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Dear Reader:

I would like to repeat the challenge I hurled at you in October. The Free Will Baptist Gem can only be what you make it. Without articles from you then the paper will be full of non-Missouri and in many instances non-denominational news. Only one minister has taken advantage of the Sermon of the Month column and that was Rev. Cliff Bowman whose very fine sermon appeared last month. This month I had to insert one of my own messages as none came from any of the other ministers in the State. Please, preachers get those sermons in along with a recent photograph of yourself. Our readers would like to hear from you and see what you look like.

News from the churches this month is very scarce. May I suggest that each church select someone to make a periodic report to the Gem. Frankly, don't you like to read of the news of our churches? Just as you like to hear from other churches, other churches would like to hear from you. The Gem is primarily a paper of information. It is used partially for promotional work, yes, but it remains primarily a news source. Please submit your news items.

Make good use of the other columns too. Many churches are not reporting their Sunday School averages. Many Auxiliaries are not reporting. Please use the Gem it is your paper.

Did you know that only fifty-three churches are currently enrolled in the Every Church Family Plan? Every church in the State ought to use this plan to keep their members informed. The goal set by me when I assumed editorship was 2,000 subscribers to the Gem. Our current mailing list is carrying around 1250 names so we have a long way to go to reach 2,000. However, if the remaining churches in the State that are not on the Family Plan would enroll in the plan we could move towards the goal rapidly. Presently the cost of printing the Gem is not being met by the yearly subscriptions. If the Gem were not underwritten by the State and supported through the Co-operative Plan then it would be operating constantly in the red. If we charged you the total cost of each paper then it would run around twenty-five cents per copy. You are currently paying 12½ cents per copy if you are on the single subscription plan and only 8½ cents per copy if you are on the Family Plan. Certainly you'll have to agree, the Free Will Baptist Gem is one of the biggest bargains you can get today.

Yours in His Service,
Roger C. Reeds, Editor

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The Editor

SERMON OF THE MONTH

CHRISTMAS PRELIMINARIES

by Roger C. Reeds

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

As early as mid-November the world begins to prepare for Christmas. The merchants prepare by decorating their shops and displaying their wares. The people prepare by making out their gift lists and the purchasing of same. The churches prepare by planning their Christmas programs and services. This has been going on for years as people get ready for Christmas.

As the time draws nearer the hustle and bustle grows greater. Now, one week before Christmas, the preparations become more intense. The Christmas tree goes up; last minute purchases are made; Christmas cards are mailed; and Bing Crosby groans, "I'm Dreamin' of a White Christmas." It's Christmas time, U. S. A.

Did you ever stop to wonder the why of all this? If some were asked why Christmas they would report, "To celebrate Christ's birthday of course." It all started back in the fifth century A. D. when the Western Church first celebrated a day they called the Mass of Christ. No one was sure of the exact birth date of the Lord Jesus so a date in December was selected. This date was adapted from the pagan holidays along with many of the ideas that go with it. The giving of gifts; the yule log; the tree and its lights; the sending of Christmas cards; these all came as later additions.

It is fitting that we commemorate the birth of Jesus as long as we do so in the proper fashion. In this message I would like to cite two things: Getting ready for the first Christmas whenever it was; and Getting ready for Christmas today.

Getting Ready for the First Christmas Whenever It Was

Let's first note the promises of the Saviour's coming. As early as the Book of Genesis we have the promise of the coming of the Son of God. Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his head." In this verse we note that God promises Satan that the Saviour of the world will come through the seed of

woman. The promise continues on through the pages of the Old Testament. Isaiah stated that Jesus would be born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Micah promises that He will be born in the city of Bethlehem, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Malachi predicted the coming of John the Baptist and then prophecy ceased. For four hundred years nothing was said about the coming of the Messiah. The Jews began to ask, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since our fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." God had not forgotten the promise He was merely preparing the world for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we shall note the preparation for the Saviour's coming. The way was paved in the political world. Prior to the coming of Christ the chief mode of government was the city-states. Then the Babylonians overran their borders and made a world conquest. They were followed by the Persians, the Grecians, and finally the Romans. Of all the empires none reached the heights of the Roman empire. It was by far the greatest. Men of different races were fused together into one political organization with the Ceasars at the head. It was now possible for a Jew to become a Roman citizen. Thus Christ came to a world united rather than a world divided.

There were several other ways in which the world was made ready for Christ. One of these was in the modes of travel. With slave labor the Romans built great concrete highways to the extremities of the Empire. Many of these are still in use today and certainly must have been beneficial to the apostles as they traveled with the gospel. Also ships sailed constantly to the great seaports along the Mediter-

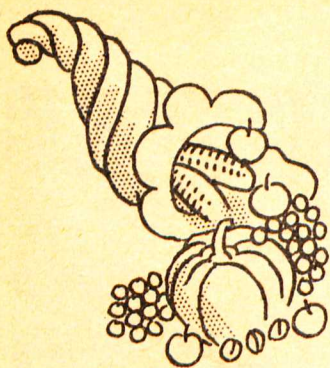
ranean. Paul used these for much of his travel. There was also a type of universal language in these days. Most of the people spoke a modified Greek language known as Koine (pronounced coin-a) Greek. The apostles spoke and wrote this language as they traveled with the gospel. Most of the New Testament was written in this language. Still the way was paved for the coming of Christ because sin was abounding. Emperor and pagan worship was common. The entire Roman Empire laxed into a state of gross sin. Edward Gibbons in his, "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" lists the greatness of the sins of the Romans as the chief cause of the collapse of the Empire.

Getting Ready For Christmas Today

Most people get ready for Christmas today by getting ready for Santa Claus. This old grey-headed gentleman came to America with the Catholic Dutch in the personage of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas was thought to be the patron saint of the children and thus he left gifts in the little wooden shoes of the Dutch children every Christmas. St. Nicholas became "St. Nick" in the poem, "Twas The Night Before Christmas," and later the name "Santa Claus" was given to the jolly old fellow who wears a red suit and drives a sleigh with eight tiny reindeer. Today, through deception, Santa Claus has a more prominent place at Christmas than does the Lord Jesus Christ.

We get ready for Christmas today by the customer growing poorer and the merchant growing richer. Christmas has been commercialized to the point that it is no longer a religious holiday. On Christmas Eve most offices will celebrate with a Christmas party (usually a drunken one), most factories will close down at noon, and most stores will remain open late to glean from the last minute shoppers. Then all will retire to await the arrival of Santa Claus. In the morning the children will get up earlier than usual and the family circle gathers around the tree to open their gifts. We say we do this because the Magi brought

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Missouri Student Makes Honor Roll

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Bettie O'Haver, senior from Kirksville, has averaged "B" or higher at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and has been listed on the honor roll that covers the first nine weeks of the fall semester. Bettie is a Senior and plans to graduate in May. She is currently a part time employee at Free Will Baptist Headquarters in the Foreign Missions Department.

