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A Christian Hero

By Gordon Reddin

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Dan. 6:10.

Daniel had been made first of the Presidents of the land because "an excellent spirit was in him." God's people may be found today by that same sign. When the Spirit of God is in a person everyone marvels at the "Excellent Spirit in him." His appointment to this high office did not please the politicians of that land so they began to plot against him. We notice in the 5th verse of this 10th chapter of Daniel these men who had joined forces against him paid him the highest compliment that can be paid any man when they said, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it concerning the law of his God." These men knew that Daniel was true to the law of his God. If this could be said of more of the professing Christians today think how much easier it would be to lead men to Christ. Then they wrote a petition asking the king to decree that any one praying to any other than the king himself be cast into a den of lions. The king signed the decree and it became law that could not be changed. So we come to our Scripture reading.

When Daniel heard that this decree was passed he went at once to his chamber where the window was opened toward Jerusalem and falling on his knees there he prayed to the only God he knew and trusted—the God of Heaven—the same God that we know today.

Now let us notice some of the things that made Daniel a Christian hero.

First of all: He defied wrong. . . . He would not be swayed by popular opinion. Many professing Christians seem to think more of what the world will say about their actions than they consider will God be pleased. The other presidents, princes, and the general run of people might bow down and pray to the king, but not Daniel. His religious convictions were not for sale. His religion was not a mere convenience; it was a consuming compassion. He would not compromise, even in the face of the lions den, with a decree that interfered with his soul's right of worshiping God. **He Took His Stand.** Others might compromise their religious convictions as Lot did, but Daniel would not. Others might show a spirit of cowardice as Peter showed

on the night of the betrayal, but Daniel would not. Others might hesitate in a decision as Esther did, but Daniel would not. Others might follow from afar off as did the Apostles on the day of great trial, but Daniel would not. Others might betray their Lord as did Judas, but Daniel would not. His was not a passive, but a positive devotion.

It is wrong to compromise our Christian religion in any way, anywhere, anytime. It is wrong to be weak when we can be strong. Such a man was Daniel. Such men we should be in Christ today. Daniel would not be persuaded to do wrong even by a king's decree. Once there was a poor French potter who was imprisoned for his religious belief. The king, Charles 9th, visited him and said, "I'm forced to give you up to death unless you forsake your religion!" The poor potter looked at him and said, "They that force you, King Charles, cannot force me. You and all your nation cannot force me to compromise." Devotion like that is sufficient for the supreme and extreme tests of life. With them there is no flirting, no trifling, no dillydallying with Christian convictions and loyalties. One who regards highly his religion will make it second to nothing. Easily swayed convictions are evidence of poorly founded faith. Many today who enjoy the comforts of Christianity will not accept the challenge of Christianity. They turn a deaf ear to Christ as he says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

We need in the Church today men who will hear these words of Christ with a glad heart and actually take up his cross and follow Christ. The Church of Jesus Christ started in the world with a cutting edge to its truth. It turned the world upside down.

Today we have become more diplomatic with our approach in defying wrong and the world is wondering if the Church has lost her power. My friends let me point out to you this very morning that your actions and mine will determine the influence of the Church today. Christianity today in many places is too corrupt to be conquering, too bankrupt to be powerful; too anemic to be militant; too comfortable to be courageous; too dead to be dynamic. Daniel marches down the history of time with sure step because he would not compromise with the world. Let us take this thought to our heart and cherish it there. Daniel defied wrong and became a hero of all generations and nations.

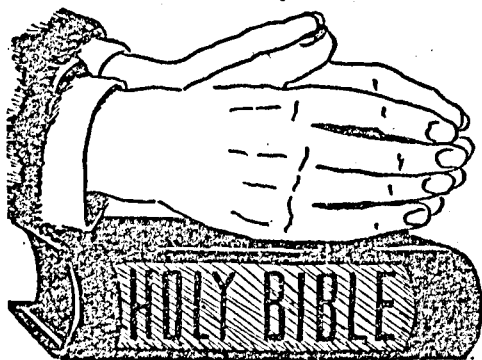
In the second place let us notice that Daniel showed complete fidelity to his God. The stern decree did not affect his fidelity. We might imagine a friend saying to him, "Now Daniel, your religion is important, but not that important. Don't be fanatical, be diplomatic. You can pray, secretly, but don't endanger your head. You are in Rome now and you had better do as Rome does." No greater curse has ever come upon this world of ours than this kind of reasoning. Daniel's religion meant more to him than this life. His was not a fair weather, nor a Sunday religion, but was a compassion, consuming as life. God was as real to Daniel as life and vastly more indispensable. What about your fidelity?

Some of you may have come to this city girded with the moral support of a Christian home. Have you kept the pure blood of your Mother in your veins, or have you slipped? Were you brought up to respect the Lord's house, and attend the services there? Are you doing it? If you are not, it means that you are not enjoying the better things of life. I know some people who are most miserable this very morning because they have forsaken the way that they know to be right. Let us be true to the God of heaven today, that we might lead others to this way. Daniel proved his fidelity to his trusts. He had sacred trusts which he would not violate. Such men lift themselves into immortality. The unfaithful drop out of the picture and are forgotten in a very short time. Fidelity to his trust led a small boy, George W. Truett, from a mountain cove to limitless service for God and great renown.

Fidelity to their trust led our own heroes on Wake Island, Guadalcanal, on the waters of the Pacific, and in the air over seas and lands to become immortal. It caused Esther to declare, "I go unto the King . . . and if I perish, I perish." You say this is hard to do? Certainly it is. One of two men working at a task became tired and wanted to quit. The other one spurred him on by saying, "Come on! If this thing were easy, everybody would be doing it!" We need this same spirit in our Church today. In spite of our great Church buildings, well trained preachers, educated congregations, and cultured Sunday School teachers, there is something lacking. The thing lacking is for the professing world of Christianity to prove their fidelity to their trust by standing as an army for truth and right. The thought that many men, women, and young people are lost without Christ should stir us to action. And let us remember that the Gospel of

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The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. That the mission in Anchorage, Alaska will be able to acquire property.
2. That more preachers will be led to go to the Northwest and work.
3. That the will of the Lord be done in Miss Yeley's future work. She may transfer.
4. That the Billows in Mexico will have less opposition by the forces of evil.
5. That funds will come in for the work in Hawaii.
6. That additional support will be provided for the work in England and Canada.
7. That we can purchase property for the First Spanish Church in Miami.
8. Pray for the annual Home Missions Board meeting which will be soon. This is an important meeting.
9. Pray for all our former home missionaries, who are now pastoring churches.

—Board of Home Missions

A CHURCH THAT NEEDS NO MONEY

We have discovered a new way for a church to function without money. Will you cooperate? Each member will come to church dressed warmly enough to eliminate the necessity of heating the building. Each member will bring a candle to the evening service, so we can disconnect the electricity. Each member will come to the church with broom and dust mop to keep his part of the building presentable. Then a paid janitor will not be necessary. Those who wish to use water will bring their bottles. Each will provide his own hymnbook and music in the choir. Each member will bring materials and tools to remodel and repair the church building. Here we can really save money. Each member will spend some time working in the church office. If one desires a copy of the church bulletin he will bring his own supplies for printing some. This

will eliminate the expense of office help and equipment. Each member will take his turn preaching, leading the services, conducting funerals, performing marriages, calling on members and prospects, visiting the sick, and guiding the administration of the church. This will save the expense of a pastor! Each one must agree to spend at least a year as a missionary at his own expense, on some foreign field. This will dispense with Missionary offerings. Thus the church could be known as "the church that needs no money." What a spectacle it will make as the men, women, boys and girls, bundled up head and foot, walk dutifully to church carrying water bottles, brooms, dust mops, sheet music, sermon notes, candles, hammers, saws and other such baggage. Isn't this a great idea? A new day is dawning for "the church that needs no money!" Would you really wish it that way? If not, give God ten per cent of your income, and the church can operate in the scriptural manner, with a tithe of its members' incomes.

—Copied

—From Beacon

ARE WE OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTIANS?

What do we mean when we say we are old-fashioned? Webster says the word means, "Characteristic of Old Times." Are we agreed on this definition? I am persuaded that this is what it means, that we act and live like the people of God in other ages, but do we? I have found more modern Free Will Baptists in the last few years than ever before; They sing late model songs that were not heard of old-timers, songs that belittle and humanize the Son of God, this excludes them from the ranks of old fashioned singers! These modern Free Willers don't have the same regard for the Sabbath that our forefathers had because they have abbreviated the Lord's Day and reduced it from twenty-four hours to two-hours and some don't worship that long on the Lord's Day. I don't like these modern Sabbaths that will allow a Christian to go to Sunday School and rush home and hook on to the boat and trailer and head for the lake, this isn't old-fashioned.

