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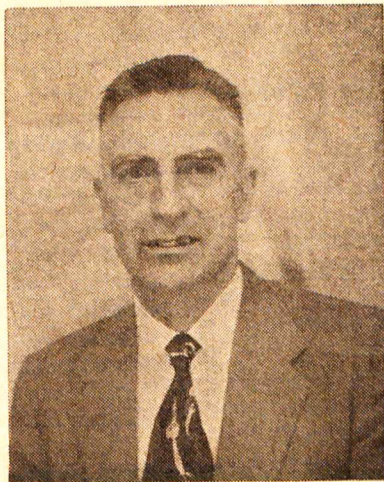
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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Fredricktown ..	151	174	166	186	165
Mt. Pisgah .....	41	42	48		
Coppermines ..			104	105	
1st, Flat River..					
Fellowship .....	200	199	192		
Leadington .....	116	117	118		158
Desloge .....		101	102		
Farmington .....	55	58	62		57
Fourth .....	61	57	65		
Southside .....					
Monett .....					
Old Bethel .....	23	23	22		
Third Church ..					
Berkeley .....	190	180	178		
Richwoods .....	65	65	65		70
Neosho .....	45	45	45		
Mtn. Grove .....	196	215	215		
Joplin .....					
Mill Creek .....					
Kirksville .....	90	114			
Grant Ave .....			51		
Hazel Creek ....	57				
Cuba .....	32	30			
Bethel .....	33	37			
Twin Oak .....	49	59	57		

Please send us your average, too.

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(K. C.) .....	Rev. B. Spurgeon
Rock Chapel .....	
Mill Creek .....	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Beacon Church	
(K. C.) .....	Rev. Lester Jones

**REPENTANCE**

"Two little boys at set of sun,  
Thought of the things that they  
had done.  
And one was happy and full of  
glee,  
For he had been good as good  
can be."

"The other boy sadly watched the  
sun,  
And thought of the naughty  
things he'd done.  
He made up his mind the next  
day should see  
Two little boys as good as good  
could be."

## CAN A MAN FALL FROM GRACE?

Mr. Timothy J. Ewing

Route 2

Kirksville, Mo.

After a man is born of God and through repentance has received the new spiritual birth, can he fall from grace? What would hinder him from falling from grace? For God has endowed man with the power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives, and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility. If he chooses sin he chooses death; if he chooses Christ as his saviour, he chooses life. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Now we will check the record of Lucifer, who at the time he was created was the highest archangel in heaven, and by his fall became Satan. "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire." (Ezek. 28:14-16.)

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the side of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most high. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." (Isa. 14:12-15.)

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out with him." (Rev. 12:7-9.) Not only Satan fell from grace, but the angels also who fought on Satan's side were cast out of heaven. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and

brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Rev. 20:10.) Now the fulfilling of this verse will bring Satan's trail to a sudden end on earth, which will fulfill at the end of this world.

Now let us consider the fall of Adam and Eve, and how they were created: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:26-27.) Now in verse 31, we read these words: "And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." For God to make man in his image and likeness he had to be perfect. So for man to get so good that he couldn't sin he would have to overhaul himself better than perfect, and that he cannot do, for perfection is beyond a man's reach without God dwelling in his heart. For by the fall of Adam and Eve every person born into this world, after them have reached a full knowledge of right and wrong, are sinners. By Adam's and Eve's fall they inherited death of both soul and body. Rom. 3:10, 23, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But through God sending his only begotten Son to die upon the cross for us, we have another chance to become the children of God on condition we accept Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer. Truly he is our redeemer, for only through his blood that he shed on the cross can our sins and transgressions be blotted out and our soul be redeemed from death. Peter tells us in Acts 2:38 how to accept Christ: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." After we have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, Jesus tells us what will happen. John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." It is one thing to have the Father, Son,

and the Holy Ghost in the heart and another thing to keep them there. We must crucify sin and self daily and not let sin be recorded on the table of our heart; for self is the old man of sin and the heart is the spiritual garden we are growing for God and God being the husbandman. If we take orders of God, our garden will please him and we will remain a branch on the vine which is Jesus. John 15:1-2, 5, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

What God tells Ezekiel, his prophet, proves that man can fall from grace. Ezek. 3:20-21, "Again when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned, also thou that delivered thy soul." Matt. 12:31-32, "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto man. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

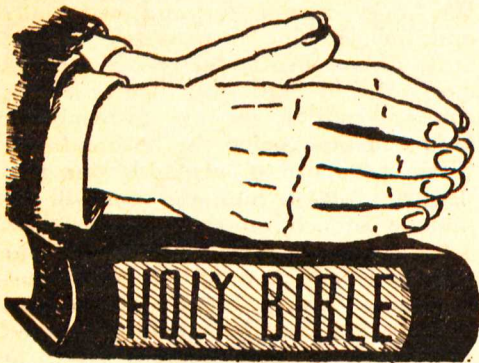
Romans 6:11-13, 16, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey: whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness."

### REVIVAL

A revival will begin at the Union Light Free Will Baptist Church, June 10th, with the pastor, Rev. Cecil Sheppard, serving as the evangelist.



## The Family Altar



Pray for the following requests at your family and private devotions:

Pray for the Youth Camp Session as it convenes this month, especially for the salvation of our youth. Eccl. 12:1-14.

Pray for the National Association as it convenes in Birmingham, Ala., and for all that attend. Psalms 48:1-14.

Pray for our Home Mission team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, and for the Home Mission work throughout the state. Ezek. 3:17-21.

Pray for our Daily Vacation Bible Schools that will be conducted throughout the summer, and that the children will have receptive hearts. Deut. 6:1-15.

Pray for our Foreign Missionaries, those on the field and those planning to go, and for the salvation of those to whom they witness. II Thess. 3:1-18.

Pray for our many conventions, quarterly and yearly meetings, etc., that will convene during the summer. Psalms 46:1-11.

Pray for our nation and its leaders and that all our people will call upon God to save us from sins that are destroying our nation. Jonah 3:1-10.

### MRS. ANNA MAE DAVIS

Mrs. Anna Mae Davis, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith, was born near Verdella, Mo., on April 10, 1907 and departed this life April 5, 1957 at the age of 49 years, 11 months, and 26 days.

At an early age in life she gave her heart to the Lord and united with the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church where she continued to live a beautiful life, always ready and enjoying the Lord's work.

She was always ready and willing to lend her assistance to those who were sick and became a dear friend to the members of the family in the homes where she stayed. She was repaid for these services by those who were so willing to help her in any way possible during her long illness.

On June 25th, 1939 she was united in marriage to Tony Davis at the Verdella Baptist Church with Rev. Sam Marcum officiating. One daughter, Joyce, was born to this union. She gracefully accepted the responsibility of rearing three children of a former marriage of her husband, giving them the tender care of a real mother.

She leaves to mourn her departure, a loving husband and three daughters, Joyce, at home; Joan Nutting of Irwin, Mo.; and Lois Passmore of Orange, Texas. One daughter, Dorothy, preceded her in death in 1948. She also leaves her devoted parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith of Ianta, Mo.; two brothers, William and Kenneth of Liberal, Mo. One brother, Dean, preceded her in death in 1914. She leaves two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and a host of friends.

This beautiful life expired at 9:07 P.M., April 5th, 1957 at Memorial Hospital at Lamar, Mo. She will be sadly missed by her loved ones and by all who knew her.

"Weep not for me now that I've gone,

For a sweeter life begins;  
My Saviour opened wide the gate,  
And I walked safely in."

Glegymen—Rev. Kenneth Turner and Otto Mackey.

Music rendered—"Sweet Hour of Prayer" by Mrs. Mary Hizar; Solos: "Farther Along" and "Beyond the Sunset" by J. E. Williams; Pianist, Mrs. J. E. Williams.

### LOUIS JACKSON TYER

Louis Jackson Tyer, son of Congrave and Ann Tyer, was born Feb. 10, 1873 near Gower, Mo., and departed this life, May 8, 1957 at the age of 84 years, 2 months and 28 days.

He was united in marriage to Ida Mae Gordon, Feb. 14, 1897. To this union were born eight children. His wife and three sons preceded him in death. Those surviving are Mrs. Bessie Gensen, Gower, Mo.; Ollie Tyer, Gower, Mo.; Mrs. Anna Watkins, Santa Clara, Calif.; Marks Tyer, Gower, Mo.; and Mrs. Florence Barwald, St. Joseph, Mo.

