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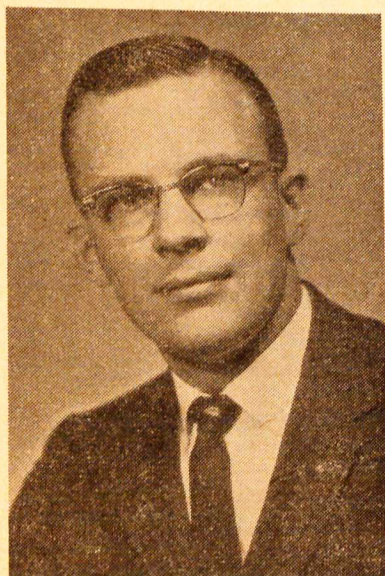
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SERMON OF THE MONTH

With the approach of Good Friday and Easter our hearts and minds are tuned to Christ. What will you do with Him?

What Will You Do with Jesus?

by R. B. Spurgeon Pastor, Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Text: Matt. 27:22, "Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified."

In our complex and complicated system of living today we are constantly faced with the responsibility of making decisions. Every year car designers must make their decisions as to what next year's model will look like, and according to the wisdom of their decisions rides either profit or loss for many thousands of stockholders. During World War II and the Korean conflict many times an officer was faced with the making of a split second decision upon which the lives of all his men and himself hung in the balance. A wrong decision would have been disastrous. Frequently as the times change so do our decisions. A hundred years ago when a man wanted to travel he had to decide whether he wanted to go by oxcart, by horseback, or to walk. Today we decide whether we want to fly by plane, catch the super chief, or ride in the comfort of the latest automobile.

But regardless of the shifting scenes of time, in our text is the most important question that you will ever answer: "What then shall I do with Jesus?"

What Others Have Done With Jesus

Multitudes throughout the centuries have been faced with the question of our text. Some have accepted, some have rejected, while the majority have endeavored to remain neutral, but that is impossible.

One day as Jesus stood on the coasts of Judaea, teaching the multitudes, a morally clean, rich young ruler came to Jesus seeking eternal life. But when Jesus told him what he must do, he went away sorrowful. Not because he disbelieved Christ but because he was unwilling to pay the price of discipleship. Hundreds, even thousands, would be saved today if they could be saved the way they want to be. If they could save themselves by their own strength, by their own deeds, by their morality,

they would be willing, but Jesus said we must all come by the way of the cross.

Let us, in imagination, stand at the corner of one of Jerusalem's narrow cobbled streets and watch a figure hurrying along. Flitting from shadow to shadow, looking furtively right and left to see if he is being followed. Let us hurry along after him—follow him along the narrow, winding, darkened streets to his secret meeting place with the Scribes and Pharisees. As we near a doorway we hear him say, "For thirty pieces of silver I'll deliver Him." We step into the shadow of a wall and as he hurries back out a ray of light strikes his face and we almost exclaim aloud, "Judas."

What a catastrophe that one with such opportunities and privileges should sell our blessed Lord. Yet many have enjoyed the blessing of a Christian home, the opportunities of accepting Christ and have sold Him for a bit of filthy lucre in this world.

But let us continue for a few minutes more on our imaginary journey. It seems we've hardly been asleep when we are awakened by the clamor of an angry crowd as it makes its way from the palace of the high priest to the home of Pilate, the Governor.

As they awaken Pilate and he comes forth, he finds himself faced with the question of our text, "What then shall I do with Jesus?"

Finally to please the crowd he makes his decision, and as he does the sun begins to rise, and where its rays strike the clouds a dark red glow appears; like the blood that was soon to drip from the hands and feet of our Lord, and to trickle down over His face and become matted and dried in His beard. What a fateful decision Pilate made when faced with the question, "What shall I do then with Jesus?" But despite what others may have done with Jesus the question that concerns you is, **What Will You Do With Jesus?**

As the perfect teacher? Yet a boy at the age of 12, we find Him astound-

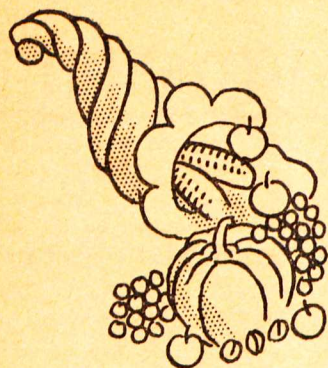
ing the scribes and lawyers in their own intellectual field of attainment. And years later without the degree of Doctor of Divinity we hear Him on the side of the mountain giving out principles of life that are still in effect all over the world; which if all mankind would observe would bring them into perfect harmony with one another and with God. But far more important, What will you do with Jesus?

As the Son of God? As the second person of the trinity that spoke the world into existence; took a bit of clay and breathed the breath of life into it and called it man, the creature that after thousands of years and billions of dollars has been able to place a tiny fragment into space and shouts that there is no God. Yet, Jesus dipped His fingers into the bowl of nothingness and flung out a million stars into space. Man who knows so much still doesn't have his big toe wet in the ocean of galaxies of the unknown.

What will you do with such a Jesus that creates a world, flings out a million stars, speaks a word and the winds and the waves obey His voice. But most important of all, What will you do with a Jesus as:

Your personal Saviour. This was the reason for His coming. For no other purpose did He step from the bannister of celestial realms to sail down through the milky way, past the moon to be conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary. Jesus, Himself, said that He was come to seek and to save that which was lost. It was for you that He left the riches of glory to become a poverty stricken human being. "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." II Cor. 8:9. For you He endured the lash of the barbed whip, the indignation of being slapped and hit; for you He endured the pain of the crown of thorns and the shame of a death on a cross. For you He opened not His mouth but went as a lamb dumb before his shear-

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Thirty Listed on Bible College Honor Roll

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dean, Charles A. Thigpen has announced that 30 students are listed on the Bible College Honor Roll for the first semester of study. Keith Johnson, West Plains; and Gloria Carlson, Monnett, Missouri, are among these honor students.

"A" Honor Roll

Seniors

Dorothy Elliott and Richard Sample.

Juniors

Ronald Niebruegge

"B" Honor Roll

Seniors

Earl Gilliam, Eugene Hales, Everett Keiffer and Bill Phipps.

Juniors

Jakie Creech, Darrell Fulton, Thomas Hughes, J. W. Long, Jr., Barbara McGahey, Verla Pembroke and Elbert Tippet.

Sophomores

Bobby Abrams, Judy Aycock, James Combs, Carla Dunham, Peggy Hampton, Genevieve Johnson, Keith Johnson, Stanley Outlaw and Lewis Perry.

Freshmen

Gloria Carlson, Brenda Hampton, Glenn Hill, Paul Johnson, Joy Rice, Sharon Roberts and Doyle Shepherd.

First Church

Master's Men Meet

MT. GROVE, Mo.—Fifty men of the church met for the Master's Men meeting Monday night, February 6, in the basement of the First Free Will Baptist Church. An outstanding program along with an hour of fellowship was enjoyed immediately after the dinner was served.

The opening song led by the chorus, Glen Hunt, was "Love Lifted Me." The opening prayer was given by H. C. Halliburton. The group stood and sang another hymn after which Ed Francis sang, "The Old Rugged Cross."

The president, Jesse Walker, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the introduction of guests.

Lynn Hurtt, Junior Master's Men director, introduced twelve members of that organization who came as special guests of the Brotherhood. Also, Jiles Holman was introduced as a guest of the meeting.

The business included a report from the secretary-treasurer, Rex Canterbury, and several reports from different committees.

The program was introduced by the program chairman, Hurst Smith, which included a talk from the director and owner of the Mountain Grove Rest Home, Mr. Gregor, who gave a very interesting talk on the part the church played in bringing spiritual help to the people of the home. A film was then shown to the group which was very challenging to the hearts of all present. The meeting was closed after it was agreed that fellowship and unity of the Spirit could not have been better and that each one would continue to give themselves to God and one another as the Spirit of Christ would lead in the work of the church. The organization met again March 6.