Arkansas Establishes State Promotional Offices

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark.—The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists voted to employ a part-time promotional worker at its last session. The Association elected Rev. Willard C. Day as Promotional Director. Rev. Day has been editor of the state paper, "Vision" for the past year. He will continue as editor and will have the responsibility of mailing and editing the paper from Russellville. As promotional director he will visit churches and quarterly meetings in behalf of the State's denominational program. A book store has been opened and books and church supplies are for sale. The profits from the sale of all materials will go to the State Promotional Program.

Seven Additions Reported By The Parkview Church

DESLOGE, MO.—Rev. & Mrs. Chesley R. Hill and their daughter have moved into the parsonage of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church at Desloge. On Sunday November 1, Rev. Hill baptized three converts and in the past month seven have united with the church. The League has undergone a change in its program and as a result the attendance and interest is on the upsurge. Rev. Dale Jones was the evangelist for a November revival.

Cooperative Receipts Show Slight Decline

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Gifts to the Cooperative Program have shown a slight decline from the previous month

according to Rev. Roger C. Reeds, State Treasurer. The gifts for the month of November totaled \$1198.42. This is over \$200.00 less than last month's gifts. Here is a complete list of the gifts for November. All gifts must reach the State office by the 25th of the month to be included in this monthly report.

Myrtle Church	\$ 9.68
Beacon Church	59.48
Dutch Chapel	7.50
Leadington Church	65.00
Monett Church	68.26
Fellowship Church	130.36
Fredericktown Church	78.61
Carterville Church	13.58
Grant Ave. Church	25.16
Hannon Church	22.00
First Church, Flat River	286.23
Merl's Chapel	20.95
Mine La Motte Church	18.88
St. Louis District Qtly.	265.74
Farmington Church	35.18
Bethel Church	36.31
Faith & Hope Church	17.00
Copper Mines Church	38.50
Total	\$1198.42

Bible College Receives \$5,000 Record Gift

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—President L. C. Johnson recently announced that the Bible College has received a gift of \$5,000 from the estate of E. D. Parker, prominent layman of Nashville. A member of the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Mr. Parker remembered the college in his will as well as other denominational enterprises. The gift, largest ever received by the Bible College, will be used as an endowment fund for the school. The fund will be invested to earn annual income, school officials explained. The administrator of the will, the Rev. J. L. Welch, presented the check to the school on October 19. Rev. Welch was a life-long friend of the East Nashville deacon. The Board of Trustees of the Bible College has named the former Dunbar Property in honor of Mr. Parker. It is now known as Parker Hall.

Evangelicals Prepare For World Day of Prayer

WHEATON, Ill.—With a strong emphasis on prayer for Christians in the areas of the world where worship and witnessing are restricted or prohibited, evangelicals will gather in their churches March 4 to observe the World Day of Prayer.

"As Bound with Them" is the theme for the observance this year. A prayer booklet to be used as a guide for the services has been written by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. The introduction is by Dr. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the Spiritual Life Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals and well-known for his revival-prayer conferences.

Providing the materials for the observance of World Day of Prayer is a part of the service ministry of NAE. The materials, including the worship booklets and advertising posters, can be obtained by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Ave., Wheaton, Ill.

NAE Convention Set For Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—The eighteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held here next April 26-29, according to an announcement from Dr. C. C. Burnett, secretary of the NAE Executive Committee. Sessions will be held in the Palmer House, Dr. Burnett said.

Dr. Stephen Paine, president of Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., and a past president of NAE, is the convention chairman.

Theme for the 18th gathering of this organization which represents more than 40 denominations and has a membership of over three million will be "Speaking the Truth in Love."

The convention is expected to attract 1,500 denominational leaders, pastors and key laymen. Because of the nature of the convention which embraces some 17 commissions and affiliates that hold simultaneous sessions, it is often called a "convention of conventions."

Canadian Says Booklet Courts Roman Catholics

WHEATON, Ill.—“An olive branch extended to the Church of Rome” is the way a Canadian describes a booklet recently issued by a committee of the United Church of Canada.

Writing in the December issue of **United Evangelical Action**, Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer of Toronto, takes issue with the controversial booklet, “Life and Death—a Study of the Christian Hope,” which made its appearance a few weeks ago in Canada. The booklet is not an official statement of church policy, but is the result of five years’ work by the Committee on Christian Faith.

Chief among the propositions in the booklet, Boehmer, says, are these: hell is not a place of everlasting torment, espousal of the doctrine of Universalism, and suggestions that purgatory and prayers for the dead may be legitimate beliefs for Protestants.

It is in this connection that Boehmer says, “One would have to be blind to fail to see the olive branch extended to the Church of Rome.” He asserts that the booklet is not only “revolutionary,” but may well produce a revolution in the United Church. He says there is already “a decided uneasiness . . . for there are many devout, God-fearing, Bible-believing folks who dearly love the Lord.”



Rev. John Long

It was incorrectly reported in the Gem a few months ago that Rev. John Long was only available for limited pastoral duties. Rev. Long has recovered very well from the automobile accident he was involved in several years ago. He is currently available for revivals and full time pastoral duties. He may be contacted at 207 Kelly St., Fredericktown, Mo.

New Church Organized At Valley Park, Mo.



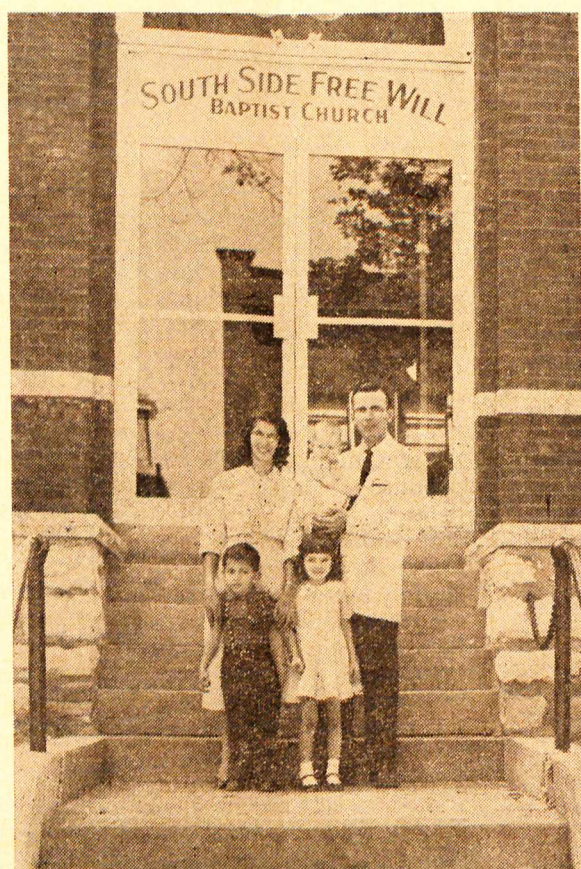
VALLEY PARK, Mo.—The Executive Board of the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting met with the Meremac Heights Free Will Baptist Mission on Sunday, October 25, for the purpose of organizing the Mission into a church. Pictured above is the Executive Board along with Rev. Johnny Land, pastor of the Mission. Rev. Harry Asher is presenting the Bible to Rev. Land. From left to right is Floyd Cantrell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board; William Hughes; Rev. Asher; Rev. Floyd Arnold; Rev. Roger C. Reeds, Chairman of the Board; and Rev. Land.