He was converted and united with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Nov. 10th, 1894. He was ordained as deacon some 38 years ago, and served in this capacity and also served in important positions in the association, as well as being a Sunday School superintendent and teacher in his own church for a number of years.

He spent all of his life in this com-

munity with the exception of a year and a half spent in Montana.

In the language of David recorded in II Sam. 12:23, we can not bring him back, but through Christ we can go to him.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Zion Church near Plattsburg, Mo., May 10th by Rev. O. T. Allred.

(Editor's Note: The editor and all the readers of the Gem express their sympathy to all the relatives of Mr. Tyer and Mrs. Davis. May all find comfort in Christ.)

### TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS

Ten little Christians, standing in a line,

One disliked the preacher, then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up very late,

One slept on Sunday morning, then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on the road to heaven,

One took the lower road, then there were seven.

Seven little Christians got into a fix,

One disliked the music, then there were six.

Six little Christians very much alive,

But one lost her interest, then there were five.

Five little Christians wishing there were more,

But they quarreled, then there were four.

Four little Christians as cheerful as could be,

One lost his temper, then there were three.

Three little Christians knew not what to do,

One joined a sporty crowd, then there were two.

Two little Christians—our rhyme is nearly done—

Differed with each other, then there was one.

One lone Christian won his neighbor true,

Brought him to church, then there were two.

Two earnest Christians, each won one more,

That doubled their number, then there were four.

Four sincere Christians worked very late,

But each won another, then there were eight.

Eight splendid Christians, but nothing rhymes with sixteen, so we simply note that in four more rhymes there would be 1,042; which would be quite a church full.—Gospel Banner.



## PROGRAM

For the Eleventh Annual Session of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment, to be held June 23-28, 1957, at Missouri State Youth Camp, Niangua, Mo.

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### Supervisory Staff

General Supt. .... Rev. O. T. Dixon  
Principal of Teaching.... Rev. James Davis.  
Registrars ..... Teddy Davis and Mrs. Lee DeWitt.  
Music Director ..... Mary Latimer.  
Pianist ..... Joann Thomas.  
Cabin Sponsors ..... Rev. and Mrs. James McCully.  
Swimming Pool Supervisor and Life Guard ..... Rev. Paul Williams.  
Refreshment Stand ..... Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Mayers.  
Playground Recreational Activities ..  
..... Rev. Asher.  
Dining Room and Kitchen Staff .....  
..... Mrs. Sells and Mrs. Walton.  
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### Program for Youth Camp

Morning Devotions .. To be supplied.  
Morning Services .... To be supplied.  
Evening Services .. Rev. Roger Reeds  
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### Teacher's Program

General Theme ..... Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

### Intermediates:

I—Doctrine of God .. Rev. Sanders.  
II—Doctrine of Man..Rev. Ben Scott.

### Seniors:

I—Doctrine of Church .... Rev. Buster Williams.  
II—Doctrine of Last Things .... Rev. Rolla Smith.

### Junior Department:

Supervisor ..... Rev. Spurgeon.  
Teachers ..... Mrs. Sanders,  
Margaret Dixon, Vesta Wantland,  
Margaret Wantland, Mrs. Alice Dickey.  
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### 1. What is it?

The Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment—which is held annually.

### 2. Who may attend?

Any young person who is eager to become a better servant for his Lord. Any boy or girl who likes to play and work will feel at home at the Encampment.

### 3. What will we do?

Lessons on the auxiliary departments of the church will be taught to those over 11 years of age. Those under 11 will have special instruction, including flannelgraph stories. Music will be offered to all.

### 4. Will it all be study?

No. Thirty minutes each morning



REV. O. T. DIXON  
General Sup't. of Youth Camp

and three hours each afternoon will be spent in supervised play. This will include softball, volleyball, horse-shoes, etc. All play will be supervised, and sportsmanship will be emphasized.

### 5. How much will it cost?

The cost will be \$1.00 Registration or Insurance, and \$1.00 per day for board and room.

### 6. What do I need to bring?

You need to bring your toilet articles, such as soap, tooth brush, towels, etc. Bring a pillow, bed covers, sheets and blankets. Also, be sure to bring some old clothes and shoes for play, and your Bible, a notebook and pencil for your study work.

### 7. When should I get there?

You may arrive Sunday, June 23. Lessons will start Monday at 9:00 A.M. There will be services at the Camp Sunday evening at 7:45 P.M.

### 8. Some Special Regulations:

- (1) No Smoking will be allowed.
- (2) Attendance at all classes will be required unless excused by the General Superintendent. Unexcused absences will take points from your grade.
- (3) Each instructor will give written examinations. Come expecting to learn.
- (4) No Courting will be allowed.
- (5) No water guns.
- (6) You will be asked to sign an agreement that you will fully observe ALL RULES governing the Camp. Breaking of any rule set up by the Camp Board will warrant expelling from Camp.

(7) No one will be allowed to leave the Camp Grounds without permission of the General Supervisor.

(8) These rules include all attending camp.

### 9. How shall I enroll?

Fill out the Application Blank enclosed with this folder, and send it with \$1.00 for Insurance Fee to Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Mo., not later than June 15th. All persons attending, including the teachers, sponsors and officers, register and send in the Insurance Fee.

### 10. How to get there:

Traveling west (of Lebanon) on U. S. Highway 66, go 16 miles west of Lebanon to Conway Junction; from Conway travel on County Supplementary Route CC to Niangua Junction, then on County Supplementary Route M two miles east to the Camp. Going east (of Springfield), leave U. S. Highway 66 at State Highway 38 junction, going one mile east to Marshfield, then by way of County Supplementary Route CC to Niangua Junction, then two miles east (as above).

### Statement of the Board—

Parents may feel that proper care will be given all children who come to the Camp. They will have strict supervision, good housing, and medical care if necessary. Any child who becomes ill or should need the care of his parents will be rushed to his home immediately.

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### The Daily Schedule

7:00-7:30 a.m.—Rise and shine.  
7:30-8:00 a.m.—Breakfast.  
8:00-8:15 a.m.—Free period.  
8:15-8:30 a.m.—Morning devotions  
8:30-9:30 a.m.—Class No. 1-2-3-4.  
9:30-9:45 a.m.—Recess period.  
9:45-10:45 a.m.—Class No. 1-2-3-4.  
10:45-11:00 a.m.—Free period.  
11:00-11:45 a.m.—Worship service.  
11:45-12:00 a.m.—Prepare for lunch  
12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch.  
1:00-2:00 p.m.—Rest period.  
2:00-3:00 p.m.—Singspiration.  
3:00-5:00 p.m.—Supervised play, etc.  
5:30-5:45 p.m.—Prepare for evening meal.  
5:45-6:30 p.m.—Evening meal.  
6:30-7:15 p.m.—Free period.  
7:15-7:35 p.m.—Cabin prayer meeting.  
7:45 p.m.—Evangelistic service.  
Following the evangelistic service, an hour of fun and fellowship (supervised).  
Retire to cabins—All quiet,





## From the Editor's Desk

### CHURCHES ORGANIZED BY HOME MISSION TEAM

Our State Home Mission team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, have organized four new churches since going on the field the latter part of August, 1956. The names, date of organizing and present pastors are as follows: The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo.; Oct. 19, 1956; pastor, Rev. Lester Hilton. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, 1016 Garfield St., West Plains, Mo.; Dec. 20, 1956; pastor, Rev. Keith Johnson. Victory Church, North Kansas City, Mo.; March 28,

1957; using building at 1415 Swift Street; pastor, Rev. Russell Spurgeon. Rev. Spurgeon will take charge in the near future. Beacon Church, Raytown, South Kansas City, Mo.; Mar. 28, 1957; pastor, Rev. Lester Jones.

Rev. Jones is working on other prospects in the Kansas City area, hoping to bring them into organization in the near future.

Each of the new churches organized adopted the Co-operative Plan of support for the State and National work, tithing out of their general treasury. These churches could well serve as a pattern for all our churches, thus helping to send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

—Rev. Harry Beatty, Cor.

### OUR MISSION TEAM

You will note that this issue features some of the accomplishment of our mission team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones. We are, indeed, grateful to God for their fine accomplishment, and trust there lies greater victories ahead. We feel God has separated them by the Holy Spirit for this special work.

Rev. Jones recently sent in a prayer request for the mission work. Make their work a daily matter of prayer.

### YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment marks an important event in the lives of many of our youth. And, I dare say, it is an important week for the officers and teachers as well, for it is then that they have the unique privilege and pleasure of implanting the truth of the gospel in waiting and receptive hearts and minds.

We are looking forward with happy anticipation for the results of this great week, for if it runs true to form, as set by past sessions, souls will be saved and lives consecrated to God.

