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## Eternity

Emma Moore

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ETERNITY! What a startling word this is! We hear the world, when declaring something of unusual interest or beauty, say, "It's out of this world." Eternity is a word out of this world. We make comparisons of things in this world, but words fail us when we try to emphasize the meaning of the word eternity. Persons in this world can hardly realize the enormity of this word eternity. Most everything as we know it has a duration, a time limit to its existence. The world is the oldest thing we can see, and yet the eternal one created it and holds it in place.

There are two things in this world that are eternal—God's Word and the human soul. The word eternal means without possibility of dying. Yes, I know there comes the time of separation of body and soul, the time when physical death takes place. But God made man in His own image, perpetual and everlasting. But you declare the earthly life span is three score and ten years. That's for the earth only. Yet how important this span here is. The privileges and opportunities can not be evaluated. If you have been born you will live eternally somewhere, and here, and only here, is our privilege of choice of life eternal. You can have it by coming to Jesus as a sinner, trusting Him to save you from sin, believing He shed His blood for your redemption, and that He rose from the dead. Confession is made with the mouth. Jesus imparts His eternal life by the Holy Spirit to us, and we become new creatures in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 5:17).

If only man could realize who Christ is and what He has as a gift for them, they would run to Him by the millions. Eternity in heaven for you. Christ is the author of life. Sin separates and Satan prevailed with man and caused his separation from God, and the product was eternal death. That's the state of all who have reached the years of accountability. Apart from Christ there is no spark of divinity as some would have you believe. Man is totally depraved and headed for eternal death apart from Christ, and His finished work on Calvary. Through death He bought your soul, but you must appropriate this to be a recipient of it. If you have not received Christ as your Saviour, you are traveling to physical death, and to a second death, eternally in the lake of fire.

The Bible lists many consequences of eternal death: (1) Separation from all good things. Everything that you can really enjoy comes from God. (2) Light is absent in the realm of eternal death. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Who, tell me, if in his right mind, would choose to be in complete darkness for one week, to say nothing of ages upon ages, forever and ever. Think of it! Darkness, no ray of light! I remember a few days of cloudiness and how the sunshine cheered the heart when it again returned. (3) There is no water in eternal death. Thirst continues. How do I know? God told us in Luke, 15th chapter. The rich man lifted up his eyes and begged for a drop to cool his tongue, but none was given. I remember the fresh cold water on hot summer days. How refreshing! (4) There is no refreshing breeze in eternal death. The breezes are a gift from God for our comfort and you have taken them for granted. (5) There is no comfort in hell. Some people have said, "I will have plenty of company in hell." There will be many there, yes, but you won't see them in eternal darkness. In such suffering you can only be conscious of pain. Have you ever been in extreme pain? Did you enjoy company then? (6) There is no hope in hell. Here we can always hope for things to get better. In eternity hope is gone forever. How awful to be in a lake of fire! But you think, I would be consumed, but God is going to raise you in a body that is eternal, never to be annihilated or consumed. It will be indestructible. The unbelieving dead would not have their names written on the book of life. O, better never to have lived than this. This need never be the fate of any person. God so loved you that He gave His only begotten Son to die for you so that you can live eternally in heaven. Jesus defeated the Devil at Calvary's cross, and his doom is in the lake of fire. Yours need not be.

Jesus said, "Come unto me and live." He has gone to prepare a place for us to live with Him and all His blessing such as we have never seen here. Kneel before Him, confess Him as your own, and He will blot out your sins forever and give you life everlasting. Consider the word, eternal. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Surely you can't go on to a lake of fire, unheeding the plea of the gospel. Christ loves you and will receive you as his child. Trust Him now!

## The Mark

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Nogales, Arizona

(And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their forehead: And that no man might buy or sell, of the beast or the number of his name. Revelation 13:16-17. AV).

On Wednesday, February 11, 1959, as we drove through the streets of Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Sonora, we were treated to a sight which I have never seen before. Everywhere we looked were people with black marks of various shapes in their foreheads. Most of the marks were in the form of crosses, but some had other forms.

Well-dressed men and very stylish women, beggars in rags, officials of the cities, workers on garbage trucks, men of seventy years of age or older, tiny children of no more than 2 or 3 years of age. All with the outstanding marks in the center of their foreheads.

I thought, what could it have been like in Spain during the days of the inquisitor for a person to fail to have such a mark on Ash Wednesday? Or in England during the reign of Henry VIII and other kings true to the Anglican church? Of course, as you realize, the Anglican Church is the image of the Romans, as are other branches of the so-called Catholic Church.

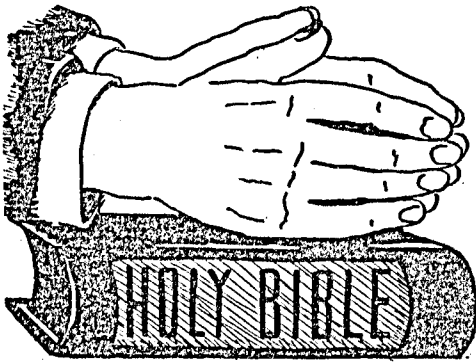
The local Episcopal church here had a write-up in the local paper explaining the ritual of ashes on Ash Wednesday, and they stated that all branches of the Catholic (Universal) Church practiced the application of ashes which are made from the burning of the palms of the Palm Sunday of the previous year mixed with holy oil. The article stated that this practice is followed by the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Anglican, Episcopal, and other branches of what they called the Catholic Church.

I am making no statements as to the significance of this practice, but I leave to every Christian his own interpretation thereof. I will say, again, that the sight of all, rich and poor, small and great, with the mark on their foreheads certainly gives me a peculiar sensation.

—A. M. Missionary, Cor.

If you want something you don't need, you are definitely living out of the will of God. Which is always sufficient for your every NEED.

## The Family Altar



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray earnestly for Missions. April is Foreign Missions month. Acts 13:1-3.

Pray for the many revivals in progress and scheduled. Acts 8:1-8.

Pray that the students that will be graduating from High School this spring will seek God's will for their lives. 1 Tim. 4:12-16.

Pray for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools that will be sponsored this spring and summer. Duet. 6:3-7.

Pray for the National League Convention to meet at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Phil. 4:4-9.

Pray for the National Association to convene at Asheville, N. C. (July 14-16) Eph. 2:1-6.

Pray that God will visit our nation with a mighty revival, and it will become a righteous nation. Acts 19:13-20.

## Come Back

Rev. John C. McAllister  
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(Continued from Last Month)

The third step as we go up the ladder to God is: Forsaking Our Wicked Ways. As we travel through life we are bound to run into trials and troubles that often beset us, but too many people to-day have forsaken Christ, the one that suffered and died for one purpose, that all men, you and I alike, might be saved. We are to forsake everything upon this earth and about this earth and humble ourselves to a low state, then God will pick us up.

We have people in churches who do so many ungodly things that are unjust both to the law of the land and unto God. I have seen people who have at one time or another lived a very good Christian life, and then because trials were too rough and the load that they carried became too heavy once in awhile, they laid down that load and went off into the paths of evil following the ways of the devil.

God speaks here of three ways by which man can be redeemed from their ungodly ways: (1) Humbleness (2) Prayer (3) Forsaking our wicked ways. Sin can never enter into the gates of heaven; and hate and distrust can never be admitted. We must get ourselves right with God, then with man in order we can obtain the joy and peace from heaven.

Now we have gone through the three steps of coming back to God, and have reached the top, so now here is what God is about to do for us: (1) Hear from heaven. Surely, if we live in the way of God, doing His will always, we will hear from heaven. We will get a blessing out of life. No doubt about it, God will make our lives so happy, so peaceable, so joyful, that we will be able to pray and reach the very throne of God. (2) Forgive their sins. God has promised us that if we will turn from sin and follow him, He will forgive us and make us a new creature. In His pathway we will then have something to rejoice about. We will not be an outcast by the public, but we will be able to speak because we are so close to God that our words will come down from His very throne. Conviction will be brought upon men, women, boys, and girls to the point that they will turn and through the help of God follow him. (3) Heal your lands. We are in a state where we may have to fight a war or be wiped out. The United States have for many years been a God-fearing country, knowing that God rules the earth, the sun, and all the world. But in the past few years we have turned aside, forgetting the promise that God gave us that He would keep us strong and that we would not have to fear death, if we trusted Him. But to-day man is thinking only of the atomic bomb which can destroy man's body here on earth, and meddling in sin, which can cause our souls to be cast into the pits of hell.

