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IN MEMORY

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist which convened in its 44th session at Monett, Missouri, August 20-23, 1957, unanimously voted that an article of appreciation be written in behalf of the late Reverends George W. Scott and T. C. Ferguson for their sacrificial labor and contribution to their denomination.

Our finite minds are unable to comprehend the immeasurable good that Rev. Scott and Rev. T. C. Ferguson contributed to the work of their Lord and their church, but in appreciation and honor of them, this and succeeding generations of Free Will Baptist will rise up and call them blessed, for the Apostle John wrote: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13).

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FOR PARENTS ONLY

Thinking that three hours of any movies are harmless for the child, but that two hours of church and Sunday School are too much for his nervous system is just bad thinking.

Giving him a nickel for the collection and fifty cents for the movies not only shows a parent's sense of value, but is also not likely to produce a proportionate giver.

Letting him listen to several hours of radio thrillers a day with no time for one short prayer and a few Bible verses is criminal unbalance.

Being careful that Junior has his week-day lessons and caring not that he knows not his Sunday School lesson makes for spiritual illiteracy.

Saying that a child must make his own decisions as to whether or not he should go to church, or as to what church, is shirking parental responsibility.

When parents idle away Sunday mornings in reading the paper or listening to the radio, while brother and sister are sent by themselves to church, something happens to the children's evaluation of church attendance.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—The Scroll (Central Church, Hartford).

Your attainments in life are only dividends on life's effort. Are your's plenteous and profitable, or otherwise?

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Fredricktown	151	174	166	186	165	136	172	172	168	166	
Mt. Pisgah	41	42	48	56	52	50	52	51	49	49	52
Coppermines	93	101	104	105	107	100	103	102	102		
Fellowship, Flat River	200	199	192	204	198	184	192	178	193	216	
Leadington	116	117	118		158	135	128	133			
Desloge		101	102		97	95					
Farmington	55	58	62	60	67	60	63	70	70		60
Fourth St. Louis	61	57	65		73	63	56		64	78	
Old Bethel	23	23	22		16	19	22	24			
Berkeley City	190	180	178	204	139	161	146	161	180	188	
Richwoods	65	65	65	67	70	67	61	71			
Neosho	45	45	45	45	45	39	39	36			
Mtn. Grove	196	215	215	311	232	231					
Joplin				44	75						
Kirksville	90	114	93	116	116	115	102				
Grant Ave., Springfield					52	49	57	57	57	56	49
Hazel Creek	57		51		45	51	52	50	41	46	44
Cuba	32	30			55	45	49	52	53		
Bethel, West Plains	33	37	35	37	37	33	45	47	36		
Twin Oak	49	59	57	70	68	44	54	55	61		62
South Side Church								135	156	148	

Please send us your average, too.

The Finger of God

Matt. 2:9b, "Lo the star which they saw in the East went before them till it came and stood over where the child laid."

One glorious night a star shown brightly over the city of Bethlehem. It was the finger of God guiding three wise men to the side of one who was destined to be revealed as the saviour of the world. His star never waned, went out, or lost course until it had guided them safely to His side. The star was His star, the star of Jesus and the finger of God.

God's finger is a finger of light. It was to serve two purposes on this night. It was to show them where He was to reveal to them where they were in relation to Him. In I John, we read that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." In the gospel of John we read, "In Him was life and that life was the light of men, and the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not." The first discovery that is necessary for any benighted soul is to find out just where he is spiritually.

God's finger is a finger of love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Christmas spirit should be motivated by this unselfish Christ-like attitude of giving. Christmas can become commercialized, yet we, by showing forth the true spirit of Christmas can capitalize on the commercialization of Christmas by giving unselfishly and with a God-giving purpose. Put Christ in your Christmas by letting Christ's love reign supremely in your life. "Ye are the light of the world", our Lord said to those who were followers of Him one day. We who are Christ-like are guiding stars to the lost, directing them to the side of the Christ who can save by His grace. That light is fed by love. God's finger finds infinite extension as we "let our light so shine before men that they might see our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven."

God's finger is a finger of liberation. On one occasion Jesus had been accused of casting out devils by the power of Beelzebub and he said if he cast out devils by the power of devils then Satan's house is divided against itself. "But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come unto you." (Luke 11:14-20) The "finger of God" represents the omnipotence of a sovereign God. This was the es-

sential nature of the person born of a virgin, born in a manger to which the starry finger of God was pointing. He was the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." He liberates and sets free.

The finger of God is the finger of life. As the Bethlehem star shot its brilliant rays through the night and across the barren Judean hills, its purpose was to lead men, needy men, hungry men, dying men, to the life and the light of men. Christ enlightened us concerning his mission when he said, "The thief cometh not, but to steal and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born king
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled.

—From the Westminster Minute

READY FOR CHRISTMAS

"Ready for Christmas," she said
with a sigh,

As she gave a last touch to the
gifts piled high;

Then wearily sat for a moment and
read

Till soon, very soon, she was nod-
ding her head.

Then quietly spoke a voice in her
dream,

Ready for Christmas? What do
you mean?

Ready for Christmas, when only
last week

You wouldn't acknowledge your
friend on the street?

Ready for Christmas, while holding
a grudge?

Perhaps you had better let God be
the judge.

Why, how can the Christ-child
come and abide

In a heart that is selfish and filled
with pride?

Ready for Christmas, when only
today,

A beggar lad came and you turned
him away

Without even a smile to show that
you cared?

The little he asked—it could have
been spared.

Ready for Christmas? You've
worked it is true,

But just doing the things that you
wanted to do.

Ready for Christmas? Your circle's
too small.

Why you are not ready for Christ-
mas at all!"

She awoke with
of despair,
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Attend Church

How To Maintain Family Worship

"Breakfast is Ready!"

As long as I can remember that has been the call to family worship in my parents' home. I do not know whether they ever tried any other hour of the day for family worship. I do know that hour never passed any day without Bible reading and prayer at the breakfast table.

As I think back, it must have been exceedingly difficult to maintain family worship in my home. There were five children. Some of us had to be pried out of bed and pushed off to school. Others bounced out of bed at 5:00 a. m. and were eager to get started in order to get in an extra game of hopscotch or something before the school bell rang. It did not matter, however, if one of us was trying to rub his eyes open while another displayed his impatience to be off by nervous squirming, there was time for Bible reading and prayer. Perhaps I should have said, time was taken for Bible reading and prayer.

We were just a normal American family. The hustle and bustle of life would have blown out the altar fire of family devotion except for the fact that Mother and Dad were determined that it should burn brightly no matter what else happened.

Maintaining family worship takes determination. Somebody has to believe that the daily worship of God is important. At least one member of the family must be convinced that a soul will starve without food as quickly as the body. Then just as much effort will go into maintaining family worship as goes into arranging three meals a day. Someone needs to be convinced that getting the children off to school to learn the truth about two plus two and how to spell "receive" is less important than a few minutes with the Book which reveals Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

There is just no way to maintain family worship unless somebody wants to keep it going. Unfortunately, even the desire for family worship is not enough, for the best laid plans of mice and men do go awry. The best regulated households have their days of complete confusion. What happens to family worship then?

The easiest set of problems to deal with is that which should be called "Materials for Family Worship Mislaid." It happens everywhere but how nobody knows. Johnny took the book of daily devotions to add to

the stack of books he was using as a ladder to the cookie jar. The printer, the publisher, or the mail man slipped up in getting the devotional magazine out on time. The new maid or a helpful friend who assisted in preparing a meal put the Bible out of danger and also out of sight.

The obvious remedy for this problem is to have a special place to keep the materials used in family worship. Still the emergency will come. As a temporary substitute, you can always ask each member of the family to repeat a Bible verse. The members of the family can join hands and bow together in silent prayer for each other. Whoever is in charge can simply call the name of the member of the family for whom each is to pray and, after a brief period of prayer, call another name, and so on until each name in the circle has been called.

Another procedure is for the entire family to repeat in unison some familiar Scripture passage such as the twenty-third Psalm or the Lord's Prayer. The absence of the usual devotional materials may be taken as an occasion for one member of the family to teach the others a verse from the Bible.

Assuming that a Bible is available, a chapter or a part of a chapter may be read from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, or from one of the short books near the close of the New Testament—the epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude. Of course those who are thoroughly familiar with the Bible will be able to select appropriate passages from any portion of the Word of God.

Another set of problems which make it difficult to maintain family worship might be headed "Crowded Schedule." The alarm clock did not go off, or there is a special early meeting at the office or the school or the club.

The easy answer is: Select a time of day for family worship and do not permit anything to interfere with it.