### MINISTERS' RETREAT TIME SET

The Ministers' Retreat as proposed at the state meeting last August has been set by the committee to begin on Monday afternoon, July 29, and to continue to Wednesday, July 31, with the program and plans to be announced later.

Each minister will be responsible for his own entertainment.

Committee:

Harvey Hill  
Willard Darnell  
Ben Scott.

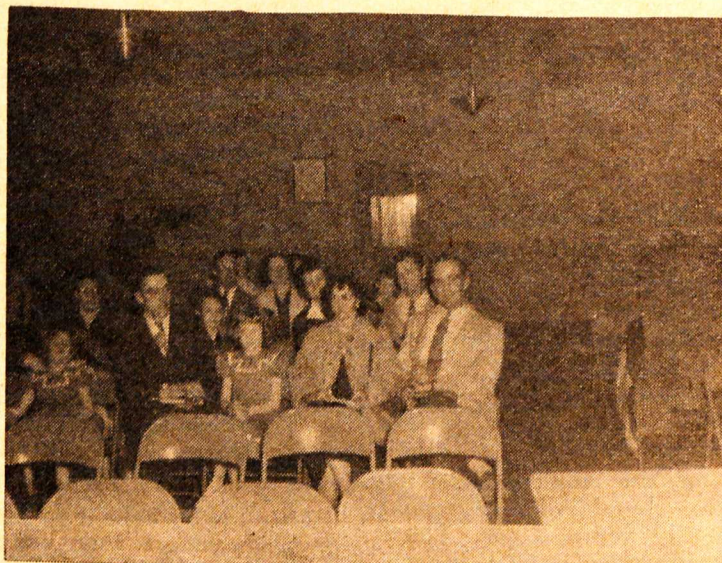
### NORTHEAST MO. ASSOCIATION

The 85th session of the Northeast Missouri Association will meet with the Hazel Creek Church, Thursday evening, July 25th and continue through Sunday, July 28th.

Ethel Thompson, Clerk.



The above picture is that of the Beacon Church of Raytown, Kansas City, Missouri organized March 28, 1957. Due to illness, eight members were absent at the time the picture was taken. Rev. Lester Jones is the acting pastor.



This picture is that of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in North Kansas City, Missouri, organized March 28, 1957. Due to illness, eight members were also absent at the time this picture was taken. Rev. B. Spurgeon is the pastor.





### BERKELEY CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

As the Crusaders for Christ report to our many readers through the "Youth and Our Church" section we want to tell our editor how we enjoy reading this page and think it has added much to our Gem paper.

The Crusaders held their regular monthly meeting at the Englewood Home for the aged on Mothers' Day. It blessed our hearts to be able to render a special Mothers' Day program and present each patient with flowers.

At our meeting Monday evening, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, who brought a wonderful message on the topic "Youth Remember".

We welcomed three new members into our group the past few weeks and feel they will help us do many things for our Lord and Master.

A number of our group, with our sponsor, plan to attend Youth Camp in a few weeks. We are looking forward to being with other Christian youth from various parts of Missouri.

We, as Christian youth, desire your prayers that we may work together and accomplish those things which will enrich our Christian lives and help us win others for Christ.

Dorothy Robertson, President  
Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Sponsor

### BETHEL ORGANIZES YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK

West Plains, Mo.

On Friday night, May 10th, a group of young people met at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church and organized a young peoples' work. By choice of the body the following officers were elected:

President—Glenn Murray.

Vice President—Kay Shaw.

Corresponding Secretary — Rachel Murray.

Recording Secretary — Ernestine Adkisson.

Treasurer—Norma Jean Morris.

Planning Committee—Glen Murray, Kay Shaw, Norma Jean Morris.

—Rachel Murray, Cor.

### ARE YOU READY?

Time for our Youth Camp Session is slipping up on us. Are you ready? If not, you had better hurry, for these days will soon pass and it may catch you not ready! A record crowd is expected and a wonderful program has been planned. I am sure we will never forget the many good times we have enjoyed in past Youth Camp Sessions. Do you remember last year? I am sure those memories of Youth Camp will linger on. We are expecting many souls to be saved with others answering the call of service to God with hours and hours of fellowship. Would you want to miss this? No, no, a thousand times no. There's softball, horseshoes, badminton, volleyball and many other activities, not to forget swimming as well as hard work and study for all who attend. If you are planning to come, write Rev. William Reeves, asking for application and information at once. Pastors please begin to talk "Youth Camp" in your church.

### WE ARE THANKFUL

We were made very happy when recently the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Southeast Mo. at their Quarterly Meeting this month raised a total of \$100 to be sent in to the Youth Camp. Other Quarterly Meetings, why don't you do the same? Our Secretary and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves, recently made a trip to Northeast Mo. and the Fifth Sunday League Convention and Auxiliary Rally which was held at the Lowground Church with Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, as pastor, and presented a very interesting program. They report many former Youth Campers busy and happy. Two of the Youth Campers who answered the call to the ministry are very active in the work. A \$25 offering was given from the Rally and the League Convention has started a fund to build a girls' cabin. Rev. Reeves spoke also at the Kirksville Church on Sunday morning where the Rev. Woodrow Matthews is pastor and an offering of \$40 was given for camp needs.

### WILL YOU?

Due to the low financial condition of our Youth Camp, would you do as my church is doing, designating a certain Sunday as Youth Camp Sunday and take a special offering for our Camp. If every church in Mo. would do that, no doubt, we could raise at least a \$1000 soon. Pastors, Sunday School Officers, League Officers, Auxiliaries, why not take a lead in this for I am sure you know that your church will only do what you lead them to do and your Youth Camp Board can only do what you make it possible for them to do. Needed improvements are many, but finances will not permit us to do much this year.

### YOU CAN HELP

If any Auxiliary or Mission Society wants to make articles to be sold during camp session and give the proceeds of same on camp debt it will be greatly appreciated. Quite a bit was given on camp debt last year from this plan. The Auxiliary and Mission members make and place price tags on each article they donate and these will be placed on exhibit at the dining hall.

### 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. Mattress 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. We trust that each of you will co-operate in helping to supply the above needs of our camp. One person or one church can't do it all but all can do a little.



# News From The Mission Field

## FROM THE FIELD

### Foreign Missions

"I am passing \$5.00 on to you for foreign missions. A precious old lady by the name of Mrs. A. Z. Raye gave this money to me because she didn't know how to send it to you for foreign missions."—Mrs. W. N. Powell, Lindbergh Church, Adamsville, Alabama.

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"We students of the Missionary Prayer Band of Mount Olive Junior College have read with interest, the articles concerning the proposed mission station on the Ivory Coast in Africa. Several weeks ago we were privileged to have the Rev. Daniel Merkh tell us about the field.

"We have been praying for this new work, and now we would like to have a part financially in establishing the new station in Africa. We are enclosing a check for \$20.00 to be applied to the new African Mission Station Fund."—Missionary Prayer Band, Nancy Stone, Treas., Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

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"Enclosed is a cashier's check representing a short period of the New Lovewell Free Will Baptists' Intermediate League's tithes. Please use this check as you see fit.

"Our league desires the prayer of those of you who feel a burden for the youth of our nation."—Jarma Lee Jones, Secretary.

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"We are much in prayer for the Foreign Mission and wish to help support it in every way we can. Therefore, the Howards Grove Young Peoples' Auxiliary has pledged one dollar per month to the Foreign Mission Department which will be sent to you semi-annually. I am enclosing a check for six dollars for the first six months. We hope to be able to enlarge this amount in the future."—From Howards Grove.

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"Enclosed you will find check for \$21.00 or seven complete dime folders on truck project. Hope it is not too late, though it be small may it be made to reach far."—J. N. Wal-drop, Homer Green, Don Ellis, J. L. Anderson, C. R. Dunn, Leeman King, and Mrs. B. Strong, Jameson Memorial Church.

"We, as the Columbia Free Will Baptist Prayer Fellowship Group, are enclosing a check for thirty dollars to be used for foreign missions as you see best to use it.

"We are just a small group in number and we meet once a week, but if it be the Lord's will we are praying that we may get a church organized in the near future.

"If you have a missionary on the field who has lost part of his support, would you please send us his name and address and as much information about him as you can?

"Please pray for our group that we may grow spiritually and in number and that we may better serve the Lord when and where He would have us serve."—The Columbia F. W. B. Prayer Fellowship.