We have been relying on the bombs to give us peace, joy, and happiness when they are only in the hands of God, who could shut the doors of life and our soul would be cast into hell-fire. What are we going to do about it? There is only one thing we can do about it, and that is to seek God for help.

In closing, I say to you that God is able and willing to save the most wicked sinner and turn the man who is on his road to hell, and give him a home in glory. Let us all pray that God will help us to do His will above all things, and, fellow pastors, if there is some ice freezing in the back or front of your church, let us all pray in

earnest and use God's word to melt it, and redeem the soul of that man, woman, boy, or girl before it is everlasting too late.

### THE MOVIES

They move our youth away from God,  
From Christian paths our fathers trod,

From honor, honesty and right,  
To deeds that curse, corrupt and blight;

From beautiful, uplifting truth  
To falsehood hurtful to our youth;  
From morals fine and grand and clean  
To passion slow and base and mean.

They move our youth to sin and crime,  
From sacred things and things sublime;

They move to nudity in dress  
And take much virtue girls possess;  
They move from modesty in style,  
And lead to evil all the while;  
From traits that we delight to trust  
To lewdness and destructive lust.

They move our youth to rob and steal  
To lie and cheat and falsely deal;  
To think it matters little how  
They stoop to wrong and yield and bow,

To get a living out of life;  
Or whom they court and choose for wife;  
That if they want to separate,  
They'll find some other for a mate.

—The Movies move,—hear this, Oh Please!

They move the church from off her knees,

And rob her of her grace to win  
List souls from wreck and ruin and sin;

They move the money from the poor  
And send the beggar to your door;  
They move and move and surely get  
The cash that ought to pay more debt!

They move the youth to pleasures wild,

And start to ruin many a child;  
They move from children clothes and bread

And send them hungry off to bed;  
They move and sway a mighty throng,  
And always lead from right to wrong;

Who named the movies named them well

For fast they move our youth to Hell.

—Chas. H. Anderson

You're either living in the will of God or out. If you're out you're not in. If you're in you're not out. In God's sight where are you today?

## Condemned to Die at Daybreak

Thomas Willey, Sr.

For five weeks, up to the present date, February 6th, God has given us a sad but important ministry witnessing to hundreds of political prisoners of the fallen dictator. Many of these are proven criminals; many more will go free for want of sufficient evidence. Probably 5% will meet death by the firing squad some daybreak. Their crimes have been confessed. They have mercilessly beaten innocent people—extracted their finger nails by the roots, poked their eyes out with ice picks, beat them with whips, demasculized men and raped women. Many have been killed by bayonet and laid out where the public could see their mutilated bodies. Others have been hanged by the side of the road.

It is to this, over 700, that we have been preaching—sometimes two and three times a week and as many as three sermons, one after the other. Some have confessed to as many as from 28 to 100 crimes when they stopped counting. You might think they would have the appearance of monsters, but to the contrary—they look very innocent. To look at them you could not imagine the story of horror. Bodies were buried in trenches to be discovered after the dictator was overthrown. There is no doubt they are criminals; they have confessed. We must bear witness that the investigation is very thorough and painstaking, extending for weeks and the wheels of justice grind on with additional proofs of horror being accumulated. Often the guilty ones accuse one another. There is no doubt of their guilt. We ask ourselves what could have ever been the reason. Why? Why? Why?

They themselves give us the undisputably true answer. A high officer in Batista's army came to us and said, "Senores, for the first time in my life I have heard this great good news. If we had this teaching, none of us would now be in this sad state. Please preach in the streets, in the country, in the cities. This is the only hope for Cuba."

There are five large galleries in the prison with an average of 150 men in each. They have been there over a month with nothing to read or any way to pass their time. Their entire time is taken up with nothing to do except think. There are not permitted to gamble; this is the vice of the Cuban: This new rebel army is an enemy to all forms of gambling. If they gamble in prison, their games are

taken away from them. We have gone to them with New Testaments and they are reading and re-reading. It is the one and only book. On a careful check, we have asked how many have had the Word of God in some form before our coming—how many had heard at least one message from the Gospel. Ninety-nine percent of them say that until they were arrested that they had never come in contact with the Gospel. They're hearing the first message of salvation. One does not need to gain their intent interest when a suggestion is made to pray; every head is bowed. When a proposal is made to accept Christ, every hand is raised. We dare not say that they are all converted. We would want to see the fruits of true repentance before we say that. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. They are reading the Word over and over—day after day. A dear consecrated brother, a true man of God, has had a great part in this ministry. For years, Bro. Austin of Avon Park, Florida, a great man of sacrifice, has sent us thousands of Testaments. He has a tract society. I had only a few hundred Testaments on hand when this revolution broke out and with these we went into the prisons. The superintendent of the prison is a Church of God minister, one of the boys I brought here years ago when we began the work in Pinar del Rio. He has given us great liberties to preach.

Another fine young man (whom we hope is innocent of any crime at least) said, "I have suffered two very insupportable blows in my life. I have always been a devout Catholic as has been my family. I have been a Knight of Columbus. Yet, no priest has been here to visit me. My church has forgotten me. From now on I shall be a Free Will Baptist. My government has failed me. Those with the greatest guilt have fled. You have been our only encouragement."

This morning at a very early hour before daybreak I went to the firing range to be with those condemned to die by the firing squad. I went to pray for those condemned to die at daybreak. It has been postponed three times now which gives us more time to preach, teach, and pray for and with them. The trials go on day after day, dealing out justice. We point above, calling them to repentance that they might know how great is the mercy of God to sinful men. Many will go free but many will die. Some night word will come to be at the firing range for their last prayer and confession. We want to lead these to a victorious death in Christ. The sad fact

we face is that they do not know the least thing of the Gospel and we have only a few hours. It is our great responsibility to teach them.

Please pray with us that as they hear, the Holy Spirit shall penetrate their hearts and make the truth real to them, for the truth shall make them free!

—Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

## LET'S GET THE DEVIL ON THE RUN

Many profess that T. V. is the devil's instrument. If the devil can use it to his advantage with beer and whiskey advertisements, why can't God's people use the same instruments to the glory of God? Or would God's people rather watch the programs that are sponsored by the beer and whiskey companies? Would you rather your children watch these advertisements so that when they get old they will want to partake of sins? For we know that the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Or would you rather have them watching a good Gospel program that is sponsored by Christian people that have sacrificed their time and money and prayed earnestly over the things that your children would watch and hear?

We feel that it is God's will for us to appear in your home four times each month rather than once a month. If the Free Will Baptist people that live in our viewing audience would send us a free will offering, large or small, I know it would please the Lord; and you would have a part in bringing the Gospel into all kinds of homes, such as broken homes, to backsliders that won't go to church, and into beer joints, saloons, honky-tonks, and road houses that have their questionable back rooms, and where they throw their big "whing-dings."

Our need is great, but I believe that God's people will help us in this great work that is a challenge to all. Write to: Archie Burress, Box 151, Liberal, Mo.

## CORRECTION

In the February issue of the Gem, words of appreciation were expressed to Brother H. Rodgers of St. Louis, and to Mr. Anderson for poems sent to the editor written by Mrs. Estell Anderson, deceased wife of Mr. Anderson. The given name of Mr. Anderson was listed as Arthur but should have been written Percy.

Attend Church Sunday

# From the Editor's Desk

## FOREIGN MISSION MONTH

Since April has been designated as Foreign Mission Month by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, we may consider this issue as dedicated to Foreign Missions.

March 29th, Easter Sunday, was Foreign Mission Sunday. Churches were urged to receive an offering then, but if it wasn't convenient at that time, you may receive an offering during the month of April. We are convinced that God is pleased when we give freely to this cause.

## YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

The Youth Camp Board has laid plans for the 13th annual session of the Missouri State Youth Encampment which is to convene at the Youth Campgrounds, June 21-27.

Rev. Roger Reeds has been appointed as General Superintendent and Rev. Albert Halbrook as Principal of Teaching. Courses for the Senior and Intermediate classes are Personal Soul Winning and Sunday School Administration. Rev. Bud Hill and Rev. Ben Scott are the teachers for Personal Soul Winning, but the teachers for the Sunday School Administration course have not been confirmed. The Juniors will be taught Bible Characters and The Life of Paul. Teachers have not been confirmed for these courses. Miss Louise Underwood has been selected as the Primary Superintendent. More detailed information may be found on the Youth section of this issue.

## COLLEGE CHOIR ITINERARY

The 37 voice choir from Free Will Baptist Bible College will visit two churches in Arkansas and six churches in Missouri April 20-26 with Ross Dowden, Music Director, in charge.

