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## THREE CROSSES

Helen Frazee-Bower

Three crosses on a lonely hill  
A thief on either side,  
And, in between, the Son of God—  
How wide the gulf—how wide!

Yet one thief spanned it with the words,  
"Oh, Lord, remember me";  
The other scoffed and turned aside  
To lost eternity.

Forsaken is the hilltop now,  
And all the crosses gone,  
But in believing hearts of men,  
The center cross lives on.

And still, as when these sentinels  
First met earth's wondering view,  
The presence of the Lord divides—  
Upon which side are you?

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**GEMS**

Heaven is only a step from the penitent sinner, but millions of miles from the hypocrite.

I do not advertise my own faults—why should I advertise the faults of my neighbor?

When some Christian brother falls we as Christians should be led to our knees and not to our telephones.

**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	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	95
Desloge .....		101	102		97	95								
Farmington .....	55	58	62	60	67	60	63	70	70	70	60	73	70	
Fourth St. Louis .....	61	57	63		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	35	40	34	32	44	47
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		
Grant Ave., Springfield .....					52	49	57	57	57	56	49	53	68	59
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	47
First Church, Kansas City .....													75	65

For March of 58 Twin Oak 68, Mine La Motte 37.

Please send us your average, too.



## First Official Free Will Baptist Missionaries Arrive In Africa

Lonnie and Anita Sparks

On Sunday February the 29th the S. S. Braza docked at Abidjan and a new era of our life began. We were a little nervous but this soon passed when the Rev. G. C. Timyan came aboard in search of us. With his help, we soon had a room at Hotel Maxims and we were off for the evening meal. We found the fellowship with this man of God a real blessing and his help during the days that followed cannot be measured in money. We began on Monday to take care of formalities relative to the clearing of our baggage and the pickup. Before this day had ended we were persuaded that God had gone before us. Rev. Timyan's acquaintance with a number of the officials aided greatly in our "getting through" in such a short time.

On Thursday morning we began our journey inland. We found this new land much different than what we had pictured it in our minds. Florida has nothing on the Ivory Coast. We have oranges, pineapples, coconuts, bananas, palms, etc. We arrived at Mr. Timyan's station Thursday afternoon. This being his birthday, and having visitors as well, the evening meal was really special.

Friday was spent in doing many varied things that missionary life requires, such as car repairs, building a chow box for treks into the bush, securing provisions for such, etc.

At 9:00 A. M. Saturday, we set out for the Bondoukou Circle. This was to be an important day in the work of Free Will Baptist Missions, in our lives and to the church at Koun who had prayed, hoped and waited so long for a resident missionary. The journey was made without a mishap. As we passed village after village we noticed how many of them already had a Catholic church. At 6:05 P. M. Saturday, February 15 we entered Free Will Baptist territory and at 6:50 P. M. we arrived at the village of Koun. We stopped in front of the chief's house and in a moment we were surrounded by a crowd. The protestant wife of the chief invited us into their dwelling. In the patio we were given chairs. One by one the Christians welcomed us as we shook hands with them. They were so surprised and so happy that their long awaited missionary had come at last. The shadows of the evening kept them from seeing our tears of joy. We

felt so unworthy of such a royal reception and any sacrifice that we thought we had made faded into insignificance as we saw the joy that our coming had brought them. We were given two guest rooms in the chief's house where we began preparing our supper. Gifts of food came in the night as well as the following day. Many stayed outside our door until almost time for service. After we had eaten a snack we went to the old church. The Christians were singing as we entered the building. Lonnie spoke for a few minutes and then Bro. Timyan brought a message. After a song or two we prayed the benediction and started for our rooms. They marched with us singing as we walked.

At 6:30 Sunday morning the Christians met us at the church for prayer. We felt the presence of God in every service. At this service Anita spoke for a few minutes.

At 9:30 we had the morning service at which Lonnie and Bro. Timyan spoke. Some came forward for prayer relative to needs in their life. Also at this service there was a naming service. One of the girls received the name of Anita.

As we observed this group of Christians who had by His Grace weathered the storms and temptations of life and when we saw their depth spiritually in spite of the fact that they know so little of God's Word, we felt that it could only be accredited to the work of the Holy Spirit.

One of the hardest things for us to do was to tell them that we had to leave to study the native language for six months. They wanted us to stay there and learn it. However, they were encouraged when we promised to return for Easter. The roof has already been put on their new church building, but it is not completely finished. We think they will have it completed by Easter. They gave us an offering of about \$13 or \$14 (this was accumulated over a period of time) which we hope to use to help send David to the Bible School of a neighboring mission.

Upon leaving for Goumère we promised that we would stop to tell them good-bye on Tuesday on our way to Ghana. About 4:00 P. M. Sunday we arrived at Goumère, where our first station will be built, God willing. This village is about 20 miles south of Bondoukou. The house which had been rented where we were to store our baggage had been sold, but the Christians in the village had spoken for another. This house will be large enough to house both the Merks and us until a house is built. Also one

room of it is being rented by the local congregation. The group at Goumère is quite different from the group at Koun.

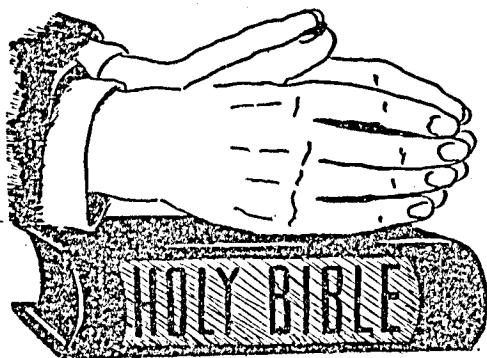
Before the first service an old man named Joseph came to see us. He was so thrilled that we had come, that he was bubbling over. He said that he was the first convert of Mr. Powel in Goumère, and that he had prayed for 20 years for a resident missionary and finally his prayer had been answered. He feels that a great work for God can be established in this village. He said he knew about 100 people who "wanted to pray". In fact he brought two such young men with him that evening. At 8:00 P. M. the services was started. We sang some hymns, prayed, Lonnie spoke and then Bro. Timyan gave the invitation. Several came forward for salvation. We rejoiced that God was giving visible fruit, but this was only a beginning. Now we must teach them. Monday morning at 6:30 we had prayer service. There were those who asked God to save them at this service, as well as the Monday evening service.

Before leaving on Tuesday morning we had a service at 6:30. It was well attended which was very encouraging.

As we surveyed the results of our short visit, we praised God for the pouring out of His Holy Spirit upon us. Also, it gave us a greater desire to grasp their language as we realized anew its importance. We said over and over again that this is the "now or never hour" for the Bondoukou Circle. The Catholics have a church in many of the villages along the main road. As traders (which are usually Mohammedans) are moving in from the north, they now have at least four mosques and one training school in Bondoukou. We wish you at home could have been with us as we witnessed the great need of the Gospel in the Bondoukou Circle. The people are hungering, but there is no one to give them the bread of life. We need at least 10 couples and about 10 single girls. Of this number we should have at least one doctor, 2 midwives and 3 or 4 nurses, so that we could have a maternity at Koun and Goumère. The commander of the area felt the government would be glad to help us build the dispensaries if we could staff them. If we don't minister to their bodies and minds the Catholics will. A knowledge of French, as well as of the native languages is very important. There are six distinct language groups

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## The Family Altar



### FAMILY ALTARS ARE A MUST!

Fortunate is the auxiliary whose Program-Prayer chairman is able to see the opportunity that is hers to promote the family altar.

This is, no doubt, one of the most important, yet one of the most neglected, phases of the Woman's auxiliary work. Perhaps it is the one that the least has been done to see its promotion, but it pays the highest dividends in the spiritual life of the children and in the happiness of the home. To see this phase of our work come alive and flourish in the auxiliary and in the church, will bring manifold blessings.

To be a successful promoter of the family altar, the program-prayer chairman should first maintain one in her own home. A great deal of the success in promotion will come from her own experience.

It is a good thing to canvass your membership and see how many homes now have a family altar. Statistics tell us that 40 years ago 50 percent of the homes had family devotions, but now the percentage is 5 percent! This reveals how big a job we have and it is a most worthy task.

This important phase of the work must have special emphasis. Plan and have a special program on the family altar. This can be very helpful. Also use posters and visual aids all that you can. Consult your Pastor and engage his help by an occasional sermon on the worth of a family altar. If you would like to have some tracts, special programs, booklets, etc., for promotional work write the W. N. A. C. office, Nashville, Tenn.

—Mrs. Lester Jones, WNAC  
Program-Prayer Ch.

But I have trusted in thy mercy;  
my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord, because  
He hath dealt bountifully with me.

## MEMBERSHIP OR DISCIPLESHIP

At a funeral a preacher is reported to have said, "This corpse has been a member of our church for forty years."

The truth is, there's a lot of "dead wood" on the rolls of most churches. There are many "lily Christians" who neither toil nor spin. There are many who have joined the eleven o'clock service but have never joined the church with their whole hearts and lives.

