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Coppermines			104	105
First, Flat River				
Fellowship	200	199	192	
Leadington	116	117	118	
Desloge		101	102	
Farmington	55	58	62	
Fourth	61	57	65	
Southside				
Monett				
Old Bethel	23	23	22	
Third Church				
Berkeley	190	180	178	
Richwoods	65	65	65	
Neosho	45	45	45	
Mountain Grove	196	215	215	
Joplin				
Mill Creek				
Kirksville	90	114		
Grant Ave				
Hazel Creek	57		51	
Cuba	32	30		
Bethel	33	37		
Twin Oak	49	59	57	

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We prove our consecration to Christ, not on Easter Sunday, when perhaps more people go to church than on any other day, but on the Sunday following Easter, and the week following that, and the one after that, and on throughout the year. Being a Christian is not a one day a year matter. It is living a Godly, consistent life the year around. Attend all the services of your church regularly. The Church needs You—You need the church! May we look for us next Sunday?

—Fredricktown Church Bulletin

What are you looking at—Christ or things?

Windows of Motherhood

Albert Hallbrook

"The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming?" Judges 5:28.

Our text is a pathetic sigh, because a mother is looking out of a window for the return of a son who never comes. Jabin, king of Canaan, with trained soldiers and nine hundred chariots of iron under the leadership of Sisera, had made war against Israel. As must always come to those who fight against God, he had gone down in defeat. In fleeing from Israel's army led by Deborah and Barak, he stopped at the home of Heber. While asleep here he was slain by Jael, Heber's wife. His mother sat at her window looking for his return. But she was looking through a window of disappointment and sorrow.

Let us notice some different windows of motherhood.

I—The Window of Worldliness

Some mothers have failed in that they have never had any more ambition for their children except that they may enjoy the temporal things of life and they have left off the concern for the eternal welfare of their children. Herodias was looking out of the window of worldliness when she permitted her daughter, Salome, to dance before Herod. Many mothers of today would rather see their child become a proficient dancer than a profitable servant of God.

It was worldly ambition that led Rachael to cause Jacob to deceive Esau and defraud him out of his birthright. She caused him to flee for his life, and she never saw his face again. It was necessary for God to deal with him in judgment before he was cured of his sin. No doubt she may have felt the rest of her life that she had looked out of the wrong window.

"What will become of us," said a child to his mother, the wife of a distinguished man, who was dressed for a ball, "if you are going out every night?" The reproof was felt and she changed her dress and remained with her children. But sometimes the mistakes made by parents are too late for correction as is pictured in the following incident: A young daughter was dying in a fashionable home of wealth. The mother's heart was breaking at the sight of her daughter dying without God and without hope. She cried out of a broken heart, "O God, save my child!"

"Mother, dear, 'tis too late now! You made me learn to dance, go to theaters and operas, and move in society. Your only ambition was that I might shine as a society belle. But you never read the Bible to me, you never took me to prayer meeting, or had me take part in the interests of the church, its charities, and the gospel, and helping the benighted of earth. Our church-going once a Sabbath was but a formal matter, and we went because our set did. You never talked to me of the Saviour, and now I am dying—O God, dying!"

With a shuddering of fear, and a ghastly face with despair pictured on it, this precious young soul went out into hopeless night forever. Oh what a picture of a lost soul! Oh what bitter memories of fatal neglect for that worldly mother to carry through life!

II—The Window of Godly Concern

How different from Herodias is Hannah the mother of Samuel. Hannah had a deep abiding concern for the spiritual welfare of her God-given son. And because of that concern he became one of the great men of the Bible and the anointer of kings.

The Second Epistle of Timothy opens with Paul's expression of thankfulness for the manner in which Timothy had been trained in the Scriptures by his devout mother and grandmother. In that home was a godly mother and grandmother looking out the window of Godly concern as they taught him the Scriptures. If mothers look through this window they must teach the Scriptures to their children. It is the home that is responsible for the training of the child in the Word of God, a duty that cannot be delegated to the Church or to any other teacher.

Also to look out of the window of Godly concern a mother must pray for her children. We thank God for the effectual, fervent prayers of Godly mothers. Many sons and daughters have been snatched from the snares of Satan and the door of hell because of the prayers of mother.

The story is told of a minister who was making calls. When he rang the bell of a certain home, a little girl opened the door. He asked for her mother, and she said, "Are you sick?"

"No," he replied. Then she asked, "Are you hurt?" "No," Then she asked if someone else was sick or needing help. When he said he did not know of such need, she said, "Then you can't see mama, for she prays from nine to ten o'clock."

It was then twenty minutes past nine, but the minister sat down and waited forty minutes to see her.

At ten o'clock she came into the room with the light of glory on her face; and the minister knew why her two sons were in Bible school and her daughter was a missionary.

Then, too, to look through a window of Godly concern there must be a mother's love. It is said that death has borne down on everything in this world, but there is one thing it has not borne down, and never will, and that is mother's love. In II Samuel 21:8-11, you can read of a mother showing her love by standing guard over the dead bodies of her sons who had been crucified by the Gibeonites. There she fought off the vultures by day and the beasts by night, from the warm days of early harvest till the chilly nights of October until King David heard of her heroic love and sent and had given them honorable burial. True mother love will wade through the fires of hell for her children.

III—The Window of Influence

Most of the great men of the Bible and of history can point back to a mother that left a deep abiding influence upon their lives. Who would deny but what Moses' mother Jochebed was the real cause of Moses' "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." (Heb. 11:25-26).

A mother's influence is felt even in the hour of death. After one of the hard-fought battles of the war a Confederate Chaplain was called hastily to see a dying soldier. Taking his hand, he said, "Well, my brother, what can I do for you?"

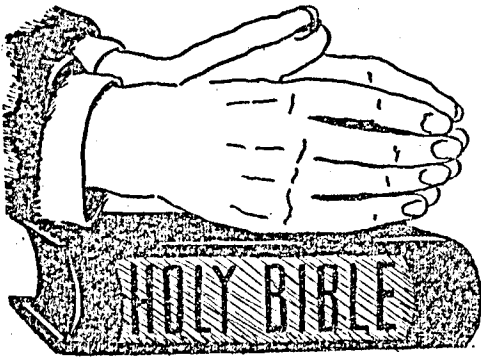
He supposed, of course, that the young fellow would want him to cry to God for help in his extremity; it was not so.

"Chaplain," he said, "I want you to cut a lock of hair for my mother; and then, chaplain, I want you to kneel down and return thanks to God for me."

"For what?" asked the chaplain. "For giving me such a mother, Oh! she is a good mother. Her teachings are my comfort now. And then, chaplain, thank God that by his grace I am a Christian. What would I do now if I were not a Christian? And thank Him for giving me dying grace. He has made this hard bed feel 'soft as downy pillows are.' And, oh, chaplain, thank Him for the promised home in glory—I'll soon be there."

"And so," said the chaplain, "I kneeled by his bed with not a petition
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The Family Altar



The Bible instructs us to give praise and thanks to God in every thing. At our family and private altars let us thank God for the following:

For Christian mothers who are a source of inspiration to our churches, homes, and nations. Proverbs 31:1-31.

For food, clothing, and homes that comes from God's providing and bountiful hands. James 1:17-27.

For the freedom of worship and the privilege of attending church. Psalm 100.

For the successful revivals and the salvation of souls this present year. Acts 8:1-8.

For the Bible that gives understanding as to the plan of salvation. Psalms 119:97-104.

For the privilege of casting all our burdens on the Lord in prayer. Phil. 4:6-13.

For the opportunity of witnessing for God in personal soul winning. Acts 8:26-40.

ISAIAH

Isaiah, the prophet of God, in Isa. 5:11 says, "Woe unto them...", and it was right that he should have said that. But in the next chapter, Isa. 6:1, we read, "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." As in the case of Job see what happened to Isaiah, himself, when he saw the Lord: "Then said I, woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." (verse 5) Thank God, Isaiah, too, was forgiven when he confessed his sins. "...and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged." (verse 6) We need this manifested presence of the Lord in our lives as did Isaiah.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen

What price glory? What price sin? Either will cost your ALL.

The Tie That Binds

By Bobby L. Jones

Pastor, First Church, Dothan, Ala.

The American home is faced with a crisis and one of the reasons is because preachers are afraid to lift their voices.

This silence in the pulpit regarding the critical problems facing our homes has its roots in several factors: (1) It demands a strictness in the minister's own home which many do not have; (2) The devil beats us over the head with the desire to be a popular preacher and many have yielded; (3) Some are cowards with the gospel and run away from it, and (4) others have not studied to show themselves approved unto God.

Good family government makes for an orderly nation and world. One basic reason for the sad state of world affairs is the disobedience of parents to God's plan for the home.

One of the points of God's plan for the home and family is stated by Paul thusly, "Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands" (Colossians 3:18). This submission implies dependence. In the divine order, "The husband is the head of the wife" (Ephesians 5:23). She is to be neither a leader or a slave, but is to obey the plan of God in subjection to her husband.

The submission also implies respect. Though the husband is not what she wishes him to be, she must respect him as head of the house and father. Many good women have been embittered by a worthless man and still remained true. As she submits to Christ, she will have consolation in God even though her husband is mean and cruel.

Scriptural obligations are placed upon the husband, also, as well as the wife: "Husbands, love your wives..." Paul advises and in the admonition is the answer to every family relationship. Where love rules, there is peace, harmony, joy, contentment and security.

