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CALVARY

By L. T. Newland

His wounded form hung on the trees,
For me, for me;
The skies grew black around His head,
The opened graves sent forth their dead
When for my guilt He died instead
On Calvary.

A thousand laughed His death to see,
He died for me.
They jeered Him as a crownless King,
And for their gifts abuse did bring,
But He replied not anything
From Calvary.

His cleansing blood flowed forth so free,
For me, for me.
They pierced Him with a heathen spear,
And from that wound there floweth clear
An antidote for sin and fear,
Blest Calvary.

The Saviour died; it cannot be,
He died for me.

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The church is a place to rest from the cares of life; a place to enjoy Christian fellowship; a place to feed your soul from the table of God; a place to find strength and comfort; a place to commune with God. Don't fail your church by allowing trivial and un-important matters to keep you away.

Fredericktown Bulletin

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Fredricktown	151	174	166	186	165	136	172	172	168	166			163	
Mt. Pisgah	41	42	48	56	52	50	52	51	49	49	52		56	50
Coppermines	93	101	104	105	107	100	103	102	105	90	102	105	100	
Fellowship, Flat River	200	199	192	204	198	184	192	178	193	216	196	199		
Leadington	116	117	118		158	135	128	133	139	130	111	131	123	
Desloge		101	102		97	95								
Farmington	55	58	62	60	67	60	63	70	70	70	60	73	70	
Fourth St. Louis	61	57	65		73	63	56		64	78		54	50	
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	166	192	154
Richwoods	65	65	65	67	70	67	61	71	64	62	56	64		
Neosho	45	45	45	45	45	39	39	36						
Mtn. Grove	196	215	215	311	232	231	230	237	252	244	245	252	271	
Joplin	57	66	59	84	75	61	60	49	62	56	46	55		
Kirksville	90	114	93	116	116	115	102	108	104	89	94	103	68	59
Grant Ave., Springfield					52	49	57	57	57	56	49	53		
Hazel Creek	57		51		45	51	52	50	41	46	44	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		55	42
South Side Church								135	156	148				
New Hope, Kansas City									27	31	35	28	39	
Springfield First												171		
Mine La Motte													44	38
Mill Creek													57	

Please send us your average, too.

The Cry of the Disappointed

"BUT WE TRUSTED ..."

When Cleopas and his companion poured out their sorrow in the presence of the Stranger that joined them on the Jerusalem-Emmaus road, they added what I often think is one of the saddest exclamations in the Bible: "but we trusted that it had been he who should have redeemed Israel." There is such a pathetic ring about it, the ring of disappointment and disillusionment, of a trust apparently misplaced and betrayed, of a faith shattered, and a fond hope for ever blighted! It gives voice to the saddest of all disappointments, spiritual disappointment. Now, it may well be that there are many to-day in the ranks of the spiritually disappointed: those who expected much of religion, of prayer, of spiritual forces, and are seemingly face to face with the ineffectiveness of faith, with the triumph of brute force, and the supremacy of unrighteousness, falsehood, and treachery. In face of these stark realities their faith is beginning to break, and their trust in God is sorely tested. Perhaps if we analyze the case of Cleopas and his companion we may arrive at the real cause of this pathetic and disabling condition in which so many of us find ourselves to-day.

I—Their spiritual plight seemed due, first of all, to the fact that their knowledge was insufficient. Ignorance, or insufficient and partial knowledge is behind much of our sad disappointment. These two good men knew much of Christ and His mission, but they did not know enough. They knew a part, and not the whole. And the part they knew contained the bewildering disappointment of the Cross. They knew of the rejection, the shame, the death, and the grave—and no more. They did not yet know of the Resurrection—the empty grave and the living Christ. And what they did not know was allowed to cast a shadow over what they knew. The Cross and the Grave seemed to cancel and obliterate everything that they were led to hope and trust for. And so the knowledge they had became darkness; it covered their heads and extinguished their hope. Let us examine if our spiritual disappointment is not really due to our insufficient knowledge. We know a little, but the little circle of our knowledge only seems to enlarge the circumference of our ignorance, and it is ignorance that plays havoc with our faith. An apparent defeat, a Cross, and a grave

may be our stumbling block because we can't see beyond them. So let us beware of losing hold of the things we know, because there are things we don't know.

II—The second reason for their disappointment seemed to be that their understanding was incorrect. If there is one thing worse than ignorance, it is wrong knowledge! These two good men knew Moses and the Prophets; they were acquainted with their teaching concerning the Messiah. They had intimate knowledge of the prophecies concerning Christ, and things were not now happening according to their understanding of these prophecies. Things were going contrary to Scripture as they understood it. In their Messiah's career they could not see a Cross and a Grave, and because they did not face the fact that their understanding might be wrong, their faith went under a cloud at the very hour when, if they had understood aright, there was every reason for it to be strengthened. And so, to restore and establish their faith, the Lord had first to empty their hearts of false knowledge, ere He could fill it with new light and hope. He reproached them for being slow to believe all that the prophets had written. It is not too much to say that much of our spiritual disappointment these days is due to wrong knowledge, to incorrect understanding of the promises of God, to an incorrect grasp of the program of Grace and the progress of the Kingdom of God as revealed in His word. We take hold of the promises of God and misapply them; we take isolated Scripture texts and misinterpret them. We read of a millennium of peace and prosperity for the Church of God, but we fail to see that it is to be ushered in by suffering and tribulation unspeakable. We think of the Church rising to spiritual eminence and power, but we do not understand that she has to rise through a welter of tears and blood. And so we mistake "the signs of the times", and those events that, understood aright, should be an encouragement to our faith are at present a stumbling-block.

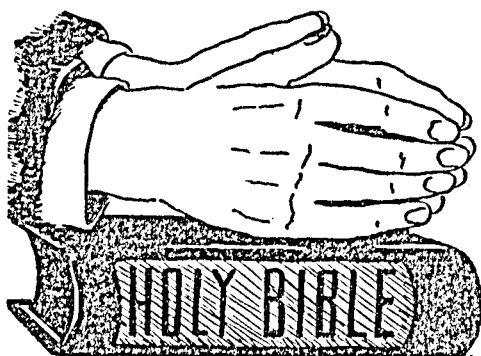
III—The spiritual disappointment of these two good men was likewise due to expectations that were inadequate. "We trusted that it had been He who should have redeemed Israel," they said, and the inference is that they had expected too much! The truth is that they expected too little! They heard His teaching, saw His miracles, experienced His grace, and they thought that He was surely

to break the power of Rome, and set the nation of Israel free. That was all! And it was too little! It was merely something local, national, material. These things were wholly unworthy of the stupendous events that occurred in the birth and death of Christ, unworthy of His Incarnation and His Atonement. And so, limiting Christ within the narrow confines of their expectations, they were disappointed. Do we think it is because we had expected too much of God that we are disappointed these sad days? And because God has not yet given us these things we expected, is our faith in Him to fail? Rather must we learn to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added" to us.

IV—We cannot help adding that two travelers were spiritually disappointed because their trust was misplaced. This is a serious thing to say, when we must acknowledge that they were sincere believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. But it is obvious that their trust was more in what Christ was to do than in Christ Himself. They trusted that He would do a certain thing for Israel, and if that thing was not done in their time and way, their faith could not stand. In other words, they trusted something rather than somebody, and the result was that, when the something did not happen, or rather did not happen as they thought it should happen, the somebody was forsaken! That constitutes a real peril to our spiritual life, that our trust should be placed in what God is to do, rather than in God Himself. We think we are believers in God, when we are only ready to make use of Him in the line of our own wishes and expectations. God is to be trusted, not merely used. And if our trust is truly in God Himself, in His Being, and character, we can go on trusting Him no matter what He does, or how, or when. "I know whom I have believed," is the expression of the Christian's faith. God Himself is the sheet anchor of our trust, and not merely His works or operations.

And this vision of the trustworthiness of God will establish our faith, and revive our hope till, by the Grace of God, we are enabled to rise to the lofty plane of submissive trust from which a suffering servant of God once looked down upon shattered fortunes, broken hopes, and a hurt and maimed life, and exclaimed: "Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him." —R.A.F., The British Evangelical Witness.

The Family Altar



DOES GOD LIVE AT YOUR HOUSE?