What a difference between membership and discipleship! Membership may be only a form; discipleship can never stop with forms and formalities. It is a force which makes a dynamic difference in our lives. Membership may be cheap and comfortable, but discipleship is always costly.

Are we members or disciples?

—Contributed by Mrs. Menge

## SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS

Summer school this year has been set for May 27-June 6, according to an announcement from the Dean's office.

The school will cover two weeks of intensive training, and three semester hours of work may be earned from seven courses offered.

This is the second year that a summer session is to be offered by the Bible College. Fifteen students enrolled for the three-weeks' course last June. The enrollment this summer is expected to more than double that of last year since several regular students plan to attend and more pastors will be able to attend this year because they will miss only one week end from their churches.

The following one-hour courses will be offered according to the demand of the students. Names of instructors are given in parentheses. Romans and Free Will Baptist Doctrine (Forlines); I Corinthians (Thigpen); Doctrine of God (Barrow); Hymn Directing (Dowden); Pastoral Problems (Johnson); and Producing the Church Play (Mrs. Thigpen).

The maximum load is three semester hours. Full college credit will be granted for all credits earned. Those not desiring credit are encouraged to attend.

The expenses for the two-week session will be \$59, including tuition, fees, and room and board. A student's wife may attend and take a full load for a minimum charge of \$10 not including room and board. Books will be extra.

College dormitories will be available for summer students, including a limited number of couples. Meals will

be served in the College dining hall. Students with families may obtain furnished apartments in the city.

College officials feel the summer school is a wonderful opportunity for pastors, Sunday school teachers, and other Christian workers to receive some study that will be a real blessing. Churches are urged to send their pastors to the two-week school as a supplement to their vacations.

An informative folder on the summer school will be mailed later to all ministers on the College mailing list. The folder will contain an application blank.

The summer session will actually begin two days before the regular second semester is completed, but after all classroom work is over. Summer students will attend Graduation exercises May 29.

### It Says:

"The clock of life, is wound but once,

And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop,

At late, or early hour.

To lose, one's wealth, is sad indeed;

To lose, one's health is more;  
To lose one's soul, is such a loss  
That no man can restore.

The present only, is our own;  
So labor with a will,

And boast not of tomorrow's dawn;

The clock may, then be still—  
(—Author Unknown)

## THE SAP IS UP

Spring again and the maple sugar and syrup industry is going full swing. Why? The sap is up, and it only comes up once a year. Many church members are like that. The sap is up only in the time of a revival, at a special service when their talents can be seen and used, or when they can run things. Perhaps once a year is better than not at all, but it is not good enough. The tree of life yields its fruit in its season. God expects fruit or results from his children more than once a year. Now in the season of many revivals we should all work our very best, serve our God faithfully, and do our part. But yet let us not be content to be like the Sugar Maple, stand still and only do our bit once a year.

—General Baptist Messenger

All who have grace that keeps them humble have no place in their hearts for pride that makes them haughty.

## History of the Quarterly Meeting

(Editor's Note: The following material was taken from the Free Baptist Cyclopedia and only brings the following history up to the year of 1889. We thought, however, it might be of interest to our readers)

### Free Baptist Cyclopedia

1889

#### Missouri

The denominational interests in this state have arisen from various sources, and have not been brought together into a compact organization. The present indicates an early improvement in this respect, as the various bodies are exhibiting a commendable activity in the work and a desire to adopt the most efficient means for carrying it forward. We give here a history of the organizations to the present.

The St. Francois County Q. M., located in St. Francois and adjoining counties, was organized Dec. 25, 1869. The first churches were, one on Doe Run, a second near De Lassus, and a third near Loughboro. The Wood family from Ohio, of which Jeremiah and John were prominent members, and W. H. Copass, also from Ohio, took an honorable part in establishing the Q. M. The churches in 1872 were De Lassus, Mine La Motte, Pendleton, Bushy Creek, and Loughboro. The two last named, and the Libertyville church added later, have disappeared from the list. The following have been added: Pilgrim Home, Jonca, Pine Hill (from the Dooney Springs Q. M.), Fredericktown, St. Louis Mission, and Knob Lick. Also in 1888, Annapolis, Bismarck, Pleasant Union, and Point Pleasant. This growing Q. M. has been connected with the Central Illinois Y. M. since 1876.

The New Madrid Q. M. was organized as early as 1883, the Birdsville, Commerce, New Madrid, Point Pleasant, and Tiptonville, Tenn. churches from the Cairo Q. M., Ill. and the Centerville church entering into the organization. The Price Landing and Texas Bend churches were received about 1884, Belmont, 1885, and Caruthersville, Columbus, Ky., Jordan Station, Ky., and Junction in 1887. Only Centerville and Price Landing have disappeared. The remaining eleven churches report 471 members. This Q. M. is located in the extreme southeast part of the state, a few of the churches being across the Mississippi, and it has been from the first

connected with the Southern Illinois Y. M.

The St. Louis Q. M., located in St. Louis and vicinity, was organized in 1882. The Collinsville, Mt. Olive and Second St. Louis churches were reported that year. The next year, Mt. Olive disappears, and First St. Louis is added to the list; also Third St. Louis is added, and two years later, East St. Louis. These churches have about a hundred members. The Q. M. has been, since 1883, connected with the Southern Illinois Y. M.

The Missouri Association, named after 1885 the Missouri Central Y. M., and in 1888 the Western Missouri Y. M., had its origin in the labors of Rev. Isaac Johnson. He commenced his work in Saline County in the spring of 1867; organizing the Frankfort and Cambridge churches in April, the Arrowrock church in June, and the Marshall church in August. H. Green, C. Miller, William Carter, B. Mason, C. Monroe, H. Patterson, and J. Brown entered the ministry from these churches. Before leaving the state, Mr. Johnson appointed H. Green a ruling elder, and by the co-operation of these ministers and churches the work extended to other places. In 1869 a request was sent from these churches to Rev. D. G. Holmes, of Chicago, Ill., to visit and instruct them, and the Missouri Association was organized. At their request Mr. Holmes visited them once a year, and the effect of his counsel is still felt and appreciated. In 1876 there were the Arrow Rock, Cambridge, Frankfort, Jonesboro, Lower Blackstone, Marshall, Pilot Grove, Sulphur Springs, and Upper Blackstone churches, with 550 members. In 1881 at the suggestion of Rev. A. L. Spears, a prominent worker, the association was divided, and the Q. M.'s were soon organized as a Y. M.

The Arrow Rock Q. M. formed as stated above, reported in 1881 the Arrow Rock, Cooper, Jonesboro, Pennisville, Bank's Schoolhouse, and Elk Hill churches, with 318 members; while the New Hope church had (probably) gone to the Eldorado Springs Q. M., and Upper Blackwater church was omitted.

The Marshall Q. M., also formed as above, now reports the Elk Fork, Marshall, Pilot Grove, Wyandotte, (Kan.) Blackburn, Pleasant Grove, New Frankfort, Gilliam, Little Rock, and Paola, Kan. churches, with 407 members. The old Cambridge church, with the Union, and St. Paul Chapel Kan. Churches, disappeared from the lists in 1886. Thus the Western Mis-

souri Y. M. has a membership exceeding seven hundred.

The Eldorado Springs Q. M. at first called the Ft. Scott Q. M., was organized about 1871, with the Pleasant Valley, Barton City, York Centre, and Drywood churches from the Cherokee Q. M., Kan. Rev's. S. Keyes, J. B. Fast, M. W. Campbell and E. V. Merritt were prominent in the organization. These brethren were soon joined by others, and three churches were added to the original four. In 1875 the Barton City, Lebeck, Pleasant Valley, Walnut Creek, and York Centre churches were reported, with 138 members. It was then connected with the Kansas Y. M. About 1880, the Clintonville and Walnut Grove churches were added. The Q. M. was located in Bourbon County, Kans., extending eastward into Missouri. In Missouri interests predominated, and the present name was taken in 1882, the interests centering in Cedar County. At that time the Clintonville, Eldorado Springs, Round Prairie, Walnut Grove, White Hall, and York Centre, Kan. (now Hammond), churches were reported, with 241 members. To these were added the Corry, Sun's Creek, and Victory churches in 1883, Glade Springs, Hopewell, Prairie Valley, and Verdellas in 1884, High Point, New Hope (probably from Arrow Rock Q. M.), and Olive Branch in 1885, Macedonia in 1887, and Cherry Valley, and Grand River in 1888. The Clintonville, White Hall, Victory and New Hope churches either went into others or became extinct, leaving in 1888 fifteen churches, having 446 members to carry on the work of the Q. M.

The Northwestern Missouri Y. M. had its origin in the organization of the Pioneer church in Worth County, in 1870, by Rev. O. S. Harding, of Iowa, who was invited there by the Dr. E. H. Hunt. Mr. Hunt had left the Baptists because of denominational differences, and other churches were soon formed; so that, about 1872, the Worth County Q. M. was organized, with the Isadora, Pioneer, Platt Branch, and West Fork churches. The Lot's Grove, and Pleasant Ridge churches were soon added, and in 1875 the total membership was 164. Rev's. Harding and Hunt, mentioned above, and Rev. M. P. Glenn, were the leaders in this work. In 1875 the Northwestern Missouri Association was reported, with sixteen churches and 821 members. The next year the Worth County Q. M. united with this association, forming a Yearly Meeting; but the name was changed

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# From the Editor's Desk

## MISSION MONTH

April has been designated as Foreign Mission month with Easter Sunday as Foreign Mission Sunday. We hope you have already made or will make a contribution to missions this month.

