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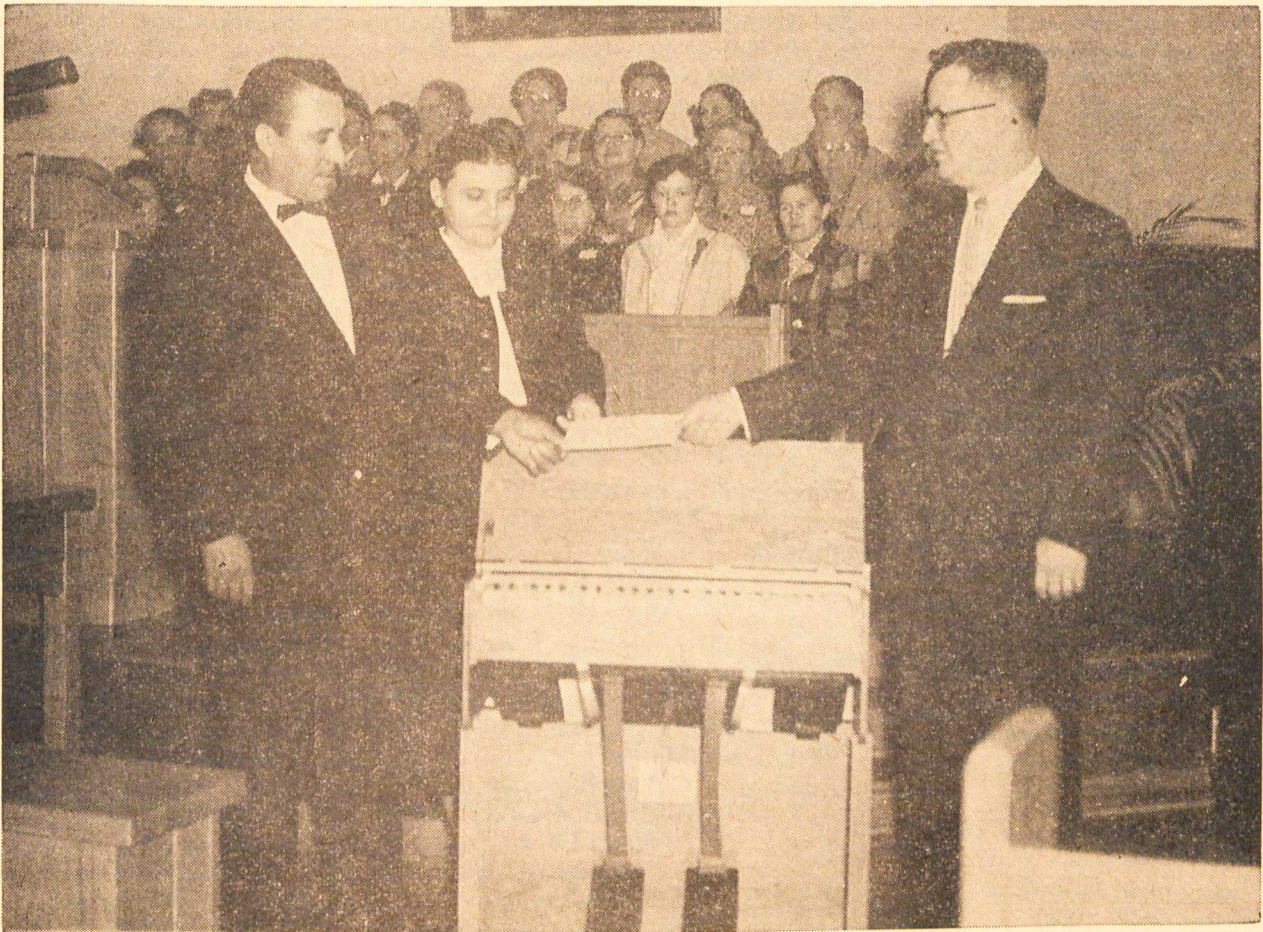
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Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows, our Missionaries to Mexico, receiving a portable organ from the Quarterly Conference of the Indian Creek Association. Rev. Luther Sanders, Moderator of the Conference, is pictured making the presentation.

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Emma Ruth, Dec. 19
Alicia Ruth, Dec. 17

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Mr. Phenicie, Oct. 27

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Samuel Ray, Sept. 24

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Mr. Cronk, Feb. 28
Randell, April 3
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna
Birthdates: Mrs. Hanna, April 9
Mr. Hanna, Aug. 3
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Donald Timothy, Oct. 24

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Mr. Sparks, Dec. 14

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Birthdates: Mrs. Merkh, Jan. 29
Mr. Merkh, April 11
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Daniel Merkh, Jr. Jan. 14
Timothy Merkh, Nov. 5

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Mr. Eagleton,
Kenny,

Willey Reports--Cuba's Liberation

As I write this, the day we have for seven years been waiting for has arrived—the liberation from the tyranny of an absolute dictator. In the early morning hours of the first day of the new year the once strong man of Cuba with his co-laborers fled in all directions. It is reported that Batista took with him too hundred million dollars of national money. This first day of 1959 is a day that will go down in history in this Island of Cuba.

This day has always been an important one in the mission. Under very threatening conditions we have never suspended the convention on New Year's day. Though we could feel the pressure building up we continued with our plans to go ahead. We have lived under this bondage for so long that it didn't seem possible that it would soon be over, though all about us tragic things were happening. Numbers were being shot down and persued like animals. The rebel forces were entrenched in the hills within sight of the mission school fighting a guerrilla war.

The Lord has been so merciful while so near to all this no one came near to bother us. Airplanes were scouting over us continually but we continued in prayer that the angel of the Lord might encamp around us. Under this tense atmosphere with guns of army and police pointing at everyone, our people came in small groups so that here at the mission the crowds began to grow in time for the first service. At the close of the second message some of the rebels ran in to inform us that it was true that the Dictator had fallen. There was a tremendous surge of national relief—our people shouted for joy and praised God for answered prayer. That was the end of our convention for that day. In town things broke lose in mad celebration of joy. The prisons were opened and the political prisoners ran to the arms of their loved ones. The streets were filled with shouting people and large trucks filled with people waving the flags of the revolution—black, white, and red with the number 26 representing the 26th of July.

For seven years, this people had forgotten how to smile. A nation was in mourning. Little wonder that on the streets we were frequently met by people who embraced us and wept. No one could talk, we lived in constant fear. But this day while there were no police or militia there was an amazing amount of order. The rebels came down from the hills to take over

control immediately. They were so bearded, dirty and tired—yet with courtesy and kindness that was amazing.

A ban was placed on the sale of liquors throughout the entire country; then the general strike came on for four days and not even a piece of bread could be bought.

While the crowds filled the streets with exhuberant joy the cry came to destroy all the gambling Casinos sponsored by the Batista Government. A mad scene was enacted—the gambling tables and wheels were thrown into the streets and smashed in huge piles and then a torch put to it. Mad people went from Casino to Casino wrecking and burning.

There has been very little robbing or revenge taken as yet. Men were in the streets who had been cruelly beaten and members of their families murdered; yet they were waiting for justice to be executed. Continually voices on the radios are pleading for order with the promise that all criminals within the government will be justly punished. The personnel of both police and army responsible for the beatings and murder have gone into hiding; they are afraid to face trial.

For the past two years we have been in danger and could not write because of the heavy censure of mails. Now we can tell you of the crimes almost too horrible to mention. One friend came to me and lifted his shirt saying, "See how Menocal has left his marks on my back." Great scars were the full length of his chest and back. Menocal was one of the most cruel murderers under the Batista regimen and he was over Pinar del Rio. As I write, bodies are still being found that were buried alive by this man. At the last moment when he was completely surrounded by rebels and his wife was brought to beg him to surrender alive, he killed four of the rebels and wounded sixteen others. He finally yelled, "Take that woman away or I'll kill her." Then he said that tanks were turned upon the house and before they could kill him he hanged himself. They brought his body to Pinar and put him in a funeral parlor. Only a group of rebels watched over his body that night. The next morning, when they took time to bury him (and as the people say, "How decent they were to him") the town arose screaming "take him from the casket; give us just a piece of him"! Finally the rebel commander got through and with a mike talked in a soft voice to the people, telling how proud he had been of them for their wonderful co-operation, then finally said, "This is just a dead body. Let's leave the vengeance in the hands

of God." As he finished, so the eye witnesses told me, the multitude of people quietly turned and went to their homes. The lady who told me about this is one of the most cultured women of this city and she admitted that she had to be one of the crowd. This shows you the depth of hate in the hearts of the people and only excellent, super-natural leadership can keep them from taking their vengeance.

Fidel Castro is in march toward Havana. He is stopping in each capital city having trials for the criminals. The people are making the accusations and his tribunal is placing the sentences. In another article we shall tell you of how this very humble and simple man won the revolution with his "guajiros" (country men). He announces that he would not come to Havana without them. Most of them have never seen Havana. A great many cannot even read or write, but this highly educated man won the greatest battle that has ever been won in the Latin Americas with a group of simple country farmers. This is nothing other than God answering prayer and breaking the hand of the devil who has had this great country under his heels for so long.