Five-year-old Margaret and her brother were frequent visitors in the home of a neighbor. One of the never ending wonders over which little Margaret pondered as she visited in Hortense's home was the prayer time. Hortense's daddy read out of the big black book and afterward talked to God as if He were near and dear to them all. Sometimes the family would join in singing a song of praise.

One morning when Margaret had been present at the prayer time, Hortense's mother suggested, "Margaret, don't you pray at your house?" Margaret shook her head sadly and said, "No you see, God doesn't live at our house like He does at yours."

Margaret's home was by no means a so-called underprivileged one. It was an average, middle-class American home. But if the little girl wanted to meet God, the Heavenly Father, she had to go next door. He just wasn't included in her family circle.
—Sunday School Digest

Dear Church Member,

Next Sunday we are going to take a vote on whether or not we should close the doors and go out of business here at South Side. Don't look around for a ballot box because we won't be voting that way. You'll be casting your vote for South Side to continue if you are present and place your tithing envelope in the offering plate. You'll be voting to close the church down in one of two ways --- either by your absence or your failure to contribute to the church financially by not tithing.

Some of our biggest grippers about how we spend the Lord's money around here are those who contribute the least.

When and before I came here as your Pastor I was pledged your complete support and thus far I have not received it. Some of you have been

faithful, yes, but others have not. The slightest excuse will keep you home. If the kids have a little cold or the weather is a little cold or what have you. Let it be bowling night or the night you usually visit the Jones' and, brother, wild horses couldn't keep you home.

Our visitation program is a failure, our church bus isn't running as yet, and the work on the church is far from finished.

Few of our members attend Free Will Baptist League, just a few of our ladies attend auxiliary, and I can usually count the members of our church on one finger who attend Quarterly Meetings, League Conventions, etc.,

Do you call this supporting me? The tragic part of it all is that it is not me you are failing, but God.

No my dear brother, I'm not angry with you nor have I fallen out of love with you, but these are just facts that we all must face. I want this church to go forward and God wants us to go forward, but what about you? We cannot go forward with such an evident show of unconcern.

Remember!

You cannot spell SUCCESS without "U"

You cannot spell CHURCH without "U"

Neither can a church be a success without "U".

Yours for a greater South Side
—Roger C. Reeds, Pastor

To all friends of Missions:

We need a lady missionary who could go at once to assist Miss Bessie Yeley in our school at Nogales, Arizona. She could live with Miss Yeley in the school property. She must be able to teach school, but will not need a certificate. Anyone interested should contact me at once.

Rev. Arthur Billows has returned from a revival meeting at our Mission in Monterrey, Mexico. He reports many souls converted.

The Miami Mission now has leased property and have all services at one address.

The Whaleys will leave for Alaska March 1. Please remember they have need of many supplies yet.

All offerings for National Home Missions must be clearly so "ear-marked" when sent to various treasurers, in order for them to be sent on to us. Money sent to Home Missions, to treasurers other than our office, might be used for local, or state home missions.

—Homer Willis, Secretary

LIFE'S DEBRIS

By A. Avery Gates

My instinctive sense of beauty used to be terribly upset every time I passed a fine old New England house, then in the hands of people who were not trained to appreciate pleasing home surroundings. In the front yard hens were running in freedom over an old automobile chassis. Around about were old pieces of cloth, old sticks, and junk in general. The conglomeration was unsightly.

I had occasion to drive past this place the very next day after a heavy fall of snow. That morning the sun was shining brightly, the trees were covered with white mantles, and the spirit was aglow with joy.

And in front of this so called home! Well! All this debris was covered by the newly fallen snow, and that which was unsightly became an adulating mass of whiteness and loveliness.

This caused me to meditate on life's experiences. We so often encounter the unlovely. In God's good world all should be beautiful and harmonious and bright, so we think. We are shocked by the startling cruelties and wretchedness of it all. We question or complain. We acquire a habit of negation.

But the careful and thoughtful man believes that God rules the heavens and the earth. Again and again, if we have but eyes to see, we discover that he takes this grating, shocking mass of discord along the pilgrimage of life, and sublimates it with the covering of his righteousness and love.

Was it not in the wretchedness of Crimean War in 1854-56 that he covered all the blood curdling experiences of that day with the spirit of Florence Nightingale? All through the wards of suffering today there is this healing atmosphere of the girl whose shadow even was a benediction to men in pain.

On December 6, 1917, the explosion in the harbor of Halifax, Nova Scotia, wrecked homes, causing many deaths and many more wounded. But Halifax never before knew how much the United States people would do for her. A special train was rushed out of Boston with doctors, nurses and supplies, and long after that sympathetic contact was an afterglow of beautiful memories.

Yes, ugliness, with all its horrors, is among us. But God moves on the face of the earth and beautifies and redeems. He causes the desert of human limitations to bloom with the spirit of the Rose of Sharon.

—Watchman Examiner

Testimony Concerning the Resurrection

Text: He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell... (Matt. 28:6, 7a).

Introduction: A perennial theme to enrich the utterances of the Christian pulpit is the annual return of the anniversary of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Testimony concerning the resurrection constituted a large part of the ministry of the apostles, and is a major theme in the epistles. Furthermore, the doctrine of the resurrection is essential to a well-rounded ministry. Had there been no resurrection of Christ there could have been no saving gospel, and were there no resurrection of the saints in prospect there would be no hope in the future for the Christian. We do well, then, to frequently preach on this theme. The season of the year when Jesus rose from the dead should prompt to such a subject, if it has been neglected at other times.

I—The Angel's Testimony —“He is not here.” He had been laid in that very tomb, the women having seen Him placed there after the crucifixion. Wherever He may be He is not here according to the testimony of an angel from heaven, and angels from heaven are not given to telling what is not true.

“For He is risen,” says the angel further. The reason He was not there, is not that someone had stolen the body, but that He had risen from the dead. This is the truthful testimony of the angel. Strange to say, neither the women nor the disciples had expected Him to be resurrected, and are dismayed when they learn that the tomb is empty. The first impression is that someone has taken the body of the Lord away, when they find the stone rolled away from the door of the sepulcher.

II—Christ's Own Testimony —“as he said.” More than once, when telling the disciples beforehand of His coming crucifixion, Jesus had declared that after three days He would rise, but this had seemed so fantastic to their materialistic minds that it had passed from memory in the intensity of the grief of the incidents clustering about the betrayal, condemnation, and crucifixion of their Lord. But the angel now reminds them of that testimony that had been given by the Lord prophetically concerning His death and afterward.

III—The Sepulcher's Testimony —“Come, see the place where the Lord

lay.” The angel undertakes to get the attention of the women on the empty sepulcher, but they seem not to have grasped the significance of the manner in which the sepulcher bore its mute testimony. But Peter and John, who came afterward, as related in John 20:1-8, took note of the manner in which the grave wrappings were left and believed the Lord was indeed risen from the dead. They had been present when Jesus restored Lazarus to life, and had doubtless helped him dispose of his grave wrappings. But here was evidence that no help had been needed to disengage the body from winding sheets. There they lay just as they had been wrapped about the body of Jesus with the spices Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea had put in them. Not a fold was disturbed, for the body, now in resurrection form, had passed through the clothes without disturbing them, just as afterward Jesus entered rooms without opening doors or windows.

Thus, by every means, the angel undertook to convince the visitors at the tomb of the truth of the resurrection: he declared, “He is not here,” that, “He is risen, as he said,” and “Come, see the place where the Lord lay,” as proof of the wonderful fact so hard to believe.

IV—The Testimony to Be Published —“Go quickly, and tell.” The resurrection of Jesus was not to be a secret to be kept by a select few; it was to be told to all the world. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is a component part of the gospel. Belief in it is imperative to the soul desiring to be saved as we read in Romans 10:9, “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” This makes the preaching of the resurrection of Christ a component part of the gospel. The resurrection of Christians is based on the resurrection of Christ. Not to preach it is to leave the hope of the future life out of preaching. To a large extent religion is preached today as related to the present life only. The faith that puts the martyr spirit in the Christian is the faith that, though we give our lives for our faith here, we shall have a better life as a result of the coming resurrection at the return of Christ for the Church. This hope must ever be kept before the Christians as an incentive to faithfulness here and hope for the future.

—Wm. M. Smith in the Gospel Minister.

C-H-U-R-C-H spells Church. But it doesn't mean much unless UR in it.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

It was time for the Wednesday evening prayer service at the Church.

The bell had called the people together, and it was time for the service to begin.

But where was the leader? One had been appointed last week to have charge of the service, but a careful look over the church showed he was not there.