Pictured below are the fourteen charter members that were present that day. The church roll was left open as there was the promise of more who desired charter membership. The church is located on Big Bend Blvd., just outside of the city limits of Kirkwood and Valley Park. A new Chrysler plant has been built in the area that will employ 6000 men when at full peak. Everyone feels the church has a real challenge. The group is buying the property they are now using which consists of an auditorium that will seat 200 and five class rooms on the second floor. There is also a full sized basement and ample room for parking and expansion. The newly organized church has enrolled in the Every Church Family Plan of the Gem and has agreed to support the Cooperative Plan.

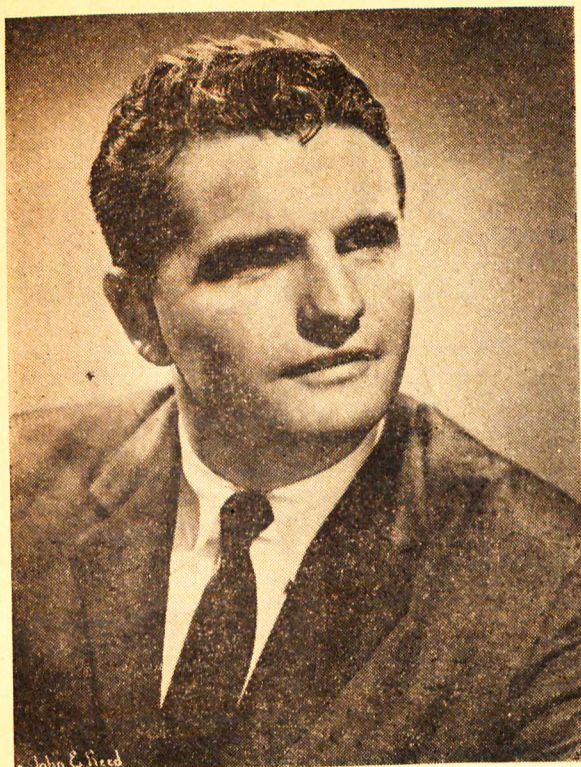


SEASONS GREETINGS

TO THE ENTIRE GEM FAMILY



---From The Reeds



Meet John Noble

John H. Noble was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1923. He attended school in Detroit until 1938. The family was forced to move to Germany because of his father's health and Mr. Noble went to work in one of his father's factories in the photo industry. With the outbreak of World War II the Noble family was put under local internment by Hitler's forces until 1945. As the Soviet Red Army occupied East Germany, the Nobles expected to be liberated but found exactly the opposite—imprisonment despite United States citizenship.

John Noble was held by the Soviet N. K. V. D. in the Dresden Prison for 14 months without a question or explanation. While there he suffered several periods of starvation and was near death. In late 1946 he was shipped to a concentration camp at Muehlberg East Germany for two years and then on to Camp Buchenwald (notorious Nazi concentration camp). In 1950 he was sentenced without trial or accusation to 15 years (1950-65) and shipped through Poland into the U. S. S. R.

Communism clearly enunciates, "There is no God."

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In 1817 Communism began the revolt in Russia with only 40,000 fanatical followers of Lenin. Today over 800 million are under the iron control of the Party of Lenin.

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Communists are utterly convinced that they are ordained to rule the world.

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PEACE, to the Communists, is total victory.

He arrived at the notorious Artic Slave Camp "Vorkuta" where he worked under deplorable conditions in the coal mines for 4½ years. His weight dropped to under 100 lbs where it remained throughout the remainder of his confinement. The weather was unbearable and on many occasions dropped to 50 degrees below zero and even lower. Thousands of prisoners died only to be replaced by more "slaves". Together with about 100,000 of the 500,000 prisoners at Vorkuta, John Noble participated in the first uprising against communism in the Soviet Union. Thousands were slaughtered before the "strikers" went back to work. Only a few weeks after the survival from the horrible bloodshed, John Noble was transferred to another camp at Vorkuta from where he was able to smuggle a postcard out which reached his parents who by this time had been permitted to return to Detroit. This postcard served as evidence of his existence. His parents began to work for his release. It was only after the personal intervention by President Eisenhower that John was able to obtain his release from the Soviets. Returning to America he spent much time in Washington, D. C. He has spoken before Congress concerning his experiences.

While enslaved in Russia John Noble found God and dedicated his life to Him. He is now affiliated with the Cicero Bible Press and spends much of his time on speaking tours from coast to coast attempting to awaken America to the dangers of communism.

On Monday night, November 2nd an overflow crowd of some five hundred people filled the auditorium at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Grove to hear Mr. Noble. On Tuesday night, November 3rd, Mr. Noble spoke before a large crowd of Free Will Baptists in the High School Auditorium at Flat River. On Wednesday night, November 4th, he spoke before a capacity crowd at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. The churches of the St. Louis area dismissed their mid-week services to come out and hear Mr. Noble.

John Noble has authored two books, "I Was A Slave In Russia" and "I Found God In Soviet Russia." His story has appeared in leading magazines and on television where it was viewed by millions. Mr. Noble is married, has two children, and lives in the suburbs of Chicago.



THE MISSION FIELD

Wilkinsons To Sail For South Africa

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Foreign Missions Board reports that Rev. & Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson and their children will leave for South Africa on December 16. They are scheduled to leave Houston, Texas via Braniff Airways, flight No. 603. The Wilkinsons will increase the South African Missions staff to seven. Already on the field are Rev. Dave Franks, Rev. & Mrs. Ken Eagleton, Miss Eula Mae Martin, and Miss Esther M. Ruehle.

Missionary's Mother Suffers Fatal Attack

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Mrs. Alline Wright suffered a fatal heart attack on Wednesday, November 4, while a patient at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. Previously she had been injured by a freak accident while visiting a cemetery near Fredericktown, Mo. As she was walking about the cemetery she stumbled and fell and clasped a tombstone to break her fall. The tombstone broke loose and fell on top of her. She was rushed to Fredericktown to the clinic and from there to St. Louis to the hospital. She seemed to be recovering from the accident at the time of the attack. Mrs. Wright was a member of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis and the mother of Marie Hanna, missionary to India. Mrs. Hanna was unable to come home for the funeral services.

