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GOD'S WILL

A gentleman going along a country road met a man whom he courteously wished, "Good morning." "I have never had a bad morning," replied the man. "That is very singular. I wish you always be so fortunate." "I was never unfortunate." "Dear me! I wish you may always be happy." "And I am never unhappy." "I wish," said the gentleman, near exasperation, "that you would explain yourself a little."

"That I will certainly do. I have never had a bad morning, for every morning I praise God. If it rains or snows, whether the weather be bright or stormy, I am still thankful to God. You wish that I will always be fortunate, but I cannot be unfortunate, for nothing befalls but according to the will of God. And His will is always good, in whatever He does or permits to be done. You wished or always happy, but I cannot be unhappy while resigned to the will of God, and as long as His peace rules in my heart."

—Selected

You have to live a lot of your life with yourself. You may as well learn to enjoy your own company.

—Barton

"Intelligence is like a river.... the deeper it is, the less noise it makes."

—Gilcrafter

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	139	130	111
Desloge		101	102		97	95					
*Farmington	55	58	62	60	67	60	63	70	70	70	60
Fourth St. Louis	61	57	65		73	63	56		64	78	
Old Bethel	23	23	22		16	19	22	24	22	22	23
Berkeley City	190	180	178	204	139	161	146	161	180	188	172
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	
New Hope, Kansas City									27	31	35

*Represents number for December. Leadington 131; Farmington 73; Grant Ave., Springfield 53.

Please send us your average, too.

The Christ I Know

John W. Beaman

Waltonburg, North Carolina

When I was just a little child, and Mother had made me ready for bed, Father would take me in his arms, stand me on his knee, and with my head bowed on his shoulder, we would repeat these words together:

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

I think it was this little prayer that gave my mind its first impressions of a heavenly Father who created and watches over all. At first my understanding of Him was vague and child-like, but I do not remember a time when I did not feel some sense of responsibility to Him. I used to pray that I might know Him better, that I might feel Him close to me, and as real as the air I breathed or the sunshine about me.

That prayer has been answered but it was not answered in a day. The trust I have in Him has been like a tiny seed springing up, that has grown and spread till it fills my life. My hopes are spread upon it and the things that I aspire to are built about it.

There was a time when I thought of Him with fear, and I sought to win His favor by not doing anything that might displease Him. I found that with all my efforts I could not do this. However hard I tried, there would come a time of forgetfulness or weakness when I would be caught off my guard, and do something that I felt he would not have me do. For a long, long time I kept trying, thinking always that tomorrow I would do better. But that tomorrow was so very slow in coming that I grew despondent. I said to my self that I would put it all behind me and forget about it.

Forgetting was easier said than done. I thought to get away from His presence, but there was no place where I might hide from Him. Always the question kept coming to me, "Where art thou?" I tried to hide in unbelief, and I told myself that the infidel and the atheist were the happy ones. But these words haunted me: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven thou art there. If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea the darkness

hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee" (Psalm 139:7-12)

The years passed by, but they brought no lasting peace. One night at bedtime, as I thought upon these words of Jesus, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). I resolved to lay my burden at His feet, to leave it up to Him, and I said, "Lord, if there is help to be had, it must come from You, I have done what I can." And then there came a sense of relief and peace such as I had not known before. I think there came to me a little of the joy that Jesus knew after His temptation in the wilderness, when the devil left Him and angels came and ministered to Him. The days that followed were happy ones. There passed through my mind a continued flow of sweet promises and testimonies, not only from the Word of God, but from the witnessing of His believing children. My mind was refreshed and renewed in a way that was a completely new experience.

I think that something akin to this comes to everyone who knows a full and true conversion. In such an hour one really gets to know Jesus Christ, and to think of Him as a friend that sticketh closer than a brother; as one understands and sympathizes because He knows the temptations we have known; as one who can and will help us in our time of deepest need. I believe that in the hour of death the thief on the cross came to know Him as such a friend, and I feel that the woman taken in adultery, who was brought to Jesus that she might be stoned, found in Him, perhaps, the first true friend that she had ever known.

I would that I could say that from the hour when I first really knew Him that I have walked humbly and sincerely with Him and with my God. I can say and truly say, that from that time I have held on to the faith that was given me in that hour. But there have been battles to fight, and there have been temptations, and the scars of many a bitter struggle remain upon my soul. But Christ has stood by me as He has stood by countless others, and many a time, the chastisement of my peace has been upon Him; and with His stripes have I been healed. (See Isaiah 53:5.)

Through it all I have learned to trust Him with a great and abiding trust, and in my heart I know a great thankfulness, that has been given to me, to know the power of the heavenly Father's love, through Jesus Christ.

THE CHAIN MAKER

The story is told of a man known as Louis the Strong, who made bows for the French army during one of the wars in which France was engaged.

One day the French took a number of prisoners for whom there was no room in the prison. The governor of the prison sent for Louis, and ordered him to make some strong chains with which to bind the prisoners and keep them in the prison yard. Louis had never made chains, but he promised to do his best—and he made such chains as had never been made before. By degrees, the prison authorities discarded all the old chains, using only those which were made by Louis the Strong.

But it happened in the course of time that Louis himself committed a crime, and was imprisoned and manacled. "Ah!" he sighed, as he looked at the chains that bound him, "these are my own chains. Had I known when I made them, that I was forging them to bind myself, how differently would I have made them!"

Does not this illustrate what is taking place all around us in the world of sin? People are forging chains of evil habit, for their own binding. But the things they are indulging in, they are bringing themselves into a well-nigh hopeless captivity—chaining themselves to a bondage as merciless as ever a serfdom held a slave in its grip!

Who has not seen the cigarette addict who must have his smoke, at all costs? Or the inebriate, who would rather not live, it would seem, if deprived of his drink? These habits hold their victims in a vise-grip that no power on earth can break. Christ alone "breaks the power of cancelled sin, and sets the prisoner free."

No matter how powerless the victim, if he turns from evil habits with all his heart and comes to our mighty Saviour, his song will be, "Deliverance has come!"

—Burning Bush

AN UNREASONABLE REASON

"I don't like you," said the snow flake to the snow bird.

"And why don't you like me?" said the snow bird to the snow flake.

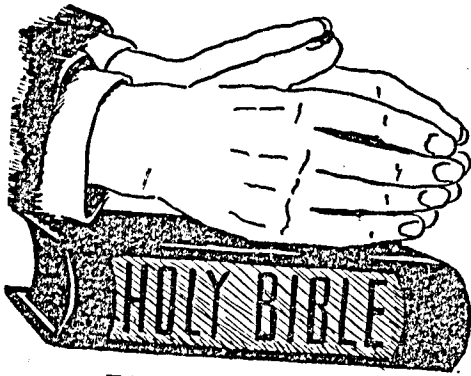
"Because," said the snow flake, "You are going up and I am going down."

And that is the reason why so many people do not like other people.

—Religious Telescope

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

The Family Altar



FAMILY WORSHIP

It is with the church in the house as with the church in the village. The wayfarer may get a word in passing which he never can forget. The stranger that turns aside to tarry for a night may hear at your family worship the word that will save him.

Some years ago, an Irish wanderer, his wife and his sister, asked a night's shelter in the cabin of a pious schoolmaster. It was an hour for evening worship, and when the strangers were seated, the schoolmaster began by reading slowly and solemnly the second chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians. The young man sat astonished. The expressions, "Dead in trespasses and sins," "Children of wrath," "Walking after the course of this world," were new to him. He sought an explanation. He was told that this is God's account of the state of man by nature. He felt that it was exactly his own state. "In this way I have walked from my childhood. In the service of the god of this world we have come to your house."

He was on his way to a fair, where he intended to pass a quantity of counterfeit money. He then produced his store of coin, and begged his host to cast it into the fire; and asked anxiously if he could obtain the Word of God for himself. His request was complied with. The next morning with the new treasure, the party, who had now no errand to the fair, returned to their own home.

Some years ago an English gentleman visited America and spent some days with a pious friend. He was a man of talent and accomplishments, but an infidel. Four years afterward he returned to the same house—a Christian. They wondered at the change, but little suspected when and where it originated. He told them that when he was present at their family worship, on the first evening of his former visit, and when they all knelt down to pray, the recollection of such scenes rushed on his memory, so that

he did not hear a single word. But the occurrence made him think, and his thoughtfulness ended in his leaving the barren wilderness of infidelity, and finding rest in Christ.

Shall family prayer be neglected? Shall Christian parents permit the pressures of business, social engagements, and the love of pleasure to overthrow family worship and banish the family altar? Shall the children of the church be robbed of the benefits of this holy institution through the indifference and neglect of their own parents?

—Selected

FUGITIVES FROM GOD

Judge Julius H. Miner of the Circuit Court of Chicago, Illinois, says that criminals are fugitives from God, and that America desperately needs a great religious revival to combat both adult and juvenile crime.

"Criminals are not born," he says. "They are reared in an era which has discarded morality. They are victims of spiritual starvation. Irreligion has obviously become the major contributing factor to our national juvenile crisis."