Where the husband is responsible for the breakup of the home, one or more of the following things are generally true: (1) The husband has forgotten or has never learned his great position in society, church, and home and has pushed the woman forward to take the knocks when she was not made to carry the load; (2) The husband was too lazy to take part of the load and so failed to provide for his dependents; (3) He didn't have enough backbone to take the lead in family devotions leaving it undone, or (4) He forgot his duty to love and

drifted where he became ruthless, cruel, hateful, and spiteful to his family.

Always the husband should remember that the true wife deserves praise and needs love. He should remember the vows made at the altar. She remains the lovely bride he held by the hand that day. Christian love does not become sour, bitter, and temperamental.

"And be not bitter against them," Paul adds. It is just as wrong for the husband to be bitter as for the wife to be unfaithful.

Another factor is good family government as given by Paul in Col. 3:21, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Children may be provoked in more ways than physical abuse. To fail in teaching them about spiritual things is to provoke their souls and fathers must share this spiritual training with the mother.

Think on these final words:

1. To the unmarried—be careful whom you marry for it is a lifetime union.

2. To the newly-married—beware of the first quarrel for it often leads to an unlawful divorce.

3. Bear with Christian longsuffering the consequence of an unfortunate choice—remember it was your own choice.

4. Marriage blessedness is only gained by faithful fulfillment of God-given duties outlined in Colossians 3:18, 19.

5. The return of America to God must come through obedience to God's plan in the marriage relationship.

Without this a chain reaction disastrous in its consequences is inevitable—a broken home—a broken church—a broken world!

—Contact

PRAYER MEETING

If you were to ask, "What is your most important discovery from the Bible in recent years?" I would answer, "When Jesus went about building His Church He built a prayer meeting."

As we look at our prayer meetings today, we see poor, puny, and sickly little prayer meetings—so weak that you can say, weekly (weakly) prayer meetings. But we should make our prayer meetings the truly great, all-out meeting of the week.

May God richly bless everyone and keep you happy in His service.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

Join The Church Family Plan

The Greatest Victory In History

Rev. Harry Beatty

Luke 24:46 "... Thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the angels proclaimed the glad tidings to all people, A Saviour, Christ the Lord, had appeared.

II Cor. 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich."

Phil. 2:7 "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

The first official act done in the Heavenly Father's name was the cleansing of the temple in Jerusalem, driving out those who desecrated the temple of God, and pronouncing woes upon them, and all others who obey not the gospel of God.

Mark 1:14-15 "... Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, ... repent ye and believe the gospel."

He went through Samaria preaching, publicly declaring himself to be the Messiah of God. For this claim, the chief priests, scribes, elders, and rulers took counsel together, and rose up in bitter opposition against him. Finally when their hour was come; Jesus was found and brought before Caiaphas, the high-priest, who asked this solemn question, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of God?" Jesus replied, "I am."

The ecclesiastical group being powerless to put Jesus to death, proceeded to the civil powers, bringing Christ to Pilate, whose trembling lips asked, "Art thou then a king?" Jesus calmly replied "I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Pilate declaring Jesus to be without fault delivered him to the people to be crucified. They suspended Jesus on the middle cross. The darkest hour of all the annals of time now revolved around the rugged cross of Calvary, from which proceeded the voice of compassion, intercession, and prayer as Christ, the High Priest, himself, died for sinful man.

God, the Heavenly Father, seeing the travail of the soul of His Son, moved the heavens and the earth to witness. At noonday gross darkness swept the earth. From out of the darkness, the voice of victory cried out "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." "The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

Kind hands removed the body of Jesus from the cross, placing the body in Joseph's new tomb. Early in the morning, the first day of the week, Christ came out of the grave carrying the keys of death and hell, as He triumphed over death. An angel appeared to break the Roman seal and rolled away the stone, witnessing, "He is not here." The empty tomb stood as evidence that He had risen. The undisturbed grave clothes (John 20:7, 8) stood as evidence of His victory over the grave. He did not wear the shroud out of the grave, but appeared in glorious apparel with the sceptre of victory in His nail-scarred hands. After forty days of post-resurrection appearances to Christians, He led His disciples out to Bethany, lifted up His hands and blessed them: caught the clouds of glory and went back home. Heavenly messengers declared this same Jesus shall come in like manner. Oh! What wondrous hope! When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall death be swallowed up in victory. "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise to seize the everlasting prize; And shout while passing through the air." Glorious victory!

REV. T. C. FERGUSON

Thomas Campbell Ferguson, son of William and Jessie Ferguson, was born January 10, 1870, at Ratha, Oxford County, Ontario, Canada, and departed this life March 27, 1957, at the age of eighty-seven years, two months and seventeen days.

At eight years of age he moved with the rest of the family to Red Bay, Bruce County, Ontario, Canada and here, attended public school. In his early life he became a sailor on the Great Lakes, and also some of his early manhood was spent as a farmhand, miner, and railroader. When twenty-six years of age he accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He entered the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and took a full Bible Course

of study. He later united with a Free Will Baptist Church in Wisconsin, and was ordained to the ministry in 1900 at Lincoln, Nebraska by the Free Will Baptists. He spent most of his life in evangelistic and pastoral work. He saw thousands converted under his ministry and baptized by immersion more than two thousand people, and assisted in the ordination of numerous preachers and deacons. He also helped organize the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, and served as its moderator and state evangelist for several years. He held revival meetings in several states and Canada, with most of his work being done in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas.

He was married in 1903 to Miss Myrtle Henderson, and to this union were born three children, a daughter, Jessie, who died in infancy; a son, John, of Springfield, Mo.; and daughter, Mrs. Jewel Faucett, of San Diego, Calif.

On April 25, 1932 he was united in marriage to Miss Odessa Reed, who survives. Besides his wife and children, John and Jewel, he leaves to mourn his departure, two sisters, Mrs. Annie McKenzie, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; and Mrs. Lizzie Charlton, Ruthilda, Sask., Canada; two brothers, David and Alex Ferguson, both of Vancouver, B. C., Canada; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren and a host of friends.

Truly he lived a consecrated life and could say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;" and have gone to receive the crown.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. John D. McKown, March 30th at the Alta Vista Church, near Weatherby, Mo., after which he was laid to rest in the cemetery near by.

—John W. Ferguson, Cor.

(Editor's Note: Since assuming the editorship of the Gem, we have received obituaries of three soldiers of Christ—one a layman, Mr. Will Thompson, and two ministers, Rev. George Scott and Rev. T. C. Ferguson. Because of their lives they have left us a noble example to follow. We express our appreciation for their lives, and trust their loved ones will find consolation in the fact that they have left a noble heritage to them and all of us and that they can rejoice in the hope of a glad reunion day).

A gospel sermon is not a specially prepared message for a special occasion but a specially prepared LIFE for time and eternity.

From the Editor's Desk

GODLY MOTHERS

Mother's Day has already past and you have listened to messages, witnessed programs, and have given gifts—all of these in honor of Mother. However, permit me to express thanks for our Godly mothers. I would thank God for my own Godly mother who brought me "up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Even though she has already been called home to heaven, her life still remains as a source of blessing to me, an inheritance worth more than silver and gold.

I would also thank God for the Godly mothers of our homes, churches, and nation. Their lives are a constant blessing to the children and husband of the home, and as Solomon has expressed it, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; and her husband also, and he praiseth her." In the church the sinner's heart has been softened by their solicitous and tender efforts in their behalf; the minister has been encouraged by their prayers and untiring efforts that surmount and overcome all obstacles; the children in Sunday School class have received Godly teaching that will permeate their memory as long as their lives endure. Our nation can well be proud of Christian mothers whose lives act as a detention to sin, and as lights shining in dark places.

And, too, I would not forget to pay tribute to all Godly mothers who have lived their lives, some brief and some long, and then have departed from this world leaving behind them imprints on the sand of time which, if we follow, will lead us in the path of the just, "that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

The following incident has been related; "In a home where the mother had been taken, and had gone to join the father who had preceded her, the children remembered how she had gathered them around the family altar, and had ironed out all their little differences and helped them solve their problems, and they agreed to carry on as mother had done. One law settled for them everything: "It was mother's way;" and from it there was no appeal. It was from this that came the tender song in the years ago that has caused many a heart to hark back to the old family fireside where mother love found a solution for every difficulty.

Oft within a little cottage,

As the shadows gently fall;
And the twilight touches safely,
One sweet face upon the wall:
There the lonely loved ones gather,
And in hushed and tender tones;
Ask each other's full forgiveness,
For the wrongs each had done.
As I wonder why this custom,
At the closing of the day;
"Tis because," they sweetly answer,
"It was our dear mother's way."
Oh, how oft it comes before us,
That sweet face upon the wall;
And her memory is more precious,
As we on her Saviour call:
And we catch a fresh new courage,
As we rise once more to say:
"Let us do our duty bravely,
It was our dear mother's way."
"Gentle mother, patient mother,
Sainted mother, kind and true;
Resting now in peace with Jesus,
Loving hearts remember you."

COVER PAGE

Mrs. George A. Hallbrook
1874- 1956

Mother's Day has passed, but it has been our intention to honor the mothers in this issue. In doing so we have placed the picture of our own mother on the cover page, at our own expense. I do not wish you to feel me selfish or presumptuous in using her picture, but because of her unselfish devotion and inspiration to me, and her love for the Gem paper, I wish to do so.