There is a great need for every Free Will Baptist to be deeply concerned for both our foreign and home mission work. Perhaps several reasons could be pointed out why we should be missionary minded, but the paramount reason could be given by quoting Matthew 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

## CORRECTION!

The article in the March issue of the Gem paper, page 4, addressed "Dear Church Members, written by Rev. Roger Reeds appeared in that issue by mistake. The editor intended for the reverse side of a church bulletin which contained the article "What Free Will Baptist Believe" to be printed, but failed to make proper markings and the article just mentioned appeared.

Rev. Reeds, the pastor, did not send the article to be printed since it was addressed to his local church, and neither does the editor print material from the church bulletin addressed to a local church unless instructed to do so.

We appreciate the loyal support the South Side Church of St. Louis and the pastor, Rev. Reeds, gives the Gem, and wish them success in their efforts to win the lost.

## A READER

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for seeing that all our families now receive the Gem. I received mine this month and was very proud to get it. I love the Gem. I have been borrowing it from my neighbor after she had finished reading it each month. I read them at night after Joe goes to work and I truly have received many blessings from this paper. The good poems, church reports, and reports from our missions in different places are a great blessing to me. I thank you and

the many others who help to bring us this good paper. Pray for me as my husband is still unsaved. Bless you and yours.

—Dotty Jo

## CONVENTION COMMENTS

### These Groups Sent in Offerings

New Harmony .....	\$ 75.00
Coppermines .....	25.00
South Side .....	25.00
Jewel .....	20.00
First, Flat River .....	100.00
Number One .....	25.00
Lowground .....	25.00
New Rock Springs .....	10.00
New Home .....	25.00
Parkview .....	25.00
Mountain Valley .....	20.00
Cave Springs Asso. ....	111.20

Total Received ..... \$ 486.20

Rec'd. prior to this month's report ..... \$1055.30

Rec'd. to date ..... \$1541.50

We are now just \$958.50 away from our goal of \$2500.00.

## MISSOURI MEN TO SING THIS YEAR

Featured on the program of the National Association this year will be a quartet of former Missourians. These men began singing together when they attended the South Side Free Will Baptist Church and were then known as the Humble Hearts Quartet. Singing first tenor is Donald Hill, second tenor is Bill Hill. Bob Hill sings the baritone with Johnny Vick taking the bass part. All four men are ordained ministers and are now making their homes in the Nashville, Tennessee area. Don Hill is Editor of the Sunday School literature. Bill Hill pastors the East Nashville church with his brother Bob, pastoring the Trinity church of Nashville. Johnny pastors the Bethel church of Rt. 5, Ashland City, Tenn. These men have some very fine arrangements on some of the good old hymns of the church. You're going to enjoy their singing and their singing will make for a more spiritual convention. I wouldn't miss this year's convention if I were you.

Don't forget to make an early reservation at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel.

Meet me in St. Louis, Missouri—July 8-10, 1958.

## Prescriptions For Spiritual Health

### 1—Imitate Christ

"He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." To seek true illumination and deliverance from all blindness of heart, imitate the life and character of Christ. Dwell upon it. Strive to conform your whole life to that mind of Christ. All is vanity save to love God, and Him only to serve.

### 2—Be Humble

The highest and most profitable lesson has been learned when a man truly knows and judges lowly of himself. This is the great and perfect wisdom; to account nothing of one's self, and to think always kindly and highly of others. All of us are weak and frail but hold no man more frail than yourself.

### 3—Do God's Will

The truly learned man is the one who, forsaking his own will does the will of God.

### 4—Seek And Take Good Advice

Take counsel with a man who is wise and of a good conscience and seek to be instructed by one better than yourself, rather than to follow your own inventions.

### 5—Read The Scriptures

Read humbly, simply, honestly, and not desiring to win a character for learning. Ask freely and hear in silence the words of holy men; nor be displeased at the hard sayings of men older than yourself because they are not uttered without cause.

### 6—Live Moderately

When a reasonable man desires more than his share he immediately becomes unbalanced and insecure.

### 7—Avoid Pride

Don't assume you are better than the other man. God knoweth what is in man. The humble man finds peace in his heart.

### 8—Don't Get Too Familiar

Don't open your heart to every man, but deal with one who is wise and feareth God. We sometimes think we please others by our intimate conversation but immediately they begin to see faults in our character and judge us.

### 9—Explore Opinion

Be careful whom you talk to. Don't insist on your opinion. Be open to listen to the opinions of others. "It is safer to hearken and receive counsel than to give it."

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### CAMP TIME NEARING

Less than four months from now boys and girls from all over the state of Missouri will be assembling for the 12th Annual session of the Missouri State Youth Encampment which will be held this year beginning June 22nd with the closing session following the devotional period after breakfast. Several changes have been made in the program which we feel will make our Young People happy. One of the highlights of the session will be the last night of our camp, for instead of having Stunt night, a camp-fire session will be held on the play ground. There will be swimming, basketball, volleyball, soft ball, horse shoes, croquet, badminton and many other recreational activities along with the spiritual instructions which I feel sure will make this year one of the greatest years of our Youth Camp history. Please make your plans to attend.

### Special Youth Camp Committee Meeting

On February 4th a special appointed youth camp committee, composed of Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. O. T. Dixon, Rev. Wm. Reeves and Rev. Harvey E. Hill met at the youth camp for the purpose of completing plans for this years youth camp session. The Rev. Roger C. Reeds was also present and asked also to sit in on the meeting. After much discussion and prayer, the following theme and subjects were arrived upon using John 14-6 "I am the Way the Truth and the Life" and from this scripture the theme was chosen which was WIN THEM. The lessons are to be broken down into three different thoughts:

1. Jesus as the Way
2. Jesus as the Truth
3. Jesus as the Life

You will note that in these lessons we are seeking to cover the field of evangelism. We trust that through these lessons we shall be able to direct our young people in the work of personal evangelism which should have a vital place in our church program. The following age groups was also arrived upon:

Senior—	13 yrs. up
Intermediate—	11 and 12
Junior—	9 and 10
Primary—	6, 7 and 8

### Officers and Teachers for this years Session

The following general officers have been appointed for this years session:

Gen. Supervisor—Rev. O. T. Allred..

Principal of Teaching—Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Registrars—Mrs. Lee DeWitt and Miss Jeanne Barton.

Life Guard—Paul Williams

Gen. Recreation Dir.—Rev. and Mrs. Harry Asher.

Cabin Sponsors—Rev. and Mrs. Jame McCulley.

Evangelist—Rev. Robert Hill, Nashville, Tenn.

At the special committee meeting February 4th the following teachers were selected, however, your promotional secretary has not as yet received a definite confirmation from all of them. So it may be possible that changes will have to be made. The primary department will have as their Superintendent, Rev. Roger Reeds and his wife. They will select the teachers for this department.

Pianist—Norma Sinko.

Song Leader—Margaret Dixon

Teacher—Rolla Smith

Teacher—Luther Sanders

Teacher—Buddy Hill

Camp Chaplain—Rev. James Davis

### Special Change of Rate for Camp Fee

Due to the many request of our children over the State of Missouri in arranging something which would make it possible for them to refrain from dish-washing, the board has decided upon the following plan for this years session: that all pupils attending this years session will pay \$8.50 for the week, instead of the usual \$7.00 per week. This \$8.50 includes your registration and insurance. The money which we receive over \$7.00, the usual fee will be used

to hire special dish-washers, thus eliminating any of the children who would ordinarily have to wash dishes giving them more time for recreation. We know that this is an added cost but we feel that this change will certainly be well accepted by the children who attend youth camp.

### FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Kansas City, Mo.

A group of young people met to organize a Y. P. A. and G. T. A. Officers elected for Y. P. A. were as follows:

President—Sandra Bowman.

Vice-President—Doyle Moser

Song Leader—Jimmie Scott.

Secretary—Vivian Mason.

The organization of the G. T. A. is not complete.

We have averaged about twenty members at each meeting. We are very happy to have these two groups of children and the teachers who lead them. The leaders for the Y. P. A. are Aleyene Painter and Alice Dickey. The leaders for the G. T. A. are Emolene Moser and Valda Woody. We enjoy our lessons from our new books and the various activities planned by our leaders. We have given two devotions and have taken in our Sunday School. We are in need of your prayers.

—Vivian Mason, Cor.

A father was reading his paper one evening and his little boy kept pestering him to play games. The father, in desperation, tore a map of the world from the newspaper, tore it into several pieces and told his son to put it back together as he would a jigsaw puzzle. In about five minutes the boy was back with the map properly assembled, and the father wondered how he did it so quickly. Then the little boy explained: "There was a man on the back of the map, and when I got the man straightened out the world was right." Think it over!

