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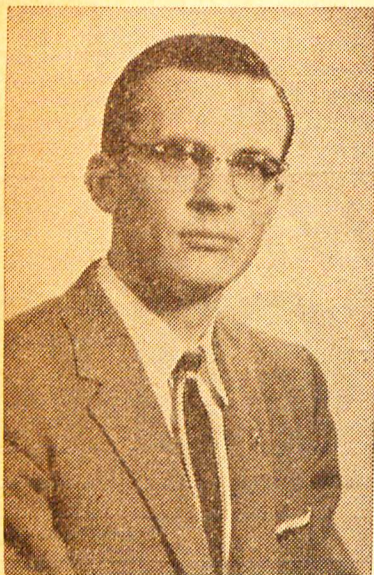
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It is indeed a real privilege and pleasure to serve as the Editor of the Gem. I was chosen for this position by the vote of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists at its recent meeting. I have been a subscriber to the Gem for a number of years and have thoroughly enjoyed the work of the previous editors. I shall do my best to maintain and improve the editorial standards of this paper.

Many times we criticize the people of our denomination because of their lack of denominational zeal. It is my feeling that the real root of the problem is that our people are not informed and that when they find out about the need of some worthy project they respond to it in a wonderful fashion. It will be my policy as editor of the Gem to assist in keeping Free Will Baptists of Missouri and the Middle-West informed and up-to-date on all denominational proceedings.

Perhaps you wonder who I am and if you will allow me the liberty I'll use the rest of this space to introduce myself. Actually my life was nothing prior to November 9, 1947 for that was the date that I found the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. From that time until this I have really lived. Some ten months later I announced my call into the gospel ministry and left for Free Will Baptist Bible College to prepare for my calling. I attended the college for one year and then returned to Missouri to assume pastoral duties at the Richwoods church. I served here for some three years and at the conclusion of my pastorate there I met and married Myrtle Pembroke of Mt. Grove, Missouri. Together we returned to the Bible College and Mrs. Reeds worked to assist me through the remainder of my college years. While at school I pastored the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of Rt. 1, Ashland City, Tenn. After graduation we moved to Davis, North Carolina where we stayed for two years and from there we came back to

Missouri to my home church, the South Side Free Will Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed our home with three wonderful children, Kathy, Timothy and Holly.

I've used so many personal pronouns by now that I guess I sound boastful but believe me when I say that all I am and all I ever hope to be can be credited to the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Him I am nothing. I would like to issue an urgent plea for assistance in this task as Editor of the Gem. As the editor I am not supposed to "write" the paper, I am supposed to edit the articles that you send in. Pastors, please send me your church bulletins and news items. Readers, let me hear your points of criticism. I'll be kinda' quakin' in my boots until I hear from you and find out how you like my first attempt at editing the Gem. Let me hear from you.

In Christ and His service,
Roger C. Reeds

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CHRISTIANITY NOT AT FAULT

"How is it," asked a man of a minister of the gospel, "that your religion has been going for nearly two thousand years, and has not influenced more people than it has done?"

For reply, the minister answered by asking another question: "How is it that water has been flowing for six thousand years, and many people are still dirty?"

It is not the fault of Christianity that people go on without the remedy for human ills and sin—but the loss is theirs just the same. Christianity is not a failure. The gospel is not a failure. Wherever it is preached in fidelity, it wins! But there are some who "put it from them." —Unknown.

Remember, for every victory won, a battle is fought; for every battle fought, a victory is won. The battle is God's but the victory is ours. Let's fight the good fight of FAITH.

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The Testimony of Aminadab

By
Roger C. Reeds

I will soon reach my sixtieth year and be classed among the elders of Israel. But will you believe me when I say that though I am growing old I have only been walking now for sixteen years. In fact I might say that I have only been living for the past sixteen years. Read on and absorb these humble words of mine for I have written them that they might be a blessing to you.

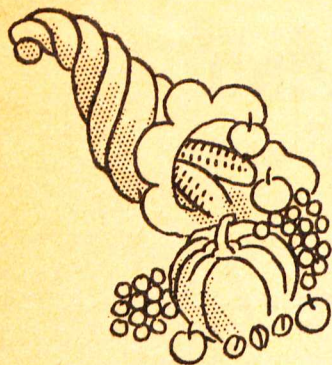
I can tell you of the first forty-three years of my life in a very brief manner for they were certainly uneventful. I had the misfortune of coming into this world as a helpless cripple. Though the rest of my body developed properly my feet and ankle bones never gained strength enough to convey the weight of my body. My mother went on to join Moses a year after my birth. My father joined her there in Abraham's bosom just two years later. I was left in the care of my two older brothers; Salathiel and Elmodam. These brothers did their best to care for me. In my early life they made a seat with their arms and carried me to school at the temple in the morning and back to our dwelling at night. After I had fulfilled my years in school it came time for me to select a trade. But what could I do as a cripple that had to be carried everywhere. There was only one profession that I could enter; and that was to beg for alms. Some of the best places to beg for alms was beside the gates of the temple. I chose the gate that is called Beautiful. Each dawn would find my faithful brothers carrying me in a donkey-cart to the station where I was to beg and then they would return for me at night. Thus the days passed on their way. Some days I would go home with my pouch full and other days with it empty. I must confess that my yearly income was above that of my brothers who operated a blacksmith's shop. The days passed into weeks and the weeks into months and the months into years. I became a fixture at the gate to the temple.

One day something happened that put an end to my many years of begging. I was at my station as usual and longing for the day to pass more quickly than it had been. It had been a poor day for me as the convention of the merchants had concluded and most

of them had departed to their homelands leaving Jerusalem deserted. As I looked down the road I beheld two men approaching me. I did not dream that these two men would bring about such a change in my life. However I did anticipate some alms from them for they wore the dress of fishermen and had not the nets been breaking with the great catches being made these days? So I calmly pointed to my twisted feet and withered ankles and felt sure they would help one so badly afflicted. I asked them for just a few alms. It was then that the tallest of the men began to babble strangely. He first asked me to look on him and his friends. I thought that surely he was going to give me some token in answer to my plea. I held out my hand again. But instead the tall stranger said, "Silver and Gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Was this man a fool? Had he not seen the condition of my feet and ankles? And now was he commanding me to walk? I felt like laughing in the face of the stranger but I pointed to my crippled limbs again. But he took my hand and lifted me up and I felt strength flow into my feet and ankle bones. I stood by myself for the first time in my life! I took my first step but my faith was still weak even though my ankles had been made strong. I held on to the arms of the two strangers and we entered the temple. I could not help but leap occasionally and shout praises to God. I drew the attention of the people who had come to pray and when they saw who I was they were amazed. Many had come to know me in my years of begging at the gate. Before we got inside the temple a huge crowd pressed in around us on Solomon's porch. Peter (I later found out this was the tall stranger's name) began to speak. He told the crowd that I had been healed by the power of Jesus, the Son of God. Yes I remembered him mentioning the name when he first spoke to me at the gate. He accused the crowd of killing this Jesus and I recalled that I had heard about a man by that name being crucified. He said I had been healed by faith. It is true I had always believed in and served the most high God. He implored the people to re-

pent of their sins and the words of this man made me feel as if I were guilty of killing this Jesus Christ. But what was this he was saying; this Jesus who had been killed was now alive again? Surely not. I believed in the resurrection but I thought the prophets taught that all would be resurrected together. But had not I been healed in the name of this man Jesus? If He could heal me He must be alive. I believed Peter! I cannot express the joy that came into this old heart when I did believe. But it did surpass the joy that came when I walked to the temple with the two men. I stood by these two men as Annas and Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others of the priesthood came out on the porch and questioned them. But the two stood their ground and finally were commanded not to speak about this man Jesus any more. The men invited me to join them and together we left the temple. As we walked they began to enlighten me. The tall spokesman told me that his name was Peter and the other one introduced himself as John. Peter told me all about Jesus and I became so absorbed in the story that I forgot I ever had been lame. I learned of the teachings of Christ, of His death, of His resurrection and of His ascension. Peter said He was coming again and I couldn't help but believe Him. We joined the rest of the group of Christians (we are now known by that name) and Peter told them about my healing. He also told them of the warnings from the chief priests and elders but instead of being filled with fear they prayed and thanked God I was glad to be among such friends.

