Amount received	\$1,480.27
Amount disbursed	1,480.27
<i>F. W. B. Bible College</i>	
Amount received	\$ 238.63
Amount disbursed	238.63
<i>Tennessee Orphanage</i>	
Amount received	\$ 58.88
Amount disbursed	58.88
<i>National Home Missions</i>	
Amount received	\$ 301.32
Amount disbursed	301.32
<i>State Home Missions</i>	
Amount Received	\$ 102.36
Amount disbursed	102.36
<i>Hanna Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$ 436.94
Amount disbursed	436.94
<i>Robert Wilfong Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$ 200.00
Amount disbursed	200.00

<i>Hersey Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$45.00
Amount disbursed	45.00
<i>Wanda Edwards Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$ 211.88
Amount disbursed	211.88
<i>Youth Camp</i>	
Amount received	\$ 606.41
Amount disbursed	606.41
<i>State Superannuation</i>	
Amount received	\$ 67.41
Amount disbursed	67.41
Amount brought forward	172.37
Balance on hand	172.37
<i>Gem Fund</i>	
Amount received (subs., gifts, supplies, books)	\$ 1,478.24
Amount received from Co-op	822.23
Total receipts	2,300.47
Amount disbursed	2,239.62
Balance	60.85
<i>Wisehart Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$ 394.74
Amount disbursed	394.74
<i>State Entertainment Fund</i>	
Amount received	\$ 135.00
Amount on hand	135.00
<i>State General Expense</i>	
Amount received	\$ 1,510.43
Amount brought forward	1,007.05
Amount disbursed	529.35
Balance on hand	\$1,988.13
Gem Fund	60.85
Entertainment Fund	135.00
National Home Missions	1.80
Superannuation	172.37
Total Amount Received	\$18,058.50
Total Amount Disbursed	\$16,543.86
Total Balance an Hand	\$ 2,358.15
(American State Bank, Flat River, Mo.)	

FAITH AND WORKS

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one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion." In the thirteenth verse God is pleading with them to acknowledge their sins, and in the first part of the fourteenth verse he is pleading with them to turn from their backslidings. The portion of the verse which says, 'I am married to you, means I love you. In the last part of the verse He is actually saying that He will take unto Himself those who do repent even though there may not be but one in a whole city or two in a family which does return unto Him.

I have heard some folk say, "God won't disinherit me because I was born into his family." We must remember that God has said to his children in Galatians 5:19-21 that the ones which practice the works of the flesh shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Remember it still remains a scriptural fact that **Faith Without Works Is Dead.**

THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE: YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!

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then believes the word, obeys it and is converted. (Rom. 10:13-17).

In all true N. T. conversions the two factors are present. The word as it was preached and the Spirit in his power. Consider Pentecost, Cornelius and the Eunuch and many others. If the new birth came in those days in the manner described here, when was it changed! Men today are converted just as they were 1900 years ago. It is therefore of utmost importance that the preacher preach the word of God with the power of the Spirit.

My dear reader, have you been born again? Have you believed upon Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. If you have not, I plead with you now, bow where you are and confess your sins to Him and be saved. Then take up your cross and follow Christ.

The average American church member's consecration: Ask me to work, ask me to play, but don't ask me to unselfishly serve or to pray.

REVIVAL DATES

- Sept. 5—Fellowship Church, Flat River,
 Pastor—Rev. Rolla Smith.
 Evangelist—Rev. W. A. Hales.
- Sept. 26—Oct. 10—Norfolk, Va.,
 Church.
 Pastor—O. H. Overman.
 Evangelist—Rev. Rolla Smith.
- Sept. 3—First Church, Springfield, Mo.
 Pastor—Rev. Henry Long.
 Evangelist—Rev. O. T. Dixon.

FALL IN LINE

During the Battle of Atlanta, a young man cried out to his captain, "Where can I fight? I'll fight anywhere." The captain replied, "Fall in anywhere along the line; there is fighting everywhere."

Today Christians do not have to look for a place of service. Fall in line with the program of your church. "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few."

—The Baptist Messenger