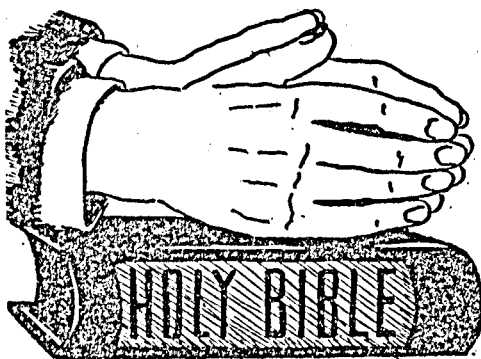
The future offers us a great challenge for the Gospel. We can realize the value of the National Church as never before. Our hesitant foreign policy and lack of cooperation from the State Department, the arms, ammunitions, tanks and planes furnished by the United States to the Batista government have greatly hurt the name American. Here in our city the people know and love us but we feared unless something could be done soon this country was going to turn to Communism, but thank God He has saved us from that.

Last evening, January 5, we were in the city awaiting the arrival of some of our exiled Christians from the States. When they rode into the city, everyone went wild. Finally they were taken to the radio station and Manolo said, "We must in these days ask God for wisdom and guidance. I have no hate in my heart." He will soon assume his responsibility as mayor—the office to which he was elected several years ago and never came to occupy. Many of our Christians are holding important positions now. Please pray that the Lord shall keep them humble and faithful to their convictions.

We need your prayers as never before as we face the future. The Catholic Church will take every opportunity to forge ahead but we feel that the Evangelicals have left their undying

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The Family Altar



LIVING OUR PRAYER

I knelt to pray when day was done, and prayed: "O Lord, bless everyone, lift from each burdened heart the strain, and let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day and carelessly went on my way. The whole day long I did not try to wipe a tear from any eye. Yet, once again, when day was done, I prayed O Lord bless everyone. And lift from each burdened heart the strain and let the sick be well again... And as I prayed, into my ear, there spoke a voice it whispered clear: "Pause hypocrite, before you pray whom have you tried to bless today? God's richest blessings always flow, thru hands that serve Him ere below." And then I hid my face, and cried, "Forgive me, God, I have not tried, let me but see another day and I will live the way I pray."

—Copied

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Co-Laborers:

I would like to share with you the following letter from Miss Volena Wilson, India. Please remember to join in these prayer requests.

PRAISE FOR:

1. Aaron—A Mohammedan convert, who read his Bible through 3 times before his conversion.

a. Shortly after baptism on New Year's Day 1958 much persecution arose against him—200 of the people in his village took him before the temple priest. He stated that the Lord spoke to him saying, "Be not afraid. I'll give you what to say in that hour". He also said that it occurred to him that even if they should take his life he would immediately be with the Lord and his heart filled with joy. The people tried to get him to renounce Christ but he would not.

b. Since his conversion (1 year period) he has read the Bible through twice and completed 5 Bible Correspondence courses. He uses a great deal of Scripture in all his testimonies and witnessing to others,

c. Recently he led 5 Mohammedans to the Lord and now his wife and son are Believers. He is a very keen Christian.

2. In the past one year we have seen a tremendous increase in church attendance and offerings. A large percentage of our members are now regular tithers. Offerings from our last two or three services totaled Rs. \$154.71.

3. June of last year the Sait Line people began to attend church regularly. Prior to then there was little interest—only 2 ladies were members of our church; now there are 8. And in addition to these members, there are quite a number of others who now attend the church services regularly. Even though the men of Sait Line are not interested very much and are not yet attending our church services, they arranged a special meeting Sunday night, January 4th., for Pastor Dorairaj and me in appreciation of our interest in the work among them.

4. For our fine Harvest Festival offering in September which was the largest in history of work.

5. For the 20 or more who accepted the Lord as Saviour in Camp Lines the last week of November. We were amazed by those meetings. We had planned to hold the services in one small room but even the first night this was not possible. We had to move outside and hold open air meetings each night. During that week, it was a joy to us to see one family remove and destroy all their idols. A number of these new converts are now attending church services regularly

6. For the moving of God's Spirit in Gopalapuram. During November there was a family of 4 who destroyed all idols and now are rejoicing, victorious Christians. Last month there were 14 people who received baptism from this area.

7. For the 20 individuals who received baptism on the 21st of last month.

8. For the one keen Christian, John, from Ghandipuram where we have conducted S. S. since December 1954. John and his daughter attend our church regularly

PRAYER FOR:

1. Young people—many who aren't coming to S. S. and church regularly.

2. For the 13 Bible Study Centers and 4 new S. S. we plan to organize next month.

3. Retreat next month—1st week in Gopalapuram, 2nd week here in Kotagiri. Evangelistic services in the evenings at 6 P. M.

4. New School to be opened in R. V. Estate next month.

5. Hindu man, Mari Muthu, asking for baptism but his conversation revealed that Christ is not a reality to him.

6. The tract, Amazing Redemption, of the converted Hindu priest, Mr. Paul Ponna Maistry, has caused much opposition in Gopalapuram. Mr. P. P. Maistry has been taken before Sup Inspector of Police re this tract.

7. Much opposition arisen in Gopalapuram against the Christians since their baptism last month.

8. P. Manickam, a post office clerk, who needs Christ.

9. K. Achish, one of our school teachers, who needs Christ also.

—(Mrs. Edwards)

LEE R. MILLER AND WIFE EXPERIENCE SORROW

Mount Olive, January—Joy and sorrow have come to the family of Lee R. Miller, professor of history and social studies at Mount Olive Junior College. On January 18, Mrs. Miller gave birth to twins, a boy named Paul Edward and a daughter, Ann Elizabeth.

Ann Elizabeth, however, died the following day. Graveside services were conducted in the Mount Olive Cemetery by the Reverend W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College, and the Reverend M. L. Johnson, business manager.

Mrs. Miller and infant Paul Edward are reported to be doing well. The Millers have two other children, Sandy and Charles.

The Millers are from Flat River, Missouri.

Note: Lee R. Miller is the son of Rev. Jas. F. Miller of Farmington, Missouri.

—From Mount Olive Junior College news.

WILLEY REPORTS—CUBA'S LIBERATION

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influence on this liberation movement.

As we have driven through the streets the bearded soldiers of Fidel Castro have passed us by and one when he saw us cried with gun raised high, "Vive Cristo!" (Long live Christ!)

We must joyfully and prayerfully lift up our Lord and Christ who is the only answer to Cuba's and the world's great need.

Today as never before I feel proud to be an adopted son for this great and brave little nation who has fought, suffered and died for her liberty. May she now know the great liberty that comes only by being free in Christ.

O Send Out Thy Light to Africa

By Rev. Raymond Riggs

(Continued from last month)

We must all remember the Lord will not share His glory with human flesh or with human techniques, or with human ingenuity. I was impressed when Bro. Dan Merkh preached his first sermon to the Christians in our little church in Koun. Bro. Merkh, to be sure, felt his inability and in his opening prayer he threw himself on the mercy of God and plead for the Holy Spirit to direct his ministry to those people.

III. Christ's Identification.

When the Lord Jesus became flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, he sat down where we sat. He did not despise the virgin's womb. He became one of those among whom He was to minister and for whom He was to suffer, and die. His identification with humanity was not with the rich, the politically prominent, the cultured the socially accepted, rather He was known as the friend of Publicans and Sinners. A friend of the outcast, a friend of the man who lived on the wrong side of the tracks. In the days of our Lord there was racial segregation. The Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. The religious Jews would draw aside when he passed another who could not trace pure lineage and unadulterated Jewish stock. The Lord Jesus identified Himself with those who were unaccepted, who were not admitted to the synagogue.

I wonder, if our Lord were to come to the United States would we find Him worshipping in the churches and assemblies were only whiteskinned people were acceptable, or would we find him on the other side of the tracks worshipping with the outcast and the socially unaccepted? The Lord Jesus was a friend of sinners and the outcast. He loved sinners. It was sinners the Lord came to seek and to save. The servant is not greater than his Lord, and He asks the missionary to identify himself with those to whom he is sent to preach the Gospel. The missionary does not necessarily have to live like the natives, but he must certainly live with the native. One of the problems on the mission field is the extent to which segregation and racial superiority is practiced by missionaries toward those to whom they preach the Gospel. In some fields the native or the national is not welcomed in the home of the missionary. The missionary lives behind the walls of his compound which repre-

sent a little bit of England or a little bit of America. Let us pray that such will not be the case as we endeavor to speed the light to the dark Continent of Africa.

The extent to which we fail to identify ourselves in spirit as well as in practice with those to whom we go with the Gospel to that extent we fail in our ministry. To be sure there are differences of culture and certain conditions of health demand certain distinctions. Identification is first of all a matter of the mind and heart, and only secondarily an outbound expression in the life. But if in spirit we are completely one with those to whom the Lord has sent us, we shall not find it difficult in practice living as one with them. This is an important factor in missionary work.

The missionary must identify himself with those to whom the Lord has called him to minister, and he must be one of them, if he expects to win them for the Lord Jesus Christ. May God hasten the day when prejudice and superior feelings will be erased from our ranks and we may identify ourselves with humanity as a whole in order to elevate them to the marvelous saving grace of our God.

IV. Christ's Cross—and Ours.

During the earthly ministry of our Lord He had constantly before Him one goal. That goal was the cross of Calvary. He set His face as a flint to go up to Jerusalem and while shrinking from the horror, burden and suffering of the spiritual separation from God in becoming sin for mankind, nevertheless he prayed, "Not my will but thine be done." The Lord knew full well that unless He the corn of wheat fell to the ground and died, He must abide alone. Because He went down to death the harvest of the church, the redeemed ones was the result. Sometimes as those sent by the Lord to preach the Gospel while giving sufficient emphasis to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ for us His substitutionary death, we have failed to enter into the experience of identification with Him in His cross. So the missionary or the Christian Worker must be identified with Christ in His cross.