These have gone modern on paying into the church of all things! Abraham loved the cause enough before he ever entered a beautiful church house that he paid his tithes, Gen. 14:20, Malachi told the people before they spanned the Testaments that they were robbing God if they didn't pay their tithes, but these late model Christians claim that this was under the law and

they don't have to do it. They didn't have to do it at any time, but they nailed the doors of the house of God when the people failed to tithe and the ministers supported themselves. Jesus was old-fashioned, He said, "We ought to tithe . . ." Matt. 23:23.

There is too much formality in these modern churches! You can tell what they are going to do before they do it! Because they have the same all time, few late model songs, one prayer and the same sermon every Sunday with a different Scriptural introduction. I am old-fashioned, I believe that the singers ought to prepare for service like the singers in the day of the Israelites, I think that men ought to prepare a message for the people, and be real old-fashioned, count out a dime from each dollar and pay your debt to the Lord. Some pray for God to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, but if you want God to open the window, pay the price with a dime out of every dollar. Are we old-fashioned? —From Vision

A CHRISTIAN HERO

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Christ is more than a cold form of religion.

In the third place let us notice the secret to Daniel's power. . . . For one thing the secret of his power was his prayer life. He prayed three times a day. How many times a day do you pray? How earnestly do you pray? If you knew it would mean physical danger to pray would you continue to pray? Once there was a family altar in your home, is there one there now? Daniel's spirit was another secret of his power. "Because there was an excellent spirit in him." No wonder he could sway and change a nation! Romans 8:9 teaches us that, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Christian people have the spirit of Christ and it is an excellent spirit.

Still again Daniel's power lay in the fact that he served God continuously. Not only was he consistent, he was constant in his service. He had a clear head, a pure heart, and clean hands. What did a crises matter to such a man! His hopes were stronger than his fears; his faith was stronger than his doubts. Daniel stood as strong as the rock of Gibraltar. He stood on the "Rock of Ages." You say that you are a Christian? Then I call on you in the name of Jesus Christ to prove the same to the world by taking a stand with those faithful men and women who would do as Daniel did if they were put to the test. You can best prove that today by being in Church service somewhere each Sunday.

PROGRAM

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

Supervisory Staff:

General Superintendent—Rev. Roger Reeds
Principal of Teaching—Rev. Albert Halbrook
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Playground Recreational Activities:
Seniors—Rev. Harvey Hill
Juniors—Rev. Elmer Turnbough.
Dining Room and Kitchen Staff:
Mrs. Freda Sells, Mrs. Stella Walton, Mrs. Doris Thompson.

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
Senior—13 and up.
Intermediates—11-12 years.

Teachers for the above classes: Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, and Rev. Elro Driggers.
Juniors 9-10 years. Teachers, Rev. Wm. Turnbough, another to be selected.

Primary Department: General Superintendent—Mrs. Louise Underwood; Teachers—Mrs. Margaret Wantland, and Miss Hazel Hutsell.

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
10:20-10:50 A. M. Classes
10:50-11:00 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. Recreation

2:30-3:00 P. M. Singspiration
3:00-5:30 P. M. Supervised Play
5:30-5:45 P. M. Prepare for 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.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

1. We recommend that Article 4 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, and assistant moderator, and a clerk-treasurer, said officers shall be elected at the close of each session and hold office until their successors are elected and qualified;

2. We recommend that Article 9 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

This Constitution may be amended at any regular body by a two-third-majority vote of all the members present, after the proposed amendments has laid on the table for one day.

3. In compliance with the request from the Southeast Yearly Meeting, we recommend that By-Law Number 16 be changed to read as follows:

The number of delegates to the State Association shall be five delegates from each affiliated local association or yearly meeting; one delegate from each church plus one delegate for each fifty members or larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a local association or yearly meeting holding membership in this body.

This proposed change was made and sustained on the floor:

That last sentence of Article 7 of Constitution be deleted.

The Search For God

John 4:24

By Ollie Latch

In response to a test question in Sociology recently a fine young lady wrote this answer. "I enjoyed the chapter on religion a lot. However, I do not attend church and I fear that I am pretty confused." If that child had ripped my flesh aside and pulled hard on my heart, her action would not have hit any deeper. As a student

of history, I know she but spoke the innate longings of the race. But as a teacher and a Christian, I could not view her as an artifact. She is a living, warm, throbbing human on the threshold of life, crying out of her heart the anxious longing of thousands of years of history.

I—Pitiful Broken Fragments

Roam through the museums of human history sometime and take a look at the pitiful broken fragments which bespeak the eternal quest of mankind to know God. A totem pole with its weird carvings and grotesque figures is there. The mummy from Egypt with its vessels and scrolls and money is there. The remains of the caveman with his crude symbols of faith are there. The majestic sculpture of the Assyrian image with the face of a man, the body of a lion and the wings of an eagle is there. The beauty and glory of Greece is there in its images of the gods. The jade Buddha, and the scrolls of Confucius are there. The ugly creations of primitive art are side by side with the best of man's cultural societies—all bespeaking a deep and cutting pang in the hearts of all men of all ages, the need to know God.

Isaiah, in one of his few outbursts of sarcasm, belittles the man who cut down the ash tree, used part of it to build a fire to warm himself, part to cook a meal to satisfy his hunger, and the leftover part to make a god. Yet even this fine cutting edge of the prophet's sarcasm is tempered by the almost immediate realization that he is here dealing with a frightening problem, and he quickly ceases to hurt and begins trying the heal. So let us, when we stand beside the broken fragments which, had they voices, would cry out the pangs of millions from the past, not laugh or scorn their crudeness. Would you laugh at the tears of tragedy!

II—Are We Really Better?

Certainly we know of Christ, but I often wonder if we are very much ahead of the people of the past whose broken fragments are left to remind us that our search is not new. It is true that Christ has brought to us a bright and wonderful new concept of God. However, it must be assumed by us that God was never here until Christ came. What probes my thinking sometimes is this question, "Even with your bright new message from Christ, will your symbols look any different to the museum pieces when another thousand years have rolled by?" There are times when I fear they will not.

The whole Protestant world unites in at least a nominal reverence for the
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From the Editor's Desk

THINGS THAT CONCERN US

We wish to call your attention to a few things that concern all of us. First, Rev. Riggs of the Foreign Mission Department and Rev. Willis of the Home Mission Department states in their April bulletins that there are some deficits in each respective department. We certainly appreciate the way you have supported these phases of the work, but if possible let us put forth a little more effort and help erase these deficits.

Rev. Ben Scott, a member of the General Board, calls our attention to our National Sunday School program. Read his article in this issue and ask God to lead you as to your response to it.

Also, Rev. Mooneyham asked that I remind each of our churches that for the first time in 230 years of history, local churches will be able to send delegates to the National Convention. Let's see that each Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri is represented at Asheville, N. C., July 13-16.

In this issue are the proposed changes of our Constitution and By-Laws of our Missouri State Association. These changes were recommended at last year's State Association at the Youth Camp, but according to Article 9 of the Constitution must be published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

Finally, I would again remind all our youth and others who are interested of our Youth Camp session, June 21-27, at the Youth Encampment, Niangua, Mo.

Since our last report other teachers have consented to teach at the Youth Camp. They are as follows: Miss Hazel Hutsell, Mountain Grove; Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, pastor of Victory Church, Avondale; Rev. Wm. Turnbough, pastor of Leadington Church, Leadington; and Rev. Elro Driggers, pastor of Fellowship Church, Flat River.

We hope to see all of you at the Youth Camp!

YOUTH CAMP HIT BY HAIL STORM

Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Reeves, who live at our Youth Camp writes: "The camp sure was hit hard the 19th by a hail storm. Every cabin roof was damaged, and in cottage dining hall and cabins altogether, there were 57 panes of glass broken.

We had to re-cover the dining hall entirely. Bro. Matthews came with a

group and worked on their cabins, and he and Bro. Gene Mikel helped cover the dining hall Saturday. The cottage roof was badly damaged. Chapel roof 100 percent to be covered."

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME

What a privilege Free Will Baptist churches will have this year. For the first time in the denomination's 230-year history, local churches will be able to send delegates to the national convention. We think this is something of an historic occasion.

Up to this year only state and district conventions could elect delegates to the national convention. Now all of the 2,500 churches affiliated with state and district conventions may have delegates to the convention with a direct voice in the denomination's affairs. We can't help but wonder, however, if the churches will treat this privilege like the great American public treats the voting privilege—with neglect and indifference.