The choir tour serves as a publicity feature of the school to present a group of Christian young people in a program of choral music. The choir appeared previously in Arkansas and Missouri in 1956.

The music program will consist of numbers by the full chorus, ensemble, octet, ladies' trio, and male quartet. A message on the work of the Bible College will be given by one of the ministerial students.

Most of the services have been arranged so that other churches in the same area can have their people to attend.

Services will be held at the follow-

ing churches at 7:30 each evening except those indicated otherwise:

April 20—Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

April 21—Pocahontas, Arkansas

April 22—Thayer, Missouri

April 23—Mountain Grove, Mo.

April 24—Fredericktown, Missouri

April 25—Parkview Church, Desloge, Mo.

April 26—11:00 A. M. Southside Church, St. Louis, Mo.

April 26, 2:30 P. M. First Church, Berkeley City, Mo.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS AT RUSSELLVILLE

Rev. Willard C. Day, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church of Russellville, is teaching a night school of the Bible. The school enrolled 17, March 3, in the first course. The school is being conducted each Tuesday evening in the Fellowship Hall of church in two-hour sessions. Rev. Day will teach six-units consisting of six-lessons per unit with a credit certificate given on completion of each unit and a certificate on "Practical Theology" on completion of 36 lessons. The Randall Memorial School of Bible which is Incorporated in the state of Oklahoma and will soon be Incorporated in Arkansas, also, offers two-courses by correspondence; The Bible Course on Free Will Baptist Doctrine and the "Ministerial Preparation Course" which are designed to help ministers, deacons, teachers and laymen who are interested in knowing God's word. For full particulars concerning the school write Rev. Willard C. Day, Box 441, Russellville, Ark.

—From Vision

## THE BEST IS NEXT

Some one asked Thorwaldsen, the noted Danish sculptor, "Which is your greatest statue?"

He promptly replied, "The next one!"

Whenever a man looks back to some achievement of the past as his greatest, he is admittedly on the decline. He has passed his zenith and is making toward the setting sun of his career.

The preacher who has had his best year in the ministry is on the decline. He who lacks the determination to make this year the best he has ever had is in the afternoon of life's achievements. The Christian who has

ever had a better experience than he has now is a backslider. "The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

While physically life may have its morning, noon, and afternoon, yet the Christian's star is ever in the ascendancy. His zenith lies beyond the horizon of his life. The minister of the Gospel may decline in volume of voice, in ability to cover as large an appointment list, to make as many pastoral calls, but the richness of his ministry should ever increase until his life fades out like the soaring eagle in the deep blue of heaven.

—The Watchman Examiner

## SPRING

Mrs. Estell Anderson

When spring comes back year after year,

I think of Jesus who is always so near.

Whenever I see the dogwood trees,  
I think of Jesus nailed between two thieves.

The purple violets with heads bent in shame;  
The color of the robe Jesus wore when slain.

The roses so fragrant, beautiful and red,  
Reminds me of the precious blood Jesus shed.

When I see the lily so pure and so white,  
I pray, "God, cleanse my heart that I might live right."

The rooster crowing so loudly and bold,  
Reminds me of Peter and the story so old.

When I see the rainbow after the rain;  
I think of His promise to return again.

When I see the sky so beautiful and blue,  
I want to thank God for His love, don't you?

These beautiful things come back each year,  
But His wonderful love is always so near.

Let's learn to appreciate all these things,  
And the joy and the peace that Jesus brings.

It is not how loud you holler or how high you jump, but how deep your roots go down into God's Word that COUNTS.



### PROGRAM

The Program for the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Missouri State Youth Encampment of Free Will Baptist will be held at Missouri State Youth Camp June 21-27, 1959 at Niangua, Missouri.

#### Supervisory Staff

General Superintendent—Rev. Roger Reeds

Principals of Teaching—Rev. Albert Halbrook

Registrars—Patty Drennan and La Rue Horn

Music Director—Rev. Bud Hill

Pianist—To be confirmed

Camp Chaplain—Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Cabin Sponsors—Rev. and Mrs. James McCully

Swimming Pool Supervisor—Rev. Paul Williams

First Aid—Kenneth Reeves

Refreshment Stand Supervisor—Bonnie Dethridge

Playgrounds Recreational Activities

Seniors—Rev. Harvey Hill

Juniors—Rev. Elmer Turnbough

Dinning Room and Kitchen Staff—Mrs. Freda Sells, Mrs. Stella Walton, and Mrs. Dorris Thompson.

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### PROGRAM FOR YOUTH CAMP

Morning Devotions—Camp Chaplain

Morning Service—To be Supplied

Evening Service—Rev. Reford Wilson

#### Teachers Program

8:45-9:15 Chapel

9:15-9:50 Classes

9:50-10:20 Recess

10:20-10:55 Classes

Seniors—13 years and up

Intermediates—11-12 years

Teachers for the above classes: Rev. Bud Hill, and Rev. Ben Scott.

Two other teachers for this group have not been confirmed.

Juniors 9-10 years. Teachers not confirmed.

Primary Department

General Superintendent—Miss Louise Underwood

Teachers—Margaret Wantland, and others to be selected.

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### THE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00-7:30 A. M. Rise and shine

7:30-8:15 A. M. Breakfast

8:15-8:45 A. M. Free Period

8:45-9:15 A. M. Chapel

9:15-9:50 A. M. Classes

9:50-10:20 A. M. Recess

10:20-10:55 A. M. Classes

10:55-11:00 A. M. Recess

11:00-11:45 A. M. Worship

11:45-12:00 A. M. Prepare for lunch

1:00-2:30 P. M. Recreational

2:30-3:00 P. M. Singspiration

3:00-5:30 P. M. Supervised play

5:30-5:45 P. M. Prepare for the evening meal

5:45-6:30 P. M. Evening meal

6:30-7:15 P. M. Free period

7:15-7:35 P. M. Cabin Prayer Meeting

7:45 P. M. Evangelistic service

Following evangelistic service an hour of fun and fellowship (Supervised).

Retire to cabins—All quiet

Last night of session—Fun and Campfire.

### THE BIBLE VERSUS COMMUNIST LITERATURE

Many friends of the American Bible Society have been distressed by the claim that the works of Communist writers have outstripped the Bible as a best seller. The Bible Society has learned, through the Library of Congress, that according to Russian sources, more than 1,000 editions of the Communist Manifesto (usually of about 25 pages) had been published from 1848 to 1952 in 77 languages. Also that the works of Marx and Engels, Lenin and Stalin over a billion copies in 101 languages were published from 1917 to 1954.

What about the Bible? From 1917 to 1957 the American Bible Society distributed 393,246,474 volumes. To this should be added the distribution of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which was somewhat larger than that of the American Bible Society, and of other Bible Societies. In addition,

there are the commercial Bible publishers, who do not make public their figures. While there is little Bible publishing by such concerns in languages other than English, French, German, Greek and Hebrew, the number of Bibles issued each year by the Oxford and Cambridge University Presses and the Bible printers in this country and Great Britain is very considerable. The total would certainly be a billion and a half. So that even for a period from 1917 to 1957 it would still appear to be true that the Bible "out-published" Communistic literature.

Furthermore, the Bible was being printed nearly 500 years before 1917, and parts of it had already appeared in more than 750 languages and dialects. In addition to the actual Bible text must be added the vast volume of Christian literature. The fact, however, that the Communists put out a great deal of printed matter, often very attractively produced and priced, in many languages and in many parts of the world, continues to be a great challenge which must be met by the Christian community through the world-wide program of the great Bible Societies of the world.

Some published statements referring to yearly publications so far inaccurately reflect the actual situation for the "Index Translationum," issued annually by UNESCO, lists publications only that are reported to it by national bibliographical services. Such publications by the Bible Societies have not hitherto been adequately reported, so that future editions of the "Index" will more accurately reflect the picture. So far, the Bible Society knows of no other book that has been published, even in part, in more than 1,100 languages and dialects.

—American Bible Society

I shall pass this way but once and shall soon be gone. The things I do today will soon perish. The life today will LIVE on and on.

We are not here to CORRECT the world, but to live the love-filled, life before it.



# News From The Mission Field

## THEY THAT MAKE THEM ARE LIKE UNTO THEM....

Kon Eagleton, Brazil

Occasionally there comes to our door someone asking for money and at the same time holding up an idol of some kind, pleading in its name or for its sake. It has been an interesting thing to hear what the young Christian girl who helps us says about such a plea, and it is at the same time a joy to know that she herself knows the truth that she speaks. She was until a few months ago an ardent Catholic but since her conversion has taken a stand for Christ. She quickly lets the people know that she is a crente—a believer, as Protestants are known here. The thing that she usually says about them is this: "They have no mouths nor hands; they don't need money, food, nor clothes; they need nothing."