Many have failed to realize as an experience that when the Lord Jesus was crucified the believer was crucified with Him. When the Saviour took the sins of the believer to the cross, He also took the believer there. Christ identified Himself with humanity in becoming man and bearing man's sin, so when we put our trust in the Lord Jesus, we identify ourselves with Him in His death, in His burial and in His

resurrection. This actually means that the Christian no longer lives but Christ lives in him, that he no longer has any rights or privileges but Christ has all the rights and privileges because he the believer has died not only judicially but experimentally. This, of course, can be realized only by the enablement of the Holy Spirit. No longer then, has the Christian or missionary feelings to be hurt. He has no tender toes to be trodden on. He is dead. He has been crucified. He has been raised to newness of life. He does not want his own way because he no longer exists to have his own way. His one desire and ambition is the will and the way of the Lord. He does not seek personal recognition and appreciation, because he no longer lives to be recognized or to be appreciated. Christ lives in him and his one desire is that Christ may be magnified in his mortal body, that Christ may be recognized and honored and glorified and adored.

This is not only a truth to merely sing about, it is the call of reality in Christian Service. This is the one and only basis of effective missionary service. If the missionary is unwilling to be taken to the cross, if he is unwilling to enter the experience of death and burial with the Lord Jesus Christ he will not rise to resurrection life. He cannot because he has not had the experience of death, burial and resurrection. His service will tend to be in the energy of the flesh, rather than the power of the Spirit. He will function as a man, he will not be identified with those to whom the Lord has sent him to minister Christ. He will fail to depend upon the resources of God, the Holy Spirit. He will rely upon himself and his natural talents, unless the Christian Missionary keeps ever before him the cross of Christ and unless this has been the experience in his own life, he will fail to empty himself or to be emptied even as the Lord Jesus emptied Himself in order that we might ultimately receive of His fullness. Surely the Apostle Paul had this in mind when he wrote to us in Galatians, Chapter 2, verse 20, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me and the light I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Yes, we have a marvelous opportunity to take the light to the dark Continent of Africa.

Will you be among those that are willing to empty yourself and identify yourself with the Africans, be

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From the Editor's Desk

GOING FORWARD

Moses said "Go Forward" and surely this is what the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting has endeavored to do in the establishment of the Immanuel Bible Institute.

In this day when emphasis is being placed on secular education and when specialization is the order of the day, the Christian or the Church cannot lag behind. In fact God has never intended for his people to ignore education. Apostle Paul saw the need of a Christian education and training, and admonished Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I am certain that a school or institute established for the purpose of fulfilling the admonition of Paul will succeed, and that is just the purpose of the Immanuel Bible Institute.

The success of any organization or institution depends greatly upon the leaders, and we feel that the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting could not have found a more qualified person than Rev. Roger Reeds, who is president. Rev. Reeds has the work at heart, and is well qualified intellectually.

The enrollment began on January 20, with an enrollment of fifteen. Other schools that have grown to large institutions have begun with smaller numbers. I am sure that a large enrollment and a large institution is not the main objective of this institute, but should God in his providence will to make it so, then we may remind you that this institute is located in the largest city in Missouri, an ideal location.

You are invited to secure more information about this institute. Please read on this page the "Immanuel Bible Institute."

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APPRECIATION

We wish to express words of appreciation to the many churches, auxiliaries, and individuals who have and are at present sending manuscript to be placed in the Gem. Also we appreciate more than words can express the faithfulness of the church treasurers of the churches who have adopted the Church Family Plan, in sending payments for the Gem.

We might say, however, that only in a few cases manuscripts and Sunday School averages are being sent to the General Baptist Press at Poplar Bluff. This material reaches us, through the kindness of the press there

sending it on to us, but to save delay please send all material for Gem directly to: Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Missouri.

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IMMANUEL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Immanuel Bible Institute began operating on Tuesday, January 20 with an enrollment of 15. Classes are being held on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the 3120 Mt. Pleasant St. building on the South Side Free Will Baptist Church. Courses offered this semester are:

Evangelism

English

Speech

Practical Pastoral Theology

The building offered by the South Side Church has two class room, a book store-snack shop combination, and a library-study hall. The address of the Institute is 3120 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis 11, Missouri.

President Roger Reeds states that the Institute is beginning on a limited scale but hopes to enlarge its curriculum by next semester. It is hoped that the day classes can be increased and facilities secured for boarding students.

The Institute is being sponsored by the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting but any help from other sources would be greatly appreciated. This could be the beginning of a Free Will Baptist Institute in the state of Missouri. Immanuel Bible Institute stands firmly upon the teachings of the Word of God and especially the doctrines of our own Free Will Baptist denomination. It does not come into existence in a competitive spirit but to meet the need of diploma. If you would like to have further information about Immanuel Bible Institute and the opportunities it affords in a great city like St. Louis, then contact the office. Again the address is:

Immanuel Bible Institute
3120 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Missouri

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STATE ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD AT THAYER

The Missouri State Association for the year 1959 will be held with the Cave Springs Association at the Thayer Church in Thayer, Missouri.

Thayer has several good, clean restaurants and motels. Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, on the bank of the largest spring in the world (so they claim) has an equal number of eating places, all within two miles of Thayer.

The homes of many of Free Will Baptist people over the districts have hard surface roads leading to, or near by their homes.

Therefore, we the Cave Springs Association, extend a cordial welcome to the Missouri State Association, and all people. —Rev. Harry Beatty, Cor.

(Editor's note: Rev. Beatty is the Sec.-Treas. of the Executive Board of the Missouri State Association, and also the pastor of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church.)

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REV. CHARLES McALLISTER

Rev. Charles McAllister, a retired Free Will Baptist minister, born April 4, 1884 departed this life December 8, 1958, at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 4 days, at Lebanon, Mo.

The funeral services were held at the Holman Funeral Home Wednesday, December 10, at 2:30 P. M., with Rev. Paul Bliss as the minister in charge. Rev. and Mrs. James McAllister rendered the music for the services. The pall bearers were as follows: Bill McAllister, Jim McAllister, Earl Hubbard, Jack McAllister, Buck Van Hooser, and Jack Roberts.

Rev. McAllister is the grandfather of two of our Free Will Baptist ministers; Rev. James McAllister, pastor of the New Hope Church of Kansas City, Kansas, and Rev. Jack McAllister of Holden, Mo.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. Roger Reeds are the proud parents of a baby girl who arrived on Christmas day and was given the name of Holly Ruth. She weighed 8 lbs. 11½ ounces. Congratulations are extended to this fine couple. Rev. Reeds is the pastor of South Side Church, St. Louis, Mo.

O SEND OUT THY LIGHT TO AFRICA

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crucified with Christ, seek the enablement of the Holy Spirit that from the Bondoukou Circle, from the many tribes and thousands of people, souls may come to the Lord Jesus through His saving Gospel?

Will you be among those who pray that this light may be taken, and will you be among those who will give that the darkness may be dispelled and the many benighted souls shall find Christ as their personal Saviour?

Summer is the dreaded season
When youngsters, for no earthly reason
Will slam, until they almost splinter
The doors they didn't close all winter.
—Stephen Schlitzer



LEAGUE ORGANIZED

A Free Will Baptist League was organized at Mine La Motte Church January 18, 1959, with nineteen charter members. Lloyd Durbin presided at the meeting. Officers elected were as follows:

President—Elizabeth Sales.
Vice President—Pauline Hughes.
Secretary-Treas.—Carol Matthews
Pianist—Janice Durbin.
Chorister—Jim Rogers.
Group Captains—Sylvia Matthews,
Bob Warner and Christina Halbrook.
Sponsor—Rev. Albert Halbrook.
—Carol Matthews, Cor.

YOUTH CAMP CRIER THANK YOU

In our last CRIER to you in November, we put out an appeal to our people over the state to send to us a special offering so that we could pay back a personal loan that we had to make in order to meet the \$1000 payment which became due in October. We want to take this time and place to thank you who responded to our appeal. We knew you would not fail us, and we are sure God will especially bless each of you who made it possible to retire this note.

The next payment of \$1000 will be due the first week of November of this year. We know you won't let us down on this, so why not begin sending in offerings now for this so that when it becomes due this time, it will not be necessary for us to negotiate another personal loan?

CONCRETE WALK AROUND POOL

Last year at the close of Youth Camp, pledges were made for a concrete walkway around the swimming pool. Some of these pledges have not been paid as yet, so the walkway has not yet been put in.

If you, your church, League, Y. P. A., etc., have made a pledge and it is not paid as yet, please pay it as soon as possible so we can get this done before Youth Camp time.

PLAN OF WORK FOR 1959

Your Youth Camp Board set up a plan of work for 1959. However much of this will not be accomplished unless you send in your offerings soon. Some of the things we were hoping to accomplish were as follows:

Class rooms—New well—Hot water heater—Enclosure of Tabernacle—Concrete walk around pool—Remodeling of State cabins and many other recreational activities.

NEEDS FOR THE CAMP

Any auxiliary or persons wishing to make or send heavy quilts for the use of the camp can mail or bring them to the camp. Some remember how cold they got last year.

Articles for the kitchen and dining hall—Salt and pepper shakers, large kitchen spoons and forks, large food choppers, and two sugar shakers.