We do not expect that every church will send a delegate this first year, but we are hopeful that at least 500 will. One reason why we expect this is that the convention, meeting is Asheville, N. C., is in the heart of the numerical strength of the denomination. Three hundred miles in each direction would embrace probably three-fourths of our entire constituency. (In case you have forgotten, the dates of the convention this year are July 13-16.)

The method of representation this year is that each convention is allowed five lay delegates at large and each church affiliated with the highest body within a state is entitled to one lay delegate. Churches that have no state or district convention may represent directly. If we have as many as 500 lay delegates this year, it will mean that probably for the first time the laymen will outnumber the preachers at the convention. We feel that at a Baptist convention this is the way it ought to be.

The proper credential forms for the church delegates will be available from either the state offices or the national executive office. All that is required is the proper signature of a church official (pastor or clerk) and a \$10 representation fee. Decide now to see that your church will have a delegate and a vote in the historic session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

—From Contact.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE PROGRAM

By Ben Scott

General Board Member

During the past several weeks you have probably heard and read much about the existing conditions in our Sunday School department. Before I go further, let me urge you, if your Sunday School is presently ordering literature from the office in Nashville, to continue to do so at least until after the National Association. The literature is still available and the profits from the sale of it are needed.

There are problems which have arisen since the beginning of our present literature program. When we look at them through fear and doubt they look tremendously big. But when we look at them with faith in God, and generosity in our hearts they are not insurmountable!

Our Sunday School department is in debt. Through mis-judgment and human error this indebtedness began to occur. However, we cannot put the responsibility entirely upon the Sunday School board. They were only doing, or trying to do, what they were directed to do by the National Association. They resigned as a board so the General Board could commit the problems to the executive committee for a solution. They did not resign as a way out, but they resigned in the interest of the literature program which we had directed them to launch.

The future of the denomination's literature program is in the balance. This is a matter which deserves much prayer. The indebtedness is being paid from the profits received from the sale of the literature, but it will take a long time to clear their indebtedness if this is the only source of income. If your church believes in the literature program and wants to see it go forward, send an offering soon to the Executive office in Nashville and mark it for retiring the Sunday School indebtedness. Send to the office of Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

JACK McALLISTER ORDAINED

On March 7, 1959, Rev. Jack McAllister was ordained by the Kansas City District Quarterly Executive Board at the New Hope F. W. B. Church, Kansas City, Kans. The charge was given to Brother McAllister by Rev. Russell Spurgeon. Joseph Cockrell led the ordination prayer.

The members of the executive board are Ralph Cook, James McAllister, Joe Cockrell, Jack Knapp, and Clifford Altis.



YOUTH CAMP BADLY DAMAGED BY STORM

This is a special edition of the "Crier" because of the storm that recently hit our Missouri State Youth Camp. The following is a letter from our Secretary, Rev. William Reeves, which will describe the storm:

"It was the worse hail storm in the history of Niangua. Only one house, in our near Niangua, Missouri which was in the path of the storm, did not need a new roof. About a hundred and seventy-five square feet of roofing is needed here at the camp. Fifty-seven window glasses are broken. We were away at the time of the storm. It came about 5:00 P. M. We arrived home about 7:00 P. M. When we arrived, there were still slugs of hail here on the ground that measured two and three-fourths inches. They buried themselves into the ground, leaving the ground, as some said, "it looked like pony tracks." The ground was completely covered with tree limbs, and our entire camp looked a terrible mess."

The following is a list of some of the damages at the camp:

1. Damage to the State property, which includes the dining hall, the chapel, the rest rooms, and the two cabins, and the caretakers cottage will run approximately about \$1,000. These were insured to the extent of \$708, which means that we are going to have to add about \$300 in order to be able to have our dining hall, chapel, rest rooms, cabins, and cottage in repair by the time the Youth Camp session time arrives.

2. Almost every cabin on the grounds was damaged to a great extent. Some as much as even 100 percent roof damage. Others, 25 percent to 50 percent. If you own a cabin at the grounds, please get in touch with Rev. Reeves immediately. Find out the extent of the damage to your cabin, and make plans to have it repaired before Youth Camp session time. You may have insurance on your cabin. If so, get in touch with your adjuster immediately. This appeal is go-

ing out to every cabin owner. We must have the cabins ready by Youth camp time, June 21. Don't fail us. Get busy now. Please do your best to help us have our Youth Camp in good shape once again by Youth Camp time.

YOUR YOUTH CAMP APPEALS TO YOU

Following is an urgent appeal to the various churches, auxiliaries, Sunday School classes, Leagues, and others over the state of Missouri. Due to the storm which recently hit our Youth Camp, we find ourselves facing one of our worse crises since the organization of our Youth Camp many years ago. Following is a list of things we hope that you will help us do:

Our Youth Camp treasury is at a very low ebb. In fact, at the last report from Rev. Reeves this week, he informs me that we only have a balance of \$41.00 in our treasury. We cannot do much with that amount. Please ask your Sunday School class, League, auxiliaries, or church to make a special offering and take a special offering and send it to our Youth Camp at once. At least \$300 is needed for repairs to the property damage. There are many other things that will be needed before Youth Camp time. Help us financially. We do depend on you.

Several things are badly needed before this year's session. For example, playground equipment for primary and junior department, bats, balls, basketballs, volley balls, and other recreational articles are badly needed for the senior playground. Many kitchen articles are badly needed.

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Bible. Even in homes utterly unconnected with formal religion in any way one will find the Bible. The Catholic places equal regard upon his crucifix, his rosary and the other material evidences of his faith. Alike we build our temples of worship, some crude and cheerless, others beautiful and inspiring. The rich and wonderful music of our faith is engraved in many ways to

stand the change of time. Now please do not think I belittle any of these things. Though I am often shocked at some of the music which men use to express their faith, I would belittle nothing by which any person seeks to approach God.

Nevertheless, my dear friends, the bitter fact remains that for many of us the symbols of search have been substituted for the facts of faith. Hence, the Bible lies unopened and unread in millions of homes. It is there almost like a good luck charm. The crucifix has become something upon which to gaze when life is ebbing out and there is no more hope of sensual satisfaction. It is worn like an amulet everywhere. The house of worship has become to millions the place where they go because it is the proper thing to do and has no more meaning once the weekly (I was about to say weakly) rituals have been performed. It is, therefore, quite likely that in the ages to come, if indeed they do come, men will wander by the broken fragments of our symbols of faith and be as amused as we are at those which have come to us out of the past.

III—A Vital Point Missed

The point our ancestors missed and the point we are so sadly missing with regard to God is very vital. That point is that God is a Spirit. He is not to be found in totem poles, majestic sculpture, magnificent buildings, rapturous music, paper Bibles, golden crosses, nor any other material thing. He must be found in spirit, accepted in spirit, before these things take on meaning. What the pithy wit of Shakespeare said in deep earnestness is missed by millions of the faithful today. He spoke of "sermons in stones, songs in brooks and God in everything." We do not thus commune with him.

It is small wonder that John the Baptist is called a voice crying in the wilderness. The same terms might equally be applied to our Lord, to Paul, or to any other voice calling men to find God in spiritual things rather than in material symbols. How gallantly Jesus toiled through the years
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News From The Mission Field

A STARTLING CHALLENGE

Fred C. Schwartz, M. D., of Australia, a Christian expert on the subject of Communism, says:

Communism is conquering the world. They now have 900,000,000 souls under their control. The greatest single contributing factor to this incredible advance has been literature distribution. The pen has preceded the sword.

It is imperatively urgent that we deluge all mission fields with Christian literature. I know of no other project so desperately necessary, or one that will pay equal dividends in the winning of souls.

In India alone 70 percent of all literature is said to be "Red." God help us to **DO SOMETHING** about getting God's message into their hands and hearts.

Paper is paper, and ink is ink. But God's message, clothed in paper and ink, empowered by God's Spirit, as God's men publish, distribute, and pray for it, has God's promise that "... it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

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FRED HERSEY WRITES FROM JAPAN

"We are thankful for the Lord's blessings upon the work here and appreciate the opportunity of being here. Some of the Christians here in Bihoro show signs of real spiritual growth. One of the women plans to enter Bible School next month to prepare herself for Christian service. We have about three or four who I feel will ask for baptism this coming Summer. The Bihoro Christians are now paying part of the rent for the meeting place each month. They are paying a percentage of the offering. I trust that this percentage can be raised from time to time until they are paying all of the church rent. For some time they have been buying all their Sunday School supplies and literature for which we praise the Lord."

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SPECIAL NOTICE NEW FILMS AVAILABLE!

