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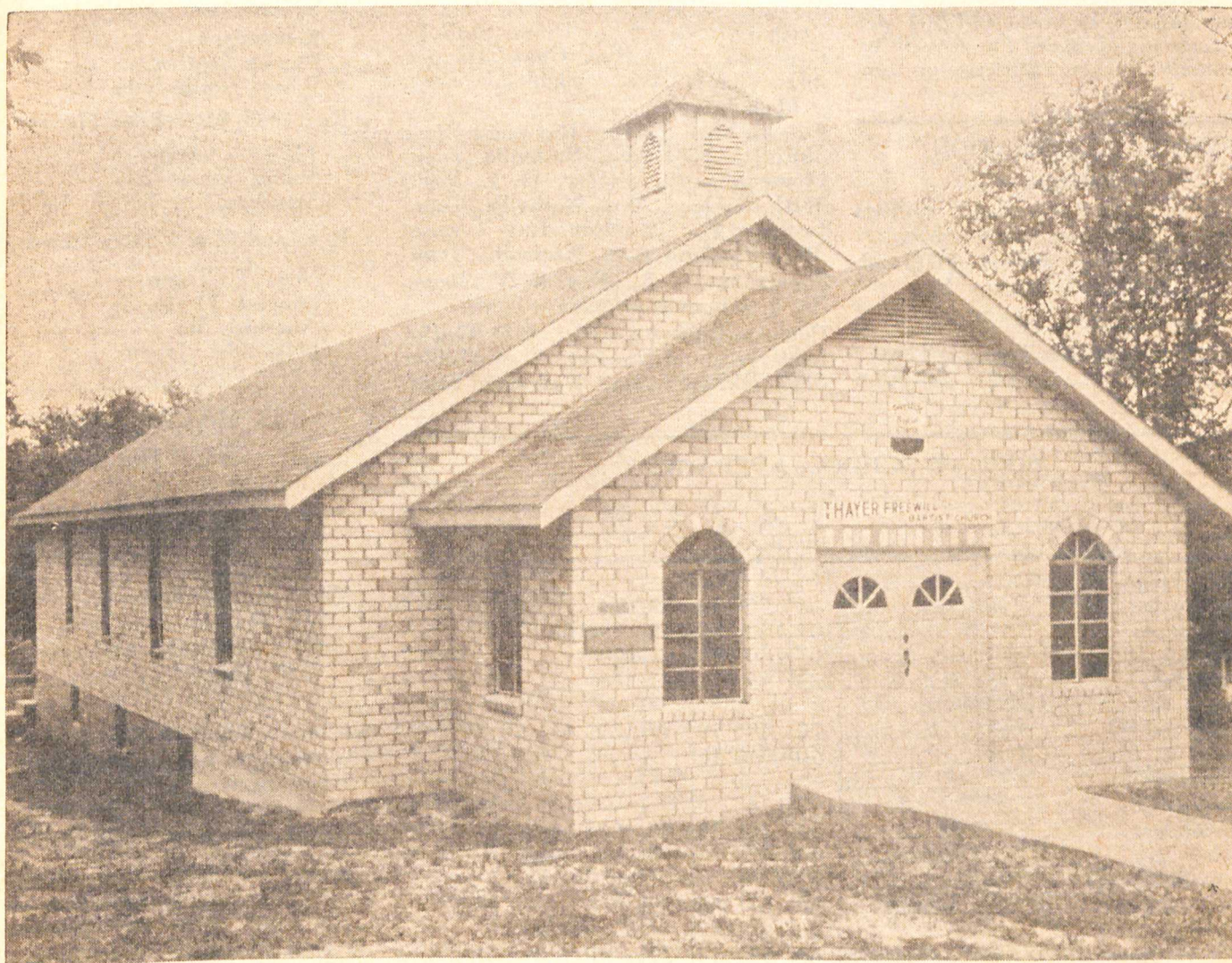
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
Fredericktown . . . . .	163						
Mt. Pisgah . . . . .	56	50	54	63	54	56	64
Coppermines . . . . .	105	100	90	110	99	100	
Fellowship, Flat River . . . . .	207	180	181	191	200		
Leadington . . . . .	123	95	111	127	118		
Desloge . . . . .							
Farmington . . . . .	70	49	59	77	73	65	70
Fourth, St. Louis . . . . .	50		46				
Old Bethel . . . . .							
Berkeley City . . . . .	192	154					
Richwoods . . . . .	54	48	58	65	66	69	
Necsho . . . . .	44	47					
Mountain Grove . . . . .	271						
Joplin . . . . .	86	67	66	89			
Kirksville . . . . .	100	90	117				
Grant Avenue, Springfield . . . . .	68	59	64	71			
Hazel Creek . . . . .			47	40	40	40	50
Cuba . . . . .							
Bethel, West Plains . . . . .	39	34	54	52	58	55	
Twin Oak . . . . .	55	42	68	65	54	55	66
South Side Church . . . . .	150	137	162	187	155		
New Hope, Kansas City . . . . .	39	35	37	35	40		
Springfield First . . . . .				175	160		
Mine La Motte . . . . .	44	38	37	45	43	37	43
Mill Creek . . . . .	57	47	49	60	53		
First Church, Kansas City . . . . .	75	65	75	75	69	66	
Myrtle . . . . .	60	51	51	53	56		
Overland Church . . . . .	75	75	89	99	84	88	78

**IT MATTERS NOT**

It matters not if I've been hurt;  
It matters not at all  
That sometimes from my weary  
eyes  
The scalding tear drops fall.  
What matters most—is if I've erred  
And not confessed the sin  
And through my lack—some needy  
soul  
Has failed to follow Him.  
It matters not if cherished friends;  
On whom I leaned in vain  
Have wounded me by word and  
deed  
And left me with my pain.  
What matters is—Can I forgive  
Again, and yet again?  
It's not, "Have they been true,"  
but "Lord,  
Have I been true to them?"  
"Twill matter not when evening  
comes;  
How rough the road I've trod,  
If only I have walked with Him  
And led some soul to God!  
For when I wake to be like Him,  
Who saved me by His grace  
Earth's pain will vanish when I see  
One glimpse of His dear face!  
—Selected.



## The Growth of the English Bible

Rev. Luther Sanders

Pastor of Monett 1st F. W. Church  
Monett, Missouri

(Continued from last month)

The invention of the printing press, about 1450 was the greatest single invention of its age and was destined to be a great asset in getting the Bible into the hands of the poor as well as the rich. Prior to this great event all Bibles had been written by hand at great cost both in time and money. Actually only well-to-do people could afford to own the Scriptures. Poor people purchased the right to read or have read to them portions of Scripture for definite periods of time. The great masses, however, had no contact with the Scripture in English. The printing press changed all of this. The first book issued from the printing press was a Latin Bible. The first complete Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, was printed in 1535 by Miles Coverdale. He made his translation from German and Latin.

Between 1535 and 1611 there appeared several Bibles or portions of the Bible, but none of them seemed to be very popular for any length of time. In 1537 John Rogers, (who was afterwards burned at the stake in Queen Mary's reign) made use of Coverdale's translation and issued a Bible under the title of "Matthew's Bible." It contained several caustic comments in the margin against Romanism and was never very popular.

In 1538, Henry VIII, although he was a Romanist, gave instructions to the clergy to have a large volume of the Bible placed in a convenient position in every church in England, so that the reading of God's blessed book might be available to all.

In obedience to the King's instructions, Miles Coverdale and his aids published a reprint of Matthew's Bible with a few revisions, and without the unpopular marginal comments. This revision was known as the "Great Bible" because of its enormous size. It is also called the "Chained Bible" because it was chained to the desks of churches for safe keeping. It has been called the "Treacle Bible" because Jeremiah 7:22 was rendered, "Is there no treacle in Gilead?" Treacle means "A sovereign remedy; a cure; a remedy against poison." Because Cromwell helped in its preparation, it was called the "Cromwell Bible," and the "Witchurch Bible" from the name of one of the printers. Since Cramer wrote the preface to the sec-

ond edition, this Bible was called "Cramer's Bible."

In 1539 Richard Taverner published the Taverner's Bible. This translator was an Oxford scholar, a layman, and a lawyer. He was one of the company who suffered persecution at Oxford upon the first circulation of Tyndale's New Testament in 1528. This Bible is a slight revision of Matthew's Bible, with some of the critical notes modified or omitted. The New Testament revision shows marks of his Greek scholarship.

In 1551 Sir Robert Stephens was the first to divide the Greek New Testament into verses.

The "Geneva Bible" was published in 1560. This version of the English Scriptures gets its name from the fact that it was made and published in Geneva, Switzerland. The Geneva Bible quickly won its way into the hearts of the people of England and Scotland even though the Great Bible was the Authorized Version of the Church of England. The influence of the Geneva Bible was widened because of its close association with the Puritan movement in England.

In 1569 the Bishop's Bible was published. It was called the Bishops' Bible because so many Bishops had a hand in translating it. The Bishops' plan in translating this Bible was to improve upon the "Great Bible." They followed the Great Bible except where it clearly varied from the Hebrew and Greek. The genealogies and "places not edifying" so they could pass over to something more desirable. Words that seemed to offend good taste were replaced by "more convenient words and phrases." There were numerous tables, calendars, maps, and other helps. This Bible was never popular.

When King James was crowned ruler of England in 1603, there were three versions of the Bible in circulation: namely, the Geneva Bible, the Bishops' Bible, and the Great Bible which had been authorized by King Henry VIII in 1538.