Calverys Reach America For Year's Furlough

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery and their children arrived in the States on November 28th after spending some two weeks at sea. They will rest and visit among relatives and friends until after the first of the year and then follow a busy schedule in itinerary work. The Calverys are our senior missionaries to Japan.

Harvey Hill Visits Missouri Churches For Home Missions

ST. LOUIS Mo.—Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley and member of the National Home Missions Board has been visiting Missouri churches in behalf of Home Missions. While in Mexico last May, Rev. Hill made some interesting slides of the work there that is under the leadership of Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Billows. Rev. Hill showed the slides at the Indian Creek Association on November 3rd and at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett on November 4th. On Thursday night, November 5th he presented the program of slides and information to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield. On Saturday night, November 21, Rev. Hill conducted a Home Missions service at the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown. He will be visiting other churches in the near future. Rev. Hill says, "I beg each of you to help your National Home Missions Board by putting them in your church budget."

Nogales Academy Has Record Enrollment

NOGALES, Arizona—The Lord is blessing the Arizona-Mexico Missions in many ways. One of the outstanding growths is shown by the large enrollment of the Nogales Academy which is a Christian Day School which is part of Arizona-Mexico Missions. The Academy was opened under the direction of Rev. John Elliston in September 1957 with Miss Bessie Yeley, as teacher. For a long time Miss Yeley has been a Free Will Baptist Missionary in both Venezuela and Cuba under the Foreign Mission Board and in Texas and Mexico under Home Mission.

The first term we had 8 students and the spring term 1958 opened in the now present building (which rents for \$100.00 a month) with 12 students, grades 1 (one) through 4 (four). In the summer of 1958 Rev. John B. Elliston taught the school with the aid of Mrs. Elliston, with 40 students enrolled. Miss Yeley took the summer for Bible Clubs and Mission work.

In August 1958 school opened with

60 enrolled and a staff of 4. Miss Molly Barker, 1959 graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee, was added. Miss Yeley taught first and second grades, Miss Barker 3rd and 4th grades, Mr. Elliston 5th and 6th and two special classes A & B while Mrs. Elliston taught class C. These special classes are so classed according to age and are children who know not one word of English. By the end of the spring term in 1959 there were 72 enrolled.

Summer school 1959 had 63 enrolled. With the opening of the fall term we now have 91. With enlargement of enrollment the teaching staff must be enlarged also. Mrs. Elliston has Beginners and 1st grade, thirty-four of them. Miss Yeley has volunteered to teach 2nd grade. Miss Barker 3rd and 4th grades. Mr. Elliston has 5th through 8th with a special class. Mrs. Breeding is the Commerce teacher.

Pray for us we are very busy in the school besides our fourteen services a week, also clothing distribution and other Missionary activities.

Pope's Ecumenical Council Is Rescheduled For 62 or 63

ROME, Italy—Pope John's Ecumenical Council, scheduled for late 1960, will not be held until the end of 1962 or the beginning of 1963. The announcement was made at a press conference by Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, who is chairman of the council's planning committee. Some 2,700 letters have been received to date, suggesting everything from new dogmas to condemnation of modern heresies. They have come from cardinals, archbishops, bishops and religious leaders all over the world. (EP)

Protestant Persecution In Columbia Is Under Study

BOGOTA, Columbia—Alarmed by charges that during the past 12 years Protestants have been victims of a religious persecution in this country, the House of Representatives has re-

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM JAPAN



Nakamachi 1 Chome
Bihoro cho, Hokkaido, Japan
October 14, 1959

Dear Gem Readers:

We are very thankful and grateful to God for the privilege we had in opening up our newest Free Will Baptist preaching point here in Japan. We went to the town of Shari where there was no church of any kind. There wasn't any suitable land for us to use for a tent meeting so we rented an old store building for the meetings. A young Japanese pastor who was the evangelist, Daniel Kimure and his wife, and myself were there for five days of special evangelistic meetings.

Special services were held each afternoon for the children. The first day there was such a large crowd they overflowed the building and those outside pushed each other trying to get a peep at what was going on through the open windows. We counted about 200 or so inside the building and about 50 or 60 outside. The following day and throughout the rest of the week we divided the children into two large groups and filled the building nicely every day.

In the evening for the adult services we averaged between 40 or 50 every night. One young man rode his bicycle over one hour each way to attend the meeting every night. We met one man who was a Christian and he gave his testimony one night. He was very thankful that we had come there to start a work for the Lord.

We praise the Lord for the good start we have had there. Daniel Kimura and his wife are now going there every Tuesday for services. They have been having a good number of children to attend and have been averaging about 30 for the evening service. I have been going some but not every week as it's a pretty long trip from Bihoro.

We wish you would pray concerning a meeting place for us to use there every Tuesday. The place we are now using is not very ideal for a meeting place and the landlord doesn't want to rent it to us after this month. We have spent several days walking up and down the streets of Shari looking for a suitable place. We feel that He will give us a good meeting place.

There are many other towns like Shari where there is no Gospel witness at all. We certainly should be thankful for the open door here in Japan. Pray that we might have more workers so that we could enter more of these other towns.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Hersey

THE MISSION FIELD

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requested three ministers of the Presidential cabinet to appear on November 19 to explain the treatment which Protestants have received.

The House action, taken on November 3, cites the following cabinet officers: Dr. Julio Cesar Turbay, Minister of Foreign Relations; Dr. Jorge Enrique Gutierrez, Minister of Government; and Dr. Abel Naranjo, Minister of Education.

The tragic plight of Protestants in Columbia had been brought to the attention of the House of Representatives last month in a memorandum denouncing persecution. The memo-

random had been signed by 14,000 Colombians, including Protestants and others interested in religious freedom.

A study of the situation has brought to light the fact that in many areas local authorities, at the insistence of Roman Catholic bishops, are enforcing unconstitutional circulars which were published as decrees of the military dictatorship of Lieut. Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla. (CEDEC)