We have just secured two new films for our film library, and we hope you will order for showing soon. "Columbia Conflict" shows the strug-

gle and victories of the Evangelical Witness in Catholic dominated Columbia. Every church should see this film. "Crimson Shadow", a dynamic illustrated message by Dr. Fred C. Schwartz, Christian expert on the subject of Communism. These frightening facts should be driven home to the heart of every Christian. A good way to promote Foreign Missions is through visual aids. Plan a film service soon. All our films are available on a free will offering basis.

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LONNIE SPARKS SAYS:

"In a new village where I stayed over night twice in one week we have seen ten fine young men step out for Christ. They have church services morning and night. This is one of the most encouraging signs we have seen since arriving in Africa. It was nothing I had done, just the work of the Holy Spirit in answer to prayers of you at home. Bigamy is one of the biggest problems which we have to face, besides their use of fetishes. Pray that God will give wisdom when we deal with such.

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EMMA RUTH WILLEY WRITES FROM CUBA

"Tom has been away since 6:00 this morning working with the men who are condemned to face the firing squad and holding a jail service at the other prison. These have certainly been full days and days of mixed emotions—joy in knowing that we are free to carry on the work at full force and yet burdened to see these who must go out into eternity because of their awful criminal records. Some have responded to the message (though according to both Father and Tom, they have entirely no concept of what the Gospel is), and we have every reason to believe that they are now with the Lord. As one of them was walking the last mile, he stopped and said to them, "Gentlemen, don't worry about me. My debt with God has been arranged. I am going to glory." He faced the squad with perfect peace and even gave the order "fuego!" himself so that the others would not have that burden of conscience.

Religious differences are not nearly so disastrous as religious indifferences.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Dear Friend of Home Missions:

This beautiful spring day here in Nashville makes us all wish we could be out in the garden, by the creek bank fishing, or someplace in this warm sun. However, we realize that the work of the Lord must be first and the work is very pressing at this time in the National Home Missions office. We need a full time book-keeper and secretary very much, as our work continues to increase month by month, will you please pray with us about this need?

I have just returned from a visit with our missionaries in the Northwest, Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite. They have a wonderful work in Wenatchee, Washington. The work at Yakima, Washington also is growing. The people at Wenatchee have built a beautiful building, one all of our people can be proud about.

When you get this letter I will be in a missionary revival at Chipley, Florida. Then I go to Bryan, Texas for a Home Missions Conference with the First Church. The first week in May I will be in a missionary revival near my home—Coeburn, Virginia. Please remember these important meetings in your prayers. If you can I would like to urge you to attend the meetings.

An effort is being made at this time to start a Free Will Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. Glen Thomas has moved to that city from Detroit, Michigan. If you have friends in Louisville please send us their address.

Brother and Mrs. Sanders continue to do itinerant work on behalf of the new field of Hawaii. At this time their funds are coming in very slow. Dear pastors and friends let me appeal to you to support this couple as they go to open new work in our newest state.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards is visiting our home mission fields in Mexico, Arizona, Alaska, and Washington at this time. Please remember her in prayer. We feel her visit will be a real help to the missionaries, who get so lonely for fellowship.

Write us for your free Daily Vacation Bible School helps in the missions class. We will send books, maps, folders, note-books, etc., as long as the supply lasts. Many churches are planning to send their Vacation Bible School offerings for National Home Missions. Will your church?

Write us, come and visit your home missions office, and above all brethren pray for us.

Yours for Christ and Missions,
Homer E. Willis

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

When you receive your financial report, please note the deficit accounts. We would appreciate a designated gift this month toward some of these accounts that are in the red.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
MARCH, 1959**

Balance brought forward	
March 1	\$10,869.99
Receipts:	
Alabama	\$ 141.15
Alaska	136.40
Arizona	10.00
Arkansas	97.37
California	74.55
Florida	295.22
Georgia	69.90
Illinois	28.58
Kansas	4.50
Kentucky	188.00
Michigan	314.83
Mississippi	49.35
Missouri	691.00
New Mexico	-0-
North Carolina	1,000.78
Ohio	85.08
Oklahoma	242.59
South Carolina	15.05
Tennessee	478.87
Texas	57.69
Virginia	23.28
Washington	253.66
West Virginia	-0-
Other	88.95
W. N. A. C.	55.84
Total	\$ 4,402.64
Grand Total	\$15,272.63
Disbursements:	
Missionary salary and maintenance	\$ 2,901.67
Office salaries	610.00
F. W. B. Headquarters maintenance	143.03
Annual Audit	125.00
Itinerant expenses	96.70
Books (etc., for resale) ..	92.57
Special help	40.00
Office supplies	27.70
Station wagon	13.50
Postage	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,060.17
Balance in accounts	
Designated funds	\$4,995.40
General fund	6,217.06
	\$11,212.46
Cash in American National Bank, April 1, 1959	\$11,212.46

LEBANON FIRST CHURCH

Here is a report of our good revival at the First F. W. B. Church at Lebanon of which Rev. Finis Johnson is pastor. There were ten conversions with five new members added to the

church for which we feel will make us stronger as we go hand in hand for our Lord.

Our Sunday School is prospering and progressing nicely. An Easter service gave us a nice record of 99 in Sunday School. We are praising and thanking God for His love and mercies to us.

—Anna Queen, Cor.

**A NORTH CAROLINA'S VIEW
OF MEXICO**

Mrs. Ruby Barker

Others have written good descriptions of the poverty and the great needs of the people in Mexico. I want to assure you that all they say is true, and even worse. Words just can't describe it. I have never seen anything like it in my life.

Then to hear people complaining about not having anything—in this land of ours, flowing with milk and honey, and the many, many blessings raining down upon them daily. The many people that can't go to church because they don't have nice enough clothes to wear—have to stay at home and cook—or have a block or two to walk—or the weather isn't just like they want it—and the many other excuses they can think up—should have one glimpse of this; and then see the life our missionaries are living. They count it a blessing and a privilege to serve the Master, even if it means giving up home, family, friends, and the luxuries of this world.

This is truly our opportunity to carry out our Lord's command in spreading the gospel to every creature. The Mexicans are very grateful people—grateful for anything they receive, especially for the knowledge of Christ.

My heart went out to these people on Christmas Eve, to see how they have to live, the half-starved, poorly dressed children playing in the dirt and filth of the streets. Then to see the sparkle in their eyes, and the smiling faces, of those children when they receive one used toy some church had sent. Still, there were lots of children that did not receive even one toy. But their greatest need is not toys, but to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

My heart was touched to see 188 people come to Sunday School the Sunday we were there. Just think, people so hungry for the Word of God, they come poorly dressed and half-starved, some walking several miles carrying their babies in their arms, to hear about the Christ who died for them.

Truly the harvest is great, white already to harvest, but the laborers are so few, and the need is so great.

Our Missionaries there are doing a wonderful work, but they are handicapped by the lack of room, help, and finance. Please pray much for this work, and let's all join hands in more support for missions.

—From A. M. Missionary

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to wipe this cobweb from the minds of his followers, only to be asked on the eve of his departure from the earth, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" How powerfully did Paul write to try to dispel the material coating which we don in our search for God, only to have his majestic phrases "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink but joy, righteousness and peace", fall on deaf ears. And so it remains to this day one of the most difficult tasks for Christians to understand the message, "You must be born from above". And so also one of the most difficult sayings of Jesus for us to apprehend is "God is a Spirit, and seeketh such to worship him as will worship him in spirit and in truth."

Now this vital point as to spirituality versus materialism is the one which rendered the efforts of man in the past so fruitless. Yet were they actually fruitless? Did not God honor the hunger of man to know him by sending his only begotten Son to reveal him to us! Indeed he did. And while men on the other side of the cross can be pitied for their feeble efforts to find him, we must stand much less excusable. We have his message, his revelation, his self-sacrifice—a direct communication from heaven to man. What a tragedy that we too, are detoured off the highway of spiritual holiness onto the miserable side road of materialism and despair!

Conclusion

It is, I think, incumbent upon those of us who know Christ, regardless of whether we teach school or Sunday School, preach or labor in office or factory, to keep alive the knowledge of God as a spiritual being, to be sought in such spiritual things as sorrow for sin, love for right, desire for peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Spirit. True, we are voices crying in the wilderness of materialism all around us, but so were many others. They went undaunted at the task, so let us also. In whatever role we find ourselves cast, let us not forget that if we truly know God, it is our work also to help others know him.

—General Baptist Messenger

Your own church steeple is not the only one that points to heaven.