White River Quarterly Conference Report

GRUBBS, Ark.—The White River Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists met with the Ballew's Chapel Church near Grubbs, Arkansas, Jan. 27-28. Registered Saturday were 12 ministers, 7 deacons, 6 clerks, 35 delegates and the program committee, totaling 62 in all. Special singing was the best and God blessed from the beginning of the services. The 10:00 a. m. message was given by Eld. Henry Doyle from Hebrews 1:1-2. The 11:00 o'clock message by Eld. Orris Doggett, from Deut. 10:12 and Psalm 4. An invitation was given and one young man professed Christ. Truly, "It was good to be there." A play, "The Widening Circle" was given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the host church, and was enjoyed by all. It was our privilege to have the Lonnie Palmers and the Calverys for services in some

of our churches this winter and they were a great blessing to us. Aileen and Lonnie formerly belonged to this Quarterly Conference and they mean a lot to us.

Our resident membership now is 910. Over-all average attendance for the following is: Sunday School, 794; League, 288; Auxiliaries, 148. Six of our young men have entered the ministry within the last three years. Remember them, and us, in your prayers.

Eld. Austin Mullen, Clerk

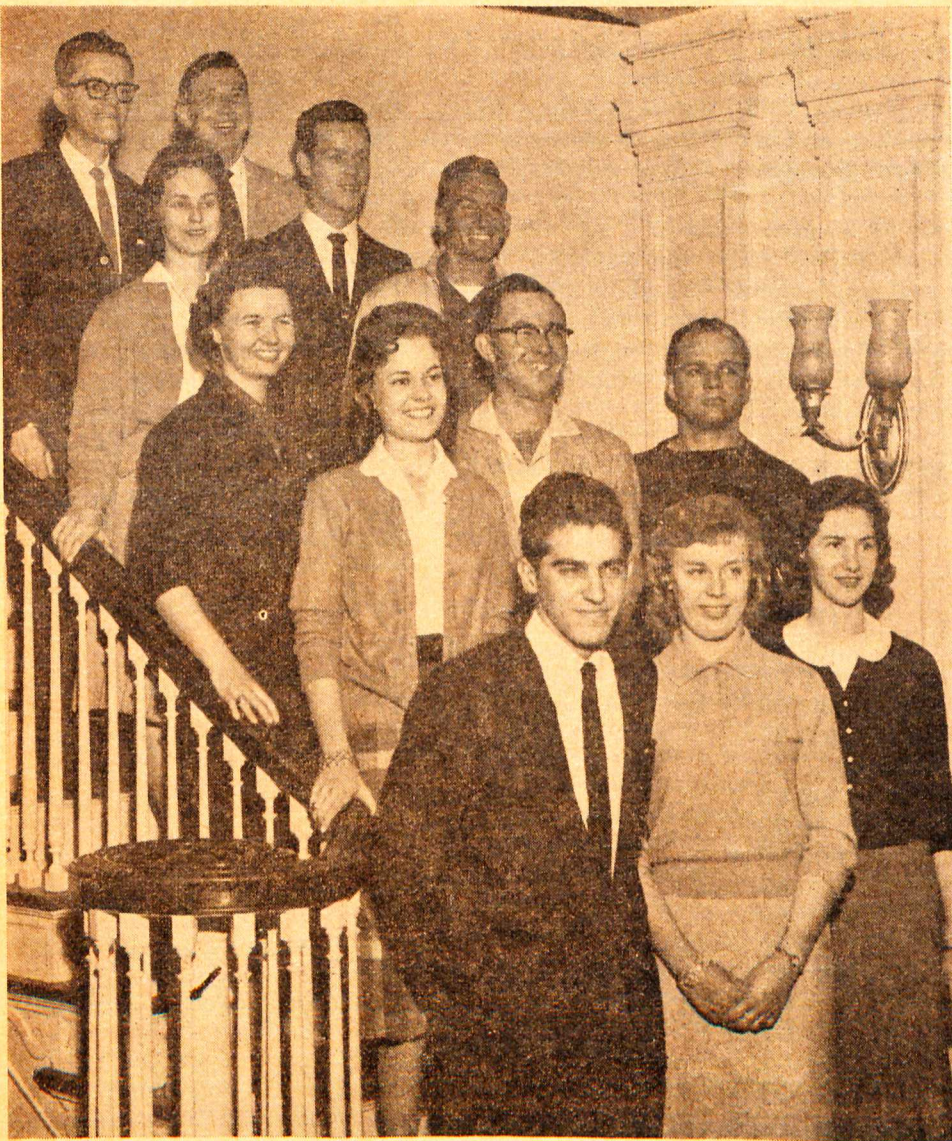
Evangelical Convention Will Plan New Strategy

WHEATON, Ill.—Planning strategy to meet a triple threat which faces conservative Protestantism in America will occupy the attention of over 1,000 evangelical leaders as they meet at Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 10-14 for the 19th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The triple threat, according to Dr. George L. Ford, NAE executive director, is composed of atheistic Communism, liberal Protestantism which has forsaken many of the historic Christian doctrines, and Roman Catholicism with its efforts to break down church-state separation.

Asserting that too much of America's religious life is "soft," the evangelical leader said, "We need a rebirth of spiritual conviction in this country that will give us the strength and dynamic of the first century Christians who also faced a world where the odds were against them. NAE is dedicated to this concept."

Dr. Henry Bast, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Grand Rapids, will address the convention on "A Master Strategy for Evangelicals." Other speakers will include Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of NAE and general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Carl F. H.



19 ADDITIONAL STUDENTS ENROLL AT BIBLE COLLEGE NASHVILLE, TENN.—

Pictured above are additional students who enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College for the second semester. From left to right beginning with the front row: Donald Grice, Sylacauga, Ala.; Joyce Cockrum, Cerro Gordo, Ill.; Sandra Glenn, Springfield, Mo.; Dorothy Basford, Nashville, Tenn.; Tommy Godley, Grimesland, N. C.; Gilbert O'String, Des Moines, Iowa; Carol Hatton, Plant City, Fla.; John Reed, Evergreen Ala.; Verna Odom, Darlington, S. C.; Billy McCuin, Hector, Ark.; Bobby E. Smith, Greenville, N. C.; and Lewis Campbell, New Bern, N. C.

Not pictured are Roger Russell, Ayden, N. C.; James Hooper, Plantsville, Ky.; Wanda Clark, Nashville, Tenn.; Juanita Parker, Oilton, Okla.; Roger Phenicie, Nashville, Tenn.; Barbara Dail, Greenville, N. C.; and Billie Jones, Nashville, Tenn.

Henry, editor of **Christianity Today**, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on **The Lutheran Hour**, New York, and Dr. Glen Archer, executive director of Protestants and other Americans United.

All sessions will be held in the Civic Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel, which will serve as convention headquarters. A copy of the complete program may

be obtained by writing to NAE, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill.

Important Notice About Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—With enough practice, your state's Sword Drill contestant could be the winner in 1961. It is hoped that each state having a Free Will Baptist church will represent

with one contestant at the Ninth Nation-wide League Conference, June 20-22, 1961. This conference is to be held in the City Auditorium in Albany, Georgia.

Note: Contestants must be between the ages of twelve and fourteen years, six months at the time of the Conference in June. Only those who qualify may participate.

Names of contestants must be mailed on or before May 1, 1961, if they are to appear in the Conference program. A fee of \$3.00 is charged each contestant for costume and official Sword Drill Bible. These will be used during the drill on the final evening and may be kept for souvenirs.

Inquiries about suggested study drill, registration blanks, and fee should be mailed to the National League Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Excavation Begun On New Building

BERKELEY, Mo.—Following a brief groundbreaking ceremony excavation work was begun on the new \$85,000.00 sanctuary that is being constructed by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri. The church will be finished with brick veneer with a heavy emphasis on glass. The auditorium will seat 450 and the basement will furnish class room space as well as assembly rooms and a kitchen. The building will be completed in the fall. The church is financing the program by selling bonds. There are still some available. (See ad on page 2).