Unless a definite time is chosen and observed there will soon be no family worship. To limit the practice to those odd occasions when all the family is together with nothing else to do is to insure its failure. Family worship should rank no lower in a family's schedule than the time for a meal.

But there are times when some members of the family miss a meal. What do you do then? The other members of the family eat at the regular time. Have family worship

with some members of the family missing? That is not ideal, but half a loaf is better than none. And even though it be only one member of the family who reads God's Word and prays at the appointed hour, that one will keep the embers glowing until the morrow.

When the family is divided, have a covenant that those members who are away from home will join in prayer at the appointed hour. It will thus be possible for hearts which are miles apart to be joined together at the foot of the throne of God.

One thing should be understood—no family is completely packed for a trip until and unless the Bible and other devotional helps used in family worship are included. Despite some disadvantages, a car or a train may provide just the opportunity for the family to take its time in Bible reading and prayer and religious conversation.

A third set of problems should be labeled "Interruptions." Illness or a trip takes away the one who customarily leads family worship. Friends or relatives come for a visit.

If there are visitors in the home, that is interruption, it is an opportunity. Invite them to join with you. Either they will have a spiritual contribution to make to your worship, or you will make a spiritual contribution to them.

The responsibility for taking the initiative in family worship should rest on the shoulders of the most spiritually-minded member of the family. Other members of the family may even be irritated at times with the procedure, but the leader must go right ahead day after day, knowing that the most indifferent will one day thank God for the influence of family worship upon his or her life.

From the very outset, however, the leader should attempt to prepare others to take over the responsibility. This is easier to do if there is a set procedure with which all are familiar. If you use a book of daily devotions or read passages of the Bible, for example according to the list suggested in Home Life, some other member or members of your family should know exactly what you are doing. From time to time while you are present, ask someone else to read or lead in prayer.

It takes ingenuity and imagination to maintain family worship. There is no family in which maintaining family worship is impossible. Families large and small, in every circumstance of life, do maintain the practice.

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The Master Is Come

St. John 11:28

Rev. Johnnie Land

In a few days the nation will be celebrating Christmas, or the birth of our Saviour. Thousands of people are cumbered with buying of gifts. All of the stores and market places are brightly decorated. Millions of dollars are being spent in preparation for Christmas day. Families, friends, and loved ones will be united together, many of which have not received God's gift to the world.

Yes, the Master has come in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. God gave his son to save a world of lost sinners, John 3:16. "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinner, of whom I am chief." (1 Timothy 1:15)

But until he is personally received in the heart, he is not a gift. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." St. John 1:12.

This Christmas day will be a wonderful time to witness to those who are lost to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because the Master is come and he calleth thee. He is calling the sinner to repentance of sin and receive him as Saviour of their soul, Lord of their bodies. "I tell you nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

He is calling the Christian to dedicate themselves to him and his service and go to the Foreign fields and tell the good news to the heathen, that the Master has come. "And he said unto them, go ye into all the World, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15)

He is calling his ministers to preach the word. The Bible says in II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word: Be instant in season, and out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. Because the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine". II Tim. 4:31.

He is also calling to his people to rend their hearts and not their garments. When I look upon all the blessings that God has given our beloved nation, it makes my heart rejoice anew to know that we live in a nation that is enlightened with the gospel. Today we have a greater church membership than ever before. God has blessed us with more and better buildings to worship in.

The gospel message rings out from television, radio, and pulpit. And then to think of the thousands of peo-

ple who have never heard the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So in view of these facts, are we really doing all we can in reaching the world for Christ? "For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John 3:16. Could it be while we live lavishly with his many blessings we have lost the sight of his plan?

For the Master has come and brought joy and hope to a world that was hopeless, lost, "In him was life: and the life was the light of man. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." St. John 1:4-5.

This year, let us magnify him in humble praise and thanksgiving. I can find no better world than those used by the Apostle Paul. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Cor. 9:15.

HAPPY IN SERVICE

Only one Junior boy was in Sunday School! The pastor recommended and the church agreed to start a Junior Boys class. Picture the consternation of the man whom the pastor and church, following the recommendation of the Superintendent, elected to teach that Junior class and only one Junior!

According to his statement, he thought that the request was an absurdity.

"What can I do with only one boy?" argued he.

"Get others," challengingly replied the pastor, dismissing the matter.

Something of a spirit of quiet rebellion was the attitude of the man as he returned to his home. But, being a traveling salesman, the matter weighed upon him as he drove from place to place. By the week-end, looking back over his meditations, he found that he had, first become submissive to try it, and then as the week ended, he had become determined, by the help of the Lord, to accomplish it-to build a Junior Boys' class.

This one boy he sought out and talked the matter over with him, hoping to win interest. After a few moments, the tables turned. The youthful, unhampered zeal of this young friend inspired the hopes of the man. With the lad in the car with him, they began calling upon the boy's friends. No, not every contact was a victory. But that class was established and grew.

That man, though having had many other experiences with other groups

and other church activities during the years since, will tell you today that this experience with this class was one of his happiest ones.

God does not want us to wait for attendance to grow until we are "crowded" to organize other classes. He wants us to see a need and arise in His name to meet it. Leadership too often lets demand force it to action, instead of accepting its responsibility of demanding action.

How many men, how many women do we have who, with the help of the Lord, could do just what this man and one boy did! And how many situations among our people offer the opportunity, or challenge to leadership to exercise itself! Who will arise and "fill his hand this day for the Lord"?

This church had a vision. She called upon a member to accomplish that vision. That man surrendered, not merely to the request, he surrendered to the **Doing of the Task.**

What church, what man will find just such happiness in such services this week?

—From The Advancer

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Hazel Creek Auxiliary met November 6, 1957 with Mrs. Grant Zimmerman. There were eleven members, two visitors, and three children present. Work for the day was making comforts and dish towels.

The business opened with singing. Mrs. Effie Buster read from Psalms which was in connection with the lesson. Mrs. Dee Vanlenningham read for a scripture lesson St. Luke 1:79. Prayer by Mrs. Effie Buster. There were 655 chapters read, fifteen cards sent and seventy eight sick calls made. Offering received \$1.38, dues received \$1.50 and \$19.60 received for the African Mission Station Fund.

The Ladies from the Jewell church are invited to meet with us in our December meeting and each one is to bring a fifty cent gift for the gift exchange.

Mrs. Lena Miley joined our Auxiliary.

The Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Earl Sponsler, conducted a study course on "Prayer".

The lesson for the day was "Send Out Thy Light to Mexico". Topics were given by Ethel Thompson, Mrs. Mamie Kirpatrick and Mrs. Lena Miley.

The next meeting will meet with Mrs. Effie Buster. Benediction by Mrs. Mamie Kirpatrick.

—Miss Leona Thompson, Cor.

From the Editor's Desk

SEASONS GREETINGS

At this session of the year we wish to greet each reader of the Gem, and each member of the Free Will Baptist State Association a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.** We trust that the Christ of Bethlehem and of Calvary will be very real to you at Christmas and that the year of 1958 will open to you an effectual door of service for you in the service of the Lord.

STATE MINUTES

The minutes of the 44th annual session of the State Association held at Monett, Missouri, August 19-23, 1957, have been sent to the printer and will be ready for distribution as soon as they are received.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Everyone is invited to attend the open house for the Golden Anniversary of Rev. Vernie and Mary Wellbaum at their home in Highland, Kansas, Sunday December 29, 1957 from 2:00 to 6:00 O'clock.

—Mrs. Earl Eichman, Cor.

PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT OF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

President L. C. Johnson has written pastors of approximately 2000 churches to lead their churches in raising \$100 or more for the construction of the new dining hall building at the Bible College.

These letters were mailed during the past month, and pastors are already responding with gifts from their churches. Dr. Johnson has asked that these gifts be sent in by January 1 before final settlement is made with the contractor.

This is the largest construction program the Bible College has undertaken with building costs to be in the area of \$70,000. The building is being erected as rapidly as possible with the concrete and masonry work almost fifty per cent complete. Most of the walls are up to the roof line, and some roof beams have been placed.

Each month the contractor submits an invoice for the work completed up to date, and the school must pay this by the 10th of the following month.

The Bible College needs \$15,000 at once if it is to pay the contractor for construction costs up to date. The contractor's estimates of work com-

pleted through October 31 amount to \$19,814.75. Improvement Program receipts have paid some \$5,000 on this total amount, leaving some \$15,000 needed if the construction through October 31 is paid for in cash.

During August and September gifts to the Improvement Program were slow, amounting to about \$1,000; however, since then the gifts have accelerated with some \$2,700 coming in during October.