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"Enclosed find small check for missions. We have a new church started here seven months ago with seventeen members. We now have a building and sixty-six members. Our average attendance was 114 in Sunday School with 134 enrolled. We are building again our new building soon. We want to try to do more for missions as soon as we can as the Lord surely has blessed us here."—R. E. Conner, 2111 10 St., Wichita Falls, Texas.

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"The Intermediate Class of the Free Will Baptist Church in Grantsboro, N. C. would like to donate this \$5.00 to Foreign Missions to be used in any way that would help."—Sharon Squires, Secretary.

## CONVENTION CITY — 1957

Located in the heart of both the Southland and the Free Will Baptist denomination, Birmingham, Ala., opens its arms to ministers, delegates and visitors as our convention city, 1957. It is here, using the air conditioned facilities of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, that the National Association of Free Will Baptists will hold its twenty-first annual session July 15-18.

Probably no more appropriate site could be found to host the convention which will inaugurate a three-year denominational program that will embrace the ministry of the church in evangelism, enlistment and stewardship. Within a 500 mile radius of Birmingham may be found

over half of the entire constituency of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

This 21st convention to be held since the national association was organized has all the indications of being the best attended yet. Over 1200 attended the sessions last year in West Virginia and the attendance this year is expected to exceed 1500. They will come from some 20 states and Cuba.

The program emphasis will be upon evangelism with the various sessions developing the general theme, "As Ye Go, Preach." The convention will be asked to inaugurate a 3 year program which will designate the year 1957-58 as "The Year of Evangelism." The messages and program features are expected to set the tone for the entire denominational emphasis during the coming year.

Among the special features which will bless the hearts of many at the Birmingham sessions will be the music, both congregational and special, under the direction of the convention song leader for many years, I. L. Stanley; an old-fashioned midnight prayer meeting to be held at the close of the opening service; special group meetings including a laymen's breakfast sponsored by the Master's Men, and many other less spectacular features.

The convention of the national association, which will open on Tuesday night, July 16, will be preceded by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. This will open on Monday night, July 15. The sessions are scheduled to run through Thursday afternoon, July 18.

The Tuesday night keynote will be "Rise Up, O Men of God! Have Done with Lesser Things" and the urgency of a program of evangelism will be pointed up in the keynote message, "Our Highest Mission," to be brought by Rev. Bobby Jackson, known throughout the denomination for his remarkable evangelistic ministry.

Rev. Billy Melvin, pastor of First church, Richmond, Va., will speak Wednesday morning on "Jesus, the Mighty message of Jesus Christ in evangelism," and Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor of Trinity church, Ft. Worth, Texas, will bring the final message Thursday morning on "Investing Lives in Evangelism."

The Wednesday night missionary service will be climaxed with the commissioning of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh as missionaries to Africa. Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, wife of the director of missions in Cuba, is scheduled to speak.

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### 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) P. O. Box 473, Cash-  
mere, Washington.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons,  
(\*Texas) Box 204, Cuero, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Melinto Martinez,  
(\*Cuba) 9101 N. W. Ave., Miami,  
Florida.

Note: \*denotes native home.

### LETTERS TO THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD

"The enclosed offering is from Old  
Mount Zion Association for Home  
Missions."—Fred Parker, Hindesville,  
Arkansas.

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"Enclosed is \$10.00 for Home  
Missions. This is from Loyal Chapel,  
Columbia, Tennessee."—Mrs. Andy  
Grubes.

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"Our Presbyterian Youth Fellow-  
ship is inviting a Free Will Baptist  
minister to meet with us and tell of  
your church. Please send me 25  
copies of the pamphlet, 'Who Are  
These Free Will Baptists?'"—Rev.  
John Miller, Snow Hill, N. C.

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"Enclosed is check for \$19.00 to  
be used in the Home Mission Depart-  
ment."—W. A. Hansley, Jacksonville,  
Florida.

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"Enclosed is my pledge offering  
for Home Missions for April."—El-  
bert C. Nations, Beckville, Texas.

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"I am enclosing a check for  
\$240.30. Of this amount \$200.00 is  
a donation from our Home Mission  
fund to take care of the use of the  
machines and equipment we had been  
using from the National office." —  
J. W. Alford, North Carolina.

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"I'd like to pledge \$2.00 per  
month for the next year for Home  
Missions."—David Joslin, Nashville,  
Tennessee.

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"I am enclosing a check for \$2.00.  
I pray that all people will do more  
for Home Missions. I know each and  
every one of us could do more." —  
Henry Bushool, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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"Enclosed is a money order for  
\$22.00 to be used for National  
Home Missions."—Black Jack Grove  
Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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"Enclosed is five dollars, my of-  
fering for the little Home Mission  
bank I got when you were at our

church." —Mrs. Lester Sluss, Beauty,  
Kentucky.

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"I am sending an offering of \$1.00  
to help carry the gospel to needy  
souls."—Mrs. W. A. Worton, Kins-  
ton, North Carolina.

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"I would like for you to send me  
the names of our Home Missionaries  
and where they are located."—Ber-  
nice Carr, Bakersfield, California.

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"Enclosed is my dollar for Home  
Missions." — H. B. Vance, Colum-  
bus, Georgia.

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"On March 31, we started a mis-  
sion in Lyndora, Pennsylvania. We  
have met opposition from the Roman  
and Greek Catholics, but it hasn't  
discouraged us."—Rev. R. L. Honey-  
cutt, Butler, Penn.

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"Enclosed is \$100 for Home Mis-  
sion work."—Melvin Bingham, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma.

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"Enclosed is an offering of \$3.00  
for Home Missions. We thank God  
for the way He is using our Mission-  
aries, and our prayer is that much  
more may be accomplished in the  
future." — Annette Hanus, Bryan,  
Texas.

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"The Junior Sunday School class,  
Christian Hill Church, pledges \$1.00  
per month for National Home Mis-  
sions." — Mrs. Clark Helms, Ga.

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"Enclosed is \$1.00 for National  
Home Missions. We will be sending  
this amount each month."—Mt. Carmel  
Auxiliary, Rogersville, Tennessee.

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"It is a pleasure to pledge one dol-  
lar per month for Home Missions. I  
don't have much money, but I'll try  
to do the best I can with what I do  
have."—Mrs. C. C. Cooper, Atoka,  
Oklahoma.

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"I am happy that I can share \$2.00  
for Home Missions."—Mrs. Tippie  
Wallace, Black Mtn., N. C.

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"Enclosed is \$1.00 for Home Mis-  
sions. I pray this will help in some  
small way."—Rev. W. B. Rogers,  
Cookeville, Tennessee.

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"We are sending \$2.00 for Na-  
tional Home Missions. May God  
bless in all your good work."—Mr.  
and Mrs. S. R. Dudley, Panama City,  
Florida.

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"I will send one dollar each month  
for Home Missions." — Mrs. J. F.  
Dallas, Vilonia, Arkansas.

"Enclosed is five dollars for Na-  
tional Home Missions. I am for the  
gospel in the homeland."—Mrs. Ada  
Wilson, Bladenboro, North Carolina.

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"Please send me 500, 'Who Are  
These Free Will Baptists?' tracts. I  
enclose five dollars." — Mrs. Julia  
Pembroke, Walnut Creek, Calif.

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"Enclosed you will find \$2.00 for  
Home Missions."—Mrs. W. Bailey,  
Huntington, W. Va.

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"Please send 500 tracts, 'Who  
Are These Free Will Baptists?' I  
enclose a check for \$5.00."—Rev.  
Loy Smith, St. Louis, Mo.

### NEW FIELDS ARE OPENING TO US

The Board of Home Missions has  
four applications for workers, who  
plan to go to Alaska in the near fu-  
ture. In addition to these the Board  
also has an application from a work-  
er who plans to go to the State of  
Colorado. The fields are white, some  
labourers are ready to go . . . will  
we send them?

The work in Old Mexico remains  
one of our greatest fields. More  
workers are needed, the missions and  
churches are in desperate need of fi-  
nancial support. Our native preach-  
ers need your prayers and support.

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We have two churches which are  
helping the native workers in Old  
Mexico: Cofers Chapel, Nashville,  
Tennessee, and the North Belmont  
Church, Belmont, North Carolina.

### "DAD, I'M GLAD YOU LET THE FIELD WAIT!"

A farmer had but one son. His  
conversion was the object of daily  
thought and prayer. The time of the  
camp meeting came before it was  
possible to finish the seeding. When  
the opening day came, the farmer  
hitched up the wagon, and invited  
the family to go to the meeting.  
"But, Dad," said the boy, "you aren't  
going to leave the field by the lane  
unseeded? It will never be in as  
good form again this season." "The  
field will have to take its chances,"  
said the father. "The meeting has  
first place." During the meeting, the  
boy was converted! Less than a year  
later, he came down in fatal illness.  
As the boy neared death's door, he  
placed his arms around his father,  
and drew him close. With shining  
face, the boy whispered, "Dad, I'm  
so glad you let the field wait!"