Tom Jr., Returns to Cuba

MIAMI, FLA.—Tom Willey, Jr., has been granted permission by the State Department to return to Cuba for one month until March 1.

Dr. Clyde Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, negotiated with the State Department in Washington in behalf of Mr. Willey after Mr. Willey had been told in Miami that should he re-enter Cuba without special permit he might lose his passport.

Mr. Willey returned to Cuba Feb. 5 to aid the Cuban Association in making adjustments necessary to carry on the Free Will Baptist work on the island without American missionaries.

Reports from churches in Cuba are encouraging. Several buildings are being completed, and the churches say
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Medical Project in Africa !!! Money Needed Now !!!

God has blessed us with a missionary doctor—Dr. LaVerne Miley, who is in language school in France preparing for the field. He is willing, he is capable, and he will soon be ready to take his place where God has led him to go. But how effectively can he serve without equipment? Where will he minister without a building? That part depends upon us.

Our 1960-1961 project is the supplying of medical supplies and equipment for the field of Africa. Our goal is \$12,200.00, but thus far we have received only \$2,910.75 of that amount. The funds are needed now to begin the work. The missionary builder says, "We will need many tons of cement, lumber, and other building supplies. The problems are immense. Please keep this before the throne." We cannot possibly be aware of the magnitude of the task, but we can place funds in the hands of people who are aware of the obstacles and how to overcome them. If you have not sent part or all of your quota, or if you have given and can give more, please give now. Following is a list of each state's suggested quota and how much has been received:

STATE	SUGGESTED QUOTA	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE ON SUGGESTED QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 450.00	\$ 202.63	\$ 247.37
Alaska	25.00		25.00
Arizona	50.00		50.00
Arkansas	450.00	99.70	350.30
California	600.00	475.56	124.44
Florida	250.00	21.25	228.75
Georgia	600.00	160.51	439.49
Illinois	400.00		400.00
Kansas	50.00		50.00
Kentucky	300.00	149.00	151.00
Louisiana	50.00		50.00
Michigan	600.00		600.00
Mississippi	400.00	101.34	298.66
Missouri	1200.00	401.37	798.63
New Mexico	50.00	10.00	40.00
North Carolina	1850.00	290.49	1559.51
Ohio	200.00		200.00
Oklahoma	1200.00	104.50	1095.50
South Carolina	1200.00	499.04	700.96
Tennessee	1200.00	72.48	1127.52
Texas	600.00	60.00	540.00
Virginia	350.00	233.38	116.62
Washington	25.00	19.50	5.50
West Virginia	100.00		100.00
Old Mexico		10.00	
TOTALS	\$12,200.00	\$2,910.75	\$9,299.25

Summer School Opportunities At Bible College

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Six courses will be offered to summer school students at Free Will Baptist Bible College May 23 through June 2, Dean, Charles A. Thigpen has announced.

Three courses of Bible study and Doctrine will be offered to include I and II Timothy, Epistles of Peter, and Doctrine of Salvation. Other courses will be Pulpit Speech, Advancing the Smaller Local Church, and Parliamentary Law.

This will be the fifth year in which the Bible College has held a summer session. Each year a good number of pastors, Christian workers, and students enroll for the two week session. The classes are so arranged that an out-of-state pastor will have to miss only one Sunday's church services.

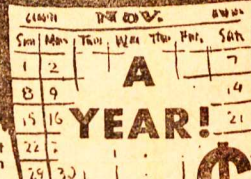
The summer faculty includes President, L. C. Johnson, Dean, Charles A. Thigpen, Robert E. Picirilli, and J. P. Barrow.

Costs for the entire two weeks for fees and room and meals is \$59.00. Registration will be held Tuesday, May 23.

LOOK WHAT ALCOHOLISM

Costs Us...

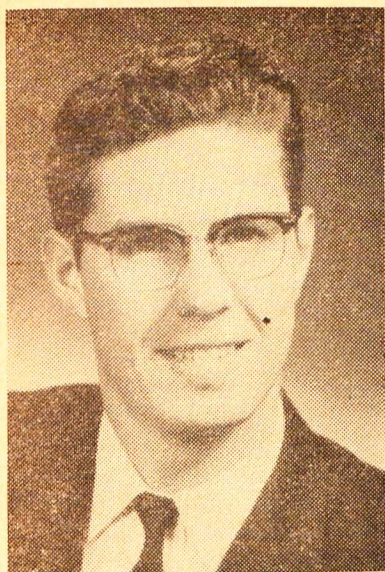
- \$1,000,000,000 is the direct cost to industry each year.
- \$432,000,000 lost in wages due to absenteeism.
- \$125,000,000 accident losses.
- \$40,000,000 aid to families of alcoholics.
- \$30,000,000 general hospital costs.
- \$25,000,000 cost of custodial care in institutions.



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Rev. John Mark Vandivort

A Letter from the Vandivorts

Dear Gem Readers:

God is continuing to work in our community of Twin Mountain, New Hampshire. The prayers of many Christian people are being answered. Our church has just witnessed the testimonies of four of our teen-agers who have been born again, and of one girl who has re-committed her life to Christ.

A "North Country for Christ" Crusade has just closed at Lancaster, New Hampshire which is about eighteen miles north of Twin Mountain. There were about twenty who came forward to the altar during the meeting to accept Christ as their Saviour. One of the converts was a local minister's wife. This was the first evangelistic crusade to be held in Lancaster for several decades.

The evangelist, Rev. Clinton White, is a young man who is a native of Lancaster. About three years ago, God transformed his life from an alcoholic

to a born again Christian. He preached some good gospel messages. Three from our church were saved at the crusade, and one high school boy was saved in our home. After he had accepted Christ he asked me to pray for him that he might be able to quit smoking. The testimonies of the new converts have created a spiritual uplifting in our church.

Last Saturday we took our Youth Choir to sing to some of the shutins and older folks of the community. The young people seemed to receive a real blessing from this service, and their singing was much appreciated. We have also recently sponsored an afternoon ice skating party for our young people.

On February 5th we dedicated our church library to God. We now have about 30 volumes of good Christian books, Bible study helps, etc. We are thankful for this beginning, and are looking forward to seeing the library grow. Much of the library is a result of personal donations to our library fund. The books are carefully selected and purchased by a library committee.

We are encouraged by the response to the Bible study and prayer services. Usually there are twelve to fifteen that attend, which is about 50% of our Sunday morning congregation. We are currently studying the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

We are very thankful for the stork shower presented to us by the people of our community and other friends of the area.

The White Mountains Evangelical Ministers Fellowship met at our home last week for a fellowship supper and organizational meeting. We have made plans for some much needed youth rallies and other activities in this area.

To our knowledge there are about twelve evangelical pastors within a forty mile radius of our home who would be willing to sign the National

Association of Evangelicals statement of faith. I feel that each pastor in our fellowship has a real passion for lost souls.

The average evangelical congregation in this area is probably less than fifty people. The total population of this area could be compared to an average rural and small town area in the United States.

Born again Christians make up a very small minority group. A Christian man working in a factory may be the only Christian in his department or floor. A high school student may find himself to be the only Christian in his class.

A few days ago one of our high school students told me how one of her teachers had lowered her grade because of the student's answer to what I thought was a very unfair test question. The question was, "What is the oldest religion?" The only acceptable answer was, "Catholic." Of course, the teacher is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Many times the greatest source of opposition to the Gospel comes from those Protestants who have a head knowledge of Christianity but whose hearts have never experienced the love of Christ.

We are very thankful that even in this cold North Country, God has reminded us that He still hears and answers the prayers of His children.

Yours for Christ,

Mark and Louise Vandivort

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for our new converts. (Many of these young people live in home environments where it is not easy to live one's Christian testimony.)

2. Continue to pray that more adults will become interested in the Sunday School.

3. Pray for three of our young people who have not been permitted to attend any of the services since the night of the Christmas program.

4. Pray for our witness to the many who do not go to church.

SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK FOR THE GEM

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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Tom Jr., Returns to Cuba

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they are "growing by leaps and bounds."