Mother was born in Fulton County, Indiana, and came to Missouri at the age of three and lived near Patton, Missouri. She was the mother of nine children, three have preceded her in death and six who are living.

She was converted at the age of twelve and lived a Christian life for nearly seventy years before her departure in the hospital at Bonne Terre, Mo. She left a testimony she was ready to go. She was a charter member of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, and her body lies in the cemetery across from that church waiting the resurrection day.

CHURCHES IN KANSAS CITY ORGANIZED

The Missouri State Home Mission Board met March 28, 7:30 P. M., with the Raytown Congregation of South Kansas City, Missouri and the North Kansas City congregation at 1415 Swift St., in the Union Hall and com-

pleted the organization of both groups.

Congregational singing was led by Eula Payne. Prayer by Rev Paul Williams. The message was by Rev. Russel Spurgeon with scripture from I Chron. 4:9-10.

The Chairman, Rev. Rolla Smith, directed the organization and called for the church membership. Nineteen responded to Victory Church North Kansas City, and sixteen to Beacon. The Bible was presented by Rev. Harry Beatty. The Articles of Faith were given by Rev. Paul Williams and the Church Covenant by Rev. O. T. Dixon. The consecration prayer was led by Joe Cockrel. The Constitution and By-Laws adopted by both groups at the same time.

Victory Free Will Baptist Church officers elected. Advisory Committee, Bill Hensley, Robert Payne and Carl Prinz; Trustees, Neville Allen, three years; Ralph Cook, two years; and Everett Smith, one year; Clerk, Nina Hensley; Treasurer, Eula Payne.

Beacon Free Will Baptist Church officers elected: Pastor, Rev. Lester Jones; Advisory Committee, Melvin Smith, Marion Binkley and John Knapp; Trustees, Melvin Smith, three years; Delbert Carter, two years; and Victor Jenkins, one year; Clerk, Carmon Smith; Treasurer, Leona Knapp.

WINDOWS OF MOTHERHOOD

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to utter; only praises and thanksgiving for a good mother, a Christian hope, dying grace, and an eternal home in glory."

In conclusion, we would impress upon each mother, along with the father, the necessity of looking out of the right window as you watch your sons and daughters grow into maturity. May we not be disappointed as was the mother of Sisera, but with gladness and great joy see them attain to the likeness of Christ and find abundant joy in their service for him.

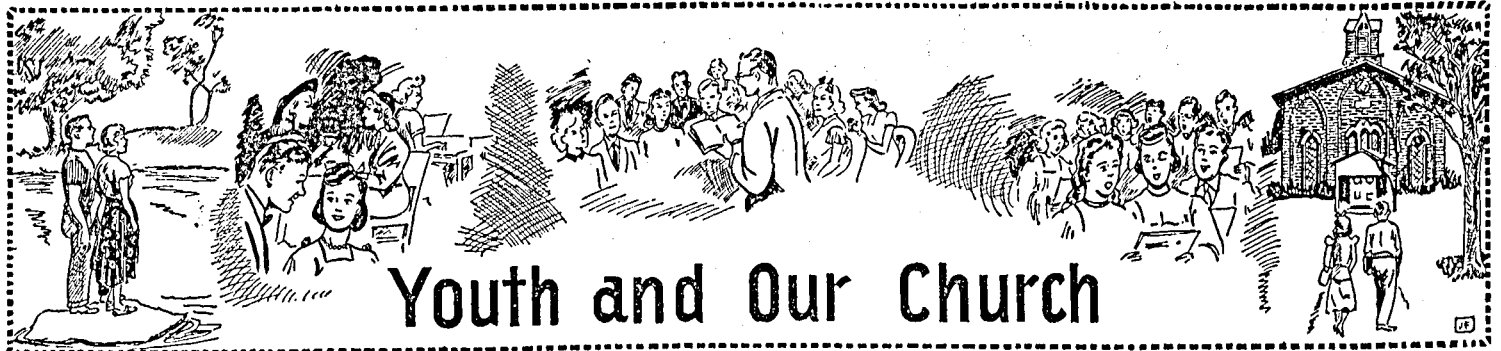
Things of this world depend on such a train of unseen chances that if it were in mans hands to set the tables, still he would not be certain to win the game.

—Herbert

With the Christian there is always a way out, but often you have to look up to find it.

We are haunted by an ideal life, and it is because we have within us the beginning and the possibility of it.

—Phillips Brooks



Youth and Our Church

YOUTH CAMP CRIER

It Won't Be Long

It is just a few days until our Youth Camp session begins. Those days will soon pass so it's time to begin making your plans to attend this year's session. A record crowd is anticipated and a good program is being planned. Do you remember the good time that you had last year? Do you remember the many souls that were saved? And how about the several who answered a special call of service to God. Do you remember the hours of fellowship with the many other boys and girls over the state and how about the good times you had playing ball, pitching horse shoes, playing bad minton, volleyball, and not forget the swimming. All this and much more is in store for all who attend this year's session. So make your plans now to attend. Talk it up in your church and write Rev. William Reeves for other information desired.

Camp Finances Low

No doubt many boys and girls over our state will come to camp this year expecting to see a lot of improvements. However, due to the very poor response by the churches, individuals, etc. in giving of their means to our camp has made it impossible for many improvements to be made in our camp for this year's session. Remember as we have told you many times your Youth Camp Board can only do what you make it possible for them to do. Therefore, improvements had to be held to a minimum this year. I am sure all of us want to see many improvements made, yet unless churches, auxiliaries, Sunday School Classes, Leagues, individuals and etc. send in their finances to us we can do nothing. This week I received a letter from Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer of our Youth Camp, and the following is a statement quoted by him. "Our Youth Camp sure is low on funds and our interest is due soon at the bank." So you can see how badly we are in need of funds. I challenge every church, auxiliary and etc., to

give a large offering to Youth Camp before session time.

I know we can depend on you.

Officers And Teachers of This Year's Session

The officers and teachers of this year's session recently approved are as follows: Gen. Supt., O. T. Dixon; Principal of Teaching, Rev. James Davis; Registrars, Rev. Teddy Davis and Mrs. Lee DeWitt; Recreation Supervisor, Rev. Harry Asher; Gen. Cabin Sponsor, Rev. and Mrs. Jim McCully; Life Guard and Supervisor of Swimming Pool, Rev. Paul Williams; Youth Evangelist, (for evening services,) Rev. Roger C. Reeds, former youth camper now pastoring in Davis, N. C., and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Moyer in charge of the cold drink stand.

Teachers and subjects are as follows: Rev. Luther Sanders—Doctrine of God; Rev. Ben Scott—Doctrine of Man; Rev. William Buster—Doctrine of Church; Rev. Rolla Smith—Doctrine of Last Thing; Rev. Russell Spurgeon—Supt., of Jr., Department. Teachers for Jr., Department are as follows: Margaret Wantland, Vista Wantland, LaRue Horn, Margaret Dixon, Alice Dickey, Hazel Hutsell, Mrs. Luther Sander, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Crafts. Mary Latimer, Song Director. Joan Thomas, Pianist.

Camp Needs

The following is a list of things needed for this year's youth camp session. If any church, auxiliary, etc., would like to donate any of the following items please write Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo., letting him know what you are planning to donate. Mattresses are badly needed, dish cloths, tea towels, glasses, large crocks which will hold one and one half gallons or more, bowls, 2 large bread pans, large rolling pin, large dish pan, croquet sets with 6 balls and 6 mallets for Junior and Primary departments, soft balls, bats and gloves, badminton set with 4 rackets, 1 additional racket to replace one broken

last year and other recreational equipment.

Youth Camp Board Suggestions

Since we feel that we shall have a record crowd at this session the following has been suggested by your Youth Camp Board:

That the two general clean-up work days be set for **June 7th and 8th**, and we urge any persons who can possibly come to be present on these dates. Those who cannot come at this time come at an early date if possible and notify Rev. Reeves of the date of your coming.

That all churches or associations sending children to camp who have no cabin or sufficient bedding for them will be required to supply extra cots for their children.

LEADINGTON CHURCH HOLDS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Seven churches co-operated with the World Day of Prayer and met at the Leadington Church March 8. They were Desloge Free Will Baptist, First Free Will Baptist, Fellowship, Flat River Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian and Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The N. A. E. program was used for the World Day of Prayer. The theme for this program "If my People" based on II Chronicles 7:14. The emphasis was upon revival, humility, intercession, communion and action. The music was supplied by the Methodist boys' quartet and the girls' sextet. The Invocation was offered by Rev. Tyner from the Presbyterian church. The program was directed by Rev. Beasley from the First Free Will Baptist Church. An offering of twenty dollars and fourteen cents (\$20.14) was received and sent to the National Association of Evangelicals at Wheaton, Illinois. Benediction by Rev. Glassey from the Methodist church.

—Pearl Harper, Cor.

A little boy was praying before going to bed. He said, "Bless Mommy, bless Daddy, bless my teacher, and please God take good care of yourself, for if anything happened to you, we would all be sunk."

News From The Mission Field

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Dear Fellow Workers:

We Praise the Lord, for the good attendance, the splendid messages, and the challenge of the Holy Spirit during the recent Bible Conference. It no doubt was the best Conference ever. **Let us pray** that God will honor His Word and that each one who attended will take action on the challenges presented.

