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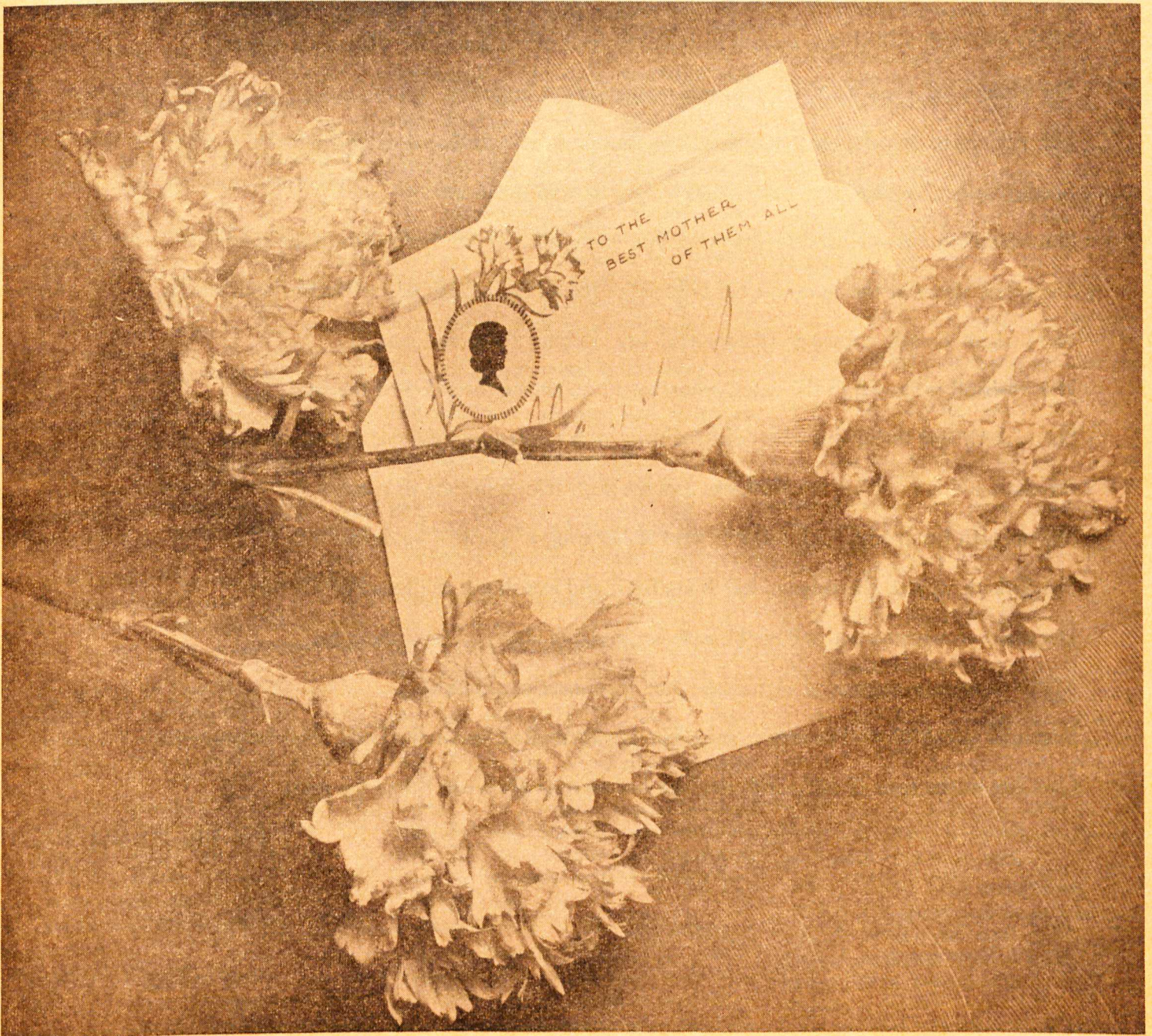
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## GODLY WOMANHOOD

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.  
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.  
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.  
She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.  
She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.  
She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.  
She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.  
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.  
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.  
She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.  
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.  
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.  
Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.  
She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.  
Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.  
She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is law of kindness.  
She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.  
Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.  
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, shall be praised.  
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

—Proverbs 31:10-31.

# SERMON OF THE MONTH

## MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

BY

### ROGER C. REEDS

Here in outline form is a sermon on womanhood at its best. May God bless all women who measure up to His standard of motherhood.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31

Text: Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

#### Introduction:

Someone has said that behind every successful man there is a woman. That woman, though she may not receive much of the credit, is mother.

Sir Walter Scott's mother was a superior woman, well educated, and a great lover of poetry and art.

Byron's mother was noted for being proud, illtempered, and violent.

The mother of Napoleon Bonaparte was noted for her beauty and energy.

Lord Bacon's mother was a woman of superior mind and deep piety.

The mother of Nero was a murderer.

The mother of George Washington was pious, pure and true.

The mother of Patrick Henry was marked for her superior conversational powers.

The mother of John Wesley was remarkable for her intelligence, piety, and executive ability, so that she has been called, "the mother of Methodism."

It will be observed that in each of the examples the sons inherited the prominent traits of the mother.

Today we honor our mothers and they deserve our honors. I site to you five mothers of the Scriptures.

#### Body:

I. Sarah, the mother of Isaac.

Hebrews 11:11 "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to con-

ceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised."

A. The Lord had promised Sarah a son.

Genesis 17:15-19 "And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations: Kings of people shall be of her. Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee. And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

B. The Lord fulfilled that promise.

Genesis 21:1-6 "And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me."

II. Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

I Samuel, chapter 1.

A. Hannah was barren.

"And he (Elkanah) had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the

name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children."

B. Hannah prayed. V 10-11.

"And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt in deed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."

C. God answers prayer. V 20.

"Wherefore it came to pass when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord."

D. Hannah keeps her vow. V 26-28.

"And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed: and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him: Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there."

III. Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Luke 1:5-25.

A. Elisabeth, like Hannah, was barren and like Sarah, was old. V 7.

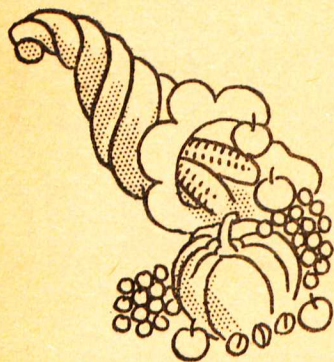
"And they (Zacharias and Elisabeth) had no child because that Elisabeth was barren and they both were now well stricken in years."

B. Another child of promise. V 13.

"But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is answered and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John."

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# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



Picture above are Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Palmer showing the cake that was presented to them at their commissioning service on the night of March 1. The cake was presented by the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis. The Palmers are Missionary Appointees to Africa and are now in language study in Switzerland. The South Side Church has underwritten Mrs. Palmer's salary.