Judge Miner, an authority on divorce and crime problems, says that a spiritual resurgence is needed to draw the American people to God and prayer. He pointed out that while home religious training is important, home training can never offer an adequate substitute in the religious education of a child for the planned instruction of the Sunday School.

LET THE BURDEN GO

I came across the story a while ago of a woman carrying a suitcase. You could see that she was in a hurry. Finally she broke into a run, and just caught a car. A man on board had been watching her. When she got aboard he continued to watch her, because she still held the suitcase. You could see that she was clutching it almost fiercely. Finally, the man touched her arm and said, "You can put the suitcase down now, lady; the car will carry it for you."

Isn't this a moving picture of what so often happens in our lives? In our anxiety, in our hurry and worry, we keep carrying things which might so much better have been laid down. We keep carrying loads which God could so well carry for us. We believe that "underneath are the everlasting arms," but we often forget.

Now is the time to let go some of this extra baggage that tires us so. Drop it. You'll be surprised and,

sometimes, I fear, a bit chagrined, to find out how things will go along just the same, even though you don't hold them up.

—Holiness Christian Messenger

TO QUIET PERSONS

Faye Dewar

I wonder if the hub of the wagon wheel ever said to the spokes, "You big, strong fellows, how favored you are to be to support the rim as you do! You certainly go places faster than I do. Your strength and speed make me appear so useless and slow."

And the spokes ever say to the rim, "Oh, you are so active and useful, rim. You make contacts with so many new and interesting territories. We wouldn't get anywhere without you. I fear I shall never be like you?"

The spokes might well reply to the hub, "Dear hub, it is you who hold us together so that we may support the rim. If you gave way we would simply fly to pieces. We must have you."

The rim would then have to say, "And I depend on the spokes for the life you admire. Without them I would be simply a useless circle with no power of my own, with nothing to do and nowhere to go. I depend solely upon faithfulness to duty, and don't forget—where I go, you go, too."

Do you ever feel discouraged because you do not seem to contribute as much to the church services as your more outspoken brother or sister? Are you tempted to feel that you might as well remain home for the little good you can do?

Do not give in to that temptation. If it were not for you the world would become unbearable in its feverish haste. Your presence has a calming influence. Your serenity as you express your opinion or your refusal to offer an opinion is a reminder of your faith in God.

Paul said to Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth." He might also have said, "Let no man despise thy quiet nature." There is a place for you in the building of God's kingdom. "... in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength..." (Isaiah 30:15).

The 10th Beatitude: Blessed is the man who can and will take inventory of his life and possessions and not be afraid or proud. A man said to me recently regarding a dead man, "He was rich, a good Doctor, took a cold bath every morning. He died." If that is the most you can say about me when I am gone, please hold your breath and keep your compliments for another more "Famous" than I.

A Sermon Dedicated To The Aged

Rev. Archie McKay

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. Proverbs 16:31.

The Bible permits us many delightful glimpses of childhood; of Samuel, consecrated from birth to the Lord; of the lad with the loaves and fishes, giving his possessions to Christ for use; of Moses, God's charge from birth till he fell asleep; of the little ones whom Jesus gathered to his breast as he said: "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven." We are permitted to bend over the cradle of many a new-born babe and share the joy of the parents.

But old age is not omitted from the sacred record. We follow Joshua until he is 110 years old, Moses until 120, Joseph until 110, Jacob until 147. God never forgets His children. Old age, even of the sinful, is spoken of tenderly. But old age in Christ is singularly honored. "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

There is beauty and sweetness about life's sunset that some do not observe. No portion of the day is more inspiring and yet more becalming than the hour of sunset. The day is done. The fervor of its shining is over, and the sun hangs golden in the west, making everything look unspeakably beautiful. The weary laborer seeks his rest. Children leave their play together in the home. It is time for prayer, rest and sleep. William the conqueror introduced into England the ringing of curfew bells. The curfew meant that all fires should be put out or covered with ashes, all lights extinguished, all the people retire for rest. For some here curfew will soon sound. The fires of life will be banked and we shall go to sleep. But whether there be rest and glory will depend on whether the hoary head be found in the way of righteousness. One man, when on the very banks of the promised land, and looking over, cried out, "Beautiful, beautiful, it is a beautiful morning," his wife said, "shall I open the shutters to give you a better view?" "Oh," he said, "I have looked a great way beyond the shutters."

To him who looks beyond the shutters, old age comes as a heartless robber. It takes away from life its purpose, no new profession to be entered on, no new plans to be formed, no books to be written, no fields to till, or houses to build, no place in the world's busy life. Plan and zest and

work, have all given place to a time of waiting. Waiting for the days to run their course, for time to end and eternity begin.

All paths, ambition, fame, learning, all are closed, save one, the path to the tomb. The world has nothing for them; they have nothing for the world. Such indeed can be said of those who come to old age but look not beyond the shutters. Can you conceive a sadder picture? Life all but lived; the world fast-fast receding; earth ties snapping, until barely more than one or two bind to the present; and what lies beyond, around, beneath? Oh, my friends, if you are not a Christian, come to the Saviour now.

But the picture has another side. "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." If many things are gone, many more remain.

The aged Christian has passed beyond the most hazardous and tempting periods and scenes of life. He is unaffected by many of the evil influences of a wicked world. The world has not lost its influence over him simply because his physical powers have weakened, but because he has learned to put right value on things.

The aged Christian still has reserved to Him the most potent agency in life, prayer. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." I never enter the pulpit without thinking of the aged Christians, who though denied by the weight of years the worship we enjoy, never fail to pray for the pastor and the church. Oh, how we thank God for their prayers.

The aged Christian may lean to the full on Christ. Herein is his privilege and joy. How beautiful is old age when cheered by the conscious presence and help of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are no fears, no doubts, no anxieties about the future. Thanks be to God, he is leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

My friends, if we are to come to Life's close with the comfort of Christian hope, we must prepare for it while yet it is day.

To the aged people out of Christ these thoughts come. It is still not too late. You can come to the Saviour now. The Bible tells us that, "Now is the accepted time, today is the day of Salvation."

The ointment poured upon Jesus' feet by Mary had no practical value until the alabaster box was broken to pour it forth. So we are of no value until we are broken and poured out in service for God and man.

THE CHEERFUL MAN

What a boon he is in everybody's life! Like a bright sunrise and a gentle south wind, coming together on a winter morning, he is to all who cross his path. He brushes cheerily along, knocking grief and disappointment out of his path, and leaving it fringed with flowers. Such a man is worth a great deal to the world; more than all his money, his wisdom, or his ambitious schemes. People feel a sort of pleasure just seeing him coming down the street, and when they meet him, there is not a cloud in sight.

Such men are a blessing to a town. They make one feel that the town is growing, is getting more beautiful, more than a place just to eat and sleep and make a living in. Sometimes one does not meet such men, and then he feels that the town is degenerating, that things are going wrong, and that the evil spirit is trying to put a little malice in his heart, and he goes home and meets his wife's smile with a feeling of suspicion.

A cheerful man does not realize the amount of good he is doing in the world. But it is his nature and he cannot help it. Heaven has picked him out as one of its angels, and he is faithful to his mission. Every day some fellow has been made happy by his pleasant smile and his genial "good morning;" and if one has a bit of business with him, it passes by very much like an exchange of compliments.

To be cheerful may not be so great a duty as to be honest or unselfish, but it certainly widens the radiance of these virtues.

—Ohio State Journal

WHY THEY ATTEND

A questionnaire was presented to all who were present at the morning service in a certain church. One of the most revealing facts was that a large percentage of the people indicated that what first brought them to church was an invitation of a friend. Other reasons were given, but no one of them accounted for as many contacts as this personal introduction.

Newspaper and other forms of publicity are important in making the church known, but all of them together are less effective than members who are enthusiastic about their church and who invite their friends to come and share in the worship and fellowship.

"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city... and compel them to come in that my house shall be filled."

—Anon

From the Editor's Desk

THE NEW YEAR

We have already begun the New Year, but we send our greetings to you and wish you a prosperous year in the Lord. We hope for every Christian a closer walk with God. The Lord's blessings do not diminish with the years, but the phrase "the riches of his grace" is just as true as when Paul penned the words nineteen-hundred years ago.

Let us put our trust in God. "Some trust in chariots, some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Let our trust not be in man, atomic and hydrogen bombs, or anything on earth, but let us say with the Psalmist "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

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REV. AND MRS. LONG INJURED

Rev. and Mrs. John Long were injured in a car accident some weeks ago and are in need of our prayers. In addition to the injuries received, Sister Long also suffered a heart attack.

Rev. Long is pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church at Desloge, Mo., and is experiencing a successful ministry there.

We urge you to remember them in your prayers that God may give them a complete recovery.

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A GOOD RECORD

Sister Leona J. Smith of the Old Bethel Church, Patton, Mo., writes: Enclosed please find a money order for our mission money. We are also sending our Sunday School averages: April 23, September 22, October 22, November 23. Our Sunday School enrollment is 24 and you see what our averages are. We had 95 plus per cent of the Sunday School stay for church and our league enrollment is the same as the Sunday School enrollment. How many other churches can say the same? If it were a big church they would likely get a "write-up" about it. We do not seek publicity, but I believe we have earned it. We are getting along fine every one working together."