The people are deceived here, like in many other places around the world, in thinking and believing that to give to the poor, and especially in the name of a saint or idol, will earn them some reward. Of course, those of us who are Christians know that the Bible does teach that we are to help those that are less fortunate than we, but we believe this in quite a different way from that which is taught by the Roman Catholic Church.

I am reminded of that passage of Scripture in Psalm 115:4-7 which says, "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, ears, but they hear not: they have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat." Our Christian girl was not speaking contrary to this passage but, in fact, was making the practical application of it in pointing out to those who asked for money the folly of such a request. I doubt that it needs to be said that these people only wanted the money for themselves and were using their religious teaching to get it.

How thankful we should be that the God that we know and serve is not like that described above. In answer to the fact that "their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands," we quote the Apostle Paul when he wrote to Timothy these words, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory

for ever and ever, Amen." I Tim. 1: 17. Then, too, we should be grateful that our God, Jesus Christ our Saviour, was able to speak these words, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. How troubled must be the hearts that know not the God that is able to speak these words of comfort. We read in I Peter 3:12 these words that should give us great comfort in knowing that we serve a God that is able to help us: "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." And the same Jesus that walked upon this earth from village to village stretching out his hand of healing is the One in whom we have put our trust.

This is wonderful for us, but what about all the millions who have not even heard about this God of ours, much less had a chance to believe on His name and to have the joy of salvation? We have the same confidence that Paul writes about in I Corinthians 9:4-6, "As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus, by whom are all things, and we by him." But Paul's very next words is the reason we send or take the Word of God to the regions beyond. He says, "Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge." Yes, there are even more people today than there were in the days of Paul that have not the true knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. What a challenge this is to those of us who name the name of the True God and stand in the Light of the Lord Jesus Christ, to carry the message of salvation to them.

The Psalmist said concerning the people who make these dumb idols that "they that make them are like unto them." I take this to mean that they, too, are "dead in trespasses and sins: wherein... (they are walking) according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh

in the children of disobedience." Since "Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" we dare not do less than "go . . . . and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The cause and the comfort of this is also found in the Great Commission when the Lord said, "... I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

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## NEW CHURCH BUILDING

With the church membership now over 100 and the church winning new converts regularly, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas, Brazil, is proceeding with plans to begin construction of its new church building in the near future. Plans that are now in the mayor's office for approval call for four Sunday School class rooms and a sanctuary that will seat approximately 200 people. The plans also call for a baptistry to be built in the auditorium.

Out of this congregation God is calling forth His laborers and it is evident that His blessings are upon the work here. Already there are five young men who are in Bible school preparing themselves to carry the Gospel to their own people. These young men have already done a good work in their witnessing and preaching. There is no doubt that God is going to use them for His glory in the winning of many souls through their ministry. Please remember these boys as you pray because they each have hardships to overcome.

## A PULL ALL TOGETHER

by Frank W. Price

"A long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together."—Charles Dickens, in "David Copperfield"

The total number of Protestant missionaries in the world has increased from 15,288 in 1923 to 34,692 in 1956; but whereas at the beginning of the century about one third of the Protestant missionary force was from the United States and Canada, today the proportion is nearly two thirds.

The Roman Catholic Mission Secretariat in Washington, D. C., reported 5,126 foreign missionaries from the United States in 1956. However, the total number of Catholic Priests and nuns engaged in overseas service is more than a hundred thousand.

Nearly 5,000 Protestant missionaries are serving in India, of whom slightly less than one half are North Americans.



The numerical strength of Protestant missions in Latin America has more than doubled since 1925. The most rapid increase of recent years is in Mexico, the Caribbean Islands, Brazil, Peru, and Venezuela.

The number of North American missionaries working in Africa has trebled since 1925 and is now near 6,000. Of these, 1,195 are serving in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

Tanganyika, which had 18 North American missionaries in 1925, now has over 300.

North American missionaries in the Near and Middle East have not increased in number during the past thirty years; the number is still about 800. In some countries, such as Turkey, Iran, and Egypt, there has been a decrease.

Since 1950, the number of North American missionaries in Southeast Asia has more than doubled. No American missionaries are left in China, where once there were 4,500. Out of nearly 500 foreign missionaries on Taiwan (Formosa) 290 are American, representing more than fifty denominations.

North American missionary societies report 253 missionaries or "fraternal workers" now serving in Europe.

Recent estimates of foreign missionary personnel from the United Kingdom and European countries are: Great Britain and Ireland, 6,500; Norway, 770; Sweden, 1,470; Finland, 250; Germany, 600; Netherlands, 500; Denmark, 100; France, 350; Switzerland, 100; Belgium, 20. Australia and New Zealand send about 600 missionaries, including those to the aboriginal tribes of these two countries and of Oceania.

The United Mission to Nepal, a new mission, includes missionaries from India, Great Britain, the United States, and Sweden.

### A NEW CUBA

By Mabel Willey

There were just three women prisoners in a prison of almost six hundred men. They were certainly not the type of women you would ever expect to see in a jail. One was the former president of our large normal school of over 400 students. The other was her secretary and the third was a negro mother of five children. She was released after three weeks of being imprisoned. The other two were there from having been implicated with the last government—causing that students suffered beatings and imprisonments. They were embarrassed, afraid, and the president was ex-

tremely nervous. The secretary was finding some comfort in the faith her father had taught her, but neither of the three of them had a rock to stand on in their extremely stormy sea.

I was asked by the prison superintendent to visit them since they could see no one else—not even their families at that time. How the Lord sometimes has to lock us behind prison bars to reveal Himself to us.

The secretary, Marieta, said to her husband when they did let him in to see her for a short while, "This has been a hard experience for us all but you can be assured of this—I shall leave this jail much purer than I came in." How they learned to love the Word, to cleave to it. As they heard the Gospel for the first time in their lives they would weep and say, "To think, God had to bring us to this place to hear the most wonderful thing in the world—about the salvation of our souls." As we would read the Word together faith was born in their hearts, when as we prayed the presence and glory of God would fill that prison cell and for a little while I'm sure they forgot where they were. They are now back in their homes with a provisional release, but I am sure the work which the Holy Spirit began, He will complete for His glory.

I would like to give this out for your information. I could never imagine any prisoners being treated with such courtesy and consideration. A young rebel soldier said to Tommy, "The man who tortured me is in here but I can't hate him. I do all I can for him—taking him cigarettes and anything he needs." A young girl captain in the rebel army took my husband to know the judge who unjustly condemned her to two years in prison and unspeakable torture. She shook his hand and said, "This man has something that can help you. Please listen to him."

I also heard them asking the prisoners if their food was all right. The prison is clean and sanitary—so different from the prison where Batista held and abused his prisoners.

We live in a new Cuba. How wonderful it is to be able to walk down the streets and not have machine guns pointing at you, not feel the fear of oppression, to see people smile and laugh again, to know you can talk and will not be hauled into jail; not to hear bombs exploding, see large fires and hear shooting of rifles and machine guns often; to hear cries and wails of those who suffered for their loved ones who will never return. It has been a miracle! How could any army so small, so ill-prepared, win such a victory? There is no other answer than that God has answered prayer and the cries

of His children. He has raised up a man, a unique man with high moral standards, to lead his people. If his ideals can be realized we have indeed arrived at the dawn of a new Cuba. Peace is a far greater problem than the fighting of a war. So much prayer is needed.

The new day brings new opportunities in giving forth the Gospel, for what Cuba needs to know is the principles taught in His Word. The time to begin is with the child; the place to begin is the home, the greatest school on earth.

There are many new plans for our work in Cuba. Please pray that they shall all be directed by the Holy Spirit and that there shall be reaping harvest of souls won for His glory.

### AN INDIAN PASTOR WRITES

"Westfield" Kotagiri,  
Nilgiris, S. India

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Greetings to you and all the dear friends there. May this find you well and rejoicing in the Lord.

I am sure that you are glad to hear from us. Moreover, we are sure that you are praying much for us and the work which we are carrying on in Gopalapuram. We praise God for what He is doing in this place. It is quite a large village and the people (most of them Hindus) are zealous for their religion and believe in their gods. This place has been neglected by other Christian groups as the people opposed the Gospel so very much.