### Master's Men of the First Free Will Baptist Church Meet

The Master's Men of the First Free Will Baptist Church met in the church basement Monday night, April 3, 1961 with 26 members present. A pot luck supper and wonderful fellowship were enjoyed by all. Business meeting was called to order by president, Jesse Walker, and followed with program on hobbies.

The meeting was opened with songs, "Standing on the Promises," and "Take Time to be Holy." Opening prayer by Bro. Roy Elliot. Scripture reading and devotion given by president. Bro. Robert Johnson introduced as a guest. During business session group announced that a fish fry would be held June meeting night with wives present.

Program chairman, Hulse Smith, opened program by giving account of his hobby on furniture re-finishing. He then introduced the following speakers who told about their hobbies. Frannie Elliot, animal drawing, Murray Raney, photography, Spig McCarty, fishing, Robert Johnson, coin collecting and metal designing.

### Kansas City Quarterly Meeting Organizes New Church

The Executive Board of the Kansas City Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists met April 23, 1961, and organized the Skyline Armordale Free Will Baptist Church, 743 Osage, Kansas City, Kansas with 13 charter members.

Rev. James McAllister, chairman of the board presided over the meeting. Mrs. Alice Dickey, pastor of the First Church, Kansas City, Missouri gave the devotion. Rev. Glen Rehkop, pastor of the Victory Church, Avondale, Missouri, brought the message using as the subject, "The Church and It's Business." Text, Acts 2:41 and 9:31. The Bible was presented by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, pastor of the Beacon

Church, and the Covenant was read by Clifford Altis. A proposed set of By-laws were read by Billy Hensely. The prayer of dedication was prayed by Joe Cockrel. Special numbers were given by the Ladies Trio, New Hope Church, and solo numbers by Jessie Dominquez.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Fritz Knudsen was elected as church clerk, Mrs. Emma Steel, church treasurer and Rev. Elmer D. Russell, as temporary pastor. The group plans to elect an advisory board at the next business meeting. They will continue to meet in the chapel of the Community Center, at the above address and the charter membership will be left open for 30 days. The group has hopes of at least 25 charter members.

### Dates to Remember

May 23 — June 2. Summer School at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

June 20-22. Ninth Nation-Wide League Conference at Albany, Ga.

June 18-23. Pre-teen Session of the Missouri State Youth Camp.

June 25-30. Teen Session of the Missouri State Youth Camp.

July 10-13. National Association of Free Will Baptists at Norfolk, Va.

August 21-24. Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists meets with the Farmington Church.



**MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE**

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C. Elisabeth held fast in the naming of John. V 59-60.

"And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so, but he shall be called John."

D. Her son was to become a great prophet. V 76.

"And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways."

IV. Mary the mother of Jesus. Luke 1:26-38.

A. She was highly favoured of the Lord. V 28.

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

B. She has been elevated to high position by the Catholics.

C. She has been lowered to disgrace by the modernist.

D. She is deserving of our praise but not our worship.

V. Eunice the mother of Timothy.

A. She was a believer. Acts 16:1.

"Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and behold a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek."

B. She transmitted to Timothy the faith she had received from her mother.

Timothy 1:5. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

C. She versed Timothy in the Scripture.

Timothy 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

**Conclusion:**

These men of the Bible can certainly rise up and call their mothers blessed. I can speak the same of my mother for I had the privilege of leading her to the altar. As a mother are you worthy of praise? Are you a Christian and bringing your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Motherhood is a great honor but also a grave responsibility. Fulfill your responsibility by serving Christ and raising your children to do so.

**COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1961****Receipts:**

Alton Church .....	\$ 5.50
Aulsbury Chapel Church .....	74.15
South Side Church .....	37.50
Mill Creek Church .....	44.53
Fredericktown Church .....	227.82
Beacon Church .....	58.00
Farmington Church .....	70.34
Kirksville Church .....	30.00
Mtn. Valley Church .....	44.30
Myrtle Church .....	12.98
Twin Oaks Church .....	71.00
Bethel Church .....	33.22
Merl's Chapel Church .....	35.00
Monett Church .....	64.00
Fellowship Church .....	118.03
Union Light Church .....	3.62
Leadington Church .....	73.00
Victory Church .....	50.00
Hurryville Church .....	60.85
Twin Oaks Church .....	5.03
Hickory Grove Church .....	14.05
First Church, Flat River .....	272.98
Mill Creek Church .....	10.22
Desloge Church .....	186.14
Copper Mines Church .....	44.37
Mine La Motte Church .....	10.00
New Hope Church .....	51.96
St. Louis Dist. Qtly. Mtg. ....	208.69
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**Disbursements:**

National Association of Free Will Baptists .....	\$1150.36
Missouri State Home Missions .....	325.93
Free Will Baptist Gem Fund .....	191.72
Missouri State Youth Camp .....	95.88
Missouri State General Fund .....	95.88
Missouri State Superannuation Fund .....	57.51
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The Cooperative Plan is the best plan for our Missouri Churches to use to support every phase of our work. When your church gives to the Missouri State Cooperative Plan they are supporting our Missouri State Home Missions Program; the Youth Camp; Superannuation; the Free Will Baptist Gem; the General Fund of the Missouri State Association. In addition the largest percentage of your gift is sent on to the National Association where it is used to support every department of the work of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This is a good system, especially for the small church, whereby one check supports every phase of the work. When enough churches support this plan then there will be enough for every phase of our work to operate.



# The Dance

Has the Leopard Changed his Spots?

By H. F. Gilbert, Author of "Death of Modesty"

(Rev. H. F. Gilbert is a retired missionary, having served under the ABFMS at Vanga, Belgian Congo, 1913-1916, and under the ABHMS at Walters, Oklahoma with the Comanche Indians, 1925-1951. He resides now at 1651 Elwood Avenue, Pomona, California.)

"Oh, Can God ever forgive me? Can God ever forgive me?" These words were wrung from the bleeding heart of a girl, as she continued, "Oh, If I just had never learned to dance." In an unguarded moment she had sacrificed her virtue, and she poured out her heart to her teacher.

This true incident has been duplicated in the experience of many a leader of our youth, and yet the dance has steadily gained in favor in our churches and church-related schools.

The author determined upon a survey of denominational colleges. Where can one better feel the pulse of the church than in these, fostered and maintained by the church, and to which, the loyal churches send their children and ministerial students to be educated, trained, and molded? If the colleges sanction dancing, then so do the churches which maintain them, or, if not today, then tomorrow. The conclusion is inevitable.