Since that memorable day, life has certainly been sweet. My two brothers have come to Christ and together we are looking for His return. I have joined them at the blacksmith shop now being as able bodied as they. We three have joined the church of Jerusalem and upon the death of one of the faithful deacons I was chosen to fill his stead. This I have tried to do faithfully for the past sixteen years. I still love to tell others of how Jesus Christ of Nazareth not only healed me but that He also has forgiven my sins. This I count to be more precious than any alms, or anything this world has to offer.



CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Parsons Accepts Call To Myrtle Church

MYRTLE, Mo.—Rev. Wayne Parsons has been elected Pastor of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. He succeeds Rev. Buddy Hill who resigned to continue his education. The church experienced a good revival with Rev. Harvey E. Hill of St. Louis as the Evangelist. Three souls were saved and eleven united with the church. The Sunday School now shows an enrollment of sixty-five.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting Report

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo.—The Madison County Quarterly Meeting met at the Oak Hill Church July 10, 11. Rev. John Rodgers brought the introductory message and Rev. Willard Darnell brought the eleven o'clock message on Saturday, July 11. The Quarterly Meeting voted to accept a \$300.00 loan from the Missouri State Home Missions Board and an additional \$300.00 gift from the Board to be applied on a lot at Viburnum, Mo. Plans are developing for a church to be constructed on this lot. Officers elected for the coming year were Rev. Melvin Howell, Moderator and Rev. Albert Halbrook, Asst. Moderator.

Loyalty Fund Campaign To Be Repeated

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Mr. M. L. Johnson, business manager of Mount Olive Junior College, has been appointed to direct the Loyalty Fund Campaign of the College again this year. President W. Burkette Raper announced that the College will seek to raise \$65,000 in gifts by February 10, 1960. Gifts to the College during this same period last year amounted to \$50,000. The College is sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, but the drive for funds will not be restricted to churches in this state. Free Will Baptist churches in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida doubled their gifts to the College last year. Mount Olive Junior College began operation as a two-year college in 1954 with an initial enrollment of 24 stu-

dents. Last year 160 students were enrolled and formal accreditation was granted by the North Carolina College Conference and State Department of Education.

Berkeley Church Announces Rally Day for September 20.

BERKELEY CITY, Mo.—The annual Home-coming and rally day of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley has been set for September 20. This will be an all day service with dinner served by the ladies of the church. Featured on the program for the day will be the Lester Band of Radio Station KSTL. The goal for attendance that day has been set at 300. Preceding the rally day the church will be in a revival meeting with Rev. Rolla Smith of St. Louis as the Evangelist.

General Board Elects Reverend Billy Melvin as Executive Secretary



Rev. Billy Melvin

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The General Board of the National Association was called together for a special meeting on August 20. The primary purpose for the meeting was to elect an executive secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Rev. Billy Melvin was elected by the General Board to fill the

unexpired term of Rev. Mooneyham. According to Rev. Ben Scott, who was Missouri's representative at the meeting, the meeting was not completely harmonious but that the difference of opinion were not great enough to warrant undue alarm. Bro. Scott requests the prayers of Missouri Free Will Baptists that we will never allow our beloved denomination to become divided, east against west, or north against south. Missouri needs to give Rev. Melvin their whole-hearted support. Pray for him as he enters this responsible position.

Unknown Donor Gives Truck Load of Groceries

GREENVILLE, Tenn.—A wholesale grocery truck drove up to the children's home at Greenville, Tennessee and deposited a large order of groceries for the Home. The name of the donor has remained a secret but such donations are certainly appreciated by the director, Mr. H. C. Burgess and the children. Other donors have sent various commodities such as canned goods, groceries, clothing, bed linen, towels and wash cloths, etc. Mr. Burgess expresses his sincere thanks for all of these gifts. In addition many of the children have been taken on vacation trips by friends of the Home. Anyone who is interested in sponsoring a child should contact Mr. H. C. Burgess, Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Greenville, Tennessee.

Rev. Glenn Rehkop Re-elected at Copper-Mines

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo.—During their regular July business conference the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church re-elected Rev. Glenn Rehkop as Pastor. According to Mr. Leamon Killian, church clerk, the church is thankful for Rev. Rehkop and his past service and leadership. Rev. William Buster recently concluded a revival meeting at the church and the church was lifted spiritually. In June the interior of the church was redecorated completely. On Sunday, July 5, the church had its annual home coming service. Many friends and former members were present.

Annual Evangelical Observance Slated

WHEATON, Ill.—This year the National Association of Evangelicals has again issued a special appeal to its 28,000 member churches to observe "NAE Week"—a period set aside for pinpointing salient features of the service which the association has been rendering for the past seventeen years to evangelical Christians of America and the world. During the "Week" affiliated churches, schools and other evangelical groups will assign certain portions of their programs to messages on the NAE and its far-flung activities.

The observance this year from October 18-25 will have as its theme: "Standing for the Changeless Word in a Changing World." Since its formation in 1942 the NAE has been unswervingly firm in this stand. Represented in the constituency which co-operates in maintaining this position are more than forty complete denominations, individual churches from some thirty other groups, Bible schools, colleges, seminaries, ministerial fellowships and other organizations, as well as individual Christians. Actual membership now numbers more than two million with a service constituency through commissions and affiliated agencies of more than ten million. During the seventeen year history of the National Association of Evangelicals, millions of evangelical Christians have found the fundamental stand of this service organization the basis for "co-operation without compromise." To maintain a continued evangelical witness in a changing world, the NAE and its affiliated agencies have aided in an incalculable number of projects such as these: Continuance of paid religious programs on radio and television; development of a world relief program with a Christian witness; extension of the Gospel through evangelical churches in new communities; promotion of fellowship with evangelicals in other countries; elimination of government support of church activities; enlargement of effective, efficient, evangelical Sunday Schools; witness to men in the military through evangelical chaplains; education of Christian young people through evangelical schools and colleges, and the enlargement of concern for deeper spiritual life. During NAE Week, churches and other groups will bring to the attention of their members vital issues which face evangelicals today. Material for the observance of this week may be ordered without charge from the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

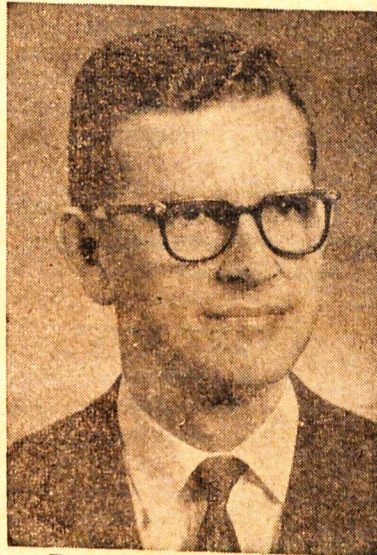
Editor's Note: The National Association of Evangelicals has proven to

be a blessing to Free Will Baptists every where. The least we can do in appreciation is to honor them during their "Week."

Golden Anniversary In The Ministry to Be Celebrated

HUNTSVILLE, Tex.—Friends and relatives in the Huntsville, Texas area are making plans to honor the Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams who will celebrate her fiftieth year in the ministry on October 1st which also marks her seventy-fifth birthday. Much could be said about her work as a missionary and an evangelist in twenty-one states. An open house will be held at her home on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 10:00 A. M.—10:00 P. M. A program will be given at 7:30 P. M. with the Rev. Mrs. Tommie Franklin of Bryon, Texas as speaker. Her friends would like to present her with a card shower and love offering and readers of the Gem send their cards and offering to Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Rt. 3. Huntsville, Texas.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham Moves to Wheaton, Ill.



Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, who for the past six years has been Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, moved to Wheaton, Illinois September 1, where he will assume the duties as Editor of **Action**, the printed voice of the National Association of Evangelicals. Rev. Mooneyham became the youngest Executive Secretary to hold office when he was elected in 1953 at the age of 27. Prior to this he held pastorates in Oklahoma. Rev. Mooneyham is to be commended for his fine work as both Executive Secretary and Editor of **Contact**. It certainly is an honor to Free Will Baptists that the National Association of Evangelicals selected one from our ranks to serve as Editor of their magazine. You

can subscribe to the United Evangelical Action by sending \$3.00 for a one year's subscription to 108 North Main St., Wheaton, Illinois.