GRADUATION AT F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

Twenty-two B. A. degrees and three Christian Worker's diplomas will be awarded at graduation exercises, May 28, at 8:00 P. M. at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville. Dr. Theodore Mercer, president of Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee, will bring the commencement address. This will be the ninth year for students to receive B. A. degrees since the four-year program went into effect with the first degree graduates in 1951.

The baccalaureate service will be held at 8:00 P. M. May 24th in Memorial Auditorium with the Rev. Paul Ketteman, pastor of First Church, Columbus, Mississippi, bringing the message.

Graduating with B. A. degrees are: Freeman Edwards, Jacksonville; William Fulcher, Jr., Bridgeton; Jimmy Hughes, New Bern; Willie Justice, Jacksonville; Bertie Mangham, Farmville; Guy Owens, Fountain; Barbara Phipps, Ayden; Benny Turner, Asheville; Carson Weaver, Durham, North Carolina.

Harrold Harrison, Weleetka; Joe Hurst, Midwest City; Gerald Mangham, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ira Sue Nicholson, Loudon; Norma Travis, Ashland City, Tennessee.

Sarah Brown, Dorsey, Mississippi; Bobby Ferguson, Henderson, Texas; Margaret Hampton, Springfield, Missouri; Geneva Hicks, Effingham, South Carolina; Charles Hollingshead, Cordova, Alabama; Levelle Sawyer, Norfolk, Virginia; Gordon Sebastian, Rantoul, Illinois; Cecil Sanders, New Edinburg, Arkansas.

Graduating from the Christian Workers Bible Course are Frank H. Dunn, New Bern, North Carolina; Harvey Helms, Wilton, California; and Beverly Jones, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and is completing its 17th year of offering Christian training for pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers.

F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President

Pastors and lay leaders should consider the excellent opportunity of picking up three college credits at the summer session at Free Will Baptist Bible College, May 26-June 5.

The schedule is so arranged that a pastor will be away from his church only one weekend, according to Dean Charles A. Thigpen.

Three hours may be earned from the following courses: Ephesians, Leviticus, Doctrine of Jesus Christ, Sun-

day School Administration, Free Will Baptist Missions, and Pulpit Speech.

Serving on the summer faculty will be President L. C. Johnson, Leroy Forlines, J. P. Barrow, Charles A. Thigpen, Raymond Riggs, and Homer Willis.

All students may live in College dormitories, including married students. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

A folder on the summer session has been mailed to all pastors on the College mailing list. Each person wishing to attend should write the Bible College for an application.

REV. C. B. DEES SELLS INTEREST IN THE DAILY JOURNAL

A deal was completed Tuesday, March 31, whereby, N. A. Gerig and Carol Gerig purchased the thirty-three and a third percent stock owned by C. B. Dees in the Daily Journal, Flat River, Mo.

Mr. Dees has been with the Daily Journal for the past twelve years, and for the past several years he has been president and business manager of the firm.

Under his supervision the Daily Journal more than doubled its circulation and all new equipment has been added with the exception of two pieces. The Daily Journal was the first to buy a Ludlow, Heidelberg and a rotary press in this area. This is the most modern printing shop in Southeast Missouri. Recently the building housing the office was purchased and is now completely remodeled.

Mr. Dees' plans are indefinite.

—The Daily Journal, Cor.

VETERAN MINISTER PASSES

Rev. J. W. Handy, age 95, of the Masonic Home, Arlington, Texas passed away March 9th, 1959 after an illness of several months.

He was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister for 66 years and was the oldest in the F. W. B. Denomination.

He pastored the Pine Prairie F. W. B. Church, near Huntersville, Texas for a number of years, and was a member of that church.

He had excellent health to old age and as recent as three years ago had held revivals in Arkansas, Missouri, and California.

This soldier of the cross and a faithful servant of the Lord, has meant much to us. All through the years he has been there for us to lean upon and has given freely of his time, love, and help in the interest of the church and community. We will miss him, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held at Boulevard Funeral Chapel and burial

was in the Forest Park Cemetery in Houston. Rev. Yates officiated.

—Pine Prairie Church, Cor. Huntsville, Texas

PROGRAM

The program for the South-East Missouri Minister's Conference to be held Saturday, May 16, 1959, at the Overland Church, 9440 W. Milton, Overland, Mo.

10:00 A. M. Devotions—Johnny Land

10:15 A. M. Business Session

11:00 A. M. Sermon—Elro Driggers

Noon—Lunch

1:00 P. M. Devotions—Bill Turnbough

1:15 P. M. How to promote a Revival—James F. Miller

1:45 P. M.—Open forum

2:15 P. M.—Final business

2:30 P. M. Adjourn

MADISON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

The 242nd session of the Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting convened with the Mill Creek Church, April 10, 11. Rev. George Arthur Rehkop brought the introductory message Friday evening. Text: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17.

Saturday, 10:00 A. M. the service was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Truman Huffman. After devotions the letters from eight churches were read, received and the delegates seated. Visitors were welcomed and the By-Laws read. The Pulpit, Examining, and the Business Committees were appointed. Licensed ministers reports read and registration taken. Recess called.

At eleven o'clock, services were called to order by moderator, followed by congregational singing and devotions. Rev. Sam Yount was introduced to deliver the message of the hour, with the Scripture from II Cor. 4 and text from verse 5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake".

Benediction and blessing on food.

At 1:30 service was called to order by the moderator and after devotions the Business Committee's report was read and received to be adopted item by item. Business, in part, as follows: Item No. 1—"We recommend that all the churches in this Q. M. give their support to the Fredericktown Church during the visit of the Bible College choir on Friday evening, April 24. (Adopted) Item No. 2—We recommend the Q. M. make provisions for report forms for the ordained ministers to make their yearly reports according to item No. 2 of the Yearly

Conference. (Adopted) Item No. 3—We recommend the churches in this area support the Immanuel Institute. (Adopted)

The Examining Committee recommended Rev. Sam Yount to be licensed for one year to preach the gospel. (adopted)

Motion made and carried to adopt five cents a mile travel expense for the Home Mission Board.

Motion made and carried to send the Home Mission Board, to the Viburnum Area and investigate the possibilities of a church.

Rev. James Miller was introduced and made a report of Free Will Baptist Bible College improvements that has been made, improvements that are needed, and the need for financial support from Free Will Baptists every where.

Motion made and carried that each church send an offering to the college.

Introductory speaker for next session Rev. Wayne Parsons.

Next session will be at the Oak Hill Church.

Benediction Rev. George Hibbitts.

—Leamon L. Killian, Cor.

N. W. MO., AND N. E. KANS. F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

The Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Free Will Baptist Associations convened at the Freeman Chapel Church for the regular Fifth Sunday Meeting, March 22.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Mary Wellbaum, using as her Scripture John 3:1-17. After the message the service was closed by the congregation singing, "The Cross is Not Greater," with benediction by Rev. Melba White.

After a bountiful dinner the afternoon service was called to order by Mrs. Quinten Thomas leading the congregation in singing, "My Redeemer" and "At the Cross". After prayer by Rev. Stanley Letterman the congregation sang "Wondrous Story". The devotional was led by Rev. W. R. Rush using as his Scripture, Matt. 7.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After an offertory prayer by Rev. Melba White, an offering was received. Mt. Zion Church was chosen as the place for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting.

After business the following program was enjoyed:

Flannelgraph Lesson, "Story of the First Easter", by Mrs. Burl Sloan and Marcia Tyler.

Speech and Solo—Frankie Sloan.

Skit and song—Dale House, Charles Wayne Sloan, and Billy Tyler. Choruses—"Deep and Wide", "Hallelujah", and "Jesus is a Wonderful

Saviour", "Rolled Away", and "Everybody Ought to Know", by the children of Freeman Chapel.

Solo—"Saviour of the Old Rugged Cross", by Peggy Coffey.

Solo—"He Bought My Soul at Calvary" by Doreen Thomas.

Services closed by the congregation repeating the Lord's Prayer.

—Janette Tyler, Cor.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

On March 7, 1959 the Kansas City District Quarterly Conference met at the New Hope F. W. B. Church of Kansas City, Kansas. There were delegates present representing all five churches. The Moderator, John McAllister presided over the meeting. The theme for the day was "Evangelism, the Growth of the Church". Speakers and topics were as follows: "Personal Evangelism" by Rev. Jack McAllister; "Evangelism, A Command of God" by Rev. James McAllister; "Evangelism Through the Sunday School" by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon; and "Evangelism, an Organism of the Church", by Rev. Lester Jones. Special music was presented by a Kansas City Quartet. The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. Ralph Cook.