I secured a total of forty-one (41) catalogues and bulletins of denominationally-related colleges. I received also twenty-nine (29) personal letters from officers of administration of as many colleges, in reply to my inquiries on the dance question. My own denomination was covered by a complete survey, and a spot-check of colleges of three classes gave definite information. In the following report, dancing is understood to refer to the dance as a part of the social life with the approval of college authorities.

When I prepared to read the accumulated letters from the colleges of my own denomination, I selected first a bunch of letters from our "home mission colleges," for the most part, founded by our Home Mission Society, with an emphasis on education for ministers, and largely supported by that society during the years.

I was due for a shock. Every one of the "home mission schools" whose letters I opened has dancing! I am a

Rip Van Winkle. While I have slept, the leopard has changed his spots. The dance is no longer a part of "this vile world," but has become "a friend to grace to help me on to God"! The completed survey shows that of the seven "home mission colleges," all have dancing.

The rest of the colleges of my denomination ran as I had thought they would. Eleven of the thirteen colleges have dancing.

The spot-check of the colleges of the other old-line denominations showed that most of the colleges checked (except those of one denomination) have dancing.

The similar check of the colleges of the smaller and off-shoot denominations showed definite rules against dancing in some schools.

A like check of the colleges of the "holiness-type" denominations showed definite rules against dancing in all of the schools checked.

This study indicates a great change of attitude toward the dance has been, and is, taking place in our churches. The rules and regulations laid down by the "founding fathers" of our older colleges reflect the prevailing standards of the churches of their day. As revealed by this survey the college rules were strict, and the standards high. One quotation expresses the general thought of the founders: "To produce a maximum spiritual benefit to a perishing world."

Finding myself out of step with the apologists for the dance, I ask: "Has the leopard really changed his spots? Has human nature changed, or is the change due to the lack of conviction and spiritual insight in the membership of our churches today?"

Let us look at the arguments, which, in the past, were advanced against the dance, when the evangelist devoted one of his sermons to the evils of the world, of which, the dance was a major one. There were three main lines of thought: Dancing is based on sex and

awakens sex passions; Dancing is opposed to Scripture teaching; Dancing is inconsistent with the Christian life.

Accepting these arguments as valid, the church, expected one who claimed "conversion," to refrain from the dance. The growth of the church in popularity and wealth in large measure accounts for the great change that has taken place. As the line between the church and the world has become more and more dim, it has become easier to accept the dance than to purify the church.

But how has the church disposed of these arguments to which it once subscribed? Largely by silence. Neither pastor nor evangelist mentions the dance. It is assumed that without instructions, a "convert" will satisfy his conscience and his God.

But where opposition to the dance has been insistent, the arguments have been met point by point, by the proponents of dancing. "True," say they, "both sexes participate in the dance, but positions taken in the dance are not 'vulgar, tempting, indecent, arousing passions,' if participants and observers are pure in thought. If chaperoned, possible evils of the dance are avoided." "A reinterpretation of the Scriptures quoted against the dance, say the dance advocates, shows that the world is really good, not bad, that the dance, instead of being part of a 'vile world,' is essentially good, not only harmless, but positive in its goodness."

"And," they continue, "the dance is not inconsistent with the Christian life. It is only inconsistent with the 'blue laws of a narrow church.' Unreasonable rules have made it appear bad."

But my mind refuses to thus dispose of the question. I cannot go along with those who refuse to see harm in the dance. Let us consider the points once accepted by the church against it.

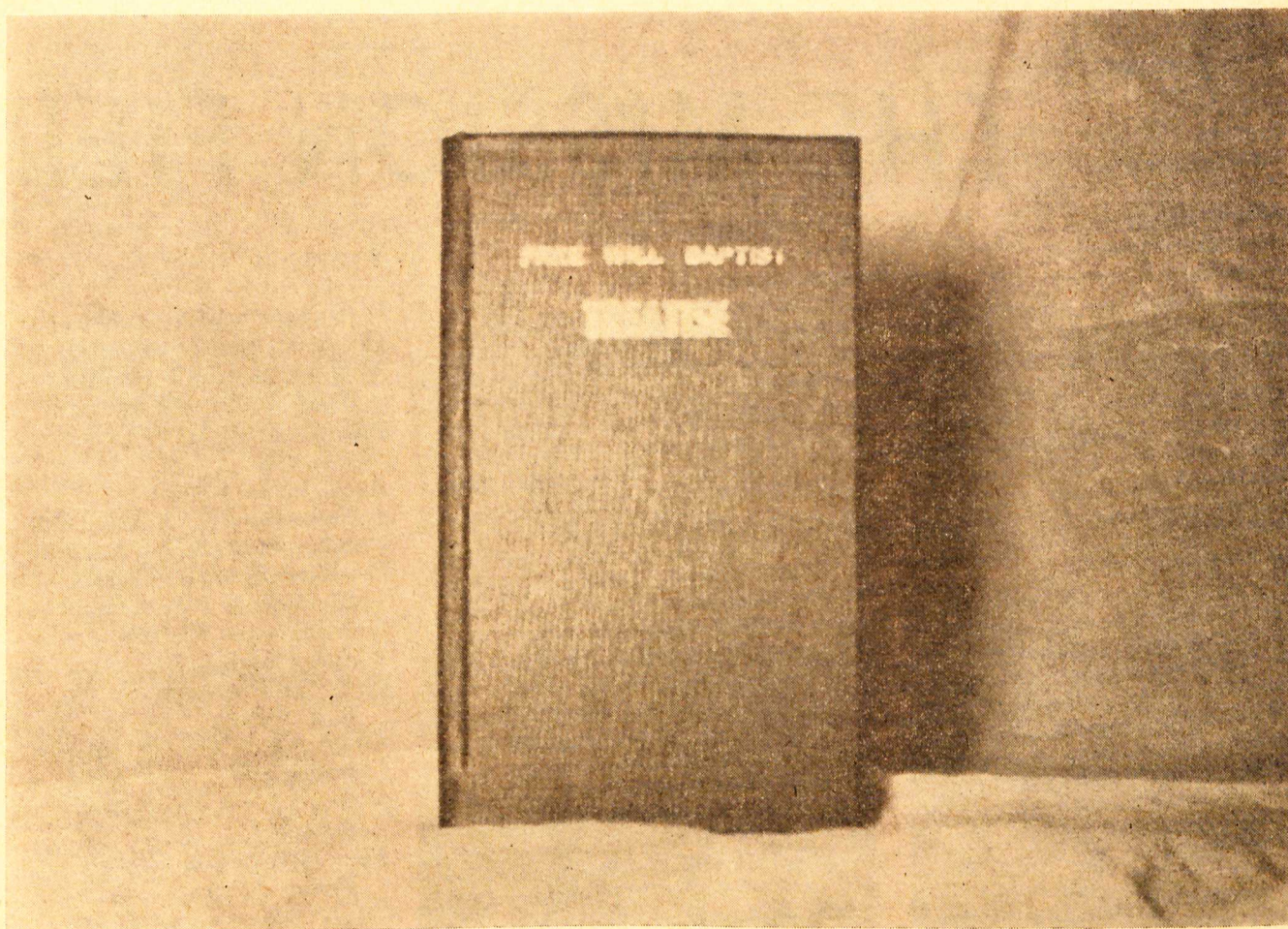
That the dance is based on sex cannot successfully be denied. No other

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Be sure to Read this shocking but true report about Dancing.