Missouri Minister Spends Summer In Pinar Del Rio

HOUSTON, Mo.—Rev. John Mark Vandivort, son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert S. Vandivort of Houston, Missouri, left August 3 for Pinar Del Rio, Cuba, where he has been working with Rev. Thos. H. Willey, director of Free Will Baptist Mission Work in Cuba. Rev. Vandivort will make a comprehensive study of agricultural mission work during his stay in Cuba. He plans to return in September to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Vandivort received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of Missouri in June, 1959. He plans to continue his education at the Bible College for the ministry or mission work.

Christmas, my child, is always.

It was always in the heart of God. It was born there. Only He could have thought of it.

Like God, Christmas is timeless and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting.

It is something even more than what happened that night in starlit little Bethlehem; it has been behind the stars forever.

There was Christmas in the heart of God before the world was formed. He gave Jesus to us, the night the angels sang, yes—but the Bible tells us that Jesus shared a great glory with the Father long before the world was made. Jesus was always, too!

God's Spirit has always been, too: the Spirit "moved upon the face of the waters" at the time of the beginning of the world. And the Holy Spirit visited the mother of Jesus and brought forth our Lord as the Christ Child, in the manger. . . .

Christmas is always. It has been always.

But we have not always understood it!

Dale Evans Rogers in
CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS
(Fleming H. Revell Company).

"I sent my little boy for two pounds of plums, and you have sent only a pound and a half."

"My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little boy?"

Some of the old movies on TV would be better if they had shot less film—and more actors.

Riggs Resigns As Director Of Missions



Editor's Note: It is with a note of sadness that the following letter is printed, announcing the resignation of Rev. Raymond Riggs as General Director-Treasurer of our Foreign Missions Board. Space will not permit me to eulogize Rev. Riggs about the tremendous task he has performed in leading our denomination forward in its missionary program. The records of the past years speak of Rev. Riggs' success in this capacity.

"As you well know, for some time I have been feeling, that perhaps the Lord was leading me to resign from the Foreign Mission Department and return to the pastorate. All of my ministerial life I have endeavored to seek and find the will of God regarding my place of service in His vineyard. Other than the Written Word, the only dependable way I have found of knowing His will is by an abiding conviction. Realizing the importance of the Foreign Mission Program of our church and also, because I love it so dearly, I have tried to brush aside this conviction, but it seems to linger still.

No doubt, but what circumstances have contributed to these convictions, such as, family responsibilities, love for the pastorate, a desire to build a strong Missionary church, financial strain, fear of rendering inadequate service, and perhaps others, but still I believe they all add up to the will of God for me at this time.

Because of these facts, I do hereby submit my resignation as General Director-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be-

come effective on or before January 1, 1960. This will give ample time for due consideration for my successor, and also will give us time to make the necessary move as the Lord directs. I have no plans at this time regarding future work, but I assure you that I expect to be an ardent promoter and supporter to the cause of missions wherever the Lord enables me to serve.

I am glad to say that I believe the Foreign Mission Department of our denomination is on a sound footing. The years of service that I have rendered for the department will be cherished as some of the most precious years of my life. I have had blessed fellowship with every board member and staff member. Also, every missionary on the field today holds a sacred place in my heart. I intend to stand behind them in every way possible.

Please be assured that this letter has been a difficult one to write, and it is written after months of prayerful consideration, but I believe it to be God's will, and I pray you will receive it as such, and vote to accept my resignation."

Very sincerely Yours
Raymond Riggs, General Director-Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions

"I CAN'T KICK"

P. M. Peterson

"How are you today?" I greeted my next door neighbor the other morning.

"I can't kick," he answered cheerily.

That is literally true, for Martin is crippled up with arthritis. He does not walk, but sort of crawls along by the aid of two canes, so, "he can't kick." Only one leg bends a little at the knee, and it is getting worse. The other one is stiff from the hip down.

There is, of course, nothing unique in that, unfortunately. A great many thousands are in a like condition and some of them worse. It is the cheerfulness of the man that is contagious.

Although he cannot move without his two canes, he manages to do quite a bit of work. He mows the lawn even though he does not have to. This is how he does it. He moves a foot or two, then hangs his walking sticks in his back pockets, pushes the mower as far as he can reach, takes his sticks from his back pockets, moves another foot or two, hangs his sticks in his back pockets, and repeats the per-

formance until he has the lawn mowed.

By the same process he uses the scythe and the hoe, and yet he gets a good deal done in the course of the day.

It takes Martin most of half a day to walk the one-eighth of a mile to the post office and back again.

"Want a ride, Martin?" I ask.

"No, thanks," he says, "I need this motion to limber me up!"

Martin is an old fashioned Christian and a faithful church man. By leaving shortly after the Sunday School bell rings, he gets by the four houses that separate his house from the church and arrives in time for the morning service. He greets people that scurry by him, not in a kind of sorry-for-himself, resigned sort of tone of voice; but with a cheerful, "I can't kick!"

—Gospel Herald

INTERPRETATION

As everyone knows, Gladstone and Disraeli were political opponents, though in private life they were friends and met one night at a reception at the home of Lord Halford, where there arose a question as to the difference between an accident and a disaster.

With his usual wit, Disraeli saved the situation by offering an explanation of the difference. "If," he said pointing to Mr. Gladstone, "our Right Honorable friend here were to fall into the Thames, it would no doubt be an accident, but if anyone pulled him out, it would certainly be a disaster."

—Weekly Supplement.

A homemaker was struggling with directions for installing a new wall-type can opener. After several unsuccessful attempts she gave up and went to get her glasses for a closer look at the directions.

When she returned the opener was neatly in place and the cook was already using it.

"How in the world did you get this up?" the astonished mistress asked.

"You've told me you can't read!"

"Well, ma'am," was the reply, "when you can't read, you've just got to think."

A sinful occupation may bring you in dollars and cents, but the Keeper at the Pearly Gates can never be bought out. Heaven needs no money.



Bible College Opens September 9

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Fall registration at Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin Wednesday, September 9 with the convocation service at 9:00 A. M. Classes will begin Friday, September 11. This will mark the beginning of the school's 18th year. Dean Charles A. Thigpen urges that interested students request catalogues and applications from the college and to get their application in as soon as possible.

The Bible College offers a full four-year course of study for students going into full-time Christian service. This course leads to the B. A. degree with a major in Bible and minors in Christian education, English, or music. The Bible College is the only institution in our denomination that offers this opportunity. The curriculum gives the equivalent of a junior college course in general education, the same courses the average student would take in his first two years of college work in most any institution. While taking these courses in general education, the student is required to take basic courses in Bible, and at the same time he is getting practical experience in Christian work in a well managed Christian service department. In addition to this, an educational experience is being acquired in a Christian environment that leads to education plus consecration. Christian young men and women are encouraged to acquire their education in an institution that will enable them to be better Christians while learning subject matter.

Young people as you think of your education, think also of your Christian faith. Get your education where your faith will be strengthened, not weakened.

L. C. Johnson, President
Free Will Baptist Bible
College

Salem Y. P. A. Votes For Missions Project

SALEM, Mo.—The Young People's Auxiliary of the Salem Free Will Baptist Church has accepted Missions for their project for the remainder of the year. They plan to have at least one

missionary program per month and to set up funds to purchase articles to assist missionaries in their work. They also hope to raise money to aid in sending some missionary to the field. The Pastor, Rev. Max Courtney, solicits the prayers of all Gem readers that this new program will be a success.

Berkeley Youth Sponsor Service on August 23rd

BERKELEY CITY, Mo.—The Y. P. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley sponsored their regular quarterly program on Sunday, August 23. As a special treat for this program the Prophets Quartet of Knoxville, Tenn. were present and rendered some fine gospel singing. Edwin Hill, son of Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor of the church, sings with this quartet.

South Side Youth Choose Billy Van Winkle As President

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Christ's Ambassadors met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, August 31. It was time for the annual election of officers and Billy Van Winkle was elected as president. He replaces Rev. John Gibbs who will be leaving for Bible College in just a few days. Other officers elected were: Gloria Cook, Vice President; Doris Barr, Secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Hill, Sponsors. The Christ's Ambassadors have sponsored many worthy projects for their church, the South Side Free Will Baptist Church. Among them are: a Gestetner mimeograph machine, a typewriter, a movie projector, office furniture, etc. Rev. Roger Reeds, pastor of the church, says that he is thankful for the group and for the blessing they have proven to the church.