—Contributed by Mrs. Menge.

The beauty of the future is created  
by the beauty of a well-spent today.



# When Jesus Cried, "I Thirst"

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

"I thirst" was the heart's cry of Jesus from the cross. It would seem these words were literally torn from the depths of His agonized soul; from the innermost part of His being came the anguished expression, the deepest longing, ever wrenched from the lips of the Son of God.

"Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth."

A most singular verse! A verse to be read carefully and to be even more carefully thought upon. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, dying upon a cross for the sins of the world and in response to His piercing soul-cry, "I thirst," "they" offered him vinegar!

How many, many times we have done the same. For I do not believe Jesus was just speaking of physical thirst when He cried, "I thirst." I believe. His cry was the literal expression of a heart that was broken for the soul-salvation of man. His cry (without any thought of wresting the Scriptures), I believe, was a cry for souls.

And yet, we, like "they," many times offer Him vinegar instead of souls. The only thing that will satisfy His thirst are souls. He rejected their vinegar, He will reject ours also.

"They" had such little conception of the meaning of His cry. We are as guilty. "They" thought His thirst could be assuaged with vinegar. We think we can we can satisfy Him and justify our spiritual barrenness with activity, both in our own lives and in our churches. We offer Him a ceaseless round of activity, but not of souls! He literally thirsts for souls.

This, Christ's thirst for souls, should be our first reason for winning the lost. Not because we love men, but because Christ loves them. Yea, He longs for their salvation to the degree He is parched with dryness without them.

Paul interpreted Jesus' cry correctly. He said, "For the love of Christ constraineth us;" Paul understood the heart of Jesus and so he could say, "The love of Christ compels me to be a soul-winner." Paul could then follow through with these words, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." He recognized that regardless of what he decided about his service to God, God willed in him to win souls and to vindicate this trust.

Paul loved the lost, but Paul served because Christ loved the lost. It was Christ's thirst that impelled Paul on. Even when Paul's back was bleeding from the lash, his body bruised from the stonings, his heart broken by those who scorned his message, Paul kept on serving and winning souls because His Saviour loved the souls of men.

Here is the secret reason for much of lackadaisical, dilly-dallying in our churches and in our service to God. We seem to think that the decision about soul-winning is up to us. If we have been born again, we must win souls. God commands it, Jesus desires it, and the Holy Spirit urges it. Souls are the natural fruit of a spiritual church. The fruit of a Christian is another Christian.

David could see his home town of Bethlehem from the cave where he was hiding. Three of his mighty men were with him and when David, stricken with homesickness, cried, "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that is at the gate!" His men made their way, at much personal sacrifice, to the well and fetched the water to their master.

These men were not thirsty. It was the thirst of their master that impelled their devotion. He wanted the drink. That was reason enough for them to go for it: David would not drink the water when it was brought to him, for he said, "My God forbid it of me, that I should do this thing..." He felt that he was unworthy of such devotion and poured out the water before the Lord.

Jesus thirsts for the souls of all men, regardless of race. Hear again the great invitation, "Come unto me... whosoever will," and rejoice anew and afresh that it included us. Then examine the service record and the record of your church. Can you rejoice over that? Have you risked one thing for Jesus? Have you satisfied His thirst once? Have you offered Him vinegar?

Jesus said, "I thirst." It was His heart's cry from the cross! That cry echoes through the Spirit today. How will you answer?

—Contact

Said a carnal Christian to a Spirit-filled Christian, "I would give the world for your life of blessedness and moment - by - moment victory in Christ!" Replied the radiant Christian, "That's just what it costs me: the world!" —Selected.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met with the Southside Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., on May 18, 1957. Rev. Dean Burpo of Flat River, presided over the meeting which consisted of approximately eighteen to twenty ministers present. The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. Harry Asher, pastor of the Wellston Church, with "Sanctification" as his subject.

In the afternoon, Rev. James Davis, pastor of the Leadington Church, conducted an open forum, with Rev. Dan Merkh, missionary to Africa, appearing on the program and giving information as to the work there.

Officers elected were Rev. Glenn Rehkop, president; Rev. Dean Burpo, vice president; and Rev. Ben Scott, clerk.

The next meeting will convene with the Fredericktown Church, in November, where Rev. Scott is pastor.

—Albert Halbrook, Cor.

## TO EVERYONE A PLACE

I had been typing away at an article and now it was completed. Exultingly I went into the kitchen and announced to My Lady there, "I've finished my piece." Just as triumphantly she replied, "I've finished my pie."

Now pieces in the study and pies in the kitchen go together. Creative folk who do manuscripts are sometimes wont to look down upon culinary artists who do up meals, and cooks sometimes poke fun at long-haired dreamers who frame essays but cannot fry an egg. But whatever poems or pies, whichever our specialty, the Cult of the Study and the Cult of the Stove need each other. Pieces would soon languish if there were no pies. And life is more than meat—man does not live by bread alone.

There need be no warfare between the School of Martha and the School of Mary. Mary was the meditative sort. I'll venture she could have written some good articles on those chats with Jesus. But things would have been topheavy around Bethany if Martha had not been in the kitchen. The kitchen almost got Martha down, at least once, but if all Marthas left the kitchen for good we would all be down.

Vance Havner, in  
Rest For The Weary  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

No life is truly lived unless it bears eternal dividends after it has ceased.



## Ways To Show Them

Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley  
Memphis, Tennessee

Children today are affected by our 1956 world of radio, television, stage and screen. So teachers who want to present our message effectively must capture their thinking largely through the eye gate. Visual aids should never be used for entertainment; they are a means to capture the pupil's attention while you impress upon them the truths you are presenting.

To gear your teaching to youthful thinking, a great variety of visual aids can be used as a springboard to get truth into streamlined minds. The following are some visual methods that have been used effectively by other teachers.

1. **Flannelgraph** depicts action as the story progresses. It is an aid for both teacher and pupil—it gives the teacher self-confidence and it enables the pupil to "tell back" the story.

It can be used in telling Bible or missionary stories, teaching Bible truth, Scripture memorization, visualizing words of hymns and choruses, for object lesson presentation, and for maps and charts.

2. **Flash Cards** with attractive pictures may be used to depict the action of a story, teach hymn or chorus, or teach a Scripture verse. Cut the cards in a characteristic shape to correlate with the subject matter. For example, each word of Isaiah 53:3 may be written on a sheep. The story of the creation may be prepared on circles.

3. **Object Lessons** are valuable as a class "opener" or "closer." Real objects may be used, chemical lessons, or hand portrayal with alphabet letters and word cards. Publishers also have many sets of prepared object lessons available for use with the flannelboard.

4. **Flat pictures** may be displayed and referred to as the story is told. They may be shown in a series to depict action or to help teach a song or Scripture verse. They may be used in a review period of stories and verses.

5. A **blackboard** is very essential to the public school teacher, so it should be to the Sunday School teacher. It may be used for outlines, to write important points of the lesson, charts, simple maps, lesson illustrations and graphs.

6. **Bible maps** are like screens on which you can project your lesson. As you tell the story of the Good Samaritan, you can show how he actually went "down" from Jerusalem to Jericho.

7. **Television** can be used in the Sunday School. Secure a box approximately 15 inches square and cut out a square hole in front. Wind in a long piece of wrapping paper around a stick inside the box. On this paper make a series of sketches or cut pictures from old Sunday School papers, magazines, etc. (Label and catalogue for future use).

8. **Hand puppets** are popular in teaching choruses and in the actual lesson presentation. Use a screen and another child to form the drama. And have you thought of adding another member to your class in the "person" of a puppet?

9. **Sand table** presentations can be effective. The third dimension which is present in this method presents a reality rarely achieved by other means. As actual scenes may be made in the sand, the lesson details are more easily impressed upon the minds of the children.

10. **Or a stand-up table scene** may be used instead of the sand table. Use colored flannel for grass, paths and roads and use the same procedure as for the sand table.

11. **Wall paper** can teach. Wall Trends, Inc., have produced an eight-color Biblical map mural reproduced by a hand-blocked silk screen process on a special washable paper.

12. A **peep box** is good to help "clinch" the story. Take an ordinary shoe box and cut a window in one end. Build up the scene inside and cover the top with tissue paper. After you have told the story, pass the box around to help place the details in the minds of your children.