The president said that as the pastors and churches line up their gifts the income is expected to pick up sharply. "Free Will Baptists can pay for this building by January 1," he said. "We hope they will."

If each pastor or church that has not already made an offering will give worthy consideration to the Improvement Program needs, many good gifts can be received between now and January 1. This could pay for the entire cost of the new building if participation is made by every church.

I GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHTS

First: I go to church on Sunday night because when I was saved I united with the church and I promised, according to the church covenant, to attend the services of my church. If I do not attend, unless providentially hindered, I break that covenant.

Second: I go to church Sunday night because I have an appointment with Jesus in His church that I must keep. If I am not there, He is disappointed.

Third: I love to go to church on Sunday night because I love lost souls, and I want to be present on Sunday night with my fellow-Christians to help win the lost to Christ. When our churches are filled on Sunday night with Spirit-filled Christians, the lost will be saved.

Fourth: I go to church on Sunday night because I want to see the doors of the church kept open. Each time I am absent, I am casting my vote to close the doors of the church. How many times have you voted that way? The doors of the church will remain open only as long as the members come on Sunday night. You don't want to live in a city of no churches, but what are you doing to keep them open on Sunday night?

Fifth: I go to church on Sunday night because the picture shows and other places of amusements are open and I don't want anyone to question my allegiance to Christ. I do not say that all people who do not go to church on Sunday nights are in one of those places. Many of them are, but I am saying that by your absence from church on Sunday night you may cause someone to doubt your love, loyalty, and allegiance to Christ and His church.

—Contact

TWELVE VIEWS OF THE CROSS

The soldiers saw in Christ a criminal, with cruelty.

The woman saw in Christ a benefactor, with sorrow.

His mother saw in Christ a son, with anguish.

The disciples saw in Christ blighted hopes with perplexity.

The first thief saw in Christ a malefactor, with hardness.

The second thief saw in Christ a king, with patience.

The centurian saw in Christ divinity, with conviction.

The priest saw in Christ an imposter, with mockery.

Angels saw in Christ love, with wonder.

Devils saw in Christ "the Seed of the woman," with dismay.

Jehovah saw in Christ obedience, with affection.

The passers-by saw in Christ nothing, with indifference.

—D. L. Moody.

OUT OF THEE... LITTLE BETHLEHEM

"Thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel" (Mic. 5:2).

Bethlehem! Not Jerusalem—city of thousands of national memories—glorious and guilty, with evil girt with diadem inside her walls. Not Athens—the intellectual centre of the world. Not illustrious Rome—festered on the spoil of war. But Bethlehem—called by some "a weed patch ignored by world travellers"—a small village in which nothing had occurred to aggrandize it. Bethlehem, drawing a new star to lighten its obscurity, drawing sages from the East, drawing the angel of the Lord, drawing of the heavenly hosts a multitude—remembered in all generations. "Out of thee shall He come—that is to be Ruler."

—Dr. Robert G. Lee



Youth and Our Church

FREDERICKTOWN YOUTH CHOIR SINGS

One of the high-lights of the regular services of the Fredericktown church is the singing of the youth choir. This group of young people sing every Sunday night for the evangelistic service. The choir was organized early last Spring and has met faithfully ever since. They meet ten minutes before time for the service to begin in the Senior assembly room. During this time they rehearse their choir special and make other arrangements for the service.

This group has continued to meet regularly every two weeks for Choir practice and youth fellowship. At each of the meetings one or more of the parents is present and light refreshments are served.

Miss Vivian Stacey, a high school senior, is the director of the youth choir. Gerald Stacey is the pianist. We of the Fredericktown church are very thankful for the fine spirit of co-operation which our youth have shown. They have proved to be a blessing and inspiration to our church.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Richwoods, Mo.

We, the youth of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church, Richwoods, Mo., have recently organized a youth group called the "Youth For Christ". The election of officers was as follows: Juanita Smith, President; Betty Sohn, Sec.-Treas.

The Berkeley Crusaders donated us their old mimeograph machine. We voted to publish a monthly paper similar to their paper. The name of our paper is "Youth For Christ Crier" and our aim is "Advancing For Christ". We elected as our paper staff the following: Editor, Juanita Smith; Business manager, Doris Arnold; General Reporter, Clarence Sahn; Typist, Dorothy Cordia; Artists, Larry Shiverdeck and Mike Sohn; Proof reader, Clyde Dideman; and Publisher, Benny Smith.

Through our organization we have been greatly blessed by seeing dif-

ferent youth from our community come each Friday Evening. We average fifty-five in attendance.

We are now selling candy toward the purchase of a new typewriter. We sponsored the Kingsmen Quartet November 9th.

Remember our youth in your prayers that they will stay where God can use them.

Doris Arnold, Cor.

SOUTH SIDE LEAGUE

We have had an increase in attendance but due to much illness the attendance dropped. However, our prayers have been answered and attendance is again improving. Two new members Earl and Gene Writenburg, joined recently.

We thank God for our general director, Mr. Bert Carver, and our teachers of the League. They are doing a special job. Pray that the teachers will say something in their class that will cause souls to be won to Christ.

November 10th we had the pleasure of having in our league the general secretary of the Free Will Baptist League. He spoke to the young people which they enjoyed very much.

Mary Sawyer, Cor.

YOUTH CAMP BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Woodrow Matthews—Chairman.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill—Vice President, and Promotional Sec.

Rev. William Reeves—Treasurer.

Rev. Paul Williams.

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon.

TEEN-AGE COMMANDMENTS

1. Stop and think before you drink.
2. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
3. Be humble enough to obey. You will be given orders some day.
4. At the first moment turn away from unclean thinking.
5. Don't show off when driving. If you want to race go to Indianapolis.
6. Choose a date who would make a good mate.

7. Go to church faithfully. The Creator gives us a week. Give Him back at least an hour for each service.

8. Choose your companions carefully. You are what they are.

9. Avoid following the crowd. Be an engine, not a caboose.

10. Recall the original Ten Commandments.

—Fellowship Bulletin

DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUB

Have you joined our Dollar-A-Month Club? If not, why not send me your name and address and \$1.00 now, and let me enroll you. On receiving your \$1.00, I shall mail you a membership card and place your name on the Crier list. You may then send \$1.00 per month for eleven months to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo. Your dollar you send to me will be forwarded on to Brother Reeves. Several people at the Youth Camp session and the state association gave their names as wishing to become Dollar-A-Month Club Members, but have not received a membership card. The reason for this is that we cannot issue a card until we receive your first dollar. So if you did not get your card please send me your dollar and I will see that it is sent to you by return mail. If you have sent in your first dollar and have not received your card it is an over-sight. Please let us hear from you. Join Now.

CABIN REPAIRS NEEDED

Many of our cabins, especially those on the boys side, are badly in need of repairs. If your association or church owns one of these cabins please try to take care of the repairs as soon as possible. We are hoping that you may have all of the cabins repaired and painted on the inside before Youth Camp time and the Missouri State Association which meets there next year.

Life, to the Christian, is only a stepping stone to victory; to all else it's fear.

News From The Mission Field

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Dear Fellow Worker:

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Phil. 4:6)

This particular admonition from God's word seems to be very appropriate for our department at this season of the year.

We Are Thankful:

1. For the supplying of all our needs.
2. For the health of our missionaries.
3. For successful Missionary Conferences.
4. For the safe return of the Wileys from Brazil.
5. For the new baby born to the Herseys in Japan.
6. For the safe arrival of Miss Wilson to India.
7. For the new school in India.
8. For the response to the new field in Africa.
9. For the hearts crying for Revival.
10. For each of you who have prayed.

We could go on and on adding to this list of praise worthy items, and there would be no end. Suppose that you sit down and start numbering the things for which you are thankful. In so doing you will, "Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name". (Psalms 100:4).

We Need To Pray:

1. For Miss Wilson as she assumes the responsibility of the South India station after Miss Barnard leaves.
2. For safety in travel for Miss Barnard who plans to leave India on November 15.
3. For Dave Branks who plans to leave December 27 for language study in Brazil.
4. For Lonnie and Anita Sparks as they finish their language study in Switzerland, and transfer to Africa to study the "Twi" language.
5. For Rev. Gordon Timyan as he continues to negotiate for us regarding the land grants in Africa. There is still some opposition.

6. For the missionary candidates as they continue their preparations.

7. For the National Workers on each of our fields.

8. For the Divine Guidance in choosing a field in Brazil, and perhaps in Argentina.

9. For missionary conference scheduled for this month: Swannanoa F. W. B. Church, Edgemont, Shady Grove, St. Mary's and Pine Level all in North Carolina.