She was an exasperating customer and hadn't bought a thing.

"Why is it," she snapped at last, "that I never get what I ask for in your store?"

"Perhaps, madam," said the assistant, "It's because we are too polite."

Too many people, given a taste of authority, immediately eat it up.

Wanted Clock Watchers

By Mina Wiarda

I am fed up with wasting my time waiting around for people who make a specialty of being tardy. How often I exert special efforts in the midst of a busy day to get to a committee meeting in good time, only to cool off my enthusiasm while needlessly awaiting the arrival of the habitually tardy chairman and his committee members. There must be thousands of folks just like me.

Nothing so dampens the order of a busy person or so disastrously throws a wet blanket over the spirit of a meeting as the lack of punctuality. This is particularly true of church meetings. Here we are supposedly dealing with things of ultimate concern. Yet how often we are careless about meeting our appointments. As Johnnies-come-lately, we disrupt the meeting by arriving after things have started or we detract from its enthusiasm by delaying its beginning. Such behavior tends to relegate our church activities to a minor place in the thinking of others and provokes indifference and non-participation on the part of people who value their time.

Punctuality is essential to any good meeting. Those of us who watched Mel Trotter of rescue mission fame lead a meeting, were always impressed by the fact that he started right on the dot. He made every moment tell. And he never failed to close his meetings on time. He was an ardent clock watcher.

This much-needed discipline is a good habit which can and should be cultivated until it becomes second nature. The Bible tells us, "As a man thinketh in his own heart, so is he." If we think about what punctuality implies and realize its importance, and pursue it resolutely, it will soon become a way of life with us. Likewise our punctuality will be a delight to all who know and associate with us. Not only will we get to appointments on time but we will lend en-

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THE MISSION FIELD

Rolla Smith Visits Oklahoma for Missions

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Rev. Rolla Smith, chairman of the National Board of Foreign Missions was guest speaker for a special missionary service at the Grand River Association in Oklahoma recently. The associational meeting was held at their camp ground near Waggoner, preceded by their annual youth camp. Several pastors promised to urge their churches to support the Foreign Missions program by giving regularly to that department. In addition to bringing a gospel message, Rev. Smith showed the slides which he took on his recent trip to Cuba. The moderator of the association is Rev. Howard Gage; the assistant moderator is Rev. Ray Gwartney; and Rev. Bill Ketchum is the Promotional Secretary.

New Church Organized At Rockport, Washington

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Another Free Will Baptist Church has been organized in the state of Washington. Rev. Johnny Postlewaite, National Home Missionary, organized the church recently with sixteen charter members. This church is several hundred miles from our First Church at Wenatchee. The Sunday School at Rockport was started in 1954. Rev. Fred Dellinger has been elected pastor of the new church.

Gideons Distribute Bibles In Ecuadore

QUITO, Ecuadore—The Gideons recently distributed 2,000 New Testaments to the University students at Quito. It is hoped that this wide distribution of Scriptures will give a new impetus to the meetings conducted every Saturday night under the leadership of Washington Padilla.—MNS.

Madison County Home Missions Board Buys Property

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo.—On July 18th, the Home Missions Board, together with the Quarterly Meeting Board of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting Board of the Madison County Quarterly, drove to Ironton, Mo. and concluded the purchase of a

lot in Viburnum, Mo. for the sum of \$600.00. Included with the purchase is an option to purchase an adjoining lot within two years. Services have been conducted in this area and a Free Will Baptist Church will be constructed on the property.

Youth For Christ International Meets in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Mexico—The 11th World Youth Congress of Youth For Christ International opened here on August 2nd with over 3,000 delegates and visitors crowding into one of the city's largest Protestant churches. Following the rally service, the delegates divided into teams and conducted 79 youth meetings across Mexico City in churches of various denominations. The teams will continue this program throughout one entire week and will then spread across the nation for post-Congress campaigns.

Government Closes Church At Tarrassa, Spain

TARRASSA, Spain—On July 7, the Second Baptist Church of this town was closed and sealed by the government. Meanwhile the believers have continued steadfast, and as a result have encountered other problems. On Sunday, July 26, about 40 of them met in the home of Sr. Sixto Paredes (one of the co-pastors of the church) for a worship service. The commissary and two agents came to the home and interrupted the service, inquiring as to the person responsible for the meeting. In reply all the Christians stood up and declared themselves responsible. At this demonstration of unity and fearlessness on the part of the Christians, the commissary rebuked them for following what he termed "false Protestant religion." A recent convert remonstrated that to the contrary the gospel was true because it had transformed him from a drunken gambler into a loving husband and father and that now there was peace and happiness in his home.

The commissary asked, "If we took you all to jail because you are responsible would you be joyful?" The courageous reply was, "Yes, take us all to jail." Taken back by their readiness,

he said, "Your pastors had already told me that you would feel it a privilege to suffer for Christ, as you say, and I see it is true, but I have not come with orders to retain you but to warn you." To this the Christians replied, "In this case we are going to continue our service and you can remain here." The commissary and his agents declined the invitation but went outside and listened until the service was ended. —MNS

Statistics Released on Indonesia Religions

DJAKARTA, Indonesia—The following figures have been released by the Information Section of the Religious Department of Indonesia showing the religious affiliation of Indonesians: 90.5 percent, Moslems, 3.43 Protestants, 1.21 percent Roman Catholics, 2.14 percent Hindus, 1.80 percent Animists, .47 percent other religions.—MNS (Editors Note: Certainly Indonesia needs the gospel of Christ.)

Sanders Sail for Hawaii Islands

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders and their daughter, Brenda, sailed for Hawaii on August 10. They were commissioned in the Missions service at the National Association at Asheville, N. C. The Sanders formerly pastored at Monnett.

Wilkinsons Plan to Leave For Brazil

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson hope to begin their language study in Brazil by January, 1960. This will swell our missionary ranks to seven in this country. Before the Wilkinsons leave in late December they will need \$3,000. in their account. This amount can only be raised as Free Will Baptists respond and help to meet the need.

Alliance Churches of the Philippines Meet

KALAWANG, COTOBATO, Philippines—The 13th annual national conference of the Alliance Churches of the Philippines (Christian and Missionary Alliance) met here recently with

148 official delegates and 21 associate delegates in attendance. It was reported to the conference that the field staff consists of 160 national workers, 50 missionaries, and 264 lay preachers, whose efforts last year were rewarded with 1,370 baptisms.

Death Toll High On Formosa

TAIPEI, Taiwan—By August 10 the official death toll from the floods had risen to 773 and another 241 were listed as missing. The official casualty list also reported 1,093 injured and 169, 173 homeless. No Americans or other foreigners were listed among the casualties. To date no reports have come in concerning the effects upon the Christian community, churches, or mission properties.—MNS

New Church Planned In Capital City

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Plans are under way for a Free Will Baptist Church to be established in our Nation's Capital. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker have been employed by the National Home Mission Board to work as home missionaries in Washington, D. C. Rev. Walker is of Free Will Baptist Bible College and will be moving to the field immediately.

Israel-American Institute Opens In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Israel—The first session of the newly formed Israel-American Institute of Bible Studies has begun here. The Institute is an educational center in Israel where post-collegiate American theological students are given specialized training for given periods of six months by a combined American and Israeli faculty. The courses emphasize the geography, history of the Holy Land and the dewhere the Bible was given. The church history of the Holy Land and the development of Jewish thought under the influence of the rebirth of the State of Israel are also given prominence. The beginning of classes at the Institute climaxes three years of work on the part of Dr. G. Douglas Young, Dean of Chicago's Trinity Seminary and Director of the Institute. He and Mrs. Young accompanied the party of 12 students and faculty who have arrived for the opening of the first Institute.—MNS

"Of course I want my daughter to have some kind of artistic education. I think I'll let her study singing."

"Why not art or literature?"

"Art spoils canvas and literature wastes reams of paper. Singing merely produces a temporary disturbance of the atmosphere!"

WANTED CLOCK WATCHERS

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thusiastic encouragement to others to do the same.