A song was selected, the hymn, “In The Garden,” and while it was being sung, the little son, of the pastor, left his seat and went to consult with his father. He was saying, “Let me lead the service.”

There was some hesitation, a bit more talk, and it was then announced that Luther would be the leader.

The boy is but 9 years old and small, but very earnestly he ascended the pulpit and took over the service.

He chose another song, “All Alone”, and called for prayer, the meeting was on its way.

He chose his scripture reading from the 12th chapter of Acts. He read the story of how Peter had been thrown into prison, and how God in love and mercy, sent His angel to loosen his bonds, open the door of his prison, and set him free.

There were more songs and prayers and the people told of their great faith in God's love and care.

The service ended by singing the old hymn, “When We All Get To Heaven,” and a Christian handshake around the altar.

Thus, according to God's word, “A little Child had led them”.

—Contributed

One good thing about telling the truth is that you do not have to remember what you say.

You cannot buy confidence and respect with profanity and vulgarity.

Where is your backbone? When the boss asks you what you think about a certain matter, tell him what you think, and not what you think he thinks.

Spend five minutes every day thinking of some good you can do some one—and then do it.

Do not worry when you stumble. Remember a worm is about the only thing that cannot fall down.

Someday God will call and you must answer.

From the Editor's Desk

NEWS IN BRIEF

The State and National Minutes have been mailed out to the associational clerks. We hope each member will have the opportunity of reading them.

A trio from the F. W. B. Bible College of Nashville composed of Billy Sherrill, Teddy Davis, and Bill Gardner recently visited the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting churches and brought blessings to many with singing. Offerings were received for the Bible College.

Rev. Lester Jones, State Home Mission worker, recently made a successful itinerary and contacted five churches. He sent \$112.97 for the Co-operative Fund as gifts from these churches. We appreciate the giving of all our churches to this fund.

The National Association will meet in St. Louis July 8-10. We urge each church to contribute to the entertainment of this session. Please read **STATE MODERATOR APPEALS FOR FUND FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** and **CONVENTION COMMENTS** concerning the National Association.

CONVENTION COMMENTS

You only have **Four More Months** to send in your contribution for the entertainment fund of this year's National Convention of Free Will Baptists. In the midst of winter's chilling blast it's hard to think of July, but we Missourians must be thinking about it, praying about it, and acting about it. It is our responsibility to make provision for some 3000 people. No, we will not house or feed them, but we must make other provisions. There must be advertising for we do want this to be the best attended convention ever. We foot the bill for the auditoriums that will be used and many other behind the scene activities of the convention. Rest assured that you will receive an accurate account of all expenditures and if there is any balance left after the conclusion of the convention it will be turned over to our state treasurer to be held for disposal by the State Association of Free Will Baptists. **Please make haste and send in your contribution.** Actually, that is about all; you have to do in behalf of this year's convention. The bulk of the work in making preparation for the convention has fallen upon the resident ministers of St. Louis.

Stay At The Sheraton-Jefferson

It would be well if you make your reservations early. The convention hotel will, of course, act upon a first come, first serve basis. Somehow a rumor has circulated that the price of meals at the hotel will be higher than the satellite Uncle Sam recently put into outer space. This rumor is unfounded. The average meal in the hotel coffee shop is \$1.25. There are all kinds of restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel, you can secure a meal on any price level that you wish. Remember! There are no motels in the neighborhood of the convention hotel. The nearest motels are some 15 or 20 miles away at the outskirts of the city. There are other hotels in the area, but most of their prices are comparable with those of the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS, MO. JULY 8-10.

STATE MODERATOR APPEALS FOR FUNDS FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

May I have the privilege of making this appeal to each Free Will Baptist in the State of Missouri who reads this article, and in the language of II Peter 1:13, "To stir up your minds by way of remembrance."

First, that it is our happy privilege to have the 1958 session of the National Association convening within the bounds of the State of Missouri. It has been some thirteen years since the National Association convened within our state. During these thirteen years many changes have taken place, our work has grown in every department for which we give God the praise, and many ministers who were active in the work of the Lord then, have reached the age of retirement, or have gone from labor to reward. Many others have answered the call of God, and are now giving of their best to the Master. Thirteen years ago it was possible for the Flat River Church and community to furnish food, and lodging for all who attended, but now our attendance is so large that it would not only be too great an obligation on any group to feed, and furnish beds for all who attend the National Association, but we do not have any church building large enough to provide seating for the worship services, committee rooms, etc.

These conditions have made it necessary to secure a place where these

facilities are available. The City of St. Louis, has offered us the use of the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel where all the day services will be held, also private rooms where committees can meet, and the Kiel Auditorium where the Tuesday and Wednesday night services will be held. This is certainly a generous offer which was graciously accepted by the National Association while in Huntington, West Virginia in 1956.

Now for our part of the Missouri State Association. It is the responsibility of the State Association to pay for advertising and other expenses of the National Association, outside of food, and lodging (each one coming will be on their own, as far as food and lodging is concerned). Our steering committee there in St. Louis have estimated this cost which will be approximately \$2500.00 and appropriated it out to the different Associations. This will then be up to the pastors to present this need to our churches and if done as we should present any of God's work to our churches, I am sure they will take care of this adequately.

I am not asking any pastor to do something which I have not already done in the church I am now pastoring.

Rev. O. T. Allred

SEND ALL MONIES TO:

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St. Louis, Missouri

These People Did

1st Church, Kansas City Mo	\$ 20.00
Happy Hill Church, Lebanon	10.00
Jones Chapel, Stella	25.00
Merl's Chapel, Cassville	20.00
Pleasant Grove, Anderson	20.00
Cartersville, Cartersville, Mo.	10.00
Macedonia, Purdy	25.00
1st Church, Monnett	50.00
Neosho, Neosho, Mo.	6.00
Aurora, Aurora, Mo.	5.50
1st Church, Berkeley City, Mo.	25.00
Faith Church, St. Louis, Mo.	50.00
S. Side Church, St. Louis,	25.00
Third Church, St. Louis	25.00
1st Church, Kirksville, Mo.	100.00
Grandby Church, Grandby, Mo.	10.00
Madison County Sunday School Convention	35.00
Total	\$461.50
Reported from last month	593.80
Total amt. received to date	\$1055.30
Short of our goal	1444.70
The Goal	\$2500.00



LEAGUERS COMMENDED

Dear Leaguers:

You are among the first to contribute to the newest national League project, the COLLEGE KITCHEN CAMPAIGN. We sincerely appreciate your gift of \$15.00 and we hope you will make a generous contribution regularly.

This new building now going up at the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, is due to be completed by January of 1958. Please encourage your leaguers to give generously to this project so we may equip this new kitchen as early as possible. "Seeing is believing." Believe me, I have seen the need for such facilities and want to lay this need upon your hearts. Our goal of \$15,000 will seem rather low if all of our Leagues contribute. Gifts are already coming in, and we hope to reach our goal by June 1959.

Yours in Christ's service,

Ray C. Turnage,

Promotional Secretary

Editor's Note: The Northeast Missouri League Rally gave the \$15.00 mentioned in above letter.

REPORT FROM THE JUNIOR CHURCH

During this past month we have been conducting services in the Educational Building known as the Junior or Children's Church. There has been good attendance with an average of 14 from an enrollment of 17. We have had good services especially good interest and excellent participation from the Juniors. The messages have been taken from the life of Christ. The tithes and offerings have averaged \$2.03 each Sunday.

The congregation voted to remain in the services that are rendering special music from the Bible College Quartet. We are certain that we shall enjoy them and next Sunday we will all be back in our Junior Church.

We welcome all visitors and ask for your prayers that we may lead many to Christ through working with these Junior boys and girls.

PASTOR'S NOTE:

We are very thankful for the Children's Church which we feel is progressing nicely under the direction of one of our young ministers, Rev. Gaylord Huckaba. We feel that the Children's Church will mean much to our church and our prayers go out with them that God may bless and use the Children's Church for His glory.

—Berkeley Bulletin

RICHWOODS Y.F.C.

The Youth For Christ here have received many blessings the past two months. We have seen five or six young people re-dedicate their lives to Christ.

During the holidays we went caroling two nights and both times we had large numbers present to sing. We gave six fruit baskets to the sick in the community.