We praise the Lord that He prepared us for Gopalapuram and brought us here with a broken heart to serve among these neglected people. We thank the Lord for the burden which He has put on our hearts and that He has guided us to do His will here. When we came here we were at a loss as what to do and how to start the work. However, even at the beginning with such a struggle, the Lord gave us a hope for this place. Many people discouraged the opening of work here but the Lord, who called us to minister here, gave us wonderful promises, Isa. 60:22; John 4:22. The Lord has helped us to obey his call and believe in Him that He will give us souls in Gopalapuram. And we praise God for the group who are supporting us with their faithful prayers in America and here in India in various places. We know there are many prayers offered for us with tears.

We have waited so patiently with great hope that some day the Lord will give us fruit in this village. When we began our first Sunday service,

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## 'Reports Misleading,' SAYS ROLLA SMITH OF CUBA REVOLUTION, AFTER VISIT THERE

The Rev. Rolla D. Smith, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, returned from the island of Cuba where he had spent nine days. Mr. Smith serves on the board of foreign missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and his chief mission in going to Cuba was to visit the work of his church on the island and to assist the director of missions there, the Rev. Thomas Willey, in making plans for the extension of missionary activity in Cuba.

Smith's itinerary began in Havana January 28. There he spoke at a conference of the native pastors, Christian workers and American missionary personnel. Other towns where he preached were Jaruco, Jibacoa, Canasi, Matanzas, San Jose, San Francisco, La Lisa, Matahambre, Pinar del Rio, and Vinales. He also spoke at the Free Will Baptist Seminary near Pinar del Rio and in one rural church, and visited several mission points. Other towns in which he visited with the native pastor, but did not have services were Peru, Guinies, San Juan, Las Martinas and La Esperanza.

Smith preached three times in the prison at Pinar del Rio to a total of 400 prisoners. These were the accused criminals from Batista's army. According to information received at the prison it is expected that 83 percent of the men will be released after their trials. Some will receive prison sentences and others will face the firing squad. Already twelve had been executed at Pinar del Rio, the capital of Pinar Province.

Smith also visited the Union Theological Seminary at Matanzas and talked with the president of the Seminary, Alfonso Rodriguez, who is credited with saving the life of Fidel Castro. A group were planning to kill Castro upon his arrival in Havana after the rebel victory, but were persuaded by Rodriguez to give up their plans to kill the revolutionary hero.

The Protestant church leaders in general in Cuba are greatly disturbed about the deteriorating relation between the United States and Cuba, according to sentiments expressed to Smith. The following telegram was sent to Washington, D. C. January 15, 1959:

The President of the United States; Chairman House Committee on Foreign Relations; Chairman Senate Foreign

Relations Committee, Washington, D. C.

Urge withhold criticism of Cuban Government which has overwhelming popular support including civic, church, and other democratic organizations. American silence on countless crimes of Batista Government make present criticism of execution offensive and dangerous to Cuban-American relations. Press reports overlook the moral reform, order, and renewed faith in government created by the new regime.

(Signed) The Reverends, Milton LeRoy, Episcopal; David White, Methodist; Ramond Strong, Presbyterian; American members of the Faculty of the Union Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba.

"The above telegram and the following excerpts from a newsletter printed at the Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas give a representative interpretation of the situation as viewed by Protestant church leaders, whom I met," said Smith.

"We note with alarm the terms 'mass executions', 'spirit of revenge', and 'reign of terror' used so freely by reporters. The impression given is of a country barbarously executing political prisoners without benefit of trial. The picture we get from U. S. news reports is that of a country being ruled by a new ruthless dictator, openly killing his enemies, and of unrestrained revenge. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It is the express intention of the revolutionary leaders that this should be a model revolution: one that executes justice but does not seek revenge. It is probably true that there have been some cases in which justice was miscarried and some innocent people have been killed. But while I decry these injustices, if they exist, it is also true that revolutionary tribunals have been set up and evidence heard and acted upon. With few exceptions the people who have faced the firing squads are those who are proved assassins and torturers. Many have confessed multiple slayings. In the one case of execution without trial that has been denounced the rebel captain and soldier responsible are prisoners awaiting trial and probable execution if proved guilty."

The president of the Union Theological Seminary requested that Rev. Smith release the above information in view of the false interpretations which have been reaching this country.

—St. Francois Co. Daily Journal

Even folk on the level often have their ups and downs.

## AN INDIAN PASTOR WRITES

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there were only two families present in a small room. On that Sunday morning the Lord gave the promise found in John 4:22. We never knew what the Lord has kept for us. We prayed very much that the Lord would break the hearts of the people.

From the very beginning of the work many children have been attending the Sunday School. Now we have more than 150 regularly attending and they are very much interested in the Word of God. When we see this it makes our hearts rejoice in the Lord. These little children are witnessing in their Hindu homes and stirring up their parents.

Today instead of the two families we started out with we have 8 families (30) members. We praise the Lord for giving to us these first fruits, 30 souls. Pray that the Lord may use this little group to win more souls in this place. The Young People who have accepted Christ are giving a fine witness but are facing many problems among their people. Soon after their baptism, the devil stirred up the people and now there is much opposition. In fact, some of the people do not want to hear the Gospel. Do pray for us.

We are having a Bible Study each Thursday. There are more than 25 people attending regularly and bringing notebooks and pencils to keep proper notes. It is always a healthy sign to see Believers eager to study the Word. Pray for this Bible Study. The work is increasing and the responsibility is great. Please lift us up in your prayers.

Pray that the Lord may keep us humble and working faithfully in His vineyard. We are very faithful to you and the dear ones there who are supporting us through prayer and gifts. Please convey our best wishes to all the dear ones there, won't you? We are sure Sister Wilson will write to you about our work here. We praise God for her. She is cooperating very much with us in the work and is a great blessing to us. Please pray for her and the great responsibility that is on her shoulders.

We would be most happy to hear from you when it is convenient to write.

Wishing you every blessing from the Lord, we are

Yours in Him,  
Rev. John Raju.

"Kneeling keeps you in good standing."

### ROLLA SMITH TO PASTOR ST. LOUIS CHURCH

The pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, the Rev. Rolla D. Smith, has resigned to accept a call to the pastorate of the Third Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. The resignation was submitted to the church Sunday night and will become effective May the first.

Mr. Smith came to Flat River from Kirksville, and has served the Fellowship church since August 1, 1952. During that time the church has received 146 members. The present membership is 215. The average Sunday School attendance for the past year was 193. The Sunday School also has a Home Extension department which ministers to 25 shut-ins.

A building program was completed in 1955 which included a new two-story educational unit, completion of brick veneer on the auditorium, some remodeling of the interior of the auditorium, a new central heating system and rewiring and insulation of the original building. Included also in the improvement program was new pulpit furniture, steel folding chairs for class rooms, steel banquet tables and some remodeling of the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two daughters, Linda and Beth. Linda is in the eighth grade at Flat River Junior High and Beth is in the third grade at Eugene Field. Both girls are piano students of Miss Essie Reid.

Mrs. Smith has served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the church during their entire ministry here, has for the past three years been superintendent of the Jr.-Sr. High department of the Sunday School and teacher of the Jr. High girls and is a member of the choir and assistant General Director of the Leagues. Linda is a member of the choir and is pianist for the Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School department.

Mr. Smith has been moderator of the St. Francois County quarterly meeting for the past five years and moderator of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting for the past four years. He also serves on the National Board of Foreign Missions and on the State Board of Home Missions and is a member of the Flat River Ministerial Alliance.

—St. Francois Co. Daily Journal

I have now reached three score and ten years and I can truly say these latter years haven't proved to be the "sunset of life"—but rather the sunshine of life instead. How could they be otherwise if we live a life poured out for God and others?

### FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST PASTOR BEASLEY RESIGNS

The Rev. H. C. Beasley, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, resigned as pastor of the church January 5, to become effective April 5.

Mr. Beasley came to Flat River from Breckenridge, Michigan, where he served as pastor four years as a member of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists in Michigan. He also served in the position of assistant state moderator and was a member of the superannuation board.

He came to the First Church in Flat River in October of 1954. During this time the church has received many new members and the Sunday School and League has increased. He has been active in the morning devotions on KFMO and various religious organizations.

During the ministry here, the church has grown materially and spiritually. A new educational building has been completed. The two story structure consists of five class rooms and pastor's study upstairs and a large assembly class room, complete kitchen and fellowship hall downstairs. Each room has been completely furnished.

Also a beautiful baptistry has been completed. The entire church interior has been remodeled and redecorated and the church lawn has been landscaped.

Mr. Beasley has been very active in the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, Missouri State Meetings and the National Association. He is secretary-treasurer of the executive board of the Quarterly Meeting. He is also a member of the Flat River Ministerial Alliance and is active in the Christian Civic Foundation.