If our church is involved, we should be doubly concerned to get our meeting started and stopped on time. To do this we must make certain that the meeting room has the right temperature, the seats are properly placed, the music arranged for and the hymn books in place at the musical instrument and in the seats. The lighting should be properly adjusted and all who are to have a part should be adequately prepared and in their places. Careful preparation in advance, neatness, order and in sense of expectancy are the efficient hand-maidens of punctuality.

Needless blather sometimes creeps into our introductions and even into our prayers or our comments on the verses of Scripture under consideration. Like the Boy Scouts we need a motto: "Be prepared." A tidy mind and an ordered procedure do not necessarily hamper the Holy Spirit. Rather they become vehicles of God's grace. A meeting that begins, continues and ends on time is to be highly commended. It holds high promise for the busy people who have other appointments and other responsibilities to meet. Bus riders or those depending upon rigidly scheduled public transportation, or persons who are waiting in automobiles outside the church for other members of the family, will think well of the punctual church.

Certain church members, when asked why they no longer attended a Bible class replied: "We would go if we were dismissed on time at 3:30. We are usually held until four o'clock. That gets us home late, delays dinner, and disrupts our evening schedule. To avoid this confusion, we have given up the class."

An habitually tardy person steals your time and mine. He robs his church of its fullest effectiveness. A certain individual, employed by a religious organization, came into the office a half hour late every day. As a consequence, he deprived this organization, which was paying his salary, of some 250 half-hours each year. In other words, he deprived the society of over two weeks of working time. At the rate of pay which he commanded, this amounted to a very appreciable sum. This individual would be shocked, indeed, if we intimated that he was a thief. Yet, by his unpremeditated tardiness, he made himself, in actual effect, a thief of time and money.

There are all kinds of time. We ad-

just our watches to match up with daylight saving time and eastern standard time. But, in my judgment, the most important time is on time.

When you announce that a meeting is to be held from 3 P. M. to 4 P. M., keep your word. Start on time with a positive note, even though there are only a few present. If, for any reason you cannot get there, be sure to have some other person take your place and begin the meeting exactly on time. Make sure that the meeting continues on time. Exercise tact and firmness but keep to schedule. Stop on time.

Someone aptly said that no souls are saved after the sermon has gone 20 minutes. In these high-pressure times of stress and strain and hurry, a prolonged meeting rapidly diminishes in its effective witness to the claims of the Gospel. Dwight L. Moody, whose evangelistic and educational efforts endeared him to thousands of people, recognized this fact. Even in the more leisurely times in which he lived, he made friends with the clock. He started and stopped by it. The same can be said of Billy Graham. He recognizes the fact that punctuality appeals. Like Moody, he keeps his eyes on the clock.

We should do it too!

—Christian Herald

JUST SUPPOSE

Just suppose the Lord would begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they claim to be on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should take away the child whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church.

Just suppose the Lord should make people as poor as they claim to be when asked to help finance His program.

Just suppose the Lord should have everyone stoned to death for covetousness as was Achan.

Just suppose the Lord should let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control did for their children.

Just suppose all Christians really loved the Lord.

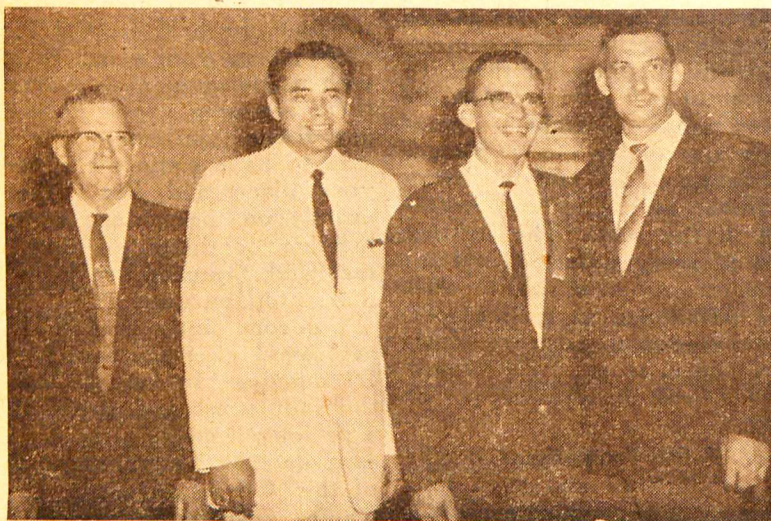
Just suppose and then, by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity was soon coming.

—Bethany Church Bulletin,
Winterville, N. C.

Eternal rewards will be given for what we did, not for what we talked about doing.

A bit of love is the only bit that will bridle the tongue.

Convention Comments



Pictured above are the State officers elected at the forty-sixth annual session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists which was held in the Thayer (Mo.) church Aug. 17-20. They are (L to R): Rev. O. T. Allred, Monnett, Moderator; Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mtn. Grove, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Roger C. Reeds, St. Louis, Clerk; and Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Asst. Clerk.

Rev. Glenn Rehkop asked the congregation to stand and sing number 277 "Sunlight," and with that the 46th annual session of the Missouri State Association was under-way. Rev. Roger C. Reeds brought the devotional based on the thought, "Go Forward." Rev. Albert Halbrook, associational clerk called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred. Rev. Elro Driggers brought the introductory message. He read from Jeremiah 2:11-13 and spoke on the subject of, "Forsaking the Fountain of Living Water."

Wednesday morning a crowd gathered early and listened to the devotions as led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Associational letters were read and delegates were seated. The morning service was given over to the Woman's Auxiliary and Dr. Laverne Miley of Memphis, Tennessee brought the message. Most of the afternoon was taken up with Auxiliary business.

The pulpit committee wisely selected Dr. L. C. Johnson for the Wednesday evening message. Dr. Johnson, who is president of Free Will Baptist Bible College gave an exposition of I Corinthians 1:1-5. He emphasized the need of our being in the conscious will of God. He sited that we are rich in Christ Jesus.

After devotions on Thursday morning by Rev. Truman Huffman, the day's business was begun. Reports

from the various Boards and Committees were heard and accepted. At 11:00 A. M. the business was interrupted for Reford Wilson, a visiting minister from Pocahontas, Arkansas, to deliver the morning message. He very ably spoke on the subject of our "Partnership With Christ." After the noon hour the business session was continued and all business was completed by 4:15 P. M. Many folks stayed over for the evening service and heard Rev. Woodrow Matthews deliver the message.

One adjective could well be used to describe this year's State Association and that adjective is harmony. The spirit of harmony prevailed throughout the entire Association. Certainly our minds and hearts must have been directed by the Holy Spirit. For the benefit of those who were not present, several reports of the committees are listed.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

We your Nominating Committee respectfully submit the following nominations:

Executive Board—Rev. C. T. Dixon
Superannuation Board—Rev. Dale Jones
Youth Camp Board—Rev. Wm. Reeves
Sunday School Board—R. B. Spurgeon, 3 years
Elro Driggers, 2 years
Albert Halbrook, 1 year

State Statistician—Leona Thompson
Delegates to the National Assn.—
Agnes Smith, Genelle Scott,
Myrtle Jones, Sylvia Hill, Pearl Day

Missouri's Representative on the General Board of the National Assn.—Rev. Ben Scott

Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred

Asst. Moderator—Rev. O. T. Dixon

Clerk-Treasurer—Rev. Roger C. Reeds

Signed by the Committee

Ben Scott, Wm. Buster, Lester Jones, James McCully, Harvey E. Hill

Report of the Publications Committee:

We recommend that each church in the State Association adopt the every family plan for getting the Free Will Baptist Gem and Contact into every Free Will Baptist Home.

We recommend that every Quarterly Meeting of the State Association assume the responsibility of removing objectional literature from their community.

We recommend that each church of the State Association supply good Gospel tracts to its members for distribution.

We recommend that each church of the State Association furnish the Bible College and National Headquarters with a correct mailing list of their members.

We recommend that each church of the State Association furnish the Christian Civics Foundation Headquarters with a correct mailing list of their officials and teachers.

(Signed)

Rev. Elro Driggers, Velma Elliot, M. A. Rhodes, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Rev. John Land

Report of the Business Committee:

1. We recommend that the clerk have a credentials form printed for use in recognizing delegates to the State Association from the local church.