We have been able to purchase a typewriter which we needed badly. The Lord has truly been blessing us in many ways. Pray for us that we may continue to grow and prosper.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TEEN-AGERS

(Note: They would also be good for twenty, thirty, or forty-agers.)

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 giving the orders some day.
4. At the first moment turn away from unclean and unwholesome 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 will become what they are.
9. Avoid following the crowd. Be an engine, not a caboose.
10. Recall the original Ten Commandments.

—Copied.

—Fredericktown Bulletin

THE SECRET OF BIBLE STUDY

1. Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse.
2. Pray it in. Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a part of your very being.
3. Put it down. The thought God gives you, put it in the margin of your Bible or your notebook.
4. Work it out. Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.
5. Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody what you have learned.

Zero 1960—All the might and millions of dollars of the Roman Catholic Church over the next few years will be poured into an all out effort to "Make America Catholic." The Vatican and the Roman Hierarchy are focusing the mediums of television, radio, newspapers, and every other outlet of their great propaganda machine to bring the pomp, the lustre and 'greatness' of the Roman Church before the American public. All eyes will be brought to focus through the efforts of Rome, to the year of 1960. We shall no doubt see many Bishops being made Cardinals amidst much grandeur and ceremony until the college of cardinals is completed that year. We shall likely read of the 'faithful' or the Pope seeing visions of Mary or Christ, the discovering of a burial place of the bones of one of the Saints of God; the increasing elevation of Mary's position. We can certainly expect the sensational to occur. Their purpose and goal . . . to proclaim the false doctrines of Rome, obtain political control, and set themselves up as the only source of salvation to America. In reality they seek to destroy our system of government and education, take away our religious freedom and our American way of life. In the final analysis . . . to conquer America.

—Converted Catholic Magazine

We never see our shadow when we are following the Light.

News From The Mission Field

THE SOLUTION TO OUR MISSIONARY PROBLEM

by Ronald Creech

Pastor Edgemont F. W. B. Church

Everyone will admit that we have a missionary problem. With over half this world's population having never heard the Gospel of the Son of God, and with men and money enough to get the job done, getting the men to go and the money to send them is our real problem. I am thoroughly convinced that the Missionary Conference in the local church is the solution to this problem.

A national Missionary Conference is not the real solution because at best only a few from a local church will and can attend. The National Conference is good, but does not meet our need.

A State Missionary Conference is good but is not the answer. Again, only a few can and will attend.

The money and men are not on the National and State level. They are in our local churches. If we are going to make any large and lasting advancements it must be at the local level.

Following are some of the reasons why we have a week of Missionary Conference each year in our church.

1. It is Scriptural. Acts 14:27. When Paul and Barnabas returned from the first Missionary Journey, they rehearsed what God had done with them. They rehearsed it in the local church of Antioch.
2. It is a program of education on the local church level. What we need is more than a challenge to give to missions. We need missions education so that our giving will not be spasmodic but regular and consistent.
3. One great thing that a missionary conference in the local church will do is build up real prayer support. When the person prays for the missionaries it is only natural that the ones which have been in his church naturally comes to his mind.
4. Invariably, if the right emphasis is made throughout the Conference, souls will be saved in the local church. When you tell people what their responsibility is to lost souls all over the world, if it really soaks in, he will become burdened about the lost souls in his own city.

5. The young people are challenged to go as they see and hear the needs of the various fields presented.

6. Instead of hurting your church budget, the Missionary Conference pledges will help you raise your budget.

I certainly can recommend that every local church have a Missionary Conference.

FROM MISS VOLENA WILSON INDIA

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I enclose herewith the financial statement for December. I should have sent it before now; however, I thought I would get a letter written before sending. Hence the delay. Anyway at this writing you are in Cuba and it'll probably be some days before you are back in the office.

All the workers appreciated a word of greeting from you. Your friend, Mr. Paul especially wanted to be remembered to you again at this writing. From time to time our people inquire about you and pray for you.

Where shall my praises begin: where shall they end? We are still rejoicing over all the many answers to prayer and the wondrous joy that the Lord gave (and continues to give, of course) during the Season Holidays. Sunday preceding Christmas 6 souls were baptized and New Year's day crowned all other events, a Mohammedan gave a most beautiful testimony and was baptized. He's the first Muslim in this section to accept Christ and receive baptism. Oh but our cup ran over! There were 258 present for our New Year's Service. Christmas day 269 and Watchnight service 100. One of our deacons gave such a lovely testimony last week at prayer meeting. He was overjoyed at all the Lord had done and said he, "I never would have believed 100 people would have come out and stayed until 1:30 A.M. for our watchnight service. Last year only 12 were present. How I praise the Lord for what He is doing in our midst and for the joy that is everywhere". I'm sure the joy of the Lord has been my strength these days. I felt such little weariness through all the activities—that indeed was the Lord!

Our pastor, Mr. Dorairaj, and John Raju are going to Vellore for the Evangelical Fellowship of India Conference. I would liked to have to gone but could not get away at this time. But I'm so glad Mr. Dorairaj and John Raju can go. I expect them to come back and share the blessings with us.

MISS WILSON WRITES

Dear Friends:

Where shall my praises begin: where shall they end? The Lord has worked graciously in our midst in the last few weeks. It does not seem possible that all the blessings could come one after the other as they have. The Lord indeed has wondrously poured out showers of blessings!

The last week of November special meetings were held in one of the villages where we have gone for many years—the Crosley Tea Estate. There were 4 decisions. The week following this special services were held in another village, Sait Lines, and there were 24 decisions. It would have blessed your heart to have seen these people on their faces before the Lord asking for forgiveness. What He has done and is doing is marvelous in the eyes of all the people here, and we do praise Him with all our hearts.

Christmas was just filled with His Presence and joy! We are still rejoicing because of all His gracious work in our midst. Sunday preceding Christmas 6 were baptized. For our Christmas service 269 were present with an offering of Rs. 70- the largest in history of Church! It is interesting to compare last year's Christmas offering with this year's—last year's was Rs. 13 and the Sunday offering following Christmas was Rs. 17- this year it was Rs. 30. There is a growth of grace in the lives of the Christians that gladdens one's heart! We do praise the Lord. And we expect still greater things to be wrought in our midst by His mighty power.

Watch-night service was well attended with 100 present. One of our deacons was elated and joyously witnessed of this service at our Wednesday night prayer meeting. Said he: "I just never would have believed 100 people would come and stay until 1:30 A. M. for our night watch service. Last year only 12 came. It was such a joy to me to see 100 present. Everywhere there in unusual joy!" And this is literally true. I have never known the people to be more joyous. It makes my heart glad to see them rejoicing in the Lord and growing in His matchless Grace.

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SWISS CHILDREN RESPOND

By Dan Merkh

We have made friends with one family in particular here in the two apartment houses and they have a girl about 16. She went with Margaret to all the parents in the two apartments and invited the children. Then we got them to try to invite others. Then today while I was in school Margaret went to Beth's school and the teacher of Beth's class asked how many would like to come to Beth's this afternoon. More than half the class raised their hand. We are quite a spectacle for them. They play with Beth, and of course all know her because she couldn't speak their language. They are all happy type of kids, anyway, that was our advertisement.

We could watch the grouping almost 45 minutes or an hour before the class was to start at three o'clock. Some played in the little walkway between our house and the little park on the hill. Others were out in the yard, etc. By the time the class was to start we had figured and hoped for maybe ten or at the most 15, from those we saw around. When we started we had a total of 30 present. That includes the woman who taught, Margaret and myself, and of course also the two boys of ours, that were too young to really fit in. But to our great joy we had 24 little French Swiss Children. Actually 23, for one of them was an American girl from California. But how our hearts rejoiced to see the room packed. Actually, not counting the teacher and Margaret and myself and the two boys, we had 25 children for the first class, but of course vanity says the total of 30 sounds better.

Now, Mrs. Couleru really gave one of the best flannelgraphs I had ever seen or heard. She had the story "Barney's Barrel," and it really was wonderful, plain, clear cut Gospel Story with a real and genuine appeal for the children to give their hearts to Christ as personal Saviour. Really, I believe it was the best simple flannelgraph lesson I have heard. Then she told them about Naaman and his cure from leprosy. We were really thrilled. After the class we gave them all cookies and some little soft drink. We probably won't have any class until after the holidays, but with start, it really looks promising. How we thank the Lord. You will never know what a joy it is to get into something like that. This school and so forth just about gets a fellow down. We have really missed our activities that we had working for the Lord in Durham. I think that's been the hardest of all. Just so, it

seems, not doing anything for the Lord. At last we had the opportunity to see some kids hear a real Gospel message, probably for some, the first time. You will never be able to know our joy, now.