Italian Evangelical Denounces Official Action

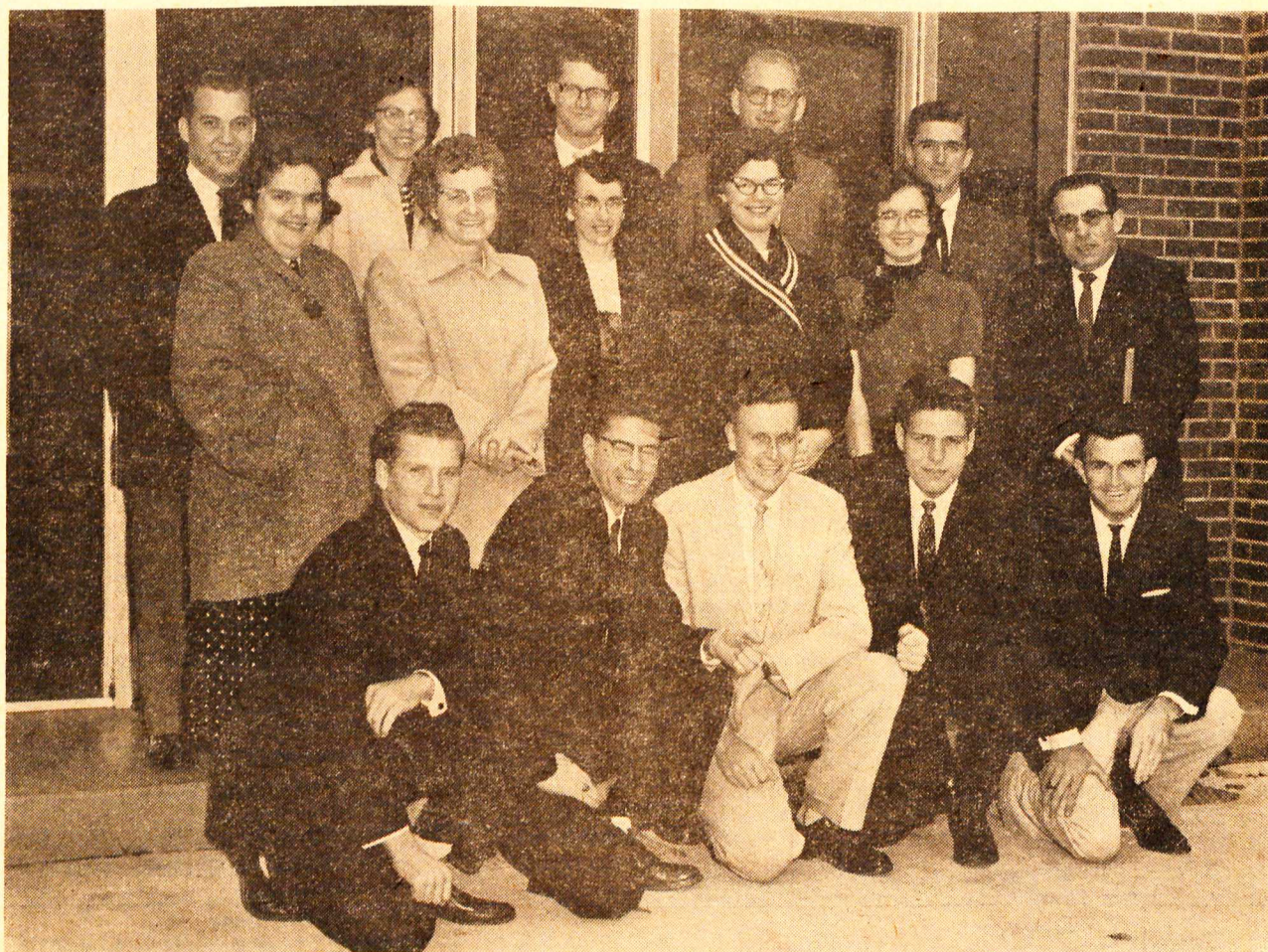
FONDI, Italy—An evangelical resident of this village has been refused permission by the mayor to have a New Testament verse inscribed on his

wife's tombstone. Gaetano Sperduto had written the mayor for approval of the text taken from Hebrews 4:3 "We who have believed do enter into rest." Protesting the refusal, Mr. Sperduto has denounced the official's action as violating Italy's Constitution, which guarantees religious freedom.

(Pentecostal Evangel)

New Catholic Station Begins Broadcasting

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras—"The Voice of Suyapa," a new Roman Catholic radio station, made its first experimental broadcasts here recently. Monitors say the initial transmission was heard clearly throughout Central America. (EP)



Thirteen students attending Free Will Baptist College and three staff members from Missouri gathered November 6, for a picture.

Front Row: William Evans, Springfield; John Vandivort, Cabool; Dean Dobbs, Kirksville; John Gibbs, St. Louis; Vernon Maggart, Greencastle.

Second Row: Lillian Moore, St. Louis; Miss Olena Filkins, staff, Kirksville; Miss Peggy McElhinney, staff, Kirksville; Dorothy Robertson, O'Fallen; Bettie O'Haver, Kirksville; Frank Giunta, St. Louis.

Third Row: Robert Francis, St. Louis; Miss Mary Wisheart, faculty, Myrtle; John McAllister, Holden; Keith Johnson, West Plains; Edward Cook, St. Louis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Cuba	40	40	45								
Mt. Pisgah	47	51	67	57	54	66	53	51	49	57	
Copper Mines	104	106	123	110	110	94	101				
Fellowship, Flat River	185	188	203	203	200	204	198	214	224	217	
Leadington	67	68	96	79	78	79	81	81	83	86	
Farmington	56	63	78	67	60	67	67	74	65	77	
Fourth, Maplewood	60	65	57	65	54	49	39	42	55	60	
Old Bethel	26	24	28	21	23	28	23	30	27		
Berkeley City	154	177	207	163	185	191	186	198	218	228	187
Richwoods	45	44	53	55	59	50	51	67	61	56	
Oak Grove	48						40	40	46		
Joplin	64	70	86	70	70	79	66				
Kirksville	91	91	96	101	103	95	97				
Grant Ave., Springfield	78	80	90	94	68	88	85	86	100	96	
Hazel Creek			44		46	25		51			
Twin Oak	63	44	65	57	60	61	73			55	61
South Side Church	141	163	170	186	149	148	142	173	174	181	166
New Hope, Kansas City	35	35	49	42		50	50	40	42		
Mine La Motte	31	39	62	49	48	39	41				
Mill Creek	53	55	65	64	65	63	53	56	55		
First Church, Kans. City	60	55	64	65	54	49	54	54	54	61	
Liberty	29										
Overland Church	78	90	102	101	117	128	100	114	117	118	110
Third Church, St. Louis	90	100	104	108	108	109	92	101	100	106	92
Faith, St. Louis	56	95	91	78							
Myrtle	48	54	51	55	57	54	59	60	62		
Mountain Grove	283	281	392								
Crystal City						19	17	22	14	19	
Bethel, West Plains			52	49	39	48	60	62	77	65	
Salem	38	37	55	43	35	36	46	36	33	32	34

Only thirty churches are reporting their Sunday School averages. Why don't you post your church's average in the next issue of the Gem? Others are interested in the progress of your church and your Sunday School attendance is a pretty good gauge. If your church has not reported its average lately then be sure to bring your report up to date.

REVIVALS

Parkview Church, Desloge—Nov. 16-?

Rev. Bud Hill, Pastor

Rev. Dale Jones, Evangelist

Carterville Church—Nov. 23-?

Rev. Kenneth Turner, Pastor

Rev. Tommy Day, Evangelist

Crystal City Church—Nov. 16-25

Rev. Leslie Logsdan, Pastor

Rev. Harry Asher, Evangelist

We take our children to church so that they may develop into Christian men and women to help us in our task to make the world a better place in which to live.