A Big Step Forward:

We believe that it was a step forward when we accepted the opportunity and challenge to enter French West Africa with our Missionary program. It was also a step forward when we sent missionaries to Japan. And now we are taking a Big Step Forward by sending missionaries to South America. This means that we must "step up" our praying and giving for Foreign Missions. We are involved in eternal issues. Everything we do in our foreign mission work is connected with the eternal purposes of God and affects the well-being of countless lives. If our methods are untouched by the Spirit of God we cannot hope to succeed. Will you please pray as we continue to step forward, we may do so under the warm direction of the Holy Spirit.

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AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE

The man had been admitted to the hospital and it was soon discovered that he was very ill. He was losing his life's blood faster than the transfusions could replace it. He was immediately prepared for surgery. We were in the room with him and had just engaged in prayer on his behalf. He was losing the color from his face, yet he was calm and confident and had no fear. After the doctor and nurse left the room he beckoned for us (his pastor, a deacon and I) to come near his bed. He had something he wanted us to know. His voice was low, yet steady and distinct. He said, "I may not live through this operation. Whatever happens, however, will be alright. I am ready to go. I have made my will, and everything I have will be given to my church. I only ask that you take enough money out for my funeral and burial expenses. I want the Lord

to have the rest." At this time the door opened and the orderly entered with a wheel-stretcher and he was soon ushered out of the room into the hall and off toward the operating room. As he passed by me in the hall, covered with a white sheet, a white cape on his head, and with blood dripping hurriedly into his veins from four suspended vessels, I thought to myself, "Surely, he is taking a big step." The doctor spent over nine hours with this man in the operating room. He survived the operation and lived for several days but on October 28, 1957 he made **The Big Step Forward**, and went home to be with the Lord.

This man's estate will perhaps be several thousand dollars that will be utilized for the work of the Lord. Would that others might be challenged by this brother's example in leaving his worldly goods for the Cause of Christ. No greater investment could be made. It would be a **Big Step Forward**. The man to whom I refer is Brother Carl Brown, of Highland Park F. W. B. Church, Highland Park, Michigan.

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WHAT IS YOUR LIFE PURPOSE?

No life can signify much unless it is joined to a high purpose. To belong to a purpose makes it possible to steer straight through life's shifting, confusing circumstances. When asked, "What will be the sign of the coming, and of the end of the world." Jesus said: "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all of the world for a witness unto all Nations; and then shall the end come". Yet again, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". Thus the Christian's life purpose is defined: to preach the Gospel to every creature.

—Rev. Raymond Riggs

HANNA'S ARRIVE HOME

On hand to greet Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna and their two children when they arrived at the airport in St. Louis were Mrs. Hanna's father his pastor, Rev. Roger Reeds; Mrs. Clarence Burcham, Mrs. Janette Burcham, Mary Burcham, Rev. Sterling Tucker, and your pastor and his wife.

Rev. Reeds presented the Hannas with a check in the amount of \$80.00 from the Southside church and Auxiliary to buy some winter clothing. They will be on furlough from India a year.

—Fellowship Bulletin

Attend Church Regularly!

CATHOLICS IN AFRICA

Priests passing through the lobby of Washington's Shoreham Hotel found themselves directed to the specially set-up bar (beer and soft drinks) by a sign advising: "Getting wild? You'll be tamed at the Lion's Den." Except for this convention-style japery, the eighth annual meeting of Roman Catholic mission-sending societies was occupied with sober reports, many of them dealing with a single mission area: Africa.

New York's (and TV's) Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, No. 1 U. S. Catholic-missions official, gave the keynote speech ("The future harmony on the organ of humanity will be played on the black keys of Africa"), but the meetings impetus came from an encyclical issued last Easter by Pope Pius XII, in which he warned that "atheistic materialism has spread its virus of division through various regions of Africa." At least one speaker, Father J. Alfred Richard of the White Fathers, linked Communism with the spread of Islam. Communists seek to weaken a powerful enemy, Christianity, said Father Richard, by fostering the spread of Islam, because they feel that modern Moslems have suffered a loss on conviction, lack bolstering authorities for their faith.*

A heartening sign for the church: there are 1,500 native African priests, including 25 native bishops, supplementing the work of 9,000 Catholic missionaries and the native clergy is growing at the rate of 200 to 300 new priests a year. U. S. Catholics were chided by Father Ralph Wiltgen of the Society of the Divine Word for a "certain smugness" about their financial contributions (about 70 percent of the total) to Catholic missions and for the small U. S. representation (5 percent) among mission clergy and lay workers.

One U. S. Catholic singled out for praise at the conference: St. Louis Real Estate Man Oliver Lafayette Parks (an old airman who founded Parks Air College, donated it after the war to the Catholic St. Louis University). Parks received the church's World Mission Award for popularizing mission work. His program: an organization of about 1,200 businessmen, each of whom donates 25 cents a day to missions by cutting the price of his lunch or otherwise not spending a quarter, offers a daily prayer for missions.

* Of 220 million Africans, 90 million are Moslems, 90 million are animists. The 40 million Christians include roughly 19 million Catholics,

12 million Protestants and 8,000,000 members of Eastern Orthodox churches.

Time, Sept. 23, 1957.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Dear Sir:

"The Y.P.A. of the Beaufort church would like to contribute \$5.00 to National Home Missions to help carry on the wonderful work."

Mrs. Ray Pittman, North Carolina.

Dear Bro. Willis:

"I enclose one dollar and pledge to give at least this amount each month for one year."

Rev. William Buster, Missouri.

Greetings:

"The Trinity F. W. B. Church will give ten dollars each month to National Home Missions. Enclosed is \$10.00."

Jake Clouse, Erwin, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Willis:

"The Ladies and Mens Bible Class will send \$5.00 each month for Home Missions. Enclosed is a check for this month."

Jessee Ryland, Alabama.

Dear Mission Friends:

"We are sending one dollar to help carry the gospel. Pray for us that we may be missionaries in our own community."

Mrs. G. A. Worton, North Carolina.

Bro. Willis:

"You will find enclosed a money order for three dollars for National Home Missions."

Nettie Shepherd, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing six dollars for Home Missions. It is from the Taylor F. W. B. Church in Kentucky."

Rev. O. S. Smith, Williamson, West Va.

Dear Rev. Willis:

"Let me tell you how much I have enjoyed receiving the Home Missions news letters. Thank you so much for sending them."

Mrs. W. R. Carroll, Huntsville, Texas.

Gentlemen:

"Use these three dollars for the glory of God in our Home Land."

Walter R. Cotton, California.

Rev. Willis:

"Enclosed is ten dollars for the National Home Mission work". Mrs. Pauline Adams, Anders, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

"Enclosed is one dollar for Home Missions from Mt. Carmel Auxiliary, Rogersville, Tennessee" Mrs. Elsie Bernard

MISSIONARY DESCRIBES FLOOD IN SPAIN

The city of Valencia, Spain has just experience what has been described as the "most devastating" flood in the history of that country. Some observers said that "in Europe there has never been such a catastrophic deluge of water."

Baptist missionary Joe Mefford describes the Turia River as "a hungry, raging monster that swept in torrential fury across two-thirds of this lovely city, flooding homes and business establishments, destroying bridges and carrying away human beings out to sea, and leaving in its wake hundreds of destroyed homes and a city known for its beauty a shambles of devastated parks and streets buried in from three to five feet of mud that swept into basements and lower floors, turning dwelling houses and business establishments into a sticky, chilling morass of mud.

"The very center of the city, Plaza Caudillo, famed for its beauty and open flower markets and magnificent public buildings, was literally drowned by the angry waters that came from everywhere at once. Public records and bank accounts and mountains of mail in the post office are a hopeless mass of undecipherable Jelly.

"Our fair city of Valencia literally lies in agony. The villages that formed her suburbs have suffered terribly, and one of them was half carried out to sea. They are still discovering bodies as the endless task of cleaning up the mess progresses. There is no counting yet the number of dead; the property damages will run into millions and millions.

"Then a day or two after the flood those who were rejoicing because their own homes or apartments had escaped the flood water, were threatened with new disaster. Some began to discover cracks in the walls, sagging ceilings, crumbling foundations. The force of the water and the terrific weight of the mud that was carried with it had worked insidiously at the foundations. Houses have begun to crumble and fall. Whole blocks of houses have been roped off, and the people ordered to leave with only their clothes. Daily the number of homeless is being augmented by hundreds.