Must close for now, please forgive this hurried letter, typed on back, etc. And continue to be much in prayer for us.

Yours in His service,
Daniel J. Merkh

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD**Sheller Illinois**

"Please find enclosed fourteen dollars from Oak Grove Church." By Mrs. W. M. Hanna.

Wichita, Kansas

"I wish to assure you that I will do my best to raise the Kansas quota for 1958. We can surely raise \$300.00. Enclosed is five dollars." From Wayne Howdeshell.

Frederich Church, Ohio

"Enclosed is \$2.00 for the account of Miss Bessie Yele in Mexico. I am thankful for the Home Mission work and the home missionaries who are sacrificing to carry on this much needed work." Rev. H. H. Harris.

Jacksonville, Florida

"Our auxiliary was organized in December and we truly want to help in the work, so enclosed is our week-of-prayer offering." Mrs. John E. Colelosene, Treasurer, 110 Street Church.

Richmond, California

"Please send some literature about our Home Missionary work in Old Mexico." Mrs. C. Melton.

East Wenatchee, Washington

"I understood that the National Home Mission Board would furnish free bulletins for new churches, please send us enough for one quarter. We had 84 at church last Sunday." Diane Gifford.

Russellville, Arkansas

"Enclosed is five dollars from the District Auxiliary." Mrs. F. Druall.

Paducah, Kentucky

"Please send me 100 tracts, 'Who are these Free Will Baptists?'" Rev. C. J. Moss.

Jakin, Georgia

"Please send us the names and addresses of all our Home Missionaries. We are praying for them and want to know more about their work." Mrs. Sewell.

Artesia, New Mexico

"Enclosed please find a check for \$25.00 for our Mexico work. We are more than willing to help support this cause." Dorothy Mounts.

Pamplico, South Carolina

"Enclosed is \$5.00 from the State Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary. This is to be used for National Home Missions." Mrs. G. D. Jones.

Gastonia, North Carolina

"The enclosed ten dollars is for the Alaskan Missions." Mrs. T. E. Silvers.

Dandridge, Tennessee

"Enclosed is \$2.00 to be used to establish new churches in the U. S. A." J. T. Derrick.

Carlsbad, New Mexico

"Here is my dollar for the pledge I made while you were in New Mexico." Jack Williams.

Columbia, South Carolina

"Enclosed is \$1.00 for National Home Missions, it is a small gift, but I trust it will help in some way in the Lord's work." Mrs. E. Lee.

Nashville, Tennessee

"I am sending you two dollars for Home Missions." Mrs. Nettie Shepherd.

Cedar Hill, Tennessee

"We are sending ten dollars for the Mexico Missions from our Adult League of Heads Church." Mrs. D. Mayo, Secretary.

Odessa, Texas

"I am sending two dollars on my pledge for National Home Missions. I am so thankful to the Lord for all His blessings to us. Please pray for our new church. We had more than thirty out last Sunday." Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

Atoka, Oklahoma

"Please find enclosed four dollars from the Hopefell Number One Association from Pleasant View Church." Mrs. Jessie Waggoner, Sec.

Bellevue, Texas

from the Hopewell Number One about our missionaries in Old Mexico." Rev. Paul Argo.

Columbia, Tennessee

"Enclosed you will find \$13.06 for National Home Missions from our Auxiliary of Loyal Chapel Church." Mrs. A. Grubbs, Treasurer.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church at Neosho, Missouri met January 29, at the church. The opening hymn was "Hand in Hand with Jesus". Prayer by Eva Lucas. The Scripture reading was Romans 16:3, 6, 12 and Philippians 4:2, 3, by Mary Pogue. Topic I. "A More Excellent Way", by Sarah Davidson. Topic II. "Changing Courses", by Dorothy Childress. III. "Our Real Resources" Resources", by Virginia Pogue. The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Wilma Pogue. Benediction by Mary Pogue.

BIBLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The five-day annual Bible Conference to be held March 23-27 at Free Will Baptist College will feature Bible preaching, evangelism, and missions. Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, has announced.

Speakers will be Rev. Bobby Jackson, Frank Sells, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, and Rev. and Mrs. Carlile Hanna.

A record attendance is expected this year, Dr. Johnson said. All former students have a special invitation to attend the Conference. The auditorium has been enlarged to accommodate more people, and it is hoped that Conference guests can be furnished meals from the new dining hall now under construction.

The College music department will furnish special music by the College choir, freshman choir, male quartet, male trio, and girls' trio.

Rev. Bobby Jackson, Free Will Baptist evangelist from Greenville, N. C., will speak each evening Sunday through Wednesday and on Tuesday morning. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of the Bible College and has been in evangelistic work for the past four years.

Mr. Sells, Bible professor at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., is a popular speaker in meetings and conferences. His Bible messages are expected to be a high point in the Conference.

Mr. Forlines, Bible and theology teacher at the Bible College, will bring messages of special Bible significance.

Miss Barnard and the Hannas will bring missionary messages at a special missionary service each afternoon. Miss Barnard has been a missionary to India for a number of years. Carlile and Marie Hanna are also missionaries to India and are returned recently from their first term.

Many Free Will Baptist preachers and laymen attend the Bible Conference each year for a time of spiritual blessing and fellowship. Everyone who can possibly do so are urged to attend this year, both to enjoy the Conference and to see the new building.

Anyone desiring information about the Conference or about accommodations in Nashville, write Dr. L. C. Johnson, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville.

SECOND SEMESTER REGISTRATION AT COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

The registration of 18 additional students at the beginning of the second semester, January 22, has brought total enrollment figures this year to a new record. Dean Charles A. Thigpen

reports 196 students have registered this year, exceeding last year's previous high of 189.

This year's total enrollment includes students who attended summer school as well as those registered for the fall and spring semesters.

Additional students registering for the second semester with home towns are as follows:

Bailey, Teddy Lee, Knoxville, Tenn.
Brown, Eloise, Coward, S. C.
Fulcher, Glenda, St. Louis, Mo.
Carson, Malcom, Norfolk, Va.
Creech, Robert, Phenix City, Ala.
Cullipher, John, New Bern, N. C.
Day, Shirley, Tulsa, Okla.
Duckett, Roy, Canton N. C.
Duckett, Ruth, Canton, N. C.
Ellison, Walter, Straw Plains, Tenn.
Filkins, Howard, Kirksville, Mo.
Humbles, Mack, Greenville, N. C.
Kelley, Mary, Rose Bud, Ark.
Mullen, Shirley, Detroit, Mich.
Paramore, Peggy, Greenville N. C.
Smith, Robert, Ayden, N. C.
Warren, Lola, Oilton, Okla.
Johnson, Mary Frances, Goldsboro, N. C.

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

The Mount Olive Junior College Committee on Development and Expansion met at the College today and gave favorable consideration to a master plan for the enlargement of the College on its new campus.

G. Milton Small, College architect from Raleigh, met with the committee and outlined a development program for the new college property which consists of fifty acres located one-half mile from the present site of the College.

The new campus, which will face Highway 117 on its bypass around Mount Olive, is designed to accommodate 500 boarding students when completed, but will be built in different phases over a period of years as the growth of the College may demand and funds permit, President W. Burkette Raper explained.

Phase one of the master plan will begin with dormitory facilities in order that the classroom space in the present college building can be increased at the earliest possible date. One entire wing of the main building is now used as a dormitory for girls, and new accommodations for girls would enable the College to double its classroom space. Plans are for the College to continue the use of its present building as long as needed, President Raper explained.

The committee also recommended the employment of a development officer to direct the campaign to secure funds for the growth of the

College. Negotiations are currently being made for the securing of a person for this office, Raper said, and added that he hoped an announcement on this matter could be made soon.

Estimated cost for this building and furnishing a dormitory for one hundred students was listed at \$300,000 by Small.

Mount Olive Junior College, sponsored by the Free Will Baptist denomination, began operation here in 1954 with an enrollment of 22 students, but has grown to 101 students for the current school year. In a special session of the Free Will Baptist State Convention held at the College last month, plans for an extended campaign to raise funds for the institution were unanimously approved.