13. **Projected Slides and Filmstrips** must not be overlooked by the teacher. They should be shown three times: Once to give your class an over-all view of the entire lesson, then again to give your class an opportunity to study the individual facts of the lesson, and then again to test your class to see if they have learned the lesson.

14. **Speed-o-slides** are like clay in the hands of the teacher. These are 2x2 inch slides on which you can draw, print or write with an ordinary lead or colored pencil. After you have prepared the slide, project the image onto the screen. When you have finished using the slides, erase them with an ordinary eraser and use them over and over again.

15. **Miniature models or replicas** have lasting value. The tabernacle will have a greater meaning to the children as they actually make a model of one. A Palestinian village

can be used to show actual Bible times.

Jesus said "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." But what fisherman fishes with a bare hook? Or what sensible fisherman would throw bait to the fish without a hook? We need bait and we need it on a hook—the kind our children and young people are biting on.

Visual aids are a potent weapon in the hands of a godly Sunday School teacher. Don't be afraid to use something different if you have asked for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

—Contact

### THE REVEREND MR. SMITH

An erudite professor recently declared that there is good reason to believe that Sidney Smith, the sedate English clergyman who became Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral a little over a century ago, was the funniest man who ever lived. Queen Victoria and President Lincoln both quoted him with gusto and avidly collected his wise and otherwise sayings. Most of his life, after he left Oxford, was spent in a tiny country parish, where his family lived on laughter when the groceries ran short. He looked upon his poverty as a great joke. Once when he was asked why he did not have deer on his grounds, like the people of fashion he promptly remedied the situation by tying antlers on the heads of two pet donkeys. Proudly exhibiting them, he declared solemnly that no other deer in the world, except this special breed, could hee-haw. While visiting London one time he heard two irate women shouting at each other from their windows on opposite sides of the street. Very sagely, he shook his head and observed, "They will never agree, for they are arguing from different premises."

—Whatsoever Things

### THE CHIEF WORRY

An old railroad conductor, carefully punching tickets at the train entrance on a very cold night, was criticized by some of the shivering passengers hurrying to get aboard. Somebody said, "You're not very popular tonight, Conductor." He calmly replied, "I'm mainly interested in being in good standing with the superintendent of this railroad." God's man had better see to it that the Heavenly Superintendent approves and not worry too much about the complaints of some of his hearers.

Vance Havner, in  
Rest For The Weary  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)



# Woman's Auxiliary

## MISSIONS WAITS ON STEWARDSHIP

Missions waits on stewardship, so missions really waits on you. A missionary's salary might be in your pocket right now.

Let's take an inventory. Be as honest as you would if the records were to be examined by the Department of Internal Revenue. First make a list of the things you need. Needs now, not wants! Notice God's promise regarding our basic needs of food, clothing and shelter: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Concerning food, the Bible says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25.) "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" (Matthew 6:26).

As for providing shelter, the promises are "For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing" (Deuteronomy 2:7). "For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Psa. 103:14), so he knows our need for shelter.

Our clothing needs were taken into account by Jesus in these words, "And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:28-30.)

Our God has promised to supply all our needs. How many of our possessions can we claim as our very own? "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the field are mine . . . for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." (Psalm 50:10-12).

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). "Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy

children, even unto the goodliest, are mine" (1 Kings 20:3).

Now let's balance the account. God has promised to supply every need; all we have belongs to him. The ledger is in His favor! The least we can do is tithe what he entrusts to our keeping.

Paul writes of the first century Christians, "... the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul" (Acts 11:29-30). "Now concerning the collection for the saints . . . Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Cor. 16:1-2.)

Do you have any "gatherings" in your purse now that rightfully belong in the Lord's treasury? It might be the missionary's salary you are holding, for missions waits on stewardship and stewardship waits on you.

## CANVAS TABERNACLE AWAITS FUNDS

Nashville, Tenn.—The big canvas tabernacle which the Home Mission Board is planning to use in organizational work is just waiting on a little over \$1,000 which the Woman's Auxiliaries pledged themselves to raise. This word came jointly this month from the WNAC and Home Mission offices here.

The big, portable tabernacle will cost \$2,000 and only \$968.15 had been raised toward it by May 1. The project is scheduled to be completed by the middle of July when the national auxiliary convention meets.

In announcing plans for putting the tent into use, Rev. Homer Willis, promotional secretary for the Home Mission Board, said it would be made available to states and cities for use in organizing new congregations. It may be used for revivals then left up for a maximum of three months until the congregation has been able to locate property.

The tabernacle is 40 by 60 feet and will seat 250-300 persons. Seating will not be included in the use of the tent, Mr. Willis said, and will have to be arranged for by the group using it. The tent will be purchased from the Miracle Tent and Seat Company of Fort Smith, Ark.

The framework is made of lightweight, telescoping, tubular alumi-

num. The canvas sheets are attached to the frame. Two men can erect it in half-a-day, according to company officials. It weighs only 4,500 pounds and may be transported with a minimum of effort.

If sufficient funds are raised by the national convention, Mr. Willis said, the tent will be ready for use in the first location by late summer. Applications will be received at any time and will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

The WNAC office released the following financial report as of May 1:

	Goal	Paid
Alabama .....	\$ 90.00	\$
Arkansas .....	40.00	35.00
California .....	90.00	70.00
Florida .....	50.00	20.00
Georgia .....	120.00	105.50
Illinois .....	60.00	10.00
Kentucky .....	40.00	43.00
Michigan .....	120.00	
Mississippi .....	50.00	10.00
Missouri .....	200.00	124.05
N. Carolina .....	350.00	118.00
Ohio .....	40.00	10.00
Oklahoma .....	200.00	195.00
S. Carolina .....	160.00	151.10
Tennessee .....	200.00	40.00
Texas .....	110.00	36.50
Virginia .....	40.00	
W. Virginia .....	40.00	
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$968.15</b>

## RESPONSIBILITY OF REPORTING

Mrs. Ralph Staires

Reports are to inspire and challenge others to a greater service for Jesus, who is our example of the completely dedicated servant.

Every activity of the local auxiliary should be reported through the district, state, and national conventions so that those who come after us will be inspired to do a greater work than we have done.

If we receive your reports early, we are able to give a better report to the national convention and also to serve you better during the convention. Local recording secretaries should total the reports of all members and send to the convention with which they represent. If this is a district convention, the district recording secretary should total the local reports and send to the state convention. The recording secretary of the state convention should total these reports on the proper form found in the back of the Yearbook



and send it to the WNAC recording secretary, Mrs. Ralph Stairs, 828 So. Harvard, Tulsa, Okla.

Only if there are no convention organizations within the state will a local secretary send her report to the national secretary.

The same system should be followed by treasurers, except that these reports and dues should be sent to Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. Local treasurers should not report directly to the national office unless there are no conventions in the state.

### ATTENTION ALL STATE YOUTH CHAIRMEN!

The eliminations of the G. T. A. and the Y. P. A. National Declamation Contestants this year will be held on Monday afternoon, July 15 at 1:30 in the Colonial Room of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel. This is a change from previous years and we urge you to make definite arrangements for the contestants from your state to be there on time. Please send the names of state winners to: Mrs. Luther Sanders, W. N. A. C. Youth Chairman, 206 Euclid, Monett, Mo., not later than July 1.

All essays should have been sent to the National Youth Chairman before May 1, however, since this is a new undertaking we are extending this date to July 1 in order to encourage more of our Local, District, and State Youth Chairman to see that every state is represented in the 1957 contest.

Mrs. Luther Sanders,  
Youth Chairman.

### HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Church met May 1, at the home of Mrs. John Filkins with eight members, and three children present. This was an all day meeting with a covered dish luncheon at the noon hour. The work for the day was the piecing of quilt top and the tacking of a comfort.

The business meeting began by singing "Go and Tell". Mrs. Emma Van Lanningham read for the scripture lesson John 8:12; 1:4-5. Prayer by Mrs. Effie Buster. Minutes of the last meeting were read. An offering of two dollars and fifteen cents was received and also an offering of two dollars and thirty-five cents received for the missionaries in Africa. It was decided to buy more material for quilts and also was voted to send ten dollars to the Youth Camp. There were 229 Bible chapters reported read, thirty-five sick calls made, and fifteen cards sent.

The Lesson was "Send Out Thy

Light to Africa". Topics were given by Maizie Sevits, Leona Thompson, Lola Filkins, and Waneta Newcomer. A special feature on David Livingstone was given by Lola Filkins.