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# THE MISSION FIELD



## THE FULCHERS ENTER LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN COSTA RICA

The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher flew from New Orleans, La., April 25, for Costa Rica and language study in preparation for missionary service in Uruguay.

The Fulchers carried with them their 15-month old son, Billy. They will be in language study for the next nine months.

Mr. Fulcher, a native of Aurora, North Carolina, is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. His wife, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, also attended the denomination's school in Nashville. Mr. Fulcher pastored in North Carolina prior to his appointment as missionary to Uruguay.

Uruguay is the seventh foreign field into which the Free Will Baptist missionary program has reached. This South American country, sandwiched between Brazil, Argentina, and the Atlantic Ocean, is about the size of North Dakota with two and one-half million population.



The Fulchers will enter the May 1 session of language study at the Spanish Language School in San Jose. The Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman are currently enrolled in study there.

The Fulchers will serve in Uruguay with the Paul Robinsons who are awaiting visas. The Robinsons plan to go directly to Uruguay.

The Fulchers' mailing address is: Caixa Postal 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

March, 1961

Cooperative Plan of Support	\$290.03
First F. W. B. Church, Lebanon	25.00
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	113.20
Leadington F. W. B. Church, Leadington	35.00
Anonymous	5.00
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	90.72
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre	45.00
Marvin A. Mills, Winigan	7.00
Oak Grove Church Sunday	

School Class, Mtn. Grove..	10.00
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Rock Chapel Church, Norwood .....	66.60
Number One Church .....	26.30
Overland F. W. B. Church, St. Louis .....	108.43
Grant Avenue Y. P. A., Springfield .....	5.00
Rev. Carl Postlewait, Mtn. Grove .....	12.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. League, Springfield .....	10.00
Missouri State Association, St. Louis .....	20.91
Free Will Baptist Church, Fredericktown .....	75.00
Laura Bell Barnard Circle, Monett .....	5.00
Edith Gibson, Desloge .....	5.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River ..	1.00
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley ..	100.00
Faith F. W. B. Church, Lemay	5.76
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Fellowship F. W. B. Church, Flat River .....	135.00
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Anonymous .....	15.00
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Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove ....	2.00
Willow Springs Church, Mtn. Grove .....	8.12
Leadington F. W. B. Church, Leadington .....	70.00
Beulah Midyett, St. Louis ....	10.00



Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Altis, Kansas City .....	22.00
Zelien Altis, Mtn. Grove .....	2.00
Dorsey Spencer, Lynchburg ..	10.00
Cooperative Plan of Support ..	226.61
W. N. A. C. ....	15.00
Total .....	\$1957.05

### Baptists Report On Cuba Crusade

Atlanta, Ga. (MNS) — Evangelistic crusades in 92 Baptist churches and missions of Cuba have resulted in 5,166 conversions in four months. "This was the finest series of crusades Cuba has had," said Herbert Caudill of Havana, Superintendent of Cuba Missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

All but three of the Baptist churches affiliated with the mission board took part in the crusade. Meetings started in November and ended in March, with none held in December.

### Missionary Engineering-Missionary Aviation Fellowship Merger Announced

Houghton, N. Y. (MNS)—It has been announced here that Missionary Engineering and Missionary Aviation Fellowship will begin integration procedures on June 1. In announcing the merger plans, Gordon G. Sanders, general director of Missionary Engineering, said that "the basic direction, motive and purpose of Missionary Engineering will not only be continued, but blessed with the added impetus of a well-qualified mission of like mind." He also observed that "flying and communications go hand in hand and complement one another in multiplying the missionary."

Missionary Engineering's present office in Houghton will be closed by June 1 and the office equipment and personnel will be transferred to the offices of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

### Medical Men Return From Africa Tour

Oak Park, Ill. (MNS) — Speaking for the Christian Medical Society representatives who have just completed a tour of ten African countries, J. Raymond Knighton said that "probably the greatest area of future medical missionary work is in the field of medical education." He stressed the urgency of training African medical personnel to meet future needs for medical service in the newly formed countries.

Mr. Knighton, accompanied by Drs. Everett Koop and Gustave A. Hemwall, visited medical establishments of

20 missionary organizations, eight university and government hospitals, and six medical schools.

### Student Ministry In Tokyo

Tokyo (MNS) — A part of the Greater Tokyo Crusade in May will be a special ministry to the 300,610 students enrolled in the city's 156 universities. This specialized effort will be under the direction of Bill Bright, founder-director of Campus Crusade for Christ. Working with him will be a team of experienced campus workers.

### Missionaries Serving Under E. F. M. A. Reach New High

Grand Rapids, Mich. (MNS)—The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association meeting here in its 16th annual convention April 11-14 received two missionary agencies into membership bringing the total of missionaries serving under its member boards to 5,586. The two new members are the Latin America Mission, Bogota, New Jersey (145 missionaries), and the Pilgrim Church Foreign Department, Indianapolis, Indiana (118 missionaries).

Mission executives gathered for the convention heard Rev. David Adeney, Far East secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, declare that foreign missions today must find a way to reach the teeming millions of young people who have been swept up in great social, economic and political changes. He recommended that missionaries give close attention to encouraging Christian university students to carry on an effective witness on their campuses. Training courses designed to prepare these students as leaders should be conducted, Mr. Adeney said, in strategic areas where there are large concentrations of students.

Joe Weatherly, overseas vice president of Gospel Films, Inc., further emphasized the opportunities of work among the youth of the world by telling how the teen-agers of Singapore had been trained for witnessing and had reached large segments of that city's population.

Rev. James Kiefer, general director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, continued the theme of the "Challenge of Youth on the Mission Field" by reporting on the work of his organization among the children of all nations.

### Plans Progressing For Tokyo Crusade

Tokyo, Japan (MNS)—The Tokyo City Council has made the Meiji Audi-

torium available for the Christian Crusade to be held here May 6 to June 5. A contract has also been signed for nationwide television coverage of the crusade for 30 minutes each week on 17 stations.

More than 600 churches in the Greater Tokyo area have joined hands for this mighty soul-winning effort in a culture 99½ per cent non-Christian. Thousands of Japanese Christians have been undergoing weeks of intensive counselor training, and many hundreds of others have been preparing to sing in the nightly 1000-voice choir.