MISS WILSON WRITES

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The crowning service was New Year's Day. A Mohammedan, the first in this section to accept Christ, gave a beautiful testimony at our New Year's service and was baptized immediately afterwards. His face was radiant as he told of his being convinced that Christ was the Saviour of mankind. He told of his hunger and search for the one, true living God; of reading the Bible through 3 times in the last 3 years, etc. How his testimony blessed our hearts! There were 258 present for this service and everyone is still talking about it. Do pray for this Mohammedan convert as no doubt he'll receive much persecution. His wife is not a believer; so please pray for her also. He needs her assistance very much. He is a very fine business man and it is so thrilling to us that now he is a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here are a few prayer request-special prayer is desired. One of the young men in our group, Joseph Rangaraj, has fallen into sin. Pray for his restoration. Another young man who is causing me a great deal of concern is Achish, one of our teachers. His difficulty is pride. He is fine in every other way. But do pray with us for him. Then one of our evangelists, Mr. J. Paul, is not living a victorious Christian life. We desire this for him; otherwise how can he be a help and blessing to others? Please remember him especially during these days. On one hand there is much joy; on the other sorrow—the two seem to be intermingled. However, we are grateful to the Lord that His joy far out-weighs the sorrow.



1957 STUDENT BODY OF F. W. B. COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Woman's Auxiliary

COPPER MINES AUXILIARY

The auxiliary ladies met at the church January 14, with ten members and two visitors present. The meeting was opened with singing "We're Marching to Zion", followed with prayer by Sis. Souden. The president read Romans 16:3,6,12; Philippians 4:2,3. Sis. Lillian Hovis led in prayer. Special "Enlisted to Work in God's Garden" was sung. Topics were given by Madge Hovis, Mildred Killian and Edith Underwood. Closing prayer by Sis. Ester Hovis.

We met again at the church January 23 and had a very interesting study on "Lessons in Soul Winning".

—Phyllis Hovis, Cor.

HANNON AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

On February 5, nine women met at the Hannon Church and organized a woman's auxiliary. The meeting was opened with singing. Scripture was read by Sis. Frankie Wade, from Romans 12. Prayer was led by Pearl Lewis.

The election of officers was as follows:

President—Roena Thomas.

Vice-President—Mabel Blythe.

Youth Auxiliary Chairman—Bessie Bunton.

Study Course Chairman—Frankie Wade.

Program and Prayer Chairman—Olive Smith.

Personal Service Chairman—Olive Smith.

Secretary and Treasurer—Gertrude Crabtree.

Pianist—Gertrude Crabtree.

—Gertrude Crabtree, Cor.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri met at the church, Thursday, January 30, with sixteen members, three visitors and seven children present.

The meeting opened with singing of hymn, "We're Marching to Zion". The theme of our program was "God Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare". Prayer by Mrs. Zoro Horton and Scripture reading from Matthew 25:1-13. The business session was conducted by Mrs. Agnes Smith. The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Katie LaBrot and was approved.

Through the month of Nov., and December eleven fruit baskets were

taken to shut-ins in our community. There were also three food baskets given to needy families.

The program period was conducted by Mrs. Della Getz. Topic I, by Mrs. Edith Brooks; Topic II, by Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale; and topic III, by Mrs. Zelma Baker. Poem, "Evangelize" by Mrs. Alberta Turley. The chorus, "Lead Me to Some Soul Today" was sung. Benediction by Miss Mary Burcham.

The afternoon session was as follows: Hymn "My Desire" followed with Prayer by Mrs. Mildred Burcham. Our lesson study book, "All Mine for Him", was discussed by Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale. Benediction by Mrs. Etta Dodd.

—Mildred Burcham, Cor.

FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri, met for their auxiliary meeting. The meeting was called to order by singing. Prayer by Mrs. Kirkpatrick. The Scripture reading was from I Timothy 4:6-16. Ten tithers, thirty-nine sick calls, and the sending of forty-eight cards were reported. The mission projects for January was the buying of grass seed for the church lawn and the securing of chairs for a new mission or church. The minutes were read. Benediction by Mrs. Hovis.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR A WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM

Purpose:

1. To stimulate a desire among auxiliary members to do more personal witnessing.
2. To study and share ideas as to how personal soul winning efforts can be made more effectively through the work of the Auxiliary. (And perhaps through the work of the Sunday School and Leagues also.)
3. To acquaint our auxiliary members and officers with the books and materials available at the W.N.A.C. Headquarters for local auxiliary study courses on Evangelism.

Preparation:

1. Prepare a meeting place for opening exercises and three smaller rooms for groups.
2. Select three capable teachers to conduct a study on the following subjects.

(1) Winning Children

Suggested book: "Romance of Winning Children"

Material: Teacher's guide on above text, G. T. A. Manual

(2) Winning Young People

Suggested book: "Romance of Soul-Winning"

Material: Teacher's guide on above text, Y. P. A. Manual

(3) Winning Adults

Suggested books: "Art of Soul-Winning", Manual on Soul-Winning"

Material: W.N.A.C. Manual

3. Have notebooks and pencils handy for those who come unprepared.

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PROGRAM

- 10:00 Hymn
Scripture
Prayer
Introduction to Workshop, District Study Course Chairman
- 10:15 Retire to Groups
Group 1. Winning Children
Group 2. Winning Young People.
Group 3. Winning Adults.
- 11:30 Reassemble for a program by Y.P.A. members or a question and answer period with the teachers on platform.
- 12:00 Adjourn for Lunch
- 12:45 Hymn
Prayer
Retire to Groups
- 2:00 Reassemble for program by G.T.A. members or another question and answer period would be profitable.
- 3:30 Adjourn
—Mrs. Billy Melvin, W.N.A.C.
Study Course Chairman

GRANT AVENUE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Grant Ave. Church, met February 7, at 7:30 P.M. with seven members and six children present. Scripture reading by president, who also was in charge of the business session. Roll call was answered by scripture verses.

The Program Prayer Chairman was in charge of the program. Those who were on the program were Braxine Evans, Mildred Kensinger, and Hazel Chastain. After singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," we were dismissed by prayer by Virginia Baker.

—Virginia Baker, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The ladies of the First Church in Springfield met Tuesday night, February 4th. The meeting opened by singing led by Sis. Lola Long. Prayer was offered by Maxine Smith. An offering was received by Hazel Lowery. Twenty-two members answered roll call with Bibles verses. Three visitors were present. The secretary's report was given by Catherine Draper. The treasurer's report was given by Myrtle Corbin. Reports were given on our visit to Sunshine Acres, a rest home here in Springfield. About twenty-five men and women went to the rest home on Friday night, January 28. Most of the songs that were sung were requested by the inmates. Bro. Long gave a short talk and the inmates gave wonderful testimonies. We took cookies, quilt scraps, and magazines which were gladly received. We, as well as they, received a blessing from the visit. We plan to go each 4th Friday night of each month.

A good report was given of the things given a needy family in the neighborhood. The things consisted of two mattresses, three comforts, linens, dishes and clothing. Most all present had visited the sick the past month. Each one either brought or made something for layettes for city hospital the past month.

The lesson introduction was given by Lucy Ray. The three topics were read by Audrey Reaves, Hazel Lowery and Jessie Yokum, and were discussed by all. Poems were read by Lucy Ray and Bertha Wolf and a short reading by Clara Belle Lemons. Jessie Yokum sang "It is Mine", as a special and Hattie Mace and Ethel Latimer sang "Jesus is Passing This Way". Lola Long and Maxine Smith sang two numbers. We all gathered around the altar for prayer. Benediction by Juanita Highfill.

We are happy to report our Sunday School and league attendance is on the increase.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

FREDERICKTOWN AUXILIARY

Local Auxiliaries of the surrounding communities joined with the Fredericktown Auxiliary in the World Day of Prayer service February 21, with twenty one members and visitors present.

Services opened with singing led by Helen McGraw. Prayer led by Julia Lindsay. Our devotions were led by Jenelle Scott. The theme for service was "That The World May Know". Responsive reading "The Desire For Unity". Prayers by Elsie Myers,

Bertha Souden, and Mrs. James. Dismissed morning service by Easter Graham. Fellowship Luncheon.