—Selected

The greatest whipping some people get is when they whip themselves.

# News From The Mission Field

## LETTER FROM DAN CRONK

NOTE: The following letter from Dan Cronk is challenging.

Dear Bro. Raymond:

Things happen in America and then become history before I hear about them, and forgotten, I suppose, before I can write about them. I thought we had you rammed in good and hard on your job and had settled that all talking of quitting was nonsense. Then a few months back it seems I again hear talk that you are thinking about finishing! Now I am glad to hear that that has come and gone and that you are with us to the end, I hope.

Several months ago we sent our three boys (workers) out on their own in an evangelistic campaign in each of the Christian villages. I was pleased with the result. They learned a great deal and were blessed through it. They held services in nineteen villages where there are Christians and in sixty seven Hindu or Moslim villages. Eleven Hindus professed to accept Christ and twelve Christians made consecrations.

Mukul is coming along slowly, but we are really thrilled with David. He, without suggestion from me, has started a night school in his area to teach the Bible. It's sort of a men's club. He teaches Bible, homiletics and writing. He has actually got a group going out to witness and preach, sell Gospel portions and give out Tracts. Most of them are illiterate, all are ignorant and poor. This is the first time our villagers are actually getting out and witnessing. It took one of them to get them started. The investment made to send David to Bible College was well made. David will go to Siliguri to take two years of college in the Arts to strengthen his mother tongue, Bengali, and his English. We will help him because we need at least one person strong in English for translation work, etc. In Siliguri there are a hundred or so Christians unpastored. Siliguri, in ten years, has grown from 8000 or so to about 80,000 inhabitants. There is a great need there. David will gather the Christians and try to get them converted and lead them. It will keep him in the Lord's work and will be good practical experience and a

church may grow out of it. Our Jonathan failed his pre-exam, but he is studying on his own to make it up. Gopal is taking a commercial course in Siliguri. So the three of them can live and witness together.

On top of the heart burden we have because of small staff, and great masses of unsaved, the desolation of isolation, the problems, sore heart because of weakness of our Christians, yea even for our own feeble lives, is added the resurgence of the religions of darkness. If you ask for the missionaries in Sonapur these days one might well get the answer "Which missionaries?" because they have copied us. The Moslims are having an evangelistic campaign in Sonapur this week under a big tent with a loud speaker.

So we heard the Moslim prayers, scriptures, and sermons blared out at us all night. For the last two weeks the Hindus have been doing likewise and have brought a dramatic company in to dramatize their scriptures at the local temple. This also has been broadcast several nights so loudly that one can't sleep. Now we will have our annual conference from March 4-12 and will set up our loud speaker.

A young Bengali who pastors a church in Calcutta, corrects papers for the Bengali course of the Landour Bible Institute is coming to be our speaker for the Bengalis. He is a graduate of Yeotmal seminary. For the Santal speaker we have the best preacher from a mission in south Bihar.

It is frustrating to know what should take priority in one's time. It's like spreading butter on a waffle in a restaurant at home. There are so many holes in the waffle and the restaurant never gives enough butter to fill them all, so you either lose it all in a few holes in the middle and the rest have to do without, or in trying to spread it thinly over the whole thing, a real art, you end up with no flavor in any of it. I am giving myself three days a week to teaching Mukul, Jamani and David plus all the other things which have to be done on the station and three days a week to the villages. Obviously, I can't cover all so I am concentrating on the Santals where we are having better response and have left the Ben-

gali work to Mukul and David. So they in turn give half time to preparation and half time to the villages. As I have mentioned already it is working out fine.

Remember the jaunt we took to the north of Kishanganj? Well, the government is opening it up. A paved road is being made to Pokali and to Bhadurgunj. There is a good high school at Bhadurganj. Buses now run from Kishanganj to both places. If only we had a couple to send up that way. Pray with us that we may find more Indian workers who can do it. We are desperate for labourers. The language barrier is tough. Bengali workers are scarce.

We follow the Lord's advance into Africa and Latin America with real excitement. I truly pray that we may be able to do something in Spain which is actually a closed land. Have just read Bro. Mooneyham's report with great interest.

The load on you will be terrific in the days ahead. We will be praying that His grace and strength be upon you. What a challenge to our people at home. It should throw our church to its knees, this challenge of open doors, that God should even consider us worthy to be entrusted with the task.

## LETTER FROM FRED HERSHEY

Dear Bro. Riggs:

The past few days have made us think that Spring has come to stay as it has been so warm. We're thankful for the Lord's many blessings unto us, especially that we have all enjoyed good health and that Samuel is going so well.

Enclosed are two pictures that were taken at the Sunday evening meeting here in Tokyo. It sure did feel good during the winter months to sit real close to the 'hibachi'—a small charcoal fire. They have been real faithful in meeting together every week. We hope to move to a better location in the future so that they can have facilities for Sunday School Classes and Adult Meetings. Rent is so high in Tokyo that is very hard to find a suitable place.

Some time ago I believe that I wrote about visiting a hospital on Christmas eve to sing and pass out tracts. A number of patients wrote expressing their appreciation and one young man is now enrolled in a Bible Correspondence Course. We trust that this will help lead to his becoming a Christian.

We would appreciate your continual prayers for us as we prepare to

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## LOOK ON THE FIELD

The National Home Mission Board is responsible for Free Will Baptist missions in all of North America. Lift up your eyes and look on the field.

Alaska—160,524 Souls.

Mexico—26,350,000 Souls.

Canada—15,376,786 Souls

United States—170,000,000 Souls.

If there is a reason for one Free Will Baptist church, that is sufficient reason that there should be one everywhere!

## WHAT WE SAW IN MEXICO

We arrived in Monterrey, N. L., Mexico, at 1:00 P. M., Sat., January 18, 1958. We immediately found a place to live for the time we planned to be there, then we want to look for our own Bro. Lopez, the Mexican pastor. They were so happy to see us, that they fell on their knees and thanked God for our arrival.

Sunday morning we arrived at the church early, about 9:30 A. M. To our surprise the little building was already full, it is very small, about 12 by 15 feet, with five benches in it. We learned that the service didn't start until 10:00 A. M. But the people are very anxious to hear "The Word", so they come very early. By the time Sunday School started people were gathered outside to hear.

How the Lord blessed our hearts that morning. There were 156 for service. They sat on the floor, stood outside, and anywhere they could just to hear about Christ.

We have never experienced such a blessing from the Lord. Every evening people would gather at 5:30 P. M., afraid they would miss something, and when the service was ended they would beg to hear more of "The Word". We saw 40 precious souls come to Christ in five services. We could not continue the services any longer, because the crowds grew larger every night, and they would step on each other crowding to get closer. We took a lot of pictures, but someone broke into our car and stole all of them.

We have never seen so much poverty in our lives, both spiritual and physical. The children go barefoot—no coats and very thin clothing. They go hungry much of the time.

Bro. and Sis. Lopez and their eight children live in two rooms. They have two beds, in one room, nothing else; in the kitchen, there is a table, two chairs, some boxes, and a tub with dirt in the bottom. She makes a fire in the tub, lays a tin on the top and that is where she cooks.

The people have no cars. They all walk to church—some for miles—carrying their children over the mountains, but they never miss a service. These people are great singers, we notice they only had one song book, no piano. They have two young men that play the guitar, and they sing with all their hearts. The love they have for their Bibles was something that called our attention. Among these people, only five possessed Bibles and they had them wrapped in newspapers to protect them. They are very quiet in service; they stand every time the Bible is read. Oh! May the Lord let us see what a great opportunity is opened to us as Free Will Baptists. Every one of the people that were saved were people who had been Catholics, and this was the first time that some had heard the plan of Salvation. One lady, 112 years old heard the Gospel for the first time and accepted Christ. Think of the thousands of souls who have never yet heard about a personal Savior. Please help us pray, and build these people a church who are now our very own responsibility, because they depend upon us for means and support. The greatest need in Mexico right now is the purchase of a lot to build a church big enough to hold the people. Three hundred people attended the meeting which had to be closed for lack of space. Out of that number more than half are lost and ready to be saved, and trained to be soul winners, if we provide them a place to be trained. They need to learn about sanitation, about cloth making, how to care for their children, and many other things that would bring them out of the terrible misery in which these people live. Please pray. We will soon go to live there, it will be your help and cooperation which will help us, help them.

Your Home Missionaries,  
Arthur and Jenell Billows

## IS THERE A GOD?

By Martha Wright

"Is there a God?" the skeptic might ask. "No one has ever seen Him and what is your proof of His reality?"

My answer would be: There is air, is there not? Though you have never seen it, you have constant proof of it: trees and bushes swaying back and forth; papers rolling along your lawn or on the highway; laborious breathing when enclosed in a closet—or anywhere there is a scarcity of oxygen—and any number of examples.

Open your eyes, look round about you, and you will see God in the

same way—for He is everywhere: in the face of your pastor as he stands before you and preaches; in the face of some choir member as he sings, "The Old Rugged Cross", or some other good hymn; in the face of a neighbor as she brings you a bowl of soup when you are sick; in the face of one who has surrendered his life to the Lord.