We Praise the Lord, for answered prayer on the part of Mrs. Chester Wright, the mother of our missionary, Marie Hanna. She is much better and has been released from the hospital. **Please pray** for her continued recovery.

We Praise the Lord, for the glowing report of the recent N. A. E. Convention held in Buffalo, New York. Truly, Evangelical Christianity is on the march. **Please pray** for the gospel witness around the world, and especially pray for the Billy Graham Campaign, soon to be held in New York City. This could well mean the greatest spiritual impact ever to be felt in our nation. One New York pastor has stated that he believes this will be New York's last chance to accept Christ before, in all probability, the sky-line is leveled by atomic warfare. We understand that the American Broadcasting Company plans to televise one hour of each Saturday night service of the Graham Campaign. It is suggested that family, friends and neighbors meet together in homes and join in the Campaign in this way. Think what this could mean to America! A Revival in Your Living Room! Invite your unsaved friends into your home for this service and lead them to Christ during the invitation. The Campaign begins May 15.

We Praise the Lord, that the French Government has officially surveyed the land for our mission station in Koun (Ivory Coast, Africa) and that cement markers have been placed to mark the boundaries. The plot of land is a five hundred (500) foot square. A path ten feet wide has been cleared around the land as it waits the arrival of our missionaries to construct the necessary buildings. In a recent report, Bro. Timyan makes this statement, "What the government wants to know is, how much money will be invested

on this 500 ft. square property during the next 3 years? During this time limit the buildings that you contract for will have to be constructed in order to justify your holding title to the land. I have consulted with our builder and we feel that you should anticipate a minimum outlay of \$10,000 for the first station. This would include living quarters for a couple, two nurses and a dispensary."

We Praise the Lord, for the fine response to the Truck Project for Africa. Fill your dime folders as soon as possible and send them in. We will extend the time to June 1.

REVIVAL AT ERWIN, TENN.

The Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin, Tenn., has just closed a very fine revival meeting. The church was without a pastor for almost one year. Some six months ago, Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., accepted the pastorate of this church.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was engaged as the evangelist. The result of the meeting was as follows: 8 decisions for Christ, 12 baptized and 9 additions to the church.

Many of those who attended the meeting stated that it was the best spiritual meeting that the church had enjoyed for several years. For this, all of us are indeed grateful to the Lord. We predict that the First Church in Erwin has a glorious future under the leadership of the present pastor. We solicit the prayers of those who know God, that His spirit and wisdom may guide these to real victory. Other churches in and around Erwin cooperated and a real spiritual impact was felt in the city.

In addition to the revival meeting, special emphasis was given to the foreign mission program. Services were held with the Eastern Quarterly Sunday School Convention and the Eastern Quarterly League Convention. Total receipts for foreign missions from all sources were \$125.75.

No where in our denomination do we have a church that has the facilities for expansion and growth as the First Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin. A very lovely church edifice with a beautiful baptistry, choir and church balcony. In addition to this an annex for educational facilities containing

forty-two lovely class rooms. It is indeed a thrill to see the Free Will Baptist churches grow under the leadership of our young pastors.

May God bless each of them and lead them to real victory in the Lord.

Submitted by,
Raymond Riggs

Memphis, Texas

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists Board of Foreign Missions.

Beloved in Christ:

This being the month of April selected month to think of our great need for missionary work, my husband and myself are sending \$5.00 for our mission work.

May our Lord bless in the great work and much and lasting good be accomplished.

Respectfully for Christ,
J. B. Estes and wife Leila

Dear Bro. Riggs:

This money was handed to our clerk by a widow woman with two boys. Her name is Mrs. Hoyt Jones. She sends this request along with her prayers—that you place \$5.00 in the Laura Belle Barnard fund, \$5.00 for Mrs. Josephine Stevens fund, \$5.00 for Hersey fund, \$5.00 Willey Jr. fund. They wish to have a part in helping to tell the gospel in other lands. May God bless this work everywhere.

In Christ,
Mrs. Julius Vause
Pamplico, S. C.

FROM JAPAN

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Greetings from each of us in Tokyo. Wesley and I came down last Saturday and Wesley had an appendectomy yesterday and is doing fine now. He had been somewhat bothered for the last two weeks and two doctors in Abashiri told him an operation would be necessary in the next week. So considering the fact that the hospitals there are not so good and a foreigners body is a little different we decided to come on here. We were planning to come on the 15th anyway. He flew down from Sapporo as the train takes 36 hours.

The Herseys are fine and the Japanese-Christians here and in Abashiri have encouraged our hearts so much. They are so concerned over Wesley; sending telegrams, calling, etc.

He is doing fine now and should be out in 4 or 5 days.

Just thought you'd want to know this and I'll write a longer letter later.

In Christ,
Aileen Calvery

REV. EASTON WOULD ENJOY CARDS

Rev. W. M. Easton, a Free Will Baptist minister, has been a worker for the Lord for nearly sixty years and a minister for forty years. He loved to preach from every part of the Bible.

On June 8, he will be seventy-seven years of age. He has lived around Cameron since fifteen years of age. Over twelve years ago, however, he became confined to his bed. He would enjoy cards and letters, especially from those of his religious faith. They may be sent to: Rev. W. M. Easton, Cameron, Oklahoma. God bless the gospel to the lost world.

—Mrs. Esper Easton, Cor.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL RADIO AND T. V. BOARD

July - December

Alabama	\$ 5.06
Arizona	1.34
California	16.45
Florida	5.16
Illinois	8.81
Kentucky	1.82
Missouri	33.86
Mississippi	2.57
New Mexico	2.22
North Carolina	12.17
Oklahoma	27.01
Tennessee	20.19
Texas	5.34
Virginia	61.39
Michigan	12.84

Total \$216.23

—Harry Beatty, Treasurer

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OUR FULL-TIME HOME MISSIONARIES

- Miss Bessie Yeley, (*Ohio) 101 Iturbide St., Laredo, Texas.
- Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Postlewaite, (*Missouri) Post Office Box 473, Cashmere, Washington.
- Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons, (*Texas) Box 204, Cuero, Texas.
- Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez, (*Cuba) 9101 N. W. Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Note: * denotes native home.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS OFFICE

"I am enclosing \$5.00 to be sent to the church in Mexico. I feel the Lord laid it upon my heart to give this money. It is part of my tithe. I hope it will be used for the glory of God." Jean Frances Harris, Tennessee.

"Two new churches were organized in Kansas City, Missouri on March

28. One church had a charter membership of 19, the other 16." Rev. Lester Jones, State Missionary.

"Enclosed is a check for \$2.50 from our Ladies' Auxiliary of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church." Mrs. Henry Murphy, North Carolina.

"Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 for Home Missions from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia," Mrs. M. G. Waters, Virginia.

"We have just moved to San Marcos, and there is no Free Will Baptist Church in this area. How I would love to see trained Home Missionaries working in these fields we have in our own back-doors. I feel God wants me to put the need before our people. It is frightening to see the rapidness with which the Catholics are multiplying. California now has five Budist Temples." Mrs. Lorene Francon, Tex.

"Enclosed is a check for \$1.59 which is my donation to the Home Mission Board." O. H. Wilson, Florida.

"A new church was recently organized at Freeport, Florida with 17 charter members. Rev. Ruell Johnson was called as pastor." Rev. Rufus Hyman, Florida.

"We are trying to organize as many churches in Oklahoma this year as possible. So far we have organized two." Rev. Delbert Akin, Ada, Okla.

"We are planning to build a combination church and parsonage here in Wenatchee. It will be 70 by 30 and will have a value of \$40,000 when completed." Rev. J. J. Postlewaite (Our missionary to Washington).

McADAMS REPORTS VISIT

Dear Co-Laborers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour.

I have fully intended to write ever since we made our missionary tour in Missouri last fall, for it was truly a wonderful trip to visit so many precious friends, and the dear pastors and their churches. Like Paul of old, it was a great blessing to visit churches you had once pastored and to visit towns where you have had the privilege of winning souls for Jesus, in great tent revivals that lasted for months; and then look out on the fields now and see the dear ministers that came out of those wonderful meetings preaching the gospel. It makes our hearts rejoice to know that God's word didn't return void, but brought forth fruit, yes, precious fruit that will stand 'till Jesus comes and on and on through the ages.

We went up as far as St. Louis and visited Bro. Hill's church in Berkeley City first. Bro. Hill is one of our dear

sons in the gospel that surrendered to preach in a campaign in St. Louis several years ago. The morning service was glorious that we had with him and his people. He had five additions to the church that morning and a glorious out-pouring of the Spirit. We next visited Bro. Hales' Church with precious services and such sweet fellowship with him and his people, to say nothing of the sweet visit in Bro. Hales' home. We met Bro. and Sis. Hales years ago in North Carolina and have been good friends all along the way. Bro. John Rogers' church was the last we visited in St. Louis, but, oh, such a good time. He is building a new church building which will be wonderful when completed. We didn't, however, get to be with Bro. Rogers much as he was away in a revival, but our services with his church was wonderful and we enjoyed being in his home.