In addition to the nightly evangelistic meetings, a special ministry will be directed toward the more than 300,000 university students in this city. The month-long crusade is expected to attract thousands to the Meiji Auditorium.

Dr. Bob Pierce, evangelist for the Tokyo Crusade, has issued this urgent prayer request: "The May 6—June 5 Tokyo Christian Crusade represents a thrilling venture of faith on the part of the church in Japan. Well over 600 churches in the Greater Tokyo area have joined hands for this mighty soul-winning venture... and they plead with the church throughout the rest of the world to stand with them in earnest, believing prayer. I am humbly grateful for this opportunity of helping them minister to the world's largest city, and I add to their's my fervent plea for prayer."

### Missionaries At Manaus, Brazil To Return To Stations

Manaus, Brazil (MNS)—After being released from trumped-up charges by the Brazilian Army (see MNS, March 1), missionaries of the New Tribes Mission have been forbidden to return to their stations in the border areas of Brazil's hinterland.

The army maintains that an old colonial law forbids foreigners to live within 150 kilometers (about 100 miles) of international borders without special permission from the National Security Commission. The Commission will determine whether missionaries are going to be permitted in the area.

It has been reported that the Un-evangelized Fields Mission, working in the territory of Rio Branco, has been prohibited from operating in areas near the international frontiers and has pulled its operations back to the city of Boa Vista pending action by the National Security Commission in Rio de Janeiro.



# National Association to Convene in Norfolk, Va.

**HUNDREDS TO  
ATTEND THIS  
HISTORIC 25TH  
SESSION**

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**FIRST MODERATOR  
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SPEAKER**

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REV. WILLIAM HILL  
WILL SPEAK AT  
WEDNESDAY  
MORNING  
WORSHIP HOUR**

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CONVENTION**

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DATES  
JULY 10-13**

History will be made when the National Association of Free Will Baptists convenes in Norfolk, Virginia, for its 25th session. Much planning and preparation has gone into the convention which marks another milestone in our progress. It is our earnest desire that you share with us and that God will make this convention a rich blessing to each of our hearts.

Norfolk — our convention city — is the industrial, historic and scenic hub of Tidewater, Virginia. Although it is Virginia's largest city in both size and industrial potential, Norfolk still retains its distinct old-world charm. Norfolk is fast becoming one of America's most popular tourist resorts. A must on any sight-seeing itinerary is a visit to Norfolk's beautiful Municipal Gardens, the Norfolk Naval Base, where super-carriers, guided missile cruisers and supersonic jets make up the largest concentration of Naval strength in the world, and a drive to the Atlantic Ocean.

For convention meetings, the Municipal Auditorium in downtown Norfolk has been secured. The Golden Triangle Hotel and Motel within walking distance of the auditorium has been designated as the Headquarters hotel.

In keeping with the historical significance of our 25th session, our program will be flavored with a review of progress. The overall theme will be "Committed to the Changeless Christ in A Changing World."

On Tuesday night, the opening service of our convention, a pageant will be given depicting the progress of our National Association. This has been especially written and prepared for the occasion and will be an event you must not miss.

Wednesday morning the Rev. William Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan, will be our speaker. His theme will be "Commitment to Christ."

The missionary service on Wednesday night will have as its theme "Faith-

fulness to the Great Commission" and will feature all of our pioneer missionaries—Miss Bessie Yeley, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, and Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey.

The final worship hour will carry out the theme "Loyalty to the Church" with Rev. John L. Welch of Nashville, Tennessee, as the speaker. Bro. Welch served as the first moderator of our present-day National Association.

Other special features of the convention will be the special music planned by Mr. Don Clark of Free Will Baptist Bible College, a dutch-treat dinner for all the pastors and their wives on Tuesday evening, an early morning prayer service on Wednesday morning, and the annual Layman's breakfast on Thursday morning. Mr. T. E. McCully, president of the Christian Business Men's Committee and father of Ed McCulley who was martyred in south America by the Auca Indians, will be the featured speaker at this breakfast.

This session of the National Association which will open on Tuesday night, July 11, will be preceded by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Their convention will open on Monday night, July 10. The sessions are scheduled to continue through Thursday afternoon, July 13.

Every church should insist that their pastor attend and should arrange to help with his expenses. The business of the denomination is the business of every pastor and elected delegate. Churches should take advantage of the opportunity to have their own delegate at the convention. Forms available from the Executive Department are provided to designate the delegate from your church.

The State Association of Virginia extends to you a cordial invitation to come and share in this time of blessing. The local arrangements committee has been hard at work and will do everything possible to make your visit to Norfolk a pleasant one. May they greet and welcome you?



## THE DANCE

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institution, outside of marriage, depends on the participation of both sexes, and while human nature is human nature, such positions would, in any situation, other than family relationships, be taken only for the sex thrill. By what mental alchemy does this physical juxtaposition of the sexes become harmless in the dance?

And here we may ask: "What part might this institution—the dance—have in the sex debacle of this generation?" This debacle may be shown by one quotation from a news item: "Pregnancy among unmarried adolescent girls is increasing, possibly influenced by teen-age tolerance toward sexual activity," a government worker, Mrs. Katherine Brownell Oettinger, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau said. "The rate of motherhood per 1000 unmarried women tripled between 1940 and 1956" (quoting from an item in the Progress-Bulletin of Pomona, Calif.)

Statistics attest that we are living in a constant sex-atmosphere in the social life of America today. In checking all possible causes of this sex-atmosphere, I would name as an A-1 cause—the dance—an institution depending for its very existence, on the pairing of the sexes with physical contact.

Let us quote some of those Scripture passages against which, the dance has opposed itself: "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate; Make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof: Whosoever therefore is a friend of the world, is an enemy of God; Follow holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; To keep himself unspotted from the world; But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified."

These Scripture quotations, with large numbers of others, and the great teachings embedded in them, with an honest interpretation, give nothing but condemnation for the dance. That divine institution—the church—must not tolerate this institution of the world—the dance.

Dancing is inconsistent with the individual Christian life. If I am a dancing church member, I profess that I am born again, and yet I dance. I know that I must strive after holiness—yet I dance with the world that crucified Him. This inconsistency escapes criticism in large measure, for worldliness is a theme not used in the pulpit today.

I cannot change the convictions,  
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## The Poet's Corner

### THE BUILDER

A builder builded a temple'  
He wrought it with grace and skill.

Pillars and groins and arches,  
All fashioned to work His will.  
Men said as they saw its beauty.

"It shall never know decay.  
Great is thy skill, O builder!  
Thy fame shall endure for aye!"

A teacher builded a temple  
With loving and infinite care,  
Planning each arch with patience,  
Laying each stone with prayer,  
None praised her ceaseless efforts,  
None knew the hidden plan. . .  
For the temple the teacher builded  
Was unseen by the eye of man.  
Gone is the builder's temple,  
Crumbled into dust;

Low lies each stately pillar,  
Food for consuming rust.  
But the temple the teacher builded  
Will last while the ages roll,  
For that beautiful unseen temple  
Is a child's immortal soul!