One of his first acts was to call a conference at Hampton Court for the purpose of hearing the points of dispute between the Puritans and the High Church party of the Church of England. This conference was held on the 14th, 16th, and the 18th of January, 1604. During the proceedings of the second day, the illustrious Puritan leader, Dr. John Reynolds, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, made a reference to the imperfection of the current Bibles and suggested that a new translation be made. The King declared himself favorable to

such an undertaking and determined to carry out the suggestion. The general plan of revision was outlined by King James himself.

On July 22, 1604, the King announced that he had appointed fifty-four efficient Biblical scholars from the Universities to do the translation; however, only forty-seven engaged in the work of translation. The list included Anglican churchmen, Puritan churchmen, linguists, and theologians, laymen and divines. These translators had the privilege of calling on any scholar outside of those chosen by the King, if they should so desire.

The scholars were organized into six groups, two meeting at Westminster, one of which was to translate Genesis to II Kings, the other group had Romans to Jude. Two other groups met at Cambridge, one group having I Chronicles to Ecclesiastes, the other had the Apocrypha. The remaining two groups met at Oxford. One of these groups was to translate Isaiah to Malachi, the other was assigned Matthew to Acts and Revelation. This work was completed and published in 1611. For 345 years the King James Version has been "The Word of God" to the millions of English speaking people, and has proven, not only to be scientifically and historically correct, but is a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service.

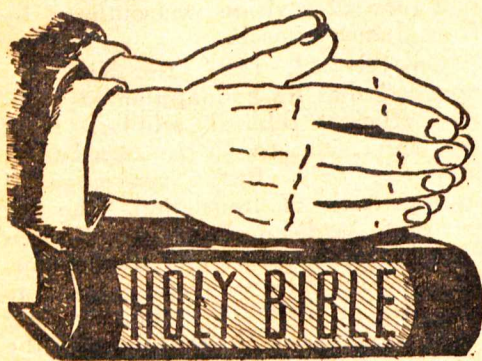
Several attempts have been made since 1870 to replace the King James Version with a more "up to date translation." In June, 1870, nearly one hundred learned men met at Westminster and for ten years worked on a new translation. In 1881 they completed and published the Revised New Testament. Three years later the Old Testament was published, and one year later, in 1885, both were published under the title—**The Revised Version**.

In 1901 the **American Standard Version** was published. The chief difference between the **Revised** and the **American Standard Version** is in the rendering of certain passages where American opinion was preferred to that of the English; then on September 30, 1952 the **Revised Standard Version** was published which is a revision of the 1885 edition. These Bibles, in my opinion, have never and never will replace the simple and beloved King James Version which has won its way into the hearts of millions who have lived and died by it.

"There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to everybody."



## The Family Altar



### PHILIP HENRY'S FAMILY WORSHIP

At the heart of every Christian home should be daily family worship. Matthew Henry tells how his father conducted it: "The chapter or psalm being read and expounded, he required from his children some account of what they could remember of it; and sometimes would discourse with them plainly and familiarly about it, that he might lead them into an acquaintance with it; and, if it might be, impress something of it upon their hearts. He then prayed, and always kneeling, which he looked upon as the fittest and most proper gesture for prayer; and he took care that his family should address themselves to the duty, with the outward expressions of reverence and composedness. He usually fetched his matter and expressions in prayer, from the chapter that was read, and the psalm that was sung, which was often very affecting, and helped much to stir up and excite praying graces. . . . In family prayer he was usually most full in giving thanks for family blessings. Very particular he would sometimes be in prayer for his family; if any were absent, they were sure to have an express petition put up for them. He used to observe, concerning Job 1:5, that he offered burnt-offerings for his children, according to the number of them all, an offering for each child; and so would he sometimes in praying for his children, put up a petition for each child. He always observed, at the annual return of the birthday of each of his children, to bless God for his mercy to him and his wife in that child; the giving of it, the continuance of it, the comfort they had in it, etc., with some special request to God for that child. Every servant and sojourner, at their coming into his family, and their going out, besides the daily remembrances of them, had a particular petition put up for them, according as their circumstances were. The strangers, that were at any time within his gates,

he was wont particularly to recommend to God in prayer, with much affection, and Christian concern for them and their concerns. . . . Particularly providences concerning the country, as to health or sickness, good or bad weather, or the like, he commonly took notice of in prayer, as there was occasion; and would often beg of God to fit us for the next providence, whatever it might be. Nor did he ever forget to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. . . . He always concluded family prayer, both morning and evening, with a solemn benediction, after the doxology; —The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us, etc. Thus did he daily bless his household." Good reasons for having family worship far outweigh the many excuses for omitting it, and its blessings are very far-reaching even from one generation to the next. When a Christian father and mother determine, by the grace of God, to have it each day, it can be done.

The Sunday School Times

### MRS. PRAYER MEETING DIES A HORRIBLE DEATH

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and spiritual holiness, soon growing into world wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffening of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. At last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning marts of trade and places of worldly amusements. Her older brother Class meeting has been dead for many years.

Experts including Dr. Works and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization socials, contests, drives, and religious education, but to no avail. A post mortem showed a deficiency of spiritual food coupled with lack of fasting, faith, heartfelt religion, shameless desecration, and nonsupport as contributing causes for her death.

Only a few were present at her rites sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to bear her

remains tenderly away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages," were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories, awaiting the summons from above.

In honor of her going the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, save on the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the Men's Handball Team.

The Christian Digest

### GUARD THY LIPS

"Words are things of little cost,  
Quickly spoken, quickly lost,  
We forget them, but they stand,  
Witnesses, at God's right hand,  
And their testimony bear  
For us, or against us, there.  
Oh how often ours have been  
Idle words, and words of sin!  
Words of anger, scorn and pride,  
Or desire, our faults to hide,  
Envious tales, or strife unkind,  
Leaving bitter thoughts, behind.  
Grant us, Lord, from day to day  
Strength to watch and grace to pray  
May our lips, from sin set free,  
Love to speak, and sing of Thee,  
Till in Heaven, we learn to raise  
Hymns of everlasting praise.

### HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met July 2 with Ethel Thompson. There were six members, six visitors, and seven children present. The business meeting was opened with singing, and in the absence of the president, the youth chairman, Mrs. Maizie Sevits, assumed charge of the meeting. Mrs. Lizzie Filkins read for scripture lesson, Jeremiah 6:16-19. Prayer by Mrs. Grant Zimmerman and Leona Thompson. Minutes of last meeting were read and an offering of one dollar and twenty-nine cents was received. There was a report of two-hundred and twenty-four Bible chapters read, five cards sent, and twenty-eight sick calls made. The lesson was "Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in Community Missions." Topics were given by Mrs. Grant Zimmerman, Mrs. Ethel Thompson, Mrs. Lizzie Filkins, Mrs. Maizie Sevits, and Leona Thompson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Emma Van Lanningham. Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.





**REV. O. T. ALLRED**  
Moderator of Missouri  
State Association

## PROGRAM

of the  
**Forty Fifth Annual Session**  
of Missouri State Association  
of Free Will Baptists  
to be held at  
**Youth Camp Grounds**  
(near Niangua, Mo.)  
**August 18-21, 1958**

Also the Annual Session of the  
Sunday School Convention and the  
League Convention.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

**Monday Evening—8:00 P. M.**  
August 18, 1958

Evangelistic Rally—Rev. Luther  
Sanders, pastor of Monett Church.

**Tuesday, August 19, 1958**

9:30 Devotional—Rev. Ben Scott,  
pastor of Fredricktown Church.

9:45 Sunday School Workshop—  
Rev. Don Hill, Editor of National  
Sunday School Literature.

10:45 Recess.

11:00 Message—Rev. Don Hill.

#### **Tuesday Afternoon**

1:30 Singspiration.

1:45 League Workshop—Mr. Ray  
Turnage, Promotional Secretary of  
National League Board.

3:00 Sword Drill—Mrs. Luther  
Sanders, Youth Chairman of W.N.  
A.C.

3:15-4:00 Open Forum on League

### MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

**Tuesday Evening—7:30**

August 19, 1958

7:30 Devotional—Rev. Henry  
Long, pastor of Springfield First  
Church.

Convening the Session—Rev.  
Albert Halbrook, Clerk.

Welcome—Rev. Wm. Reeves,  
Youth Camp Caretaker.

Response—Rev. Woodrow Mat-  
thews, pastor of Kirksville Church.

Moderator's Message—Rev. O. T.  
Allred.

Introductory Message—Rev. Dale  
Jones, pastor of Lebanon Church.

Alternate Minister—Rev. James  
Davis, pastor of Leadington Church.

#### **Wednesday Morning—August 20**

9:00—Scripture and Prayer.

9:10—Receive letters and seat del-  
egates.

Receive letters from corresponding  
religious bodies.

Seat corresponding messengers in  
conference.

Reading of By-Laws.

10:00—Election of officers.

11:00—Worship Hour (Woman's  
Auxiliary).

#### **Wednesday Afternoon**

Woman's Auxiliary Program  
Associational business as time per-  
mits.

#### **Wednesday Evening**

Devotions, prayer, singing, specials.  
Message—Speaker to be selected.

#### **Thursday Morning—August 21**

9:00 Devotions, Congregational  
singing, prayer.

9:15—Business.

11:00—Devotions.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

#### **Thursday Afternoon**

1:30—Devotions, singing and  
prayer.