Afternoon service opened with singing. Special number "Have You Really Been A Friend To Him" by Roxie White and Hallie Dettmer. Topic "The Nature of Unity" was given by Margie Hawn. Prayer by Mary Smith. Song "Kneel At The Cross" by congregation. Prayer by Bessie Baldwin. Duet "Where The Roses Never Fade" by Easter Graham and Roxie White. Topic "The Effect Of Unity" given by Roxie White. Prayers led by Rose Sharp, Helen McGraw and Margie Hawn. Song "Standing On The Promises" by congregation. Topic "The Objective Of Unity" given by Reba Matthews. Prayers led by Grace Schiders, Mrs. James and Easter Graham.

It was indeed a most sacred and enjoyable service. Benediction by Mrs. Menge.

—Hallie Dettmer, Cor.

NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

On February 3rd our auxiliary met at the church with eleven members and one visitor present. Meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Mrs. Bertha Russell. Mrs. Vergie Butts read for a scripture lesson Ecclesiastes 11:1-6.

The president, Mrs. Zola Greenlee, presided over the business session. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Vida Austin. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Jean Watkins. Since our last meeting we have drawn names for secret pals.

Topics for the evening were given by Mrs. Vida Austin, Mrs. Vergie Butts and Mrs. Bertha Russell. Benediction by Mrs. Ruby McAllister. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Gladys Howard and Mrs. Lillian Bailey.

Our next meeting is to be held at the church, March 4th.

—Mrs. Lillian Bailey, Cor.

WELLSTON AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of Wellston met at the church, January 18, with fourteen present—twelve members and two visitors. The meeting opened by singing, "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Scripture reading from Romans 16:3, 6, 12; Phil. 4:2, 3. Two members were added to the roll. Mrs. Sutton was appointed corresponding secretary. Those elected for Youth visitation were Nadine Shaver, Coral Pope and Dorothea Venson, and those for the Adult group were Vivian Stewart, Wanda Evans and Alice Stephens. The offering received was \$6.10.

Next meeting is to be Saturday evening, February 22. We urge all members to be present and bring someone with you.—Mrs. Sutton, Cor.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

A day of fellowship was enjoyed by the women of our Auxiliary in our monthly meeting. Our meeting opened by our president, Iva Treaster, reading for our scripture Matthew 27. The theme for our program was "Go Set A Watchman". Topics were given by Iva Treaster, Norma Stephens, Christine Pinkley, Lola Underwood, Peggy Davis, and Dottie Jo Hargiss.

Our teachings on Child Evangelism are still being enjoyed by our ladies and will continue for some time. Our instructor is Rev. Davis. We pray that many young people will be won to Christ as a result of these teachings.

Pray for us as our group of women as we labour together to glorify Him.

—Dottie Joe Hargiss, Cor.

MRS. ESPER EASTON WRITES

Dear Gem Readers:

I have just finished my last copy of the Gem. I certainly do like it and wish I had two or three copies to give to my grandsons who are good Christians and real workers in the Church and Sunday School. There is so much in the Gem that would help them in their work. They are fathers—one has a little boy three years of age. I love to help the young people.

I just want to say to our Christian people, do visit shut-ins and the sick, both old and young. We have been shut-ins for over ten years after working fifty-five years for our Lord. It makes us rejoice when our young Christians come in and talk with us and tell us about their work in the Lord's service.

Bro. Easton has not been able for us to go to church in over ten years after preaching fifty years. We get hungry to go to church. He has been bed-ridden for ten years. His wife, Esper Easton, had a fall January 12, and is in bed now, but is slowly recovering with a broken collar bone. We enjoy working for our Lord and ask the prayers of all of God's people.

Rev. Easton is seventy-seven years of age and his wife is seventy-one years of age. They would love to receive cards and letters and pictures from old Gem readers and friends, whom they have learned to love and work with in the Lord's work.

This letter is from their daughter, a Gem lover,

Mrs. Ethel Potter,
Cameron, Okla.

News From Our Churches

REVIVAL AT BLUE EYE CHURCH

We are happy to report a very successful revival at the Blue Eye Church, Blue Eye, Mo., on January 29. There were fourteen souls who found the Lord with fifteen additions to the church. It was a great uplift to our church spiritually. We thank God for sending Rev. Lester Hilton of Springfield, Mo., to us as evangelist. Rev. Hilton is a full time pastor of the new Grant Avenue Church at Springfield. He also conducts a gospel broadcast each Saturday morning at 8:30 over K.W.T.O.

We were without a pastor at the beginning of the revival and God sent Bro. Millard Davis from Berryville, Arkansas our way. He was called as pastor for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Sundays of each month.

We want to thank the Lord for everyone that helped and for those that labored so faithfully to win the lost to Christ, and also for the fellowship from the other churches. Plans are being made for a baptismal service to be held in the near future.

—Cora Whittaker, Cor.

REV. DALE STATLER ORDAINED

An ordination service was conducted at the Old Bethel Church, near Patton, Mo., at which time Rev. Dale Statler, pastor of the church, was ordained as a minister of the gospel.

The Executive Board of the Madison Quarterly Meeting composed of Rev. George Hibbitts, Rev. Albert Halbrook, and Rev. O. D. Matthews, proxy for Rev. Cecil Sheppard, along with the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting conducted the services.

Rev. Halbrook presided over the meeting. The ordination message was delivered by Rev. Matthews and the charge given by Rev. Hibbitts. Prayer was offered at the altar with the laying on of hands.

—Leeman Killian, Cor.

MT. PISGAH CHURCH

We have been having wonderful services at the church. We had one conversion on the night of February 16th. A young man accepted the Lord and joined the church and was baptized.

We had seventy nine at Sunday School last Sunday, February 23rd. Our average for February was fifty. Rev. Ezra Butts, is the pastor.

—J. A. Odom, Cor.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

East Wenatchee, Washington

Dear Co-laborers in Christ:

This letter is being written to you because we believe you are interested in the Home Mission project in Washington State. Ours is the only Free Will Baptist Church in the state. Never have we seen a more promising field for Free Will Baptists.

The church here has continued to grow since it's organization in May, 1956. We have purchased land and have it paid for. We are in a building program at the present, we have a basement building almost completed. However, we owe for some of the building materials and must pay near \$1000.00 by the first of May. Already we are crowded for Sunday School in our new building and must provide extra space soon.

So briefly, we are asking our friends and Free Will Baptist churches everywhere to send us a special offering to aid us in our building program. Will You do what You can. Each one of you would have to do so little to make this a real, "God Glorifying" success.

We have received special permission from the Home Mission Department in Nashville, Tennessee, to send all offerings to Home Mission Department, 3801 Richland, Ave. Nashville, Tennessee. Be sure to earmark them for "Washington Project." All money will be sent to us immediately upon receipt at the Home Mission Office and your state will receive credit on your Home Mission quota. Or if you prefer send offerings direct to us: First Free Will Baptist Church, in care of Rev. John J. Postlewaite, 645 Highline Dr., East Wenatchee, Washington.

We pray God's richest blessings upon you as you give to this worthy cause. We will be prayerfully awaiting your Gift.

Your Home Missionaries in Washington State.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie J. Postlewait and family.

NEWS OF PROMOTIONAL WORK

By Rev. Lester Jones

Dear Fellow Laborer:

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other

aboundeth: So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer." II Thess. 1:3-5.

As we think back in the past of how Free Will Baptists have suffered persecutions and tribulations and how the devil has worked exceedingly to try to tear down and destroy, it makes our hearts rejoice today to know that God is blessing us as a denomination of people and we are going forward in His great name. We believe from the depth of our heart, that God has preserved Free Will Baptists for this day to send the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Our heart has been exceedingly blessed as we labored on the field in the Mission Association January 27—February 3, under the auspices of the Executive Board. It gives us blessings untold as we present and promote the entire plan of work of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. When we tell our people how that they can have a part in every phase of the work from the training of our missionaries and ministers in our own Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges to the sending of the gospel to those in Africa, India, Japan, South America and Cuba, as well as our own Home Mission program to our homeland and neighboring lands, we seem to see a greater interest and instantaneous vision light up their faces.

We received a hearty welcome and good response in each church we visited with a great interest of wanting to know more about the plan of work. We feel like that much good was accomplished on this itinerate and that those churches we visited will profit by it because they will support the entire plan of work, and receive blessings because of it.

Here are the churches and pastors we visited:

Mt. Pisgah—Rev. Ezra Butts.

Faith and Hope—Rev. Floyd Roberts.

Number One—Rev. Carl Postlewait.

Union—Rev. Archie Hogue.

Embree—Rev. Herschel Freeman.

Thought for today: "God's grace is not limited to favorable circumstances."