2. We recommend that each church give a minimum of 10% of their total income to denominational support.

2. (B) We recommend that the Cooperative fund be allocated as follows:

60%—National Association
17%—State Home Missions
10%—Gem Fund
5%—Youth Camp
3%—Superannuation
5%—State General Fund

3. We recommend that Roger Reeds be employed to edit the Gem and that terms of contract be made between

him and the Executive Board.

4. We recommend that the contract with the General Baptist Press be renewed for the coming year.

5. We recommend that standing vote of thanks be given to the host pastor, the Thayer Church, and the Cave Springs Association for their hospitality during this session of our Association.

6. We recommend that the expenses of Missouri's General Board member to any called meeting of the General Board be paid unless otherwise provided.

7. We recommend that No. 9 of the by-laws be corrected to read \$300.00 per year as authorized in 1956.

8. We recommend that No. 16 of the by-laws be corrected to read as passed upon last year.

9. We recommend that the Youth Camp Board be authorized to proceed according to its judgment in regard to the well for the Youth Camp. We further recommend that the funds be raised before the project is begun.

10. We recommend that the Missouri State Association approve the work of Immanuel Bible Institute.

11. We recommend that the clerk who writes the minutes for each session be responsible for having the minutes printed. We further recommend that the minutes be printed and distributed as quickly as possible.

12. We recommend that by-law No. 11 be deleted.

(Signed)

Rev. Albert Hallbrook, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Paul Williams, Rev. Rolla Smith

Temperance Committee's Report:

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

1. We're agreed that our own personal life is our greatest testimony, that temperance begins with each individual. May we strive that our lives magnify the Lord Jesus in what we say, the places we go, and how we dress.

2. Deploring the fact that many publications continue to depict crime and other sordid aspects of life, we urge co-operation with groups attempting to create public sentiment, as well as official censorship of indecent and harmful literature. We would encourage every Christian to exercise aggressive and vigorous restraint upon dealers, wholesalers, and distributors of objectionable publications. We urge parents to assume more careful guardianship of children's reading and to assume responsibility in promotion of wholesome reading matter.

3. That our people continue to avail themselves of information and work

with the Christian Civic Foundation in connection with the liquor traffic.

(Signed)

Rev. W. T. Turnbough, Rev. F. D. Johnson, Ruth Shepard, Carl Prinz, Braxine Evans

When He Appeared to You

Carl Stair
Drasco, Arkansas

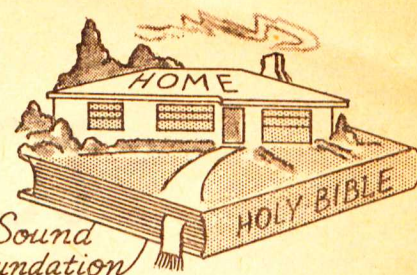
How did God appear to you? If you are a new convert and are being tempted by Satan, you may be filled with doubts and fears and you may even be asking yourself if He really appeared at all. You didn't shout, you didn't sing, and the Devil would have you believe that you imagined it all. "Your experience was entirely too simple", he is telling you, "how could it have been the great thing you were seeking?"

If these qualms of doubt assail you, do not be unduly alarmed for they have been felt by most of us. But please, dear ones, do not feel regret if everything was not fulfilled just as you had anticipated. What did you know about the Kingdom of God? What reason did you have to expect thunder and lightnings, a wind or an earthquake?

The Lord appeared to the Prophet Elijah on Mt. Horeb. A great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. Now do you not remember the sweetness, the peace, the sense of well being that persuaded your soul when that still small voice whispered "all is well".

The proof of your salvation rests not upon the kind of experience you may have had but upon the many changes of thought and deed and feeling, that is manifested in you as you enter upon 'the new life'. Do not think that the Holy Spirit touches your soul only once, when you are saved. If you keep striving to draw nearer to God He will draw nearer to you and you will feel the glory in your soul time after time. But this will be true only if you are completely submissive to His will.

Do not expect to feel God's presence every hour or every day. You will have days on the mountain top and you will live other days in the desolate valley. When you are there you may not be able to get in touch



THE FAMILY ALTAR

Prayer Requests:

Pray that the Youth Camp may have funds to expand its facilities. Pray for Rev. & Mrs. Reeves, the caretakers. (Isaiah 54:2)

Pray for the Immanuel Bible Institute of St. Louis; Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.; and Mt. Olive Junior College at Mt. Olive, North Carolina. (2 Tim. 2:15)

Pray for the youth of our nation. Have you read recent newspaper accounts of juvenile delinquency? The answer to this problem is Christ in the homes. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Pray for our ministers as they stand in the pulpit from week to week to deliver the message of the Word. Nothing is more important than God's Word. (2 Tim. 4:2)

Pray for the home missionaries from our state, Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite of East Wenatchee, Washington, and for Rev. & Mrs. R. Luther Sanders in Hawaii. (Eph. 6:18, 18)

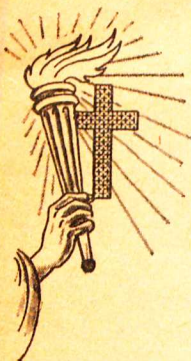
Pray for the Billows of Mexico, the Whaleys of Alaska, the workers of Arizona-Mexico Mission, and all other Home Missionaries. (Acts 13:2)

Pray for our foreign missionaries located in Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan, and Spain. (1 Thess. 4:2, 3)

with God at all. Those are the times you must walk by faith. Press onward, still. The Lord has given you the chance to prove that you can walk alone for a little while. Don't fail Him.

As you begin your Christian life, be careful not to take the way that so many take and fail, the most difficult way of all—the easy way. The way of the border line Christian is next to impossible to follow and too, if you walk that way you miss God's great blessings and the joy of really living—living for Him. Shun the level path; take the one that leads up the mountain side. The air is so much purer and fresher up there.

If lots of a bad thing is wrong, then a little of a bad thing cannot be right.



Woman's Auxiliary

From Thayer:

The Missouri State Women's Auxiliary Convention met at the Thayer Church, August 19, 1959. One of the highlights of the day was the morning message by Dr. Laverne Miley of Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Miley will be the first medical Doctor missionary to go to the foreign mission field for Free Will Baptists. Missouri can be extra proud as Dr. Miley hails from our own state.

Another highlight of the day was the special feature in the afternoon—"The Unfinished Task In Mexico." Mexico was featured because the National project for the Auxiliaries this year is to build a badly needed mission station in Mexico. The history of this country was given by Joan Thomas. A special number in song was sung by Beth Smith dressed in Mexican costume. Mrs. Eunice Edwards presented the challenge using slides she had taken on her recent visit to Mexico. Our hearts were touched as she told of the many needs and the poverty of the people. May we as the women of the State of Missouri rally to this project and give sacrificially to this mission cause.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. That the local and district Auxiliary treasurers adhere more closely to Article 6 of the By-Laws. "That each local Auxiliary tithe its income into their respective district treasury and the district convention tithe into the State treasury and that the money be used for promotional enterprises. If the local does not belong to a district convention, it is to tithe directly to the state treasury."

2. That each local Auxiliary set up a budget to include the following standing needs—W. N. A. C. project; Co-laborer fund; Student loan fund; and tithes. (Send all monies to the state treasurer and she will forward it on to the proper place.)

3. Since we have not GTA declamation contestant at the State Convention be it resolved that all GTA sponsors be urged to get a contestant

from her Auxiliary and send the name to the State Youth Chairman, and that she arrange to have a run-off either at the State Youth Camp or State Workshop.

4. That we give Dr. Laverne Miley a gift of \$35.00.

5. That we have a State workshop this year at Kirksville.

The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Myrtle Jones

Vice-President—Margaret Dixon

Secretary-Treasurer—Genelle Scott

Ass't Secretary—Leona Thompson

Corresponding Secretary—Joan Thomas

Youth Chairman—Lucille Beatty

Study Course Chairman—Agnes Smith

Stewardship—Prayer Chairmen—Elaine Spurgeon

Personal Service Chairman—Braxine Evans

From Nashville

To the ladies of: South Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky, New Mexico, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, California, Texas, Louisiana, and Virginia.

Dearest Co-laborer:

The endearing term Co-laborer has come to mean much to us these past few months, and we have come to truly love and appreciate everyone of you.