At the close of the letter Sister Smith added a note saying, "We also have 100 per cent of Sunday School in prayer meeting every Wednesday night."

Certainly the Old Bethel Church has a record to be proud of.

REV. RIGGS HAS SUCCESSFUL ITINERATE

Dear Editor:

The month of November was indeed a thrilling month in the interest of foreign missions. Missionary conferences were planned in the State of North Carolina by different churches. The speakers for these conference meetings, consisted of Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Dave Franks, Missionary to Brazil, Miss Ula Mae Martin, Missionary Nurse, and also Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Wiley, Sr. who had just returned from a survey trip to Brazil.

Attached you will find list of churches visited and also results of the services in dedications, conversions, pledges and offerings.

It is encouraging to note that over \$20,000.00 for foreign missions was pledged during these services.

The suggested quota for the State of North Carolina for 1958 for foreign missions is \$30,000.00. We can readily see that with just a few churches pledging this amount that the potential for foreign missions in this state could easily be doubled. We are indeed grateful for every pastor and the churches who are responding to this important work. We are made to feel very humble to realize that God's

blessings have been poured out upon this department in such a great way.

Please feel free to use this information in a story form or any other way in your paper. We are hoping that other states will respond accordingly and if such, we will be able to meet the challenge and enter the many open doors that are extended to our foreign mission department at this time.

Sincerely yours,
Raymond Riggs
Promotional Sec.-Treas.

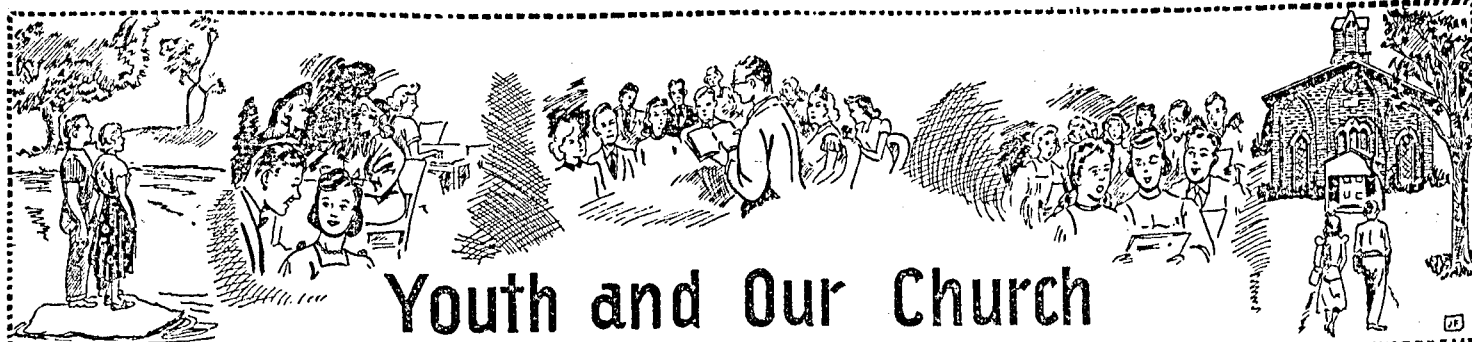
MISS BARNARD TO RETURN

Miss Laura Belle Barnard is also scheduled to arrive home from India, on or about December 15th. She has been ailing in health, so please pray for her during these days. Miss Barnard is our Senior Missionary to India. Suppose that we give her a "Welcome Home" shower of cards and letters. Surely it would warm her heart to receive an "avalanche" of mail for Christmas. Send as follows: Miss Laura Belle Barnard, c/o Mrs. Cora Hagin, 312 Herrington Street, Glenview, Georgia.

You may say, "I give my tithe," you don't do it. I don't give my grocer \$100.00 a month; I merely pay my bill, and that is all you do when you pay your tithe. Is the Old Testament God's lowest standard was the tithe; and with much greater light and opportunity surely our obligation is, to say the least, much greater than theirs.

CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE REPORT

Place and Pastor	Dedication	Pledges	Offerings	Conversions
Swannanoa—Rev. Wayne Smith	22	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 45.00	2
Edgemont—Rev. Ronald Creech	9	11,546.23	75.00	7
Shady Grove—Rev. Geo. Ludwig	18	1,628.00	72.02	4
Sherron Acres—Rev. Carl Osborn		346.00	93.55	
Calvay—Rev. Robert Woodward		1,200.00	335.00	
Fellowship—Rev. Lonnie Graves		900.00		
Piedmont Bible Institute—Rev. Roy Rikard			15.00	
St. Mary's—Rev. Cecil Campbell	15	1,485.00	151.00	
Pine Level—Rev. Herbert Waid	18	470.00	145.08	
Davis—Rev. Henry Van Kluyve			61.71	
Selma—Rev. Albert Coates			14.04	
Pleasant Acres—Rev. T. O. Terry			40.00	
		\$19,388.23	\$1,067.40	
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FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Greenville, Tenn., R-9

Dear Friends:

I am writing this letter with the permission of our Superintendent, H. C. Burgess. He is "Daddy Burgess" as seventy-one other children and I like to think of him and Mrs. Burgess as Father and Mother.

I am 16 years old. My mother died the 7th of March, 1955 and my Father died the 12th of May, 1956. I have five sisters and two brothers. We are a poor family so none of my sisters are able to keep me and my small brother. Brother came to this Home one ear ago and I lived with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wallin of Unicom, Tennessee until a few months ago and they lost their health and were not financially able to keep me so my older sister came to Mr. Burgess and he and Rev. Dunbar allowed me to make my home here for which I am very grateful, for it is the most wonderful home I have ever had in all my life.

As I have already said I have been here a short time, but in hearing Daddy Burgess and Mama Gate talk, I have learned they are having a very hard time to keep this Home going and keep our bills paid, and now it is winter time with all we children going to school and coal and winter clothing to buy, along with all the school supplies.

Now, I appeal to you, please do not throw this letter in the wast basket but take it to your church and ask that they make a special offering to this Home. Please you fathers and mothers, you are still with your children for which I am grateful for I hope no child will be left like by brother and me, but God called Mother and Daddy and they had to go leaving us alone. I am now here with seventy-one other children and we need your help. I am now in the 10th grade in school and there are many things that I need, and I know Daddy Burgess is trying to get the things that we have along as he can, but I came here with no clothes and I am glad to have a Home like

this, so I won't ask for some of the things that I need.

So in closing, let me ask you again please think what it is to be without a mother and father and think what it is to feed and clothe seventy-one children and keep them in school and church, keep coal to keep six homes warm. I heard Daddy Burgess say to Mama Kate that we now need 50 tons of coal. I hope I am not asking too much of you, but we need your help at this time and I believe you will help us.

Thanking you for all your past help and for what you may do in the future, I am

Sincerely,

Lou Ella Cutshall

BEN FRANKLIN WISDOM

Real wisdom does not degenerate with the passing of time. There are a few capsules credited to Benjamin Franklin that are good for what ails the present generation:

Avarice and happiness never saw each; how then should they become acquainted?

A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets, keep his nose to the grindstone.

Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today.

Plough deep while sluggards sleep. Idleness and pride have a heavier hand than kings and parliaments. If we can get rid of the former, we may easily bear the latter.

The worst wheel of the cart makes the noise.

Eat to live, and not live to eat.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Great beauty, great strength, and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all.

Does thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

Remember that time is money.

Poverty wants some things, luxury many things, avarice wants all things.

The heart of the fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of the wise man is in his heart.

Do good to thy friend to keep him, to thy enemy to gain him.

Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day.

—Religious Telescope

Sunday School Is Big Business

Louis H. Moulton
Savannah, Georgia

A certain pastor was heard to say while in conversation with a friend, "Our Sunday School today knows nothing about the age-old problem of enlisting leadership for its important work. We have long lists of persons waiting to get on our teaching staff." The friend replied, "Where did you get such a list, and how have you solved this number one problem of leadership shortage?"

He answered without hesitation, "For the past fourteen years we have conducted continuous leadership training classes in our church, having as many as four operative classes at a given time within the year. We now have a standard whereby each person takes a certain amount of pre-service training as well as continue in service training as long as he remains on the staff."

I'm sure that you will agree with me that the training of Sunday School workers must proceed and not follow an attempt to solve Sunday School problems. The training of workers is the most important step toward a bigger and better Sunday School.

The primary objective of the Sunday School is to win the lost to Christ and to teach the Word of God. Of course along with this the Sunday School ministers to its members and the community, encourages church membership and attendance and teaches the duties and privileges of church membership.

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News From The Mission Field

REPORT OF SURVEY IN SOUTH AMERICA

By Mabel and Thomas Willey
Countries visited—Chili, Argentina and Brazil.

Time:: One month, 16 days. September 17 to November 2, 1957.