Many cabins are also in need of repairs and furniture. If you or your association owns a cabin, why not try to get it fixed before Youth Camp time?

NEWS IN GENERAL

Cold weather hit the Youth Camp on January 4, when it was 12 degrees below zero on the cottage porch.

The entire Niangua community was saddened by the death of Bill Thompson, husband of Doris Sells Thompson, on Sunday following Christmas. Bill suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at work and was rushed to the Baptist Hospital at Springfield, where he lived about eleven days. Doris was at his side constantly. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Doris; one daughter, Joyce (age 9) and a son 4 years old, and his aged parents. Funeral services were conducted at the Niangua Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Henry Long assisted by Rev. Don Rogers, and Rev. William Reeves. He was a son-in-law of Mrs. Freda Sells, our camp cook.

In case you didn't know, the Free Will Baptists now have a radio program on KWTO Springfield, Mo. The program takes place each Saturday at

8:30 to 8:45 A. M., 560 on your dial. Each Saturday the services will be conducted by the following:

1st Sat. — Rev. Grover Jerry
2nd Sat. — Rev. William Reeves
3rd Sat. — Rev. Frank Lintore
4th Sat. — Rev. Lester Hilton

On the 2nd Saturday Bro. Reeves will be giving the Youth Camp announcements. Pray for this work.

DID YOU KNOW?

That more are saved in one week at our Youth Camp than most churches see saved in their church in one year?

That more answer a call for special service in one week at Camp than most churches have in a life time?

If Youth Camp is that important to our youth, WHY DON'T OUR CHURCHES SUPPORT IT IN A MUCH GREATER WAY? Why not put the Youth Camp on your budget today?

WHERE WERE YOU?

"I came to your church last Sunday, I walked up and down the aisle, I noticed your seat was vacant,"

Said the Master, with a kindly smile.

"Yes, I was at home," I answered, "Some folks from up my old home way,

Drove down for a week-end visit, So we stayed in the house all day."

Or, "I had an awful headache,"

"I had a roast in the pan,"

Or, "We overslept this morning, But I go whenever I can."

The master gazed at me sadly,

As He was about to speak,

"My child," He replied, "Are there not

Six other days in the week?"

I saw I had grieved my Master,

As slowly He turned away,

And I vowed He'd not find me absent

Again on His Holy Day!

—From Monett Bulletin

Attend Church Sunday

News From The Mission Field

DAN MERKH WRITES

Dear Brother Riggs:

Just a bit of Christmas rejoicing! This is the news of rejoicing. I think that I wrote to you and told you of my visit to a neighboring village of ours. The Village was Kotaganda. I was there on November 30 for a service. The next day they sent word that they wanted me back, and there was some talk that the fetish priest wanted to resign and "put her name with us". I was able to get back to this village Sunday, December 21. I spoke, but didn't have too large a crowd because I didn't tell them ahead of time that I was coming. The people had already left for their farms in the bush. However, one young man prayed and we believe he was saved. They had sent word that some ten were interested in coming to the Lord, so I made arrangements to go back this morning. The service was scheduled for 8 in the morning.

Patience—that is a real virtue in Africa. I have learned to enjoy sitting in a village and wait for a service to begin. We arrived at about 8:10 and by 9:30 we had rounded up "some" of the people. I sat in the chair watching the activities of the village for 1 and ½ hours waiting for them to gather. However, the Lord richly blessed. We spoke and afterward asked how many would like to turn from their sins and accept Christ as Saviour. I had preached sin, and emphasized sin—the need here in Africa is a deep conviction of sin. Five people came forward for prayer. One man brought his little girl and we dedicated her. When he brought her, I saw a fetish around her neck, and I asked him if it was a fetish. He said it was to cure the child from colds but he took a knife and cut it off. Then a young girl about 15 or 16 was in the number. She had a fetish on her wrist. I brought her attention to it and she tore it off her wrist before we prayed. We then had prayer with each one of them and then went to one of the men's house. We had some of the Koun group with us, and he was thrilled over one of the songs they sang. He wanted us to march down the center of the village singing the hymn. He and the others were in the front and we followed singing. This let the entire village know that they had made a stand for Christ. This

was their idea too. How our hearts rejoiced. Then one man gave 250 francs as an offering for me. I explained that we did not take their money, but wanted them to give it to the Lord through the church. They now had a church and they should select someone to keep the money. We had received 100 francs on the first visit. I also had a small offering from my wife and I, and they chose one of the men as treasurer for the time being. One of the group from Koun is going to teach them, in their language of course, the Lord's prayer and the Apostle's Creed. This may not sound like much, but we encouraged them to meet often for prayer. None of them can read or write, so if they memorize the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles Creed they can repeat these over at each service. We can not be there all of the time, of course, and they will carry on themselves. I hope now to send someone from Koun to meet with them and bring the messages until we can teach them some ourselves.

Please pray with us for our new church at Kotaganda—straight from heathen fetish worship. Pray for the fetish priest, that she may truly turn from her gods unto the True and Living God. We will be taking the few Christians in the village with us to Koun for the Christmas services. Pray that this may be multiplied over and over again in each of the villages. It is the first village we were able to get to make the "second" visit.

May the Lord richly bless you and your family during this Christmas season. Give our love to your wife and family, please.

P. S. One of the old members of the Koun Church that has not attended for years got under conviction this week and went to one of the elders and confessed her sins and made it "right" with the Lord. The Lord is answering prayer—pray for deep conviction of sin among the professed Christians.

Daniel J. Merkh

Hotel Guest (phoning down at 2:00 A. M. for the third time): Say, are you the night clerk?

Crabbed Clerk: Yes; what's biting you now?

Guest: That's what I'd like to know.

BRINGING HIS SHEAVES WITH HIM

Volena Wilson, South India

Sunday night we closed out one week's meetings in Camp Lines (one of the villages where we have Sunday School and Sunday night services). The Lord graciously worked and there was not a single barren service. Each night we marvelled at the quietness that prevailed the entire service. The Lord was there in power. As we were departing from the village Sunday night, a man came up to us and said, "During this week I have removed all idols and pictures from my home. I want to follow the Lord all the way. He is real with me." Yes, Christ is real to them when they part with their idols. That's a big step for them to make. Mr. Merriweather spoke 2 of the nights and he was so cheered as well as we. The first night, which Mr. Merriweather conducted, there were 13 decisions. There were well over 20 decisions for the week and these will need much prayer and teaching. Pray for them and us. I said to Mr. Merriweather that I felt a deeper work had been done in this place than last year in the special meetings we held in Corsley and Sait Line. He, too, felt the same way. We praise God for His work of grace in hearts and for every victory won in each life last week.

Our Sunday service was so fine—almost a packed out house and offering was splendid—a large offering for an Indian Church. Again we praise the Lord. There's added joy and gladness in our midst; people are so conscious of Him and what He is doing.

Is it not always a healthy sign or condition in the Christians when they give cheerfully and generously? Well, God is working. We see Him clearly. There is blessing upon blessing—prayer after prayer being answered. Is it any wonder that the people see our lovely Lord Jesus? Gratitude to Him, like a river, wells up in our hearts. May He guard us and keep us humble is my prayer.

Religion raises barriers as well as lowers them. In a famous wartime prayer, Billy Sunday's fervent invocation of God's fury upon the Huns caused the U. S. Congress to break into applause. Let us watch ourselves when we become so righteously indignant that we consider asking Jehovah to blast men down. For though we accompany Jesus, that attitude is sure to bring a rebuke from Him.

Webb B. Garrison in SERMON SEEDS FROM THE GOSPELS

(Fleming H. Revell Company).

A HOME MISSION CHALLENGE

Missouri's quota for the year of 1958 was \$3500.00. The last National Home Mission's financial report stated Missouri had given \$4,333.25 which was \$833.25 above her quota. We are proud that Missouri has been willing to meet the mission challenges. Let us not stop because we are over our quota. Another year is before us and new challenges will face us. In fact, in the following letter received from Rev. Willis, our National Home Mission General Director, you will see a worthy challenge. Please read and respond as the Lord directs you. The Free Will Baptist Gem
Rev. Albert Halbrook, Editor
Mine La Motte, Missouri

Dear Brother Halbrook:

I believe the Lord would have us raise at least \$1000 as a down payment on property for our Spanish Free Will Baptist Church in Miami, Florida.

Brother Melitino has done a wonderful job these two years he has been our home missionary, but he could do more, if his people had a building. We can secure property for them with one thousand dollars down payment.

Please help me to pray about this and do what you can to help raise the money.

Yours for Christ and Missions,
H. E. Willis
General Director

THE PLACE TO CATCH FISH IN THE STREAM

By Rev. Archie Burress

Sometime ago I felt God's Spirit leading me into a greater work. This dealing was strong and the calling was clear. A Gospel T. V. program was the mark revealed to me. After much prayer and consideration, I said, yes.

Previous to this time my convictions had been against T. V. because of the unfruitful programs and the way it has hurt so many night services and especially prayer meetings across our fair land.

Our first step was to make arrangements for the program and set the time. The Lord and his people supplied the money for the first two programs. We now have a fifteen minute program, "Dust off the Bible," the first Saturday morning of each month at 10 o'clock over channel 12 at Joplin, Mo. This station reaches out to more than one million people of which we reach many. A group of fine Christians from the Verdella F. W. B. Church helps with singing and prayer.