Pastoral Changes

Rev. Ben Scott has resigned as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown and has accepted a call to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Ark.

Rev. George A. Rehkop is the new pastor of the Oak Hill Church of Saco, Mo. He succeeds Rev. Melvin Howell.

CHRISTMAS PRELIMINARIES

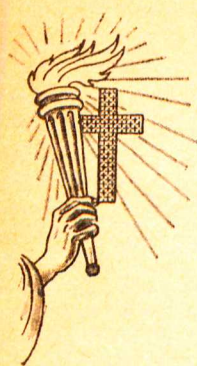
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gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Christ. In most cases our motive is ulterior. We give gifts so that we will receive gifts and most folks are concerned these days with what they'll receive rather than with what they give. The sad part is that we are not concerned with bringing gifts to the

Saviour as did the Magi.

Whose birthday is it anyway? How would you feel if on your birthday everybody else exchanged gifts and gave you nothing? You see, it is the day we celebrate as the birthday of Christ and yet we give Him nothing. How would you feel if someone else took over your birthday and claimed it for his own? Christ's birthday has been claimed by Santa Claus and the Saviour has been forced into the back-ground.

What can you do about it? Realize that 2,000 years ago God, the greatest Giver, gave the World its greatest Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Accept this Gift as your own and in return give God your life for salvation and service.



Woman's Auxiliary

FROM SPRINGFIELD: Grant Ave. Auxiliary

The Grant Ave. Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the church for the regular meeting Thursday, November 11th at 11:00 a. m. There were fifteen regular members and eight visitors present. During our morning session we had a study course on prayer. Three appropriate songs were led by Beba Ferrell and a very good message on prayer was brought by Vinita Broyles. A covered dish luncheon was brought by the ladies and enjoyed by all at the noon hour. Our president, Agnes Terry brought the meeting back to order at 1:00 p. m. In our afternoon business meeting we welcomed three new members. They are: Audrey Fisher, Jean Grissom, and Sybil Young. Our afternoon program, "The Word Reveals the Way to Win Those In the Homeland" was opened by Mildred Kensinger. Topic 1 by Marilyn Boaz; Topic 2 by Arvella Points; Topic 3 by Braxine Evans; and Topic 4 by Helen Chapman. A letter was read from our missionaries in Hawaii by Hazel Chastain. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Wanda Draper.

—Marilyn Boaz, Cor.-Sec.

FROM KANSAS CITY: Beacon Auxiliary

The Beacon Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary held its regular meeting October 27, 1959 at the home of Mrs. Walter Horn. Nine members were present. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. John Knapp. The opening song was "Deeper, Deeper" and was followed by prayer led by Mrs. Lester Jones. Another song, "Ready" was sung and Mrs. Knapp read from Psalms 19 and II Timothy 3. Individual reports were filled out, and the offering was received. A motion was made and passed that this offering go to pay for the Sunday School Rally Day refreshments. Members also paid for their 1960 Year Books. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and ap-

proved. In the introduction of the evenings program members quoted Scripture verses from memory. Topics were given by Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Melvin Smith, Mrs. Paul Postlewait, and Mrs. Knapp. The Y. P. A. project was introduced to the group by Mrs. Horn. Mrs. Wayne Coiner dismissed with prayer.

—Mrs. Donald Jones, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FREDERICKTOWN: Copper Mines Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Copper Mines Church met Tuesday night, November 10 at the church for their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Edith Underwood. A hymn, "Ye Must Be Born Again" was sung and Louise Underwood led in prayer. Psalms 19 was read and several special songs were sung by Louise Underwood, Lillian Hovis, Elma Henson, and Edith Underwood. The minutes were read and the roll was called. The Auxiliary Program for the month of November was presented with topics by Mildred Killian, Esther Hovis, Louise Underwood, and Edith Underwood. The benediction was by Louise Underwood.

—Madge Hovis, Cor.-Sec.

FROM ST. LOUIS: Berkeley Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Berkeley Church met for their regular meeting on Oct. 27th. Thirteen members were present. The Scripture was read by Erma Lea Hogan. Topics were given on the Auxiliary Year Book Program. Plans were made for the Pre-Thanksgiving services on November 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Plans were made for getting out Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. We were dismissed with prayer.

—Auverne Lewis, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FLAT RIVER: Fellowship Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church for our Thanksgiving Program. There were fourteen members present

with four visitors. A program was presented with the theme "The Goodness of God." At noon we had a wonderful lunch and a time of fellowship. On November 19th we met for our Year Book study.

—M. Hildebrand, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FREDERICKTOWN: Twin Oaks Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Twin Oaks Church has adopted the support of the work at Nogales, Arizona. They are sending clothing, financial support, and will soon begin support of one child and possibly more in the future. The group is also doing benevolence work in their community.

—Florence Jacobs, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEADINGTON: Leadington Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met November 19 for the Year Book study. The attendance was low because of illness of several members. The meeting was opened by singing, "Jesus Calls Us." This was followed by prayer by Elva Turnbough. The president, Iva Treaster read Psalms 2 and made some comments. The various topics were discussed by Iva Treaster, Elva Turnbough, and Anna Lincoln. "How Firm A Foundation" was sung and this was followed by prayer. Our Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring pre-Thanksgiving prayer meetings each night beginning November 23.

—Anna Lincoln, Cor.-Sec.

FROM WEST PLAINS: Bethel Auxiliary

The Bethel Ladies Auxiliary at West Plains met at the home of Mrs. Hattie Sims Tuesday night, November 10 with six members and three visitors present. The visitors were Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Jaunita Cherry, and Ernestine Adkinson. The meeting was opened by singing, "Try Jesus." Our president, Addie Adkinson read from Titus 2. Claudia Combs led us in prayer. In our business session reports were given. Flowers have been sent to

hospital patients and two funerals. Several sick have been visited and some needy families were helped. The Auxiliary is buying an awning to go over the doors at the side of the church. The next meeting will be with Rachel Murray in December. We studied our lesson, "The Word Reveals the Way to Win Those in the Homeland". Topics were given by Hattie Sims, Claudia Combs, Ella James and Lillian Brooks. Mrs. Beatty gave a talk on our Standard chart of the Auxiliary. We planned for three nights of pre-Thanksgiving services. We were dismissed in prayer by Hattie Sims.

—Claudia Combs, Cor.-Sec.

FROM ST. LOUIS: South Side Auxiliary

The South Side Woman's Auxiliary met November 19, 1959 for their regular monthly meeting with twelve members present. The Year Book program was, "The Word Reveals the Way to Win Those in the Homeland." The Auxiliary members brought their dime folders which they had filled for our National project. The amount given was \$60.00. Pre-Thanksgiving services were observed with a different speaker each evening. An offering was received for National Home Missions. Tray cards were made for the Booth Memorial Hospital for Thanksgiving. Our Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Kellerman, did a fine job in supervising this project.