The next meeting will be with Waneta Newcomer. Benediction by Mary Filkins.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

### BETHEL AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

West Plains, Mo.

The ladies of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at West Plains, Mo., organized a Woman's Auxiliary, May 2, 1957.

Following are the minutes of the meeting:

A reading of the Constitution by Sister Lucille Beatty. A motion was made and unanimously passed to adopt the Constitution. Officers elected were: Addie Adkisson, President; Rachel Murray, Vice President; Ella James, Study Course Chairman; Ferne Dotson, Secretary; Myrtle Miller, Program Prayer Chairman; Hattie Sims, Personal Service Chairman; Pauline Morris, Treasurer. Other members: Kay Shaw, Naomi Burch, Ollie Gilbert and Eudine Adkisson.

The officers were installed by Sis. Lucille Beatty. Installation prayer by the church pastor, Bro. Keith Johnson. Benediction by Sis. Jeannie Law.

—Ferne Dotson, Secretary.

### SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church Tuesday evening, May 7. Services were opened by singing, "Send the Light". Duet by Hattie Mace and Jessie Crowder. Reading "Motherhood" by Clara Belle Lemons. Scripture reading, John 2 by th president, Juanita Highfill. Prayer by Lola Long. The members present answered the roll call with a scripture verse. The lesson was discussed by different members present. Sixteen members and two children were present.

The meeting was dismissed by prayer at the altar by Blossom Agee. Refreshments were served in the basement by Greta Halloway, Catherine Draper and Bertha Wolf.

Bertha Wolf, Cor. Sec.

Henry Long, Pastor.

### WELLSTON AUXILIARY

Our Woman's Auxiliary met Apr. 25, at 7:30 P.M. There were twelve members present. We sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Send the Light". Prayer by Mrs. Euen. Scripture reading Isa. 59:9-10; 60:1 by Mrs. Asher.

Minutes of previous session read and approved. Collection of \$4.40 was received.

Motion made to order literature for study course for next meeting.

Next meeting will convene May 23rd. Benediction by Sis. Lilla Reggs.

—Katie S. Sutton, Reporter.

### NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Neosho Church met April 24, at the home of Mrs. Virginia Pogue. The lesson subject was "God's Plan Revealed in the Life and Works of Jesus". Opening hymn was "Bring Them In". Prayer by Mrs. Lorene Knee. The business was conducted by Mrs. Louise McCully, President.

After the business, the following program was conducted. Topic I—"The Missionary Life of Jesus" by Mrs. Virginia Pogue. Topic II—"The Missionary Work of Jesus" by Mrs. Louise McCully. Closing hymn "Tell Me the Story of Jesus".

Following the benediction by Mrs. Bertie Linton, refreshments were served to all present.

—Mrs. W. F. Childress, Cor.

## Danger

Alcoholism is five and one half times more prevalent than cancer. There are 32 alcoholics to each tuberculosis patient; 132 to each polio victim; for every one killed by a mad dog there are 10,000 killed by alcoholic beverages. We shoot the mad dog and license the liquor.

We spend millions to fight disease and billions for liquor. Public enemy number one, is a licensed one.

When will we learn to be consistent? We insist on poison foods being destroyed. Poison drugs must be labeled poison. But we allow putting beautiful pictures on the ads for liquor and dress up the bottles in beautiful colors never saying a word about the dangerously potent contents.

In a popular magazine was recently presented an advertisement showing a fine looking elderly woman drinking a cocktail. The agency that handled the ad said there were no protests about such an ad.

Not a protest from the millions of Protestants. There should have been thousands of them from the elderly women the picture slandered by leaving the impression that they used liquor.

The will of God is not to be found through visions and dreams, but through earnest study of His Word and holy living.



# News From Our Churches

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Of Indian Creek Association to be held at Neosho Free Will Baptist Church, August 8, 1957.

Theme: Christ of the Old Testament.

11:00 Devotions by Rev. Lester Nutting.

Song by Melvin Dunkin.

11:30 Christ of the Old Testament (John 1:1-5) by Harry Sterling.

12:00 Noon — Fellowship.

1:15 Devotions by Lester Hilton.

Song by Teddie Davis.

1:30 The Old Testament Promises Christ (Gen. 12:3, Isa. 9:6) by Winford Davis.

2:00 The Old Testament Points to Christ (John 8:56, Gen. 22:4) by Luther Sanders.

2:30 The Old Testament Typifies Christ (Col. 3:16-17, John 3:14, Num. 21:8-9) by O. T. Allred.

3:00 The Old Testament Fulfilled by Christ (Matt. 5:17, Rom. 13:10) by Paul Williams.

3:30 Business.

4:00 Benediction.

## HILLVIEW CHURCH

Bastrop, La.

Dear Christian Readers:

April 28th was the third anniversary of the Hillview Church. We are still just a babe in Christ. Surely the Lord did abundantly bless with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Praise His holy name, our cup runneth over!

Our service began Saturday night with our pastor, Eld. Hurshel Sharp-ton bring the message from I Cor. 11:24-25, using as his text verse 26, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

As we did eat of this bread it was with humble and contrite hearts that we remembered that the Lord said, "Take eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." He died, His body bruised and broken with the lash of the whip, and gave His blood to atone for our sins. He arose from the dead that we might be resurrected in His likeness and reign with Him forever.

The fourth Sunday in April is an annual day with us, of giving our thanks unto the Lord and the singing of praises to His holy name. Our services opened with singing, led by Bro. Erby Teel of Althiemer, Ark. Prayer by Bro. Whitaker of Collings-ton, La. The printed text of our Sunday School lesson was read and pray-

er offered by the pastor, Eld. Sharp-ton. Our house was soon filled with many having to stand, and there was almost as many on the outside.

By way of a loud speaker, Bro. and Sis. Jeffress of Crosett, Arkansas, made it possible for all to enjoy the beautiful songs of praise that ring with the power of the Holy Spirit from early morn until four o'clock in the afternoon. Little five year old Judy George, of Chicago, thrilled our hearts as she sang "Jesus Loves Me". As we took up the fragments from a picnic lunch it made me think of the twelve baskets full. I never knew a day could be so short. Many left happy and yet sad because the hours had ticked away so fast and they were unable to sing unto the Lord the special they had prepared. Every year this day of giving of thanks and singing of praises unto the Lord gets better and the congregations larger.

I hope that each one that reads this can rejoice with us because of God's love and the wonder working power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." (John 32). This same Spirit working among God's people will draw men to the church.

May God bless all who helped to make this day a happy day in the Lord. Bro. Jessie Syble of Willmot, Arkansas directed our closing song, "Rock of Ages". Eld. Allen, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, of Bastrop, offered the benediction.

—Bertha Chappell, Cor.

## TWIN OAK CHURCH

Our average in Sunday School for April was seventy and our average for league was twenty-four. God is wonderfully blessing our church, both financially and spiritually, and we give Him all the praise.

We had one soul saved Sunday night and we are praying we will see many more brought to God in our coming revival. Pray that God will bless us in our revival and every revival that is going on throughout the land. If there was a time when Christian people need to wake up to their duty it is now.

—Mrs. Myrtle Menge, Cor.

## ST. LOUIS THIRD CHURCH

It is good to know God still hears and answers prayer. We are still seeing souls saved. There were three young people saved in our services recently.

Our new church is almost complete.

Our dedication service will be June 9. We invite every one to attend an all day service on that date. There will be good quartet numbers along with other singing also.

We give thanks to the Lord for Bro. Rogers who has worked hard in getting the church done. We know the Lord gave him strength to go on. We, as a church, have prayed for the right pastor to be sent our way, and we know the Lord heard and answered prayer.

Remember us in your prayers.

—Mary Regh, Cor.

## NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION

Rev. Loy Smith, Bro. Ned Templeton, and Bro. Wes Stanford are heading a group who are opening the Faith Free Will Baptist Mission at 9736 South Broadway.

This is a fine location and a neighborhood where a Free Will Baptist Church is needed. Pray that the Lord will wonderfully bless this mission and that a great Free Will Baptist Church may some day spring up from this work.

Several good Christians have been working nearly every evening trying to get the building in shape to open the services as soon as possible. Workers are needed to help them, and also financial aid. Let us all help in every way to make this venture a success. The Lord will surely bless you for any help given.

Remember the address is the old Southway Theatre Building, 7936 So. Broadway, and that the opening service is June 9.

—From Beacon.

## HAZEL CREEK CHURCH

A sunrise Easter service was held at the Hazel Creek Church. This was the first service held in the church since the re-modeling of the church, which consisted of the installing of a hardwood floor, and the building of a small room in front.