"Trust Him to manage all that thou dost now commit to Him: the ship, the sails, the sea, the sailors, thy strange crew, and ask not how He will do all for thee. But trustful be, Lie down and rest, from anxious worry free."

As we flew out to sea after leaving the city of Havana, Cuba on Tuesday, September 17th, the Lord gave us this little poem. As we returned to Cuba on November 2, we could only bow our heads and hearts thanking Him that He had truly managed all that could be committed to Him, as only the Spirit of God can do. He led each step of the way. His clock was never behind time or ahead of time—every contact was made in time—God's time.

We are grateful for the many prayers offered in our behalf. We attribute the success and blessing of the trip to you who have prayed.

As we begin this report to you, we take as our promise I Cor. 16:9 "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." The doors are open; the contacts have been made; we commit into your hands the tremendous and glorious task of taking the good news to our neighbors at the south of us. The task will not be easy. It will call for much prayer, agonizing prayer, and for real sacrificial giving on the part of those at home. But together the job can be done and we as a church can have the glorious privilege of being ambassadors for our Lord and King in still other lands.

*Chili

Our first stop in Chili was made in the northern part about 11:30 Wednesday, September 18th in a town called Antofagasta. As we flew down through the clouds we beheld one of the most interesting sights we have ever seen—a desert of high rolling hills. There was not a tree or a blade of grass to be seen; years pass without rain—the one spot in the world where it rarely ever rains. They tell us that when the rain comes that

the grass grows overnight. This was a military base and we could take no pictures. After leaving Antofagasta we flew for miles and miles over this type of soil. Where there were deep valleys and rivers we saw some vegetation and small towns. We came to learn later that many of these towns have no gospel witness.

Chili is a long narrow country—3000 miles long, as long as California is from New York. We started flying over Chili about seven o'clock in the morning and arrived in Santiago at 4:00 in the afternoon. There is one hour difference in time—one hour advanced.

We flew over the Pacific with the Andes mountains to the left. As we started inland we flew over some of the most beautiful country we have ever seen—high mountains with deep valleys. There were some dirt roads winding in and out of these valleys. As we approached the beautiful city of Santiago, one and one half million inhabitants, we marveled at its high snow-peaked mountains which completely surrounded the city and its gorgeous flowers. It was early spring-time for Chili so the cold was quite bitter. Rev. and Mrs. Dick Inlaw, friends from other years, met us at the airport. They have been in Chili two years and are connected with the New Testament Baptist Church. The next day was Independence Day so our friends made it possible for us to see the President of Chili and all his armed forces on parade. It gave us a keen appreciation of this brave strong country.

Our information concerning missionary work in Chili was obtained by Rev. William A Austin (Av. Manquehue 1238, Las Condes, Santiago) of the American Bible Society. Small towns and rural areas offer the most challenging opportunities in Chili. Two-thirds of the population (6 million) live between Valpariso and Santiago.

In the south of Chili lies the most fertile and productive area. This area is mostly Protestant due to the intensive missionary activity by many groups. The Baptist and the Missionary Alliance have strong schools in Temuce. The Pentecostal Church in Chili as well as most of the other Latin American countries is the fastest growing church.

The need of Chili is in the north and the extreme south. Both sections call for rugged pioneer type of work. It will be impossible for nurses or doctors to enter and work legally. The need is for schools. The government will employ any young lady or man with only sixth grade education to teach in their schools. A school along with the church activities would be a real ministry.

The Chilians are a hearty people, mostly of German and Italian descent. Many German immigrants have become citizens of Chili. The Lord gave us the great joy of winning a lovely German girl for Him. She was the maid in the home of the missionaries. She had heard the gospel for two years but hardened her heart to His voice. After the Sunday night service we talked to her personally and she was born into the Kingdom of God. There are many, many more just like Anita waiting in Chili.

*Argentina

We left Santiago Monday, September 23, at 4:30 by Lan Airlines (A Chilean line) and arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina at 6:30 P. M.

We were entertained at the Christian Missionary Alliance Seminary by Rev. and Mrs. Myron Vath (2975 Pampa). We stayed with them six days. Brother Vath devoted most of his time to us—giving us valuable information. Buenos Aires is a city of seven million, the largest city south of the equator. There are only 200 evangelical churches in Buenos Aires. The Catholic church is fast losing its hold upon the people; the youth has become atheistic; the political situation is serious. While there we saw a general strike throughout that great city. A marine drove the bus in which we rode—not charging us any fare. Wages are very low and the cost of living continues to climb.

We visited a number of the large book stores from which we have been purchasing for years. We also visited the American Bible Society and saw their new six-story building.

In conference with Rev. Little, chairman of the Alliance field, he voluntarily made us this offer. If we could send a prepared couple to Argentina they could teach and prepare our own converts in their Bible Institute at the same time they could help us to establish a work in one of the large unevangelized sections of Buenos Aires. This would be a beginning; from there we could extend on out into the Province of Santa Marta, a very needy province. The Bible Institute is located

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BETTY ELLIOT WRITES FROM THE JUNGLE

(Betty, is the wife of one of the fellows who was killed in Ecuador)

A rumor that missionary doctor Wilford Tidmarsh had been captured by the savage Auca Indians of Ecuador has been officially denied. Dr. Tidmarsh, who is affiliated with Christian Missions in Many Lands, built a house at the edge of Auca territory and has been living there for several months in hope of being able to contact the Aucas.

Meanwhile, Betty Elliot, widow of one of the five missionaries killed by Aucas in January 1956, made a contact with two Auca women who came to the Quichua Indian settlement located at the edge of Auca territory near where Curaray and Oglan rivers meet. Here, in Betty's own words, is a description of that eventful visit:

"At 5 P. M. we slogged down the last hill to the bank of the Curaray to the house of Dario Santi (a Quichua family). Here were gathered all the Quichuas of the settlement and in their midst two Auca women, one of whom I instantly recognized as the older of the two who met the five men on the beach. The Quichua women who sat on either side of them made valiant efforts to coach the bewildered Auca women in greeting me, but without response. They moved closer to the Quichua women, clutched their hands tightly and eyed me narrowly. I sat down beside them and started taking down as much language data as I could before dark. I was afraid they might take off down-river and I knew that it was of paramount importance to get language material.

"Neither of them wore ear plugs, but both had large perforations in their ears, more than large enough to stick my thumb through. Their hair was cut from the tops of the ears straight around over the eyebrows, long in back. Both of them were dressed in the clothes which the Quichua women had put on them as soon as they appeared. They had brought nothing with them except a scrap of bark cloth, in which was carefully wrapped a new package of Ecuadorian matches, proving that they are from the houses where gifts are dropped (by the Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilots).

"One of the women talked quite freely, with no idea that she was not fully understood. When it was bedtime, the Quichua women took the two Aucas into a tiny room and covered them with blankets. It was a moving thing to see these two motherly old women, "primitive" and "uncul-

tured" in the eyes of the civilized, take under their wing these two Auca women. Everyone treated them with the greatest gentleness, like little frightened animals from the forest and tried very hard to understand their wants and anticipate their needs. And then they received me, a long, lanky, pale foreigner in the same hospitable spirit. It was really quite incredible when one considered it.

"As they slept, I reviewed the situation. I tried to decide whether or not I should try to persuade the two Aucas to accompany me back to Arajuno. The Quichuas helped me with this decision. They felt that my taking them away would endanger the whole Quichua community, for the Auca spies would see that the two women were gone and would conclude that they had been killed. Furthermore, it was clear to me that they were happy with the Quichuas and they were not comfortable with me unless they were flanked by Quichuas.

"Of course, I considered the possibility of this situation being a decoy, as had been suggested of the contact the five fellows had on the Friday prior to their martyrdom. If this were the case, I could expect more Aucas later.

"About nine o'clock that first night, one of the Aucas, whom I call Sue, began a weird chant of two notes. I concluded, however, that she was crying. Things quieted down for a while, but then suddenly the dogs began barking and the men got up, checked their guns, stood their own homemade lances up in a convenient place and waited for Aucas. But nothing happened and finally all of us went to sleep. The houses have no walls at all, so the stars were all visible, making me forget now and then how hard it is to sleep on beds of chonta palm logs.

"Thursday morning when the missionary plane flew over Sue got quite upset, talked very loudly and then started her chant again, her voice catching with sobs every now and then. She seemed full of fear. The other Auca woman, whom I call Molly, showed no emotion of any kind. Several times Sue shouted "Muipal", beat her chest and talked on and on very rapidly. (Muipa is the name of the Auca chief, of whom we have known for several years, a fierce killer, and very possibly the one responsible for the death of Jim and the others.) When I tried to say a few words about my husband and his being killed, Sue became very animated, talked rapidly again, gesturing.

"Dr. Tidmarsh arrived on Tuesday afternoon with his tape recorder and we succeeded in getting the tape. A few days later I showed them the book **Through Gates of Splendor**, especially the pictures. They seemed to understand the pictures perfectly and their talk was again of lances, Muipa, etc. One of them asked me a question which for once I understood. 'Did they kill your husband?'