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THE CHURCH MOUSE From One Church Mouse To Another

Old Jeremiah was called the "Weeping Prophet". Why? Because he did his best to preach as God directed him, and the people would not repent and turn to God, so He cried. If a Minister is really sincere as they all should be, they will feel like Jeremiah many times. There is a religiosity going around our country today, that causes people to think the proper thing is to go to Sunday School and Church on Sunday morning. When they have done this, their responsibility is completed for that week. In many churches there aren't enough people on Sunday evening for the Minister to preach to. One of the real tests of a genuine Christian is whether he goes to the Sunday evening and Mid-week services of the Church. In some churches the religious fidelity is so low that they don't have Sunday evening services or mid-week Bible study and prayer meetings.

Being a Church Mouse I notice things about the church in particular, so I wrote this little poem and I dedicate it as a Preacher's Poem.

"A Preachers Poem"

I love the church that Jesus bought,
I know that it is right:
I go there on Sunday Morn,
But not on Sunday night.
I love to sing the songs of Praise,
Such worship must be right:
This I do on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.
I say, "God bless our preacher, too.
And give him power and might".
This I pray on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.
I love to hear the Gospel true.
It gives me pure delight,
I hear it every Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.
I know I need more inward strength
To help me win my fight;
For help I come on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.
I know that all of us must die,
Our soul must take it's flight,
But I may die on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

From one Church mouse to another

I hope this little poem will cause some of your Church members who come on Sunday morn—to also come on Sunday night, (Also to the Mid-week Services).

The Church Mouse.

SERVING IN YOUR GENERATION

There is a verse that stands as a challenge to you and me in Acts 13 that tells of one who served in his generation by the will of God.

"Served" is not a word that inclines to our pride. We have to be ministered unto rather than minister and because of that we do not serve our generation.

The need is great, the time is now, if we are to be of any use in our own generation. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35).

"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: (Matt. 20:26). Only the Lord can make you a minister and a witness. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness..."

In one respect soul winning is like praying. No amount of "Knowing" will take the place of "Doing". True there is much to be learned from others about how to touch lives and point them to Christ. But unless put to use, Knowledge means nothing. Often sad to say, the newly saved are more effective soul winners than older Christians who should be bearing greater fruit. The new convert may have little knowledge but its zeal is great. He follows Christ's command to preach the gospel, and the Holy Spirit is pleased to know this love for the Lord has burdens for the lost and his obedience.

The believer who lifts up his eyes to-day in his own generation will surely see fields white unto harvest where ever he may be. The lost and dying are all about us. Rarely do we go a day without a goodly number of contacts with those who need salvation. We are saved for this purpose to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Christ.

Paul served in his great generation and because he did we have the gospel.

The scripture declares: "He that winneth souls is wise". Soon the days that God gives us will be gone and many of us will face God with nearly empty hands. How can we look into the eyes of Him that searches the soul in that day?

You will learn more by doing than all the study in the world. Start today. Ask God for wisdom "who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." Let us redeem the time before it is too late to serve in our generation. What we do we must do quickly.

Awake! Arouse! and Serve in your generation for:

Soon the time of reaping will be over,
Soon we'll gather for the harvest home;
May the Lord of Harvest smile upon us,
May we hear His blessed child, well done.

Emma Moore
3200 Sheridan
Springfield, Ill.

AN OPEN LETTER TO GOD

Dear God:

I am sorry You made Sunday when You did. We could attend church much more regularly if Your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the only day following Saturday.

Saturday evening, You know, is the one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party, and often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, especially when it is held so early.

I mean no disrespect, dear God, but You must realize You have picked out the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only that, but the church has fixed the hour of worship at the very time we must be preparing the dinner.

Then, too, You must think of John. He is cooped up in his office all week, and Sunday morning is the only time he has to tinker with the car and to mow the lawn. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands are all greasy you couldn't expect him to be able to get off to church.

I am telling you these things, dear God, because I want You to get our viewpoint. It is not our fault that we are not able to get to church on Sunday. We would like to go, and we know we should go, and need to go. But it must be clear to You that the real reason we cannot go is because You have chosen the wrong day.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) I. M. Busy

Life, a short moment of time. Eternity, time without end. For which are you preparing? Today is all you have.

A house is where man stays. A home is where Christ and man dwell together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Available for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools for the first quarter of 1958—a new series of Sunday School lessons and materials! The "Bible Centered Series". Materials for the Cradle Roll through the Adult Department will be ready for shipment to your Sunday Schools by December 1st of this year. The All-Bible Graded Series (Scripture Press) Sunday School lessons will be available also. Order blanks for both series are enclosed.

Four quarterlies (Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult) will be published and edited under the auspices of the Sunday School Board and available for the first quarter of 1958. Due to the lack of time, finance, and personnel, we are having to supplement some of the materials used in the quarterlies. However, by the second or third quarter of next year we hope to have sufficient writers and finance available to publish all of the student quarterlies, and some of the teacher's manuals. The materials for the Nursery through the Primary Departments will be supplemented from an independent evangelical publisher (the Higley Press). The Scripture text outline used in this material will be the International uniform Outlines. Correlated materials, such as flannel-art, Pict-O-Art, pupil's work-books, picture lesson roll, coloring cards, pupil's take-home papers, teacher's manuals, commentaries, and other helps, will be available and are listed on the order blank.

This is the result of a new Sunday School program launched by the Sunday School Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and in keeping with the charge given to the Sunday School Board by the National Association at its annual meeting in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, in 1954. It contained in part: "This Board shall regulate and control all Sunday School literature pertaining to the Sunday School program of the denomination, and shall employ such persons as it deems necessary to function properly in the capacity for which formed. This Board shall receive its income from the sale of its literature (Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, books, etc.) printed or otherwise by the press of its choice."

The Sunday School Board has employed the Rev. L. Donald Hill to head the editorial staff. Rev. Hill is a former student of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Trevecca College, and will in June of next year receive his Master of Arts

Degree in Education from Peabody College. As the program progresses other writers and staff personnel will be added, and you will be informed of the same through our national publication, **Contact**.

It is the desire of the Sunday School Board to furnish for the local Sunday Schools of our denomination the very best in lesson materials and at the same time assist them in the organization, administration, and training of their personnel. This will make for an enlarged Sunday School program in this local church which in turn will become the greatest missionary enterprise our denomination has ever known. The Sunday School Board is conscious of the enormity of this task, and sincerely covet the prayers and co-operation of the pastors, church leaders, and laity, as we endeavor to enlarge the Kingdom of God through the teaching ministry of the local church.

—Sunday School Board of the
National Association

CONVENTION COMMENTS

You are a member of a select group. Approximately 175 people receive a copy of "Convention Comments." You were chosen for one of several reasons. You are either a pastor of one of our Missouri churches, a state moderator, or one of our denominational leaders.

If you are a Missouri pastor then you are expected to promote both attendance and finance in behalf of the 1958 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Missouri must pick up the tab, foot the bill, pay the cost or whatever you want to call it. We certainly can't expect assistance from other states. It is our responsibility and our's alone.

If you are a state moderator or a denominational leader then you are expected to promote attendance at the 1958 session. The beautiful Gold-Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel will seat 1800 people. All the day sessions will be held here. Let's fill the place up and then do the same with Kiel Auditorium where the night services will be held. Kiel Auditorium will seat 3500 people.

A recent visitor to St. Louis was Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Rev. Mooneyham met with the Steering Committee in Committee Room 3 at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. The Steering Committee is made up of the chairmen of the various committees who have been selected to serve in preparing for the 1958 assembly of the

N.A.F.W.B. (See last month's copy of "Convention Comments" for a list of these.) Rev. Mooneyham helped to outline the various duties of the committees and reserved committee the hotel and reserved committee rooms, office space, display space, etc. This Steering Committee will be meeting often between now and July, 1958. They are doing their utmost to make this the best entertained convention ever.

In the next copy of the "Convention Comments" we will publish a list of the names of the men who have been selected to promote the raising of funds in their respective associations. The Entire budget of hosting the National Association has been set at \$2500.00. Each association will be pro-rated an amount to be raised. The pro-ration will be in accord with the size and strength of each association. Of course we can only ask and it is up to the pastors of Missouri to see that we receive.

The 1958 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet one week earlier than usual. This is due to the fact that the facilities offered by St. Louis were not available at regular Convention time. Be sure to circle July 8-10 on your calendar.