The Beasleys have four children, Wanda Sue, Darrell, Timmy and Kirk. Wanda Sue is a freshman in Flat River Junior College and is active in various activities, including Ensemble and the Chats Staff. Darrell and Timmy are in the sixth and fourth grades respectively at the Emerson Grade School. They are both active in the Cub Scouts and are carriers for the Daily Journal. The youngest son, Kirk is 18 months of age.

Mrs. Beasley has served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the church and has worked in the departments from Beginner to Intermediate in Sunday School and League.

The Rev. Beasley received his Doctor of Divinity degree in 1958.

—St. Francois Co. Daily Journal

I give not because I am rich but I am rich because I GIVE.

### A WASTED LIFE

Walter E. Isenhour  
Taylorsville, N. C.

It is indeed a sad and deplorable fact that multitudes of people waste their lives.

They aim at nothing good, great, sublime and worth while. They merely exist but do not truly live. God and the Christian religion has no place in their lives. They have no goal for which they are striving; no purpose for which they are living. They mark time, but do not use it to any great purpose. The precious moments, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years pass by and they make no preparation to meet God; neither do they help their fellowmen live for God and heaven.

About all that can be said of countless millions of people is that they were born at a certain time and died at a certain time. Indeed, they yield an influence, but it is not for the good of others, nor for the glory of God.

They could have been saints, but they were not. They could have blessed their homes, their country, their nation, and maybe the world, but they didn't. They could have been soul-winners, but they were not.

However, they might have caused, or helped to cause, many to be lost forever, thus failing to enter into the kingdom of God themselves and keeping others out. No doubt many of them could truthfully say in the language of the poet when too late to redeem their lives, their golden opportunities, their time and souls:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,  
The saddest are these, It might  
have been!"

A wasted life—think of it! One may waste money and earn more. One may waste his health and regain it. One may waste a fortune and gain another. One may throw away an opportunity and another may present itself.

But no one ever wasted his life and redeemed it, or obtained another life in its place. There is no road to yesterday. There is no road back to the yester-years where one can take a new start.

This one life and then the results—the record to face for eternity. It will be heaven or hell.

A wasted life—that's more than wasted gold, diamonds, pearls, rubies, crowns, kingdoms and vast domains! No reward is offered for a wasted life. One may repent and be saved at the last moments, but he can't live his life again.

—General Baptist Messenger



# Woman's Auxiliary

## PRAYER IS VITAL

Realizing the necessity for prayer in our auxiliary work, daily and special seasons, those who began the Woman's Auxiliary made provision for it. The pre-Easter Season of Prayer is perhaps the most faithfully observed of the three weeks in the year.

Material for programs is provided in the Year Book of Programs. This year, Mrs. K. V. Shutes of Georgia prepared the material. She suggests that each night of the week be given over to the study of and prayer for our various mission fields. It has been most gratifying to observe the large number of auxiliaries who are writing daily for additional helps and information about these fields.

We are trusting God to use and bless this interest to the furtherance of His message to the world. For it is worse than useless to spend our time and effort to raise money for missions or missionary projects except the work be undergirded with prayer.

Prayer is the power of God. Prayer will do everything that God can do. Without prayer we can do nothing.

Praying aimlessly is almost the same as not praying. Name names; ask for what you want; define purposes. The Lord knows all about these things beforehand, but He says, "Ask, Seek, Knock," and it shall be done.

Pray for missionaries by name. Pray for the W.N.A.C. and its officers. Pray for the Convention. Pray for those who will appear on the program. Pray for your auxiliary and its officers and interests. Pray for the families of those who serve in far away places. Pray for heathen minds to be illumined by the Holy Spirit. Pray that they will accept Christ and grow in grace. Pray for those in language schools. Pray for those in school even now who are preparing to go to the field. Pray for yourself and your attitude toward your service for Christ.

Make these Seasons of Prayer count for Christ and His Kingdom. You will be amazed at the results.

Prayer is vital.

## HOME-COMING

The Home-Coming at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Rt. 9, Greenville, Tennessee, has been changed to Saturday, May 9, 1959. You are invited to attend and take some one with you. H. C. Burgess is the superintendent of the Home.

## NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

The New Hope Auxiliary met March 3, 1959. There were seven members and one visitor, who became a member of our Auxiliary present. Scripture was from Romans 12. Prayer by Edith Blair. The topics were discussed which proved to be very interesting. Next topics were assigned. Benediction by Shirley Lanthern. Refreshments were served by Helen McAllister.

Helen McAllister, Cor.

## GOD AT WORK

God is at work in these days and so is Satan. We are God's ambassadors and we must march on to victory. The most powerful weapon both God and Satan have is the printed page. Here is what the communists, the servants of Satan, are doing. According to a recent intelligence report, the Communist Party and the East German government, for the first 8 months of 1958, spent \$1,000,000 a month for paper, printing and postage to win West Germany to communism. In addition to this fantastic sum, they are spending millions more to publish some 575 communist newspapers.

The communists realize that the battle will be won, not with gunpowder, but with ink. When they wanted to spread communism in Greece, they picked up one of the most intelligent Greeks and took him to Russia. After 4 years of indoctrination, worshipping at the shrine of Lenin, they sent him back to Northern Greece where they helped him to publish a communist newspaper. He poisoned the minds and hearts of thousands of people. But God and His Word finally scored the victory and this leading communist was saved by believing on Jesus Christ. He is now one of our native missionaries and publisher of our own Christian newspaper. Praise God!

—American Mission to Greeks, Inc.

## FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri met at the church February 26 with fourteen members and two visitors present. The theme of the program was "Challenge the Children, Too". Hymn "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Scripture lesson Proverbs 22:6, Psalms 119:11 and Matt. 18:14. Mrs. Agnes Smith was in charge of the business. Hymn "His Way With Thee". A poem was given by Mrs.

McCormick. After singing "Lead Me To Some Soul Today" and My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness" Rachel Milburn gave the introduction of the lesson. The following topics were given: Topic 1, "The Challenge of Motherhood" by Della Getz; Topic 2, "The Challenge of the Church Program" by Agnes Smith; Topic 3, "The Challenge of the Christian Organization" by Ruth Wilfong. A duet by Wanda Ragsdale and Agnes Smith. After the noon hour we had a study course on Visitation and Evangelism. Pray that God will ever lead us in the way we should go. The harvest is ripe and the field is wide and there is work for all of us as God's children to do. Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Pray that we will always live in the center of God's Will.

—Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand, Cor.

## FAITH CHURCH AUXILIARY

St. Louis, Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church met February 23, 1959 at 7:30 P. M. for their monthly meeting. The Meeting was opened with singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Prayer by Lucille Garrison. Scripture lesson Proverbs 22:6, Psalms 119:11 and Matt. 18:14 by Mrs. Bea Holden. Solo by Miss Lucille Garrison. The theme of our lesson was "Challenge the Children, Too". Topics were given by Mrs. Billie Turner, Mrs. Inez Doudy, and Mrs. Freda Atkins. Poem by Mrs. Alma Hamlyn. Fourteen members and one new member were present. An offering of \$8.75 was received. A gift was presented to Mrs. Jean Koehler. Benediction by Mrs. James Grisson.

—Mrs. Bea Holder, Cor.

## COPPER MINES AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church, March 10, 1959 for their program meeting. The services opened with singing followed in prayer by Madge Hovis. Scripture reading from I John 1 was read by Edith Underwood. Our program theme for March was "The Work of the Word in Japan". Topics were given by Phyllis Hovis, Madge Hovis, Esther Hovis, and Elma Henson.

Prayer meetings were planned to be held in the homes of Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Howell, and David Francis, the week before Easter. Benediction by Evelyn Rehkop. —Phyllis Hovis, Cor.

### SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met February 10, 1959, with ten members present.

The meeting opened with singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Maxine Smith. Prayer by Lizzie Patton. Scripture Proverbs 22:6, Psalm 119:11 and Matthew 18:14 read by our president Georgia Glenn. Topics read and discussed by Ruth Coday, Jessie Crowder, Bertha Wolf, Ethel Latimer and Hazel Lowery. The closing prayer was at the altar with Maxine Smith and Lucy Roy leading in prayer.