"Once I found Molly and Sue staring at me transfixed—then I realized I was humming a hymn tune. They loved it. I tried to get them to whistle, but neither could do it. I wished I could write all the things I feel I've already learned from this tremendous experience—the life of the Quichuas, in which I've never before shared so intimately, and a new set of values on my own view of life, plus the depth of ignorance in which these Aucas live. Also the faithfulness of the Lord, the lovely sense of His presence and pleasure, a new and absolutely solid trust in His Word, and a stronger conviction than ever before that the things of this world are paltry by comparison with doing His will."

WHO MAKES A SUNDAY SCHOOL

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quixt wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I wishd many timxs that it workd prxfctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrenx.

Somxtimxs it sxmxs to mx that our Sunday School program is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxy prxplx arx working prpxrly.

You may say to yoursxlf, Wxll, I am only onx person. I won't makx or brxak a program." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx a Sunday School program, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry prxson.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx prxson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a lxy prxson in our Sunday School program and I am nxxdxd vxry much."

—Link

QUOTES

"A poor listener seldom hears a good sermon."

"Many church members are like the farmer's well; It only had two faults: it froze up in the winter-time and dried up in the summer-time."

"When I neglect the services of my church, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members, and I chill my own soul."

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

"Here is an offering of \$21.72 from the Franklin Church. I have spoken to our Yearly Meeting and written all our pastors about the National Missions program".

—Rev. H. Ashby, Ohio.

"Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 to be applied to the Mexican Mission station. This is from the Adult League of Heads Church".

—Mrs. J. S. Walker, Tenn.

"Enclosed please find \$3.52 from the young peoples association of Berkeley. We are giving our tithes to your work."

—Miss Sue John, Mo.

"I am enclosing \$5.00 to be used for the Alaskan Mission. I am a shut-in, 72 years old, and live all alone. I can't do much, but here is my little mite."

—Mrs. Ada Wilson, N. Carolina

"We are sending a November offering of \$6.00 for National Home Missions. We would love to send more, but we are building our new church."

—Rev. J. H. Sargent, Jr., Virginia

"Enclosed is ten dollars for National Home Mission work."

—Audria Metcalf, Oregon

"Enclosed is five dollars from the Loyalty Class of Sandy City Church".

—Mrs. Jack Spears, Ky.

"Here is an offering from our young people, you may use this money where you need it most."

—Rev. Robert Owen, Florida

"You will find enclosed five dollars for National Home Missions and may God continue to bless you in your work for Him."

—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sparks, Okla.

"Enclosed is a check for six dollars."

—Elmer D. Russell, Kansas

"Enclosed is our monthly offering of \$2.00 in cash."

—Walter Bailey, West Virginia

"The enclosed gift is for National Home Missions, to be used as the Lord directs. We do not feel led to earmark it for any particular project."

—Rev. Dale Burden, South Carolina

"Enclosed is seven dollars from Madison and Zaleske Bible Schools. They are in the Vinton County Quarterly Conferences."

—Hobert Ashley, Dayton, Ohio

"I am sending two dollars for National Home Missions. I am not a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, but I wish you well in your work. I appreciate your newsletters."

—N. L. Yyman, Greensboro, North Carolina.

This \$15.00 is from the Woman's Auxiliary of Uriah Free Will Baptist Church. We hope to do more in the future."

—Mrs. Maggie Johnson, Ala.

"Here is my three dollar pledge for Home Missions. I belong to the First church in Flint. We are members of the Wolverine Association."

—Mrs. John Cooper, Mich.

"Enclosed is five dollars. We know this is small but the Lord can take it and multiply it. This is our week of prayer offering."

—Mrs. Ora Mae Lee-Darlington South Carolina.

"Enclosed you will find one dollar for our Thanksgiving gift to missions. May the Lord bless our work on the field."

—Mrs. Miles Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

"The ladies of New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary are sending \$20.00. Pray for us."

—Mrs. C. D. Stone, S. Carolina
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To all friends of National Home Missions:

Please accept this statement as a sincere word of appreciation for the wonderful support you have given our Department this past year. We are more than grateful to all of you for your prayers and offerings. This has been a great year for Home missionary work.

Homer Willis
Promotional Secretary
National Home Mission Board

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Edgemont Church
Durham, North Carolina

God gave us a wonderful Missionary Conference this year, for which we are indeed grateful.

Our theme this year was **The Word of God for the World of Men**. I think our speakers did a splendid job in convincing us that God intends the world to have the **Word**.

Our five speakers, Bros. Raymond Riggs, Dave Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Willey and Eula Mae Martin, were busy all the time they were here.

The Shady Grove Church and ours planned these conferences for our own churches, but God worked it out

so in the end Sherron Acres, Calvary and Fellowship churches were having our speakers for some services too. We thank God for the way He works.

Our attendance held up good a period of a week with 192 on Monday night to begin with, and 325 Sunday night, the close. Our average for the week was 186. Our lowest attendance was Saturday night with 129.

God saved some souls during the Convention. When we obey God in getting people saved across the sea, He saves some here. There were seven saved and four who rededicated their lives to Him. There were several who responded to a complete consecration appeal on two nights.

I was somewhat disappointed, yet not too much discouraged with our pledges this year. They were not as large, of course, as they should have been. Even when we do our best we are still unprofitable servants.

Our regular pledges this year amounted to \$8,546.03. We have \$3,400.00 appropriated in the budget this year for foreign missions. (\$1,600.00 regular budget giving and \$1,800.00 toward the Dan Merkh's Salary). This makes a grand total of \$11,646.03 that our church proposes to give to Foreign Missions net year.

Following is a comparison of this year's giving to last year's giving.

Reg. pledges	\$ 6,600.10	\$ 5,737.00
S. S. pledge	2,114.05	2,508.03
Budget	1,600.00	1,600.00
Merkhs	3,000.00	1,800.00
(equipment)		(salary)
	\$13,314.15	\$11,645.03

The thing that encouraged me about our pledges was the way some of our members increased their pledges. Here are some figures on some unidentified persons.

Last Year	This Year
\$144.00	\$240.00
360.00	420.00
300.00	330.00
60.00	120.00
24.00	100.00

My boy used a crooked pin, on it crooked string, on it a crooked stick; but still caught the fish. It was not the crooked pin, the crooked string, or the stick, but the dying hidden worm on the end of the whole crooked affair that caught the fish. Are you willing to be a dying hidden worm for God? (Mark 1:17)

—Selected

CONVENTION COMMENTS

(July is Just Around the Corner)

No we are not experiencing a heat wave in the middle of December and we fully realize that it is January that is upon us and not June, but really, July will be here before we know it. What are you doing in behalf of entertaining the National Association? Has your church agreed to a donation? By all means be sure to persuade them to do so. The Missouri State Association must pay the entire cost of hosting the National Convention. Of course since we don't undertake this tremendous task each year we have no arrangements for it in our State budget. Only medium of support will be the gifts you send in.

To date, Rev. John Rogers, our entertaining treasurer has only received \$185.00 broken down as follows:

South East Missouri Yearly Meeting —\$150.00.

F.W.B. Ministers Alliance of St. Louis —\$25.00.

Twin Oaks F.W.B. Church \$10.00. Making a total of \$185.00

Can we count on your contribution now? We hope so. We need it now.

Your Committee

The Steering Committee and various members of other committees met Saturday night, November 27 at the Berkeley City church. Rev. Harvey Hill, General Chairman, moderated the meeting. The following men were appointed to raise the quotas listed below in their respective Associations.

Cave Springs—	
Harry Beatty	* 150.00.
Central Western Mo.—	
R. B. Spurgeon	150.00
Indian Creek—	
O. T. Allred	300.00
Laclede County—	
Glen Jones	100.00
Liberty—	
W. M. Reeves	200.00
Mission—	
O. T. Dixon	400.00
Ninangua—	
Curtis Wilson	50.00
North East Mo.—	
Woodrow Matthews	300.00
North West Mo.—	
W. R. Rush	50.00
South East Mo.—	
John Rogers	800.00
Total	\$2,500.00

These suggested quotas should not work a hardship on any one Association. We hope these men will work hard and long to ascertain the reaching of their quota. Each of these men have been informed of their appointment by Rev. Frank Quinta, who has

been selected as Secretary of the Entertainment Committees.

At The Sheraton-Jefferson

We hope you'll make your plans to stay at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel during the Convention. Their are no motels in the immediate down town area of St. Louis. At the Sheraton-Jefferson you will only have to walk from your room to the Gold Room where all the day sessions will be held and you will be only a four blocks walk from Kiel Auditorium where both night services will be held. Why not make your reservation early? You'll be glad you did.

Meet Rev. Harvey Hill

Rev. Harvey E. Hill is the son of the late Rev. William C. Hill, who was one of the pioneer ministers of our denomination. He has been in the ministry some fifteen years now and began his pastoral duties at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley City in September of 1955. As one of the Pastors of our city he says, "As moderator of the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting, and Pastor of our Berkeley City church, I am happy to welcome the 1958 session of the National Association to St. Louis, Missouri. As General Chairman of the Entertainment Committees, I am endeavoring to make this the most enjoyable National Convention you have ever attended."