The next quarterly meeting has been acknowledged as a missionary conference. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, our missionaries from Cuba, will be speakers. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting on June 13, 1959.

N. E. MO. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Northeast Mo. Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Kirksville Church, March 29, 1959. Following the Sunday School hour the worship service opened by singing "The Old Rugged Cross". Prayer by Bro. J. E. Corey. Hymn, "Christ Arose". Prayer by Bro. Oren Fortney. Quartet number, "How Long Has It Been". Solo, "Perfect Prayer" by Marjorie Mollick. Solo, "The Wonder of it All" by Alford Peterson. Congregational number, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth". Rev. Woodrow Matthews delivered the morning message, reading for his Scripture lesson from Matt. 28:1-8, using for his text: "He is not here. He is risen". He closed his message by prayer. An invitation hymn was sung. Benediction by Bro. Bruce Riley. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session opened by the congregation singing "Glory to His Name". Prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. The president, Sis. Velma Wellman read for Scripture lesson, Psalms

119:25-32. Prayer by Rev. William Buster. Congregational number "At the Cross". Minutes of the last meeting were read. Letters from the New Harmony and Hazel Creek Auxiliaries were read for information. The next meeting will be held at the Hazel Creek Church with Rev. Alta Mikel to deliver the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Vernon Maggart as alternate.

The program was as follows: Reading, "He is Risen" by Mrs. Glen Varoman; trio, "The Resurrection Story" by girls from Mendota and Martins-town; duet, "He Died for Me", by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wellman; solo, "It is Finished", by Arlene Clay; and solo, "Is He Satisfied?" by Marjorie Mollick.

The secretary gave report of Workshop Meeting. After congregational singing a testimony service was conducted by Rev. Vernon Maggart. The Executive Board assumed charge of the service and ordained Bro. Curtis Fortney as a deacon.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

FLAT RIVER CHURCH

"If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, pray, and seek my face, and turn from their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14)

Our meeting was called to order by singing, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" and "How Firm a Foundation". Scripture lesson from Col. 3:16, 17. Prayer by Sister Lizzie Williams and Allie Thurman. Program theme for April was "Learning the Word in Another Language". Topic 1—"The Importance of Learning the Word of God in Another Language", by Lizzie Williams. Topic 2—"Some Problems in Another Language" by Allie Thurman. Topic 3—"The Expense of Learning Another Language" by Bertha Hovis. Topic 4—"The Blessings of Learning the Word in Another Language" by Gussie Hamblen. Hymn, "I Must Tell Jesus."

Jesus said, "... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Lk. 9:23) Christianity is a daily business, a seven day a week job, with no time off. The greatest tragedy of modern-day, twentieth century Christianity is that it has degenerated into a matter of Sunday Church attendance, rather than a daily living for Jesus. Soul winning or personal evangelism was the main business of the early church and not just a matter of secondary importance.

For benediction all prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison.

—Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

Woman's Auxiliary

HELP! NEED FOR GIFTS TO LOAN FUND!

There is a need for more offerings to the Memorial Student Loan Fund. Students, whose loans have been approved, are waiting to receive the money they need.

I believe to make known a need to our women is to realize its supply. Each time they have been told of a need they have responded. So, we are telling you now simply and sincerely there is a need for gifts for the Memorial Student Loan Fund.

FAITHFUL TO THE LAST

Funeral services for Mrs. Roena Thomas were conducted February 8, at the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church. An estimated 400 persons gathered to pay final tribute to Mrs. Thomas, who died in Memorial Hospital, February 6. She was at the Hannon church Wednesday afternoon, February 4, conducting the adult auxiliary services when she was suddenly stricken. She never regained consciousness. (Mrs. Thomas was helpful in organizing six Woman's Auxiliaries in her area last year.)

NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES

Lucy Wischart deLima writes from Cuba:

Things are better here in many ways after the change. At least you don't have to be afraid all the time now. There are still many things to be worked out. Many people are without jobs now. This affected two of our members who gave money to the church.

I am taking this opportunity to thank the groups who have sent offerings to my account through the Woman's Auxiliary. Please send my thanks to them and I do appreciate it so very much.

The Billows write from Mexico:

Spring has arrived in Mexico, and it is beautiful. Most of all the Lord is surely blessing, but everywhere God blesses, the devil is near at hand to do his work. It seems we overcome one trial and there is another one to take its place. At present we have a very great need. We have no one to go to but you, the children of God.

We will not attempt to give you complete details... but March 4th it became necessary for us to begin proceedings for me (Jenell) to obtain permanent papers to live in Mexico... The fee for the lawyer and the papers costs \$600 American money. We

are asking you to help us with this. Send offerings to the National Home Missions, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville Tennessee. Be sure to earmark "Papers for Mrs. Billows."

We appreciate so much the letters of encouragement. Please keep them coming.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Northeast Missouri Association held their Workshop March 19, 1959 with Martinstown church. Theme for the meeting was "Fruitful Disciples". Services were opened with singing "He Leadeth Me". Prayer by Edith Crooks. Devotions by Mrs. Velma Wellman, using as a subject "Chosen to Bear Fruit" using as a scripture St. John 15:16; I Peter 4:1-9. Prayer by Mildred Gilliam. Song "Blessed Assurance". A special number "Our Best" by Velman Wellman from Kirksville Auxiliary.

Rev. Stella Gates brought the eleven o'clock message using as a subject, "Gathering Fruit Unto Life Eternal". Scripture, St. John 4:26. After singing "Stand Up For Jesus" Maizie Sevits dismissed in prayer.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour. The afternoon session was called to worship by Velma Wellman reading Psalm 100. Hymn "I Love My Saviour Too". Prayer by Myrtle Lay.

Topics "Fruits of the Spirit", was given by Maizie Sevits from Hazel Creek. Sis. June Thomas sang "Nailed to the Cross" from New Harmony. Topic "More Fruit Through Better Stewardship" was given by Sis. Velma Wellman. Poem "It Couldn't Be Done" Mildred Gilliam. Duet "There Is Much You Can Do", by Alta Mike-land, Mona Chrisman. Topic—"How to Make Our Prayer Seasons Fruitful" by June Thomas Bryon New Harmony. Reading—"Beatitudes For Women", by Velma Wellman. A testimony meeting was enjoyed by everyone present. Sis. Mona Chrisman sang, "I Gave My Life For Thee" after which an offering was taken. Benediction by Mrs. Myrtle Hatfield.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

NEW HOPE CHURCH AUXILIARY

Our auxiliary met April 7, 1959 with nine members and one visitor present. Service was opened by singing, "He Leadeth Me", and "My Jesus I Love Thee". We then repeat-

ed the Lord's Prayer in unison. The president read the Scripture from Col. 3:16; Phil. 2:16. Prayer by Sister Gladys Howard.

The introduction to the lesson was discussed by Sister Zola Greenlee. The topics were discussed by Sisters Shirley Lauthern, Gladys Howard, Charlene Stephens, and Bertha Russell. After the topics were given, we had an open discussion on the lesson in which many interesting points were brought out. We then went into the business session.

Hostesses for the evening were Sisters Edith Blair and Bertha Russell. Benediction by Sister Edith Blair.

—Helen McAllister, Cor.

THAYER AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday evening, March 24, for their regular meeting with fifteen in attendance.

The meeting was opened with singing of hymn "How Firm a Foundation". Prayer by Sister Lucille Beatty. Reports were read and received. The auxiliary observed the pre-Easter week of prayer with a good attendance at each meeting.

Our program for March was "The Work of the Word in Japan". Topics were given by Francis Combs, Gertrude Schuster, and Lorene Palmer.

Benediction by Sister Maureen Holman.

—Frances Combs, Cor.

JOINT AUXILIARY SERVICE

We had the wonderful privilege of visiting the auxiliary of the Fredericktown Church for an all day fellowship and a study on stewardship.

Stewardship is a study all Free Will Baptists need to study. If all people who claim to know Christ as their Saviour would be good stewards of the good things God gives them, and give back to God what they owe Him, what a wonderful work we could do. We know the spiritual need is great every where, so may we not be hearers only, but doers of the word. Pray, give and go.

—M. Hilderbrand, Cor.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Mo.

Our auxiliary met at the church March 20th for our all day service with twelve members and three visitors present. Our study program was from the Year Book. The theme of our

study was about our work in Japan. Some very interesting thoughts were pointed out about our work, and the way light is being taken to those who know not our Christ. These thoughts were: First, some ways it is used; second, some places it is taken; third, some results of the use of the word; and fourth, the need of the Word in Japan. After studying about these truths and what our duty is in helping those who are doing their best for the cause of Christ, it humbled our hearts and gave us a new desire to do more for the lost of the world every where.