Benito Rodriguez terms a recent workers meeting "very successful." He adds that a program of more definite laymen's activities and training was outlined.



THE MISSION FIELD



DR. LAVERNE D. MILEY is shown as he arrives in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Africa, to make a medical survey of the Free Will Baptist area of work in the Bondoukou Circle.

Miley Makes Survey Trip To Ivory Coast

IVORY COAST, Africa—Dr. Laverne Miley, Free Will Baptist medical missionary, arrived at the airport in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on Tuesday, December 20, 1960, to take part in a survey relative to the establishing of a medical work in the Bondoukou Circle.

He was met at the airport by missionaries, Bill Jones and Lonnie Sparks. Tuesday night was spent at Koun, where the Bill Joneses are ministering. The Daniel Merks are here at the moment while building the Koun station.

On Wednesday morning, the survey proper started from Goumère, a village located about 40 miles north of Koun, where the Lonnie Sparkses work. The region which was given most attention during the survey lies about 140 miles north of Goumère. The population center of this Lobi tribe area is the town of Doropo.

During his stay Dr. Miley was introduced to various government officials and health workers in the circle. Visits

were made to several dispensaries and one hospital.

On Saturday night he spoke at Koun. On Sunday he spoke twice at Goumère. The entire missionary family, along with some friends from Ghana, ate Christmas dinner at Goumère and had a wonderful time of fellowship.

Dr. Miley returned on December 29 to his family in Paris where they were to begin their French language study.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERING MISSOURI

January, 1961

Oak Grove F. W. B. Church,	
Mountain Grove	\$ 10.00
Desloge F. W. B. Church,	
Desloge	6.30
C. W. Missouri Quarterly	
Meeting, Raytown	30.10
South Side F. W. B. Church,	
St. Louis	124.00
Mrs. E. C. Wise, Springfield ..	2.00
Free Will Baptist Church,	
Fredericktown	75.00

Overland F. W. B. Church,	
Overland	11.44
Third F. W. B. Church,	
St. Louis	204.00
New Rock Springs Senior	
S. S. Class, Cabool	8.00
Anonymous	5.00
First F. W. B. Church,	
Mountain Grove	50.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. League,	
Springfield	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mills,	
Winigan	7.00
Willow Springs Church,	
Mountain Grove	11.00
New Harmony Sunday School,	
Greentop	44.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River ..	1.00
Big Creek F. W. B. League,	
Yukon	2.95
Fellowship F. W. B. Church,	
Flat River	135.00
Young Marrieds' Class,	
Greentop	50.00
Rev. Albert Halbrook,	
Mine La Motte	115.20
Vista Wantland, Springfield ..	2.00
Overland F. W. B. Church,	
Overland	18.85
Kirksville F. W. B. Church,	
Kirksville	19.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Evans,	
Springfield	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moore,	
St. Louis	2.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church,	
Myrtle	7.30
Mrs. E. L. Duke, Arnold	1.00
Woman's Mission, Flat River ..	4.20
Cooperative Plan	8.20
W. N. A. C.	12.40
Total	\$978.94

Those who contribute nothing to the cause of God will have no bank account in the world beyond.



Rev. Wade Jernigan leaving Mexico

A Letter from the Billows

Sr. Arturo Villalobos
Apartado 2094
Monterrey, N. L. Mexico
February 6, 1961

Dear Bro. Roger:

Greetings in the lovely name of Christ, our Lord, to you and to all our many friends in America.

Bro. Roger, I am writing you to share with you some of the great joys which the Lord has given our hearts in these last days. I know that each of you wonderful people are interested in this field, as well as others. Each of you are a part of this ministry. And so important is that part, that without your prayers and concern, the souls that we now hear testify of God's grace would still remain silent and lost without hope and Christ.

But thanks be unto the Lord we serve and to each of our faithful Christian friends in America, we are able to report and share with you some wonderful victories won in these last days' power by the power of God and His grace. We have just closed a week of evangelistic efforts in the F. W. B. Church of Monterrey, sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of our church. Bro. Wade Jernigan from Oklahoma came to be our speaker. There is no doubt in my mind and heart that the Lord had His way in this thing. For, from

the very beginning of this effort, God's power was felt in a great and wonderful way. Bro. Wade was worried at first because he had never spoken through an interpreter. But the Lord got hold of both of us from the very start and over 20 souls were saved in this one week. Many more have been saved since, and I am sure that it is still the effects of this revival.

We have known Bro. Jernigan since the Lord laid His hand on us for the ministry, and I can truthfully say: I have never seen or heard Bro. Wade as happy as I saw him in this meeting. This man of God was filled with joy every night and although he could not understand our language, God's Spirit made known to him what was going on. There were moments when Bro. Wade would just stop in his message and weep and shout. So wonderful was the manifestation of God's love that all over the house one could hear the hearts of people, some rejoicing and others waiting to be saved.

Night after night, someone responded to the call of the gospel. Not a single night was gone without someone coming to Christ. We left to the mountains to the church in El Potosi, so that Bro. Jernigan could see our work there. It's somewhere about 300 miles from Monterrey. Although they weren't expecting us, in a few moments the house where we have the services was filled and many standing outside. We started the service around 3:00 p. m. The message was very simple, but the Holy

Spirit was there. Bro. Wade testified about God's love and his Christian life. One of our students, Angelica Balderas, who had just recently led her lost father to Christ, left and brought her old grandmother to the altar. This old woman had been bitter since her son had renounced Catholicism, but that day, she bowed before the Lord and gave her heart to Christ. Angelica stood to her feet again and went to her aunt, who was sitting among the congregation, and spoke to her about her soul. Both came and knelt next to the old lady who had just received salvation. The picture that we could see, as men and women wept, asking the Lord to lead them to salvation! Bro. Wade raised his arms toward heaven, and I could see his very soul being poured out to the Father in glory. This truly was a great service. We started for Monterrey where we had a service waiting for us. We got there just in time for the preaching.

On Saturday before the meeting ended, we went to Nuevo Rodriguez, where our other church is. There God gave us another great service. The house was filled and many people were standing out in the cold. Here, too, the souls of the people were ready to accept Christ. Five precious souls came weeping to the altar. The meeting closed on Sunday night. Three young men were saved in this service. These young men had never been in a church before in their lives. Since that night they have never missed one service. They are in the League, in prayer meeting, and are planning to enter school next semester.

Bro. Wade left Monday, after a farewell dinner which was offered by our women of the church. Bro. Wade won the hearts of our people and they will never forget him in this great State of Old Mexico. I shall never forget the day he took the plane to leave. Our students went with him to the airport. When the plane was raised from the ground they began to sing, "God Be With You." Many people were milling around the airport at that time, and all of a sudden everything went still and only the voices of the students could be heard. I had never heard them sing this way before. Their faces were filled with tears as they waved goodbye to Bro. Jernigan, who had come all the way to tell them about God's love.

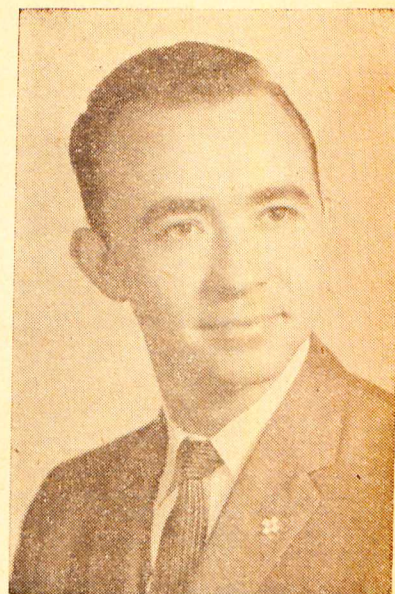
One of the Federal Officers came and asked me what all this meant and

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Ninth National League Conference

JUNE 20-22

Albany, Georgia



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General Director National
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Board

HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE LEAGUE CONFERENCE

This is valuable information regarding rooms, meals, etc., for those who plan to attend the Ninth Nationwide League Conference, June 20-22, 1961, at Albany, Georgia. The Conference meets in the City Auditorium, located in downtown Albany.