—Cor. Roger Reeds

YOUTH CAMP
FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount Brought Forward	
from 1956-1957	\$1071.80
Received from pledges,	
gifts, and offerings	1660.07
Total	\$2731.87

Disbursements:

The Citizens State	
Bank (payment)	\$1000.00
Interest on note	100.00
Mo. State Home	
Mission Treas.	600.00
Mo. State Home	
Mission Treas.	400.00
L. L. Day Lumber Co.	12.69
Total	\$2112.69

Miscellaneous:

Lights, Phone, Crier	
expenses, etc.	259.25
Bills paid after	
State Association	145.40
Total Expenses	\$2517.34
Amount Received	2731.87

Total in Treas. \$ 214.53

—Rev. W. M. Reeves, Treas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BIG
BUSINESS

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Sunday School is big business and as such it is an integral part of the church and certainly shall be identical with the church in its purpose and doctrine. There is a mistaken impression among some of our people that the Sunday School is to be regarded as an independent body.

The Sunday School is an agency of the church and is responsible to the church which created it and of which it is a part. The Sunday School organization in the local church is not a deliberative body at all. Neither is the Sunday School in session a democratic body. Rightly it cannot make motions, enact laws for its government, and elect its own officers and teachers. The church of which it is a part does this.

The above conception of the prerogatives of a Sunday School is hurtful. Sunday Schools obsessed with the idea of their own independence without exception do poor work and often are sources of discord in the churches.

The Sunday School is a powerful means which a church may and should use in many and varied ways for the promulgation of the gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. A church without a Sunday School may be compared to a man who has lost his right arm. There is something missing without which we find it very difficult to accomplish our best for the Master.

A pastor may at all times have contact with large numbers of lost people by working through his Sunday School organization. In this organization the pastor has a soul-winning band, a veritable army of spirit-filled men and women, consecrated to the task of winning to Christ those in the Sunday School who are strangers to grace.

Let us utilize the Sunday School organization to the fullest in bringing men to Christ through our own regular attendance, faithful prayer life and consistent daily study of the Word of God.

Sunday School is a big business!

(Brother Moulton is the president of the Georgia State Sunday School Convention and a member of the National Sunday School Board).

—Georgia Promotional Bulletin.

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

Woman's Auxiliary

A MISSION STATION

God has given Free Will Baptist women a mission. He will give grace and strength to execute it.

January, 1957 marked the beginning of an earnest search for the will of God concerning the WNAC project for 1957-58. After much sincere prayer the project was agreed upon. It was the unanimous decision of those who prayed that the project was to be the raising of ten thousand dollars (10,000) for the purpose of building a mission station on the Ivory Coast of Africa.

The resolution was presented by the Executive Committee at their meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, with the State presidents and Field workers in attendance, and amid shouts of praise to God the project was accepted.

At the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, July, 1957 marked the formal vote and acceptance of that that had been born in prayer. The WNAC was, at last, to enter in a new and challenging way into its real purpose: the work of helping our churches teach and support missions. The delegates returned to their local auxiliaries with a resolute vision to bring to fruition this great work and some have already sent in their suggested state quotas.

The buildings on the proposed mission station will consist of the following:

Two (2) residences, with outbuildings, (one for missionary couple, and one for two single nurses). One dispensary, with outbuildings. One house for African personnel. One classroom.

The estimated cost of these buildings is \$10,000.00. This figure can be realized only by the builder, "contracting" the job. Utilizing a French Construction Concern would easily double the amount, but with our own Bro. Dan Merkh as the builder, we are able to do that which would otherwise be prohibitive.

The sooner these funds are available the better, so do your part on this project **SOON!**

Satan is determined to stop this work. Through trifles or mountains, he places obstacles in the path of any saint who dares to propagate the Gospel of Christ. He is a real enemy. He uses real ammunition. Don't let him defeat you or your auxiliary in your part of this great project.

"But being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a

good work in you will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6) This mission was given to Free Will Baptist women of God. He will give grace and strength to execute it. Under God, Free Will Baptist women will build this station in Africa. And to Him be all the honor and all the glory for its accomplishment.

Send in your offerings for this project to the WNAC office as soon as possible.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee

BEACON WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

December 17, the Beacon Woman's Auxiliary, Raytown, Mo., held its regular December meeting at the home of Mrs. Delbert Carter. Nine members and 3 children were present.

The meeting was opened by singing "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," and a chain of prayer followed. The president read from John 3:20-21 and Matthew 5:14-16. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by scripture verses and individual reports were filled out. A Student Loan Fund offering totaling \$9.00 was taken up.

Projects voted to be undertaken for the month included Christmas treat for the church children and a clothing shower for a F. W. B. Orphanage.

Topics for the evening were given by Mrs. Gene Postlewait, Mrs. D. Jones, and Mrs. Mae Baker. The meeting was closed by prayer, and the hostess served refreshments.

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December 18, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Beacon Church helped sponsor a Christmas program at the home of Mrs. Walter Horn, Youth Chairman. A Christmas play was given by the children.

Mrs. Lester Jones led a service dedicating gifts to Christ and His work in both foreign and state missions. Mrs. Dee York sang "Christ for the Whole Wide World" as each child and adult laid his offering on the altar. Mrs. Jones led the dedication prayer. The offering totaled \$46.89 for the African Project and \$13.53 for State Home Missions.

The group sang "Happy Birthday, Jesus" and Mrs. Melvin Smith served the cake she had decorated with the words "Happy Birthday, Jesus."

December 20, the Beacon Auxiliary met in observance of Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer. This meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Knapp, with 7 members present.

The group sang "Silent Night," and prayer followed. The evening's program, "The Glory of Christmas," was given by Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Delbert Carter, Mrs. Walter Horn, and Mrs. Melvin Smith.

The meeting was closed by prayer, and the hostess served refreshments to the group.

—Mrs. Donald Jones, Cor.

WILLOW SPRINGS

The Willing Workers met December 6th at the church. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Leland Horton. The devotions were given by Morton Phelps, who read for the Scripture lesson, Matt. 7.

Phillip Fry, president, was in charge of the business. Dora Fry read a report from Foreign Missions. Stanley and Martha Letterman, who have been working with the Home Missions in Oregon, gave a very interesting report on their work in Oregon. Minutes and financial report were read by Ruby Newton.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

—Louise Peters, Cor.

GRANT AVENUE AUXILIARY

Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary met December 5th at 1:30 P. M. at the home of Mildred Kensinger, with eight members and five visitors present. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president in absence of the president. The meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Della Kensinger. Roll call was answered by Bible verses. The program was given by Program Prayer Chairman. Topics were given by Dorthy Frazier, Adria Harmon and Braxine Evans. Dismissed by a chain of prayers. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Our Pre-Christmas week of prayer was observed from December 9th-14th, with good attendance. Rev. Lester Hilton and Rev. San Kensinger gave some very interesting talks.

The next meeting will be January 9, 1958 at 1:30 P. M. at the home of Imogene Nevins.

—Virginia Baker, Cor.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

The North East Missouri Woman's Workshop was held at the New Harmony Church December 11th. The theme of the meeting was "Crown Him Lord of All." The meeting opened with singing. Mona Chrisman read for a scripture lesson Isaiah 9:6-7. Prayer by Maizie Sevits, Mildred Gilliam and Alta Mikel. A special number "Jesus Paid It All" by Leonard Thomas and Mrs. Ernest Thomas. Rev. Mildred Gilliam brought the message. Subject, "Crowning Him Lord of All." Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon service opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Stella Gates. Velma Wellman sang "Ivory Palaces." Topic, "Lord Of Our Time," by Joan Filkins. Reading, "The Glory of Life," Rev. Stella Gates. Topic, "Lord of Our Talents," by Lillian Wood. Reading, "Ready For Christmas," Leona Thompson. Rev. Stella Gates gave two readings entitled, "Poverty," and "The Old Christmas Tree." Topic, "Lord Of Our Tithe," June Thomas. Solo "Trust And Obey," Mona Chrisman. Skit "Aunt Martha Wins The Victory." Duet "Victory in Jesus," June and Bernice Thomas. A report of the State Workshop was given by Leona Thompson and Maizie Sevits. Our next Workshop will be March 20, 1958 at the Jewel Church. Benediction by Fern Kelsey.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Springfield First Church Auxiliary met at the church November 5th for our regular meeting. The meeting opened by singing. Prayer led by Hattie Mace, Bertha Wolf and Maxine Smith. Scripture reading by Georgia Glenn. Roll call answered by scripture verses. Minutes of last meeting read by Bertha Wolf. Our mission money for the African Station was taken up by our Treasurer, Myrtle Corbin. Our subject was "Send Out Thy Light To Mexico." Those who took part on the program were Blossom Agee, Myrtle Corbin and Lois Chance. Marie Braye and Gertrude Vest joined our Auxiliary. Audrey Reaves read a poem "An Humble Prayer." Benediction by altar prayer led by Lois Long.