Following the noon hour and fellowship, we had a study on visitation and evangelism. We enjoyed the day together with prayers and fellowship. Pray for us that the Lord will ever lead us in the service He would have us to do.

May God bless our people everywhere.

—Mrs. Hilderbrand, Cor.

THIRD CHURCH AUXILIARY

St. Louis, Mo.

The Third Church Auxiliary, St. Louis, wishes to report their monthly program from the Year Book presented Thursday, March 27, with six in attendance. The program "The Work of the Word in Japan" was discussed by all members, followed by prayer at the altar. The women each brought a covered dish for the noon meal. The afternoon was enjoyed by quilting.

Our pre-Easter services were a success with an average attendance of twenty-five. The topics, presented each night, were about our missionary work in the various foreign mission fields. The men of our church discussed the topics. Our self-denial offering for foreign missions was \$16.85. The auxiliary added enough to this amount to make \$50.00, and then sent it Bro. and Sis. Carlisle Hanna in India, missionaries from our church.

Our auxiliary has purchased material sent it to Bro. and Sis. Carlisle Hanna in India, missionaries from our church.

We desire your prayers that our auxiliary may go forward for the Lord.

—Mrs. Doyle Baker, Cor.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

Our Woman's Auxiliary met at the church April 2 for Year Book Study. Our meeting was opened by our president, Sister Iva Treaster. Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" followed by prayer by Sister Ruby Campbell. Hymn "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" and prayer by Sister Freda Pirtle. Scripture was read by Sister Allie Penrod from Col. 3:16-17; Phil. 2:16. Also

a reading, "Christ for the Whole Wide World."

The theme for our Book Study was "Learning the Word in Another Language." The introduction was given by our president. The topics were given as follows: 1. "Importance of Learning the Word of God in Another Language," by Sister Ruby Campbell. 2. "Some Problems in Learning the Word in Another Language," by Sister Freda Pirtle. 3. "The Expense of Learning Another Language," by Anna Lincoln. 4. "The Blessings of Learning the Word in Another Language," by Sister Elva Turnbough.

Our Woman's Auxiliary held pre-Easter prayer meetings in various homes in the community which were well attended. Also, a generous offering was made during the week for missionary work. Our Auxiliary is growing and I'm praising God for that. I thank Him, too, for our good president and all the officers.

In closing, we enjoyed a wonderful praise service which was followed by the benediction.

—Anna Lincoln, Cor.

Our Saviour

By Carl Stair

Usually there comes a time in the life of man when he is faced with a barrier that he cannot overcome. He is confronted with the abyss he dares not cross; he has come against the mountain he is unable to climb; he has entered the fog through which his eyes can't see—he has met his Waterloo. He may have been strong, of body and will, efficient and self-sufficient, proud of his strength, impatient and intolerant with any sign of weakness in others. But now he finds that he wasn't invulnerable after all for the threat of the barrier has caused his vaunted strength to cease. Samson has been shorn.

If you are that man, or if you are that woman, who has reached the rope's end, you have a necessity. Who will help you, who can help you, on whom can you depend to see you through? Who can drive away all your doubts and fear and dread? It may be you have for a friend the only one who is able to save you. The one of whom I am thinking is a friend indeed. Why do I have to refer him to you? Surely you know that He is the way. Surely you know of whom I speak.

Isaiah prophesied that His name would be called "wonderful." Well, His name is wonderful to me. He is the one who calmed the storm when the wild wind blew and the waves rose

high. He has that power. Another time He walked on the water. His friend, the fisherman, walked on it too until he began to be afraid and then he started to sink. If you will have faith in Him, trust Him, love Him, you will never sink for you will not be afraid. He tells us not to fear that which can destroy the body but rather that which can destroy the soul. Perfect love casteth out all fear.

He is the one who cured those with palsy, healed the lepers, brought sight to the blind and made the dumb to speak. Do you think your plight is more deplorable than these? He even caused the dead to live again. He has also arranged that when we die we, too, will live again. Hear His words—"I am the living bread which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever." This is His promise to you and to me.

Now, you can feel the blessed assurance that you do not have to walk alone. Even before He walked on earth He walked with the three in the fiery furnace. He was the Fourth Man in the fire.

I think it matters not whether we call His name Wonderful or Emmanuel, Jesus, or Christ, the Son of Man, or the Son of God, the Lamb or the Bright and Morning Star. But, He is the One who lived and suffered, bled and died to save our souls from sin and death, and so I know that He is our Saviour.

—General Baptist Messenger

PRAY—GIVE—GO

Three things the Master hath to do
And we who serve Him here below
And long to see His Kingdom grow
Must pray and give and go.

He needs them all—the open hand,
The willing feet—the praying heart,
To work together and to weave
A three fold cord that shall not part.

Nor shall the giver count his gift
As greater than the worker's deed,
Nor he in turn, his service boast
Above the prayers that voice the need.

Not all can go to foreign lands,
But we can give and send the message
there,

And young or old, or rich or poor,
Or strong or weak can kneel in prayer.

Pray that the gold filled hands may
give
To arm the others for the fray;
That those who hear the call may go,
And pray that everyone will pray.

—Selected

—Mr. Lester Jones

News From Our Churches

BERKELEY ACTION CENTRAL

A continuous prayer service was held from 12:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 19th at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, 8912 Springdale for the revival, which started on Monday the 20th.

Our revival is scheduled for one week and is now in progress with several people accepting Jesus as their Savior. Our evangelist is the Rev. Winford R. Floyd from Elizabethton, Tenn. We have enjoyed good attendance with several different singing groups adding a blessing to our services.

On Sunday afternoon, April 26th, we will have the pleasure of hearing the Free Will Baptist Bible College Choir from Nashville, Tennessee.

Our Church has purchased additional property, which has been converted into a parking lot. Our two lots now provide us with adequate parking space.

A two-room building on this property has been made into a nursery which is adequately furnished and staffed to care for all the babies properly. A speaker has been placed in our nursery so our workers can enjoy the worship service.

The Y.P.A. started on a project to purchase a bus for the Church and with the help of the G. T. A. and the Church, we now own a bus. A route is being established at the present time throughout Berkeley and the surrounding areas.

Each month we put emphasis on different work or organizations for the Lord. April was Auxiliary Emphasis Month during which time the W. A. M. M., G. T. A. and Y. P. A. took charge of different worship services.

The month of May is Visitation and Canvass Month and all the area surrounding our Church will be canvassed, enrolling children in our Daily Vacation Bible School, which will be some time in the early part of June.

The youth of Berkeley are being alerted to start saving their money so they may attend Youth Camp in June. We will be able to travel together in our bus and not be faced with a transportation problem.

The Sunday School Class of 7 and 8 year old boys and girls are having an attendance contest and the losers have to furnish the "hot dogs" on a picnic and a trip to the zoo at the end of this quarter.

—Mrs. Bonnie Deatherage

NEW BUS PURCHASED

We are happy to report to you that our church has purchased a Sunday School bus. This bus is a forty passenger bus, and we are expecting, by the help of our Lord, to fill this bus each Sunday morning with new Sunday School pupils.

Various routes will be planned and the bus will be put into operation as quickly as possible. We perhaps will make one run with it this morning. If you can help us in any way in setting up a route or in getting people interested who do not attend our Sunday School, please let us know and we will try to place the bus on the route that will do the most good. We appreciate the efforts of the Y. P. A. and the G. T. A. and the church who cooperated in purchasing this bus. We feel that it will be a great blessing to us, and that we will soon see our church overflowing because of our efforts.

—Berkeley Bulletin

PARKVIEW CHURCH

Desloge, Mo.

Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of the Copper Mines Church, completed a two weeks revival at the Parkview F. W. Baptist Church at Desloge, Mo., where Rev. John Long is pastor, on April 4. Nine conversions were witnessed, seven were baptized, and four united with the church.

The Sunday School average for the first quarter of 1959 was 116, and the League average 39. The League has recently received three new members.

—Mrs. Alice Bowen, Cor.

MT. ZION (CUBA) CHURCH

I wonder if I may use a little of your valuable space in the Gem to say how fortunate our church is by having as our pastor Rev. Selph Jones of Aldrich, Mo. For almost two years, regardless of weather conditions, he has been absent only one time and then it was due to sickness. We feel certain that God sent him our way and how we do enjoy hearing him preach. We praise God for him.

We are very much attached to his son, D. S., who has been with us for the last eight months. He has become a favorite with our young people, and preaches for us on Sunday nights.