Reservations should be mailed directly to the hotel or motel of your choice.

Possible error and unnecessary handling can be avoided if you will follow these instructions carefully!

ROOMS

Hotels: (All hotels and motels are air-conditioned.)

1. New Albany Hotel (Albany, Georgia):

This hotel is located just across the street from the City Auditorium where all sessions of the Conference will meet. If you do not have transportation, by all means this will be most ideal for you.

3 rooms for 4 persons	\$14.00
18 rooms for 3 persons	11.50
40 twins for 2 persons	10.00
39 doubles for 2 persons	9.00

2. Hotel Gordon (Albany, Georgia):

This hotel is located within a block of the City Auditorium, also.

Single room, 1 person	\$5.50
Corner room with TV	6.50
Double room, 2 persons, 8.00 & 9.00	

Motels: (All motels are located several blocks from the Auditorium, only about a ten-minute drive away.)

1. Oglethorpe Motel (941 Oglethorpe Avenue):

Rooms have two double beds and a

small connecting room if five people want to share one room. The small room has a single bed and the occupant shares the bath. All rooms contain a television and telephone. We have a very fine restaurant on the premises. Reservations are held until 7 p. m. without a deposit.

Rates per room:

5 people	\$13.39
4 people	11.33
3 people	10.30
2 people	9.27
1 person	7.21

2. Town House Motel (701 Oglethorpe Avenue):

The following accommodations are available to those attending the Conference:

6 rooms with 2 double beds and 1 rollaway to accommodate 5 people, \$13.39 per day.

6 rooms with 2 double beds for 4 people 12.36 per day.

2 rooms with 3 double beds for 6 people \$16.48 per day.

Note: This is a total of 14 rooms for 66 people. To guarantee reservations the first night's room rent is requested in advance.

3. Regent Motel (P. O. Box 1207):

Rates per room:

1 person, 1 double bed	\$6.00
2 people, 1 double bed	7.00
3 people, 2 double beds	9.00
4 people, 2 double beds	10.00
2 people, 2 double beds	8.00

Note: A 25% deposit must be forwarded in advance to guarantee reservations.

4. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge (Albany, Georgia):

Single rooms:

1 person	\$ 7.21
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2 persons, 1 bed	9.27
2 persons, twin beds	10.30
4 persons, 2 double beds	14.42

Note: Extra cots, one per room, may be had for \$1.03 additional.

5. Holiday Inn (122 Oglethorpe Avenue):

Rates per person:

5 persons, 2 double beds	
with rollaway	\$3.00
4 persons, 2 double beds	3.50
2 persons, 2 double beds	6.00
2 persons, 1 double bed	4.00
1 person, 1 double bed	7.00

SUGGESTIONS

In writing for reservations, please do this — It Is Important:

1. Don't wait to make your reservation — do it right away.

2. Ask for a confirmation of your reservation.

3. State the time of your arrival at the hotel or motel.

4. State that you represent the National Free Will Baptist League Conference. This is important since some of the rates above are reduced rates available only to those attending the Conference.

5. Remember — June 1st is the deadline.

MEALS

You will be responsible for your own entertainment while here. The Hospitality Committee will furnish you with a list of good cafeterias and cafes accessible to bus routes. Sufficient time will be allowed for meals each day.



Wade Jernigan

Jernigan to Speak at Bible Conference

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Rev. Wade Jernigan, Oklahoma pastor, will be one of the featured speakers at the 18th annual Bible Conference to be held April 2-6 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, has announced.

Other speakers will be Dr. Jim Mercer, inter-denominational evangelist from Pontiac, Michigan; President, Johnson; and Dean, Charles A. Thigpen.

The services will begin on Sunday evening, April 2, and will conclude with the Thursday morning message, April 6. Three speaking services will be held each morning, Monday through Thursday, and one speaker will be scheduled each evening.

A special vesper program will be presented Wednesday evening by the music and speech departments. Music Director, Don Clark will present the College Choir for special numbers, along with other music groups.

Mr. Jernigan is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma. He has done pastoral and evangelistic work in many Free Will Baptist churches during the past fifteen years. He was reared in a Free Will Baptist home and is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is moderator of the Oklahoma State Association and is a member of the National Home Missions Board.

Pastors, Christian workers, and friends of the Bible College are invited to attend this five day inspirational

meeting of Bible preaching, evangelism, and missionary emphasis.

OBITUARY FOR THE LATE REV. ALBERT W. BROOK

Five hundred people gathered into the main auditorium of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri, January 29, 1961, to pay respect to Rev. Albert Brook.

Rev. Brook was a member of the church in Mountain Grove and was used by the pastor, the Rev. O. T. Dixon, as his assistant and associate worker for the past two years. He was an ordained minister, and taught school for many years and was honored for his keen insight in this field. He was also an outstanding student of prophecy having given much of his time to the study of the Word. Funeral services were held in the church which he so dearly loved at the 2:00 o'clock hour with the pastor, Rev. O. T. Dixon, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Homer Smith. Favorite hymns were sung by Ed Francis, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Clyta Achuff. Interment was made in Hillcrest Cemetery. Pallbearers included, Raymond Smith, Seneca Smith, Clark Deeds, Clifford Sheppard, Edwin Wade and Buck Franklin. Albert W. Brook was the son of Benjamin and Mary Jane Brook and was born at Dawson, Wright County, Missouri, March 9, 1884, and died January 25, 1961 at Springfield, Missouri, his age being 66 years, 10 months and 16 days. He was reared in this community and was widely known as a "man of God." In 1932 he was ordained as a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church and held pastorates in various churches of this vicinity. He was truly a consecrated Christian who devoted his life to his church and fellowman.

He was united in marriage with Miss Iva Long, January 9, 1916 at Mountain Grove, Missouri, who survives him along with their two daughters, Mrs. Letha Franklin, Mountain Grove, Missouri and Mrs. Jean Collins of Springfield, Missouri; two sisters, Mrs. Leota Hilsabeck, Dawson, Missouri and Mrs. Lona Jones, Mountain Grove, Missouri. Also, two grandsons, A/2c Brook Franklin, U. S. Air Force and Micah Lee Collins, Springfield, Mo.

There are many more distant relatives and close friends along with the entire community who mourn his death.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY

Carterville Church	\$ 18.74
Victory Church	69.98

Fellowship Church	154.36
Waynesville Church	15.56
Monett Church	78.65
St. Louis Dist. Qtly. Mtg.	223.68
Beacon Church	70.18
South Side Church	47.10
Farmington Church	57.75
Hickory Grove Church	12.96
St. Louis Dist. Qtly. Mtg.	343.16
Mine La Motte Church	10.29
Myrtle Church	17.95
Pleasant Home Church	24.54
New Hope Church	53.93
Bethel Church	25.26
Copper Mines Church	39.11
Mt. Pisgah Church	13.00
South Side Church	44.40
Beacon Church	52.82

Total \$1373.42

MRS. ALLRED DIES AT AGE 87 IN ROGERS

Mrs. Emily May Allred, 87, a resident of Benton County for more than 80 years, died shortly after noon Saturday in the Rogers Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient for the past three months.

Mrs. Allred was born Dec. 13, 1873, at Minneapolis, Kansas, the daughter of the late John Oliver and Hannah Huff Hawthorn.

Her husband, the late Rev. John Wesley Allred, was a Free Will Baptist minister who held rural pastorates at LaRue, Cottage Hill, Pleasant Valley and Burks Shed in Eastern Benton County for many years. They were married October 30, 1891, at LaRue.

Rev. Allred died December 4, 1945, about 10 years after the couple had moved to Rogers.

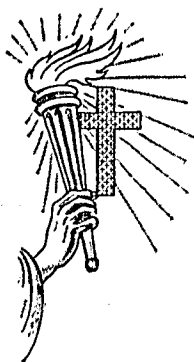
Mrs. Allred moved to Benton County from Kansas with her parents at the age of four.