And how can one view the beauty and freshness of spring, when flowers begin popping forth from the ground, when grass is springing forth and trees take on new life, and not feel and see God's presence?

What a glorious experience to stand on a hillside; looking upward to a sky filled with stars, or watching clouds as they fly above your head, realizing it is all God's handiwork and feeling His presence.

Yes, there is a God! He is real! I have seen Him! I have felt His omnipresence and am claiming His promise, "... whosoever believeth... shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

## LETTER FROM FRED HERSHEY

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get ready to move to Bihoro. I am trying to spend some time in simple sermon preparations and also have been going over some Sunday School materials. Last Sunday morning we all went and visited a church which was started by some Swedish missionaries.

It will seem good to leave language school but we feel that we know so little of the language. We trust that what we have learned we will be able to use in an effective way in presenting the Gospel message to these precious souls.

Evelyn's mother will be undergoing a fairly serious operation this week or next and we would appreciate your prayers in her behalf. Fred's mother was in the hospital for a while—heart condition—but is out and seems to be doing O. K. for which we are thankful.

We trust that the Lord will richly bless you as you continue in the work of sending out the Light. We would be glad to hear of others coming to Japan.

Fred Hersey

It may take years of study, labor and toil to reach life's mountain peak of usefulness and greatness, but one may fall in a few seconds.

If you would like to leave footprints on the sands of time, you had better wear work shoes.

—Selected.

## What Free Will Baptists Believe

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, inerrant in the original writings, and the only sufficient rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16-17.

2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Heb. 1:1, 2; Deut. 6:4; John 4:24.

3. We believe that God created the universe as described in the Scriptures, and that natural law is the orderly expression of the divine will, but not so rigid in its operation as to preclude transcendence by miracles designed to effect the beneficent and moral purposes of God. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3.

4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man; that He died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven in the same body in which He was resurrected; that He is now present for us at the right hand of the Father as High Priest and Advocate; and that He will come again personally and visibly as promised in the Scriptures. Luke 1:35; Eph. 1:7; I Thess. 4:14-18.

5. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit: that He came to regenerate and indwell all believers, to be administrator in the true church, and "to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8-13; I Cor. 2:11.

6. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; that all human beings inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that those who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word, and deed. Gen 2:7; Psalms 51:5; Eph. 2:5; I Cor. 2:14.

7. We believe that the call of the gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men; that the primary mission of the church is to proclaim the good news of salvation to the whole world; and that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become the children of God. Matt. 28:19; I Tim. 2:4; John 3:6; 1:12; 3:16.

8. We believe that the church is composed of persevering believers in

the Lord Jesus Christ who have been called out from the world by the preaching of the gospel and associated under the Holy Spirit in Worship, love, and service. Rom. 8:38-39; I Cor. 10:13; II Chron. 15:2.

9. We believe in the baptism of believers by immersion as a symbol of their previous experience of regeneration, the free observance of the Lord's Supper as a symbol of Christ's atoning sacrifice, and the washing of the saint's feet as a symbol of Christian fellowship and service. Matt. 28:19; Col. 3:3; 2:12; Matt. 26: John 13.

10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost. St. John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:12-15; Matt. 25:46.

### A MISSIONARY'S SOLILOQUY

Though I can speak the foreign tongue like a national or can preach like a flaming evangel, but do not speak in love, my message is empty.

If I can teach and educate people but do not realize that my object is to direct men's minds toward Christ, it would be better not to teach, because worldly wisdom is vain.

If I can heal bodies or pull teeth but do not understand that the most important part of my patient is his soul, it would be better to go home and have a good private practice.

If I can milk cows and show people how to farm but do not interest people by giving them the sincere milk of the Word, it would be better to leave farming to the Point Four Program.

If I can preach over the radio or know all the science of radio, but do not realize that the vast radio audience is composed of individual souls that need salvation, it would be better to save the time spent and do something else in His work.

If I am a great administrator or a council member, and can think through and solve all problems, but do not remember that the missionaries and nationals with whom I deal are men and women as I am, whose problems are physical, psychological and spiritual and who need patience and care in handling them, it would be better that I get a job in industry and run machines instead of men.

If I can work with the nationals and take them on great and wonderful evangelistic trips, but do not have love for lost men, it would be better for me to take a nice sight-seeing trip.

If I give all my property to the poor and never discipline the nation-

al, I am helping to make rich Christians instead of strong soldiers for Christ

True love in missionary life and work is kind and considerate. Real love for mankind does not make me puffed up and feel that I alone am right.

True love for souls helps us bear with the national, suffer through our tribulations, believe that the Lord will make all come out right if we trust Him and Him alone.

This love hates sin but is patient in dealing with sinners and with those who err in their ways even though they may be our fellow missionaries.

Love never fails. If I have a radio, it will get out of order, if I have a car, it will get flat tires; if I have other instruments to help me preach, they may get rusty; but love never will fail.

I think I know how to do missionary work, but really I know only in part, and my work is only half done. But when I am really guided by the Holy Spirit and do my work in love, what I do will win souls into His kingdom and bring glory to Christ.

When I was a new missionary I felt that my method and my work was the only thing worth while and that the rest of the missionaries did not do much for the Lord. But when I became older and had more experience, my vision widened and I saw the usefulness of the methods of others. I saw that each missionary has a place to work and a part to play in the great task of building the Church of Jesus Christ.

At this time we cannot see the results of our combined efforts, but eternity will reveal to us the importance of close co-operation in love.

And now we have radios, amplifiers, cars, camps, farms, hospitals, schools, and many other things to help us spread the Gospel, but we must admit that they will all perish and that only true wholesome love of God and man in our hearts will make our work last throughout eternity.

By William E. Boyes, Missionary of the Christian & Missionary Alliance

Written during the Inter-Mission Fellowship Retreat held in Quito, Ecuador in May, 1956. On the last day of the retreat the writer felt constrained to write a resume of what was discussed in the meetings, as well as his own feelings as a young and now older missionary.

Life is not salvage to be saved out of the world, but an investment to be used in the world.

## MISSOURI F. W. B. CHURCHES REGISTERED FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist in its 44th Annual Session at Monett, Missouri in August, 1957, voted to adopt item 2 of the Business Committee Report which was as follows:

"We recommend that Mr. Ford, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, be requested to register all Free Will Baptist Churches of Missouri for civil defense."

Your State Meeting Clerk sent in a list of all the Free Will Baptist churches and the names and addresses of their pastor. These pastors have or will receive mail concerning civil defense to acquaint them with the work. We trust each pastor and Free Will Baptist member will take this matter seriously since our churches have been registered.

The following letters received by the clerk are being printed since they resulted from the action of the Missouri State Association:

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March 4, 1958

Dr. Fred Kern  
Religious Affairs Office  
Federal Civil Defense Administration  
Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Fred:

I had hoped to get a letter off to you immediately after our luncheon several weeks ago, but there are not enough hours in the day to keep up with the variety of work that seems to be coming our way.

I am enclosing a communication from Rev. Albert Halbrook, Clerk of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, and with his letter he encloses a complete listing of all of their churches in that state association by local associations.

In accordance with our conversation we would appreciate it so much if you would list these churches and notify the regional office of their specific interest in civil defense. Also if it is possible to send them literature or any other information, we would appreciate it greatly.

May I also state that we are still keenly interested in setting up seminars in Battle Creek so our leaders from across the country can be brought there and indoctrinated. We will probably keep after you and others regarding this, and hope eventually the funds will be made available to carry out this program.

It was a joy to see you and to have the brief time of fellowship to-

gether at lunch. Let us know the next time you get into town.

Sincerely yours,  
Clyde W. Taylor  
Secretary of Public Affairs

March 4, 1958

Rev. Albert Halbrook  
Mine La Motte, Mo.

Dear Brother Halbrook:

Your communications to Dr. Geo. L. Ford was forwarded to me for reply. I held it at my desk a few days pending the arrival in Washington of the Director of the Religious Advisory Board of the Civil Defense Administration, Dr. Fred Kern. Dr. Kern and I are not only friends, but I am a member of the National Advisory Board along with some six or seven others, and I wanted to present your material to him personally.

You will be interested to know that he was quite enthusiastic about it, and said you were one of the first who had shown enough interest to send this type of material. He was more than delighted to receive it. I rather gather that if he can possibly arrange it, he will be writing all your pastors individual letters. We trust this will be possible for their encouragement. We are asking them to really set up a program to help our clergymen know what is going on. We will keep you informed.

Cordially yours in Christ,  
Clyde W. Taylor  
Secretary of Public Affairs

## FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION

National Headquarters  
Battle Creek, Michigan

March 7, 1958

Rev. Albert Halbrook, State Clerk  
Free Will Baptist Churches of Mo.  
Lutesville, Missouri

Dear Pastor Halbrook:

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, forwarded the mailing list of the Free Will Baptist Churches of Missouri. We want you to know that the Federal Civil Defense Administration appreciates the action taken by your churches to the effect of requesting that all these churches be registered for civil defense.