We are planning on beginning our Vacation Bible School as soon as schools are out.

Remember us in your prayers that we might do greater things for the Lord.

Leona Thompson, Cor.

## REVIVAL

Rev. William Buster, pastor of Hazel Creek Union Church, will begin a revival July 1st at the Hahn's Chapel General Baptist Church, near Lutesville, Missouri.



## Second Largest Class To Graduate

Seventeen seniors were graduated May 30th, with B. A. degrees, Dr. L. C. Johnson, Free Will Baptist Bible College president, Nashville, Tennessee, announced.

The graduation service was held in the college auditorium with Rev. Henry Oliver, Nashville minister and educator, bringing the commencement address.

The baccalaureate service was held Sunday night, May 26th, at eight o'clock. The Rev. L. D. Miley, former dean at the Bible College, spoke.

The senior class of 1957 began with 58 freshmen in the fall of 1953. One of its members has set a record by completing four years of work in a three year period. Out of the 17 seniors, 15 have completed all of their work at the Bible College; two students transferred from other institutions.

These students have completed four years of work with a major in Bible and theology and a minor in English, Christian education or music. Of this group, nine are ministers, six are missionary students, and two plan to do other Christian work.

To graduate with B. A. degrees are: Bobby Aycock, Fremont, North Carolina; J. E. Blanton, Surrency, Georgia; Kenneth Eagleton, Fort Worth, Texas; Kenneth Faison, Moultrie, Georgia; Shirley Graves, Snow Hill, North Carolina; Elisabeth Guthrie, Birmingham, Alabama; Donna Hamilton, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Chesley Ray Hill, Lemay, Missouri; Robert Hill, St. Louis, Missouri; William Hill, Lemay, Missouri; Billy Jones, Bryan, Texas; Robert King, Booneville, Arkansas; Billy Gene Outland, Lucama, North Carolina; Henry VanKluyve, Clifton, New Jersey; Billy Walker, Pleasant View, Tennessee; Jacksie Whitehurst, Portsmouth, Virginia; and Ronald Winkle, Richmond, California.

Five students have completed the three year course and will graduate with the Christian Workers' Bible Course Diploma. They are: Daniel Gaskins, New Bern, North Carolina; Luther Reed, Ashland City, Tennessee; Albert Rollins, Pikeville, North Carolina; John W. Vick, Granite City, Illinois; and Arnold Woodlief, Marianna, Florida.

True riches are made, not of the abundance of what you possess, or which all too often possess you, but in the Godly use of your all, whether great or small.

## New Dean at Bible College



Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, pastor of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan, has been employed as dean at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, President L. C. Johnson has announced. His duties will begin July 1, and he will teach in addition to his work as dean.

Mr. Thigpen was an instructor in Bible and Christian education at the Bible College from 1948-1953, and also served as dean of men and registrar.

Mr. Thigpen received his training at Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, where he was graduated with the B. A. degree in 1947. He received his M. A. degree in 1953 from Winona Lake School of Theology, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Mrs. Thigpen was also on the faculty at the Bible College. She served as speech department head and as an instructor in the English department.

The Thigpens will move to Nashville early in the summer. They have three children: Jonathan, Laura and Ann.

## CONVENTION CITY — 1957

(Continued from page 8)

Many have already made plans to attend this convention. Every church should arrange to pay its pastor's expenses to the convention and should insist on his going. The business of the denomination is the business of every pastor and elected delegate. Visitors from our own churches and fraternal messengers from sister denominations will be welcomed in the Lord.

## IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MAKES PROGRESS

The Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, improvement program is making progress. April has been our second best month when more than \$2,500 has been received. November of 1956 was the best month when more than \$3,000 was received.

The need is great but we still believe that our people will support the Bible College. Churches and individuals are making good gifts, and we want to thank everyone for his gift, whether it was large or small. There are other pledges made that I am sure will be paid.

The total amount received through April 30 is \$13,376.05. The total amount given from each state is listed below.

By the time this goes to press the debt on the Dunbar property, purchased last August for \$15,000, will have been paid in full. We praise the Lord for this victory!

The annual board meeting will be held the latter part of May. What the board will do depends on what you do out there on the field. I believe if every pastor will take this improvement program to his church and give the people a chance to make a special gift that by the time the board meets there will be sufficient funds in the treasury to justify starting construction on the new building. I appeal to you to give prayerful consideration to this worthy cause and make possible by your gifts, a greater Bible College:

Alabama .....	\$ 285.00
Arizona .....	25.00
Arkansas .....	239.51
California .....	187.67
Colorado .....	5.00
Florida .....	550.75
Georgia .....	710.06
Illinois .....	342.50
Kansas .....	16.00
Kentucky .....	352.00
Michigan .....	878.81
Mississippi .....	1,036.28
Missouri .....	1,897.49
Nebraska .....	5.00
N. Carolina .....	2,227.66
New Mexico .....	2.00
Ohio .....	55.00
Oklahoma .....	186.30
Oregon .....	12.00
S. Carolina .....	642.48
Tennessee .....	2,754.68
Texas .....	629.24
Virginia .....	294.87
W. Virginia .....	39.75
Wisconsin .....	1.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$13,376.05</b>

James F. Miler



## "HOW DO YOU READ YOUR BIBLE?"

'Tis one thing, friend, to read the Bible through,

Another thing to read, to learn to do.

'Tis one thing, too, to read it with delight,

And quite another thing to read it right.

Some read it with design to learn to read,

But to the subject pay but little heed;

Some read it as their duty once a week;

But no instruction from the Bible seek.

Some read to bring themselves in to repute,

By showing others how they can dispute;

While others read because their neighbors do,

To see how long 'twill take to read it through.

Some read the blessed Book, they know not why,

It sometimes happens in the way to lie;

While others read it with uncommon care;

But all to find some contradiction there.

One reads with father's specs upon his head,

And sees the things just as his father did;

Another reads through Luther, Wesley, and Scott,

And thinks it means just what they thought.

Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,

Thus understanding little that they read;

And every passage in the Book they bend,

To make it suit that all-important end.

Some people read, as I have often thought,

To teach the Book, instead of being taught.

How readest thou?

—(Author Unknown)  
R. Rodgers.

We find many spineless people who think they are selfless until somebody steps on their toes.

The only Christ most people ever see is the Christ they see in you and me. How does He appear to a lost and dying world?

## Partnership

Frank Brosend

Partnership can be a very blessed experience; it can also be a very distressing affair.

A widow who had reared six children of her own and adopted twelve others and very successfully was raising them, was asked how she managed to care for all of them so well.

"I'm in a partnership. That makes it easy," she said.

When she was asked what kind of partnership she was in, she said, "A long time ago I told the Lord. 'I'll do the work and you do the worrying'."

She had made a contract for a partnership with God. She did not have a special privilege either. "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give thee rest. Take my yoke upon you, (yoke up with me) .... There's divine partnership offered to everyone.

Peter had learned that divine partnership the hard way, but read what he has to say about it in I Peter 5:7. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

The Psalmist had experience along the same line, for he says in the fifty-fifth Psalm, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

### TRUE LIVING

A candle that won't shine in one room is very unlikely to shine in another. If you do not shine at home, if your father or mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question if you really are one.

—J. Hudson Taylor

### HE WON OUT

A certain well-known industrialist relates with understandable glee how, when his father took him to college, the older man said to the president of the institution: "Frankly, I don't know whether to enter my son in college or not. Won't you try to draw him out and tell me what you think?"

Accordingly, it was arranged that the prexy take the lad for a walk and try to plumb his possibilities. After the pair had walked a little while, the youth ventured, "Fine day, Professor."

"Yes," replied the educator.

Ten minutes later, the young man, visibly embarrassed, blurted out,

"This is a pleasant walk, Professor."

"Yes."

Another long silence, and then the young man ventured, "Looks like rain, doesn't it?"

"Yes," said the professor, but this time he sternly added, "Young man, we have been together half an hour now and you have said nothing which was not stupid and commonplace."

"Yes," rejoined the boy, and, forgetting his timidity, he added with some heat, "and you endorsed every single word I said."

"You'll do, young man," the professor announced.

—Wall Street Journal

### "WHAT IS A BOY?"

I refer to the classic that follows, entitled "What Is A Boy?" It was written by Alan Beck, and I clipped it from U. F. Report, house organ of United Fruit Company:

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a Boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights and colors, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy he is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression, his brain turns to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic, jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it.

A boy is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your jailer, your boss, and your master—a freckleface, pint-sized, cat-chasing bundle of noise. but when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words—Hi Dad!

—Selected