I see now I can't tell about these various places we visited or I will have a book. I will just name the other places we visited all together. We came on to Desloge, Leadington, Flat River, Farmington, Hurryville, Fredericktown, Copper Mines, Twin Oaks, Mine La Motte and last of all we visited Bro. Halbbrook's church at Marble Hill and had a blessed service. We enjoyed all these services with the dear pastors and their people. It was a glorious fellowship in each church and the pastors were so nice to us. We will never forget them. We only wish we could have them visit us in Texas sometimes in our home, but we wouldn't want them to come at one time. It will be a blessed happy day when we reach "the promise land", where we will never say, good-bye.

I think it was thirteen churches that we visited and seven saved and reclaimed, for which we thank God. We ask the prayers of all you loved ones in the Lord for this to be a great year for us in the work of the Master.

Yours for Jesus,
H. M. and Lizzie McAdam

Some day you will be gone and it is only what you invest for God and others that will count while the endless ages roll on.

Most people live here as though they thought heaven was a cleaning plant, but the cleaning must take place here by accepting Christ as your personal Saviour.

Look ahead, think as you go.

Mission Leader Witnesses Gaza Evacuation

Among the eyewitnesses of the evacuation of the Gaza Strip, which Israel turned over to the UN Emergency Force on March 8, was Dr. Sidney Correll, director of the United World Mission. Here is his report.

"Today I had a front seat in history! I saw the evacuation of the Gaza Strip. This little piece of emotion-packed real estate is about the size of a Texas cattle ranch, twenty-five miles long and five miles wide. However, this land has a pedigree that goes back to Genesis 10:19 when it was the home of the grandsons of Noah.

"Standing on a small grass-covered bluff overlooking the rolling flats of Gaza I thumbed through my Bible and read the story of Samson and Delilah in Judges 16:21-31. Here stood the pagan temple of Dagon. Here it was that Samson 'slew at his death more than they which he slew in his life.'

"Then I remembered that Joshua did not complete the command of the Lord to drive all the Philistines out of the Promised Land, and right here in Gaza, 'Judah could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.' **Chariots of iron!** I had to scramble out of the road because the chariots of iron—tanks, half-tracks and trucks—were roaring down the road, out of the Gaza strip and back to frontier of Israel.

"On October 27, 1956, the hard-hitting small Israeli army swept across 120 miles of Sinai desert. They destroyed the larger Egyptian army before them. They captured vast amounts of Soviet war materials. One portion of the Soviet army turned west and cut off the Gaza strip. This Gaza strip had been the base for the Fedayeen suicide raids, and here in Israel it was easy to understand their reluctance to quit this strategic land.

"Without benefit of ceremonies, the Israelis packed their equipment, mounted their half-tracks and jeeps and moved down the road. Only on one jeep did the Israeli flag fly. The soldiers did not seem to be glum or happy. However, one soldier said in answer to the question as to how he felt, 'I was not sadder on the day my father died.'

"Following the army on our way back I was impressed by the border settlers who watched the departing army grimly. There were few smiles

on the faces of those who were standing along the road. Now, once again the watch tower would be manned, and the search lights would sweep out into the darkness at night, for 'This is Fedayeen (geurilla) country,' as one farmer said.

"Back in Tel Aviv as I was going to my hotel, the taxi driver said, 'Everyone is nervous; everyone is tired.' I told this taxi driver that, regardless of the evacuation of the Gaza strip and the Gulf of Acaba, that a search of the records, the Bible, would show that Israel had a warranty deed to this property. Small Israeli armies have defeated larger armies for ancient centuries; and, in my opinion, will continue to do so in the defense of 'Joshua's Promised Land!'"

—E F M A

TEXAS CLERGYMEN MAY GO

Two clergymen of the Churches of Christ have announced their intention to go to Russia as missionaries. They said they have applied to the Soviet Embassy in Washington for visas and the Soviet Ambassador, Georgi Zaroubin, told them he knew no reason why they should not receive a favorable reply.

The Rev. R. J. Smith, Jr., and Rev. Gus Farmer, both of Dallas, Texas, said the Soviet Ambassador listened very sympathetically as they told of their plans to conduct religious meetings in Moscow and other Russian cities. He said he would endorse their papers and forward them to Moscow for approval.

If visas for the two clergymen are approved it will mark the first time the Soviet Union has officially admitted American evangelists for missionary work. Mr. Smith visited Moscow and other Russian cities last July but only as a tourist.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March 1, 1957 - March 31, 1957

Free Will Baptist Mission	
Pinar Del Rio, Cuba	
Cash on hand March 1	\$ 35.39
Cash in Bank March 1,	
(General)	6.18
Cash in Bank March 1,	
(Temples)	318.88
Cash in Bank March 1,	
(Printing Press Bldg.)	295.00
Total	\$655.45

Receipts

Check, Mission Board,	
(General)	\$3,198.50
Check, Mission Board,	
(Temples)	350.00
Check, Mission Board,	

(Printing Press Bldg.)	75.00
Gifts	287.50
Sale, Oranges	54.67
Books and Quotas, Students	7.95
Offering for Convention	
Expenses	16.00
Total	\$3,989.62
Grand Total	\$4,645.07

Expenses

Food	\$ 164.79
Salaries:	
American Missionaries	620.00
National Workers	1,429.00
Rent	284.50
Hospitalization	82.15
Repair of Equipment	100.40
Gas and Oil	146.70
General Maintenance	50.15
Fuel	22.70
Buildings:	
Tommy Willey's House ..	350.00
New Roof on Shop	85.00
Temples:	
Repair, Las Martinas	50.00
Repair, Los Arroyos	30.43
Jaruco	200.00
Animal Feed	125.23
Farm and animal Expense ..	5.60
Passage	11.99
Office Expense	22.29
Stamps for Carnets	5.60
Bank Charge	2.00

Total

Balance

Itemized Balance:

Cash on Hand March 31	\$ 63.33
Cash in Bank March 31,	
(General)	34.76
Cash in Bank March 31,	
(Temples)	388.45
Cash in Bank March 31,	
(Printing Press Bldg.)	370.00
Total	\$856.54

WITNESSING

Sophie, the scrub woman, dearly loved her Lord. She would often say, "I am Sophie, the woman God called to scrub and preach!" She never missed an opportunity to witness to others of Christ. One day she was seen witnessing to a wooden Indian in front of a cigar store. What a sight this was to those standing by! They began to ridicule Sophie. She was a brave soul, however, and gave this answer to those who made fun of her: "I know I am nearsighted. I can't see too well. But I had rather preach to a wooden Indian than be a wooden Christian, and never open my mouth for Jesus!" —Selected

REVIVAL IS IMPERATIVE

Now or Never For Latin America

The Roman Catholics, the Communists and the cultists are bidding strongly for the control of Latin America. The Catholics declare that they are going to stamp out Protestantism there within 25 years. They began in Columbia a few years ago and that door is practically closed. Mexico is next on their list. The elections next year will be of extreme importance.

The Communists are everywhere in the Spanish-speaking countries. The poor people have merely existed and they have nothing to lose to try Communism or anything else. You will note that almost every country in Europe taken over by the Communists was first Catholic. Only Revival and real Evangelism will save Mexico and Latin America.

The cultists are everywhere too. And just as it is in our own country, while most of the Christians, churches and preachers are asleep and satisfied, the cultists are out on the streets and from house to house propagating their false doctrines.

What are we going to do about this open door in Latin America? Once we did not know about it; once we were more or less ignorant of our responsibilities in the regions beyond; but now we know. We shall never be the same any more. We shall answer God's call to share our spiritual riches with these spiritually Poverty-stricken people and thus be assured of the unusual blessings of God upon our efforts at home and abroad, or we shall refuse to be obedient to the vision and the opportunity and lose ground at home and face the prospect of finally losing our candlestick.

God's program is World-Evangelism through World Revival. No Revival will be permitted without emphasis is placed upon Christ's Great Commission. No Evangelism will be fully effective unless it has as its purpose the reaching of people to the ends of the earth with the good news of salvation. Remember! It is now or never for Latin America!

LEAGUE CONVENTION OF CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI

The Central Western Missouri League Convention convened March 30, with the Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., with Rev. Alice Dickey as host pastor.

The morning message was delivered by one of our very promising young ministers, Jack McCallister of Holden, Mo.

Ted Zellmer, the president, presided

over the session. The afternoon devotional was given by D. York. The program consisted of readings and songs and a play rendered by the host church.

At the conclusion of the program, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, presided over a special session of business. One of the highlights of this session was the issuing of license to preach the gospel to another of our young ministers from Central Western Missouri, Rev. Jim McCallister.

Two new churches of greater Kansas City, which were recently organized were admitted into the Association; one from North Kansas City with eighteen members and the other one from Raytown with sixteen members.

The Convention closed with a hand of fellowship to the members of these new churches and dismissal prayer by Sister Rowena Thomas.

The next Convention will be with the Verdella church. Rev. Conrad Williford was elected to bring the morning message with Rev. Lester Jones as alternate.

Ted Zellmer, President

Beverly Sue Barton, Sec.-Treas.

DON'TS FOR EVANGELISTS

1. Don't make tentative dates. The pastor cannot build his program around an uncertain future. He wants the year, month, day, and hour of your arrival.

2. Don't ask your friends for meetings. If they want you and can work you into their program, you will be invited at the time and the usual manner.

3. Don't gush over the pastors at district assemblies and preachers meetings. If your motive is personal gain and preferment, it cannot be hidden.