The gifts presented to my family and me at our National Auxiliary Convention were so wonderful and the love and thoughtfulness that prompted such a gesture mean so much that I cannot find words to express our sincere appreciation. I am sure that in the days ahead they will afford us much courage and comfort because each time we use them or even look at them we will remember that the women who were so loving and thoughtful to give such gifts are, through the same love and thoughtfulness, remembering us in prayer.

As we go to represent you in the Hawaiian Islands, we are depending on each of you to help us with the task there and when the work is done

and Jesus returns, we will be able to more fully appreciate and understand the term Co-laborer.

With love and prayer,
Mrs. Helen Sanders, Mark
9:41

WNAC Officers elected at the National Convention are as follows:

President—Mrs. Rufus Coffey, 158 Queen's Road, Florence, S. C.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. Reford Wilson, Box 86, Pocahontas, Ark.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ralph Staires, 4675 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Mississippi.

Youth Auxiliary Chairman—Mrs. Eugene Waddell, 1616 Lansing Ave., Portsmouth, Va.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Lucoma, N. C.

Stewardship Prayer Chairman—Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Gaston Clary, 405 N. Alta Vista, Henderson, Texas.

From St. Louis:

The Quarterly Meeting of the St. Louis area Auxiliaries was held at the Salem Church on July 25, 1959. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Myrtle Reeds. Following a song by the congregation and prayer by Mrs. Sylvia Hill a song was sung by Judy Turnbough. Letters were received from Faith, Third, Berkeley, Salem, South Side, and Fourth. In the president's remarks she urged each Auxiliary to strive to be A-1 this year. Information concerning the student loan fund was given by Agnes Smith. It was voted to send a gift of \$10.00 to the student loan fund from our treasury. The following officers were elected for the remaining part of this term:

Secretary-Treasurer—Agnes Smith
Personal Service Chairman—Betty Camp

Corresponding Secretary—Gladys Turnbough

Two special numbers in song were then given by a girl's quartet from Salem. The devotional was given by Agnes Smith. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

—Gladys Turnbough, Cor.-Sec.

From Flat River:

We are glad to report a good year in our auxiliary. The wonderful Lord has been so good to us. The books we have studied have been a blessing to us, and we have had a wonderful fellowship together. The Auxiliary met at Columbia Park for our July meeting. There were fifteen members and two visitors present. We enjoyed an interesting study from our year book. At noon a picnic lunch was served. At a previous meeting Mrs. Rolla Smith was present with us and conducted a very impressive installation service. A total of nine officers were installed. The G. T. A. boys and girls assisted in the program as they represented the various countries where we have our missionaries and also our own country. We hope with all working together we can do more for the cause of Christ this coming year.

—Mrs. Hildebrand, Cor.-Sec.

From Fredericktown:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, July 2. Service was opened with singing led by Mrs. Margie Hahn. The devotional was led by Mrs. Genelle Scott. During the business session officers were elected for the coming year. They are:

President—Helen McGraw

Enlistment Chairman—Blanche Pogue

Youth Chairman—Verna Smith

Study Course Chairman—Genelle Scott

Program Chairman—Hallie Dettmer
Benevolence Chairman—Lula Free-land

Recording Secretary—Jaunita Skaggs

Corresponding Secretary—Jaunita Skaggs

Treasurer—Margie Hahn

Pianist—Jaunita Skaggs

Asst. Pianist—Kitty Edmiston

Song Leader—Easter Graham

Asst. Song Leader—Verna Smith

Circle Chairman No. 1—Jaunita Skaggs

Circle Chairman No. 2—Kitty Edmiston

Circle Chairman No. 3—Genelle Scott

The service was dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Grace Schneider. There were

seventeen members and one visitor present.

—Jaunita Skaggs, Cor.-Sec.

From St. Louis:

The Fourth Free Will Baptist's Woman's Auxiliary met August 11 at the church for our monthly meeting. We opened with singing, "How Firm A Foundation." Prayer by Mrs. Opal Turnbough. The Scripture reading was read by Mrs. Bessie East. The treasurer's report and minutes were read and accepted. It was motioned that we send an offering to our work in Spain. There were eight members and one visitor present. Mrs. Lola Dann had the introduction to our lesson and topics were given by Martha Ann Cartee, Lois Suplock, and Maudie Spurstock. We were dismissed in prayer at the altar.

—Gladys Turnbough, Cor.-Sec.

From Hazel Creek:

The Hazel Creek Woman's Auxiliary met August 26 with Mrs. Wendell Semts. There were ten members and one visitor present. Mrs. Maggie Semts and Mrs. Joan Filkins sang, "We've a Story To Tell To The Nations." Mrs. Minnie Thompson read Acts 16:8-15 for the Scripture reading and we were led in prayer by Mrs. Sylvia Semts. The minutes of the last meeting were read and an offering of \$18.25 was received. 1043 Bible chapters were reported read and 37 cards sent. Mrs. Joan Filkins became a member. Our project for the day was canning peaches for one of our members who has been hospitalized. Topics were given by Mrs. Margie Semts, Mrs. Lizzie Filkins, and Mrs. Wanda Filkins. Mrs. Joan Filkins led in special prayer for our missionaries and Mrs. Lola Filkins led the dismissal prayer.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.-Sec.

From Lebanon:

The Women of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon met for their July meeting. Discussion of our Bible College, Missions and Orphanage occupied a good deal of the time. We decided to send an offering for the Hannas in India and to prepare a box for the Children's Home at Greenville, Tenn.

—Mrs. Anna Owen

From St. Louis:

The Women's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church met July 27 for their regular meeting. A very interesting program was presented. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Birdie Templeton. Prayer by Mrs. Alma Hamlyn. During the business session we voted to give our church building fund \$50.00 and to give a gift to a

member who recently under-went surgery. Topics were given by Mrs. Norma Duke, Mrs. Nadine Dawdy, Mrs. Doris Arnold, Mrs. Inez Dowdy, and Mrs. Betty Jenner. There were twelve members present. Benediction by Mrs. Reynolds.

—Mrs. Bea Holder, Cor.-Sec.

From Myrtle:

Our Woman's Auxiliary met on Tuesday night, August 11, with seven members present. The meeting was opened with Scripture reading by Mary Alice Wischart. Prayer by Ora Clark. The business session included the election of officers who are: President, Oleatha Parsons; Vice President, Dorris Brown; Sec. Treas., Bernice Cantrell; Youth Chairman, Jessie Dunkin; Program and Prayer Chairman, Geneva Sorrell; Study Chairman, Ora Clark; Personal Service Chairman, Francis Harbison, Corresponding Secretary, Lucy Morgan. The program was given from the theme, "For The Word Hath Quickened Me." The topics were presented by Bernice Cantrell, Ora Clark, and Ora Wischart. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mary Alice Wischart.

From Springfield:

The First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met and opened services by singing, "Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me." and "Take Time To Be Holy." Mrs. Bertha Wolfe sang a solo, and Mrs. Ethel Latimer led the opening prayer. Kathryn Draper read from Acts 16:8-15. Mrs. Marie Braye gave the introduction to the program and topics were presented by Mrs. Ruth Coday, Lola Long, and Elizabeth Patton. Twelve members were present. Officers chosen for the coming year are: President, Kathryn Draper; Vice President, Lula Snowden; Secretary, Lucy Ray; Treasurer, Myrtle Carbin; Pianist, Ethel Latimer; Study Course Chairman, Clara Lemons; Corresponding Secretary, Georgia Glenn; Program Committee, Ethel Latimer and Ruth Coday; Welfare Committee, Maxine Smith, Elizabeth Patton, and Bertha Wolfe; Telephone Chairman, Jessie Crowder.

—Georgia Glenn, Cor.-Sec.

From St. Louis:

The South Side's Woman's Auxiliary met Thursday night, August 27, with fifteen members and one visitor present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Myrtle Reeds.

Song, "Send the Light." Prayer led by Bertha Holt. A very interesting program was given concerning Spain. Topics were given by Wilma Barr, Katherine Mertz, and Alice Barr. The Auxiliary voted to give five dollars apiece to Lillian Moore, Eddie Cook,

and John Gibbs who will be leaving for Free Will Baptist College. A report was given by the Vice President, Mrs. Ina Cruse, on the State Auxiliary Convention. We are striving for an A-1 Auxiliary for the cause of Christ.
—Norma Kennedy, Cor. Sec.