A Dark Hour

By Carl Stair

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" A cry of anguish, of pain, of despair, of loneliness, a cry from a broken heart. Why must I suffer so? How much more do I have to endure? Oh dear God, do please ease this awful torment, or else end it for ever; but most of all, gracious Father, don't forsake me; don't leave me alone now when others have deserted me. I need you most of all. Long ago this cry was uttered, but yesterday too and also today, voiced by thousands of broken and maimed, in this time of woe and sorrow; in this time when men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.

What is coming on the earth? What else besides a man not knowing which way to turn or who to trust, hearts that are fickle, friends that strike in the dark with all the deadly venom of the viper? What is coming? Signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. (Luke 21:25) I know these are coming for the Bible tells me so. "And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks and friends . . ." (Luke 21:16) "And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another." (Matt. 24:10) "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12) "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matt. 24:21) "The Son of Man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 13:41-42) "But he that endureth until the end, the same shall be saved." (Matt. 24:13)

Brethren, let us not be dismayed by our sorrows but hearken unto these words of comfort spoken by Jesus. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be

exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven."

But what are we to do then? Are we to fight the evil forces that are against us? "But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matt. 5:39. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

Sometimes when misgivings darken my soul, I feel like chanting that mournful song, "Nobody Knows and Nobody Cares". But, thank God, somebody knows and somebody cares. Somebody suffered it all long ago. Betrayed by one of his own, denied by another and deserted by the others, he was mocked and scorned, reviled and tortured, and in a dark and lonely hour he bled and died. He knows, for it was He who long ago gave voice to that sad and lonely cry.

ARE CATHOLICS INCREASING SO FAST?

"Roman Catholics are increasing by leaps and bounds in America" seems to be a belief of many Protestants.

It simply is not true, and it is surprising that so few Protestants are familiar with the statistics which are to be found, incidentally, at periodic intervals in "Information Service" of the National Council of Churches.

Here are a few figures.

In 1906, Roman Catholics were 37% of all church members in the USA. In 1956 they were 34%.

In 1906, Catholics were 16.5% of the whole American population; in 1956 they were 20%, an increase of 3.5%. During that time much of the immigration was Roman Catholic.

During the same fifty years, non-Catholics increased from 24.3% in 1906 to 40% in 1956, for a gain of over 15%.

In other words, from 1906 to 1956, Protestants and Jews increased at a ratio of 4 times as rapidly as Roman Catholics.

Two other items are significant:

1. Of the 531 members of Congress, 94 or 17.5% are Roman Catholics.

2. Of the 48 governors, 5 or 9.6% are Roman Catholic.

Interpretations of these statistics may vary but at least there are the figures.

—Willard Johnson, Barrington, Ill.

—Cumberland Presbyterian

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
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
Neasho	Rev. Lester Nutting
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
Greenridge	Rev. Len Gardner
Oskaloosa	Rev. Roena Thomas

REVIVAL NOTICE

A revival will begin at the Copper Mines Church, Rt. 3, Fredericktown, Mo., April 13, 1958. Rev. Melvin Howell, will be the evangelist. Rev. Glenn Rehkop, is the pastor.

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY

Auxiliary Tic Tac Toe

Following a study course on the Manual, you may want to spend an half hour or so in an informal checking-up time. Tic-tac-toe is one interesting way to see how much you know about auxiliary know-how. Try it at your next district workshop.

Materials Needed:

The tic-tac-toe board, nine category cards containing approximately ten questions each, five 8 inch X cards and five 0 cards.

Preparation:

Make the board from masonite or cardboard. 24 inch square is a good size. Divide the board into nine identical squares. In each section print one of the following categories: records and reports, national projects, enlistment, youth work, study course, programs, personal service standard of achievement, and miscellaneous.

In the upper right and left hand corners of each square drive a finishing nail. These will be the pegs on which the X and 0 cards will hang.

If you use cardboard or poster board, draw the squares on with crayon or felt pen. Instead of finishing nails, use thumb tacks inserted from the back side. Secure the heads of these tacks with cellophane tape.

Prepare the X and 0 cards from poster board. With a paper punch, punch a hole in the upper right and left hand corners of each section. These will form holes which will be inserted on the finishing nail pegs to mark a score on the tic-tac-toe board.

Persons Needed:

A leader who asks the questions, a scorekeeper to place the cards over the categories, and two contestants—also additional contestants to finish the game.

How to Play:

The leader calls from the audience two contestants. They stand facing the audience and behind cards to identify which is the X contestant and which the 0 person. One of them chooses a category and the leader asks the first question on the category card. If she answers correctly, the scorekeeper places an X card over that category square. The 0 contestant chooses a category and the game proceeds. A person wins by having three identical cards in a row, either up and down, across or diagonally. If the category squares are all covered and no one has scored, the cards are all removed and the game begins again. When a person scores, he is

declared the winner. The loser returns to her seat and the winner chooses another person to come to the front and compete with her. The game begins again as the winner chooses the first category.

—Mrs. LaVerne Miley
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STANDARD STUDY CLASSES ARE STABLE

Page 152, Year Book, 1958: "A report of the class must be made to the district or state study course chairman on the blank furnished by the WNAC. She shall examine it, and if requirements are met, she shall report to the national study course chairman, who will issue a recognition card for work, meeting the required standard. Recognition cards will be sent by the national study course chairman to the state or district chairman.

If your group wishes to apply for recognition, use the blank at the bottom of page 152 and send it to Mrs. Billy Melvin, Study Course Chairman, WNAC, 1719 Dominion Ave., Norfolk, Virginia.

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PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT WORKSHOP

A new mimeographed page of instructions, can be had for the asking. Write to the WNAC office, Nashville.

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PERSONAL SERVICE VS. PERSONALITY

Person to person relationship is somewhat contagious. The person that is loved and respected is the person whose life is imitated.

Paul spoke of imitating. If our inward life is of God, we will radiate Godliness and others will be affected by it. This goes deeper than personality. A long time observance of sheer personality without the character of God in it is soon discovered to be full of faults and flaws, but the other personality is filled with power and influence. The basic need for soul-winning is the "God likeness traits". All may have it if they desire. Soul winning words may be filled with power or they may be filled with emptiness. A life behind a word is worth more than many words without the God-filled life. God saves with His power. He must be in the Personal service efforts of our auxiliaries. Sheer personality without God is only skin-deep. Let God be in you and your benevolent activities!

—Mrs. Everett Hellard

Thought for today: "Church members are often weakened by the wrong use of the week end."

STEWARDSHIP-PRAYER CHAIRMAN!

How can this department of work be promoted? As the title of the office suggests—you must be a good steward and you must pray. Afterward, you must try to get others to be good stewards and get others to pray. How? Here are a few suggestions:

Write a letter to each district chairman in your state.

Help them to see the importance of their work.

Encourage them to write to the local chairman.

Admonish them to be good stewards and women of prayer.

Suggest ways of promoting family altars by: special programs—visual aids—posters—literature.

(Some material for special programs on the family altar and stewardship is available at the WNAC office, Nashville.)

—Mrs. Lester Jones

JANUARY RECEIPTS

	Co-Laborer Fund	Mission Station	Memorial Loan Fund	Totals
Ala. ..	2.75			2.75
Ark. ..	3.75	53.00	90.00	151.75
Calif. ..	28.63			28.63
Fla. ..	10.47	18.53		21.00
Ga. ..	20.63	26.00	2.00	48.63
Ky. ..	3.00			3.00
Miss. ..	4.50	30.00		34.50
Mo. ..	6.97	45.59		54.56
N. M. ..	2.32			2.32
N. C. ..	2.00	12.00	51.00	65.00
Okla. ..	54.10	112.54		166.64
Tenn. ..	9.78	15.00	40.05	64.83
Texas ..	6.30			6.30
Va. ..	18.38	33.21		51.59
Totals	180.58	345.87	183.05	709.50

A STRANGE ANIMAL

A Chinese traveler, many years ago, on returning to his own country after a journey in Europe, wrote this description of a piano:

"The Europeans keep a large four-legged animal which they can make to sing at will. A man, or frequently a woman, or even a feeble girl, sits down in front of the animal and steps on its tail, at the same time striking its white teeth with his or her fingers, when the creature begins to sing. The singing, though much louder than a birds, is pleasant to listen to. The animal does not bite nor does it move, though it is not tied."

—The Southern Churchman