4. Don't let it become known that you expect a certain amount in the offering, either by direct statement or implication. If the pastor is a Christian gentleman, he will see that you are well paid. If he isn't anything you would say would only aggravate the situation.

5. Don't arrive a day late for your meetings. You are expected to keep your word in this matter regardless of your ability and the demand for service.

6. Don't skin the church the first night. There will be ample time to put the old gospel plow deep after you have won the hearts and confidence of the church.

7. Don't loaf through the first sermon, or those who come to look you over will not be back, sure

enough. The pastor and people will expect you to "preach" even in that first service.

8. Don't feel that you have to tell all the latest jokes to get acquainted. At least half of the congregation would just as soon hear a personal testimony to being saved—if you still have the blessing.

9. Don't preach more about your sweet wife at home, or the doll baby companion traveling with you, than you do Jesus Christ.

10. Don't start asking and calling about train schedules out of town before you get settled in your room. The pastor would like to think you are going to be interested in promoting a revival of religion before you leave for your next appointment.

11. Don't be fussy about your entertainment. Adjust yourself to the family, eat what is set before you, and make the most of even a bad situation.

12. Don't arrive at church twenty minutes before the service starts, twiddling your thumbs on the platform as if you had no appreciation for the stuff life is made of—time.

13. Don't act as if you were bored with the preliminaries. Make the folks think you are joining in the singing, either by looking at the hymnal, or humming along with the congregation.

14. Don't preach longer than forty-five minutes, and shorter if you can. Make your altar call at nine o'clock, and the pastor will be careful to give you the pulpit earlier.

15. Don't be too careless or too negligent in taking your Bible to the pulpit. There will be many in your audience who have a great reverence for the Word—and think a preacher should take a text for every message.

16. Don't run all over town to visit with your old friends, and come rushing in just at church time. The pastor will know you are not prepared to preach with the anointing, and the people will know it after you are through.

17. Don't cut your last service short in order to catch an early train out of town. It should receive your very best, since it climaxes all that has gone before.

18. Don't grab your offering and dodge out the side door while the preacher and his wife are praying seekers through, without telling them goodbye, and expressing appreciation to the lady who has stood over the cookstove preparing wonderful food for two weeks just for you.

—Sermon Builder

Sin gratifies, but Christ satisfies.

Woman's Auxiliary

GRANT AVENUE CHURCH AND AUXILIARY

Springfield, Mo.

On April 14th we had an attendance of 73 in Sunday School. A young boy from the Boy's Home was saved in the eleven o'clock service.

Monday evening, April 15th, the Auxiliary began their Pre-Easter week of prayer. The pastor, Rev. Lester Hilton, used the subject "Entry Into Jerusalem," with twenty-five present. Tuesday evening Mrs. Adrain Harmon used the subject "The Hour is Come," with twenty present. Wednesday evening Mrs. Nellie Holmes used "The Light Of the World Aflame," with thirty-one present. Thursday evening Mrs. Braxine Evans used "The Betrayal," with twenty-seven present. Friday evening Mrs. Vinita Broyles used "The Crucifixion," with fifty present. We had an average of thirty each evening for which we are thankful. Special singing was rendered by Mrs. Adrain Harmon, Miss Reba Kensinger and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman. We are glad God still hears and answers prayer when people trust him.

Friday evening the president of the Auxiliary gave a program using the children from the Junior Sunday School Class. The theme was the "Gardens." There were six topics: "The Garden of Eden"; "The Garden of Prayer"; "The Garden of My Heart"; "The Garden of Gethsemane"; "The Garden of Burial"; and "The Garden of The Resurrection." An offering was taken which amounted to \$16.23. Refreshments were served at the close of the service.

On Sunday morning, April 21st, our sun-rise service was well attended. There were 101 present for Sunday School and a good crowd for the worship service. There were six additions to the church and an offering of \$341.00.

God has been blessing and we are looking forward to the great things he has in store for us. We ask the prayers of all Christians to pray for our church and especially for the Women's Auxiliary that we will be faithful in the things God has for us to do.

—Vinita Brayles, Cor.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of Leadington Church met with the church March 28, with fourteen members and

six visitors present. The meeting was opened by group singing "At The Cross," followed by prayer by Sister Berneice Hargiss. Responsive reading "The Suffering Christ," from Isaiah 53:1-10. Hymn "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." A reading "Mighty To Save," by Rev. Davis. "Nothing Between" was rendered by Peggy Davis and Hilda Nichols. Benediction by Sister Head.

After the noon hour the meeting was opened with group singing "Send The Light." Prayer by Sister Francis. Scripture reading from II Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17, by Jean Dillard followed by the group singing "Break Thou The Bread of Life." The introduction of the program was given by Sister Davis. The topics were discussed by Berneice Hargis, Iva Treaster, Christine Pinkley, and Dotty Jo Hargiss. Special prayer by Iva Treaster. The auxiliary accepted Dotty Jo Hargiss as an active member. Seven dollars and forty cents (\$7.40) were received for missions. Benediction by Rev. Davis.

Our auxiliary met at the church on April 4, for our regular monthly book study. The opening hymn was "Send The Light." The scripture text was read from Isaiah 59:9-10; 60:1 by our president, Iva Treaster. Prayer by Norma Stephens and Jean Dillard. The introduction of book study was by Freda Pirtly. The theme was "Send Out Thy Light to Thy Church." Topics were given by Jean Dillard, Christine Pinkley, and Iva Treaster. Prayer by Pearl Harper followed by group singing "Bring Them In." Benediction by Freda Pirtly.

Our Auxiliary observed Pre-Easter Week of Prayer. We had an average of thirty-two in attendance. The officers of the auxiliary had charge of the services each night. All services were at the church except the Friday night services which was a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kearns.

Our auxiliary purchased the film "Empty Shoes." This film is about the life of the great missionary, William Carey. The Fellowship Auxiliary met with us on Thursday night to see this interesting film. An offering of twenty-nine dollars and seventeen cents (\$29.17) was received for missions. We thank the Lord for our auxiliary work.

—Pearl Harper, Cor.

FREDRICKTOWN AUXILIARY

The Fredricktown Free Will Baptist Auxiliary had its Pre-Easter week of prayer in the afternoons with different ones presenting topics. We had our all day meeting April 11. Mrs. Lulu Freeland and Mrs. Reba Matthews were hostesses at the noon hour. After lunch, services opened with singing led by Mrs. Helen McGraw. Prayer by Mrs. Grace Schneider. The secretary's report was read, offering received, and report blanks filled out.

Topics for the afternoon was given by Mrs. Graham, "The Betrayal." Scripture reading and special number by Mrs. McGraw followed by prayer. A special number and talk by Rev. Davis. Dismissed by prayer at the altar. There were fifteen members and three visitors present.

We had a successful revival beginning April 7th and closing April 14th. Rev. Ted Davis was our evangelist. There were eleven souls saved. At the close of the revival there were seventeen joined the church. Our youth were in charge of the revival each night. We thank God for our youth and for the souls who were saved.

We are thankful for our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Scott, and pray God will bless them in their work here.

—Mrs. Paul Graham, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of First Church in Springfield, Mo., met Tuesday night, April 2, 1957 at the church. The service was opened by the singing of "Send The Light" and "If We Never Meet Again." Prayer by Jessie Crowder. Scripture reading by the president, Jaunita Highfill. For the roll call each one present answered with a scripture verse. There were twenty-one members and three visitors present.

The lesson subject was "Send Out Thy Light To Thy Church." The topics were well read and discussed by Ruth Coday, Grace Guinn and Myrtle Corbin. We were dismissed by prayer around the altar.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday night, May 14.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

The worst agony I know is to lose Christ and then attempt to keep up the camouflage with an empty heart.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARIES

The Auxiliaries of the Northeast Missouri Association held their workshop day at the Low Ground Church, March 21, 1957.

Morning devotions was led by Mrs. Lillian Wood. Hymn "The Haven of Rest," was sung. Prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. Rev. Stella Bachman read for Scripture lesson Matthew 6:7-13. She brought forth some very interesting and inspiring thoughts on the Model Prayer. She also read the poem "If You Think You Can." Lillian Wood led in prayer. The next meeting will be with Hazel Creek Church, June 20, 1957. Mrs. Wood led the praise service. Benediction by Edith Whitworth.

Following the noon hour, services began with hymn "We are Marching to Zion," being sung. Prayer by Mrs. Harold Kelsey. The subject for the afternoon was "Humility." Topics: "Meaning of Humility," was given by Effie Darc; "Value of Humility," by Edith Whitworth; "The Various Kinds of Humility," by Mildred Gilliam; "Examples of Humility," by Ethel Thompson. Benediction.

—Leona Thompson Sec.-Treas.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Neosho Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Childress March 27. The opening hymn was "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Prayer by Mrs. Sarah Davidson. The president, Mrs. Louise McCully was in charge of the business session. The lesson subject was "God's plan in Praise and Prophecy," which was divided into two topics. Topic I—"God's Plan in Praise," was given by Mrs. Virginia Pogue and topic II—by Mrs. Dorothy Childress. Closing hymn was "Lily of the Valley." Benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Eva Lucas. Refreshments were served to the seven members present.

The Auxiliary also met at the home of Mrs. Ella Pogue April 10. The lesson subject was "Send Out Thy Light To Thy Church." Scripture text from Isaiah 59:9, 10; 60:1, was read by Mrs. Sarah Davidson. The opening hymn was "Send The Light." Prayer by Mrs. Dorothy Childress. Mrs. Louise McCully was in charge of the business session.