I have found one advantage to this program is when the weather is very

bad and not many get out to the church, there are more people at home whom we reach with the Gospel. We have been praying that the Lord and his people will help us until we can be on more than once a month. If you think we need more Gospel programs on television, send us an offering, even though it is small. Send to Rev. Archie Burress, Box 151, Liberal, Mo.

When some of our friends, who knew us and our convictions quite well, began to question us about our program, we gave them this answer. If someone were drowning in the lake, the way to save them would be to get out in the lake and give them a hand and the place to catch fish is in the stream.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Dear Mr. Riggs:

We are enclosing two checks in the amount of \$24.00 and \$10.00 for foreign missions as a Christmas gift from the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina. We put up a Christmas tree at the church and instead of the usual decorations we decorated it with bills and checks. It was a thrilling experience to see how our people responded to this project. It was the most beautiful Christmas tree that I have ever seen and I'm sure the Lord felt the same way as He watched the people come up the aisle and pin their bills on the tree with the clothes pins. We would heartily recommend this project to other churches of our denomination for next Christmas.

What I discussed with you about coming down to the church sometime for a missionary revival is still true. Our people are wonderful people who really love the Lord and we are looking forward to great missionary endeavors as our people open their eyes to the foreign mission fields.

May God bless you and all of our missionaries in your work for Him.

We greatly desire your prayers every day and trust you have a Merry Christmas. Say hello to Mrs. Riggs, the children and Mrs. Sloan and everyone for us.

Hoping to see you before long, I am

Yours very truly,
Gordon Hart, Pastor
Calvary FWB Church
Jacksonville, N. C.

PARENTS HONORED

Dear Miss Laura Belle,

At this Christmas time I'd like to give this check to Missions, in honor of my Mother and Daddy. So others may hear of Jesus and be saved from their

sins. I'm thankful that Jesus saved me and helps me each day to live for Him. Mama asked each of us to do this instead of sending her or the family anything. So Miss Laura Belle, give this to the Board of Foreign Missions for the Free Will Baptist Church of Glennville.

God bless you and all missionaries, and may you have a nice Christmas. I love all you folks in the church and pray that God will supply every need and save more souls in Glennville, too.

Love and prayers to a wonderful missionary.

Millard and Martha Halcomb
2443 Thompson Road
Brookhaven 19, Georgia

MINISTERS', LAYMEN BANQUET

The St. Louis District Ministerial Alliance of Free Will Baptist Ministers sponsored their first Minister's Laymen Banquet December 20, 1958 at the Carondelet Y. M. C. A. in St. Louis.

Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri, was the speaker for the occasion. The banquet proved a real success and Rev. Smith proved himself an excellent speaker. If the present plans are followed through the banquet will become an annual Christmas event.

IS IT RIGHT OR WRONG?

By Chaplain Thomas Eugene West

a—The Personal test: will doing it make me a better or worse Christian?

b—The Social test: will doing it influence others to be better or worse Christians?

c—The Practical test: will doing it likely bring desirable or undesirable results?

d—The Universal test: suppose everyone did it?

e—The Scriptural test: is it expressly forbidden in the Word of God?

f—The Stewardship test: will doing it involve a waste of God's talents invested in me?

g—The Missionary test: will doing it likely help or hinder the progress of the Kingdom of God on earth?

h—The Character test: will doing it make me stronger or weaker morally?

i—The Family test: will doing it bring credit or dishonor to my family?

j—The Publicity test: would I be willing for my friends to know about it?

k—The Common Sense test: is it good, plain, everyday, ordinary, common "hoss" sense?

Baptist Observer

Come Back

John C. McAllister
408 Olive

Holden, Missouri

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

This is a lesson about the people who have tasted of the love, the warmth, and the peace that only God through His salvation through Christ, dying on the cross, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension, can offer; then turning away into vain ways, going astray, walking in the wicked ways of life, and betraying that love, warmth, and peace that God gives, and most of all that awful death which Christ suffered to redeem men from their sins.

I will endeavor, with the help of the Lord, give the three ways by which man can, and must come back to God.

Too many times when we, as a pastor, evangelist, or minister, ask a certain question to one or more of our people of the church, we get a negative answer. This is because we are living in the day of which the Scripture speaks: "For that day shall not come, except there shall come a falling away first." (II Thess. 2:3) And then comes God's plea, "If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." This is a plea to all those who hear, and so many have shut up their ears to that call.

In the situation in which the world is in today, rumors and threats of war, men thinking of only beating one another to the moon, and sending satellites into orbit, and thinking about how they can win peace by outsmarting another country, when their peace lies in the lines of II Chronicles 7:14.

The only way by which man can obtain that peace is by first: (1) Humbleness. We need to get ourselves off the high seat of life and take a lower seat so the master of the house can say, "Move up higher," and that higher place is heaven; but we will never make it unless we humble ourselves before God, and get in the place where God can use us.

Let us use the Scriptures and see what God has in store for those who humble themselves so He can use them; "Whosoever therefore shall

humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:4)

Becoming humble as a little child is the greatest thing a man can do. It is not a dishonor, but rather an honor to humble ourselves, because it is then God can use us and we will receive a blessing.

You know, I feel sorry for the people who laugh at those who are trying to live where God can have direct contact with their lives. I feel for them because these people lack something, and that something is salvation. I may be getting a little heavy here, but it is high time that we quit criticizing, and began praying, and not only praying, but working, because Jesus says, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." And friends the night is almost on us right now.

The Scripture also says in Matt. 23: 12 "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." This verse teaches that if we try to bring ourselves up higher than we are to go, we shall be put down, but if we lower ourselves down to where God can use us, we shall reach the top of the stair case.

Let us look at it this way. Picture a ladder leaning against a tree. Now a ladder has steps on it, and if we, when climbing that ladder try to take three or four steps at a time we might, by going too fast, or being in a hurry, fall. The same goes in the case of life. If we try to climb the ladder of success too fast, or should I say, try and reach the top over night, we are apt as we reach the top lose our foothold and tumble back to the bottom. But if we take our time, work slow, but steady, while leaning upon God, we will soon reach the top. Life is but a ladder. At the end is eternity. It is the kind of life you have lived in between that counts.

A man that humbles himself to where God can use him, and goes to church looking for a blessing isn't going to be able to get out the door before finding one. So humbleness is the first step of the ladder that (1) a sinner needs to find Christ, and (2) a backslider needs to come back to him.

(Editor's Note: Rev. McAllister is one of our young ministers. His message will be continued.)

"I AGREE"

An Eastern insurance broker had solicited a certain prominent banker for insurance. The broker had explained the features of the contract best suited to the banker's requirements, the

amount had been agreed upon, and the broker was reaching for the sheet with the dotted line, when Mr. Banker said, "Not so fast. A matter like this requires consideration. Come back one week from today."

"Very well," replied the insurance man, "but I wish you would sign this memorandum of our understanding." A moment later he placed before the banker a business card on which he had written: "I agree to be alive and well one week from today."

The banker read it, then fingered it thoughtfully for several seconds before he replied. "I can't sign such a statement," he said nervously, "but I can sign the application."

The Baptist Observer

MY NEW YEAR'S COVENANT

The way of Christ demands not the least that men can do but the best. Knowing that I can, and that I should, grow as a Christian I purpose by the help of God, to keep the following high resolves: Why not sign this and put it somewhere where you can see it as a reminder to you to do more for God in 1959.

- () To be kind and helpful in my own household as well as in my work.
- () To pray daily, knowing that prayer can help make me a better person.
- () To hold family devotions by using "The Bible" and other suitable materials.
- () To set aside time for the prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures.
- () To attend Sunday School regularly.
- () To attend all worship services in my church and support them with enthusiasm.
- () To witness to my faith by seeking to win at least one person to Christ this year.
- () To recognize God's ownership of me and my substance by tithing my income.
- () To practice total abstinence from all world amusements and to encourage youth to do likewise.
- () To find a place of service in my Church.
- () To be on time for church services.
- () To be more reverent in the House of God.

Date _____

Signature _____

From Berkeley Bulletin

My Bible

Mrs. Estell Anderson

I lost my way while traveling one day,
And I suffered much heartache and pain;

Till I found a map to guide me,
Now I am on the right road again.
My map is my dear old Bible,
I've kept down through the years;
I've read it and sang with gladness,
I've read it and shed many tears.
I've kept my Bible to guide me,
And help me when I feel so blue;
I read the promises of Jesus,

Then I say a prayer or two.
Somehow I can feel his presence,
And my burdens are lifted away;
I can feel the touch of my Saviour,
He is always so near when I pray.
My dear old Bible has taught me

The love Jesus had for me;
How he suffered and died for sinners,
That through his death they could
be set free.

My Bible had told of the miracles,
How Jesus made the blind to see;
How he blessed the little children,
Said "Suffer them to come unto me."

It seems none were too poor or too lowly,

Too sinful no matter what sin;
But our lovely Lord Jesus would
touch them,

And have compassion on them.
It seems my lovely Lord Jesus
Was always kind to his fellow men;
He went about daily preaching,
Trying lost souls to win.

I'm using my Bible to guide me
In the footsteps of my Saviour and King;

I know if I follow his teachings,
Someday I'll be in Heaven with Him.

Note: A book of type written poems were received from Brother R. Rodgers of St. Louis. In sending these poems he wrote:

"To whom this may concern:

Mrs. Estell Anderson, deceased late 1957 wrote these poems. Her husband, Mr. Arthur Anderson, gave me permission to send you a copy of each to put in the Gem, if and how you wish."