We are sending a copy of the official administrative guide, "The Church and Civil Defense," to all the ministers listed. We are also sending a list of the ministers to the Administrator of Region 4 of the FCDA. He will in turn send a list to the State Civil Defense Director,

and it is hoped that the State Civil Defense Director will submit the names to county Civil Defense Directors. In this way each local Civil Defense Director will know that the pastors of the Free Will Baptist churches in his area are ready to support him in his work.

If other literature is made available we will be glad to send copies to the pastors directly or to the Moderator of the various Associations, whichever would appear to be the best policy. Thank you for your co-operation and may the Lord bless you in your ministry. The salvation of our nation rests with those who sustain a living Faith in Almighty God.

Sincerely,  
Fred W. Kern  
Director of Religious Affairs

## SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met March 4, 1958. The services opened with singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Prayer by Ethel Latimer. Scripture reading from Phil. 4:10-20, by vice-president, Georgia Glenn. The roll call was answered by scripture verses, with twenty-one members and one visitor responding. Loita Woods joined the auxiliary making a membership of thirty-one. Solos were sung by Maxine Smith and Hattie Mace and a duet by Marie Braye and Jessie Yocum. The secretary's report was given by Catherine Draper and the treasurer's report by Myrtle Corbin. Most of the members reported they had visited the sick. A poem was given by Audrey Reaves. We were dismissed by altar prayer led by Jessie Yocum.

Around twenty of our auxiliary and church members made the second visit to the Old Folks Home at Sunshine Acres and had a short service. We took cup cakes for all the patients. A great blessing was received by each one present.

Following are the officers elected for another year:

President, Georgia Glenn; Vice-President, Lola Long; Treasurer, Myrtle Corbin; Secretary, Lois Chance; Corresponding Secretary, Bertha Wolf; Study Course Chairman, Audrey Reaves; Pianist, Blossom Agee; Song Leader, Hattie Mace; Usher, Hazel Lowery; Welfare Committee, Maxine Smith, Lucy Ray, Marie Braye, and Lizzie Patton. Program Prayer Committee, Ethel Latimer, Gertrude Vest, and Ruth Coday.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

Attend Church Regularly!

# Woman's Auxiliary

## THAYER AUXILIARY

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met February 25, at the church with eleven members and three visitors present.

The business meeting began at 7 o'clock with the president, Mrs. Clare Allen in charge. Reports were given from each officer of the auxiliary.

Our program chairman, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, was in charge of the program which proved to be very interesting. Topics were given by Mrs. Norene Cross, Mrs. Lorene Palmer, and Mrs. Lorene Pohnert. Benediction by Mrs. Francis Combs. Refreshments were served.

—Nettie Bennett, Cor.

## ST. LOUIS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY UNITED IN PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER

The officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting held their first business at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Reed with Mrs. Oletha Parsons in charge, and discussed ways and means of creating a greater interest among the local auxiliary in the St. Louis area.

It was voted to contact the eight auxiliaries in the areas in regard to a "United Pre-Easter Week of Prayer" to be conducted at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood. It was also voted to give a love offering of ten dollars to Sister Marie Hanna, our missionary on leave, from India.

The officers met February 28 in the home of Mrs. Lee De Witt for their second meeting. Mrs. Ermalee Hogan gave reports from the auxiliaries expressing their desire to co-operate in the "United Pre-Easter Week of Prayer" with a fellowship hour following the services on Thursday evening, since the quarterly meeting will convene on Friday evening.

A program was made for the week's services. The president of each auxiliary will conduct the devotional on their designated nights followed by a different speaker each evening. Special music will be rendered by all the churches on their designated night.

This will be the first time all the auxiliaries have united themselves together in a service of this kind, and we are expecting great blessings from the Lord as we worship together each evening.

Plans for a work shop in our area were discussed. A program was arranged for the Woman's Auxiliary hour in our Quarterly Meeting which will convene on Saturday, April 5. The meeting was adjourned followed by delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. De Witt.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Louis area desires the prayers of the auxiliaries in our Free Will Baptist denomination that our aim in St. Louis will be "Each Auxiliary Win a Precious Soul in '58."

—Mrs. Lee De Witt, Cor.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Northeast Missouri held their quarterly workshop March 20, 1958 with the Jewell church. Theme for the workshop was "Know Your Auxiliary." (II Timothy 2:15)

The Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Blanche Matthews, led the congregation in singing "We're Marching To Zion" and "To The Work." Prayer by Ethel Thompson. Devotions by Rev. Alta Mikel. After singing "I'll Live For Him," Alma Scrivens led in prayer. Rev. Sella Gates brought a wonderful message using Nehemiah 4:1-6 for her scripture. After singing "Take Time To Be Holy," we were dismissed in prayer by Mildren Gilliam.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon service was called to order by Mrs. Blanche Matthews. After singing "The King's Business," prayer was offered by Maizie Sevits. Reading—"Painting Life's Pictures" was given by Velma Welman. The following topics were given:

"The Work of the President" by Mildren Gilliam, "The Work of the Vice-President" by Effie Dare. Solo—"Robe of Calvary," by Mrs. Gladys Riley. "The Work of the Youth Chairman," by Mrs. Maizie Sevits. "The Work of the Study Course Chairman," by Mrs. Blanche Matthews. Trio, "When He Put A Little Sunshine In," by Kirksville Auxiliary. Solo, Marjorie Mollick. "The Work of the Personal Service Chairman," by Mrs. Fern Kelsey. "The Work of the Stewardship-Prayer Chairman," by Mrs. Velma Welman. "The Work of the Recording, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer," by Miss Leona Thompson.

The congregation sang "It's Just Like His Great Love." Skit—"Organizing An Auxiliary," by New Harmony Auxiliary. The Standard of Achievement was discussed and explained. The Kirksville Auxiliary received the prize for having the highest membership present.

The next workshop will be with the Low Ground Church. After singing "His Way With Thee," the benediction was given by Myrtle Day.

—Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

## NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church met Sunday, March 16, with five members present. The meeting opened with singing and prayer by Gladys Howard. Ruby McAllister read the Scripture lesson from Phillipians 4:10-20.

Edith Blair was in charge of the business session in absence of the president, Zola Greenlee.

March 4, we had our parcel post sale, which cleared forty-seven dollars. We are planning a bake sale in May.

Our next meeting will be April 13, at the church.

—Lillian Bailey, Cor.

## KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Kirksville Woman's Auxiliary met for an all day meeting, March 6, at the home of Mrs. Alta Mikel. There were thirteen members, nine visitors, and four children present. The morning was spent tacking and piecing comfortors.

After the noon meal the program opened with singing "We're Marching to Zion." Prayer by Stella Gates. Sister Alta Mikel read for a scripture lesson Phil. 4:10-20. Three special numbers by Marjorie Mollick. There were 285 chapters read, 22 cards sent and 62 calls made. We had three new members to join our Auxiliary. The program was given from the theme "Go Set A Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth." Introduction was given by Velma Welman. Topics were given by Alta Mikel, Julia Mollick and Blanche Matthews. Benediction repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

—Mrs. Earnest Thomas, Cor.

Those who are rich in their prayer life will have little desire for the riches of the world.



### GRANT AVENUE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church 1060 S. Grant, Springfield, Missouri met February 28 at the Church. The meeting was opened with singing "We're Marching to Zion." Prayer by Mildred Kensinger. There were seventeen members, three children, and four visitors present. The ladies were indeed very happy to have as guest speakers, Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders of the Monett Church. Mrs. Sanders is our National Youth Chairman. Rev. Sanders gave the devotional with the theme being "Our Youth" followed by Mrs. Sanders. It was a great uplift to our auxiliary spiritually to listen to both of the messages.

Our auxiliary is sponsoring an orphanage drive for the Home for Children in Greenville, Tennessee, each first Sunday of the month.

We are looking forward to having Rev. and Mrs. Lee D. Whaley of Jacksonville, North Carolina as guest speakers in our church, Thursday night, March 27. They are our first missionaries to Alaska.

The next meeting will be at the church, March 19.

—Virginia Baker, Cor.

### FOURTH CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fourth Church of St. Louis met March 11th at the church for their monthly meeting with fourteen members, one visitor and seven children present.

Services opened with singing led by Wilma Brakfield. Prayer by Maudie Spurlock. Devotions led by Martha Ann Cartese with scripture reading from Phil. 4:10-20. Topics were read by Gladys Turnbough, Opal Turnbough and Clearia Burden. Benediction by Lillian Jones.

—Gladys Turnbough, Cor.

### LEADINGTONS' AUXILIARY

The ladies of our Auxiliary are happy to announce that two new Auxiliaries have been added to our organization. They are made up by the Youth of our church and are known as the G. T. A. and Y. P. A. The leaders for these groups are Rev. and Mrs. James Davis and Mrs. Lola Underwood. The attendance has been very good. Mrs. Underwood's class, ages 8-12, has an average attendance of twelve, and Rev. Davis' class, ages 12 to 16, reports an average of seven-teen.