For the past three years Mrs. Allred had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Charlie Wells, at 224 East Walnut Street in Rogers.

Funeral services were held at the Callison chapel, with the Rev. Horace Knox of Rogers and the Rev. Bruce Phillips of Huntsville officiating.

Burial was in the Rogers Cemetery under the direction of the Callison Funeral Home.

Besides Mrs. Wells, survivors include another daughter, Mrs. Henry Boydston of Rogers; a son, the Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Minerva Sharp of Elm Springs; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Woman's Auxiliary

FROM THAYER:

The Womans Auxiliary of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met at the Church on Tuesday evening, January 24th, at 7:30 with 16 members present. The President, Sister Dorlene Fields, called the meeting together. The group sang for the opening song, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Sis. Clara Allen. Scripture reading from II Cor., chapter two. Reports of officers were given, and marking of the reports by Sis. Charlene James. During the business meeting it was discussed and decided that each month two Auxiliary members be host to the GTA girls at their meeting and serve refreshments. We are proud of our GTA and the good work they are doing. Sis. Donna Buchanan and Sis. Lorene Pohnert are their leaders. We feel that under their leadership and our assistance these girls can be of great service to the Lord. The program for the evening was, "All Who Love the Lord." Sis. Elsie Worel gave the introduction. Topic I, "Consecration Loves," by Sis. Jean Lau. Topic II, "Consecration Hates" by Sis. Charlene James, and Topic III, "Consecration Serves," by Sis. Dorlene Fields. The program was closed with prayer by Sis. Ruby Brewer. Following the program a fellowship was enjoyed in the church basement.

Helen Underwood, Cor.-Sec.

FROM VERDELLA:

The Verdella Auxiliary met for our January meeting with Sis. Arleene Davis. There were 7 members present and one visitor, Sis. Ellie Mays. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Hazel Bowman. We then sang, "Blessed Assurance" with Mrs. Verla Smith at the piano. She also read the Scripture from I Cor. 9th chapter verses 5 to 15. The roll call was answered by a Scripture verse. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Sis. Janet Fast conducted a review quiz on a study course book we

had completed. We had our first lesson from our new Co-Laborer Magazine. The topic of the lesson, "All Who Love the Lord." It was a lesson on Consecration and we enjoyed it a lot and hope each one of us will be more consecrated in the year to come. Our officers for this year are: Sis. Hazel Bowman, President; Sis. Doris Whitson, Vice President; Sec. and Treas., Sis. Frances Foger; Program Chairman, Sis. Janet Fast; Sis. Ruby Smith and Sis. Arleene Davis, Flower Committee. We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Janet Fast.

Mrs. Frances Foger, Reporter

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Women's Auxiliary of the New Hope Church met on Tuesday night, Feb. 7, for the monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Norma Ussery. The group sang, "Jesus Loves Me," and Scripture came from Mark 10:13-16, by Mrs. Norma Ussery. Prayer by Edith Blair. Roll Call by each one saying a Bible verse. The program introduction was given by Edith Blair. We all received a blessing from our lesson, "Who's Responsible?" Topic I, "Are Children Important?" was by Virginia Stallings. Topic II, "Tomorrow Will Be too Late," was by Carrie Ross. Topic III, "We Have a Responsibility," was by Norma Shannon. We were dismissed in prayer by Barbara Stephens. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Charlene Stephens, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met Feb. 9, 1961 at the church. Our attendance was low due to the illness of some of our members. The president opened our meeting with prayer by Doris Milburn. This was followed by a hymn, "Send the Light." The subject of our lesson for Feb. was,

"Who's Responsible?" The Introductory of our lesson was given by the president, Iva Treaster. Topic I, "Are Children Important?" was given by Lauretta Hammor. Topic II, "Tomorrow will be Too Late," by Anna Lincoln. Topic III, "We Have a Responsibility," by Elva Turnbough. We were led in prayer by Allie Penrod. We should spend more time studying to arouse us to a greater zeal in youth work. We need a vision to realize that our adult Christians for the future must be won today. It is more serious than we can imagine. There are so many evil influences everywhere to attract children. What a challenge there is for parents, Sunday School teachers and Christians everywhere. The children must be won for Christ.

Anna Lincoln, Cor.-Sec.

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met Feb. 14, with 10 members present. Opening song, "He Loves Me." Prayer by Gracie Stephen, our president, Claudia Combs, read for the Scripture lesson Mark 10:13-16, Matt. 18:15. Minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary. All officers gave good reports. Youth chairman gave a good report on the GTA. Study Course chairman set Feb. 22 as another study course date. This time we are studying on stewardship. Personal service chairman set Mon., Feb. 20, for a Pink and Blue shower for Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Brewer. We had a very interesting lesson on our responsibilities to the youth and it was given by the following: Eudeen Adkisson, Louise Lewis, Willie Mae McVay, Rachel Murrey, Hattie Sims and Addie Adkisson. We were dismissed by Rachel Murrey. Refreshments were furnished by Hattie Sims and Louise Lewis.

Hattie Sims, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEBANON:

The First Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary met Jan. 10, 1961, for the regular meeting. The president, Esther Sutton called the meeting together by singing, "Sunshine in the Soul." Prayer by Alpha Admire. The devotions were led by the Chaplain, Sue Cook, by reading a lesson from Isaiah 30th chapter, verses 1-17. A discussion on sin in our life was given by each member. It was voted to have an apron party in the church social room, each man and wife wearing an apron, paying 2c for each inch around the waist. The meeting came to a close with prayer by Freida Hays. Refreshments of applesauce cake with whipped cream and coffee were served by the hostesses, Dorothy Brawley and Alpha Admire.

Gladys Montgomery, Reporter

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Women's Auxiliary of the Victory Free Will Baptist in Avondale met Tue. evening, Feb. 7, with 9 members and 6 visitors present. Meeting was called to order by singing and prayer was led by the president, Mrs. Payne. Our membership was increased by four new members, Mrs. Droper, Mrs. Higbe and Georgia Reef and Mrs. Starnes. It was decided to make quilts to sell and send money to missionaries. Devotional was given by Carlene Clevenger. The program topics were given by Reva Prinz, Evelyn Rehkop and Dorothy Randleman. Meeting was closed by prayer given by Mrs. Droper. After meeting we went to the basement and had a Pink and Blue Shower for Faye Taylor and Faye Hensey.

Lorna Blanksher, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEBANON:

Ladies Auxiliary met for the regular meeting, Feb. 7th, 1961, at the church with 13 members and two visitors present. Opening hymn, "God Can Do Anything but Fail" led by Glenda Agen, with Freida Mae Hays at the piano. Prayer was offered by Gladys Montgomery. Sue Cook the chaplain read for a lesson, II Cor. 1st. chapter. The lesson was on missionary work, the members telling something of interest about the missionaries of Foreign lands. A Christmas card was read from the Carlisle Hanna family of North India to the Auxiliary group. It was voted to send twenty five dollars to them by Hennrietta Garrett

and Sue Cook. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Sue Cook.

FROM ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting met at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church on Jan. 19th for their regular Quarterly meeting. We opened our meeting with singing, "I Gave My Life for Thee" and "Take Time to be Holy." Led in prayer by Sis. Mildred Hilderbrand. Then we sang, "Work for the Night is Coming." Sis. Iva Treaster had our devotions. She read Jeremiah 33:3. After some interesting comments, Sis. Nellie Resnic led in prayer. We then had our business. Sis. Gladys Turnbough was elected as Cor. Sec. We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Farron Jones for a short intermission. We began our regular worship services with singing, "Saviour like a Shepherd Lead Us." Led in prayer by Sis. Gladys Turnbough. The congregation then sang, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Led in prayer by Sis. Hazel Scott, Sis. Doris Raper sang, "Why Should He Love Me So?" Rev. Elmer Turnbough brought the morning message reading from St. Luke 10:38-42. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bill Turnbough for the noon hour and lunch was served in the basement. After an hour of fellowship we convened by singing, "Praise Him, Praise Him." Led in prayer by Sis. Minnie Burcham. Sis. Lizzie Williams had our devotions. Rev. James Earl Raper brought the evening message reading from Philippians 2:1-14. He closed the service by asking for prayer requests. Rev. Raper dismissed our meeting in prayer.