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Our March meeting was held March 3, 1959 with ten members and one visitor present. The meeting opened with singing "How Firm A Foundation" and "Whisper a Prayer" led by Hattie Mace. Scripture lesson was read from Psalms 113 by Georgia Glenn. Prayer by Lizzie Patton. Topic were read and discussed by Hazel Lowery, Lizzie Patton, Ruth Coday, and Bertha Wolf. Offering taken by Hazel Lowery. Roll call and Secretary's report by Lucy Ray. Reports on visiting the sick were made. Poem by Bertha Wolf. Hymn "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Dismissal prayer was at the altar with Georgia Glenn leading in prayer. —Bertha Wolf, Cor.

### FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

Our services opened by singing, "How Firm A Foundation".

Prayers were offered by Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Allie Thurman, Bertha Hovis, and Lizzie Williams. Hymn "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung, followed by Scripture reading from I Cor. 3:11. A chalk talk was given by Mrs. Williams on "The Character Building" Paul tells us in I Cor. 3:11 that Jesus is the great foundation for the Church.

Our program leader was Mrs. Lizzie Williams. Topic 1—"Some Ways It (the Word) is Used" by Mrs. Allie Thurman; topic 2—"Some Place It is Taken" by Mrs. Bertha Hovis; topic 3 "Some Results of the Use of the Word" by Mrs. Genevieve White; topic 4—"The Need of the Work in Japan" by Mrs. Gussie Hamblen.

There was a report of 34 sick calls and 27 "Get-Well" cards sent. May the Lord bless you is our prayers. Benediction by Mrs. Genevieve White.  
—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

### LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met February 19, 1959 for an all day service at the church.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Iva Treaster. Prayer by Norma Stevens. Scripture reading Psalm 19 by Anna Lincoln. The business period followed during which time we voted to send twenty-three dollars (23.00) to Missions. We, also, appointed Norma Stevens to replace one of our members who moved away, as Youth Chairman. We also, decided to use "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends" for our next book study. The morning service closed with prayer by Mrs. Turnbough and Mrs. Lincoln. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed at the parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. Turnbough.

The afternoon session opened with singing "Just As I Am", followed by prayer by Mrs. Allie Penrod. Topics were given as follows: Topic 1—"Except Ye Repent", Luke 13:1-5 by Norma Stevens; Topic 2—"Godly Sorrow Worketh Repentance", II Cor. 7:9-10, by Mrs. Elva Turnbough; Topic 3, "Joy In Heaven" Luke 15: 3-10, by Mrs. Penrod. In closing, we prayed the prayer of benediction as we joined hands.

A good delegation from our Auxiliary attended the all day service of the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. W. T. Turnbough pastor of Leadington Free Will Baptist Church brought the message at 11:00 o'clock. The pastor of the Desloge church is Rev. John Long. Please pray for our Auxiliary at the Leadington Church.

—Anna Lincoln, Cor.

### GRANT AVENUE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the Grant Ave. Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday evening, January 8, 1959 at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with Singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" and "An Empty Mansion". Prayer by Beppie Terry. President gave the scripture and the introduction of the lesson. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and received. The Auxiliary received a nice "Thank You" letter from the Whaleys in Alaska for the fifteen dollars (\$15.00) Thanksgiving offering we sent them. The topics on the lesson were given by Blanche Austin, Hazel Chastain, Braxine Evans and Delia Marcum. Benediction by Rev. Earl Austin.

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The Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary met for their February Meeting at the church Thursday evening 7:30

P. M. The Auxiliary was opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Prayer by Blanche Austin. The president read for the scripture, Proverbs 22:4, Psalms 119:11 and Matthew 18:11. There were ten members and two visitors present. Minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. We voted to have a pre-Easter week of prayer. February being the month designated by the Woman's Auxiliary for the Japan program an offering of \$15.60 was received for that project.

The theme for our lesson "Challenge the Children, Too" was discussed by Vesta Wantland, Vinita Broyles and Mildred Kensinger. A short talk was given by Rev. Earl Austin. The next Study Course will be given by Braxine Evans in her home at eleven o'clock.

Vinita Broyles, Cor.

### THIRD CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, met Thursday, February 26, 1959 for their regular monthly program from the Year Book. Six members were present. The lesson "Challenge the Children, Too," was discussed by all, after which we had altar prayer. A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour. The afternoon was spent in quilting.

Our cottage prayer meeting this month was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Paul Pratt, with an attendance of 43.

—Mrs. Doyle Baker, Cor.

### UNION BAPTISMAL SERVICE

A union baptismal service was conducted at the Fredericktown Church, March 8, with the Fredericktown, Copper Mines and the Mine La Motte Churches participating. Rev. Ben Scott, pastor of the Fredericktown Church, presided during the worship service, with Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of Copper Mines Church delivering the message. Quartettes from the Fredericktown and Mine La Motte Churches sang special numbers.

Those baptized were as follows: Connie Combs and Ed Freeland from the Fredericktown Church; Gregory Underwood, Charlotte Underwood, Kenny Hovis and Brenda Hovis from the Copper Mines Church; Judy Thomure, Elizabeth Sales, Raymond Halbrook, and Jimmy Rogers from the Mine La Motte Church.

"Profanity indicates a weakness in either the man or his argument."

# News From Our Churches

## FREDERICKTOWN HOSTS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The church of Fredericktown was host, on Good Friday, to the annual service sponsored by the Minister's Fellowship of Fredericktown. A most impressive service was rendered with seven local pastors speaking from the sayings of Christ from the cross. The service began at 11:45 with a musical prelude and continued uninterrupted till 3:00 P. M. Appropriate music was interspersed in the program with a brief interlude between each message.

Through the efforts of the Minister's fellowship the stores of the business district closed from 12 noon to 3:00 P. M. The ministers taking part in the service were Glenn Rehkop, Cooper Mines Free Will Baptist; J. R. Le-Crone, Church of God; Robert Cuthill, Presbyterian; Harry Owens, Christian Church; Carl Huddleston, Second Baptist; Liston Johnson, Methodist; and the host pastor, Ben Scott.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the church made the sanctuary more lovely with potted white Easter lilies and cut lilies. Many of those who attended the service left feeling they had once again been near the cross.

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## FREDERICKTOWN RECEIVED EIGHT MEMBERS LAST QUARTER

The church of Fredericktown feels it has been blessed by having received into its membership eight new members during the first quarter of 1959. Those received were Brother and Sister Sam G. Yount; Brother and Sister Tom Ward; Brother and Sister Robert Kemp; Bro. Ed Freeland, and Miss Connie Combs. We are indeed grateful for these who have united with the church to help carry on the program of the church in the interest of lost souls.

## MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Commencement exercises at Mount Olive Junior College were disclosed today by President W. Burkette Raper, who announced that Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of Flora MacDonald College, would be the principal speaker.

Graduation this year will be held on Sunday, June 1, at 4:00 P. M., Raper declared. Twenty-one candidates have filed graduation applications, the registrar's office revealed.

## A JEWISH WOMAN SAVED

Rev. Archie Burress, pastor of the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church writes: "A couple of weeks ago we went to a rest home in Lamar, Mo., for a service in the afternoon and the Lord really did bless. There was a Jew woman there and after we brought the message I asked her if she was a Christian and she said, 'I hope so.' Well, before we left she knelt at a platform rocking chair and prayed the Lord to save her. When we left she knew that she was a Christian. You know there is a difference there."

## SOUTH SIDE GIVES TO MISSIONS

A new day has dawned at South Side! Last Sunday our people pledged \$1038.00 to missions for this next year. An offering of \$56.15 was received in behalf of the Jones. Last Wednesday our people voted to increase our mission's giving to 4 percent of our church income for foreign missions and 2 percent for home missions: to underwrite \$50.00 per month of the Jones' salary, and to designate our fourth Sunday morning offering for missions. You wait and see, God is going to bless South Side beyond any previous blessings. God's blessings are synonymous with missionary giving.

—South Side Bulletin

## NEW ALTAR AND COMMUNION TABLE

The new communion table and altar that has been added to our church this week are the fruits of the Y.P.A. who sponsored this in memory of Don C. Tucker, who was killed in an automobile accident some several months ago. The altar and table were made by Bro. Cantrell.

—Berkeley Bulletin

## REVIVALS

Copper Mines Church, Rt. 3, Fredericktown, Mo.; Wm. Buster, evangelist; Glenn Rehkop, pastor; beginning May 4.

Kirksville Church, Kirksville, Mo., Albert Halbrook, evangelist; Woodrow Matthews, pastor; beginning May 4.

South Side Church, St. Louis, Mo., Mark Lewis, evangelist; Roger Reeds, pastor; April 13-22.

Verdella Church; Johnny Lands, evangelist; Archie Burress, pastor; beginning June 1.