Many churches send their pastors to the National Association each year and this is a good practice. Most pastors are under-paid as it is and they just can't afford any extra expenses. Your pastor can attend the National Association for as approximate cost of \$150.00. Of course the cost will vary if the travel distance is greater or smaller. At the National Association your pastor will be inspired by the messages he hears from competent preachers and from the reports of progress in our denominational program. He will be able to cast his vote in the affirmative or negative on all the issues that are brought before the house. He will return to you a better informed and inspired pastor than he has ever been before. Send your pastor to the 1958 session of the National Association.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Good news from Heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:

To us this day a Child is given
To crown us with the joy of Heaven!

—Martin Luther

Every incident in life is a stepping or a stumbling stone, and our choice determines which it will be.

Woman's Auxiliary

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL MOTHER

The beautiful parable as recorded in the 15th chapter of St. Luke's gospel tells of the tender mercy and forgiveness of the heavenly Father for the prodigal sons of earth. But friends here is a thought: how about the scores of prodigal fathers and mothers of today?

There have been many times when I have looked into the face of some boy or girl who had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior who has said with great earnestness "Please pray for my father and my mother, they aren't Christians".

Still more appalling is this fact: as we have gone into different churches, we have many times without number met young men and women, boys and girls to whom the Bible and things spiritual are entirely foreign. As we have seen them come forward, kneel and give their hearts to Jesus, we have discovered to our utter amazement that they are two or three generations removed from any spiritual influence whatever. These children have never been taught the Bible, they have never been taught to pray. It is pitifully true that they are the victims and products of Godless homes. This is a tragedy of national importance as well as national proportions. We are reminded of the many hundreds of thousands of prodigal fathers and mothers in our land today; of the many thousands and thousands of children who are not taught about God and are growing up to fill our penal institutions. What will tomorrow hold if America does not come back to God?

I would like to give you the version of a prodigal mother and sad to say it describes the condition existing in many homes today.

A certain woman had a beautiful little daughter that would make any mother's heart beat with joy over such a gift from God. This little daughter came to her mother one day and said, "Mother, give me the portion of thy time and thy attention and thy companionship and thy counsel and guidance that belongeth unto me." The mother misinterpreted the call but she divided unto her, her living, in that she paid her daughter's bills, dressed her in beautiful clothes, gave her plenty of money to spend, sent her to dancing school and to college and tried to make herself believe

she was doing her duty to her daughter.

The mother gathered all her interests and aspirations and ambitions and took her journey into a far country, into a land of a good job and other things of which a little girl could not partake. There she wasted the precious years of her daughter's childhood and the opportunity of planting Christian convictions in her heart in the way and admonition of God. And after she had lost the very best of her child's life and had gained money for herself but failed to find and satisfaction, there arose a mighty famine and emptiness in her heart and she began to be in want of sympathy and companionship of her daughter.

She went and joined herself to several clubs of that city and they elected her president of one. She tried to satisfy herself with the husks of a mad round of pleasure seeking and beer parties which other companions did eat, but she had no satisfaction.

But when she came to herself she said, "There are mothers who have daughters whom they understand and who understand them, who are happy in the comradeship of their daughters, while I waste my life and perish here with heart hunger. I will arise and go to my daughter and will say unto her, 'Daughter, I have failed as a mother and have sined against heaven and in thy sight, and I am no more worthy to be called thy mother, will you forgive me?'" And she arose and went to her daughter.

But while she was yet a great way off, her daughter saw her and was moved with astonishment, and instead of running toward her she drew back and would have nothing to do with her. But the mother said, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight. I have not been a mother to you and I am no more worthy to be called thy mother. Will you forgive me now?"

The daughter said, "Not so, for it is too late now. There was a time when I wanted your companionship, your advice and counsel but you were too busy. I got information and companionship but it was the wrong kind, and now, alas, I am wrecked in soul and body. It is too late—too late."

These are the words of admonition which God gave to parents concerning his laws and words: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy child-

ren, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way; and when thou liest down and risest up." (Deut. 6:7)

Mrs. Lester Jones
Kansas City, Mo.

STATE AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

The Second Annual State Woman's Auxiliary Workshop was held November 14th at the First Church in Springfield. The Service opened with the congregational singing led by Margret Dixon. Pianist, Neva Raney. Devotional thought from II Tim. 2:1-12 was given by Greta Lou Carter. Prayer by Rev. Henry Long. The State Study Course Chairman, Agnes Smith, introduced the State officers and recognized the different Auxiliaries present. The host church rendered a special number after which Rev. Lester Jones was presented as the morning speaker. Rev. Jones spoke from Acts 1:6-8 using as a theme "Missions".

Benediction—Helen Sanders.

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing and prayer by Mildred Kensinger. The Study Course Chairman spoke on the theme for the day "Know Your Auxiliary". Departmental meetings were then conducted by the State Officers.

The Standard of Achievement Chart was presented by Lucille Beatty followed by an open discussion.

Benediction by Mazie Sevits.

AFRICAN MISSION STATION

Dear Co-Laborers:

With four months gone on our new Associational year we as a group of auxiliary members must still say, "We need \$700 to reach our goal of \$1,000 for the African Mission Station". We truly are thankful to the Lord for the near \$300 which we have received. I'm sure there are several Auxiliaries who have some money to turn in but are waiting for more to come in before doing so.

Following is a report of the money received thus far:

South East Mo. District Convention	\$100.00
Money applied from /	
last years' project	8.80
Mrs. John McCallister	1.00
Fredericktown Aux.	25.25
Desloge Aux.	30.55

First Aux. Flat River	42.30
Low Ground Aux.	10.58
Third Aux. St. Louis	30.55
Hazel Creek Aux.	32.90
Total	\$281.93

If your Auxiliary as yet have not made plans about helping in this worthy project, may you do so immediately.

Following is also a report of the money received for the Student Loan Fund:

Thayer Aux.	\$ 15.00
John McCallister's	2.00
Myrtle Aux.	15.00
Grant Ave. Aux. Spring-	
field	11.00
Monett Aux.	65.20
Neosho Aux.	9.00
Total	\$117.20

—Sec. Treas., Genella Scott

BEACON AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Beacon Church of Raytown, Missouri met November 19 with Mrs. Delbert Carter, our president, as hostess to the group of ten.

The meeting was opened by singing, "Jesus Calls Us", and prayer by Mrs. Carter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Individual reports were filled out.

Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Jack Knapp, led a discussion of a charitable Thanksgiving project to be undertaken. Also a plan for a Thanksgiving breakfast was accepted.

Mrs. Walter Horn, Youth Chairman, brought before the group plans for a student Loan Fund offering for the Free Will Baptist College and a Christmas pagent to be given by the children of our church. These plans were adopted.

One of our members volunteered to make a Birthday cake for Christ to be presented at the Christmas program. Offerings will be made to Christ instead of exchanging gifts.

Program topics for the evening were given by Mrs. Jack Knapp, Mrs. J. E. Williams, and Mrs. Lester Jones.

The meeting was closed by prayer. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

—Mrs. Donald Jones, Cor.

KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Kirksville Women's Auxiliary observed the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. Services were held each morning November 18-22. Monday services was held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, with Lillian Wood as leader; Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Effie Dare, with

Bernice Thomas as leader; Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Celia Lay with Blanche Matthews as leader; Thursday at the Fellowship House with Sister Stella Gates leader and Friday at the home of Mrs. Julia Mollick with Velma Wellman as leader.

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November 7th the Kirksville Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Allie Peterson with eleven members, three visitors and six children present. The meeting was opened by singing. Mrs. Alta Mikel read Acts 16:1-10 for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Mrs. Allie Peterson. Roll call was answered with a verse of scripture. Myrtle Lay led in prayer followed by volunteer prayers and Mrs. Alta Mikel closed the prayer. The lesson was given from the theme, "Send Out Thy Light to Mexico". Introduction was given by Velma Wellman. Topics were given by Blanche Matthews, Alta Mikel and Stella Gates. The project for November is a service in the Nursing Home No. 3 on the third Thursday. Benediction by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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The project for the month was a service in the Nursing Home No. 3 at 1:30, November 21. There were eight members, two visitors, and three children and a group of patients of the home attended the service. The service was opened by singing. Reading by Mrs. Effie Dare. Special song by Marjorie Mollick. Reading by Lillian Wood. Special number by Marjorie Mollick. Reading by Velma Wellman. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Scripture lesson from Psalm 100. A short message was given by Sis. Stella Gates. After singing a quizz was enjoyed by all. "Isn't He Wonderful" was sung and the benediction was given by Mrs. Ethel Thompson.

—Mrs. Ernest Thomas, Cor.

MONETT AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Mo., entertained the Woman's District Convention, Tuesday November 4, 1957.