—Anonymous

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

You can worship the Lord on a lake  
With a fishing pole by your side,  
Or out in the wide open spaces  
On a ranch, with a horse to ride,  
But don't you think it possible  
To serve Him better in a Church?  
Than, lying on a sand bar

In the shade of a tall cool birch?  
Can you win a soul to Jesus  
Out on a lake in a boat?  
If you can really do that  
God bless you as you float.  
But I think you could have more influence

Serving in the house of God,  
Than sitting on a river bank  
Holding a reel and rod.  
We need the recreation,  
But we need to serve Him too,  
May God bless and help us  
To do what we ought to do.

—Wilbur Wagenknecht  
730 Wheeling  
Kansas City, Mo.

### ON TO CAMP

(Dedicated to the workers and all young people attending summer Bible conferences and camps.)

On to camp each summer,  
On to camp we go,  
There to learn of Jesus  
And how He loves us so.  
On to camp each summer,  
To listen from above  
To the sweet old Gospel Story  
Of Jesus and His love.  
On to camp each summer,  
Come and join the fun,  
Of playing games and swimming  
And then a race to run.  
On to camp each summer,  
The bright spot of the year,  
We learn of Jesus' power  
To banish doubt and fear.  
On to camp each summer,  
Come and go with me,  
You'll receive a mighty blessing  
If you doubt it, come and see.

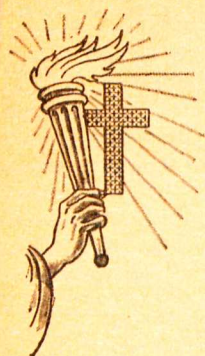
—Clifford Lewis

### THE COW AND THE PIG

Have you ever heard about the conversation between a pig and a cow? It seems that the pig was lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about the cow's gentleness and kind eyes. He admitted that the cow gave milk and cream but would remind her that pigs gave bacon and ham, lard, and pickled feet. He demanded the reason for people's lack of appreciation for pigs. The cow thought a while and sad, "Maybe it's because I give while I'm still living."

Some day we will all give all we have to someone else; for we shall all stand on yonder shores of eternity stripped of every earthly possession. Give while you live and it will be added to your credit in God's tally book.





# Woman's Auxiliary

## FROM LIBERAL:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Hannon Free Will Baptist Church is reporting for the months, January, February and March. In January we began making plans for Vacation Bible School. Election of officers was held for the year. President, Betty Selvey; vice-president, Reba Rouse; secretary and treasurer, Irene Thomas; Youth Chairman, Alice Hoover and Virginia Burton; Study Course Chairman, Jean Crockett; Personal Service Chairman, Eloise Thornton; Prayer Program, Margaret Smith; Devotional Leader, Jean Crockett. It was decided to answer roll call with a Bible verse this year.

In February roll call was answered with a Bible verse by 8 members. An offering of \$10.00 was sent to Foreign Missions as last year's Christmas gift. A soup supper was planned at the Bart Rhoden home as the social for the month. In March we made plans for our pre-Easter services which were held Sunday night, March 26. A Vacation Bible School training meeting at Joplin, Missouri was attended by 4 members of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary purchased new window shades for the church.

## FROM WEST PLAINS:

April 11 the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptists in West Plains, Missouri met at the church with 10 members and 2 visitors present. Opening song, "Wonderful Words of Life." Prayer by Ella James. Scripture read by Claudia Combs. The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison by the group. The lesson, "The Book That Lives" was directed by Louise Lewis. Topic I: "We Are to Believe the Word," by Lillian Brooks; Topic II: "We Are to Obey the Word," by Grace Stiphen; Topic III: "We Are to Know the Word," by Addie Adkisson; Topic IV: "We Are to Hold the Word," by Willie Mae McVay; Topic V: "We Are to Live the Word," by Ella James. The lesson was very interesting and well given. Prayer by Hattie Sims.

In our business, each officer gave good reports. It was voted to give \$25.00 to our church building funds. Monday night, April 17, was set for a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Lola Witzell. Plans were made for 2 cottage prayer meetings at the old folks home. It was voted to send \$5.00 for foreign missions. It was voted to have a family night supper on May 6. Some plans were made for our V. B. S. and Claudia Combs is to be V. B. S. supervisor. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Laugle. Refreshments were furnished by Willie Mae McVay and Helen Peterson.

Hattie Sims, Cor. -Sec.

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary are still meeting semi-monthly to do what we can for the Missionary cause. Several of our Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliaries met at the Leadington Church for study of our Auxiliary Manual. We were led by Mrs. Bernice Dodd. The study course was most informative and interesting. Dinner was served for all and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. We observed the pre-Easter meetings in various homes and at the church on Wednesday night. The average attendance was 21, and our week's offering was given to Home Missions. A great interest was shown in every service but on Friday night the meeting was outstanding. A playlet, "The Challenge of the Cross," was given by some of the women of the Auxiliary and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Our last meeting was April 6, at the church. Our study from the Co-Laborer was the "Book That Lives." May we never cease to study God's Word and to meditate upon the wonderful thoughts it reveals unto us. Let us work for the night is coming.

Anna Lincoln, Cor. -Sec.

## FROM BERKELEY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Berkeley would like to report that we are enjoy-

ing the Co-Laborer magazine very much. The lessons are wonderful and the information about the different missionaries each quarter make us feel we know them personally and we have a greater desire to pray for and give our money to them. There were 16 present at the last meeting. The report was that we have given \$45.00 to the national project. We had the privilege along with the Master's Men, to serve refreshments for a small going away social for Billy and Glenda Fulcher, our missionaries to South America. They received several nice gifts. We also attended the workshop at the South Side Church. We felt we'd never been to a more enjoyable meeting. There was a wonderful program and we were certainly blessed for being there. There were 9 women and 6 children present from our church. We are surely looking forward to our next workshop.

Jackie Huckaba, Cor. -Sec.

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist ladies met at the Flat River Church, March 30, 1961 with 8 members and 4 children present. The theme was, "Because Christ Lives... He Is Coming Again." Hymn, "I Gave my Life for Thee," Lucille Wilt led in prayer. Scripture reading, 1 Thess. 4:13-18 given by Edith Brooks. Business period, Bernice Dodd. Program period, Edith Brooks. Hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." "The Message of Easter" by Lucille Wilt. Reading, "Tragedy and Triumph," by Mrs. Hilderbrand. Topic, "Work! For Christ Returneth," by Mrs. Turley. An Easter poem was given by Mrs. Milburn. Solo by Doris Raper. Poem, "The Calvary Road," by Edith Brooks. Story, "The Promise of Easter," by Bernice Dodd. Hymn "Near the Cross." Benediction by Ratchel Milburn. In the afternoon we had a song, "Prayer Changes Things," and an altar service for revival.