We express appreciation to Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Anderson.

DOES IT MAKE SENSE?

A RECENT FIRE in a Chicago school took the lives of almost a hundred children. The whole nation seemed to be moved over the incident. Since that time many cities and states have compelled all schools to be inspected in order to prevent a similar tragedy. This is fine! We're all for it.

BUT DOES IT MAKE SENSE to get so stirred over one incident when every week across America scores of lives are being taken because of the sin of STRONG DRINK?—to say nothing of the crying, cold, and under-nourished children. We are against fires in our schools, but what kind of a people are we to say, IT'S EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS IF HE WANTS TO DRINK?

The night before Christmas in a Missouri town, a father and his eight-year-old son were headed for home, soon to be with the rest of the family. A drunken driver crossed the center lane, hit the father and son head-on, sending the little boy to the hospital with two broken legs. ARE WE SO BLINDED AS TO SAY "WELL, IF A MAN WANTS TO DRINK AND BREAK MY BOYS LEGS IT'S HIS BUSINESS?" The greatest sin of America is the sin of strong drink. May God have mercy upon us! If we as a nation don't soon have revival, judgment is not very far away.

From Fredericktown Bulletin

DOUBTING

There is no urging to have people believe the Word without making some inquiry. We are admonished to prove God. Make inquiry, "Search the Scriptures," etc.

To be ready to give every man an answer for the hope that is within you, you must be an inquirer. Do not be a doubter because you think you are too intelligent to believe without first knowing.

A great German writer said, "Give us your convictions, we have enough doubts of our own." "Faith is not obtained at your finger's end."

When filled with the Word of God there is no room for doubts. The busy Christian has no time to stop and doubt. When you see professors who are not manifesting Christian graces as they ought it is because they do not take the Word of God for doctrine, reproof and instruction.

Some are waiting for someone to prove to them that the Bible is true. The Book will prove itself if you will let it, for it has in it life giving power. "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (I Thess. 2:13).

The Bible does not need defense as it does studying. It can defend itself. What is needed today is more Christians who know the Word of God and a good experience in their hearts and lives.

The story is told of a man who was skeptical in mind, who consented to read the Bible for one hour each evening. After a few evenings he stopped in the midst of his reading and said, "Wife, if this Book is true, we are wrong." He read on, and stopped again and said, "Wife, if this Book is true, we are lost!" Again he read on, and stopped and said, "Wife, if this Book is true, we are lost!" Again he read on, and stopped and said, "Wife, if this Book is true, we can be saved." And as a result of their inquiry they were happily saved.

Think of a Book that can lift up a drooping spirit, and create in us the image of the Father.

It is a fearful responsibility to have such a Book in our home and then not heed its teachings.

You say there are so many things you cannot understand. Thank God for a Book that has heights we cannot scale and depths that cannot be fathomed! This is what makes the Book fascinating. If it could be understood at one reading, we would lose faith in it.

A man came to Moody with a passage of Scripture and said, "Mr. Moody, what do you do with that?" "I do not do anything with it." "How do you explain it?" "I do not explain it." "What do you do with it?" "I do not do anything with it." "You do not believe it, do you?" "Oh, yes, I believe it! . . .

There are many things we do not understand, but we believe them anyhow.

When we read the Bible and come to something we cannot understand, let us lay it aside and go on. Why throw the whole Bible away because of some things we cannot understand?

—The Gospel Banner

. . . the church has had to contend with rubbish all through its history: the paganism and superstition of the vast Roman Empire, the mythology of Greece, false philosophies, traditions, prejudices, and spurious religions have littered her path all through time. All these, and more, have constantly sought to keep back the building of the walls. But through all the years, God has matched the rubbish-makers with excavators, and all through church history God has produced His men who would deal with the rubbish ruthlessly and fearlessly. From the time of Paul we hear that triumphant cry, "Let's clear everything out of the way and get through to God."

Alan Redpath in VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN SERVICE
(Fleming H. Revell Company).

Woman's Auxiliary

I BELIEVE IN ENLISTMENT

By Mrs. Rufus Coffey
WNAC Enlistment Ch.

Because of the wonderful privilege in the Woman's Auxiliary of being "Co-laborers together with God." Where could anyone find a better opportunity of having wide fields of service for every woman in the church? Not all can teach, or be a league sponsor, or sing in the choir, but in the Woman's Auxiliary all can find a worthwhile field of service for the Lord.

Because of the purpose and definition of the Woman's Auxiliary: "to help the churches teach and support missions" and "the missionary service of the church." In many churches this is the only place of missionary emphasis. In many instances, were it not for the auxiliary, there would be no promotion or interest in missions. The Woman's Auxiliary is an auxiliary of the Church, an arm, a helper, in carrying out its work. We can help through our prayers, our giving, and in many avenues of mission activity provided through this auxiliary. Since we believe missions is the main business of the church, and because of the need for this emphasis, we believe the Woman's Auxiliary to be most worthwhile and a MUST for every Free Will Baptist woman.

Because of the stress placed upon reaching our youth for Christ. The knowledge of such a need today is well known. With an outstanding youth program, the Auxiliary offers a challenging opportunity to reach, train, guide and help direct them into paths of service for the Lord.

Because of the place given to study. Our manual states "an informed laity will move forward for the glory of God." Through concentrated study courses on Missions, Prayer, Stewardship, and Evangelism, our women grow in the Lord and our eyes are opened to know what God requires of us. And, "when we know we care, and when we care, we share."

Because of the prayer life of the auxiliary. When kindred hearts are united in prayer, we come before the throne of Grace, and miracles are wrought. Individual and private devotions are stressed as well as united seasons of prayer and the combined strength of prayer in the monthly meetings, circle meetings and Prayer Fellowships.

And because of many other reasons

and benefits which are derived from the Woman's Auxiliary, I believe in enlisting other women into this auxiliary of the Church.

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From Lucy and Hesus Lima, Cuba: "Saturday night we organized an Auxiliary in our Church. We only had seven women, but there were two who were ill. Although it is a small beginning, I am happy with it and I feel that we will be able to grow and prosper. Please do pray for us as these women have never done anything like this, but they are anxious to learn."

From Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Brazil: "The Sociadade de Senhoras, as the auxiliary is called here, had planned to elect me president for next year, but at the last minute they changed it to vice president. I was very thankful because it just would not work yet. It would take a bit larger vocabulary than I have now to do any good. However, I do want to work with them as much as possible. They meet once a week here."

From Arthur and Janelle Billows, Mexico: There is so much here, I don't know just where to begin to tell you about it. Our greatest need at the moment is a place to worship. Property is expensive, especially for a Church. Arthur has gone tonight to see about some places. We can't find a very large place even to buy. People live on top of each other here. You will have to come and see before you can imagine anything like it really is. Everyone is so greedy.

We get lonely for Christian fellowship, but we try to overcome it. I'm sure enjoying the organ the Missouri women gave us. It helps to fight the loneliness."

FAITH CHURCH AUXILIARY

St. Louis, Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Faith Church met December 29 at 7:30 P. M., for our monthly meeting. The program was opened with the hymn, "The Great Physician." Prayer was offered by Lucille Garrison. The Scripture was read from Matt. 10:1-8, by Mrs. Jean Koehler, followed by the hymn, "Send The Light." The theme of our lesson was "Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in Medical Missions." Topics were given by Mrs. Thelma Hampton, Mrs. Jo Ann Hampton, Sherry Clay, and Mrs. Alma Hamlyn. There was a special offering received for the Wo-

man's National Auxiliary Convention. Eleven regular members and two new members were present.

We met December 20 for our Christmas social and each member brought gifts and food for a needy family. Also a gift was sent to little Tommy Holder who is just out of the hospital after fifteen weeks. Benediction by Mrs. Doris Arnold.

—Mrs. Bea Holder, Cor.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Hazel Creek Auxiliary met January 7, 1959 at the home of Mrs. Mary Filkins, with seven members present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Lola Filkins, presided over the meeting. In the absence of the secretary, Wanda Riley was the acting secretary.

The business meeting began by singing "How Firm A Foundation." Mary Filkins read for Scripture lesson, II Cor. 8:1-5. Prayer by Mrs. Grant Zimmerman. Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. There was 424 chapters reported read, 37 calls made, and four cards sent. Six dollars were received as dues, and two dollars and ninety cents as an offering. The lesson theme was "The Word at Los Cedros Del Libano." Topics were given by Wanda Riley, Lola Filkins, and Juanita Newcomer.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Herman Miley. We were dismissed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

FOURTH CHURCH AUXILIARY

St. Louis, Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fourth Church met January 13 at 7:30 P. M., with seventeen members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened with singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On". Prayer was led by Mrs. Maudie Spurlock.

Our devotions were led by Mrs. Bessie East. Topics were given by Mrs. Martha Ann Cartee, Mrs. Maraine Willhite, and Mrs. Ina Davis. A motion was made that the auxiliary set next month as a Self Denial Month in order to do more for our auxiliary and our missionaries.

The meeting was closed with prayer at the altar. The prayers was begun by Mrs. Gladys Turnbough and closed by Mrs. Lela Dann.

—Gladys Turnbough, Cor.