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Our Auxiliary met December 3, at the church. The meeting opened by singing. Scripture reading Mark 3:1-12 by Jaunita Highfill. Prayer by Clara Belle Lemons. Secretary report

by Catherine Draper. Sixteen members answered the roll call with scripture verses. Treasurer's report by Myrtle Corbin. Most of the members paid their \$2.35 each for the African Mission Station. Our Auxiliary project we planned a few months ago has been completed with walks around our church. We are so proud of our accomplishments.

Reports of the workshop held at the church in November were given by different members and we feel it was a day well spent. The Auxiliary members are preparing for a Christmas program with the help of our young people and some of the men and children. Those taking part on the program were Hazel Lowery, Audrey Reaves and Ruth Codoy. We were dismissed with prayer around the altar led by Lucy Ray.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

VICTORY AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church North Kansas City, Mo., met in the homes of Billy Hensley, Bob Payne, and Rev. Spurgeon to observe the Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer.

Mrs. Eulah Payne was in charge of the meetings. Eight members were present at each meeting. Our Program and Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Rena Prinz did a wonderful work in planning our programs. Those who were on the program the concluding night were Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon, Mrs. Rosa Shriner, and Mrs. Eulah Payne. The subject for the evening was "Send Out Thy Light To Mexico." Special offering for Home Missions was taken. Our project for the month of December was that we adopted the Stanley Letterman family for Christmas. Benediction by Mrs. Eulah Payne.

—Faye Hensley, Cor.

KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

December 5th the Kirksville Woman's Auxiliary met at the church with ten members, one visitor and one child present. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer by Stella Gates. Devotions given by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Scripture from John 3:20, 21 and Matt. 5:14-16.

After the business meeting roll call was answered by scripture verse. There were 206 chapters read, 49 sick calls, 35 cards sent. There were six baskets sent to needy families. The program was given from the theme "Send Out Thy Light To Thy Co-Laborers." Topics were given by the following: Celia Lay, Blanche Matthews, and Stella Gates. Benediction.

The Kirksville Auxiliary observed the Pre-Christmas week of prayer. The meetings were held in the homes. Monday, Mrs. Ernest Thomas, with Effie Dare as leader. Tuesday, Mrs. Alma Scrivins, with Ethel Thompson a leader. Wednesday, Mrs. Lillian Wood, with Alta Mikel as leader. Thursday, church, with Lillian Wood as leader. Friday, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, with Velma Wellman as leader.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Neosho Auxiliary met at the church December 11, 1957 at 1:30. We had our secret pal gift exchange. The meeting opened by singing. Those who led in prayer were Loretta Russell, Sarah Davidson and Eva Lucas. Wilma Pogue read for a scripture lesson John 3:20-21 and Matthew 5:14-16. Sarah Davidson gave the topic "For Thy Light Is Come," Loretta Russell gave "Reflected Light" and Dorothy Childress gave "Radiant Living." Wilma Pogue was in charge of the business session. After the closing hymn "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning" benediction was offered by Wilma Pogue. Refreshments were served to those who were present.

—Mrs. W. F. Childress, Cor.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met December 11th, at the home of Mrs. Effie Buster, with seven members, two visitors, and two children present. The meeting opened with singing and prayer by Lena Miley. Mrs. Grant Zimmerman read for a scripture lesson John 3:20-21 and Matthew 5:14-16. Minutes of last meeting were read. Roll call was answered by giving a Christmas poem. There were 251 chapters read, 13 cards sent and 22 sick calls made.

The following were elected as officers for the coming year: President, Lola Filkins; Vice-President, Lena Miley; Youth Chairman, Maizie Sevits; Study Course, Dora Sponsler; Program-Prayer, Mary Filkins; Personal-Service, Lizzie Filkins; Secretary-Treasurer, Leona Thompson. Offering received \$1.45 and dues collected \$125.

The lesson was "Send Out Thy Light To Thy Co-Laborer's." Those who gave the topics were Mrs. Grant Zimmerman, Mrs. Harry Filkins, and Leona Thompson.

A report of the workshop was given. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lena Miley. Benediction by Mrs. Grant Zimmerman.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

A HISTORY OF THE MILL CREEK CHURCH

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church was organized at Mill Creek, Missouri on August 26, 1928, under a tree near Bro. Sam Golden's home, with eleven charter members. At the present time, one charter member, Sis. Della Walker, remains a faithful member of the church.

Having no building in which to worship, the open air services were continued under the tree near where the old church did stand. On September 26, 1928, a month after the organization, the church met at Bro. Sam Golden's residence at 7:30 P. M. for the purpose of forming committees to build a building for the purpose of worship. The church decided to build a frame building 20 by 30 feet. The cost of this building was \$709.14. December 1, 1928 marked the date of the first service in this building and also was the beginning of a revival meeting which at the close five presented themselves for membership. On December 15, 1929 the church dedicated the house unto the Lord at which time two presented themselves for membership. From this time the church continued to grow to the present membership.

On the 5th Sunday in January 29, 1950, the church started its first fund to build a new building for the Lord when the ladies of the church presented \$175.00 to the church as money received from quilting. And from this date to the present, the 5th Sunday of each quarter was used as a special offering day for the building fund.

On October 2, 1950, a lot was purchased for the price of \$500.00, and from this date the church worked faithfully toward a new building. In July 1951, the basement was started, and on November 25, 1951, the church held its first service in the basement and worshipped there until October 4, 1953, which was the date of the first service held in the new building with an all day service. Rev. L. A. Ferguson, pastor of the church, preached the morning message. Souls were blessed over the work of the church.

After dinner was served, the afternoon service was called to order by the pastor, Rev. Ferguson, with congregational singing. Bro. Floyd James Rogers gave a short talk to the church, followed by a stirring message by the Rev. Woodrow Matthews. A love offering was taken for the benefit of the church.

On Sunday, November 13, 1955 an offering was taken to complete the

indebtedness of the church, and the date for the dedication was set as November 24, 1955, Thanksgiving Night, with the pastor, Rev. O. D. Matthews to preach the dedication message.

On November 24, 1955, Thanksgiving Night, the church was dedicated to the Lord. Services began at 7:00 P. M. with music played, "Have Thine Own Way" played by Sister Vera Clouser. Prayer by Rev. O. D. Matthews. The congregation sang, "His Way With Thee", followed by Scripture by the Rev. L. A. Ferguson, from II Chronicles the 7th Chapter. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Cecil Sheppard, followed by the congregation singing, "Where He Leads I Will Follow" and "I Am Thine O Lord." A dedicatory offering was taken by Deacons Lee W. Myers and A. G. Miller, which amounted to \$16.30. A special number, "All Upon the Altar" was rendered by Rev. O. D. Matthews, Sis. Margie Pippin, Lee Ann Turnbough, Judy Chapman and Jane Bowling. A brief history of the church was given by the clerk, Sis. Pauline Miller. A special number "I Surrender All" was rendered. The pastor, Rev. Matthews, delivered the dedicatory message, reading from I Kings, 7:51; and verses 1, 5, and 63 of I Kings 8. Using for the text, 8:63, "And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offering, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep, So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord".

After the message the church along with all the Christian brethren assembled at the altar for the dedicatory prayer led by Bro. Stanton Pirtle, Lee Myers, and Rev. Albert Halbrook. The burning of the note was then prepared and presented by the three trustees, Brothers A. G. Miller, L. W. Myers, and Lewis Chapman.

The congregation sang, "Ready" followed by a fellowship handshake. The benediction was offered by Rev. L. A. Ferguson.

The total cost of the building and lot was \$9,622.58. On June 10, 1957 new pews were purchased at the cost of \$1,402.40, and in October and November of the same year, floor runners at the cost of \$72.00, and a new piano at the cost of \$465.00 were purchased.

Remember, Cain in his day asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9) I fear most Christians understand all too little what it means to be a worker together "with God."



Rev. O. D. Matthews

The above picture is the likeness of Rev. O. D. Matthews, pastor of the Mill Creek Church, Mill Creek, Mo.

Rev. Matthews was born and reared at Mine La Motte. Here he received his public school education and also was converted in April 1941.

He entered the service of his country during World War II, January 20, 1943 and was honorably discharged January 6, 1946. He was licensed to preach July 12, 1946 and was ordained July 25, 1947. He attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville from September 1946 to May 1948. While a student at Nashville, Rev. Matthews married Miss Stella Chapman of Saco, Missouri. They are the parents of three girls and two boys.

In September 1948 he became pastor of both Union Light Church and Twin Oak Church. In 1949 he accepted the Twin Oak Church full time. On June 20, 1954 he became pastor of the Mill Creek Church.

HAZEL CREEK CHURCH

Our revival began November 25th and closed December 5th with Rev. Ben Scott of Fredericktown, Mo., as the evangelist. Rev. Scott delivered very inspiring messages each evening. There were no visible results but we feel that the church was made stronger and Christians were stirred to live closer to the Lord.

Our church gave an offering to the Free Will Baptist Home for children, which amounted to \$53.00.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

Attend Church Sunday

OSKALOOSA CHURCH ORGANIZED

On October 13, 1957, a Free Will Baptist Church was organized at Oskaloosa, Missouri, with fourteen charter members. It will be known as the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church.