Topic I—"Need For Light," was given by Mrs. Ella Pogue; topic II—"The Light of Salvation," by Eva Lucas; topic III—"Beckoning Light of the Church," by Wilma Pogue. Benediction by Mrs. Eva Lucas. Re-

freshments were served to the eight members and one visitor present.

HIS MOTHER'S BIBLE

"Take the Book of God, Henry, you will need it in this sinful world, my son," and the fond mother kissed her son as she put into his hand her Bible, upon which she had written his name, a favorite text, and a mother's blessing.

Then he was off into the wide, wide world. He had heard the story of redeeming love from his earliest days and he had seen the beauty and felt the influence of true Christianity in a godly mother's life.

Notwithstanding all this, he left home unconverted to God, and went forth on life's voyage without Christ. For a while the strength of promise made to his mother kept him from the haunts of the ungodly, but gradually he sank down to the level of some of his fellow students, and was soon as bad as any of them.

Before he had finished his medical studies he was a gambler and drinking man, and his mother had died broken-hearted, praying with her dying breath for her only son.

Henry received an appointment in a city hospital, and became so poor through his ungodly habits, that he pawned all his effects, including his mother's gift—her precious Bible.

While Henry was on duty in the Accident Ward of the hospital, a young brick layer was brought in who was crushed and bruised by a fall from a ladder. The poor fellow knew that his case was hopeless, and said to the doctor, "How long do you think I may live?" He was told it might be four days, when he quietly said, "As long as that; I thought I would have gone home sooner, but my Father knows best."

During the week that the dying man lingered, he was visited by the woman in whose house he boarded, who brought him at his request his Bible, which as long as he was conscious he eagerly read, and when he passed away it was found in his bosom.

"What shall I do with this?" asked the nurse, holding up the young man's Bible.

The doctor said: "Give it to me; I will see to it." He then went into his room with the Bible in his hand.

Imagine his feelings as he opened the Book, and read on the fly leaf his own name, written in his mother's familiar hand. It was the very Bible he valued so little and had sold to obtain the price of an evening's amusement, his mother's last gift, on which her parting tears and benediction fell.

There it was, unused by him, pawned for a trifle, yet after guiding one soul to the Saviour, brightening his dying hours, and giving joy and peace to him, it had come back to him, bearing with it a double message from the world beyond the tomb.

He turned over the leaves of the sacred Book, found that under many verses there were marks, which he recognized as being made by his mother's hand, long since cold in death. She had intended these marks to catch the attention of her son, and cause him to read with special care, but, alas, this had been utterly neglected.

The young doctor sat for several hours reading the Bible, and what passed during those hours only God and the awakened sinner can know. But the result of those hours alone with God and his mother's Bible was that he was led to review his past life of sin, to own it all in true repentance before God, and to cast himself upon the Lord Jesus Christ as his only Saviour.

He became a new creature in Christ Jesus from that day. He was born again by the Word and the Spirit of God, as every sinner is who truly believes on Christ for salvation—and the new life immediately asserts its presence by bearing fruit. He confessed his Lord at once fearlessly and openly; first in the hospital, and next among his companions, who declared that "Henry had gone mad."

As he had faithfully served the devil, so now he serves and follows the Lord, and men look on and wonder at what the grace of God has done.

—Selected

THE CALL OF MISSIONS

"Does the heart-warm call of missions
Register precious in your ear?
Do you have His love and patience
With the soul that's lost in fear?
Do you long to be a witness,
Let your talents circumscribe
To the call that God has given
To each nation, race and tribe?
Do you voice the prayer He's asking
Spend the dollar you can give,
Or go forth to tell the story
How the saved may trust and live?
Do you listen close about you—
Hear the echo of the cry
Of the hopeless, lost, forgotten;
No assurance when they die
Does God's stewardship concern you?
Is your vision faint and dim?
Have you cashed in on a blessing
With a soul you've brought to him?
—Dan F. L. Patch.

You never live 'till in God's sight
you are READY to die.

News From Our Churches

UNION LIGHT YOUTH REVIVAL

Our Youth at the Union Light Church conducted a revival April 1, through 16, with Rev. Julius Mills as evangelist. There were three saved and nine reclaimed.

I believe the youth of our church sees the need of a revival throughout our land, which reminds us of Eph. 6:11 "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." This is what the older Christians should do so we can teach the youth of our land the truth.

There are so many things that are taught our youth today, that it is time for the Christians to wake up and teach the youth the right thing.

In closing may I say take your children to church and Sunday School. May God bless you all.

—Paul Matthews, Cor.

REVIVAL AT DESLOGE

A two weeks revival was conducted at the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church. The evangelist was Rev. Milton Hollifield of Canton, N. C. The house was filled each night and there were a total of thirty-eight professions.

Nine united with the church following the revival with prospects of several more uniting. A baptismal service was held Easter Sunday for those who professed.

The members of the church have been redecorating the inside of the church. The floors have been refinished, the plywood has been varnished, and the walls have been painted a gulf green giving the inside of the church a new look.

Rev. John Long is the pastor of the church.

—Cor.

TWIN OAK CHURCH

God has really been blessing us in our new church, both spiritually and financially, for which we give God all the praise, because we realize without God our work would be in vain.

Our Sunday School attendance last Sunday, March 31, was seventy-three, and our average for the past quarter was fifty-five. We are praying that our Sunday School attendance will continue to grow, but above all that we might see souls saved.

A revival will begin at our church

May 13, with Rev. Irvin Mills, of Leadington, Mo., as the evangelist. We are praying for an old fashioned revival, for that is the only kind that will get people saved. We are praying for a great awakening among God's people in every church, that they will see the need of praying and working harder than ever before to bring souls to God before it is too late. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest; that he would send forth laborer into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

—Mrs. Myrtle Menge, Cor.

NEOSHO CHURCH

We are happy to report a wonderful revival at our church in Neosho which began February 11, and continued through March 5. There were twenty-four souls saved, nine additions to our church, and all the members were revived spiritually. The evangelist was Rev. Lester Hilton, pastor of the Grant Ave. Church of Springfield, Mo. We are happy and praise the Lord for sending Rev. Hilton to us, and we pray God's blessings upon him wherever He may send him. Also, we would like to thank all the churches for their splendid cooperation. God only knows how much good was done. A baptismal service will be held in the near future by the pastor of the church. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Prov. 29:18.

—Rev. James McCully, Cor.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Low Ground Church March 31, 1957, with Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.

The morning worship service opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Carey. Rev. Mildred Gilliam delivered the morning message with scripture reading from Heb. 11:8-11. Following the hymn, benediction was pronounced.

After the noon hour the afternoon service was opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

The president, Mrs. Alta Mikel, read for the scripture lesson Jeremiah 6:10-19. Prayer by Mrs. J. E. Carey. Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved and letters from Kirksville, New Harmony, Hazel Creek and Low Grounds Auxiliaries were read.

The next meeting will be with the Hazel Creek Church, with Rev. Woodrow Matthews to deliver the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Buster as alternate.

The following program was given. Song, "I Love Him" by Low Ground. Greeting from the Youth Camp was extended by Rev. Reeves. An offering of \$25.00 was received for the Youth Camp. Reading, "If Jesus Came To Your House" by Mamie Kirkpatrick. Quartet, "Have A Little Talk With Jesus," by Low Ground. Reading, "Most Sacred and Sad Events of My Life," Nellie Craig. Play, "A simple Matter of Arithmetic," by Kirksville Church. Song, "Wait A Little Longer Please Jesus," Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Mamie Sevitts conducted a Bible Quiz between the deacons, deacon's wives and two Sunday School teachers. The youth were led in choruses by Zelda Reynolds. Play, "The Right to Hope," Low Grounds. Benediction by Grace Lawson.

—Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI QUARTERLY MEETING

The Northeast Missouri Quarterly Meeting convened with Low Ground Church, Saturday, March 30, 1957. The theme was "Holy Spirit." Topics were as follows: "Personality of the Holy Spirit," by Rev. Wm. Buster; "Attributes of the Holy Spirit," by Rev. Mildred Gilliam; "Office Work of the Holy Spirit," by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Open forum by Rev. Buster.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

FREDRICKTOWN REVIVAL

One of the most fruitful revivals in many months has been experienced by the Fredricktown church. Beginning on Sunday, April 7, with Rev. Ted Davis as evangelist, the church began to witness the answer to many prayers. During the week of evangelistic services there were eleven young people who professed faith in Christ.

Perhaps the most astounding feature of the revival was the wonderful response of the youth of the church. Every night they filled the church choir, sometimes even to overflowing. The special music for the meeting was to a great extent, furnished by the youth. Not to be over-looked though, was the whole-hearted spirit of co-

operation among the people of all ages, with the faithful attendance and under-girding prayers of the more adult Christians of the church supporting the youth movement it was wonderful to witness the demonstrations of God's saving and reviving power.

As the revival drew to a close on Sunday, April 14, the closing service was fittingly climaxed with the conversion of another soul. As the invitation for church membership was extended, there were seventeen responded and were received into the membership of the church. Among the number several adults, some coming from other evangelical churches.

The church was sorry to see the evangelist leave, but his studies at the Free Will Baptist College had to be resumed. Bro. Ted Davis endeared himself to both young and old alike by his plain, forthright preaching, his singing, and his un-reserved efforts to win the lost of all ages to Christ.