Attend Church Sunday

MYRTLE CHURCH AUXILIARY

Our auxiliary met at the home of Sister Doris Brown for our regular day meeting, with seven members present. Some were absent because of illness. The meeting began with prayer led by Sister Lucy Morgan and singing "Joy to the World" by the group. An offering was received. The theme of the lesson was "Watch—The Greatest Gift." Topic 1 "The Promise"—Scripture, Isa. 9:6, was given by Doris Brown. Topic 2 "The Gift" Scripture, Luke 2:7, by Ora Clark. Topic 3 "The Giver" Scripture, Luke 2:10-11; Jno. 3:16, by Bernice Cantrell.

A motion was carried to send ten dollars to both the Youth Camp and Bible College. A closing prayer was offered by Bernice Cantrell that everywhere Christ might be proclaimed King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and also prayed for all of our missionaries, and a special prayer for Sister Clara Cantrell and all who are sick.

Sister Doris Brown served us with delicious cookies, coffee, and cocoa. All reported a nice time.

—Mrs. Ora Clark, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met on Tuesday night, January 13, for our regular meeting with eleven members and two visitors present. Our meeting was opened by singing, "Victory in Jesus" and "How Firm A Foundation" led by Lola Long. A duet was rendered by Maxine Smith and Thel Latimer. Lucy Ray offered the opening prayer. The scripture reading was read from Eph. 5:1-8. Georgia Glenn was in charge of the lesson. Topics were by Bertha Wolf, Loletta Woods, and Catherine Draper. The secretary's report was by Lucy Ray.

All gathered around the altar for dismissal prayer by Ruth Coday.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

FLAT RIVER FIRST AUXILIARY

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

The auxiliary opened with singing, "How Firm A Foundation." Mrs. Lizzie Williams read for a scripture St. Mark 12:10, 1 Peter 2:6, and St. Matthew 7:25. Prayer by Mrs. Thurman and Mrs. Gussie Hamblen. Song, "Blessed Assurance." Topics from the Year Book was discussed. Topic 1, "Given" by Mrs. Thurman. Topic 2, "The Work" by Mrs. Beulah Henson. Topic 3, "The Fruit" by Mrs. Gussie Hamblen.

There were seventeen members present. The auxiliary reported 110 cards sent and 50 sick calls. We gave a quilt to our missionaries in Alaska for Christmas. The Lord has blessed our work in the year of 1958 for which we are thankful and we do praise his name. If we are given the privilege by living and laboring for the Lord another year, let us be grateful daily for His blessings. Jesus said, "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." And, "Occupy till I come."

Our mission meeting was dismissed by all praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

HANDLE WITH PRAYER

A letter came to my desk this week and on the envelope were these words, "Handle With Prayer." And so I would like to repeat that phrase in connection with our NEWSletter. Do you read it? Do you pray about the things mentioned in the NEWSletter?

Most of us know that we ought to pray, but do we pray?

R. A. Torrey lists some of the reasons for constant, persistent, overcoming prayer:

1. Because there is a devil. He is constantly plotting the downfall of God's children.
2. Because prayer is God's appointed way for obtaining things, and the great secret of all lack in our experience, in our life and in our work is neglect of prayer.
3. Because those men whom God set forth as a pattern of what He expected Christians to be—the apostles—regarded prayer as the most important business of their lives.
4. Because prayer occupied a very prominent place and played a very important part in the earthly life of our Lord.
5. Because praying is the most important part of the present ministry of our risen Lord.
6. Because prayer is the means that God has appointed for our receiving mercy, and obtaining grace to help in time of need.
7. Because prayer in Jesus name is the way He has appointed for His disciples to obtain fullness of joy.
8. Because in every care and anxiety and need of life, with thanksgiving, is the means that God has appointed for our obtaining freedom from all anxiety, and the

peace of God which passeth all understanding.

9. Because prayer is the method that God Himself has appointed for our obtaining the Holy Spirit.
10. Because prayer is the means that Christ has appointed whereby our hearts shall not become overcharged with suffering and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so the day of Christ's return come upon us suddenly as a snare.

So—What does the NEWSletter mean to you? Do you handle it with prayer? Or is it only "junk mail"? We are depending upon your prayers.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH

About fifty or sixty men, women, and children went to Sunshine Acres on Tuesday night, December 22, for the Christmas Party. We sang several Christmas carols and then Bro. Long called off the names of each patient and we presented each man a pair of socks and each woman an apron and each one received a large sack of candy and fruit. It made each patient very happy, and truly we were made happy in knowing we had a little part in helping them all to enjoy Christmas together.

A large Christmas basket of food was presented to a worthy family of our church by the auxiliary and church. We also presented Bro. Long and family with a gift of \$50.00.

We are happy to report our Sunday School attendance is on the increase, with 168 present on January 11, and 184 on January 18, with an offering of around \$100.00.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

GOOD ADVICE

An Irishman was seeing his son off on the steamer to a new land whither the lad was bound with the intention of seeking his fortune.

"Now, Michael, my boy," he said, as they parted, "remember the three bones and ye'll get along all right."

A stranger standing nearby overheard the remark and, when the ship had gone, he asked the old gentleman what three bones he referred to.

"Sure, now," said the Old Irishman, "and wouldn't it be the wishbone and the jawbone and the backbone? It's the wishbone that keeps you going after things, and it's the jawbone that helps you find out how to go after them if you are not too proud to ask a question when there's something you don't know; and it's the backbone keeps you at it till you get there."

—Religious Telescope

News From Our Churches

MTN. GROVE CHURCH REPORT

At the end of each three months period our church meets in conference for a regular business session, and to hear the financial statement of the church for the quarter. Last Wednesday night in conference the church heard the financial statement read by the church clerk-treasurer, Sister Artha Hutsell, which revealed the fact that our tithes and offerings for the period October 1, through December 31, came to a total of \$5,108.44. This is the most that has ever been recorded for any three months period of our church history. It certainly reveals the fact that we are learning to worship our Lord each Sunday by bringing our tithes and offerings and submitting ourselves to God to be used of Him as we work together for lost souls and the edification of Christians.

The church also heard the report that the Building Fund has reached a total of \$5,110.79. The pastor reported that Mr. Paul Rich of the Rich Architect firm in Springfield was drawing some proposed plans in the behalf of the official boards. A building committee will be selected in the near future to take further steps in our building program. You are asked to please be much in prayer about these matters.

The church elected the following delegates to represent us at the next quarterly conference which is scheduled to convene with Rock Chapel Church on February 5: Brother and Sister Bill Walker will serve as elected delegates, with Sisters Frankie Kemper and Ruth Downey serving as alternates.

—From "Meetin' Time"

COPPER MINES CHURCH

The Lord has been bountiful in His blessings to us during the past few weeks. Our revival began January 5, with Rev. Curt Johnson of Fredericktown as our evangelist. There were twelve precious souls that found Jesus as Lord and Saviour, others were under deep conviction, Christians were stirred, and the church was revived. We give thanks unto God for these young people who have accepted Jesus—"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

Our Sunday School has an enrollment of 118 and our average for last quarter was 114. Bro. Ray Thomas is now the superintendent and Bro. Milton Hovis the assistant. The following are to be commended for their regular

attendance: Ray Thomas, Esther Hovis, Dorothy Hovis, and Bobby Graham with ten years; Glenn Rehkop, our pastor, Anna Mae Hovis, Judith Hovis, Evelyn Underwood and Earl Graham with nine years; Leeman Hovis, Leon Rehkop, Madge Hovis, Carolyn Rehkop, James Hovis, Harry Hovis, and Clifford Hovis with eight years; Kay Hovis, Brenda Hovis, and Arthur Hovis with seven years; George Hovis, Carol Hovis, Gail Hovis, Harrison Hovis and Vernon Thomas with six years; and Billy Thomas with five years.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at Sister Hovis, home for their study course meeting. They also quilted a quilt for Bro. and Sister Dave Francis. Bro. Dave has been in very bad health for many months. We ask the prayers of all in his behalf. Also, in closing, we ask your prayers as we labor together in this vineyard.

—Leamon L. Killian, Cor.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The Fredericktown Church was host to several churches of Madison County for a New Year's Watch service. The host pastor, Rev. Ben Scott, presided over the service in a commendable way.

The following ministers were in attendance and most of them preached during the service: Revs. Melvin Howell, Curt Johnson, Glenn Rehkop, George Hibbitts, Albert Halbrook, O. D. Matthews, Floyd Pogue and Art Rehkop. Congregational numbers, solos and quartet numbers were rendered and prayers offered during the service. The presence of the Lord was manifested in marvelous power.

During the last few minutes of the old year the Christians gathered in the altar to dedicate themselves anew for the New Year that was being ushered in.

MADISON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting met in its 241st Session, January 9-10, 1959, with the Old Bethel Church, near Patton, Mo.

The Friday evening service opened with singing directed by Rev. Truman Huffman. Rev. Ben Scott, pastor of the Fredericktown Church, delivered the introductory message, reading for the Scripture lesson, II Timothy 3:1-7, and using for the subject: "Sins of the Times."

Saturday morning the service opened with singing and devotions led by the assistant moderator, Rev. Truman Huffman. The letters from the various churches were read and the delegates seated. The Business and Examining Committees were appointed.

Following devotions, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of the Copper Mines Church, brought the eleven o'clock message, reading I Kings 19:1-18, and using for the subject-text: "What doest thou here?"