—Norma Kennedy, Cor.-Sec.

FROM ST. LOUIS: Faith Auxiliary

The Faith Woman's Auxiliary met October 26, 1959 for their monthly meeting with 10 members present. The meeting was opened with singing of the hymn, "How Firm A Foundation." Prayer by Inez Dowdy. Scripture reading was given by Doris Arnold. During our business session our bake sale was discussed with the proceeds to go towards the purchasing of a mimeograph machine. The lesson for the month was, "Be Ready to Speak." The devotional poem was given by Lucille Garrison followed by prayer in unison. The introduction was given by Norma Duke. Topic 1 by Mrs. Bea Holder; Topic 2 by Inez Dowdy; Topic 3 by Edna Reynolds, Norma Duke, Nadine Dowdy, and Mrs. Niccum. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Niccum.

—Inez Dowdy, Cor.-Sec.

FROM SPRINGFIELD: First Church Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the

Springfield First Free Will Baptist Church met October 27 and opened services by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Eleven members answered roll call by repeating their favorite Scripture verse. One visitor was present. Scripture reading, Psalms 19:7-14 and II Timothy 3:16 and 17. Prayer by Sister Georgia Glenn. Introduction by Sister Myrtle Corbin. Topic discussed by Sisters Crowder, Johnson, Maxine Smith, Coday and Draper. Poems given by Sister Glenn and Sister Johnson. Dismissed by chain of prayer.

Springfield's First Freewill Baptist Women's Auxiliary met November 10 and opened services by singing "I Would Not Be Denied" and "When I See The Blood" led by Sister Crowder. Prayer by Sister Cora Patton. Scripture reading: I John 4:1-17. Introduction by Sister Coday. Topics discussed by Sisters, Latimer, Cora Patton, Kruger, and Crowder. Collection taken by Sister Coday. Seven members were present. Dismissed by Sister Cora Patton.

—Georgia Glenn, Cor.-Sec.

FROM KIRKSVILLE: First Church Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Kirksville, Mo., was very happy to have the State Workshop meet with us this year. We feel it was a great help and blessing to our convention in Northeast Missouri.

We observed the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer November 16-20, with a different speaker and devotional leader each evening. Tuesday night the young people were in charge of the service. We had as guests Rev. William Buster, the Y. P. A. and sponsor from the Hazel Creek Church. An offering of \$41.10 was recieved for National Home Missions.

We have been quite busy this summer making Jelly for the Youth Camp, tacking comforts and preparing clothing for the Arizona Mexico Missions.

—Blanche Matthews, Cor.-Sec.

FROM THAYER: Thayer Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Church met at the church Tuesday evening, October 27, for their monthly meeting. Services were opened by singing, "Ready". Scripture reading, Psalms 19:7-14, II Tim. 3:16-17 by the president, Nettie Bennett, prayer by Ora Rollen. The business was conducted by the president, Nettie Bennett.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Following the business meeting the program was

given. The program was, "Be Ready to Speak". Topics by Christine Case, Dorarene Fields, Norarene Crass, and Phillis Miller.

Plans were made for the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. Following the benediction by Lorene Pohnert, refreshments were served to 14 members and 1 visitor and the Master's Men.

—Helen Underwood, Cor.-Sec.

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It is time to place your orders for your 1960 Program Books and other supplies. Following is a price list and some suggestions for ordering that will expedite the handling of your order:

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LETTERS

Dear Bro. Reeds:

At the annual setting of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists, which convened at Nashville, Tennessee, in October, 1959, it was unanimously voted by the body that we express our disapproval of our Government's spending the taxpayer's money for alcoholic beverages.

The following letter, which was authorized by the association, is an expression of that sentiment.

Dear Sir:

It is our understanding that on certain occasions government money is spent for alcoholic beverages to be served in governmental entertainment. If we have a misunderstanding on this matter, we would appreciate a clarification concerning it; however, if we have not misunderstood, we would like to express our disapproval.

We believe that many of our tax-paying citizens have definite convictions against the use of alcoholic beverages. We realize that it would be impossible for our government to spend its money in such a way that no one would have any complaints. However, we do believe that our government should refrain from spending money, which the taxpayers have given, for anything which so many Americans have firm moral convictions against.

For these reasons we are requesting that you use your influence as editor of the Gem to see if something can be done to stop the spending of the taxpayers' money for the purchase of alcoholic beverages to be served in governmental entertainment or for any other purpose. If this is done, we believe that God will bless our nation for it.

Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Bonnie Hughes, Clerk

Dear Bro. Reeds:

Enjoyed more than ever, your first edition of the Gem.

Here is an interesting (to me) item I thought might be good to put in the Gem. Use it if you wish.

Thank you

Mrs. Dwight Johnson
4372 Laclede
St. Louis 8, Mo.

A COVETED TRUST

"Lord give me, I pray Thee, the spirit of prayer,

Burn this in my heart day by day;
Make me to feel deeply the weight and the care

Of perishing souls as I pray.

Oh, help me to love with compassion love;

To love till I weep with the pain,
To travail in birth till the Lord from above

Gives proof that I pray not in vain.
Oh, help me to feel more, to care more, to see

The danger so many are in:

My Lord, let this burden be heavy on me;

These souls that are dying in sin.
Oh, Lord, make me pure, pure in heart as I pray,

Thy blood is my title for this,
Forbid aught should hinder or stand in my way;

Forbid I should ask aught amiss.
Oh, Jesus, for souls let me pray, make it bliss

To be on my knees before Thee:
Let nothing on earth give such pleasure as this,

Lord, give this blessing to me.

Oh, Lord, in Thy Name, with Thy Blood as my plea,

I ask with my face in the dust;
Give me, as I seek, power to plead, Lord with Thee:

Lord, help me to covet this trust."

—From an old Tract

Dear Editor:

I see my Sub has expired for the Gem. I don't want to miss a copy of our paper. I subscribed to the paper in 1930. I have been a constant reader of the paper.

I wasn't able to attend the State Meeting but my son did. I enjoyed the word he brought to me of all that was done. My husband passed away at Thayer and Bro. Harry Beatty preached his funeral at the Free Will Baptist Church at Thayer.

I am glad to hear of so many young preachers who are taking the place of our older pastors who have already gone to their reward. Bro. James Lee Reed of Myrtle, Missouri is our young pastor. I have belonged to our church, Oak Grove (Bonds) we call it, for 52 years last March. I have passed the 3 score and ten years and am

only watching and waiting for my call to come home. May God bless all the Gem Family and all our readers.

Yours for Christ and His cause,

Mrs. T. D. Mills

Rt. 2, Box 90, Thayer, Mo.