Mrs. Gerald Getz, Cor. -Sec.



# The Program- Prayer Chairman

By

Elaine Spurgeon  
State Stewardship  
Prayer Chairman

Mrs. Program-Prayer Chairman, great are your opportunities. To take advantage of these opportunities you must be prepared not only by information but also by inspiration. These can be secured only through study and prayer. One of your most important tasks is the setting forth of an exemplar prayer life. In this way you can encourage prayer in the lives of others. You must believe that your job is important, that it is the Lord's work. Your's is a position of trust, given to you not only by the women in your auxiliary but by the Lord. It is most important that you be found faithful to this trust.

The privilege of planning the monthly programs given in the Co-Laborer Magazine is the program-prayer chairman's. There you have basic material for the program and suggestions on how to present it. However the presented program should offer something more than what the women have read from their Co-Laborer. Take advantage of all your sources of material. Keep your old Year Books and Co-Laborer Magazines to refer to at various times. You can find helpful information in our own periodicals, as well as other Christian literature. Some of the things that prove useful to the program are missionary films, drama, illustrated maps, and pictures. The use of a native costume or food can prove interesting in a missionary program.

There are different ways the program can be presented such as panel discussion or panel of experts, a radio or television program, conversation over the telephone as a skit, or the program could be given in the form of a debate using outstanding (fictitious) personalities. The use of variety in the program will keep your auxiliary look-

ing forward to the next meeting with anticipation.

Plan your program weeks in advance; this will enable the participants to have plenty of time to prepare their parts. Keeping the needs of your auxiliary in mind, adapt the material and presentation to your local situation.

The use of attractive posters announcing the meeting will do much to arouse the interest of the women in the church that are not active members of the auxiliary.

You, the program-prayer chairman, are responsible for point seven on the Standard of Achievement Chart; that is "All prayer seasons and weeks of prayer as suggested by the WNAC should be engaged in and offerings received."

The weeks of prayer are to be observed the week preceding Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas of each year. Much prayer and planning must go into the preparation of these prayer programs, but as a result the women of the auxiliary will be brought into a closer fellowship with the Lord and have a greater vision for missions.

If it is extremely difficult for the members to attend a full week, attractive folders with Scripture references and definite objects of prayer for each day may be distributed among the members and then at the end of the week they can come together for a program and the giving of their offerings.

The program-prayer chairman should strive to enlist each member of the auxiliary in the special prayer fellowship hour. At this time women throughout our denomination are

praying for the same things. God honors such prayer for He tells us in His word, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:19. A prayer calendar is given in the Co-Laborer Magazine.

Too much cannot be said about the need for family altars in the home today. The home, more than school, church, or amusement center, determines character. It is the combined personal character and integrity of individuals that determines our Nation's future. It is in the home that the pattern of life is established and destiny determined. "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. What is the way to bring up a child? Jesus replied to Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

According to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the rising tide of juvenile delinquency is in direct ratio to the breakdown of family altars in America.

You, Madame Chairman, can do something about this: you have the responsibility of promoting family altars in the homes of the members of your church. Here again you must know from personal experience the value of having a family altar. In order to promote family altars you must have one in **your own home**.

First, make a survey in your church to see how many families are having a time of Bible reading and prayer in

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# LETTERS *to the Editor*

Woman's Auxiliary of the First  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Mountain Grove, Missouri  
April 28, 1961

Rev. Roger C. Reeds  
3120 Mt. Pleasant St.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Dear Brother Reeds,

I am sending a report for publication on the work of Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church have been greatly blessed since adopting the budget plan at the beginning of the fiscal year. To the present time we have been able to send \$133.95 to the national project, \$27.64 to the Student Loan Fund, \$27.64 to Co-Labor, and \$27.64 to Tithes. We praise God for His many blessings as we labor together for Him.

Woman's Auxiliary of  
First Free Will Baptist  
Church  
Donna Wade, Treas.

Dear Co Workers,

Greetings in Jesus' name from the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church. We are all very happy in the Lord and we are very thankful for the many blessings He has bestowed to us.

On Saturday night, March 25, Bro. George Wood and the Jubilee quartette visited our church with a nice service. The quartette sang several beautiful Hymns and then Bro. Wood showed pictures on the activities of the different churches in the St. Louis area. Then after the service everyone enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. We all felt it was good to be in the House of God.

Our work is growing and many of the Junior children are being saved in the Sunday School. Sister Elsie Schuttle is the Junior teacher, and she is doing a wonderful job teaching these children the Word of God. We thank the Lord for her. We still have Rev. Dale Skiles as our pastor. We are so grateful for Bro. Skiles and Elaine and their little daughter, Crystel, who is 11 months old and they are doing a good work for the Lord. We had real good Easter Services beginning the day with sunrise service at 6 a. m.

and ending the day with the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

Jesus is a wonderful Saviour to all. Praise His name. Pray for us and may the Lord bless all.

Sophia Ackerson, Reporter

Thursday morning  
April 5, 1961

Dear Bro. Reeds,

Recently the Free Will Baptist Ministers of Greater Kansas City organized a Free Will Baptist Ministerial Fellowship. Monthly meetings will be held. The present membership numbers 10 ministers. Officers elected were:

James McAllister, President  
Glenn Rehkop, Vice President  
Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey, Sec-Treas.  
Elmer D. Russell, Public Relations  
Other members are: Ralph Cook, D. T. Eaves, Jack McAllister, Earnest Bailey, and Woodrow Matthews. The committees are:

Inter-Church Activities — Glenn Rehkop, Chairman  
Program — Woodrow Matthews, Chairman

Hope you can use this in the Gem.  
Sincerely Yours,  
Elmer D. Russell

## OBITUARY

Nellie Rachel Walbert, daughter of the late John and Mary Ridenour was born at Richwoods, Missouri on March 25, 1873 and departed this life at the Bonne Terre nursing home, Bonne Terre, Mo. on April 1, 1961 having reached the age of 88 years and 6 days. She was united in marriage to Louis Walbert in 1888 and 3 children came to bless this union. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Henry who passed away in 1902 and one daughter Clara who passed away in 1911.

She is survived by one son, Lee E. Walbert, 5 grand children and 8 great grand children and many other relatives and friends.

She became a Christian many years ago, later uniting with the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until the Lord called her to her Eternal Home. A kind and loving mother and grandmother, she will be sadly missed by her loved ones and friends.