## The Little Member

James 3:5

Louise Simpson

God has been so merciful even to the people who call themselves Christian. The Scripture teaches that "Let him who claims the name of Christian, depart from iniquity". When we are risen with Christ, then we must "Put off the old man and walk in a newness of life." This means we cannot partake of sinful pleasures etc., that we did before we came to know Jesus as our Saviour. The road to life is narrow and there is no room in the life of a Christian for sin. Therefore we must present our bodies a "living" sacrifice before God. Let us use our members for Him. God is a jealous God, but also loving, kind, and true. He has promised many things, but we must be in the center of His will to be heir to His inheritance. Often, when we face persecution, we are prone to use our tongue to bear grudge and hard feelings toward our persecutors, but this is not right in the sight of God. He tells us to forgive those who trespass against us, to pray for those who spitefully use us, to strive toward perfection, and to obey the gospel of Christ. Truly, we must use our members to praise God and not to drag down others, whether saved or unsaved. We cannot possibly be "holy and acceptable" before God, if we are carrying a grudge against anyone for any reason. Let us have our differences and sin not. James said if we are able to control the tongue, then we can master the whole body. James 3:5 says, "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" Let us think—What have we to boast? All we have is given of God. If we must use our tongue to kindle a fire, let it be on fire of God. If every tongue were used for His praise, how much nearer could we come to God, and how many more sinners, could we bring unto Him. May we all receive exhortation given in James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh unto you." Also, may our testimony be as is recorded in James 1:4, "BUT LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK, THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING."

—General Baptist Messenger

Attend Church Sunday



## 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
Kirkville ..	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 Bures
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
Faith Church .....	Rev. Loy Smith
Greenridge .....	Rev. Len Gardner
Oskaloosa .....	
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
Lebanon .....	Rev. F. D. Johnson
Wagoner .....	Rev. James McCully

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Cuba .....								40		
Mt. Pisgah .....	56	64	59	54	65	53	57	47	51	
Copper Mines .....	100	95	105	103	110	116	118	104	106	123
Fellowship, Flat River	186	194	194	199	204	187	189	185	188	
Leadington .....	98	109	101		83	66	69	67	68	
Farmington .....	65	70	70	55	50	69	55	56	63	78
Fourth, Maplewood .....	54	48	43	62	51	59	55	60	65	57
Old Bethel .....	23	34	29	25						
Berkeley City .....	156	153	145	204	185	206	181	154	177	207
Richwoods .....	69	54	55	55	70	55	47	45	44	53
Oak Grove .....								48		
Joplin .....	69	60	60	68	68	80	74			
Kirkville .....	109	96	107	109	102	92	108	91	91	
Grant Ave., Springfield								78	80	
Hazel Creek .....	40	50	49	44	44	45	49			
Twin Oak .....	55	66	63	66				63	44	65
South Side Church .....	151	147	158	152	164	165	161	141	163	
New Hope, Kansas City	33	29	28	36	36	34	28	35	35	
Mine La Motte .....	37	43	48	42	38	34	39	31	39	62
Mill Creek .....	47	46	58	67	57	63	59	53	55	
First Church, Kans. City	66		66	71	60	65	67	60		
Liberty .....								29		
Overland Church .....	88	78	76	95	84	90	86	78	90	102
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	95	91
Myrtle .....								48	53	

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

## Our Universal Faith

Ollie Latch

Probably no one text of the Bible so clearly indicates the universal nature of the Christian faith as does Isaiah 43:5-6. Please turn to this passage and read it, for I would like to use it as the basis of this discussion. Read the verses slowly and thoughtfully. You will find in them the breath of a universal faith, a program which meets the crying needs, the consuming hungers, and the anxious hopes of the races of men.

### I—A Universal Need

The very first line is an appeal to a universal problem, the nagging fears and apprehensions of mankind. Have you ever noted how many times the Bible calls upon us to leave our fears behind? In this sense, it is striking at the heart and soul of one of mankind's greatest problems—a problem universal in time and scope in the story of the race.

Psychology recognizes one of the basic instincts, universal among men, to be that of fear. Really, at its root lies the matter of self-preservation. As such, of course, it is good, for we were so created. However, like most of the holy instincts with which we are equipped, that of self-preservation has become perverted. Most of the race quivers today with fear for bread, for clothing, for comforts, for sensual satisfactions. It is not just a matter of self-preservation, but whether we will have what our senses crave, whether we can keep up with the Joneses. Behind much of man's activity today lies this consuming, nagging, haunting fear.

The text cries out for men to drop these things and to place ultimate and abiding faith in one who is both able and willing to take care of them. Much of the world's sorry plight could be solved if men believed in and paid tribute of trust to the universal God of heaven and earth. The text calls upon us to turn to such a universal God to meet such a crushing universal need.

### II—A Universal Invitation

Our God has a universal interest in his creation. The fatal weakness in Christians who cling to segregation is that in relegating some segment of the human race to an inferior position in the sight of God, they invite a like relegation of themselves. Unless we can maintain a faith which centers in a God who loves all people everywhere alike, how can we ever be really sure that we are beloved of him! The text leaves no doubt of the universality of his invitation.

East, west, north, south—so says the text. And to clinch the matter, he speaks of the ends of the earth as the extent of the invitation. If the problem with which God seeks to deal is universal, and the solution he has is universal, then he would not be the God we have taught to worship if he did not extend the invitation on a universal basis. And that he has done, as the text indicates. If there is any one place in all the world where all men, rich and poor, white and black, can meet upon a common ground, it is at the cross of Jesus Christ.

East, west, north, south, color, race or nationality—what do these things mean in the face of fear! The death knell rings in the ear of every one from everywhere. The nagging fear because of sin and the powers of evil which are abroad pulls at us all alike. If Christ had a cure for sin, if we are to be justified in our faith in him, then at his cross no polar regions can be recognized, no racial lines can be drawn, no economic bloods can crowd for first consideration.

Paul declares that God has considered "all men under sin" and Peter declares that God now calls on "all men to repent". No national, racial, economic or social lines there! And there are none in the text of this message!

It was, I believe, Kipling who said, "East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet." He was wrong, for in the universal needs of mankind and the universal invitation of God, the east, west, north and south—indeed, the ends of the earth—do meet.

### III—A Universal Language

There are few words which are universal in scope, few words which can bridge all language barriers. None the less, there are some words which, accompanied by gestures, span the face of the earth and are universally understood. Not the word alone, of course. But the gesture, the light on the face and in the eye tell the story. And significantly, some of those words are chosen for this text.

If you were among the most backward tribes of the earth today and saw a man place his hand upon the shoulder of a boy, look upon that boy with pride, gesture toward that boy with love shining in his eyes, no matter what language that man used, you would know that he was saying, "This is my son." If a little bright eyed girl came to him, and you saw him playfully tumble her hair, instinctively move a little between her and you, look at her with pride and joy, no mat-

ter what language he used, you would know that he was saying, "This is my daughter."

So in words universally understandable to all men everywhere, the invitation of this text is couched. "My sons", "my daughters"! The pride, the joy, the love, the wonder and glory of those words glow and glisten and gleam anywhere and everywhere. It is, I think, significant that Jesus, in speaking of our relationship to God, most often uses these terms. It is true that he uses friend, disciples and other terms of endearment. But the ones most often employed by him are the universal terms of the family, children, sons, daughters. So the text points up the very nature of our religion in that we bear a family relationship which excludes exclusiveness. And when our faith would speak of us in terms not to be mistaken, it chose these words, "Now are ye the sons of God . . .".

### In Conclusion

So a universal need is met by a universal invitation extended in a universal language. This is the basis of the mission impulse. In the language of Jesus, the brother may be "a certain" man, any man, on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. A son may be covered with the filth of the hog pen, the dust of the field or the perfumes which prepared one for a feast, even though he sulked outside. And daughter may be applied alike to the Syro-phonician woman, Mary Magdalene, or the nameless creature they flung before him in the courtyard.

On the basis of what is said in this text, we then are fully justified in believing that when the last great trumpet shall sound and the races of men are gathering before the throne of judgment, we shall not be separated or segregated on the basis of economic, racial, national or denominational lines. But in that hour shall He say, with all pride, "That is my son and this is my daughter." Of the others he will say sorrowfully, "I know them not."

—General Baptist Messenger

He had taken his youngest son to the pet shop to pick out a puppy as a birthday present and the lad spent half an hour looking over the assortment of dogs in the window.

"Decided which one you want?" asked his father.

"Yes," replied the boy, pointing to one puppy which was enthusiastically wagging his tail. "The one with the happy ending."

Join The Family Plan