P. S. Enclosed you will find \$1.50 for my renewal.

FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds, Editor
The Free Will Baptist Gem

3120 Mt. Pleasant Street
St. Louis 11, Mo.

Dear Roger:

I like the new layout of the Gem, especially your use of "white" space. The paper is much more attractive and readable.

I trust this "labor of love" will bring you personal satisfaction in the field of Christian Journalism.

Sincerely Yours,

E. B. McDonald, Treas.

3327 Woodson Rd.

Overland 14, Missouri

October 20, 1959

Rev. Roger C. Reeds
3120 Mt. Pleasant St.

St. Louis 11, Mo.

Dear Bro. Reeds:

I am enclosing a list of the families which are eligible for the "Family Plan" of the Fourth Church. You will notice that some names were dropped and others have been added. We want to thank you for the time you took to send us the current mailing list.

Our prayers are for you in your new work in regard to the Gem. I enjoyed the Sermon of the Month, and the article written by Bro. Scott was of special interest to me.

A Sister in Christ Jesus,

Mariam Willhite

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In the church we find Christian fellowship and find that there is work to do in reaching the untold millions of people who are daily suffering because of lack of food and who know nothing of GOD'S love and care for all mankind. Let us all do our best in God's kingdom.

Attend Church Sunday

EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

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Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
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Copper Mines	Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Myrtle	Rev. Wayne Parsons
Kirkville	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Verdella	Rev. Archie Burress
Richwoods	
Old Bethel	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion	
South Side	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	Rev. Alta Mikel
Hannon	Rev. James McCully
First, Flat River	Rev. Dale Jones
Alton	Rev. E. A. Dodson

Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Neosho	Rev. Lester Nutting
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Union Light	Rev. Curt Johnson
Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Ezra Butts
Fourth, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory	Rev. B. Spurgeon
Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Beacon	Rev. Lester Jones
First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope	Rev. James McAllister
Merl's Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred
Faith	Rev. Bud Arnold
Oskaloosa	
Jones Chapel	Rev. Cecil Campbell
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. Alford Ford
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. F. D. Johnson
Wagoner	Rev. James McCully
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.

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Dear Editor:

Please add my name to the Gem Mailing List. I am enclosing \$1.50 for one year's subscription.

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M. H. WHITE

Madison (Matt) H. White died Thursday at his home northwest of Plattsburg at the age of 91 years. He hadn't been in good health for several years, but was able to get out in the car at various times to attend church, visit friends, or just to enjoy the countryside, and also enjoyed having his friends visit in his home.

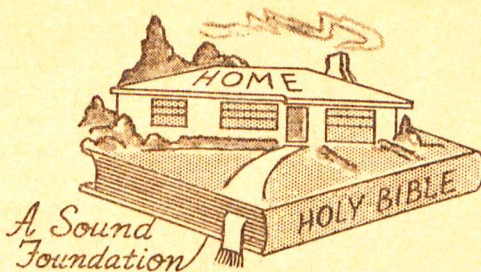
Madison H. White, son of James V. and Lucendia Estes White, was born Oct. 1, 1868, near Starfield, Mo., and died at the homestead of his grandfather Caswell C. White, later known as the M. H. White farm where he had lived since 1898 except four years when he lived near Hemple, Mo. He was left an orphan in early childhood, his father having died when he was two and a half years old and his mother when he was ten. He was then reared by his grandparents. He was united in marriage Dec. 27, 1893, to Miss Anna Gaultney who preceded him in death Feb. 20, 1957. To this union was born three daughters, Lew Ethel who also preceded him in death; Miss Melba Ester White of the home and Mrs. Milford House (Sarah) of Gower.

Mr. White was converted and united with the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in 1887, and was ordained Deacon of that church June 9, 1929. He served as clerk for a number of years, resigning when he was elected a deacon. He also served for a number of years on the Executive Board of both the local and State associations, and as a trustee of the Mount Zion Church since Aug. 10, 1901. He was a member of the A. F. and A. M. Masonic Lodge No. 113 of Plattsburg for more than 50 years. He was secretary for the Mt. Zion Cemetery Association for at least thirty years.

Memorial services with Masonic rites were conducted by Elder John D. McKown in the Mount Zion Church Sunday afternoon, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving besides his two daughters are his son-in-law, Milford House; three grandsons, Darrel House of San Antonio, Texas, Gary and Dale House of Gower; two nieces, a number of nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends who will sadly miss his cheery presence and wise counsel. He was a kind and loving husband and father, honest in all of his dealings, and respected by all who knew him.

Since reaching 3 score and 10 years I realize I am living on borrowed time. I care little whether it be long or short, but my greatest desire is that it shall ALL count for God and others.



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: Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., Mt. Olive Junior College at Mt. Olive, North Carolina. (II 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. (I 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. (II 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. 6:17, 18)

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

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

ALLINE WRIGHT

Lillie Alline Burcham Wright, daughter of the late Thomas Franklin Burcham and Mary Ellen Aberhathy Burcham, was born July 20, 1909, in Madison County, Missouri and died in the Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis on November 4, 1959. Her age at the time of her death was 50 years, 3 months and 15 days.

On December 18, 1926, she was married to William Chester Wright. To this union was born one daughter, Marie Lenora.

Mrs. Wright was converted in early life and became a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River. At the time of her death she was a member of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother; another brother, Everett; a sister, Effie; and a

granddaughter, Shelia Marie Hanna.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Carlisle Hanna and their two children, Brenda Kay and Donald Timothy who are on the mission field in India.

Other survivors include six brothers: Joe Burcham of Esther; Clarence, Bill, Anthony, Charles and Lloyd Burcham all of Flat River. Three sisters: Irene (Mrs. Amos Holdman), Martha and Mary Burcham, also of Flat River.

Besides these she is survived by two uncles: Eli Burcham of Farmington, and Joe Burcham of Fredericktown, one Aunt, Mrs. Mary Mabuice of Perryville; 20 neices and nephews and many other more distant relatives and friends.

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Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of
the bar,
When I put out to sea.
For though from out our bourne of
Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

THE GIFT OF ALL GIFTS

by Mrs. Elmer Wester

'Twas the night before Christmas
and all thru the town
Folks were excited and rushing
around.
They were late with their shopping
for gifts for each other;
For mother, for father, for sister,
for brother.
For husband, for wife, for daughter,
for son;
Oh! they were hilarious—they
were having fun.
And thinking of gifts under the tree
All wrapped and tied—Oh! what
could they be?
Then I thought of a Christmas of
long, long ago
And the birth of a Baby in a
manger so low.
He was sent by His Father from His
home up in Heaven
As a gift to the world; no such
gift was e'er given.
He lived in this world for 33
years—
To save us from sin was His
mission down here.
Then He died for the world, His
life's blood was spilled,
He gave it all freely—on Cal-
vary's hill.
All He asks in return is our lives
set apart
And to live, and to reign each
day in our hearts.