The meeting was opened by singing "Send The Light" followed in prayer by Mrs. M. Kensinger of Springfield. Mrs. Kensinger is the State Personal Service Chairman. There was a good representation from the Springfield Woman's Auxiliary present.

The District President, Mrs. Luther Sanders was in charge of the business session. Mrs. Sanders also presented the projects of the W.N.A.C. for this

year, and also gave a very inspiring message to the Women.

In the absence of Mrs. Edna Gentry, district enlistment chairman, Mrs. Burl D. Thomas presented a topic: "Why Every Church Should Have an Auxiliary".

Mrs. James McCully, District Youth Chairman presented the topic, "Why Should the Auxiliary Sponsor Youth Auxiliary and How?"

The president led the group in question and suggestion which was enjoyed by all. Dismissed by Rev. O. T. Allred.

At the noon hour dinner was served and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone present.

The afternoon service was an organizational meeting for the first Quarterly Conference of the Indian Creek Association.

Mrs. Burl Thomas Jr.

GRANT AVE. AUXILIARY

The Study Course program for the month of November was dismissed for the Indian Creek District Woman's Auxiliary which was November 5, 1957, Monett, Mo. Six Ladies and the pastor was privileged to attend this meeting. The program proved to be a blessing and very helpful.

November 14, 1957, a number of the ladies and pastor, Rev. Lester Hilton, attended the State Work Shop of the Woman's Auxiliary at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield. We received some helpful information on making our auxiliary a better auxiliary. Our regular program will be at the church, November 21.

FREDERICKTOWN AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fredericktown church entertained the widows of the church with a turkey dinner Nov. 21, 1957.

Widows present included: Martha Clayton, Lillie Francis, Emma Beabout, Lucy Murray, Mary Smith, Stella Stacey, Emiley Sellards, Oma Frazier, and Edith Baldwin. Others enjoying the dinner was: Esther Graham, Juanita Skaggs, Margie Hahn, Aileen Lewis, Verna Smith, Vivian Hart, Marie Hicks, Lula Freeland, Hallie Dettmer, Grace Schnieder, Freda Schnieder, Rose Sharp, Reba Matthews, Genelle Scott, Aggie James, Bertha Souden, Lola Dowd, Linda Dowd, Della Barker, Ralph Matthews and Ben Scott.

The program for the afternoon included a short talk by the pastor, Rev. Ben Scott, A poem, "I Thank Thee Lord" and personal testimonies.

News From Our Churches

FIRST CHURCH SPRINGFIELD

We enjoy reading news from other churches in the Gem and thought some one would like to hear from our church. During the months of July and August our attendance was lower than usual but we are happy to report our church is doing fine. We have an average of one hundred fifty-five in Sunday School with others coming in for the worship hour.

Rev. Long has recovered from his heart attack in June. We have been enjoying his inspiring messages and the blessing of the Lord. There were three saved and thirteen joined the church the past six weeks. It was an inspiration to each one present and and we have a greater determination to serve the Lord and do more for him in the future.

We are praying for a revival in our church that more souls will be saved.

We have ordered new song books which we enjoy very much.

The League has increased in number and a greater interest has been manifested.

Our offering have increased in the past six weeks with an average of \$100.00 per Sunday.

We are praying the coming year will be the greatest for our churches.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

GRANT AVE. CHURCH

Sunday October 20th marked the first anniversary of our church. We had sixty-six in Sunday School. We have had thirty-four additions to the church making a total membership of sixty-two. Our Sunday School average for the past three months is fifty-seven.

We had a wonderful service at the eleven o'clock service and a basket dinner was served at the noon hour. In the afternoon service Rev. O. T. Dixon and the quartett from the Mountain Grove Church was with us in the service. Rev. Dixon preached the message and the quartett rendered the special music. Mr. Coday Draper and Mr. Lee Evans was ordained as deacons. Rev. Hilton read the scripture. Rev. Wm Reeves gave the charge and Rev. Dale Jones prayed the dedication prayer.

Sunday evening we had communion and feet washing service. Monday evening, October 21, we began a two weeks revival with Rev. Dale Jones of Lebanon as the evangelist. There were three conversions for

which we praise the Lord. Rev. Lester Hilton is our pastor and we extend an invitation to every one to visit our church.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

The churches of the Indian Creek Association met on Thursday afternoon, November 5, 1957, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Mo. for the purpose of organizing a quarterly conference of the Association.

The morning service was conducted by the Woman's Auxiliary of this area, with Mrs. Luther Sanders in charge.

The afternoon service was opened by a congregational number, "Our Best" led by the host pastor. Another congregational number was called for and was led by Rev. Archie Buress of Verdella, Mo. Rev. Buress rendered a special number in song, "Prayer Bells of Heaven." Prayer was led by Rev. Sanders. Rev. James McCully of Monett brought the devotional thought for the afternoon from Phil. 2:1-16. After commenting briefly on the scripture, Rev. McCully closed the devotional period with prayer.

Rev. O. T. Allred acted as temporary moderator until election was held. All those from Free Will Baptist Churches were seated as delegates.

Plans for a Sunday School Institute to be held in February was discussed.

The following items of business were brought before the body and passed:

That the elected officers serve as the program committee.

That Rev. Sanders draw up a Constitution and By-laws and be assisted by whoever he desires.

That at the next quarterly conference each church send one delegate for each 25 members.

That the office of clerk and treasure be combined.

Officers were elected for a period of time until the conference is properly organized. Moderator, Rev. Luther Sanders; Assistant Moderator Rev. O. T. Allred; Clerk to serve for the remainder of associational year—Nancy Alexander; Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Luther Sanders.

Among those present were 4 ordained ministers; 1 licensed minister; 2 ordained deacons; 2 church clerks;

and there were 4 churches represented.

The next quarterly conference meeting will be held at Jones Chapel near Stella, Mo., Tuesday afternoon after the first Sunday in February, 1958.

—Nancy Alexander, Cor.

TWIN OAK CHURCH

We would like to report what the Lord has done for us at the Twin Oak Church.

Our revival began October 13th and closed October 26th. Truly the Lord blessed in a mighty way. Christians were lifted up and the church has been drawn closer to God. We gave God the praise for this wonderful revival. The Lord is still the "same yesterday, today and forever," if we just let Him have His way in our hearts. There were fourteen souls saved from sin in this meeting.

We had a baptismal service Sunday afternoon. Rev. Truman Huffman, our pastor, baptized two souls and there are others yet to be baptized. Seven united with our church, Sunday evening. We thank God for these that have come to help us keep house for God. We as a church, are not just working for big membership, but we are happy to have people that have been born again, full of the spirit of God, and ready to fight sin because there are many things creeping into the churches today that I am sure is not pleasing to God.

We ask an interest in all your Prayers.

—Mrs. Myrtle Menge, Cor.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH

Since last edition we have experienced a revival here at South Side. Rev. O. T. Dixon of Mt. Grove, Mo. was our evangelist. Everyone enjoyed every message Rev. Dixon delivered. We also had Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of our denomination, as a guest speaker. It was the first time many of us have been privileged to hear Rev. Mooneyham.

Some of the men of our church are now installing a new furnace in the basement. It will be used to heat the basement class-rooms and nursery. This has been needed for some time and we are all so thrilled to see it done.

We also hosted the newly organized St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting when it met here the first Saturday in October. Rev. Harvey E. Hill,

former pastor of South Side, moderated the meeting. Visiting with us that day was Rev. Mark Lewis, who now pastors a church in Detroit, Mich.

Many of our members have been smitten by the Flu and this has hurt our church attendance. We are thankful that none seem to be suffering any ill effects and that all are recovering.

During this month we have received three new members. We hope to gain many more in the months ahead as a city of a million people lies at our door. Pray that South Side might be a soul-saving station and that when we send in our report next month we can report souls won to the Lord Jesus.

—Freda Britton, Cor.

RICHWOODS CHURCH

We are very happy to have Rev. Floyd Arnold as our pastor. In the past few months there have been many improvements on the church. We recently elected a Board of Trustees and an additional deacon. The new board immediately proved its ability to labor when the auditorium was enlarged, and also new class rooms were built. We are thankful to each one that has labored so faithfully to complete the building.

We have recently organized a "Youth for Christ", which meets each Friday evening. The young people have enjoyed weiner roasts, a masquerade party, a hay ride, and many other fun-filled meetings. Mrs. Juanita Smith is the president of the Youth for Christ, and also editor of the Y.F.C. Crier, a paper that the young people distribute each month.

The Lord is certainly blessing in every effort that is put forth. We are working on our Christmas program at the present time. The King's Men Quartet from St. Louis were here on November 9th. Everyone had a wonderful time listening to their beautiful Gospel songs. Refreshments were served following the services.