The third member of this wonderful trio is Pansy, the mother of D. S. and the faithful wife of Selph's. She always comes with the two preachers and is always found at the piano, and

helping us in every way she can. We couldn't get along without her. Neither could Selph as she sees that every thing is just right. We do thank God for the three wonderful people.

—John M. Vestal, Cor.

MISSIONARIES

Christ was a Home missionary in the house of Lazarus.

Christ was a City missionary when He taught in Samaria.

Christ was a Sunday School missionary when He opened the Book and set men to studying the Word of God.

Christ was a Children's missionary when He took them in His arms and blessed them.

Christ was a missionary to the Poor when He opened the eyes of the blind beggar.

Christ was a missionary to the Rich when He opened the eyes of Zacchaeus.

Even on the Cross, Christ was a missionary to the Robber, and His last command was a Missionary Commission.

OVERLAND CHURCH

Greetings friends in the name of the Lord! We would like for everyone to know and help share our blessings in which the Lord has prepared the way for us to move into our new building.

Our first service in our building was April 15, 1959. Our hearts were saddened somewhat at the thought of leaving our old building in which we received so many blessings, how the Lord added to the church from the very beginning, how he supplied our every need, both spiritually and materially. But we can always look back and have such memories of how real the Lord has been to all us here at the Overland Church. Our earnest prayers are that the Lord will continue to bless us in this new field and that above all, we will always remain humble and submissive to his will, that we may give him all the praise and honor for what he has done for us, and what he will continue to do for us, if we will remain true and faithful in all things. Pray for us that we will be a soul saving station that will light the pathway to lost souls in this new area.

—D. Asher, Cor.

Mr. Smith visited the schoolroom yesterday and lectured on "Destructive Pests." A large number were present.

Attend Church Sunday

HONOR ROLL

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Elro Driggers
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. Rolla Smith
Verdella	Rev. Archie Buress
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
Flat River First	Rev. Dale Jones

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April
Cuba								40	40	45	
Mt. Pisgah	56	64	59	54	65	53	57	47	51	67	
Copper Mines	100	95	105	103	110	116	118	104	106	123	
Fellowship, Flat River	186	194	194	199	204	187	189	185	188	203	
Leadington	98	109	101		83	66	69	67	68	96	
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	24	26	27	26	24	28	
Berkeley City	156	153	145	204	185	206	181	154	177	207	
Richwoods	69	54	55	55	70	55	47	45	44	53	55
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	90	94
Hazel Creek	40	50	49	44	44	45	49			44	
Twin Oak	55	66	63	66				63	44	65	57
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	65	
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	78
Myrtle								48	53		
Mountain Grove								283	281	329	

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)		September 27 Mrs. Martinez September 15 Rev. Martinez
Rev. & Mrs. N. Melitino Martinez 447 S. W. 6th Street Miami, Florida (one child)	First Spanish F. W. B. Church	October 25 Mrs. Postlewaite April 5 Rev. Postlewaite
Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite 645 Highline Drive East Wenatchee, Washington (three children)	Northwest United States	June 10 Mrs. Inbody April 6 Rev. Inbody
Rev. & Mrs. Paul Inbody 27-A Summit Heights Clarksville, Tennessee (two children)	Central United States	January 8 Mrs. Whaley November 7 Rev. Whaley
Rev. & Mrs. D. Lee Whaley P. O. Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska (two children)	Alaska	

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

January, February, March, 1959

Received:**Co-operative Fund:**

Beacon Church	\$ 158.60
Carterville Church	30.28
Copper Mines Church	121.41
Desloge Church	183.00
Dutch Chapel Church	33.85
Farmington Church	53.39
Fellowship Church	492.21
First Church Flat River	263.75
Fredericktown Church	270.28
Grant Ave. Church	60.01
Hazel Creek Union Church ..	51.29
Hannock Church	33.00
Hickory Grove Church	27.72
Hurryville Church	77.63
Kirksville Church	90.00
Leadington Church	112.60
Merl's Chapel Church	31.51
Mill Creek Church	47.16
Mine La Motte Church	20.42
Mountain Grove Church ..	325.00
Mountain Valley Church	26.71
Monett Church	211.09
Myrtle Church	29.13
New Hope Church	42.55
Pleasant Home No. 1 Church	38.97
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	784.92
Twin Oak Church	40.00
Union Light Church	2.50
Total Received	\$3,658.98

Disbursed as Follows:

National Co-operative Fund	\$2,195.39
State Home Missions	804.98
Free Will Baptist Gem	182.95
Youth Camp	182.96
State General Fund	182.94
State Superannuation	109.76
Total Disbursed	\$2,195.39

Foreign Missions:

Berkeley League	\$ 20.00
Fellowship Church	200.00
Mill Creek League	10.00
Union Light Church	51.61
Wagoner Church	17.91
Total Received	\$ 299.52
Total Disbursed	\$ 299.52

National Home Missions:

Berkeley League	20.00
Flat River First Church	56.67
South Side League	15.00
Wagoner Church	8.96
Total Received	\$ 100.63
Total Disbursed	\$ 100.63

Missions:

Fredericktown Church	16.37
Rock Chapel Church	46.86
Total Received	\$ 62.23

Disbursed as Follows:

Foreign Missions	43.56
National Home Missions	18.67
Total Disbursed	62.23

State Home Missions:

Wagoner Church	\$ 17.91
Total Received	17.91
Total Disbursed	17.91

Orphanage:

Fredericktown Church	\$ 54.07
Hazel Creek S. S.	12.46
Total Received	66.53
Total Disbursed	66.53

Youth Camp:

Wagoner Church	\$ 17.91
Hazel Creek Union	11.39
Total Received	29.30
Total Disbursed	29.30

College Kitchen:

Kirksville League	\$ 4.54
Total Received	4.54
Total Disbursed	4.54

Arthur Billows:

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mikel ..	12.50
Total Received	12.50
Total Disbursed	12.50

Gem:

Subscriptions	\$ 395.44
Supplies	22.15
Books	1.80
Total Received	\$ 422.42

Signed, Rev. Albert Halbrook
Clerk-Treasurer.**Sin In General**Mrs. Mildred Rice
Fisk, Mo.

For the past few weeks I have been noticing several letters in the Messenger from different people which are all very good. But, they all add up to about the same thing. It seems people are very disturbed over the conditions of this modern world in which we live. I think we all are more or less, but we might as well face it, there has been sin in one form or another since the time of Adam and Eve. Noah warned the people one hundred and twenty years that the world was going to be destroyed, that they should prepare to meet God. All the time Noah was building the Ark he kept pleading with them to make a change. When Noah went inside for the last time, and shut the door against the world that was to be destroyed, there were hundreds of curious people standing there watching, just waiting to see what would happen next. Then the Flood came!

Perhaps no one noticed that on that particular morning the wind was a little stronger than usual. By noon there were violent gusts that later grew into a gale. People were forced to shelter. Strong winds weren't very unusual, but when a swift moving mass of dark, awful clouds boiled up over the horizon people began to worry.

The darkness grew worse. The rumblings became so strong that the ground quivered. Then seven days after God had told Noah to go into the ship, the earth's crust broke open and giant streams of water shot out of the ground. Genesis 7:11. At the same time huge waves roared in from the seas and spread over the coastal areas. Lightning flashed and cracked, followed by horrible roars of thunder. Torrents of water burst from the black skies. This, at last, was just the start of the terrible thing Noah had said would come upon the world!

Then people at that time began to decide something was terribly wrong. They became crazed with fear. No matter where they went or what they did, water came at them from all directions. Rivers overflowed covering the valleys where most people lived. They knew they would have to go up into the mountains or drown. Climbing the steep mountains wasn't easy. Because of heavy cloudbursts as they climbed toward the tops of the mountains, they were swept back into the rising waters below by the heavy downpour of rain, brush, trees and rocks. There were no doubt a lot of people by this time who realized the only safe place was inside the Ark with Noah. How they must have beat upon the Ark as it started to rise up above the earth. But Noah, no doubt, couldn't hear them screaming and praying for their life, for he had finished his job. He had done all the things God had told him to do. He was receiving his reward as you and I will do if we live true to God and tell people about the true plan of salvation. No matter how much we worry about the sins of the world, it is hard to reach a vile sinner through the Messenger. They, no doubt, never read the newspaper, much less the Messenger. Our surest way is through personal contact or through some personal appeal. They may do you and me as they did Noah, but if we put forth an effort to tell people about God, we have done our part. —G. B. Messenger

PATRICK HENRY'S WILL

I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them; and that is the Christian religion. If they had that, and I had to give them one shilling, they would be rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor.

Gossip is like mud thrown against a clean wall; it may not stick, but it leaves a mark.