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

The North East Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville on Jan. 29, 1961. Following the Sunday School hour the Worship service opened by Congregational singing and prayer. Mrs. Velma Wellman sang the "Ninety and Nine." Rev. Lester Jones took the stand and read for the Scripture lesson from Matt. 9:32 and John 4:35-36. His subject was, "Workers Needed." After a very inspiring message an invitation hymn was sung. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour. The afternoon session opened by congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols. After another song the President, Sis. Mildred Gilliam read the 46th Psalm and led in prayer. Minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek and the Low Ground Auxiliaries were read and approved. Reports from the New Harmony Y. P. A. and G. T. A., were read. It was decided to have the next workshop at the New Harmony Church. The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be with the Low Ground Church. Rev. Cletus Nichols will bring the Introductory message with Rev. Mildred Gilliam as alternate.

The program was as follows: Hilda Nichols sang, "Our Best." The Kirksville Auxiliary presented the play, "Go Tell." Marjorie Mallick sang, "Is He Satisfied?" We were happy to have Vernon Mason and his family from Kansas City and they sang, "I Just Can't Keep From Crying Sometimes." We were favored with another play, "The Church in the Wildwood" by the Martinstown and Mendota Churches. Sis. Joan Filkins read a letter from our medical missionaries, Dr. & Mrs. Lavern Miley. This was enjoyed by all. The Chrisman family gave a musical and sang, "Why Not Make Heaven Your Home?" Mrs. Fern Kelsey gave a reading, "A Mother's Prayer." The Mason family sang two numbers and then the congregation sang, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again." We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Stella Gates.

Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

FROM HAZEL CREEK UNION:

The Hazel Creek Auxiliary met Feb. 1, with Mrs. Bertha Barlow with 8 members and 6 children present. The meeting opened by singing choruses. Mrs. Hilda Nichols read Mark 10:13-16 and Matt. 18:14 for the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Mrs. Mary Filkins, Mrs. Minnie Thompson, and Mrs. Lena Miley. Minutes at the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered with Scripture verses. An offering of \$2.09 was received. There were 729 Bible chapters read, 13 sick calls made, and 18 cards sent. Mrs. Hilda Nichols became a member of our auxiliary. We studied the manual as one of our study course requirements. The lesson was "Who Is Responsible?" Topics were given by Mrs. Lena Miley, Mrs. Bertha Barlow and Mrs. Mary Filkins.

Leona Thompson, Cor.-Sec.

LETTERS *to the Editor*

Dear Bro. Reeds

With joyful and thankful hearts for God's blessings, we again greet you from the Parkview F. W. B. Church, Desloge. God is being so very good to us here we just can't thank Him enough. Since our last writing we have had three unite with our church, and two more young girls of our church have given their hearts to God. We very earnestly request the prayers of everyone for our young people and young converts especially. Satan is truly on a rampage and it seems even our public schools tear down faster than the church can build up. We have a wonderful group of young people here and we desire so very much to have them hold out faithful to Christ, despite the alluring temptations of the devil.

We are preparing for another feast through revival beginning April 24, thru ?????? Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of Bear Point F. W. B. Church, Sesser, Ill. will be our evangelist. Our community is ripe for harvest. Pray for us, that the church will be ready to do whatever Christ has for us to do to bring sinners in to hear the gospel and be won to our Lord and Saviour. Pray for our good pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough as he so faithfully labors with us. Last but not least, pray for Bro. Thompson that he may come to us filled with the Holy Spirit so we can see a great harvest of souls through his labor. God bless all.

Hazel Morris, Reporter

Bro. Reeds,

A large crowd attended the fellowship meeting Friday night, Feb. 3, at the Liberty F. W. B. Church. Considering the very bad weather. We had snow and ice and the roads were very slick, but we were very glad so many could attend. The fellowship meeting is the first Friday night in each month, and all churches of the quarterly meeting attend and sometimes others from other associations. Each has some kind of program with singing and all ministers have a part which is very good. After the program a social hour with sandwiches, pie and cake with coffee is served and is much enjoyed.

Bro. Reeds,

In a special service here at Copper Mines Church, Bro. Gerald Huffman

was ordained as Deacon on Saturday night, Jan. 28, 1961.

Rev. Willard Darnell, pastor, opened the service with a welcome to all.

After a congregational song, Bro. Darnell led in prayer. Service was then turned over to Rev. Albert Halbrook who took charge of devotions. Congregation song, prayer by Rev. O. D. Matthews. Congregation song. Deacon Norman Boland called on to conduct a praise service. Special numbers were given by the Copper Mines Quartet and the Matthews Girls of Mill Creek, Rev. Truman Huffman, Rev. Clarence Burton and Rev. Willard Darnell.

Benediction was called for after a fellowship handshake.

Leamon Killian, Clerk

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January 3, 1961

Dear Prayer Partner,

"Thanks be unto God who only doeth wondrous things." The praises of the Psalmist echo in our own hearts today as we think of what the Lord has done in 1960. There have been many "firsts" for us this past year, such as our first view of Africa, first sermon in French, first "bush" work, etc. The Lord has been good to us in all this in giving us strength, the needed wisdom and courage. For this we praise Him and thank all of you who have prayed for us. We have seen your prayers answered!

1960: A special year in many ways. History was made in U. S. elections, a summit conference flopped, and wars and rumors of wars appeared on every horizon. But 1960 was a special year among the Agnis also. Agnis in about 28 villages heard their first Protestant sermon. Some have been saved and others are concerned. The church here at Koun was completed and dedicated. The Christians in the neighboring village have ordered blocks for their church building. There are 4 regular preaching points in Koun and surrounding villages with Christians. The "Life of Christ" has been given with flannelgraph stories here in Koun, as well as much more. However, two things stand out in my mind as I think back. The first is the dedication of the Koun Church. Decorated

with banana trees and braided plam leaves forming arches, there was no need of a florist. Lonnie preached first, then I baptized 13 Christians. This was the first baptismal service by immersion in 25 years—the second in the history of the church. Bro. Timyan then preached after which we had communion and the dedication service. Christians from the surrounding villages came in and spiritual fellowship was enjoyed by all. There were about 100 in the church with other (Catholic & pagan) outside curious as to what was going on. The second event that seems outstanding to us is the way the Lord has supplied our financial need. Many of you, we have never met, yet you have prayed and given to our account. We praise the Lord for this, for truly, it is His doing. We have had many unexpected expenditures such as about \$1500.00 for customs, but we believe the Lord has had a reason and we leave it all in His hands.

As we look forward to 1961, it is with hope and confidence. We believe the Lord has something special in the days to come. May His will ever be pre-eminent in your's and our lives. There are some specific requests we would ask you to pray about: (1) The language is difficult and sometimes it is a little discouraging trying to learn sounds only. Pray the Lord to give us real wisdom that we might reach the people in the language that speaks to their hearts; (2) The need for consecration among the Christians is great. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be allowed to cleanse them; (3) Pray that there will be called-out ones to carry the Gospel to their own people as this is by far the most effective way to win them; (4) Pray for those who are still held in bondage and fear by their fetishes or forms. Truly, they serve gods who see not, hear not, speak not, help not. Pray, beloved, for these people! They are your responsibility.

May the God of all grace watch over you and guide you in all His will for His glory.