—Mrs. Dorothy Cordia, Cor.

RE-MODELING BASEMENT

Fredericktown Church

A Complete re-modeling job will soon be done on the basement of the Fredericktown church. All the wood posts will be replaced with modern perm-a-jack 'posts. The walls will be replaced with concrete partition blocks. The floor plan as adopted by the church will give a more convenient arrangement for the class rooms and kitchen.

In addition to re-modeling the old basement, the new basement will be finished, adding more class rooms where needed. Two fine Christian men, both carpenters, have been employed to complete the work. They are Bro. Ray Thomas, and Bro. Noah Young.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri met October 31, 1957.

Theme: "As A Candle Lights A Jack-O'lantern So Shall Our Light Shine". Hymn: "Send The Light". Prayer by Willa Mae Barker and Zelma Baker. Scripture, II Cor. 4:1-7. Hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus". Mrs. Bernice Dodd was in charge of the program. "Our Need For Light" by Mrs. Hilderbrand. Poem, "God Answers Prayer" by Mrs. Josie Johnson. Topic: "Christ the Light of the World" by Mrs. Zelma Baker. Topic: "Christ Servant of the World" by Mrs. Willa Mae Barker. Reading "Concert at the Cloth shine" by Wanda Ragsdale. Time was given to singing and praise.

Benediction by Lucille Wilt.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, met at the church Thursday November 21, with sixteen members present, two visitors and six children.

The meeting opened with singing and Mrs. Agnes Smith in charge of the business session. The minutes were read and approved. Our auxiliary decided to supply food and clothing to two needy families and fruit basket to four of our shut-in people.

Program for the morning as follows: Theme "Thankful For the Light of the Gospel". Hymn, "Count Your Blessings". Scripture Matt. 5:14-16 by Mrs. Bernice Dodd. Prayer by Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand. Business period by Mrs. Agness Smith. Program Period by Mrs. Della Getz. Hymn, "Revive Us Again". Introduction by Della Getz. 1. Introduction "The Country" by Mrs. Alberta Turley. 2. Introduction "The People" by Mrs. Agnes Smith. 3. Introduction "Our Missionary Program in Mexico" Mrs. Ruth Wilfong. Story, "Thanksgiving For Joey" by Mrs. Bernice Dodd. Reading "The Wealth I Possess" by Mrs. Edith Brooks. Reading "A Singing Heart" by Mrs. Della Getz. Chorus "It's a Grand Thing to be Saved".

Benediction by Mrs. T. E. Ward.

After the noon hour we met again at 1:30 P. M. for the Woman's Auxiliary manual study. Song "To The Work". Prayer by Mrs. T. E. Ward.

Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale took charge of the manual study.

Dismissed by Mrs. Katie LaBroot.

—Mrs. Mildred Burcham, Cor.

HONOR ROLL

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity	Rev. Ezra Vestal
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Lebanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. James Davis
Coppermines	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Myrtle	Rev. Bud Hill
Kirksville ..	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Wellston	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
First Church, Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Third Ch., St. Louis	Rev. John Rogers
Hazel Creek	
Union	Rev. W. M. Buster
Verdella	Rev. Archie Bures
Richwoods	Rev. Floyd Arnold
Old Bethel	Rev. Dale Statler
Mt. Zion	Rev. O. T. Allred
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredricktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Mountain View Rev. Leslie Peterman	
Hannon Church	Rev. Harry Sterling
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Good Neighbor Family	Oreg. Co.
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Blue Eye	Rev. O. T. Allred
Union Light	Rev. Cecil Sheppard
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Neosho	Rev. James McCully
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Ezra Butts
Victory Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. B. Spurgeon
Rock Chapel	
Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Beacon Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. Lester Jones
First Church (K. C.)	Rev. Alice Dickey
Merls Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred

Why do you continue to seek peace without Christ? No one else has ever found it that way, neither can you.

HOW TO MAINTAIN FAMILY WORSHIP

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Why do we maintain family worship in our home? That moment when we join hands around the breakfast table to bow in prayer is the high spiritual experience of the day. We simply do not want to miss it. Whatever it takes to maintain family worship will not be too high a price to pay in energy or effort.

—Duke K. McCall

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Mount Olive Junior College, which opened in 1954, has been approved by the North Carolina College Conference and the State Department of Education, President W. Burkette Raper announced.

Approval of the local Junior College, given by the College Conference last week in its annual meeting in Winston-Salem, means that the College is now meeting all standards of the Conference and will be qualified for full membership and accreditation by the Conference in 1958. (The Conference requires a waiting period of one year after all other requirements are met, before granting membership.)

The rapid progress made by Mount Olive Junior College virtually assures students who entered this fall and those who will enroll in the future that their graduation will be under accredited conditions and that credits earned in Mount Olive Junior College will be accepted by other colleges.

In announcing the approval of the College, President Raper expressed confidence that the College would make even greater progress in the future. "We are now at a much better advantage to serve the Churches of North Carolina which sponsor the College and the youth of eastern North Carolina."

The College also expects to enroll Free Will Baptist students from all parts of the nation. Students outside North Carolina are accepted on the basis as students from the state.

Scholarships worth \$250 are available to Free Will Baptist students who graduate from high school as valedictorians or salutatorians.

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist churches has set up its headquarters in Mount Olive, the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow of Lucama, president of the Convention, announced.

The Convention headquarters will be located in the office building of Mount Olive Junior College, which

is sponsored by the Convention. The Rev. Michael Pelt, secretary of the Convention and head of the department of religion of the College, will manage the office, Mr. Barrow declared.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo.

We had much to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving season and as we approach Christmas we feel the closeness of Christ in our hearts.

On Sunday evening Nov. 3rd. we were honored with the presence of Mr. Ray Turnage who brought to us an inspiring message. Mr. Turnage also spoke to the Sr. League on the subject of "How to Build League Attendance."

We were happy indeed to have Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna with us in a service recently. Mrs. Hannas' parents are members of our church and we in part shared the happiness brought to their hearts with the return home of their missionary daughter and family, after five years of service on the mission field.

Recently we have installed a new gas furnace in the Junior department of our church. We are thankful for this new convenience the Lord has provided us with.

Our pastor has set up a visitation program in which our members take turns each week visiting the sick and delinquent members. Pray that through this program much will be accomplished.

—Freda Britton, Cor.

EVANGELIC ASSOCIATION PLANS PRAYER WEEK OBSERVANCE

A nationwide observance of Universal Week of Prayer is being planned by the National Association of Evangelicals for its constituent churches January 5 through 11, 1958. Sponsored by the association's Spiritual Life Commission, the week of prayer is being promoted for the second consecutive year among evangelical churches.

Universal Week of Prayer began in England over one hundred years ago under the then building World Evangelical Alliance. Observance there is by communities with the people coming together in a different church each day of the week. Since beginning the observance has spread to other countries, but only recently has a widespread attempt been made to introduce it into American church life. A folder with the prayer themes for each day and appropriate remarks

is widely distributed for use in regularly scheduled or special church services and in family and private devotions.

The Spiritual Life Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals is under the direction of the Rev. Armin Gesswein, who is well known for his encouragement of prayer by holding "Revival Prayer Conferences" throughout the country. The commission is also active in promoting World Day of Prayer which is planned for February 21, 1958.

Ministers wishing to obtain free materials for the observance of Universal Week of Prayer in their churches are requested to write to the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

MISSIONARY DESCRIBES FLOOD IN SPAIN

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"Hospitals and clinics are groaning with the press of patients, as an epidemic of Asian flu adds to the miseries already inflicted on the people. Ambulances and fire-fighting crews have come from all over Spain to help. The individual acts of heroism can be counted in the thousands, but the spirit of resignation and co-operation to bring order out of chaos has impressed us in a way we had not had occasion to be impressed before by the Spanish character."

Mefford reports that among their Baptist folk who live in the city and its suburbs no one lost his life, but many of them lost everything they owned. The Meffords themselves live in the only part of the city that was not flooded.

—From EFMA

PLAIN A. B. C.

One day in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, I asked an inmate to give me a good theological analysis for the redemption of man. He took the Bible from my desk and opened it. He said, "I am a Christian because I have accepted—'Behold, now is the accepted time'." He turned to another portion and said, "I am a Christian because I believe—'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . .'" Another turn, and he showed me the monumental Scripture, ' . . . and as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . .'"

He added: "Chaplain, it's just plain A. B. C.—Accept, Believe, Confess."

No university or seminary has ever offered a better analysis.

(Fleming H. Revell Co.)