Rev. Floyd Arnold officiated at the

funeral with Casey and Lenox in charge. Burial was in Horriner Cemetery in Richwoods.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Leona Josephine (Price) Smith, daughter of A. W. and Rebecca Venable Price, was born March 11, 1902 at Mine La Motte, Missouri, and passed away at her home at Patton, Mo., R. R. 1, on April 17, 1961, at the age of 59 years, one (1) month and six (6) days.

April 18, 1928, she was united in marriage to Julius Edward Smith, and to this union six (6) children were born.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Rebecca (Mrs. Clinton Fulton) Scotsdale, Arizona; Lela (Mrs. Edward Shrum) Granite City, Ill.; and Bobbie Kay, of the home; three sons, Julius Edward Jr. and John Paul, both of Granite City, Ill., and Loyd Newton, Patton, Mo.; a twin brother, Leo Price, Union, Mo., and seven (7) grand-children.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Old Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday (April 19, 1961) 2:00 p. m. at the Old Bethel Church, Patton, Mo., R. R. 1. Burial in Old Bethel Cemetery. Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Kansas City, Mo., officiating minister.

## THE DANCE

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which as a Christian, I have always held against the dance. I cannot look upon the dance floor without saying, "Here is a battlefield upon which many a Christian character has been wounded, even unto death, with the odds all against the Christian." I cannot stifle the agonized cry of the girl with whose story I began this article, "Oh! If I just had never learned to dance."

Standards of churches have changed; rules of their colleges have changed; the leopard's spots have been painted over: but human nature has not changed; the dance is still evil; the leopard has not changed his spots.

(Copies in tract form will be sent free in limited quantities, or in any quantity at 2c each post paid (cost). Address author, H. F. Gilbert, 1651 Elwood Avenue, Pomona, California. Give name, denomination, and number of copies desired.)



## FROM ST. LOUIS:

The Marie Hanna Auxiliary of the Third Church in St. Louis met for their regular meeting on April 20th with thirteen members and two visitors present. The program, "The Book that Lives," was enjoyed by each one present. Refreshments were served after the program. Several of the ladies attended the workshop at the South Side Church on April 13th. Our Auxiliary had a part on the program. I believe each one present received a blessing from being there. On Tuesday night, April 18th, the Auxiliary sponsored a cottage prayer meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stone who has been unable to attend services for sometime. Saturday, April 30th, there will be a study course on Stewardship at the church taught by Mrs. Lester Jones. We are having a special program for our next meeting on May 18th. We would be happy to have visitors from any of the other churches that would like to come. The program will be of special interest to people working with children and young people.

E. Hanbury, Cor. -Sec.

THE PROGRAM-PRAYER  
CHAIRMAN

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their homes. Talk to your pastor about your plan of work asking for suggestions and engage his co-operation.

A good way to promote the family altar is to have a family night at the church. With the aid of the pastor and the program-prayer committee, plan a family night urging all the families to attend. Prepare attractive posters publicizing this important event. A good way of presenting such a program is to have a carry-in supper, afterwards featuring a program on, "CHRISTIAN WORSHIP IN THE HOME." The program may consist of a play, skit, readings, or a film such as, "Faith of our Families." After which the pastor might give a brief message on the subject. This would be a good time to give out tracts on "The Family Altar." You can order these from the, Family Altar League, 108 North Dearborn St., Chicago 2, Ill.

By giving a personal report at each monthly meeting of the auxiliary of the activities of the past month, and a brief preview of the coming activities you can keep the auxiliary informed and looking forward to good programs.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1960 - 61

	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	73			
Copper Mines .....	88	90	86	89	81	88	95	87	97			
Fellowship, Flat River .....	209	202	201	198	198	188	202	201	196			
Leadington .....	84	75	76	90	96	91	77	83	80			
Farmington .....	89	91		77	83	82	76	77	81			
Fourth, Maplewood .....	59	54	57	59	50	40	48	57				
Pleasant Grove .....												
Berkeley City .....	157	177	215	211	266	218	217	222	211			
Richwoods .....	68	70	65	62	62	58	47	52	55			
Hannon .....	54	41	50	49	46	34	49	56	45			
Joplin .....	70	74	75	82	76	70	89	76				
Kirkville .....	93	85	83	76	83	81	80	83	79			
Grant Ave., Springfield ...	85	90	84	87	93	84	102	105	106			
Hazel Creek .....		47	42	38	46	47	51	47				
Twin Oak .....	71	55	55	55	59	52	52	55	52			
South Side Church .....	136	152	140	162	135	151	146	141	140	146		
New Hope, Kansas City ...	82	83	87	109	96	88	100	109	98			
Mine La Motte .....	41	49	50	41	40	41	29	22	39			
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	60			
Overland Church .....	113	114	134	142	161	131	142	146	144			
Third Church, St. Louis ...							99	109				
First Church, Flat River ...												
Myrtle .....	63	58	64	64	67	59	61	61				
Crystal City .....	25	31	32	27	26	20	21	22	23	35		
Bethel, West Plains .....	96	96	103	97	105	114	126	139				
Salem .....	29	23										
Desloge .....	93	91	90	99	106	114	109	105	114			
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	116	119	118			



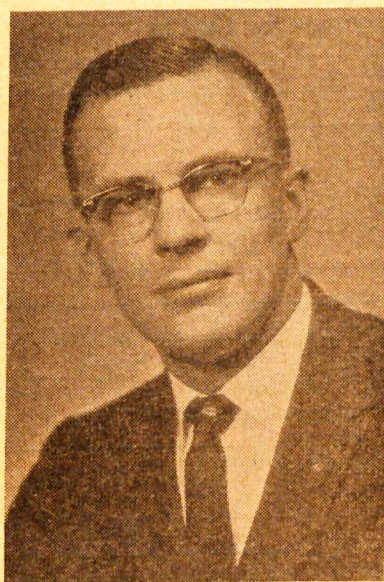
# EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

## 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:

Fellowship .....	Rev. James Earl Raper
Amity .....	Rev. Robert Carlson
Black Oak .....	Rev. Wm. Reeves
New Lebanon .....	Rev. Lavern Jones
Leadington .....	Rev. W. T. Turnbough
Copper Mines .....	Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle .....	Rev. Wayne Parsons
Kirksville .....	Rev. Lester Jones
Overland .....	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley .....	Rev. Harvey Hill
Joplin .....	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington .....	Rev. James Barker
Verdella .....	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods .....	Rev. Dale Skiles
Old Bethel .....	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion .....	
South Side .....	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer .....	Rev. E. Buchanon
Carterville .....	Rev. Archie Buress
Fredericktown .....	Rev. C. H. Burton
Pleasant Grove .....	
Martinstown .....	Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon .....	Rev. C. M. Hatfield
First, Flat River .....	Rev. Dale Jones
Alton .....	Rev. C. A. Dodson
Third, St. Louis .....	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem .....	
First, Waynesville .....	Rev. Cliff Bowman

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