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	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
First Church, Springfield ..			160	165								
Victory, Kansas City	52	60	68									
Mt. Pisgah	77	67	68	68	57	60	66	69				
Copper Mines	88	90	86	89	81							
Fellowship, Flat River	209	202	201	198	198	188	202	201				
Leadington	84	75	76	90	96	91	77	83				
Farmington	89	91		77	83	82	76					
Fourth, Maplewood	59	54	57	59	50	40	48	57				
Pleasant Grove												
Berkeley City	157	177	215	211	266	218	217	222				
Richwoods	68	70	65	62	62	58	47	52				
Hannon			50									
Joplin	70	74	75	82	76	70	89					
Kirksville	93	85		76	83							
Grant Ave., Springfield	85	90	84	87	93	86	102	105				
Hazel Creek		47	42	38	46	47	51					
Twin Oak	71	55	55	55	59	52						
South Side Church	136	152	140	162	135	151	146	141				
New Hope, Kansas City	82	83	87	109	96	88	100	109				
Mine La Motte	41	49	50	41	40	41	29					
First Church, Waynesville ..	50	49	52	63	66		69					
First Church, Kansas City ..	50	57	57	77	64	56	67					
First Church, Lebanon							62	63				
Overland Church	113	114	134	142	161	131	142	146				
Third Church, St. Louis							99	109				
First Church, Flat River												
Myrtle	63	58										
Crystal City	25	31	32	27	26	20	21	22				
Bethel, West Plains	96	96	103	97	105	114	126	139				
Salem	29	23										
Desloge	93	91	90	99	106	114	109					
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	161	171	162	165	174	182						
Thayer	92	104										
Meramec Heights							22	33				
First Church, Mt. Grove	353											
First Church, Monett	104	108	121	124	114	104						

OBITUARY

Floyd Manson Inman, son of I. C. and Jane Inman was born Aug. 11, 1891 in Barry Co. and departed this life Feb. 14, 1961 at the State Sanatorium in Mt. Vernon where he had been a patient for the last few weeks. He made his home during his entire life in Barry Co.

He was married to Miss Nelly Marshall of Purdy in 1913. To this union five children were born. One son died in infancy. Those surviving are three daughters; Mrs. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Sherman Smith both of Purdy and Virginia Inman of the home; one son, Morris Inman of Kansas City. His wife preceded him in death in 1936.

In 1937 he was married to Julia Robbins of Monett, she also preceded him in death, May 1, 1960.

He was converted when a young man and united with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church where his membership remained until God called him home.

He was active in church work for many years. He taught singing schools in many different places, also directed singing in his church and in many revivals and was superintendent to the Sunday School at Macedonia for a number of years before moving to Cassville. He also served four years as Treasurer of Barry Co. and eight years as Presiding Judge of the Barry Co. Court.

Besides his children he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Jan Inman; three brothers; Arlie of Mt. Vernon, Denver of rural Verona and Cleton of rural Monett; three sisters; Mrs. Gertie Hughey, Mrs. Ray Williams of Purdy and Mrs. Truman Burbridge of Aurora; six grand children and three great grand children, besides many other more distant relatives and many many friends. All will miss him greatly, but in the language of David we can not bring him back but we can go to him.

Funeral services were conducted by O. T. Alred, assisted by Rev. Winfor Davis, Feb. 15th at Buchanan Funeral Home in Monett.

If a man's head is crammed with knowledge, but his heart is empty of grace, he will stand no better chance of Heaven than any other sinner.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

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ers because it was your sins that drove the nails through His hands, your sins that put the spike through His heels, your sins that set the cross in its resting place with a thud and jar that tore the flesh of His hands. It was His love for you that kept Him from coming down off the cross, for your sins He endured this pain and agony while the blood dripped slowly to the ground to reconcile you to God. And it was for you He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

What wondrous love that He should love us and give Himself for us while we were yet sinners. Can you resist such love, such compassion, that paid the price for your sins? Oh! But that you would hurry to the foot of the cross and cry with the publican of long ago, "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner!"

Everything Depends Upon Your Decision of What You Will Do With Jesus

Your peace of heart, and mind, and conscience depends upon it. Thousands are seeking to escape their conscience through the avenues of alcohol, gambling, sexual vice, and crime, but there is no escape and it only drives them to the deepest depths of misery and despair. Oh! Wretched man, woman, boy or girl wherever you are, you will not find that peace you are searching for until you've had the hysop of love dipped in the blood Christ applied to your heart. Then you will know the peace of God that passeth the understanding of man.

Your joy in this life depends upon it, for you cannot be happy while you live in dread and fear. In this age of sputniks and rockets the world looks at the sky and trembles, while the Christian looks at the sky and listens for the voice of the arch angel and the trump of God.

But most important of all, your pardon depends upon what you do with Jesus. John 3:16 tells us that God gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth should not perish but have everlasting life. Then in John 3:18 it tells us that he that believeth not in Jesus as his Saviour is already condemned and in John 3:36 it tells that he that believeth not in Jesus shall not see life but that the wrath of God abideth on him.

Your hope of life after death depends upon your decision. After the

first son of David and Bathsheba had died David said, "He cannot come to me but I can go to him." Father, mother can you say the same about that little child that God took to enrich the beauties of heaven? You can if your name is in the Lamb's book of life, but the Bible says that those whose names are not in the book of life shall be cast into the lake of fire which is the second death.

Not only this but your admittance to heaven depends upon this decision you are making right now, for Rev. 21:27 says that only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life shall enter.

Conclusion:

There are only two things you can do with Jesus. Confess Him or deny Him, let Him in or shut Him out, be for Him or against Him. When Pilate faced this question, the crowd cried, "crucify Him." Pilate yielded to the crowd but his life was miserable. And right now the hosts of Satan are crying to your soul; "deny Him." But if you do, you are going to go away miserable and wretched because you cannot ignore such love as Jesus has for you.

Yield Him your heart and life right now. What will you do with Jesus as we hear the words of the song; "Just as I am without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, Oh lamb of God I come, I come?"

A LETTER FROM THE BILLOWS

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I told him that the students of the Free Will Baptist Institute of Monterrey were just saying goodbye to an American who had come to tell them that Jesus died for them, also.

Many nights I wished that some of my dear brethren from America could have been with us and enjoyed with us, this great refreshing from heaven. It is so wonderful to preach to people who are hungry and ready to receive God's gift. It thrills a minister's heart to see the efforts people have to make to come to church. Some walk for miles because transportation is very poor and busses won't hardly stop for people who have children or carry bags with them. Many are very poor and to some it would seem almost impossible to attend church. But these people are sure that God knows and understands. Church is the only place where they are treated like human beings. It is the only place where they are important and so God's house is always filled. It matters not what day of the week it

may be. I marvel at the statement someone made to me in a letter telling that in some of the churches in America the services were being cut down more and more, because people were asking for more time to enjoy themselves outside of the church. But here, people ask for more of God and more of His saving grace.

Let me add to this letter a sincere invitation to all my brethren in America to come to Mexico and preach for me. I know God will bless you and you can preach your heart out, and when you open your eyes you will see people kneeling all over the house seeking Christ.

While Bro. Wade was here we ordained two of our native pastors; Carlos Torres and Lazaro de la Rosa. Isaias Luna was ordained for deacon. These young men and their wives were saved under our ministry and have been carefully trained to serve the Lord and to preach God's Word. They are Free Will Baptist young men whose convictions are strong in the truths that Free Will Baptists preach all over the world.

Please continue to pray for us and with us, that every need will be met for the glory of God and the salvation of Old Mexico.

Your Servants, Serving Christ and Mexico for Souls,
Arturo, Jenell, Danny, & Twins

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

Thirty seven of the Youth of the Young People's Auxiliary and Go Tell Auxiliary were present at the Valentine Banquet on Feb. 14th. The theme of the banquet was: "Love—The Major Key to Happiness."

Ronnie James and Darlene Griswold were crowned as King and Queen with Melvin Fortney and Linda Meline as Prince and Princess.

The G. T. A. was recently reorganized and now is called the "Lynn Miley G. T. A." The boys and girls are now ready to start earning the first rank.

The following officers were elected:
President—Neva Thomas
Vice Pres.—Dorothy Arnold
Sec.-Treas.—Joyce Thomas
Program Ch'm—Leona Griswold
Missions Ch'm—Ernest Lee Thompson

Social Ch'm—Fern Fortney
Stewardship Ch'm—Linda Melne
Personal Service Ch'm—Melvin Fortney