Our ladies have been working on several projects these past few months. We donated \$50.00 toward the pur-

chase of a new memo-graph machine for our church and \$15.00 for religious films. These films are very educational and many blessings have been received through the viewing of these films. Also each month our ladies make cookies and send them to the veterans at Jefferson Barracks Hospital. Cards of thanks from these men have proved to us that these gifts of love are greatly appreciated and we are, in turn, blessed in our work of love. Pray for us as we labour together to glorify our Blessed Saviour.

—Mrs. Dottie Joe Hargiss, Cor.

### FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Auxilliary met for its study from the Year Book. The meeting was opened with singing. Prayers by Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Beulah Henson, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Marion Wilson, Virginia Beasley and Bertha Hovis. Scripture reading from Phil. 4:10-20. The topics were as follows: Topic 1—"The When and How in Soul Winning"; Topic 2—"Love versus Benevolence"; Topic 3—"All The Way".

There were fourteen members and three children present. There were fifteen sick calls reported.

—Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

### REV. & MRS. LESTER JONES HAVE SERVICE AT HANNON CHURCH

The Verdella, Oskaloosa and Hannon Woman's Auxiliaries came together in a joint service at the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church on Feb. 28. Mrs. Lester Jones of Kansas City conducted an officer's clinic. One of the highlights of the service was the candle lighting ceremony as Mrs. Jones installed the officers of the three Auxiliaries. Sister Rowena Thomas, president of the Hannon Auxiliary, offered the consecration prayer.

Rev. Jones brought the evening message; using Mark 12:30-31 as a scripture reading.

—Cor.

### FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Flat River, Mo. met February 27th for their monthly meeting at the church with nineteen members and four children present. Our program was as follows: Theme—"Our Ministry Among the Spanish Speaking People." After singing the hymn "Send The Light" scripture was read from Ecclesiastes 11:1-6. Mrs. Agnes Smith was in charge of the business session. After singing "The Light Of The World Is Jesus" Mrs. Bernice Dodd was in charge of the

program. Prayer by Mrs. Alberta Turley. Poem—"The Master's Question" by Mrs. Minnie Burcham. Topic 1. "Our Cuban Mission In Miami" by Mrs. Rachel Milburn. Topic 2. "Our Mission In Mexico" Mrs. Ruth Wilfong. Poem—"If" by Mrs. Josie Johnson. Topic 3. "What Can You Do?" by Mrs. Tom Ward. Special number by Mrs. Agnes Smith. Benediction—Miss Mary Burcham.

The afternoon service was opened with singing after which Mrs. Tom Ward led in prayer. Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale led the group in a Stewardship Study. Benediction by Mrs. Ruth Wilfong.

—Mildred Burcham, Cor.

### NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church at Neosho, Mo. met February 26, 1958 at the church. The service opened with singing. Mrs. Virginia Pogue read for a scripture lesson Ecclesiastes 11:1-6. Prayer by Mrs. Sarah Davidson. Topics were given as follows: Topic 1. "Our Cuban Mission In Miami" by Mrs. Eva Lucas. Topic 2. "Our Mission In Mexico" by Mrs. Dorothy Childress. Topic 3. "What Can You Do?" by Mrs. Sarah Davidson.

Mrs. Wilma Pogue was in sharge of the business session. Benediction by Mrs. Eva Lucas.

### VERDELLA AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

The women of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church have organized an Auxiliary to meet the third Friday of each month. We have fifteen members at the present time. Our officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Mrs. Patsy Burress; Vice-President—Mrs. Lena Stacy; Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Orville Falger; Youth Chairman—Mrs. Hazel Bowman; Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Janie Fast; Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Ruby Smith.

The Verdella Auxiliary met with Mrs. Charles Whitson for our meeting in February. The president, Mrs. Archie Burress, opened the meeting by singing. Prayer by Mrs. Carl Johnson. Rev. Roena Thomas read the 57th Psalm for devotions. The subject for our lesson for February was "Ministry Among the Spanish People." Topics were as follows: "Our Cuban Mission In Miami" by Mrs. Hazel Bowman; "Our Mission In Mexico" by Mrs. Carl Johnson; "What Can We Do For Missions" by Mrs. Thomas. Benediction by Mrs. Orville Foger.

—Mrs. Orville Foger, Cor.

# News From Our Churches

## FREDERICKTOWN REVIVAL

The church of Fredericktown has experienced one of the best revivals in the church for quite some time. A wonderful spirit of prayer and Christian fellowship began several days before the revival began and has continued ever since.

The evangelist for the meeting was a former pastor from this section of Missouri, Rev. Mark Lewis. He began his ministry in this part of the state when he was a very young man. It was a blessing for him and many of this area, as well as the church, to be together once again in a revival effort.

The results of the revival have proved to be a real blessing to the church, with 12 conversions being witnessed during the meeting. Following the close of the revival ten were baptized by the pastor and all united with the church.

One of the thrilling things of the revival was the evangelistic singing. Congregational singing, as well as special numbers, was well directed under the leadership of Brother Willard Myers, adult choir director and Mrs. Vivian Miller, youth choir director. We of the Fredericktown church are humbly thankful for the outstanding youth choir which sings every Sunday night for the regular service. This group has been an inspirational force for the cause of Christ.

We wish for each of our sister churches over the state and denomination a good time of revival during this Spring revival season. We ask the prayers of God's people that we, the church of Fredericktown, might continue to grow and bring glory and honor to God.

## NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

of Buffalo, Missouri conducted a revival at the New Hope Church of Kansas City, Kansas. Three souls were saved and our church was greatly blessed by these services.

Our church was organized in September 1957 with seventeen charter members, and ten have joined our church, bringing our membership to twenty-seven. On November 24th eight people followed the Lord in baptism. Rev. Lester Jones was in charge of this service due to the fact that our pastor has not yet been ordained.

We have organized a Woman's Auxiliary and a League with average

attendance during the quarter of thirty-two; and we support both the State and National enterprises.

God has richly blessed us and we ask your prayers that we will grow and prosper. Also pray for us as we seek a location for our church this summer.

—Rev. James W. McAllister, pastor

## NEWS OF THE PARKVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT DESLOGE

The auditorium of the new church is now ready for service. The first service was February 9, 1958. Attendance for Sunday School was 136 and the worship hour was well attended. Both services were opened with prayer at the altar and there was thanksgiving in our hearts for the Lord's blessings.

Reverend and Mrs. Long were able to be with us and Rev. Long brought the morning and evening messages.

The church is now looking forward to a revival. Cottage Prayer Meetings are being held in preparing for the revival. Rev. James Davis of Leadington Church will be the evangelist.

Pray for us at this time.

—Mrs. Alice Bowen, Cor.

## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

On January 12, 1958 a new Free Will Baptist Church was organized in Coolidge, Arizona. The organization was perfected by Rev. C. E. Edwards of Tucson, Arizona, assisted by a council consisting of Elders Laird, Renfro, and Singleton, and deacons Copeland and Head.

Rev. Frank Laird was called to pastor the church which is meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall in Coolidge. Fifteen charter members came into the organization, twelve of whom were adults. Other officers chosen were deacons Copeland and Head and Brother McGee as clerk and treasurer.

—Cor.

## McADAMS WRITE

Dear Co-workers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour.

It has been sometime since we have written to the Gem. Bro. and Sis. Mikel were with us for a revival in the late fall. We had a wonderful revival. Sis. Mikel's messages under the leadership of the Spirit convicted the people of their sins. Mr. Mikel is one among

the best to lead a praise service. They were here only a few days but there were several souls saved and five united with the church. The church wants the Mikels back again and are praying that God will send them.

The Mikels are retired business people and are using their time to win souls. The offering the church gave them was given back to the church as a gift. We feel that they will do a great work for the Master in His white harvest field. Any church would be fortunate to secure these splendid servants of God for a revival. If you want spirit filled workers, get them.

We pray this will be a great year for all of our churches and preaches. I feel we should all pray for a revival to sweep our country and save souls. God bless you is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

Bro. & Sis. McAdams

## BEACON CHURCH BUYS PROPERTY KANSAS CITY MO.

The Beacon Church has recently purchased a parsonage and church site. Plans for the first unit of the new church plant will soon be completed and construction will be started in the near future. On Wednesday evening March 19th the parsonage was dedicated to the Lord. Every heart was blessed as we dedicated, not only the parsonage, but ourselves. After the dedicatory service the church presented to the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, a nice gift as a token of welcome into the new parsonage.

We are grateful for the way the Lord has blessed our church this year and we desire an interest in your prayers.

—Cor.

## EVANGELIST AVAILABLE

Rev. Charles Moyer writes that he will be available for evangelistic services and requests the prayers of all the Free Will Baptist in Missouri. He and Mrs. Moyers are moving to Okla. They may be contacted at the following address:

Rev. Charles Moyer

Route 2

Lexington, Oklahoma

He who has a hard heart and a stubborn will certainly doesn't know the sweetness and blessedness of the Christian religion.