Completion of Business.

#### **Thursday Evening**

7:30—Devotions, Singing, Prayer,  
Specials.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

#### **Officers of State Association**

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Rev. Don Hill, Nashville, Tenn.,



**REV. O. T. DIXON**  
Assistant Moderator of Missouri  
State Association

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Treasurer of Youth Camp Board.

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Youth Chairman of W. N. A. C.

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Rev. Russell Spurgeon, Kansas  
City, Mo., Secretary of the State  
League and Sunday School Boards.

Rev. Ray Turnage, Nashville,  
Tenn., Promotional Secretary of the  
National League Board.

### LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Leadington Wo-  
man's Auxiliary had the privilege of  
hearing Bro. John Visser several times  
this month. Bro. Visser spoke to us  
about the conditions in the Nether-  
lands. He carries a wonderful, but  
heart breaking message about the  
hunger of these souls for the gospel.  
Bro. Visser is touring these United  
States solely on his great faith in the  
Lord Jesus and he needs our prayer.

—Dotye Hargiss, Cor.

**Attend Church Sunday**



## STATE MEETING

By the time you receive this issue of the Gem the State Meeting will be very near. The date is August 18-21, and the place is the Youth Encampment Grounds.

The Sunday School and League Convention will get under way with the first service, Monday evening, August 18, at 8:00 P. M., with Rev. R. Luther Sanders, pastor of the Monett Church, Monett, Missouri, speaking at the evangelistic rally. The Sunday School and League Convention will continue throughout the day Tuesday, and you will have the privilege of hearing Rev. Don Hill, editor of the National Sunday School Literature, Nashville, Tennessee. He is a former Missouri boy. Also, you will hear Ray Turnage, Promotional Secretary of National League Board, as he speaks on League work. He is also from Nashville. And don't forget the Sword Drill at 3:00 O'clock on Tuesday evening conducted by Mrs. R. Luther Sanders.

The introductory message for the association proper will be delivered on Tuesday evening by Rev. Dale Jones, pastor of Lebanon Church.

The Woman's Auxiliary Program will be of much interest on Wednesday afternoon. The business of the association will be transacted on Wednesday morning and Thursday.

We urge the Free Will Baptists of Missouri to attend their State Association. Also, if any church hasn't sent her offering to the State Entertainment Fund by the time you read this issue, please do so, or bring to State Association.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The National Association of Free Will Baptists held in St. Louis July 7-10 at Sheraton-Jefferson was a success. God's spirit prevailed. The messages were uplifting. The reports of various departments were gratifying. The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention conducted an outstanding program and has shown herself to be a staunch supporter of missions.

An outstanding service was held on Wednesday evening when the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board held a service in conjunction. Dr. Oswald Smith spoke on the subject "What is the Supreme Task of the Church?" Scores of young people dedicated themselves to missions.

Incidentally, while referring to missions, we will remind you that the quota for National Home Missions in 1959 is \$4,200.00 for the State of Missouri. For the year 1957, Missouri's quota was \$2,500.00 and we gave



**REV. CHARLES A THIGPEN**  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Re-elected Moderator of  
National Association

\$2,899.33, which was \$399.33 above the quota. It remains to be seen what our giving shows for 1958.

The suggested quota for Foreign Missions for 1959 is \$14,990.00. For the year of 1957 Missouri's quota was \$10,300.00 and we gave \$8,037.70, leaving \$2,262.30 below quota. For the year 1958 Missouri's quota was \$12,000.00, and up to May 31, 1958, we had given \$3,527.89. That left seven months for us to pay \$8,472.11 if we fill our quota.

Our Bible College is progressing nicely, but if it expands and it meets all the challenges of our youth, we must give liberally. We may well be proud of its fine accomplishments. The suggested year's quota from June 1, '58 to May 31, '59 is \$5,500 for Missouri.

The report of the Executive Department shows Missouri gave \$10,055.58 for the Co-operative Plan in 1957.

The National Sunday School Department is getting established on a firm basis. You are invited to order Sunday School Quarterlies from this department at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

The Board of Publication and Literature reports a new Free Will Baptist hymn book. This book is bound in two colors—wine and gray, the name, "Free Will Baptist Hymnal," in gold on front binding. Orders are to be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C.

The National League Board have interesting plans such as a full-time Promotional Secretary, printing of quarterly magazine, project "College

Kitchen Campaign," and the Eighth Nationwide League Conference to be held in Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 9-11, 1959.

The suggested state quota for Missouri by the Board of Superannuation is \$1,500.00. During the year of 1957 Missouri paid \$466.67 on a \$1,482.00 quota.

At the close of the convention the following national officers were elected; Rev. Charles Thigpen, moderator; Rev. Billy Melvin, assistant moderator; Rev. Dean Moore, clerk; Mr. John I. Morgan, assistant clerk; and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary-treasurer.

## WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Not ranks of soldiers with flags unfurled,  
Nor armored ships that gird the world;  
Not hoarded wealth, nor busy mills,  
Not cattle on a thousand hills;  
Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws;

Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause:

All these may be, and yet the state  
In the eye of God be far from Great!

That land is great which knows the Lord.

Whose songs are guided by His word;

Where justice rules 'tween man and man;

Where love controls in art and plan;

Where, breathing in his native air,  
Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer.

Thus may our country, good and great,  
Be God's delight—man's best estate. —Alexander Blackburn.

## BOYS OR BIRD DOGS?

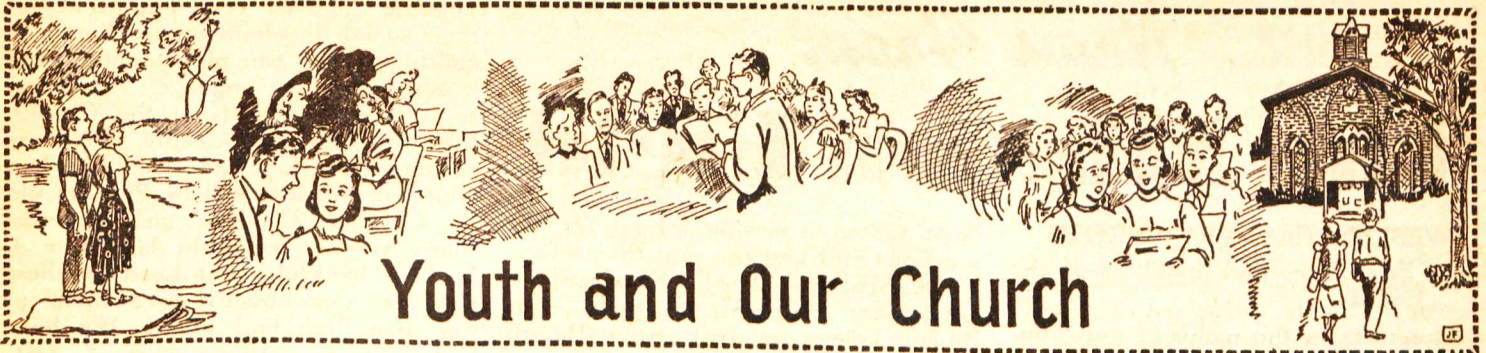
The Intermediate department superintendent had made a plea for the teachers to visit the unsaved absentees in an effort to win them to Christ, but one teacher objected. "I cannot afford to use my war-rationed gasoline to run around visiting boys," he complained.

Not many weeks later the teacher was heard to tell of his getting up early—at four a. m.—to drive over the country hunting for his bird dogs which had become lost on the previous afternoon's hunt. He had used his rationed gas to look for bird dogs, but lost boys were not worth as much.

Our sense of values is reflected in how we use the God-given assets which He has placed at our disposal.

—Loyal Prior





### NEW HOPE LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

The adult league of the New Hope F. W. B. Church met June 29 and elected officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President—Mary Lou Howard  
 Vice President—Jack McAllister  
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 Junior League Leader—John McAllister  
 Junior League Assistant Leader—Clarence Howard

Mary Lou Howard and Esther Rogers will represent the league at the convention.

—New Hope League, Cor.

### RICHWOODS SUNDAY SCHOOL ENJOYS PICNIC

The Richwood Sunday School met at the Washington State Park for its annual picnic, June 21. The Crystal City Sunday School had already arrived when we got there and we held our picnics together. There were about one-hundred and fifty persons present.

The young people played games and the little tots played on the play ground equipment while the ladies of both churches prepared the noon meal. After an enjoyable noon hour, some of the young people played baseball while others pitched horse shoes. The adults enjoyed fellowshiping with one another.

The weather was cool and damp, but it seemed as though every one received a blessing and all left the park with a greater determination to work harder for our Sunday Schools. We all felt it was good to be there, and were made to remember the words of the psalmist when he said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Pray for us.

—Sophia Ackerson, Cor.

### PLEASE NOTICE!

I. 1958-59 Literature Catalogues are available from the W.N.A.C. office.

II. The 1958-59 Year Book of Programs will be 75 cents per copy.

III. The G.T.A. Sponsors will need to order a Work Packet to use with the next G.T.A. Book of Programs. One Packet will be sufficient. Cost of the Work Packets is \$1.00 and the G.T.A. Program Book will remain at 35 cents per copy.

IV. Detailed instructions about the new Extension Circle for auxiliaries can be secured from the W.N.A.C. office.

### THREE THINGS

Three things to govern: temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to cultivate: courage, affection and gentleness.

Three things to commend: thrift, industry and promptness.