The Executive Board of Central Western Missouri Association, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.; Rev. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.; Orville Foger, Jantha, Mo.; Mr. Wm. E. Bowman, Liberal, Mo.; and Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo., were present to complete the organization.

Rev. O. T. Allred conducted a three weeks revival at this place a few weeks before the organization.

Mrs. Wilma Smith was chosen as clerk-treasurer. Gerald Peterson, Reed Smith, and Floyd Vance were chosen as an advisory committee. Deacons are to be appointed and ordained at a later date. Rev. Roena Thomas has been appointed as pastor. She had served this group four years previous to the organization.

This church came from a Sunday School which was organized six or seven years ago by Rev. Virgil Greenway, pastor of the Hannon Church. This organization of the Sunday School was at the close of a revival conducted by Rev. Wm. Buster, evangelist, and a Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by Mrs. Lorene (Bowman) Williford. Until that time there had been no Sunday School or services at this church for several years. There formerly existed a Protestant Methodist Church here, but the moving away of some of the members and death, had interrupted their work. However, with the co-operation of the few remaining members and others the work has continued and made progress year by year.

Since the organization of the Sunday School, there has been twenty-five accepted Christ, and several of these are still among the number who make up the congregation of the newly organized church.

Those from a distance who attended the services other than the Board Members, were Mrs. O. T. Allred, Mrs. Lloyd Jeffreys and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stout and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Bales and Mrs. John Bough. Also a nice crowd from the churches of Hannon and Verdella were present.

It matters here but little whether you are a "have" or "have not", but will mean all at the judgment where temporal things are of no value.

DESLOGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Laymen conducted services during the week of November 18th to November 22nd. Each night's service was led by a different member of the church. The Monday night service, we are sorry to say, was omitted because heavy rainfall had caused too much water in the basement. The meetings were well attended and the messages were all very good.

On Saturday night, November 23rd, an ordination service was held in the church basement. Bro. Lester McGreal was ordained as deacon. Rev. James Davis, pastor of the Leadington Church, delivered a wonderful message.

—Mrs. Everett Bowen, Cor.

NEW HOPE AUXILIARY OF KANSAS CITY KANSAS ORGANIZED

Mrs. Lester Jones of 4110 East 6th St., Kansas City, Mo., met with the women from the new Free Will Baptist church in Kansas City, Kansas, and organized a Woman's Auxiliary on December 3rd.

After the devotional, prayers were offered by Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. Vest. Mrs. Jones explained the aims and purposes of the Auxiliary and its worth in the local church. As each officer was elected she briefly gave an outline of their duties and responsibilities.

The following officers were elected: President, Zola Greenlee; Vice-President, Edith Blair; Recording Secretary, Vida Austin; Treasurer, Imogene Watkins; Corresponding Secretary, Lillian Bailey; Youth Chairman, Helen McAllister; Program-Prayer Chairman, Callie Bell; Study Course Chairman, Mae Vest; Personal Service Chairman, Gladys Howard; Social Chairman, Ruby McAllister.

CHEAP RELIGION

It is a cheap slot-machine religion that is used as a means to an end rather than an end itself. Would you like to have peace of mind? Try religion. Would you like to get along better with members of your family, with those with whom you work at the office? Religion might help. Would you like to have a healthier body, a healthier mind? Try religion. Don't misunderstand me. Religion does give peace of mind; it does provide better relationships; it does mean healthy minds in healthy bodies. But religion is not a means to anything other than the presence of God. We should seek God, not for what we can get out of Him, but for what

He can get into us. We should love our earthly fathers, not to increase our allowance or inheritance, but because of our appreciation and respect for them and because they are lovable. We should love God because of our love for the things God loves. We should seek to be used of God rather than seek to use God.

(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

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 Buress
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
New Hope Church (K. C.)	
.....	Rev. James McAllister
Garfield Church	Rev. Davey Combs
Faith Church	Rev. Loy Smith

REPORT OF SURVEY IN SOUTH AMERICA

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at Pampa 2975, Belgrano, Buenos Aires.

The people of Argentina were the finest, highest cultured people that we met in the entire trip. They are also of German, Italian and English descent.

The Evangelical church in Argentina is strong but does not begin to meet the need. A very effectual door is opened to us in that great country.

*Brazil

Arriving in Sao Paulo, the following day we had a conference with Dr. Ermal, pastor of the Independene Presbyterian Church of Brazil and Director of Sao Paulo Seminary—one of the most influential men in that great city. With Dr. Ermal, we went to meet Dr. Oswald Smith. During that week we met practically all the leading religious workers in the city. Rev. Carl Taylor and numbers of the New Tribes missionaries were very helpful. We were enabled to observe their training center.

From Sao Paulo we visited the seminary of the Inter American Mission at Londrina in the state of Parana and there met one of the most important men to help us—Dr. Zachias Melo who is Minister of Education and Representative in the State Legislature. Providentially we met him in time and for two hours he outlined the need and challenge of the frontier. If we place workers in one of the new growing towns, he will see that we are given an entire city block for a church, school and clinic by his suggestion. I met him at the Capitol Curitiba and was presented to the governor. While there I also met with a committee of the leading ministers who offered every co-operation to us as a new group entering.

Our next contact was with Dr. Andrews, the President of the United Confederation of Evangelical Churches. Through him we received a very cordial invitation and he offered every assistance.

The next place of importance was at Campinas. On every hand the language school received the highest recommendation. While on this trip we also met Dr. James Delaney and Don Phillips who are in a Literature Crusade (World Gospel Crusade). Through them we were introduced to a very active national evangelist who desires to become a Free Will Baptist and will begin at once to establish churches in needy towns. These men had purchased land for him which they will turn over to us as a gift. The

immediate need is a house for this man. The material for a church is being given to him.

The next trip of importance was to investigate the city of Belo Horizonte and surrounding towns—a city 40 years old with half a million population. Here I met more missionaries with the urgent appeal to us to enter. Everywhere we have gone we have consulted with those who are facing an impossible task. There is always the plea—"Come and help us."

We returned to the United States praying that our people might be challenged with the imminency of this opportunity to take Christ to a perishing and spiritually hungry people.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

On a great ocean liner a prominent minister of the gospel spoke one Sunday morning on God's answer to prayer. Among the audience was a man whose cynical expression plainly revealed a lack of sympathy with the speaker's views.

At the conclusion of the service a man accosted the skeptic with the query, "Well, what did you think of the sermon?"

"Bah, child's talk!" exclaimed the man in disgust.

In the afternoon the minister was asked to speak over in the steerage. Most of his morning audience followed him. So it happened that the skeptic found himself quite alone. Yielding to an impulse, he approached the steward and asked for an orange.

"Help yourself, sir," said the steward, pointing to a large bowl of fruit. Slipping an orange into each of his coat pockets, he sauntered steerage-ward.

On the outskirts of the group sat an old woman on her camp stool, with upturned face and eyes closed in sleep, her hands lying palms upward. Thinking to play a little joke, he gently laid an orange in each hand. Returning later, he found her eating an orange with evident delight.

"Enjoying your orange, Mother?" he asked.

"Oh, sir," she responded, "so much! I was very thirsty with the seasickness, and I asked Father if He would send me an orange. I must have gone to sleep and when I awoke, I found an orange in each hand. My Father is so good!"

Deeply impressed by the incident, the scoffer became a seeker and eventually came to know the prayer-answering God as his Father.—Selected.

Join the Church Family Plan

BE YOURSELF

Rev. Frank Brosend

An enterprising photographer put this sign in his window.

Photos as follows at these rates:

As you look to me \$1.00.

As you think you look \$1.50.

As you would like to look \$2.00.

A pretty good illustration of the three you's; or the three me's, perhaps. The me that the other fellow sees usually shows up a great many flaws. The me that I see has his flaws touched lightly: in fact, a great many of them I do not see at all. The me I would like to be has them all removed.

Many of us get into trouble one way or another when we pretend to be something that we are not.

Just be yourself. If God gave you only one talent, He wants you to use it effectively and efficiently. He won't expect you to act as though you had five or ten talents. But act. Don't be a one talent person who hides the talent the Master has given him. Remember, Jesus brought out very clearly that there is no acceptable excuse for hiding one's talent and also that God takes an accounting for what has been done with the talent or talents he has entrusted people with.

SHOULD OTHER CHRISTIANS GET UNDER THE SEAT?

One of the members of a certain church instilled into his family the belief that the collection is a vitally important part of the service. Consequently, his little boy, Thomas, never came to church without his contribution.

One Sunday, as the elders began to take up the collection at the morning service, Thomas looked along the pew to see if the various members of the family were provided with a contribution. Noticing a guest of his sister's empty-handed, he whispered:

"Where is your money?"

"I have none," was the reply.

Time was short and the necessity great. In a flash, the little fellow met the emergency by saying:

"Here, take mine. That'll pay for you, I'll get under the seat."

—Christian Victory

It is not what you see, but what you look at, that makes or breaks you. If you want to see God work, get out of His way. The Cross of Christ is small but plenty large for you to hide behind.