## Silly Sheep

by Norman Hillyer

Did not Jesus have a sense of humor? No doubt it was a solemn occasion when he was speaking of himself as the Good Shepherd. Then he turned to the disciples. "And you, my friends," he added, with a twinkle in his eye, "are my sheep." And there they were, fishermen for the most part, bronzed, tough, experienced—sheep! Did they shuffle a bit, and glance a little self-consciously at one another?

We are so used to this familiar name for the followers of Jesus Christ that we hardly think twice about it. But how did the disciples view it, when they heard themselves described as sheep? If we picture the scene and hear this novel title for the first time, it may strike us as—not so complimentary.

Sheep are on occasions stupid animals, apt to wander away and get lost. Sometimes they may be painfully clawed by brambles they had not noticed in their muzzling for pasture. Sometimes they even find themselves literally in a hole, as one sheep farmer in this country reported a few years ago. A big ram in this farmer's flock found a gap in the hedge. The ram jumped through without looking where he was going—and down he tumbled to the bottom of an old dry well, where the farmer used to throw his rubbish. The next sheep jumped right after him, and the next, and the next, until the well was full. The farmer had to pull them all out as best he could, and the ones at the bottom were well-nigh smothered to death.

The same farmer's young nephew visited him later in the year. Frost covered the local pond, and the boy went skating—and came home with his clothes wringing wet. "Trouble was, the ice wasn't thick enough," he grumbled. "Then why did you slide?" "Because all the other boys did."

The lad was given a rub down, some dry clothes and a seat by the blazing fire in the kitchen. Then he was told the story of the farmer's sheep tumbling down the hole, one after the other. "What silly creatures!" he exclaimed. Then his eye fell on his sodden clothes in a pile on the floor. He looked up at his uncle and laughed.

Following the wrong sort of lead may easily bring about less unimportant consequences. Most of us have found that out already. Following Christ is the one right way, however

attractive other by-lanes may appear at the time. For "Follow me" is the all-important instruction he gives to would-be disciples of every age.

When Jesus likened his followers to sheep, he was thinking, of course, of shepherding as it is conducted in Palestine. Here in England the shepherd drives his sheep. Out in the Holy Land the shepherd is in front of the traveling flock, and the sheep follow him. It is a significant fact.

Most animals have found some more or less efficient means of protection. The legs of an ostrich have a wicked kick and a stride that goes for speed. Other animals have horns, fangs, bad odors, pace, holes in the ground, and so on. But a sheep has nothing. Even an old ram with its horns cannot put up a fair fight against a ravaging dog. There is one thing, however, a sheep can do to perfection: **follow the shepherd.** And that ability is its protection and safety, far superior to tusks, teeth, speed, and the rest.

One of the major difficulties in life is not knowing what lies ahead. Such pre-knowledge would often make decisions easier, no doubt; but the fact remains we have to wait for the future to come. On the other hand, the sheep following their shepherd go after one who meets the coming events first.

Over in America they sometimes move a house—quite literally, walls, roof and all. An elderly grandmother watching this operation for the first time was quite worried for fear the house would be shaken to pieces. But then she noticed a man who went in advance with a spirit level to see that the track for the rollers was true. She thought, "I shall never have another care about my way through this world. 'He knoweth the way that I take,' and God is much more skilled than these house-movers."

There is much we do not know about the future, yet if our ultimate destination at the end of life is assured, we may trust the divine Leader for the details of the route.

In Switzerland a traveler asked a lad he met where Kandersteg was. The boy replied, "I don't know where Kandersteg is, but there is the road to it."

That is wisdom. In the end nothing matters but to keep to the Lord's road. It is only the silly sheep who think they know better.

—Life of Faith, London

The man who sells the souls of his fellowmen for money certainly pays a high price for what he gets.

## HYPOCRITICAL SINGING

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us—it can be a prayer, a testimony, a praise, an invitation to others. Some interesting comparisons have been written on the hymns we sing:

We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and content ourselves with ten or fifteen minutes a day (if that much).

We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and wait to be drafted into His service.

We sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and let the least little offense sever it.

We sing "Serve the Lord With Gladness," and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing "We're Marching to Zion," but fail to march to Sunday School, prayer meetings, or church.

We sing "I Love to Tell the Story," and never mention it all year.

We sing "Cast Thy Burdens on the Lord," and worry ourselves into nervous breakdown.

We sing "The Whole Wide World for Jesus," and never invite our next door neighbors to church.

We sing "Throw Out the Lifeline," and content ourselves with throwing out a fishing line.

## PRESCRIPTION FOR SPIRITUAL HEALTH

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### 10—Don't Talk Too Much

If you must talk, say things which encourage people and help them to be better persons.

### 11—Seek Peace Of Mind

Peace of mind comes from spiritual growth. We should go quickly on to perfection if each year we should see one fault rooted out from us.

### 12—Use Adversity

It is good for us that we sometimes have sorrows and adversities. They often make a man lay to heart that he is only a stranger and sojourner and may not put his trust in any worldly thing. It is good that we sometimes endure contradictions and are hardly and unfairly judged when we do and mean what is good, for these things help us to be humble and shield us from vain glory.

—In 1725 when John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was 22, he read Thomas A. Kempis' *Imitation of Christ* and extracted the above substance from it.

—The Cumberland Presbyterian

The man who walks close to God will leave no room for the devil to come between.

## 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. Millard Davis
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

If you vote wet you have a part in the crime, cruelty, heartache, murder and destructiveness that liquor causes. Your vote helps to wreck lives and homes, make orphan children and send souls into eternity unprepared to meet God. What have you gained?

### ANNUAL PRAYER CALL FOR MISSIONARY RADIO SLATED FOR JUNE 15

"How shall they hear?" was the great and burning question that Paul, the apostle asked in his day concerning those without knowledge of Christ. Today, the question remains the same to the Church at large concerning the untold multitudes of earth still beyond the pale of the Gospel. "How shall they hear?"

Fortunately, for the increased millions of earth's population in this 20th century, God has given a strong and ready voice called RADIO with which to sound out the Gospel message to millions ceaselessly and widely. So it is today that in Africa and Alaska, the Amazon jungles and the heart of Europe, as well as in the Philippines and Okinawa the story of redeeming grace is pouring forth "on the air."

But Prayer is still the mighty force that moves the hand of God to make men listen and really "hear" the Word as it comes to them. Prayer is the breath of heaven upon the written and spoken Word which makes it live in the hearts of the hearers. So it is that the first Annual Prayer Call for Missionary Radio is being scheduled for world-wide observance on June 15 by the Five Continent Committee. This is the service agency sponsoring the World Conference on Missionary Radio with headquarters in Talcottville, Connecticut.

"Prayer is the greatest need for missionary broadcasting today," says Clarence W. Jones, Chairman of the WCMR, "because prayer takes us to the right source of spiritual power—God Himself. We are asking all churches and individuals who believe in prayer to join with all those engaged in the various phases of radio in missions around the world to ask divine blessing upon the Word of God sent forth daily by radio to millions of listeners."

### HISTORY OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

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from Freewill to Free Communion Baptists. In 1877 six churches, Pioneer, Lot's Grove, Union, Grand Valley, Luteston and Middlefork, are reported as the Northwestern Missouri Q. M., connected with the North Missouri Y. M.; but the next year the same churches with 217 members, appear as the Worth County Q. M., not connected with any Y. M. Elder Harding died, and Elder Hunt spent some years away, but the churches were cared for by Elder Glenn. On

the return of Elder Hunt, the churches were divided into the East Fork Q. M. and the West Fork Q. M.; and the two Q. M.'s united to form the Northwestern Missouri Y. M., or North Missouri Association, with a total membership of 600.

The Adair and Schuyler Q. M., located in the counties indicated by the name, was organized in 1866 with the Kirksville and Greentop churches. The North Union church was added in 1872, and the Union Grove in 1873. The total membership was but fifty-eight in 1875, and the Q. M. soon ceased to be reported. In 1888 the Adair Q. M. was organized, with the Amack, Mount Olive, and Sharon churches, having a total of 114 members.

The Prosperity Association is located south of the center of the state, having the St. Francois County, Q. M. on the east and the Eldorado Springs Q. M. on the west. Its churches were formerly in the Big Creek Q. M., or Association, which was first reported in 1882. There are, in 1888, eight churches, viz., Bethlehem, Cross Roads, Macedonia, New Hope, Plain View, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant View, and White Oak Pond; and the united membership is 375.

The Pleasant Hill Association is reported in 1888, with eleven churches and 714 members, eighty-six having been added by baptism the past year.

The Crane Creek Association, in the southwest part of the state, was reported in 1883, with six churches and 117 members.

The Western Mt. Zion Q. M., in the extreme southwest part of the state, had its origin in Arkansas.

### FIRST OFFICIAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS ARRIVE IN AFRICA

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in this area. It is a shame that there is not another couple on their way to Europe now for language study, with other couples following at intervals of six months until at least five stations are manned. It is not because F. W. Baptists don't have the money or material, but I'm afraid that we've failed to pray the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth laborers into the field. Pastors, teachers, laymen—plead for laborers. The harvest is ripe, but it is not waiting!

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble; thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: To judge the fatherless and oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.