Faith Church Auxiliary:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Faith Free Will Baptist Church met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday night, August 24, with 10 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sis. Doris Arnold, with singing of hymns, "Send the Light". Scripture reading was given by Sis. Betty Jenner. Prayer by Sis. Niccum.

Our lesson for this month was "The Living Word in Europe." Topic 1. "Our Opportunity in Spain (Barcelona)" was given by Sis. Alma Hamly. Topic 2. "Our Opportunity in Spain (Waterfront)" given by Sister Bea Holder. Topic 3. "Other Challenges" given by Sis. Billie Turner.
—Inez Dowdy, Cor.

What Kind of King?

John 6:15

Edwin Runyon

Introduction

Did you ever form the wrong opinion about a person the first time you met him? Many times later meetings help us to see just how badly we have misjudged the person. There are also times when we know a person by reputation for a long time before we have the opportunity to meet him. We have our minds made up about what he is like. We have pre-judged that person. And usually we do not take kindly to having our minds changed.

The People Misunderstood

Such was the case with the people in the land of Palestine. They had wrong ideas concerning the Messiah. They had been taught to expect the coming of the King. This had been the topic of conversation with many of them for a long time. In fact, there were many who rose up to proclaim themselves the Messiah who had come to deliver the people from the hated Romans. The people were expecting the same kind of deliverer. They wanted someone to lead them in battle. Of course this Messiah would be different from the false ones in that he would be successful.

The Scripture lesson is taken from an incident immediately following the feeding of the five thousand. Multitudes of people had followed Jesus. They hung upon his every word. They

listened carefully to what he had to say. But they were more interested in his ability to heal and in his ability to feed the multitudes.

People of that day were not too much different from the ones of today. They were also hunting an easy way of life. The multitudes who followed Jesus liked the idea of having Him feed them. The loaves and fishes appealed to them. Here was a man who could feed them without their having to work. Not only that, but he could also heal any who were sick. It was whispered that he had even raised the dead. This was a very unusual man. Surely he was the coming Messiah. Here was a man who would make a good king. He could give to His people an easy way of life without any effort on their part. What an opportunity! What former generation had ever had an opportunity such as this?

They Tried Force

It is worthy of note that these people did not ask God's guidance on what they were about to do. They did not pray. Of course, in this they were much like the people of today. They did not stop to ask themselves, much less ask God, if this were the proper thing to do. All they were interested in was that this was what they wanted to do. They did not pray. They did not even think. They acted upon impulse, upon the spur of the moment. If they had taken time to think through the various phases of the problem, they would have seen the foolishness of their actions. But they did not think.

These people were interested only in their own selfish desires. Evidently they did not even consult Jesus about the situation. They were not particularly interested in his wishes. They wanted what they wanted. Perhaps they told themselves that his talent should not go to waste. Perhaps they reasoned that he owed to humanity to use the great power which had been given to him. People can think of many excuses to do the things they want to do. And these people wanted Jesus for a king.

Who would refuse to be a king? Such a thing was unheard of. The idea was so preposterous that they probably did not even think to consult Jesus. Surely no one would refuse such honor. He was just being modest, or he would already have proclaimed himself to be their king. No, no one in his right mind would surely refuse such an offer. Here they were ready to give themselves as his servants and followers if he would only declare himself.

But Jesus did not declare himself. He did not set himself up as an earthly king. So the leaders of the crowd had to take things into their own hands. They would just force his hand. They would make him king by force. When he was crowned and got used to the idea, all would be well.

Jesus Left Them

The poor, misguided, foolish people! Jesus was already king. No amount of pomp and ceremony on their part could make him any more or less a king than he already was. Their trying to force his hand was entirely out of place. They only showed themselves for what they were, selfish, scheming little men. They had not tried to understand Jesus. They had not really heard the message. They were too preoccupied with their own thoughts and schemes. They did not want to fit into his plans, but rather they wanted him to fit into their plans. In reality they did not want to make him king. They wanted to make him their stooge—a mere figure head. They wanted to wield the real power.

The kingdom of Jesus was not of this world. It was not a physical or political kingdom. It was to be a spiritual kingdom set up in the hearts of men. This the people could not or would not understand. He is kind indeed. His kingdom is set up on principles of holiness and righteousness. Those who become his subjects must conform to his plans and principles. The unrighteous are not a part of the kingdom. One must become righteous by the way of repentance and faith in Jesus before he is fit for a subject of the kingdom. Then he is ready to take the orders of the great king and march on to victory.

The people of Palestine wanted a political king. They wanted one to conform to their prejudiced view of what the Messiah should be. They wanted this so badly that they attempted to force Jesus into being something that he is not. That worked no better then, than it will work now. Jesus went away. He would not be forced into a false role. He can never be forced into a false role. Try as we may, we cannot change the principles of the kingdom of God. We must accept them. Jesus must become our Lord and Master as well as king. He must have our allegiance as well as be the source of blessing.

Conclusion

Jesus truly is king. He is king of the hearts of those who will believe upon him. No amount of force can change

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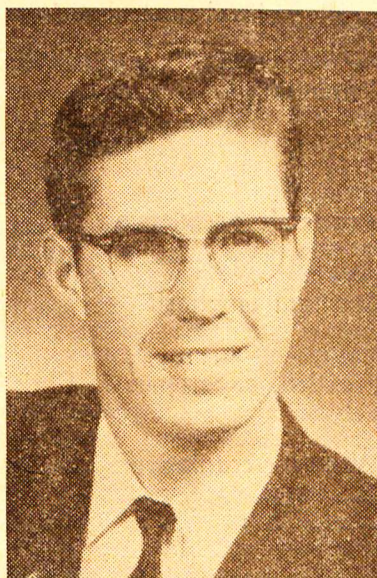
SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Cuba	40	40	45					
Mt. Pisgah	47	51	67	57	54	66	53	
Copper Mines	104	106	123	110	110	94	101	
Fellowship, Flat River	185	188	203	203	200	204	198	
Leadington	67	68	96	79	78	79	81	81
Farmington	56	63	78	67	60	67		
Fourth, Maplewood	60	65	57	65	54	49	39	
Old Bethel	26	24	28	21	23	28		
Berkeley City	154	177	207	163	185	191	186	198
Richwoods	45	44	53	55	59	50	51	
Oak Grove	48						40	40
Joplin	64	70	86	70	70	79	66	
Kirksville	91	91	96	101				
Grant Ave., Springfield	78	80	90	94	68	88	85	86
Hazel Creek			44		46	25		
Twin Oak	63	44	65	57	60	61	73	
South Side Church	141	163	170	186	149	148	142	173
New Hope, Kansas City	35	35	49	42				
Mine La Motte	31	39	62	49	48	39	41	
Mill Creek	53	55	65	64	65	63		
First Church, Kans. City	60	55	64	65				
Liberty	29							
Overland Church	78	90	102	101	117	128	100	114
Third Church, St. Louis	90	100	104	108	108	109	92	101
Bethel, West Plains								
Faith, St. Louis	56	95	91	78				
Myrtle	48	53						
Mountain Grove	283	281	329					



Rev. John Mark Vandivort spent the month of August investigating Agricultural Mission Work in Cuba.



Rev. Dale Jones, new pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri.

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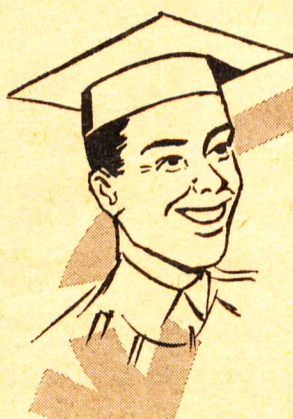
this. Then let us not force him to leave us by trying to make of him something that he is not. Let us rather accept him for what he is and begin to work for him.

A man who is great and influential in the service of the devil as he goes through life will find himself very weak, wretched and undone when he comes down to die and goes out to meet a Just and All-wise and All-powerful God.

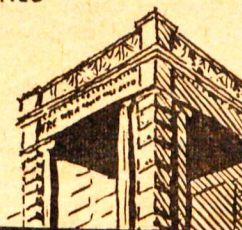
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