The afternoon session opened with singing and devotions. The Business Committee offered items of business which will prove to be a blessing to our churches. Bro. Arthur Rehkop was licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

The following officers were elected for the incoming session: Moderator, Rev. Truman Huffman; Assistant-Moderator, Rev. Melvin Howell; Sec.-Treas., Leamon Killian; Executive Board member, Rev. George Hibbitts; Home Mission Board Member, Rev. Ben Scott.

The next quarterly meeting will meet with the Mill Creek Church, with Rev. Arthur Rehkop to preach the introductory message, and Rev. Melvin Howell as alternate. Benediction.

Rev. Ben Scott, Moderator
Leamon Killian, Clerk

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT F. W. B. CONVENES

On December 13, 1958, the Free Will Baptists of Kansas City District convened in the 5th session of the Central Western Mission Quarterly Conference at Victory Church in Avondale Mission. Churches represented were Victory, Beacon, New Hope, First Church and Hickory Grove. The Bible College Quartet from Nashville were guests, and Rev. O. T. Dixon of Mountain Grove brought the 11 o'clock message. The quartet had charge of the remainder of the day's service. Everyone greatly appreciated and enjoyed the fine music and messages presented by these fine Christian young men.

The happiness of the occasion was marred by the absence of Rev. Lester Jones, who is suffering with a severe heart attack. Pray for him.

The next session will meet at New Hope Church, Kansas City, Kansas, March 14, 1959.

—James McAllister, Cor.

HONOR ROLL

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Lebanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. Wm. Turnbough
Copper Mines	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. Bob Wright
Old Bethel	Rev. George Hibbitts
Mt. Zion	
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredericktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Hannon Church, Rev. James McCully	
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Mine La Motte, Rev. Albert Halbrook	
Blue Eye	Rev. Millard Davis
Union Light	Rev. Curt Johnson
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Neosho	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	Rev. Winford Davis
Hartville	Rev. Charles Findley
Walnut Ridge (Ark.)	Rev. Glen Campbell
Grandby	Rev. R. C. Williams
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. Alford Ford
New Harmony ..	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Avenue	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett	Rev. R. Luther Sanders
Aulsbury Chapel ..	Rev. Jas. F. Miller

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Fredericktown								
Mt. Pisgah	56	64	59	54	65	53	57	47
Copper Mines	100	95	105	103	110	116		
Fellowship, Flat River	186	194	194	199	204			
Leadington	98	109	101		83	66	69	
Farmington	65	70	70	55	50	69	55	56
Fourth, Maplewood	54	48	43	62	51	59	55	
Old Bethel	23	34	29	25				
Berkeley City	156	153	145	204	185	206		
Richwoods	69	54	55	55	70	55	47	45
Neosho								
Mountain Grove								
Joplin	69	60	60	68	68	80	74	
Kirksville	109	96	107	109	102	92		
Grant Ave., Springfield								
Hazel Creek	40	50	49	44	44	45	49	
Twin Oak	55	66	63	66				63
South Side Church	151	147	158	152	164	165	161	141
New Hope, Kansas City	33	29	28	36	36	34	28	
Springfield First								
Mine La Motte	37	43	48	42	38	34	39	31
Mill Creek	47	46	58	67	57	63	59	
First Church, Kans. City	66		66	71	60			
Myrtle								
Overland Church	88	78	76	95	84	90	86	
Third Church, St. Louis	105	105	102	120	137	111	107	
Bethel, West Plains	55	53	60	58	61	59	52	
Faith, St. Louis							64	56

NAME AND ADDRESS	FIELD	BIRTHDAY
Miss Bessie Yeley P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona	Old Mexico	November 26
Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Billows 3801 Rihland Avenue Nashville 5, Tennessee	Central Old Mexico	September 18 Mrs. Billows July 26 Rev. Billows
Miss Molly Barker P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona	Old Mexico	December 19
Rev. & Mrs. Jaun Lopez Logo del Pascuaro 1216 Oriente	Mexico	September 28 Mrs. Lopez June 24 Rev. Lopez
Col Independencia Monterrey, N. L., Mexico (five children)		
Rev. & Mrs. N. Melitino Martinez 447 S. W. 6th Street Miami, Florida (one child)	First Spanish F. W. B. Church	September 27 Mrs. Martinez September 15 Rev. Martinez
Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite 645 Highline Drive East Wenatchee, Washington (three children)	Northwest United States	October 25 Mrs. Postlewaite April 5 Rev. Postlewaite
Rev. & Mrs. Paul Inbody 27-A Summit Heights Clarksville, Tennessee (two children)	Central United States	June 10 Mrs. Inbody April 6 Rev. Inbody
Rev. & Mrs. D. Lee Whaley P. O. Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska (two children)	Alaska	January 8 Mrs. Whaley November 7 Rev. Whaley

STATE TREASURER'S REPORTOctober, November, December, 1958
Received:**Co-operative Fund:**

Alton Church	\$ 6.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church	166.20
Beacon Church	155.36
Bethel Church	41.93
Cartersville Church	49.63
Copper Mines Church	115.06
Desloge Church	163.28
Dutch Chapel Church	30.00
Faith and Hope Church	14.40
Farmington Church	80.19
Fellowship Church	214.50
First Church, Flat River	228.98
Fredericktown Church	215.49
Grant Avenue Church	68.77
Hazel Creek Union Church	46.30
Hannon Church	24.87
Hickory Grove	43.88
Hurryville Church	67.44
Kirkville Church	90.00
Leadington Church	98.10
Merl's Chapel Church	33.63
Mill Creek Church	67.04
Mine La Motte Church	52.84
Mtn. Grove Church	240.00
Mtn. Valley Church	27.05
Monett Church	206.31
Myrtle Church	36.72
Number One Church	35.40
Oskaloosa Church	9.50
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	799.83
Twin Oak Church	30.00
Thayer Church	121.26
Victory Church	59.86
Verdella Church	80.65

Total Received \$3720.47

Disbursed As Follows:

National Co-operative Fund	\$2232.29
State Home Missions	818.50
Free Will Baptist Gem	186.02
Youth Camp	186.02
State General Fund	186.02
State Superannuation	111.61

Total Disbursed \$3720.47

Foreign Missions:

Berkeley League	\$ 15.00
Farmington Church	121.88
Fellowship Church	100.00
O. T. Allred	10.00
Union Light Church	13.80

Total Received \$ 260.68

Total Disbursed \$ 260.68

National Home Missions:

Berkeley League	\$ 15.00
Farmington Church	52.23
Fredericktown Church	16.27
First Church, Flat River	43.89
Mill Creek Church	14.70
Mill Creek League	5.00
Mine La Motte Church	35.33

O. T. Allred	5.00
South Side League	15.00
Union Light Church	21.93

Total Received \$ 224.35

Total Disbursed \$ 224.35

Missions:

Fredericktown Church	\$ 32.75
New Harmony Sunday School	126.55
Rock Chapel Church	34.87

Total Received \$ 194.17

Disbursed As Follows:

Foreign Missions	\$ 135.92
National Home Missions	58.25

Total Disbursed \$ 194.17

State Home Missions:

New Harmony Sunday School	\$ 7.00
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Total Received \$ 7.00

Total Disbursed \$ 7.00

College Kitchen:

Kirkville League	\$ 10.53
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Total Received \$ 10.53

Total Disbursed \$ 10.53

Tennessee Orphanage:

Federicktown Church	\$ 26.10
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Total Received \$ 26.10

Total Disbursed \$ 26.10

Hanna Fund:

Bethel Church	\$ 38.59
Third Church, St. Louis	70.00

Total Received \$ 108.59

Total Disbursed \$ 108.59

Japan Parsonage:

Fifth Sunday League Rally..	\$ 22.00
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Total Received \$ 22.00

Total Disbursed \$ 22.00

General Funds:

National Association Entertainment Fund	\$ 606.07
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Total Received \$ 606.07

Gem:

Subscriptions	\$ 269.06
Supplies	6.65

Total Received \$ 275.71

Signed:

Rev. Albert Halbrook
Clerk-Treasurer**THE CURSE OF LIQUOR**

Chas. H. Anderson

Kirkville, Mo.

Of all the crimes that have ever been,
Selling liquor—a fearful sin—;
Has caused more misery, pain and woe,

Than any other crime I know.
It robs the stateman of his brain,
Fills his head with aching pain;
He often in the ditch is found,
Feeling upward for the ground.
It robs the strong man of his strength,
Throws him in the mud full length;
There to curse and swear and role,
As if he cared not for his soul.
It robs the good man of every friend,
He is sure to come to some bad end;

But he will go right on as we know so well,

And finish up with his soul in hell.
Now, Christian friends, lets all join in—

Someway to beat this terrible sin;
And all pray much for a God given way,

And I am sure He will help us to win the day.

Note: The author of this poem,
Chas. H. Anderson, is a member of
the Kirkville F. W. B. Church.

THRU THE BIBLE

I supposed I knew the Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapters of Isaiah,
Certain Psalms (The Twenty-Third)
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs
Yes, I thought I knew the Word.
But I found a thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.
You who like to play at Bible
Dip and dabble here and there,
Just before you kneel all weary
And yawn out a hurried prayer;
You who treat the crown of Writing
As you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude, impatient look
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view
You will kneel in very rapture

When you read your Bible through.
**RESOLVE NOW TO READ YOUR
BIBLE THROUGH IN 1959!**

From Monett Bulletin

Father: "Now, children, who was
the most obedient last week and did
everything mother asked them to do?"
Children: "You were, daddy."

Don't use a gallon of words to ex-
press a teaspoonful of thought.