Three things to despise: cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for: health, friends and contentment.

Three things to work for: security, independence and happiness.

Three things to admire: dignity, gracefulness and honesty.

Three things to give: aid to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.

—Selected

### GOD'S FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH LOVE

God has a fountain filled with love  
 Where we may fill our thirsty souls,  
 Then be as harmless as a dove  
 Through His good grace that ever holds.

O let us drink from day to day  
 At God's rich fountain filled with love,

Which opens up to those who pray  
 And truly worship Him above!  
 God's fountain filled with love so sweet

Makes life congenial here below;  
 We bless the lives of those we meet  
 And help them as they onward go.

God's love takes sin and evil out  
 And brings sweet peace and pleasure in,

And gives us faith that will not doubt  
 And sends us forth to work and win.

Walter E. Isenhour  
 Taylorsville, N. C.

### IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD

By Lawrence W. Miller

St. John 1:1

A lot has been preached and printed about the beginning of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. My faith in Him tells me He is and will be from everlasting to everlasting, the beginning and the end.

The Father as Himself, could never be revealed, only expressed as a spirit, but through Jesus Christ as the active mind He is the exact expression, manifestation and revelation of God the Father.

Christ Jesus, as the active mind of God, created the world and all the things that are made, was made by Him. He and He alone is the living mind of God in action. The heavens and man all move and have their being in Him.

Our text, along with verse 14, makes it clear that the Son of God has always been the one through whom God was and is revealed. No one can ever say he is being turned from God by being led by Christ as his Saviour.

As we come to the study of God's revelation of Himself, Christ is the first to strike our attention, as the Statue of Liberty is the first to catch the eye of men as they come into the port of New York, and the last thing they see as they leave, so is our Saviour, as we look back from the ocean of eternity He will be last, first and always, ever the active mind of the Father.

If you follow the valley upward, you will surely reach the mountain top; for it is only the valley's upstairs.



# News From The Mission Field

## WESLEY CALVERY WRITES

Dear Bro. Riggs and members of the Board:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour. We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing us here in Northern Japan. Even though it is July, we are still using our stoves to keep the chill off. I must say it is quite different from our birth-place in Texas. But the Lord has called and we are happy to be serving Him here in this place even though it is cold.

We send our warmest greetings to each of you as well as the brothers and sisters in Christ who will be gathering at the National Association. We are thankful to God for our National Association because we know that it is through the united efforts of this group that we are permitted to serve Christ here in Japan. May God's richest blessings continue to rest upon our denomination.

In the way of a short report: We now have 4 small churches in Japan. Namely:

I. Abashiro—meeting on the second floor of our house (only one baptized resident member), others are to be baptized this summer and some have moved to our work in Tokyo.

Our helpers are: Setsuo Mochizuka (girl age 25). Miss Takahashi (girl age 23). Yoshio Itani, a high school boy who works part time for us. He has dedicated himself to the ministry and will enter Bible College next year. Praise the Lord.

II. Bihoro—Fred Hersey is now in charge of this work. They have a rented building which will seat about 30 people. A larger place is needed.

At present there are no baptized resident members. Two have moved away. About 4 will be baptized this summer.

Fred's helper is Miss Takei (age 30). He is very much in need of another helper.

III. Koshimizu—I go to this town every Thursday for children's meetings and adult services. At present it is our most progressive and indigenous work. There are 3 baptized members with several to be baptized this summer. We are rejoicing over the work in this small town. Every Friday morning they have prayer meetings at the church at 6 A. M. They

have rented a sewing school for the meetings and pay the rent themselves.

IV. Tokyo—Daniel Kimura and wife along with Mr. Taguchi (our Bible College student from Bihoro are in charge of the work there.) There are 7 baptized members but because most of them are students, the work there is not as indigenous as our Hokkaido work.

V. Stubetsu—We do not have any work in this town yet, but we plan to start in August. It is very near Bihoro and will be an out-station for the Herseys. We plan to have a tent meeting there in August and from that begin regular meetings. Please pray for this.

From June 12 through August 6, we will be having tent meetings. We plan one week each at Koshimizu, Abohriri and Bihoro in that order. Later in August we will have the meeting at Stubetsu. We have hired an evangelist from Tokyo to help us. He is a good speaker. Also our students, home on vacation will be helping us. Please pray that the Lord will give us many souls. Also pray that it will be warm enough to have the meetings. Many times even in July and August it is too cold to be comfortable in a tent.

I am sure you have heard about the shortage of water in Tokyo. The Kimura's can only get water for two hours a day now and if it does not rain soon they will have no water. The unusual thing about this is that it is now the rainy season but no rain. Please pray.

If you could be in our house today you would hear children's laughter and see a smile and a look of satisfaction on the faces of two missionaries that had not been there before. We have been looking for children to adopt since the board approved, but it is almost impossible to find American-Japanese children available, although it is easy to find Japanese children. However, we heard about a home in southern Japan run by the World Mission to Children, who only adopt their children to strictly Christian homes. We wrote to them and they approved us doctrinally and otherwise. To make a long story short; they placed two lovely children in our home. It was their advice as well as all others with whom we consulted that we should have two if

possible. This is very important for their social development as American children. They can play together and use the English language. According to a recent letter from the Cronks, they feel this need deeply. They are wishing that they had two. The boy Jonathan Wesley, will be 2 years old on October 25. The girl, Rebecca Marie was 4 years old last June 3. We are thankful to the Lord for these children and already love them as our own flesh and blood. We have had them less than two weeks. We trust that the Board will accept them as missionary children and rejoice with us that at last the Lord has given us children. Please pray for the blessings of the Lord on our "new" home. I have a plan now to ask the State Woman's Auxiliary of Texas to locate a group or groups to undertake the support of our children. Mrs. C. B. Thompson would be the one to consult about this. More than likely she will be in attendance at the National meetings. If you have an opportunity you might speak to her about it. We have not consulted her about it yet. But no matter where their support comes from we are trusting the Lord and know that He will provide.

We are looking forward to the coming of the Waids. We will take care of them to the best of our ability when they arrive. We have corresponded with them in detail concerning their coming. Because of the enormous amount of money needed to get a family settled in Tokyo we would like to urge you to send their monthly allotment one month previous to their coming. We do not have enough surplus funds to take care of the added expense. We trust they will be able to be here by the first of September for language school. We are praying to that end. May the Lord guide in every detail.

In Christ,  
Wesley Calvery

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Fools have been described as men who have neither the wit to speak well nor the judgment to hold their tongues.

One time, after Henry Ward Beecher had preached a sermon on brotherhood when feeling was running high against a minority group, he received a letter bearing the single word "Fool." He commented: "I have received many letters of criticism to which the writer neglected to sign his name, but this is the first time I ever received a letter in which the writer signed his name and forgot to write the letter."



## HOME MISSION FIELDS AND NEEDS

### Field—Old Mexico.

Missionaries—Miss Bessie Yeley, Miss Holly Barker, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows, Rev. and Mrs. Juan Lopez.

Our greatest need is buildings. At the present time we own no property in Old Mexico. We also need extra support to get Miss Barker and Rev. and Mrs. Billows into the country.

### Field—Alaska.

Missionaries—Rev. and Mrs. Lee D. Whaley.

Our great need in Alaska is property. The rent on the present property is very expensive. We need a missionary residence and chapel at once. Other workers are also needed. The Whaleys need clothing for winter. All their sizes can be obtained from the Home Mission office.

### Field—United States.

Missionaries—Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Inbody, Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez.

Our needs are great in the northwest. Bro. Postlewaite needs extra finance for the new church building; this is the need with Bro. Inbody.

Bro. and Sister Martinez need some groups to help with their salary, and they are also desperate for a regular church building.

## MEET OUR NEW MISSIONARY

Miss Molly Barker, a native of Morehead City, North Carolina, was recently appointed as a missionary to Old Mexico. Molly will begin her work at once. She graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B. A. degree, May of this year. At the present time she is helping in D. V. B. S. work in the Virginia Mountains.

Miss Barker will need some church to help with her support. What will you do?

Molly says, "As I look toward the Old Mexico field of work, my heart is filled with joy at the privilege of serving my Saviour in this way. The Lord saved me when I was twelve years old, and has been wonderful to me ever since. My verse is, "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57.

The Home Mission Board has a new supply of roadside church signs. These signs are beautiful and will last. You may order them for \$6.00 plus postage.

When this letter reaches you the promotional secretary will be visiting

our churches in California. He requests prayer for a safe journey.

Brother and Mrs. Billows are available for some church visitation before they leave for Old Mexico. Please write them at the Home Missions office. They will bless your church with a service.

Some states are well ahead of their quota, but others are far behind. Check on your state and see what is being done for National Home Missions. It may surprise you!

Did you know that we have 16 full time home missionaries?

Did you know that 11 of these have attended Free Will Baptist Colleges?

Did you know that 2 of these are natives of Cuba?

Did you know that 3 of these are natives of Old Mexico?

Did you know that all of these are your responsibility?

## NEXT DOOR

I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go where you call me

And I'll do what you want me to do."

But how could I know as I knelt there,

That He'd ask me to stay here with you?

I thought surely He'd call me to China

Or to Africa's far away shore.

I would gladly have sailed o'er the ocean,

But He whispered, "I need you next door."

It's the far away task that seems brightest

And the grass seems more green o'er the way;

But how can He use me afar off,  
If I fail those I meet every day?

It's so easy to look past my neighbor,

Who has needs only God can supply.

God forgives me if I, like the Levite,

Have been passing some suffering one by.

## MISSIONARY SERVICE

The people of the Coppermines Church, Route 3, Fredericktown, Missouri had the privilege of hearing Rev. John Visser, pastor of a Free Baptist Church in Europe, and also a Free Baptist Missionary in Europe.

It was a blessing to hear of the work being done by this minister who

has given his all to go into all the world and preach the gospel. A free-will offering was taken at the close of the service for this work.

—Leamon Killian, Cor.

## LOOK UP!

By Opal Watkins

When you are discouraged, and your life seems all in vain. When your heart yearns for a friendly work, in this world of sin and gain. When it seems you walk the downward path, where no one dear is there, there is one who has walked that lonesome road, with suffering and despair. Christ walked Golgotha Hill one day with a load too much to bear. He faced a fateful cross that way, that you and I might share the love of God, where there's no doubt, no fear, no defeat, and when you walk that lonely path, He'll always with you meet.

Yes, if you are walking that road in lost despair, just travel on a few more steps, you'll find Him waiting there.

## LOST! A BOY!

Lost! a Boy! Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching. No, his father lost him.

Too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when Dad is the only great hero to a boy, he let go his hold.

Yes, his mother lost him, too. Engrossed in worthwhile programs, clubs with high aims, she let the baby-sitter hear his prayers and abdicated her place of influence.

The church lost him. Amid sermons for the wise and well-to-do, with care for dignity and decorum, there was no place for the restless boy in worship or in sport. Was this your boy?

—Friendly Adventure

Like the wings of a bird, Christian opportunity and obligation work together and life is perfect; but when either fails, we are DOOMED for a tailspin.

A mother of five children said that with her first baby she called the doctor every time the baby sneezed. But the other day when her youngest swallowed a nickel, she said, "Young man, that comes out of your allowance."

SEL-FISH is the most dangerous fish existing.



## Possessing the Unpossessed

Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Enlistment Chairman, Florence, S. C.

A verse that presents a very stirring challenge to the women of our denomination is found in Joshua 13:1, "Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Especially notice the phrase "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." How applicable to us when we think of the field of enlistment in the F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary work. We are one of the oldest denominations in America, but yet with our many years of opportunity, there remains very much land to be possessed.

In most of our churches today there are vast numbers of unenlisted women who are not active in the work of reaching others. Perhaps one of the reasons could be that many have not realized the opportunities of service open, nor the imperative need for workers. As a result, the larger portion of the work of reaching the lost rests on the shoulders of the minority. This certainly is not God's plan, for He would have every Christian busy winning others and finding opportunities of sending the Gospel to those who have never heard.

The unpossessed is the world. Christ would have as His possessions those who have never heard the good news of salvation. God has limited Himself to sending the gospel message through men and women as His witnesses, and only a believer can be a witness. What an opportunity, what a glorious privilege is ours to be a witness for Him and to possess the lost for Him.

Physically and morally, the great masses of mankind need our help. Spiritually, the heathen are lost and without hope. The triumphs in the Christian realm thus far have been wonderful, but much remains to be done. How small the circle of light as compared with the vast outlying realms of darkness. Comparatively few of those who profess faith in Christ know anything of the living power of it, and two-thirds of the human race are still heathen.

Because of the vastness of the work and the short amount of time in which we have to labor, we should realize the necessity of taking advantage of our opportunities. We cannot postpone the beginning of work; Joshua began to serve God in his youth, and

yet in his old age there was still much to be done. We must not be satisfied and content with what has been accomplished, or with the small number of women enlisted. Let us realize anew that many laborers will accomplish greater work than just a few. Let's not hoard our blessings, but encourage others to come with us, that they, too, might be blessed. F. W. B. women, arise to the need before us. Put away slackness, unconcern, and indifference. For God and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, let us possess the unpossessed.

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

## God Not Wanted In Public Schools

Some shocking information about what is being done in some States.

The founding fathers of this great country were impelled to seek on this continent a place where they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. The greatest and most read book was the Bible that was the direction of their conduct and the basis of their laws.

### A Disastrous Change

What would those fathers have thought if they had known that eventually the highest court in the country they founded would decide that it is not best to have the Bible read in the public schools? But we have come to such a condition as that. More than that: What can God think, after He has had the Bible written by men He has inspired so that men may know Him and His Son Jesus, and by such knowledge be made good for this world and make heaven their home when through here? The writings of other men, even of infidels, may be read, but not God's sacred Word.

### From Bad to Worse

Here is some shocking information quoted from "Christian Life" magazine in its April number. The devil is surely doing all he can to eliminate the source-book of salvation from the rising generation. Read these items.

"New Jersey Legislature has ordered that the 1958 Christmas season witness no use of Christian hymns or references to Christ in public schools seasonal observances."

What a chance for that old heathen god called "Santa Claus" to have his way! They are surely taking Christ out of Christmas.

Again we see the following:

"In Sierra Madre, California, and Lake View, Illinois, similar laws have been passed."

Still worse, see this:

"Attorney General Pat Brown of California has ruled that God may not be mentioned in the classroom. Accordingly one California school has instructed the librarian to remove from circulation books that mention God."

The librarian surely will have a time reading all the books in the library to see if somewhere in them that hated name has crept in.

Perhaps this is worst of all:

"The Ten Commandments are taboo in New Jersey public schools, and have been pronounced undesirable instructional material by the Board of Education in New Hyde Park, Long Island, N. Y."

No wonder they are having a lawless time in the schools of that locality. What could be done worse than this to destroy the foundations of our country? The laws of all civilized lands are based on the Ten Commandments. We are becoming heathen at a rapid rate. No wonder false cults, and every phase of error can find its way into the country.

What an anomalous condition it is: celebrate Christ's birthday but shut Christ out of the celebration of His own birthday! We would not treat anyone else that way. Shut out the best Man Who ever walked this earth and treat Him as we would not treat a thief "We are awfully glad for that wonderful holiday called Christmas," some are virtually saying, "but Jesus, You keep out of it. We do not want You around. You embarrass us."

God needs to thunder the Ten Commandments again from Mount Sinai. Let the preachers thunder them from their pulpits until the nation wakes up.

### Private Schools the Answer

Since the decision that the Bible is not to be used in the public schools, private schools have been multiplying rapidly. It is estimated that the number of pupils attending private schools now number 6,840,000, and the number is increasing. But even in some States the laws put such restrictions on the private schools demanding what they teach, and standards to be kept, that the private schools are seriously handicapped.

—The Gospel Minister

Speaking of a hat—a man wears it; a beggar passes it; a politician tosses it into the ring and a candidate talks through it.



## History of Thayer Church

As a result of the interest and concern of the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Department, the Cave Springs Association, and other friends, today, four years from date of organization, stands this beautiful finished, tile brick sanctuary on Oak and Fourth Street in Thayer as you see pictured on the front cover of the Gem.

On July 31, 1954, the organizational council of ordained ministers, Davie Combs, Joe Sisk, Jesse Rolan and Harry Beatty, assisted by seven ordained deacons, organized the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church with fifty-one charter members. Lorene Pohnert was elected as clerk and Fred King as treasurer.

Brothers J. W. Jewell, Otto Harrison and Fred King, ordained deacons were selected to serve the church. In September 1954, Brothers Roy Underwood and Paul Clark were selected and ordained by the Quarterly Meeting Ordaining Council. All brethren served faithfully through this early period of the church.

On September 4, 1954, the sad misfortune of accidental death by drowning took Bro. Harrison on to his heavenly home. Brother Jewell, being over the fourscore mark, was made honorary deacon. These other brethren had transferred their membership into other local churches. Thus Brothers Ben Pohnert and John Lau were placed on trial for deacons. They were recommended to the Quarterly Meeting in April, 1956 at which time they were ordained. They have served faithfully, along with the duly elected trustee board, Willard Caldwell, treasurer, J. V. Holman, Johnny Bennett, Joe Archer and Ben Pohnert. These brethren, along with an equal number of other laymen composed the building committee that carried out the building program.

The congregation used the Odd Fellow Lodge Hall for the place of worship, while the church basement was under construction. During this initial period of the church, Rev. Davie Combs and Keith Johnson served as part-time pastors. Rev. Claud Bryan, Grover Pingleton and Elza Simpson also filled the pulpit and assisted in every way possible.

On January 30, 1955, Rev. Harry Beatty was elected full time pastor. Rev. Beatty accepted the charge and assumed full responsibility June 12, 1955.

In December 1955, the church adopted the National Co-operative

Plan of support, giving tithes there-to from the general church tithes and offering.

The present church with a membership of eighty-nine has a regular Sunday School, League service, Wednesday night prayer meeting, an active Woman's Auxiliary and a Master's Mens Group.

During the building program many contributions were received by popular donations of members and friends of the church in raw materials, timber and lumber. Yes, the major part of of labor was donated by competent workers.

Thus today Thayer Church has a completely furnished sanctuary with oak pews, floors and pulpit stand with folding communion table in it, a piano, and last, but not least, an altar just in front of the pulpit stand. The sanctuary is seventy feet long and thirty-two feet wide with a full size basement partitioned into class rooms, a kitchen with a large hall, plus a ten foot vestibule with a pastor's study on the left and nursery on the right as you enter the sanctuary. A Victor fuel oil heating system heats both the basement and sanctuary.

The estimated valuation of the church is twenty-five thousand dollars. The actual indebtedness against the church is less than twenty per cent of the total valuation.

Through the promotion of the State Home Mission Department, two other new churches stand in the Cave Springs Association, erected in the past two years. They are the Alton Church in the north part of Alton, with Rev. Clarence Dotson as pastor, and the Bethel Church in West Plains on Garfield Street with Rev. Keith Johnson as pastor.

Please accept our thanks as a church and pastor, throughout the State and denomination, for your Christian co-operation. God bless each of you.

—Harry Beatty, Pastor

### ILLINOIS F. W. B. CHURCH OBSERVES CENTENNIAL

By Mrs. Nellie B. Lundry  
Cuba, Illinois

On June 29, 1958, a centennial for the only Free Will Baptist Church left in Northern Illinois was observed in the old log hewn church.

The church was built in 1858 after lightning had struck the humble church building preceding it, which was built about the time Deerfield Township was settled in the year of 1835 or 1837. No doubt it was built on one of the old trails used by set-

tlers when they first came to Fulton County in Illinois.

This structure has withstood many storms and hard times, but somehow the roof has always been replaced to prevent leaking and painted outside to save the siding. The inside is quite inviting with lights and oil heat. The church has been remodeled at various times and seems to be as strong as it was one hundred years ago.

I have lived most of my life about one mile from this building, and my people have owned this land since 1858. Although some of the old Free Will Baptist spirit has died out, it can be revived. Several Free Will Baptist preachers visited the community six or eight years ago, but none of them seemed to have success enough for them to stay.

This church stands on Rt. 9, between Canton and Bushnell, Illinois in Deerfield Township, Fulton County. There were a good many Free Will Baptist Churches in Northern Illinois, but the other Baptists took over in 1911, and of course you know the rest of the story. The churches were closed and sold. This church refused to join up, and therefore it remains. There are no Baptist Churches in Cuba, Smithfield, and Fairview, towns near-by. It is a good field to work in.

### MASTER'S MEN HONOR REV. AND MRS. O. T. DIXON

The Master's Men organization and their wives and guests met Monday evening at the First Free Will Baptist church of Mountain Grove for a surprise supper and party honoring Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Dixon on their third anniversary as pastor of the church in Mtn. Grove, and also to honor Rev. Dixon's birthday. After a pot luck supper there was a short program consisting of songs led by Ed. Francis and a talk by the president, Edwin Wade. A quartet composed of Margrett Dixon, Murray Rainey, Ed. Francis and Lynn Francis.

The gifts were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Dixon by the president, Edwin Wade.

We are happy to report that we now have the Master's Men pens, and our organization has taken them 100 percent.

—Glen Hunt, Cor.

"It would be only fair to bring out a high-powered, faster pedestrian every year, too."

He was said to be a great preacher—at the close of every sermon there was a great awakening.



# Woman's Auxiliary

## WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY

This year has been a year of "Firsts" for the W. N. A. C., and for which we are humbly grateful and give God all the glory, honor, and praise. However, it is with deepest humility that we acknowledge His blessings upon not only these "Firsts" but also upon our regular work.

This has been the "First" year for the women to undertaken as large a National Project as this year's. The project has been successfully completed. The goal of \$10,000 dollars for a Mission Station in Africa has been surpassed through the efforts of the women under God. Of the eighteen states given suggested quotas, eleven have given more than their assigned quota.

Another "First" was the establishing of the Memorial Student Loan Fund. Through the generosity of the women, approximately 1500 dollars was given to this most worthy cause and made possible the granting of eight (8) loans to students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College during this first year of the Loan's operation.

This was the year of "Firsts" for the Youth Auxiliaries also. The Y. P. A.'s had as their "First" project donations for a fund for purchasing bicycles for all the Mission Stations, while the G. T. A.'s was for donations for the purchasing of Visual Aids for all the Mission Stations. The response to both of these projects has been good.

The W. N. A. C. office stocked study course books and offered them for sale to the women for the "First" time.

Another "First" was the supply of Teacher Guides for the study course books. Many have expressed their appreciation for this additional help with their study courses.

Yet another "First" for the W. N. A. C. at this Convention is the official entrance into the Convention of our Cuban sisters in Christ Jesus. They sent their dues by Mrs. T. H. Willey, Sr., and we heartily and gladly welcome them into the convention in the name of our wonderful Christ. We trust that we will be a blessing to them and that we will nurture and develop this new bond of fellowship in a way that will be profitable to each group and will be glorifying to Him.

Our Cuban women need literature. We have literature. We are trusting

God to raise up a woman who can and will translate into Spanish the many things they need in this field.

I express the feelings of our dear women in saying "We are grateful for each and every one of these blessings and are convinced that they but point the way to even greater things in His great work."

I believe the Lord has great things in store for Free Will Baptist women in the coming year. I believe we have only started to uncover and discover His will for our women and their part in His plan of redemption for the world.

I believe, Co-Laborer, that we will do more this year under God than ever before. I believe in you. I believe His promises are still enjoyed by those who serve Him and obey Him.

Let us deepen our consecration, our prayer life, our sacrificial giving, (if giving to the Blessed Saviour could ever be thought of as sacrificial) and go forward into another year as "Laborers Together With God."

## SUGGESTED WORKSHOP PROGRAM ON STEWARDSHIP Preparation:

This program is divided into four parts: Information, Presentation, Illumination, Application.

1. Information—This is an hour of teaching on Stewardship. A teacher must be selected and a book on Stewardship made available to her.

2. Presentation—This is a time for a playlet on Stewardship. The following are available at the W. N. A. C. Headquarters: "The Lonely Penny," etc.

3. Illumination—Another time for the study of the subject by the teacher.

4. Application—A general discussion conducted by the teacher.

Program Theme: "The Call to Faithfulness"

Scripture: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

10:00—Hymn

Prayer

Introduction

10:15—Information

11:15—Presentation

12:00—Adjourn for lunch

1:00—Hymn, Prayer, Illumination

1:30—Special Music

Application

2:00—Adjourn

Workshop Theme: "Free Will Baptist Missions in Japan"

Workshop Theme: "Know Your Auxiliary" Using Officer's Workshop Material available at W. N. A. C. Headquarters.

## AUXILIARIES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

The following Woman's Auxiliaries received certificates for Standard Study Courses during the past year. The First Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi received two—Stewardship and Missions. The Free Will Baptist Church in Stacy, North Carolina had one on Missions and one on Evangelism. St. John's Free Will Baptist Church in Stacy, North Carolina had one on Methods. The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri had two—Missions and Stewardship. Sylvian Park Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, had one on the Manual.

We are happy to recognize these groups and the work they have done in having standard study classes and trust that this year there will be more of our groups having standard classes.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

The readers will notice that listed on the program for the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention is a panel discussion. The panel will be composed of the state officers with the study course chairman as moderator. The discussion will be introduced by the moderator who will direct questions to each of the panel members. Following this period of questioning an open discussion will be conducted in which the audience will be expected to participate.

Each auxiliary member who plans to attend the convention should get a list of questions which her auxiliary would like to have discussed and should be ready to present them to the panel. It is hoped that many will plan to participate in the discussion and through this part of the program we will all be enlightened concerning the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Money talks all right. But in these days a dollar doesn't have enough cents to say anything worthwhile.



### THIRD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AUXILIARY

We are still talking about the wonderful time we had here at the National Association, and about the good fellowship we had with all of you. Our church was so thankful that we could have a small part in the meeting. Our dinner was just fine and the setting was beautiful. Sister Edwards had place mats and favors all concerning our mission work in Japan. We hope every one enjoyed it as much as we did.

Since the last letter to you we have been made to realize how much we Sisters in Christ should love one another and appreciate one another. Our dear friend, Sister Mary Regh, passed away on the Third of June. She had a heart condition for some time, but died suddenly. Her life will never be forgotten in our church and in our hearts. She was a faithful member of our church for some eighteen years. Mary was active in every work of our church. Many of you at some time might have met her at conventions throughout the years. Our Auxiliary was at a great loss in her passing away. She has always been so faithful in the work. Her life was a blessing to watch. She would go through any weather to visit the sick or shut-ins, always faithful in church services. Her husband, son, & daughter-in-law need our prayers. It has been so hard for them. The Ladies Auxiliary of the church has donated \$75.00 to the seat fund in honor of Sis. Mary Regh.

Romans 6:7 "For he that is dead is free from sin."

—Mrs Betty Camp, Cor.

### NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of New Hope F. W. B. Church of Kansas City Kansas met July 1 at 7:30 P. M. There were five present. One new member was added.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President—Zola Greenlee.

Vice-President—Edith Blair.

Study Course Chairman—Bertha Russell.

Study Course Chairman Assistant—Gladys Howard.

Program Prayer-Chairman—Esther Rogers.

Program Prayer Chairman Assistant—Mary Lou Howard.

Personal Service Chairman—Mae Vest.

Personal Service Chairman Assistant—Vida Austin.

Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer—Helen McAllister.

Social Chairman—Ruby McAllister.

Topics were given and immediately following the benediction, refreshments were served.

—Helen McAllister, Cor.

### OSKALOOSA CHURCH

We are happy to report that our church is growing in number and also spiritually. We just closed a revival in July, conducted by Bro. Archie Buress. There were four souls saved, one dedicated his life to the ministry, and eight united with the church.

Bro. Buress conducted a baptismal service, July 13. There were ten souls baptized, seven from our church, two from the Hannon Church, and one from the Verdella Church.

At our business meeting it was voted to organize a youth auxiliary. We have a nice group of young people all ready and willing to do God's work. It certainly makes us happy to see them taking part in all the services.

Although we have only been organized seven months, we have gained eleven members into the church. We are happy in our Sunday School and church, and we need your prayers that we may continue to do the work that is set before us, for we do know that there is much work to do and labours are few.

—Mrs. Gerald Peterson, Cor.

### THAYER AUXILIARY

The Thayer F. W. B. Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, June 24, for its regular monthly meeting at the church with nine members present. Some of our members were away on vacation. Business meeting began at seven o'clock with our president, Sis. Clara Allen in charge. The opening prayer was by Sis. Maurine Holman. Song by group "Send the Light." Reports were given by the different officers who were present.

Our auxiliary sponsored a two week Daily Vacation Bible School which began May 26. Our auxiliary conducts cottage prayer meetings once a month in the home of some shut-in or rest home.

Our auxiliary program began at eight o'clock with Sis. Lucille Beatty in charge. Scripture reading was taken from Acts 1:8; Romans 3:9,23; John 3:18. The first topic, "What Say the Scripture about Missions," was given by Sis. Faith Lovelace. The second topic, "The Why of Missions in India,"

was given by Sis. Christine Case. A duet was given, "I Surrender All" was given by Sis. Maurene Holman. The third topic, "The How of Missions in India," was given by Sis. Maurene Holman.

The benediction was given by Sis. Goldie Carroll. Refreshments of homemade ice cream, cookies, and kool aid were served by the hostesses.

—Nettie Bennett, Cor.

### N. E. MISSOURI AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The North East Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention assembled in conference, July 26, at the Low Ground Church. The afternoon session began with congregational singing led by Velma Wellman. Prayer by Maizie Sevits. Sis. Velma Wellman read for scripture lesson from Deut. 11:8, 10, 22; Exodus 6:1-9, and after some timely remarks Bro. Harry Filkins led in prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Letters from the Low Ground, Hazel Creek, New Harmony, and Kirksville Auxiliaries were read for information. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The business Committee's report was read and received to be adopted item by item. All items were adopted. The Appreciation Committee's report was read and adopted. The Nominating Committee's report was read and each office was filled separately, with nominations accepted from the floor. The elected officers were as follows: President, Velma Wellman; Vice-President, Maizie Sevits; Youth Chairman, Winford Hatfield; Study Course Chairman, Blanche Matthews; Personal Service, Fern Kelsey; Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Ethel Thompson; Secretary-Treas., Leona Thompson.

The program for the afternoon was as follows: reading, "The Hill Road" by Mildred Gregory; solo, "Alone" by Velma Wellman; solo, "The Stranger of Galilee" by Howard Filkins; reading, "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised" by Kay Wagner; solo, "I'm Satisfied with Jesus" by Arlene Clay, trio, "I Need No Mansion Here Below" by Bro. and Sister Wendell Sevits and Bro. Andy Lay; Reading, "The Devil" by June Carol Hatfield; Solo, "Face to Face" by Fern Dobbs; Reading "Obedience" by Winford Hatfield; solo, "Mansion Over the Hill Top" by Bro. Andy Lay.

The minutes of this session were read and approved. After singing, "What a Friend" we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Boyd Filkins.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.



# News From Our Churches

## NEW HOPE CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

The New Hope F. W. B. Church of Kansas City, Kansas met Monday July 21, for the election of officers. The Meeting was very successful and the officers elected for the following year were as follows: Advisory committee, Bros. Paul Ussery, Clarence Howard, Ernest Bailey, Stanley Austin, and D. T. Eaves; Treasurer, Bro. Stanley Austin; Assistant treasurer, Gene Watkins; Church clerk, Sis. Lillian Bailey; Assistant church clerk, Edith Blair; Trustee, Bro. Clarence Howard; and Church reporter, Sis. Norma Ussery.

The church was given the opportunity of electing a new pastor if so desired. Rev. James McAllister was re-elected unanimously, subject to the by-laws of the church. The meeting was concluded with the congregation singing, "Amazing Grace", and dismissed in prayer.

On Monday July 28, the Sunday School of the New Hope Church elected officers for the following year. They were as follows: Superintendent, Bro. John McAllister, with Bro. Ernest Bailey as assistant; Treasurer, Sis. Gene Watkins, with Bro. Stanley Watkins as assistant.

The class teachers were elected individually by each class prior to this meeting and were as follows; Junior Class, Sis. Edith Blair with Bro. Stanley Austin as assistant; Little Folks, Sis. Ruby McAllister, with Sis. Callie Bell as assistant; Card Class, Sis. Gladys Howard, with Sis. Mae Vest as assistant; Senior Class, Bro. John McAllister, with Bro. Clarence Howard as assistant; Young Adult Class, Bro. Paul Ussery, with Bro. Frank Bush as assistant; Adult, Bro. D. T. Eaves, with Bro. Tremaine as assistant.

—Norma L. Ussery, Cor.

## TWIN OAK CHURCH

First of all I would like to thank God for the wonderful blessings we have been receiving in our services, for truly God does deserve the praise. Our church is growing in number and also spiritually. I am so glad God does hear and answer prayer when we pray a fervent prayer.

We have had the sad loss of three of our steady members in the last six months, but I am sure our loss was Heaven's gain and that our separations here are for only a short while.

I am certain God always knows best in everything.

Our league is progressing nicely, and we want to thank God for the people who have worked so faithfully to keep God's work going, for if there ever was a time that God's people need to work, it is now. There is so much sin on every hand and people are going out into eternity every day without God. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish:" (Prov. 29:18) We, as Christians, should pray for a vision of God and His work. We ask the prayers of all the Christian people that we at Twin Oak Church might do a greater work for God than ever before.

Bro. Truman Huffman is our pastor, and truly he is a man of God, and is doing a wonderful work in our church. We want to thank God for him and his family.

We had a two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School for the first time in our church. It proved a success and every one who took a part was wonderfully blessed. We hope to do better next year.

Our average in Sunday School for the month of July was sixty-six. We are praying that God will increase our number, but above all we ask him to keep us humble where God can use us in a greater way for His service.

—Mrs. Myrtle Menge, Cor.

## HARTVILLE CHURCH

We are very proud of our church and the improvements on our building. We have a new large basement added and a furnace fund started.

We have a nice group of people attending church and Sunday School, and are keeping our mid-week prayer going. The Lord is blessing our souls.

On Sunday, July 20, the pastor and wife were greatly surprised when it was announced that a dinner was in the basement of the church in honor of their birthdays, both of their birthdays being in July.

It seems good to read the Gem paper again. May God richly bless all the Gem readers.

—Bertha Findley, Cor.

## LEBANON CHURCH

The Lebanon F. W. B. Church on Lynn St. has re-decorated the interior of their building. We have begun to put a new face on the building which will consist of sandstone with white

stripes on the mortar joints. We also have a beautiful picture depicting John the Baptist baptizing the Lord.

We were glad to have had the last quarterly conference at our church. We were well blessed and there was a great number of folks through the day and evening services. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time in the Lord and in fellowship with God's people.

New officers were elected last month. Rev. Laverne Jones was retained as pastor for the coming year. Our Sunday School average for the year was fifty-five. We have had twenty additions to the church since the association, giving us a total membership of eighty. The prayer meetings are good. Twenty-two were in attendance at our last meeting.

Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless in the future as he has in the past and that we will be found always doing His will.

—Louie McNellis, Cor.

## MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH REPORT

Annual Report July 1, 1957 to July 1, 1958

We are happy to start this report out by quoting the Scripture, "Only fear the Lord and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you." I Samuel 12:24.

Members received during the year .....	71
Number Baptized .....	30
Number Dismissed by letter .....	6
Number excluded .....	0
Number deceased ....	2
Resident Members .....	318
Non-resident members .....	51
Total membership to date .....	369
Enrollment of Sunday School .....	345
Average Sunday School Attendance .....	266
League Enrollment ....	175
League Attendance .....	135
Total Income from Tithes and Offerings .....	\$15,039.08
Total Disbursements .....	\$13,308.90
Total Amount in Central Treasury .....	\$ 198.60
Total Amount in Building Fund .....	\$ 2,826.49

—From "Meetin' Time"



## CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Central Western Missouri Quarterly Conference convened June 7, 1958 at the Hickory Grove Church in Harrisonville, Mo. The meeting began at 10:00 A. M. with delegates from all five churches present.

The program theme was "The Church". The speakers for the day were Rev. Alice Dickey, pastor of the First Church in Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Lester Jones, pastor of Beacon Church in Raytown, Mo.; Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon, pastor of Victory Church, North Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Ralph Cook, pastor of Hickory Grove Church, Harrisonville, Mo.; and Rev. James McAllister, pastor of New Hope Church, Kansas City, Kans.

Officers were elected for the year as follows: Moderator, Bro. McAllister; Assistant moderator, Deacon Joe Cockrell; Clerk, Sis LaRue Horn; Reporter, Rev. James McAllister. Two members were elected to the Executive Board. They were Deacon Clifford Altis, for a term of four years and Rev. Ralph Cook, for a term of five years.

We were wonderfully blessed and enjoyed immensely our day in the Lord's service.

We plan a missionary conference, August 30, 1958, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., with Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna as speakers.

—Rev. James McAllister

## MADISON CO. S. S. CONVENTION

The Madison County Sunday School Convention met at 2:00 o'clock, July 27, at the Twin Oak Church. The convention was opened by the president, Rev. O. D. Matthews, with congregational singing led by Rev. Truman Huffman. Prayer by Rev. Albert Halbrook. Scripture reading from Psalm 61 by Bro. Paul Graham. Welcome address was given by Bro. Harry Huffman with response by Sis. Christina Halbrook. A number in song was rendered by the Copper Mines Sunday School, followed by a dialogue by the Fredericktown S. S. A topic was given by Rev. Melvin Howell, reading from Psalm 73.

After congregational hymn, the business session was conducted. It was voted to give fifteen dollars to the Sunday School State Convention. The total enrollment for those present was one-hundred nineteen. The Mine La Motte School received the attendance banner for the highest attendance of their Sunday School average present. The officers for the coming

year were elected as follows: President, Bro. Dallas Smith; Vice President, Bro. Leeman Underwood; and Secretary, Sis. Annette Cox.

Numbers were given by Mine La Motte and Mill Creek S. S. followed by a reading from Oak Hill and chorus singing from Twin Oak, special numbers were rendered by Doris Allen and her father. Benediction, by Rev. Truman Huffman.

## NORTHEAST MO. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Low Ground Church, June 29, 1958, with Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.

The morning service opened with congregational singing. Prayers were offered by Sis. Mona Chrisman and Bro. Leslie Hatfield. Bro. Mike Fowler delivered the morning message with the scripture lesson from Acts 2:42 and Fellowship as the subject. After a very interesting message an invitation hymn was sung. Benediction by Rev. Wm. Buster.

Following a basket dinner at the noon hour, the afternoon session opened by congregational singing led by Mona Chrisman. Prayer by Bro. Andy Loy. The president, Rev. Mildred Gilliam read for scripture lesson Matt. 9:36, and led in prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and letters from Kirksville, Low Ground and Hazel Creek Auxiliary read for information. Motion made and sustained that the sessions of the Fifth Sunday Meetings begin at 1:45 P. M., with the next meeting to be held at the Martinstown Church with Rev. Kermit Crooks as the eleven o'clock speaker, and Rev. Mildred Gilliam, alternate.

The program was as follows: Solos, "Mansion Over the Hill Top" and "Take My Hand Precious Lord" by Bro. Andy Loy; reading, "Why as I a Christian" by Mona Chrisman; song by Low Ground Young People; reading, "A Tramp's Testimony" by Eva Pearl Sponsler; Trio by New Harmony; Duet, "Oh Say, But I'm Glad" by Velma Wellman and Bernice Thomas; Piano solo, June Carol Hatfield; solo, "How Great Thou Art" by Jewell Church; congregational hymn; Play, "The Beautiful Garden" by Hazel Creek; Bible quiz by Mrs. Mazie Sevits; Chorus by young people; Congregational hymn; and benediction by Rev. Kermit Crooks.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

The Bible promises no loaves to the loafer.

## 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
Verdella .....	Rev. Archie Buess
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
Garden Church .....	Rev. Roy Jones
Jones Chapel—	
Hartville .....	Rev. Charles Findley
Walnut Ridge (Ark.) ....	Rev. Glen Campbell

Success, peace, and joy are not found in getting, but in giving. All truly great people have found that their only real joy is living by giving. All selfish people have suffered defeat by getting to spend or hoard, or trying to do so.



## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

April, May, June, 1958

## Received:

## Co-operative Fund:

Alton Church .....	\$ 6.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church ....	88.30
Beacon Church .....	120.72
Carterville Church .....	20.99
Copper Mines Church .....	131.56
Desloge Church .....	191.48
Farmington Church .....	89.81
Fellowship Church .....	373.42
Flat River First Church ....	261.50
Fredericktown Church .....	249.99
Grant Ave. Church	
Springfield .....	40.74
Hannon Church .....	36.99
Hurryville Church .....	55.49
Hickory Grove Church ....	27.83
Kirksville Church .....	50.00
Leadington Church .....	214.10
Merl's Chapel Church .....	84.30
Mill Creek Church .....	45.67
Mine La Motte Church ....	26.74
Monett Church .....	169.06
Mountain Grove Church ..	134.50
Mountain Valley .....	32.04
Myrtle Church .....	33.86
Number One Church .....	105.68
New Hope Church .....	60.00
St. Louis District Quarterly	
Meeting .....	635.53
Thayer Church .....	123.52
Twin Oak Church .....	25.00
Union Light Church .....	18.00
Verdella Church .....	121.43
Total Received .....	\$3574.25
Disbursed as Follows:	
National Co-operative Fund	\$2144.55
State Home Missions .....	786.35
Free Will Baptist Gem .....	178.71
Youth Camp .....	178.71
State General Fund .....	178.71
State Superannuation .....	107.23
Total Disbursed .....	\$3574.25
Foreign Missions:	
Berkeley League .....	\$ 10.00
Fellowship Church .....	250.15
Graysville Church .....	20.00
Leadington Church .....	90.00
Leadington Daily Vacation	
Bible School .....	13.86
Martinstown Church .....	20.00
Mendola Church .....	31.13
Mendola Mission .....	15.00
Mill Creek League .....	10.00
Mine La Motte Church ....	24.49
Oskaloose Church .....	6.00
Union Light Church .....	14.00
Total Received .....	\$ 504.63
Total Disbursed .....	504.63
Missions:	
Fredericktown Church .....	\$ 60.59
Merl's Chapel Church .....	15.00
New Harmony Church .....	65.38

Rock Chapel Church .....	42.04
Total Received .....	\$ 183.01
Disbursed as Follows:	
Foreign Missions .....	128.11
National Home Missions ....	54.90
Total Disbursed .....	\$ 183.01
National Home Missions:	
Berkeley League .....	10.00
Leadington Church .....	90.00
South Side League .....	15.00
Total Received .....	\$ 115.00
Total Disbursed .....	\$ 115.00
Tennessee Orphanage:	
Fredericktown Church .....	\$ 49.53
Graysville Youth .....	10.00
Hazel Creek S. S. ....	16.30
Total Received .....	\$ 75.83
Total Disbursed .....	\$ 75.83
College Kitchen:	
Kirksville League .....	\$ 7.70
Total Received .....	\$ 7.70
Total Disbursed .....	\$ 7.70
Gem:	
Subscriptions .....	\$ 249.88
Supplies .....	23.67
Total Received .....	\$ 273.55
—Signed, Rev. Albert Halbrook,	
Clerk-Treas.	

MOUNTAIN GROVE AUXILIARY  
ELECTS OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary had its annual election and installation services with the following new officers taking over their new jobs: President, Sister Jewell Spurgeon; Vice President, Sister Donna Faye Wade; Secretary, Sister Eva Elliott; Corresponding Secretary, Sister Ruth Sheppard; Treasurer, Sister Glenna Sanders; Program Chairman, Sister Neva Raney; Study Course Chairman, Sister Hazel Hutsell; Personal Chairman, Sister Hazel Elliott. We pray God's richest blessings upon each officer and every member of this outstanding organization, which is a great arm of our church. Some twenty-eight members attended the meeting.

From bulletin, "Meetin' Time."

GRANT AVENUE CHURCH  
AUXILIARY

Springfield, Missouri

The Grant Avenue Auxiliary met at the church, June 19 at 1:30 P. M. The meeting was opened by singing, "Wonderful Story of Love." Scripture reading was from Acts 1:8; Romans 3:9-19; and John 3:18. Roll call was answered with scripture verses with six present. An offering of six dollars and seventy-five cents was received. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A letter from Rev. & Mrs. Lee Whaley, our mis-

sionaries to Alaska, was read. Our program was presented on India. Prayer was led by Mildred Kensinzer around the altar. At the close of the services the following officers were elected to serve for next year: Mildred Kensinzer, president; Dorothy Frazier, vice-president; Vinita Broyles, secretary-treasurer and corresponding secretary; Braxine Evans, study course chairman; Wanda Donaldson, youth chairman; Helen Chapman, personal service chairman; and Mrs. Grover Terry, program prayer chairman. Benediction by Mrs. Della Kensinzer.

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The Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary met at the Grant Avenue Church, at 1:30 P. M., July 17.

The Auxiliary service was opened by singing, "We're Marching to Zion," and "Throw Out the Life Line." Prayer by Braxine Evans followed by hymn "Rescue the Perishing." Scripture reading was from Jer. 6:16-19. The minutes were read and approved. Talks were given by each officer on the duties of her office. The roll was called with each member present answering with a scripture verse. There were eleven members and eight visitors present. A collection of eight dollars and sixty-five cents was received. Motion was made and carried to change the time of meeting from Thursday afternoon to Thursday night. The program was on the topic "Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in Community Mission." Benediction by Wanda Donaldson and Bertha Dennis.

—Vinita Broyles, Cor.

## BEWARE OF THE SPECKS

While taking off my wrist watch recently, I accidentally dropped it to the floor. Just as I had feared, it quit ticking, so I took it in for repairs. After I told what had happened, the jeweler said he would soon have it ready and I could stop by on my way home.

When I returned for it, Mr. Epp said he would like to show me what had happened. On a piece of white paper, lay a tiny dark speck. It had been dislodged by the fall, and the delicate mechanism was stopped by a mere particle. But it had to be removed before the valuable watch could be useful again.

How often little dark specks fall into our thinking, little shady words into our conversations, little unlovely habits into our daily living. Tiny as they may be, they mar the perfection of our Christian testimony.

—The Gospel Herald