On Sunday night, following the close of the revival, the church observed the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet. With a great number taking part, the presence of the Lord was experienced in the heart of every believer.

The following Sunday, which was Easter Sunday, was another outstanding day. The morning service was crowned by the conversion of another soul. There were three more who presented themselves and were received into membership of the church. On Sunday night baptismal services were conducted by the pastor with fifteen being baptized.

For all that has been accomplished and for every prayer that has been answered we want to give thanks to God.

BERKELEY CHURCH

It has been some time since I have reported our work here at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley to the Gem. May I say first that God has certainly blessed us in these past several months. We recently closed our spring revival, with Rev. Mark Lewis as evangelist, and God blessed us in a wonderful way with several accepting Christ as their Saviour and others re-dedicating their lives to Christ. We do thank God for Rev. Lewis for we know he is a real man of God, and the church certainly enjoyed his messages and the fellowship we had with him while he was here.

All other auxiliaries of our church have been growing consistently for which we thank our Lord. Last Sun-

day, (Easter) we broke our record in Sunday School attendance here at our church when 260 attended. Easter Sunday was a wonderful day of service for us for not only did we break the record in Sunday School attendance but a special offering called the "30 Pieces of Silver Offering" was brought in to be applied to our organ payoff. The various members of the church and others, some few weeks ago were sent a letter along with a plastic bag and other material, the letter stating that on Easter Sunday morning we hoped each person would bring in their plastic bag filled with silver. It was wonderful as we saw the people march by and drop their plastic bag with silver into a large plastic bag. And when the total amount was counted there was an offering for our organ of \$413.13. We do thank God for this wonderful offering. Our League has experienced its greatest average attendance in its history, and at the present is one of the top leagues in Southeast Missouri.

All in all, God has certainly blessed us and yet we realize there is much more to be done. Please pray for us that God may use us as we work to build God's Kingdom. May God bless you all.

—Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Cor.

COPPER MINES CHURCH

First, I would like to mention some of the blessings of the Lord. We are in a revival and the Lord Jesus is saving souls. Rev. James Barker, pastor of the Farmington Church, is our evangelist. He is truly a man of God and is preaching the gospel full and free. At the close of the first week there were four who gave their hearts to Jesus. Our hearts have been made to rejoice thus far in the meeting. We ask your prayers as we continue in this revival that many more will find Jesus.

Rev. Glen Rehkop, our pastor, closed a revival at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis and there were twelve that accepted Christ as their Saviour. Other meetings in this area reports souls being saved. So the Lord is still in the saving business if people will let him come into their hearts.

Our Sunday School is growing and we now have an enrollment of one hundred and fourteen. The average attendance has been around the one hundred mark for several months. Bro. Leeman Underwood is our superintendent.

The enrollment in League is thirty-eight and we are thankful for this

phase of the church, although we would like to see the enrollment higher, as this is important work. It trains us for better service for the Lord. Mrs. Lillian Hovis is our president and is doing a fine work in leading this group. Let us pray that God will lead more to unite with the League and become trained for Christian service.

We are having good prayer meeting, however, there could be more interest shown. This is indeed an important phase of any church and is important to church function. It has been said, "A church is as strong as its prayer meeting."

The Women's Auxiliary is doing a fine work for the church and community. We thank the Lord for women who will work for Him in this work.

I feel the church has taken a forward step in the support of our denomination by voting to send ten per cent of all church offerings to the Co-operative fund.

Work on the parsonage is continuing. Beside the members of the church, others in the community have been faithful in erecting the church parsonage.

We have refinished the floors in the auditorium of the church, erected new doors at the entrance, and now have five class rooms in the basement.

There will be special missionary service held here May 18, 1957. Rev. Daniel Merkh will be the speaker.

We ask your prayers as we labor for the Master.

—Leamon Killian, Clerk

GROW UP!

One among many signs of spiritual growth (almost too obvious to mention!) is maturity. When we grow, we grow up. We grow to maturity, don't we? Or at least we are supposed to be growing toward it. But how many of us confuse Christian business with maturity? How many of us confuse noisy meetings and numbers of forced testimonies with true spiritual maturity? Noisy meetings can be meetings of mature Christians. And certainly many busy Christians are mature, or at least maturing. The point I want to make is simply that the common signs we use are not always accurate.

Mature Christians are Christians who act more and more every day like Jesus Christ.

Eugenia Price, in
Early Will I Seek Thee
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Saved by Christ, rewarded for works.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

January, February, March, 1957

RECEIVED:

Co-operative Fund:

Alton Church	\$ 4.47
Aulsberry Chapel Church	146.50
Bethel Church	11.13
Berkeley Church	150.00
Carterville Church	41.59
Coppermines Church	75.00
Desloge Church	144.05
Farmington Church	104.00
Fellowship Church	424.05
First Church Springfield	113.19
First Church Flat River	240.00
Fourth Church St. Louis, Mo.	94.00
Fredricktown Church	240.13
Grant Avenue Church	68.44
Hannon Sunday School	28.14
Hickory Grove Church	53.32
Hazel Creek Union Church	118.99
Leadington Church	201.20
Lebanon Church	10.00
Lester Jones	26.00
Martinstown Church	40.00
Marble Hill Church	32.39
Mill Creek Church	41.54
Mine La Motte Church	12.63
Monett Church	166.78
Mountain Grove Church	270.00
Mountain Valley Church	27.81
Myrtle Church	36.20
Oak Grove Church	5.80
Southside Church	225.00
Thayer Church	74.35
Third Church	219.64
Twin Oak Church	25.00
Union Light Church	1.90
Verdella Church	78.36
Welston Church	180.20

Total Received \$3731.80

Disbursed as Follows:

National Co-operative Fund	\$2,612.11
State General Fund	186.57
State Home Missions	634.37
Free Will Baptist Gem	279.87
State Superannuation	18.68

Total Disbursed \$3,731.80

Foreign Missions:

Berkley League	\$ 20.00
Union Light Sunday School ..	58.80
Waggoner Church	23.86
Free Will Baptist Church by E. O. Williams	17.51
Fellowship Church	135.00
Copper Mines Church	15.00
Garfield Church	15.82
Wolf Creek Church	5.00

Total Received \$290.19

Total Disbursed \$290.00

Missions:

Fredricktown Church	\$53.71
Rock Chapel Church	54.71
New Harmony Church	78.58
Olga Hagerman50

Total Received \$187.50

Disbursed as Follows:

Foreign Missions	\$131.25
National Home Missions	56.25

Total Disbursed \$187.50

Marie Hanna Fund:

Third Church St. Louis Mo. \$70.00

Total Received \$70.00

Total Disbursed \$70.00

National Home Missions:

First Church Flat River	\$39.89
Berkeley League	20.00
First Church Kansas City	25.00
Waggoner Church	11.90
Fellowship Church	50.00

Total Received \$146.79

Total Disbursed \$146.79

State Home Missions:

Lester Jones	\$26.00
Third Church	65.37
Waggoner	15.00

Total Received \$107.22

Total Disbursed \$107.22

Bible College:

Gem Books	\$.25
Fellowship Church	50.00
Waggoner Church	3.97

Total Received \$54.22

Total Disbursed \$54.22

Youth Camp:

Third Church	\$53.85
Central Western Association League Rally	20.25
Waggoner Church	15.85

Total Received \$89.95

Total Disbursed \$89.95

Gem:

Subscriptions	\$336.58
Supplies	37.58
Books25

Total Received \$374.41

Signed, Rev. Albert Hallbrook,
Clerk-Treasurer

STEERING BY MOTHER'S LIGHT

A very beautiful incident is related of a boat out at sea carrying in it a father and his little daughter. As they were steering for the shore they were overtaken by a violent storm, which threatened to destroy them. The coast was dangerous. The mother lighted a lamp, and started up the worn stairway to the attic window. "It won't do any good," the son called after her. But the mother went up, put the light in the window, knelt beside it and prayed.

Out in the storm the daughter saw a glimmer of gold on the water's edge. "Steer for that," the father said. Slowly but steadily, they came toward the light, and at last were anchored in the little sheltered harbor by the cottage.

"Thank God!" cried the mother, as she heard their glad voices and came down the stairway with a lamp in her hand. "How did you get here?" she said.

"We steered by mother's light," answered the daughter, "although we did not know what it was out there."

"Ah!" thought the boy, a wayward boy, "it is time I was steering by my mother's light." And ere he slept he surrendered himself to Christ and asked Him to guide him over life's rough sea.

Months went by, and disease smote him. "He can't live long," was the verdict of the doctor; and one stormy night he lay dying. "Don't be afraid for me," he said, as they wept; "I shall make the harbor, for I am steering by mother's light."

—Sent of God

JAPAN'S NEED

Billy Graham's Diary: "Japan does not need our educators. Japan today has the highest literacy rate in the world. The Japanese are the most educated people in the world. There are scores of areas in the United States that need teachers far more than they need them in Japan. Japan does not need our social work. The Japanese economy is one of the most thriving in the world, but Japan does desperately need our message—the message of Christ. Without Christ, she could easily lead the people of the world back to war in the years to come, as she did in 1941."

Billy Graham, in
To The Far Corners, by
George Burnham
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Worry is like a rocking chair—it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere.