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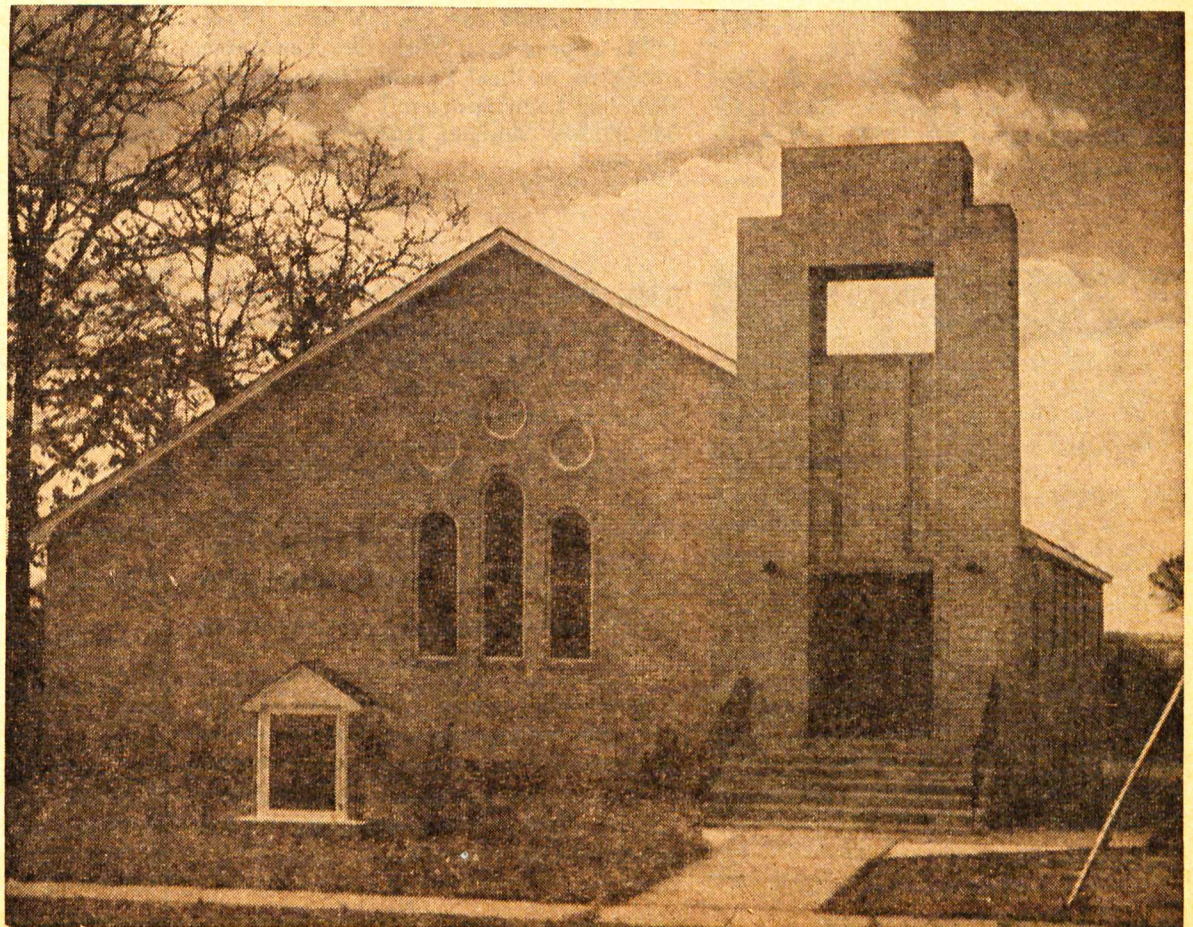
### FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri was organized on January 7, 1932, climaxing a revival which began on Thanksgiving night in 1931. Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. O. T. Allred were the evangelists for this revival. A number of other ministers also assisted in various ways in this revival. The revival meeting was held in a rented store building on Broadway with the exception of the last two weeks which were held in a rented church building at 3rd and Bond. The church continued to rent this building for two years after which the congregation purchased the building.

The church was organized with 24 charter members. Of this number there remains only one active member in the church at this time, (1962) she is Mrs. W. K. Weston.

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**COVER STORY... (Continued)**

There are others that came into the church before the revival closed who are still active in the church. They are: Mrs. Augusta Derrington (Matthews), Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alyea, Mrs. Hazel Williams, and Rev. W. K. Weston. But they were not charter members because the charter was closed at the time the church was organized.

Rev. O. T. Allred was called for the first pastor and continued as pastor until September 1, 1944. During the first year there were 96 additions to the church.

On February 25th, 1939 the church building at 3rd and Bond was paid for in full.

In 1942, the church building was completely remodeled. The church continued to grow. In 1953 the church voted to start a building project and in 1954, under the leadership of Rev. James Davis, the church sold the old church building and bought lots and built the present building. In January, 1955, the congregation moved into their new building.

In 1959, a building fund was started to build a parsonage and in 1960 a beautiful parsonage was built.

#### **PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THE CHURCH**

Rev. O. T. Allred was called for the first pastor and served from January, 1932 until September, 1944.

In September, 1944, Rev. C. B. Dees became the second pastor. Rev. Dees was also editor of the F. W. B. Gem at that time.

## **THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER**

The month of March has been a very busy month for me. I attended the Kansas City Quarterly Meeting and found this group moving forward for the Lord. Souls are being saved and added to their number. Most of these young churches are in a building program and are also supporting the Co-operative program. These churches stand as evidence of our Free Will Baptist Church and should challenge us to move into other cities throughout the whole state.

In 1945, Rev. W. K. (Bill) Weston was called. He was the third pastor and he served the church until 1950.

In 1950, Rev. Noel Greenway was called for pastor. Rev. Greenway at present is pastor of the Iron Heart Baptist Church east of Purdy, Missouri.

The fifth pastor was Rev. Cecil Campbell who was called in 1951 and served the church until 1954. Rev. Campbell is at present pastor of a F. W. B. church in New Bern, N. C.

In 1954, Rev. James Davis was called for pastor. He was the sixth pastor and he served the church until 1956. He is at present in Nashville, Tennessee going to medical school. His application has been approved for a Foreign Missionary Medical Doctor, as well as Minister.

I also attended the Liberty and Cave Springs Quarterly Meetings and found a gradual move toward the whole denominational program. Though some of our rural churches are small, they can still participate in the mission of preaching the Gospel unto the ends of the earth through the Co-operative Plan. With one offering, fifteen phases of our work is supported.

It is very gratifying to know that so many of our fine young men are answering the call to the ministry throughout our churches. Let us move forward together, maintaining the fundamental doctrine, and enlarge our vision to all lost men everywhere.

In 1956, the church called Rev. Luther Sanders for pastor. He was the seventh pastor and served the church until 1959 when he entered the Home Mission field. He and his family are at present serving as our F. W. B. missionaries in Waipahu, Hawaii.

In May of 1959, the church called the present pastor, Rev. Thomas (Tommy) Day.

Many have acknowledged their call to the ministry and have been ordained by the church. Among them are: Rev. W. K. Weston, Rev. James McCully, Rev. Otto Mackey, Rev. Gene McCully, Rev. Tommy Carlson, and Rev. Gary Terrell who are all active in the ministry.

At present there is a membership of 160 in the church, and 136 enrolled in the Sunday School.



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# Congregational Church Government Upheld

by

**James Earl Raper**

The long awaited answer has come. The great principle of Congregational Government was upheld, and the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church gets its property back.

For three weeks a jury of twelve (12) men listened to arguments as to which group was entitled to the church property. There were two groups; one designated the "James A. Miles Faction," the other the "J. G. Teasley Faction."

The Miles Faction, believing in Congregational government, was restrained from using the church by a "Restraining Order" served on them by the Teasley Faction and the Western Conference in North Carolina. On January 18, 1961 the Western Conference recognized the Teasley Faction as the true congregation of the church.

Being in a large majority, the Miles Faction said the local church is ruled by a majority vote in determining its internal affairs, while the Teasley Faction, being in the minority, said the Conference exercises authority over the local church. Therefore, the Conference and the Teasley Faction joined in a lawsuit to get the property from the majority group.

I attended part of this trial and will share some of the highlights of it with you. For 21½ years I was a pastor in this Conference and saw these developments.

## Witnesses

Rev. W. A. Hales from Richmond, Va., testified that "there is no question that the Conference of which a church is a member has authority over that church."

Rev. Floyd Cherry, former pastor of Edgemont Church, testified that "the Conference was accepted as the authority over local churches."

Rev. Stephen Smith, President of North Carolina State Convention, pointed out that "when a complaint is made by any church member to the Conference of which the church is a member, it is discussed between everyone concerned in private. If no solution is reached, the executive committee or board of ordination holds a trial."

Rev. Paul Kettelman, former pastor of Edgemont Church, stated "that there was a congregational form of Church Government at the church" while he was its pastor.

Rev. Henry Melvin, a former pastor of Edgemont Church, said, "when a majority of the members of a church vote to reject a Conference decision, the only action which may be taken by the Conference is to withdraw the 'hand of fellowship.'"

Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association, testified that nobody has the right to override the authority of the local church.

These are only a few of the witnesses for each side. Many others testified, but these represent basically the testimony of the others.

## Charges

In the beginning of this controversy charges were made against the pastor by the Teasley Faction. The pastor met with the Conference Executive Committee and Ordination Board at their request. They denied his request for a copy of the charges so he left the meeting. He never received a copy of the charges, nor was he ever advised of the names of his accusers, until the charges were introduced in court as evidence against him.

Later the pastor took a vote so the membership could express their desire concerning his remaining or resigning. The vote was 310 to 16 in favor of him

staying. Yet the minority could not be satisfied, but continued causing trouble. Finally some of them were voted out of the church and others were relieved of all their offices in the church.

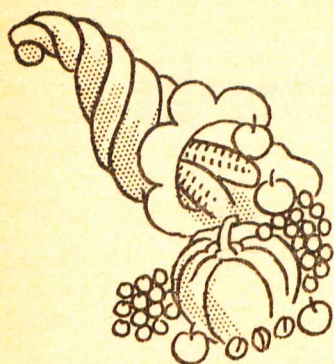
Up until this time the Edgemont Church was the largest church in the Conference, giving more money to denominational work than any other, and giving more money to foreign missions than the other 52 churches of the Conference put together. The church, however, did not support Mt. Olive Jr. College in North Carolina, and for this reason it has been suggested that this is why the Conference officials were so eager to intervene, hoping to gain financial support from the church for the school. This view is strengthened when you learn that the Conference Moderator was also, at that time, Business Manager of the school.

## S. B. I. Agent Testifies

An S. B. I. document expert made a study of letters sent to the pastor and the charges against him. Earlier the Conference Moderator testified that he typed the letters, but did not type the charges. The S. B. I. agent said he very definitely was of the opinion the letters and charges were all written on the same typewriter by the same person.

He based his findings on these four points: 1. The style and manufacture of the typewriter. 2. Malalignment of letters on the typewriter. 3. Defective characteristics of the typewriter. 4. The identity of impressions of the type or letters. He also made a microscopic examination of the letters. The Conference Moderator admitted he typed the letters to the pastor and church, but denied typing the charges although he confessed the charges were typed on his typewriter and his paper.

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# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



**Rev. Bill Ketchum**

### Available For Revivals

BIXBY, Okla.—

Rev. Bill Ketchum of Bixby, Oklahoma announces that he is available for revival meetings anywhere that the Lord and churches may call. Rev. Ketchum, who is entering the full-time evangelistic field, has held revivals throughout Oklahoma and in many other states. His address is:

Rev. Bill Ketchum  
Rte. 2  
Bixby, Oklahoma  
Phone PL. 6-3562

### Joplin Church Schedules Spring Revival

JOPLIN, Mo.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin is making plans for their spring revival which will begin April 23rd. The evangelist will be Rev. Robert Duck, pastor of the Neosho Free Will Baptist Church.

The Master's Men was organized at a meeting held at the church, February 19th. Officers elected were as follows: President, Otho Boyd; Membership Vice-President, Claud Hutchings; Program Vice-President, Wayne Largent; Activities Vice-President, Bill Haynes; Secretary and Treasurer, Fred Oxedine.

The program was presented by the pastor, Rev. Paul Williams. The Master's Men will meet monthly at the church. There are 15 charter members.

### McAdams to Celebrate Golden Anniversary HUNTSVILLE, Tex.—

You are requested to be present when—Bro. and Sis. McAdams will celebrate their GOLDEN WEDDING April the 19th in their home from 2 o'clock P. M. to 8 P. M. The committee suggests that we give them a love offering of money. It will prove a greater blessing than any thing we could give to these faithful servants of the Lord.

Send all gifts to H. M. and Lizzie McAdams, Route 3, Huntsville, Texas.

#### Committee:

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin  
Mrs. Mollie Lawlis  
Mrs. Naomi Koplin

### Reeds Resigns St. Louis Church

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—

Rev. Roger Reeds, pastor of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church for the past five years, has submitted his resignation effective June 10th. Rev. Reeds announces that his future plans are indefinite. The church has not called another pastor as yet.

### News From Neosho NEOSHO, Mo. —

The Neosho Free Will Baptist Church reports growth both numerically and spiritually. Plans are in the making of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. A weekly visitation program has been organized and a recently organized youth group meets once each month. The church publishes a weekly news-sheet called the "Voice."

Rev. Robert Duck, pastor of the church, was the evangelist for revival services at the Miami, Oklahoma Church where Rev. Carl Pollard is the pastor. He will be the evangelist at Joplin, Missouri in April where Rev. Paul Williams is the pastor.

### Paramore Schedule Announced GREENVILLE, N. C.—

Evangelist Jack Paramore announces twelve evangelistic meetings scheduled during the spring and summer months.

Seven states are included in Mr. Paramore's schedule. He will be holding campaigns in North Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi and South Carolina.

During 1961 the young evangelist spoke 441 times in 31 campaigns covering 47 weeks. The meetings included 15 one-week series and 16 two-week meetings. His schedule covered eight states from Michigan to Florida.

Recorded decisions for 1961 totaled 658. Not included in this number were several hundred rededications and mass consecrations. Evidence of real church revivals was seen in numerous places.

Evangelist Paramore recently purchased a tent which he plans to use in his ministry beginning in the summer of 1963.

Following is Mr. Paramore's schedule for April through August, 1962:

April 1-5: Bible Conference, Nashville, Tenn.

April 8-22: Fellowship, Durham, North Carolina.

April 23—May 6: Hyde Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

May 9-20: South Side Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

May 21-30: Berkeley City, Missouri.

June 3-10: Fayetteville, North Carolina.

June 13-24: Guymon, Oklahoma.

June 25—July 8: Dover, Tennessee.

July 10-12: National Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

July 13-22: East Rockingham, North Carolina.

July 23-29: Mississippi State Youth Camp.

August 1-12: Columbus, Mississippi.

August 13-25: S. C. Youth Camp, Cheraw, South Carolina.

August 26—Sept. 2: First Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

### Church Buys Parsonage LEBANON, Mo.—

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon announces that they have purchased a three bedroom house on Price St. in Lebanon that will become the church's parsonage. No plans were announced as to when the house would be occupied by the pastor.

### Board Votes to Lower Gem Price ST. LOUIS, Mo.—

In a recent meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to lower the subscription rate of the Gem from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per year. This new price affects the single subscription only. The price will also be for a period of one year and will cover renewals as well as new subscribers. A new drive will begin to raise the number of subscribers to the Gem. The current subscription list is near the 1700 mark.

### Charter Member Of South Side Dies ST. LOUIS, Mo.—

Mr. Lester Hill, deacon of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church and a member since the church's beginning, passed away on Sunday, March 25th, at 1:23 a. m. He had been hospitalized for several months. Mr. Hill was the son of the late Rev. W. C. Hill and was a brother of Rev. Harvey Hill, prominent Missouri pastor. He was also the father of three Free Will Baptist preachers; Rev. Don Hill of Dayton, Tennessee; Rev. Bill Hill of Detroit, Michigan; and Rev. Bob Hill of Nashville, Tennessee.

### Federated Campus Has Greater Value To Small Denominational Schools, Educator Says

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CNS)—The greatest value of a federated Christian campus—proposed recently by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of Christianity Today, a Protestant fortnightly—would be to small denominational schools who would like to preserve their special distinctives while at the same time benefiting from the academic resources and facilities of a bigger institution.

This view was expressed here by Dr. S. A. Witmer, executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, in evaluating Dr. Henry's proposal.

Dr. Henry had suggested that some of the small denominational and independent colleges in the East should pool their educational resources to

build one first class school, possibly on the campus of Gordon College near Boston. Each group would be organized as a small segment of a large university and facilities such as libraries, classrooms and laboratories could be used jointly.

Dr. Witmer, a former college president, said he could not see a need for a federation of small independent schools because it would be best for them to merge completely rather than to become small units of a bigger school. He also questioned if the possible site on the campus of Gordon College was the ideal location apart from its spacious campus.

"The greatest value of a cooperative educational venture," he said, "would be in the area of liberal arts education where it was undertaken by a group of church bodies." He also noted that such an arrangement could serve as the basis of a new evangelical university which is the prime need of the hour.

Dr. Witmer pointed out that two of the nation's large denominations—the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Southern Baptist Convention—have no liberal arts college at a denominational level though they both spend huge sums of money on their theological schools.

"The principle educational thrust of small evangelical denominations is to prepare their young people for church vocations and the Christian ministry," Dr. Witmer said. "Each denomination must assume this responsibility since neither the state nor any other denomination can be expected to render this educational service. It is questionable whether evangelical denominations with their distinctive doctrines and practices will want to have their men trained by a federated faculty."

### Redpath Resigns As Pastor of Historic Moody Church In Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill. (CNS)—Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of the historic Moody Church in Chicago, has resigned to accept a call to the Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland. He will leave in October to take the pulpit which has previously been filled by Dr. W. Graham Scroggie and Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter.

Dr. Redpath came to Moody Church in 1953 from the Duke Street Baptist Church in London, England, and has become nationally known as a conference speaker with a deeper-life emphasis. He started the Mid-America Keswick at Moody Church and has written several books while in the United States.

### Science Lectures Will Serve As Evangelistic Tool At World's Fair

SEATTLE, Wash. (CNS)—Space-age science which gets top billing at the Century 21 Exposition here this summer will also be used as a tool for evangelism. This unusual boost for religion was conceived by a group of Seattle laymen who heard about the famed "Sermons from Science" lectures given by Dr. George E. Speake and invited him to give them at the world's fair.

A "Christ for the World Committee" was formed under the leadership of Ulphin O. Davis to get funds and support for the project. Now just a few short weeks before the fair opens, their Sermons from Science auditorium is nearing completion and a staff is being recruited and trained for service in this evangelistic outreach. The auditorium—of ultra-modernistic design—is located right in the center of the exposition grounds.

In its 350-seat theatre, fair-goers will be able to see demonstrations of amazing scientific feats to illustrate the gospel message. Mr. Davis estimates that during the three live science demonstrations and the ten film showings each day that they will be able to reach over half-a-million people. Among the many counsellors will be nuclear physicists and other scientists who can answer questions concerning modern science and the Christian faith.

The total cost of this unique venture in evangelism will be approximately \$150,000 with considerably more than half of the money already raised. During the final "countdown" before the fair opened on April 23, the committee was seeking to raise \$1,000 a day to meet the total cost in advance.

So for the thousands of fair visitors who wonder what's new in science, there'll be a surprise in store as they see it help preach the old-fashioned gospel.

## NOTICE

to

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## Dear Brother Reeds . . .

Dear Brother Reeds:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour. I am taking this method of inviting each of you to our Golden Wedding Anniversary. The committee will have an invitation too. On April 19th we will celebrate our 50th anniversary, if the dear Lord is willing and we believe He will be. We have crossed a number of rugged and dangerous streams and valleys but we are nearing the mountain of blessing at last. Prayer has made the bridge that has spanned them all, with God's wisdom to lead, our marriage has been a grand success for which we give God the glory.

We wish it were possible for every one of you to come marching in to enjoy this wonderful event with us. God bless each and everyone of you is our prayer, for we have been in many of your homes and you gave us your best, and may the dear Master reward you abundantly.

Yours for Jesus,  
Bro. & Sis. McAdams

Dear Brother Reeds:

In the name of our dear Lord we greet you from the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church. We come to you with joyful and thankful hearts for all the Lord has done for us. He has richly blessed us with showers of blessings.

On March the 10th the Jefferson County Singing Convention was held at our church and the Richwoods Church appreciates the interest of everyone who attended this special service. Rev. Huckaba, our pastor, said he had been praying for a full house and truly it was. There was an estimated crowd of 150 persons attending. There were several churches represented of different denominations and each church had talent.

Several selections were rendered by the Ken Capehart Band, the Gerald Bay family of Festus, Mo., and a group of singers from the Fletcher Baptist Church. Solos were rendered by Marilyn Burkeet, Dorothy Cordia, Clytia McMullin and Carolyn Davis. Duets were presented by Rev. & Mrs. Weir, Rev. & Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Marilyan Burkeet and little Jane Weir, Corbett Cardwell and Mrs. Myrtle Vest.

A trio was formed by the Weir family, the Richwoods Church group sang a few selections and the Don Woods family of DeSoto, Mo., sang in a group. Rev. Leslie Logsdon gave the invocation and the benediction.

Refreshments were served by the Richwoods ladies and all enjoyed the fellowship with each other. This convention was the most inspiring and enjoyable because the Lord was present. We need fellowship and unity in our churches today. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1.

Pray for us at Richwoods.

Sophia Ackerson, Reporter

Dear Bro. Reeds:

What Congregational Church government gives to us at the Cramerton, N. C. Free Will Baptist Church.

1. It gives us the satisfaction of attending to our own church affairs, without the interference of a conference, association, or a group of preachers who are seeking power and prestige in our denomination.

2. It gives us the satisfaction of knowing that we own our church property and it doesn't belong to a conference or association, or any one individual. We can buy, sell or trade and it's nobody's business but ours.

3. It gives us the satisfaction and the privilege of practicing what we, the Original Free Will Baptists have practiced for over 229 years. The Original Free Will Baptists have never practiced Connectional Church government. It does not want power over the local church.

4. It gives to us the satisfaction of supporting our denominational enterprises that we wish to support without being told by an ecclesiastical power how we must support it and where we must send our money. Thank God for the freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and the freedom of Congregational Church government.

5. It gives us the satisfaction of being a part of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists as a world-wide organization and not a part of a splinter group who have denied the customs, practices and tradition of the Original Free Will Baptists and have gone about to set up a Connectional

Church government that they might satisfy their own ego and have power over the local church.

6. It gives us the satisfaction of belonging to a group of people who believe in getting people saved more than they believe in enslaving them with Connectional Church government.

7. It gives us the satisfaction of knowing that there are ten associations or conferences in the state of North Carolina that believe in Congregational Church government while the Connectional group has only five associations or conferences.

Don't let anyone fool you into believing that the state of North Carolina as a whole has accepted Connectional Church government. The only reason that the State Convention went that way is that many conferences and associations and ministers didn't get to vote in the State Convention. The reason for this is that they refused to sign a card pledging to support the so-called Connectional State Treaty. It was decided by the officers of the State Convention, who believed in Connectional Church government, that the best way to silence their opposition was not to give them a chance to be heard from the convention floor. So everyone that did not accept the so-called State treaty or if they had their church incorporated they were not allowed to have a voice in the State Convention. Jesus, at least gave His opposition the privilege of being heard before He disagreed with them.

I have been a Free Will Baptist for 24 years, pastored one church for 17 years. I have traveled and preached in 35 states including Cuba and Alaska and have never heard of such a thing before concerning Connectional Church government. If you belong to the Connectional crowd you cannot enjoy the seven things I mentioned above.

Roy L. Rikard, Pastor  
Cramerton F. W. B. Church

Dear Bro. Reeds:

Vacation Bible School time is here again. I suppose you are busy with preparation for your school, selecting materials, teachers, and planning the time of your school.

As in past years we humbly request you to give your offerings to missionary work in Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, and other fields in North America.

A special need at this time is additional funds for Spanish work in Miami, Florida, and funds for a continued work among the Cuban refugees.

The need on all National Home Mis-

sion fields is pressing. From North Pole, Alaska, to Central America—from the Hawaiian Islands to Nova Scotia.

In planning your school will you please suggest that the offerings this year be sent to the National Home Missions Department?

On behalf of the missionaries, I thank you for all you are doing for this great cause.

Sincerely and earnestly,

Homer E. Willis, General Director

#### Bible Is Textbook

#### In South African Schools

NEW YORK CITY (MNS) — The Bible is a widely used textbook in the

public schools of South Africa, and the missionaries of the South Africa General Mission have had a part in making its message effective. For a number of years they have worked on the preparation of Scripture Syllabus Handbooks for the use of the public school teachers in teaching the Bible. Once prepared, the handbooks were translated into the four major languages.

These books were printed in one language after another and are now being distributed and used in the Lower Primary and Upper Primary schools. The Educational Department of the Federal Government is distributing them in the schools which are maintained under their control.

#### New E. L. O. Ministry

WHEATON, Ill. (MNS)—Evangelical Literature Overseas has set up a new ministry designed to reach Christian teen-agers for missionary journalism. Called "Training Youth for Printed Evangelism" (TYPE), this ministry will seek to make high-schoolers aware of needs and opportunities in the field of missionary literature.

Guidance in training will be given through preparation years with the aim of eventual placement with a mission board. TYPE may thus help supply some of the hundreds of literature missionaries needed by evangelical missions today.

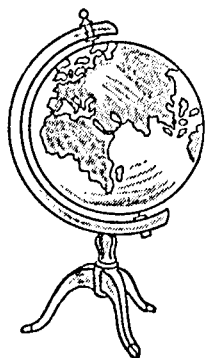
## EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

### 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. Ronald Clifford
Leadington .....	Rev. Jack McAllister
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. Gaylord Huckaba
Old Bethel .....	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion .....	Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side .....	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer .....	Rev. W. H. Bostic
Carterville .....	Rev. Wm. Beazley
Fredericktown .....	Rev. C. H. Burton
Pleasant Grove .....	Rev. Tommy Carlson
Martinstown .....	Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon .....	Rev. Junior Ussery
First, Flat River .....	Rev. Dale Jones
Alton .....	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Third, St. Louis .....	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem .....	
First, Waynesville .....	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Grace, Arnold .....	Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope .....	Rev. A. A. Hogue
Skyline Armourdale .....	Rev. Elmer Russell
Union .....	Rev. Ezra Butts

Springfield .....	Rev. Henry Long
Neosho .....	Rev. Robert Duck
Mine La Motte .....	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Union Light .....	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel .....	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah .....	Rev. Fred Wynn
Fourth, St. Louis .....	Rev. Max Courtney
Twin Oaks .....	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory .....	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Mill Creek .....	Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon .....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City .....	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope .....	Rev. James McAllister
Merl's Chapel .....	Rev. O. T. Allred
Oskaloosa .....	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel .....	Rev. Chas. Black
Pleasant Ridge .....	Rev. M. K. Cline
New Harmony .....	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave .....	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett .....	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel .....	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon .....	Rev. Cleo Covington
Mountain Valley .....	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty .....	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Desloge .....	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Meremac Heights .....	Rev. Bud Hill
Mendota Mission .....	Rev. Alta Mikel
Festus .....	Rev. Chester Weir
Little Vine Church .....	Rev. Robert Carlson
Pleasant Hill Church .....	Rev. J. W. King
Macedonia Church .....	Rev. Selph Jones
First Church, Greenfield .....	



# THE MISSION FIELD

## Home Mission Board Organized CAMPINAS, Brazil—

An organized home missionary outreach became a reality here last month when the Campinas Free Will Baptist Church officially adopted a proposal to set up a home missions board for promotion of missionary activity in the area.

The board will appoint, place, and generally direct national missionary activity by the church. Funds will come from churches or congregations presently served by national missionaries. At the present time there are four former students of the Brazil Bible Institute who are receiving support from the board.

"They are receiving only a fraction of the support they need," commented Missionary Ken Eagleton, "but at least it is a beginning."

Elected to serve on the board are Missionary Eagleton, Benedito Luiz dos Santos, and Lazaro Farias.

## Panama Mission Address Set PANAMA CITY, Panama—

John Moehlman and Tom Willey, Jr., have located here to begin a new Free Will Baptist work in this Central American country.

Their address is Apartado 6931, Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Free Will Baptists having friends or relatives in the Canal Zone are requested to send names and addresses to Moehlman and Willey. This will make possible visits by the missionaries to acquaint them with the new work.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS MISSOURI

February 1962

South Side F. W. B. Church ..	\$148.40
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Mrs. John F. Summers .....	6.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church .....	5.00

Martha Coffman, Leona Holt & Oma Scott .....	3.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church ..	135.00
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Willow Springs Church .....	13.42
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F. W. B. Church, Desloge ....	25.00
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Mr. & Mrs. O. D. Crepps ....	1.00
Kirkville F. W. B. Church ....	23.25
Mrs. Coy Rader .....	10.00
Mrs. Clara Allen .....	1.00
V. Geraldine Arnold .....	25.00
Wolf Creek Church .....	5.00
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley ....	15.18
Myrtle F. W. B. Church .....	9.37
Aulsbury Chapel Church .....	82.35

Total ..... \$1125.77

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MISSOURI

February 1962

South Side F. W. B. Church ..	\$ 28.10
F. W. B. Northwest Missions ..	20.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mountain Grove, Mo. ....	5.00
Co-operative Headquarters ..	185.92
Finis Sorrell .....	1.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monette	15.00
H. S. Vandivort .....	20.00
Arthur Williams .....	10.00
First F. W. B. Church, Berkeley City .....	16.68
Myrtle F. W. B. Church .....	5.00

Total ..... \$311.70

## Missionary Reports Tense Conditions In Interior New Guinea

New York City—(MNS)—A cable received here on February 20th stated that the situation in interior New Guinea is tense as a local chief agitates for the expulsion of the white man from the Baliem area, it was reported by the Rev. L. L. King, foreign secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The cable came from the

Rev. Harold W. Catto, C&MA missionary in the Baliem Valley.

The opposition has arisen on the heels of a mass movement of the people to the Gospel. In the Baliem Valley alone 1,116 were baptized last year, while other hundreds have burned their fetishes and are awaiting instruction and baptism.

Earlier communications from the field identified a Dani chief Ukum-hearit as an agitator against the advance of the Gospel who advocates the expulsion of the missionaries from the area. A general unrest in the whole valley has been noted since a clash between Dani tribesmen and some Kapaukus (employees of the government) resulted in the death of one Dani and one Kapauku. In recent days the Danis have attacked several government patrols, and the government has now stated that it cannot be responsible for the safety of persons traveling in the area. Missionaries continue at their posts and have called upon Christians at home to sustain them in prayer.

It is not known whether this unrest is in any way related to the dispute between the Indonesians and the Dutch over the Dutch New Guinea area.

## Dutch Missionaries Recalled From New Guinea

The Hague (MNS)—The Protestant Mission of the Netherlands has ordered the repatriation of families of all its missionaries and school teachers from West (Dutch) New Guinea. Informed sources said the move was dictated by the controversy concerning the Dutch-controlled country which is claimed by Indonesia.

## Free Will Baptists Enter Two New Fields

Nashville, Tenn. (MNS)—The Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board here has announced its entry into two additional Latin American countries. Two couples have been sent to Panama and two to Uruguay. Some of these missionaries were formerly located in Cuba.

### Supreme Court of Appeals Rules On Civil Marriage In Spain

Madrid, Spain (MNS)—The Spanish Supreme Court of Appeals here has ruled that Spanish law permits the civil marriage of Protestants who were formerly Roman Catholics. The specific case involved a Baptist couple who had requested civil marriage but had been refused by the judge. The favorable decision of the high court is expected to set a very important precedent for Protestants who seek civil marriage.

Article 42 of the Spanish Civil Code stipulates that persons who formally affirm that they are not Roman Catholics may contract a civil marriage. This law, however, has been overridden by a ministerial order of March 10, 1941 which has been interpreted to mean that an affirmation of "non-Catholicity" is not enough but that the parties must also prove that they have never been baptized as Catholics.

### Editor Fined In Malagasy Republic

Tananarive, Malagasy Republic (MNS)—The chief editor of *Fanasina* (Salt), a leading Protestant weekly, has been fined 1,500 francs (\$61.50) for allegedly offending the Malagasy government. The charge was made because of the publication of a resolution adopted by the Association of Malagasy Students in France criticizing the government as "repressive" and "corrupt."

The charge against the *Fanasina* editor was interpreted by some observers as an indirect attack on the Protestant churches in this country.

### Taiwan Church Sends Missionary

Taipei, Taiwan (MNS)—Pastor Hsiao Wen-K, an outstanding pastor in the Oriental Missionary Society's work

here, has decided to answer the Lord's call to service in Malaya. To back up this man's ministry in a foreign country, the OMS churches have formed a foreign missionary society with the view to helping this talented pastor and his wife and others who may be called to go out.

### Ceylon Ruling To Stabilize Number of Missionaries

Colombo, Ceylon (MNS)—Following its annexation of church-related schools, the government of Ceylon has taken new action to limit the missionary influence here. The new ruling provides that a new missionary may be granted a visa only if he is replacing a missionary who has left the island within the previous 12 months. The effect will be to prevent any increase in the missionary force working in Ceylon.

### New Missions Director For Free Will Baptists

Nashville, Tenn. (MNS)—The Rev. Reford Wilson has been named new general director of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, succeeding the Rev. Rolla Smith, it has been announced here.

Mr. Wilson has been a member of the board for ten years and was serving as recording secretary at the time of his appointment to the position of general director. Mr. Smith resigned as general director in order to return to the pastorate, accepting a call to the Donelson Church in suburban Nashville. The 38-year-old Mr. Wilson has pastored churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Michigan.

### United World Mission Holds Annual Convention

St. Petersburg, Fla. (MNS)—The 16th Annual Convention of the United World Mission was held here February 19-25 with Dr. Sidney Correll,

Director, presiding. In conjunction with the convention the Florida Missionary Crusade and Film Festival presented missionaries from four continents, outstanding missionary films, and well-known missionary speakers including Dr. Oswald J. Smith.

Dr. Correll revealed that the United World Mission plans in the near future to enter Brazil, its 20th field.

### Conference For University Students Slated For Central America

Tegucigalpa, Honduras (MNS)—Preparations are under way here for the Conference of Evangelical University Students of Central America and Panama, which is scheduled for April 14-20. It is hoped that some 80 university students from six republics will meet for the sessions to be held at a Bible Institute at El Hatillo near this capital city. Preparations are under the direction of the Christian Association of University Students of Honduras headed up by Thomas Skipper.

### King Visits Gospel Book Stand At Annual Fair

Vientiane, Laos (MNS)—During the Annual That Luang festival and fair the Christian and Missionary Alliance maintained a Bible and book stall which was manned constantly by missionary and national staff until midnight during the days of the fair.

Rev. G. Edward Roffe, missionary in Laos for many years, was at the stand when the King stopped by and had an interesting conversation with him. Mr. Roffe had known the King when he was a young Prince, so this was not their first meeting. Before leaving, the King requested the missionaries to pray for his land and his people.

The Gospel stand at the fair was the means of distributing over 100,000 pieces of free literature and the sale of another 2,000 pieces.

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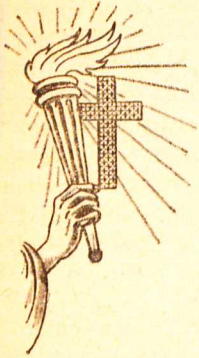
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# Woman's Auxiliary

## FROM JOPLIN:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Joplin Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on February 12 for a panel discussion. The program, "Youth Participating" was outlined so as to get a clear vision of the need of youth and their opportunity to serve and carry His message to all nations.

Our pastor, Rev. Paul Williams, was on the panel along with Doris Cantrell, Lucy Largent, Deane Eaton, Barbara Oxendine, and Mildred Hutchings. There was much discussion as to what part the Auxiliary can play in helping the youth of our church to be more mindful of the work open in all fields for the Lord. We feel there should be made available books, programs, Sunday School classes, and League groups to inspire our young people for missions. We must help them know how they can best invest their lives for the glory of God. Our Scripture reading was from Psalms 2:8; 96:3; Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; and Luke 24:47. After our meeting the pastor and his wife served cake and coffee in the pastor's study for the twelve members who were present.

## FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met at 7:30 Tuesday night, March 6, with twelve members, one visitor, and two children present. The meeting was opened by singing, "Near the Cross" and reading from the Scriptures. Prayer was offered by Mattie Tannehill.

Ruth Coday acted as our president in the absence of Blossom Agee. Topics were read by Lola Long, Dorothy Johnson, Grace Duncan, and Ruth Coday. Bro. Henry Long read a poem, "I'm Fine For The Shape I'm In." Little Joy Carbin sang a special for us, "Bring Them In." All of the members answered the roll-call with a Scripture verse. One new member joined our Auxiliary. We were happy to welcome Mattie Tannehill to our group. The

Secretary's report was given by Myrtle Corbin. The closing song was, "God Can Do Anything But Fail." All gathered around the altar for the benediction led by Dorothy Johnson.

—Cor.-Sec. Bertha Wolf

## FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Bethel Church Woman's Auxiliary met March 5, at 7:30 p. m. at the church with eight members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened by singing, "Throw Out The Life-line" and "No Not One." Our president, Sister Claudia Combs, read from I Cor. 3:9; II Cor. 6:1; Col. 1:24-25; John 15:26-27. Prayer was led by Sister Colene Cliff and Sister Lillian Brooks. All officers' reports were read and approved. We voted to pass out unbaked sale receipes. We also talked about having a one week revival for our Pre-Easter week of services.

Our program was then directed by the Program-Prayer Chairman, Sister Hattie Sims. Topic I.—Lillian Brooks. Topic II.—Colene Cliff, Sister Gracie Stephens asked the questions. Topic III.—Sister Addie Adkisson, Sister Louise Lewis asked the questions. Topic IV.—Sister Claudia Combs, questions by Sister Eudene Adkisson. We closed with an altar prayer and sang, "Take My Life And Let It Be."

Asst. Cor.-Sec., Louise Lewis

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on Tuesday night at 7:00 for their Co-Laborer Book Study. There were thirteen members, one visitor, and three children present. The service was opened with "O Zion Haste," led by Ann Eden. Ruth Wilfong read I Cor. 3:9 and II Cor. 6:1. Minnie Burcham led in prayer.

Business period: Edith Brooks directed the program. Theme: "For Times Like These—Witness Unto The Lord." She explained a large black covered box with a door through which

those on the program enter. On the large box was written in large letters, "Holy Bible." Since our program was on missions, Mrs. Brooks was going to let the Bible speak for itself. Each speaker proceeded to present their topic through the open Bible. I. "The Divine Blueprint"—Rachel Milburn, II. "The Missionary Message of Christ."—Mildred Hilderbrand. III. "The Gospel For The World."—Wanda Ragsdale. IV. "The Challenge Of Our Age."—Norma Williams. Benediction — all singing prayerfully, "Take My Life And Let It Be."

—Cor.-Sec., Della Getz

## FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p. m. for the regular monthly meeting with thirteen members and two visitors present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sister Lorene Pohnert. Services were opened with a song. Scripture verses were read from I Cor. 3:9; II Cor. 6:1; Col. 1:24-25; and John 15:26-27. Sister Bostic led in prayer.

Reports were given by the different officers. New and old business was discussed by the group. We were dismissed from the business session by Sister Maurine Holman.

Sister Phylis Miller gave the introduction to the program. Topics were well given by Jean Loe, Carlene Jones, Irene Jones, Elsie Worel, and Maurine Holman. The program was closed with prayer. Refreshments were served in the church basement by the Master's Men.

—Cor.-Sec., Nettie Bennett

## FROM MENDOTA:

The Mendota Mission Auxiliary met March 13, at the fellowship house. Lunch was served at 12:00. Sister Mikel led in prayer.

The business meeting convened at 2:00 with the president, Leona Logs-

den in charge. After singing "Amazing Grace," we were led in prayer by Sister Maggie Fuller. Sister Edith Crooks read I Cor. 3:9; II Cor. 6:1; Col. 1:24-25; and John 15:26, 27. The minutes were read and approved. There were 447 chapters read and 75 sick calls made. Nine cards were sent. There were eleven members and three children present. Plans for a Pre-Easter week of prayer were discussed. The program, "For Times Such As These; Witness Unto The Lord" was presented by several of the members. We were dismissed by Sister Arlene Clay.

—Cor.-Sec., Edith Marsh

### FROM LOW GROUND:

The North East Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Workshop met March 22 with the Low Ground Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Velma Wellman. The song, "Work For The Night Is Coming," was sung. Devotions were given by Rev. Alta Mikel who read Ephesians 2:1-10 and closed with prayer. Song—"Sitting At The Feet Of Jesus." Sister Mildred Gilliam gave the reading, "Someone, Just Anyone."

The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Sister Arlene Clay. She spoke on the subject of "Faith" and read from Luke 12:1-45 for the Scripture. The morning session was closed with prayer by Fern Kelsey. A carry-in dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon program began with singing, "Help Someone Today." Devotions were given by Hilda Nichols who read II Cor. 9:8 and Titus 2:11-14 for a text. She read the poem, "Fol-

low Thou Me." Prayer was led by Lizzie Filkins. A solo was given by Sister Velma Wellman. A topic "Christ Set The Example" was given by Fern Kelsey from The New Harmony Auxiliary. She read Acts 10:38. Duet from Hazel Creek Auxiliary, "He'll Understand And Say Well Done." Solo by Mona Chrisman, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." Topic, "Christ Commands" by Velma Wellman from Kirksville Auxiliary. She read from Luke 10:37 and John 20:21 and closed with the poem, "The Bridge Builder." Reading by Nellie Craig, "Unawares." Topic, "Christ Rewards It" by Maizie Sevits from Hazel Creek Auxiliary using Matt. 25:34-64. Song by congregation, "Throw Out The Lifeline." A discussion period was led by the chairman. We were dismissed in prayer by Arlene Clay.

### FROM TEXAS:

Dear Auxiliary Workers,

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour. Here I am with another report on the Prayer and Fast Band. Our church is doing a splendid work and at last we reached a quarterly meeting with our plan and others are falling in line. The smallest amount that our women have sent in is \$5.00 per month and you see, if all members of auxiliaries were giving, we would raise thousands of dollars each month. Now for fear some have forgotten, this is the plan . . . We fast every first Sunday morning in the month and give the price of our breakfast. If it hurts you to fast, just eat the meal and give the price of your breakfast anyway. God doesn't require you to fast if you are

not able and Oh, what a joy to give to this plan.

Send your "Fast Money" like you do all your money to the district and then to the State. I would love for all of this money to go to headquarters. No telling what we could do. Oh dear women pray with me that this will go over BIG this year. It doesn't interfere with anything we are already doing. God bless you dear ones is my prayer.

Yours For Jesus,  
Lizzie McAdams

### FROM LEBONAN:

The Hanna Circle of the First Free Will Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Woodrow Montgomery on Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 p. m., with nine members present. Mrs. Eula Vernon was a visitor.

The meeting opened with the hymn "I Love To Tell the Story," and prayer was offered by Mrs. Alpha Admire. The president, Mrs. Henrietta Garrett, gave the lesson, the theme being "The Gift of God." The members took part, assisting Mrs. Garrett with the lesson. "Keeping Up to Date," was given by Sybil Agan. The group voted to buy a gift for a member who was recently married.

At the close of the meeting, the hostess served Yellow Angel Food cake, with coffee, red fruit punch and valentine mints.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Dorothy Mosier.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Hazel Embry.

Gladys Montgomery

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The dictionary tells us that logic is the Science of the Laws of Thought as Thought, or the Science of the formal Laws of Thought. With this definition in mind, and with the Word of God as the Thought of God we must conclude that the Cause of Missions is Pure Logic.

Every Christian should understand the essential facts and principles of the Program of Missions. Nowhere in the Bible are these principles and necessary elements set forth more clearly than in the tenth chapter of Romans. Here, the apostle Paul gives to us in outline, the pure logic of missions. We should ever be reminded that the salvation of men is the paramount concern of the Missionary Program.

Let us now consider Romans 10: 8-17. (Please read.) In these verses we note the logical elements of the Cause of Missions.

First we note:

#### I. The Element of Need.

Man needs to be saved. In his natural state he is alienated from God, lost and without hope. This is true of all men—for the Scriptures teach that "all have sinned," "gone astray," "there is none righteous," and "he that believeth not is condemned already." Thus, the spiritual need of man is the chief concern of missions. It is of major importance because it affects the happiness of men here on earth and determines their eternal destiny. Man is under the guilt and penalty of sin which is spiritual and eternal death. The imperative need is deliverance from this terrible end of everlasting doom. It is with this deliverance that missions must be primarily concerned. Study these: Gal. 3:10; Rom. 3:9-12; II Thess. 1:5-9; James 1:15; Matt. 13: 40-42.

Second we notice:

#### II. The Element of Provision.

John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 1:29—"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." I John 2:2—"And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Marvel of Marvels! Provision has been made to meet adequately the utmost spiritual and eternal needs of men. This provision has been made by and centers in a divine person—Jesus Christ the Son of God. It was He who

paid the terrible price for man's deliverance from the penalty of the law and from the wrath of God. He bore the sins of men in His own body upon the cross, and he thereby became the end of the law for righteousness to all who accepted Him. In Him and Him only is salvation.

To proclaim the good news that provision for salvation has been made for all men is the task of missions.

Third, we note:

#### III. The Element of Faith.

John 1:12—"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Even though ample provision for the salvation of men has been made, the offer must be accepted by each individual himself. It cannot be accepted by proxy. The acceptance is made by faith. This faith includes two ideas: namely, belief and trust. Man must not only believe that Christ is able to save, but he must trust his own salvation to Christ.

The fourth element in this Cause of Pure Logic is:

#### IV. The Element of Knowledge.

Salvation is none other than Jesus Christ the Son of God. But faith in Christ is dependent upon a knowledge of Him. It is impossible for one who has never even heard of Christ to trust Him for salvation. It is true that not all who hear about Christ accept Him as Saviour, nevertheless Christ should be made known to all men, everywhere that whosoever will may believe and be saved.

There are millions in the world today who have never heard the name of Jesus. They have no opportunity

to hear of Him because there is no one to tell them. It is to these that we are commanded to go. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" We cannot believe for them, but we are charged by the Word of God to tell them. Knowledge of the Saviour must first be imparted before they can believe. Knowledge of Christ is essential to faith, and faith is essential to salvation. Those in the United States and in other gospel enlightened countries, who are unsaved, in most cases have heard the message. To be sure they must continue to be told. We must deal with them gently and pray for them. We must believe that somehow God will save them. But remember, they have had their chance. What about 65% of the world who have never heard. Who have no knowledge of the gospel what-so-ever. Surely, we are more responsible to tell them for the first time, than we would be to offer a second, third or perhaps the one hundredth chance to some one here. Acts 16:30-31; Romans 4:5; Galatians 2: 16; 3:26.

The next element in the process of missions is:

#### V. The Element of Preaching

The task of a preacher is to make known the gospel. He is to preach the Word of God. True, today there are many ways in which the message of salvation may be conveyed. We have the object lessons, the eye gate, the printed page, and many others, but there is absolutely no substitute, for preaching the Word. I Cor. 1:21, "For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of PREACHING to save them that believe." The preacher, then, is God's

# Necessary Elements In

## Missions

by

RAYMOND RIGGS

messenger delivering God's message to men. The message is the important thing, not the method of delivering it. Peter delivered a sermon on the day of Pentecost to a large audience. Philip made Christ known to one man, through explaining the Scriptures. It is the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation to every one that hears and believes it. The gospel, therefore, should be preached. It must be preached, for through the gospel, and only through the gospel can men be saved. Matt. 3:1-12; Mark 1:14-15; Acts 8:4; 10:42-43; I Cor. 1:18.

Next we come to the:

## VI. The Element of Missionaries.

If the message of Christ is to be given to the world, messengers bearing that message must be sent into all the world. This is the will of Christ, and this is His command, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" The missionaries, the ones sent out—must be fully qualified to make Christ known to men. In the plan of God, only the persons selected, called and empowered by the Holy Spirit are to be entrusted with the task of evangelizing the world. Each one who goes forth as a minister or missionary should be assured in his own mind and heart that he has been called of God and separated unto the Gospel of Christ. Churches need to exercise great care in ordaining men to the ministry, and mission boards, likewise, need to exercise great care in selecting and approving persons for mission work. The individual and the approving agent should at least keep the following things in mind as they become messengers of the Lord. First, the need. Second, the ability to meet the need and, third, the opportunity. Mark 3:14; Acts 13:1-4.

The last point in our missionary analysis is:

## VII. The Element of Support.

"How shall they preach except they be sent?" Ministers, missionaries and all other Christian workers, who give their full time and energy to the furtherance of the cause and program of Christ, deserve and must have financial support. Surely, there would be no doubt or argument at this point. Financial aid for the promoters of Christ's world-wide program come only from the voluntary contributions of other Christians.

Every Christian should be deeply interested in the success of his Master's Cause. Every Christian is deeply in-

debted to the missionary enterprise. Love, loyalty, and obedience to Christ all demand liberal giving for the support of the cause for which Christ died. Also, love and compassion for lost men call loudly and persistently for expression in and through liberal giving of money to make Christ known. Actually, you and I are beneficiaries of the missionary enterprise. We are indebted to this cause beyond the power of words to express, and beyond the power of figures to estimate. Through the activities of faithful followers of Christ, we heard of the Saviour, we believed in Him, and we were saved by Him. Every impulse of gratitude and every emotion of love to God and men call loudly for our interest, for our prayers, and for our support of the divine enterprise of missions.

O Love that will not let me go  
O grace divine so full and free  
Help me thy love to others show  
That they may share thy grace with thee.

Give me a heart of tender love  
Help me to see the debt I owe  
My affections set on things above  
And all my pride keep "way down low."

Give me a vision far and wide  
A burden deep for all in sin  
Thy Holy Spirit to always guide  
That we may all this big world win.

## Sunday School Association Sponsors National Family Week May 6-13

CHICAGO, Ill. (CNS)—The week of May 6-13 has been designated as National Family Week by the National Sunday School Association in an effort to enlist new families and to help all families in their Christian development. This year's theme is "For Times Like These the Family Needs the Bible" and is in keeping with the Bible reading program sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals.

"We believe that Sunday School is a family affair and that everybody should become acquainted with its textbook, the Bible," said Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the NSSA. "The Bible is the greatest book in the world, but in spite of this, it is the poorest taught book in the world."

NSSA has prepared special materials to aid the local church in observing the week. These include church bulletins, postcards, stationery and posters. An idea book is also available as are special tracts to use in church mailings or in bulletins from NSSA, 175 N. Franklin, Chicago 6, Ill.

## HCJB Airs Anniversary Program

Quito, Ecuador (MNS)—During the closing days of last year missionary radio station HCJB celebrated its 30th anniversary of Gospel broadcasting here. The radio and television facilities of the station joined forces for a four-hour "simulcast" for the Spanish radio and television audience in honor of the occasion. Many distinguished Ecuadorian guests were present, including two ex-Presidents of the republic. The guest speakers all expressed appreciation for the work of The Voice of the Andes during the 30 years it has served the community and the world.

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A total of \$9300.00 in bonds have been sold thus far. The bonds are in \$100, \$250, and \$500 denominations. They pay 6% interest. Individuals, churches, quarterly meetings, and yearly meetings are invited to purchase the bonds. Here is a list of those still available:

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The document expert further stated he examined the spelling and punctuation or lack of punctuation, and the impression of letters, and these were consistent. He pointed out that the word AGAINST was misspelled AGANIST in all of the documents.

It is a well-known fact that Conference officials have worked with church minorities behind the scenes to draw up documents of complaints and write letters which exceeded the ability of those whose names were signed on them. It would be interesting to know

the times in recent church divisions in North Carolina that Conference Moderators merely received letters and complaints, and the times they assisted the accusers in drawing up such documents. There should be little doubt that several minorities have received expert help in carrying out their schemes. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

**The Main Question**

Arguments made to the jury centered around the question of who has the right to possess the property of the Edgemont Church and to control its use?

The Miles Faction contends that the majority of the membership should have the property, which is in keeping with our denominational policy of Church Government. The Conference, of which the church is a member, ruled that the Teasley Faction is the true congregation of the church and they should have full authority and control over the church property (valued at about \$120,000.)

The Judge gave the jury three issues to decide on. They are:

1. Did the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina have authority and jurisdiction at the time of its reconvened session on January 18, 1961 to decide between the Teasley and Miles factions of the Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church and determine which faction should be recognized as the true congregation of said church? (The jury answered this "yes.")

2. If so, was the action of the Western Conference in deciding and recognizing that the Teasley Faction is the true congregation of the Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church within its authority, jurisdiction, forms and rules? (The jury answered this "no.")

3. Is the Teasley Faction of the Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church entitled to the use and control of the real and personal property of Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church? (The jury answered this "no.")

The Durham County Superior Court Jury, after deliberating less than three hours rendered their verdict which in effect stated that the Western Conference was within its authority and jurisdiction to declare the Teasley Faction the "true congregation" of the church but was in error when it sided with this faction against the Miles Faction; and that the Teasley Faction was not en-

titled to the control and use of the Edgemont Church property.

For this decision we are most grateful. Free Will Baptists must now detect those who seek to destroy our precious heritage so we may guard against losing it. I wish to align myself with the National Association in the belief that there is no earthly authority that can override the majority decision of a local church. We must not take this position for granted, but must zealously guard it. It could be taken away from us. Who ever thought it would go this far? Let's trust God it will go no further.

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## OBITUARY

Anthony C. Much was born November 9, 1897 near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He departed this life on Feb. 24, 1962 at his home in Richwoods, Missouri at the age of 64 years, 3 months, and 15 days.

He was united in marriage to Emily Rabey on April 11, 1918 and to this union 8 children were born. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Frances.

Mr. Much became a Christian early in life and was a faithful soldier of the cross serving his heavenly Father and giving forth a wonderful testimony to all whom he came in contact with. Prior to his death he was a deacon in the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church where he served his Lord unselfishly and untiringly until the Lord called him home.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Emily; 5 daughters: Mrs. Charlotte Kerns, Mrs. Ann Hollingsworth, Mrs. Dolores Spongenberg, Mrs. Irene Lourprecht, and Mrs. Violet Lambert, all of St. Louis, Missouri. 2 sons: Charles Much of St. Louis, Mo. and Maurice Much of the U. S. Army. 15 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many, many other friends and relatives.

His funeral was on Tuesday, February 27, 1962 at 2:00 p. m. with the Rev. Floyd Arnold of Lemay, Missouri officiating at the Shepherd's Funeral Home in Wellston, Missouri. He was laid to rest in Valhalla Cemetery. He will be missed by all who knew him.



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Mt. Pisgah .....	78	66		73	63							
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Fellowship, Flat River .....	193	203	209	205	192	168	165	192	209			
Leadington .....	68	69	59	63	53	46	39	45	38			
Farmington .....	86	90	87	86	82	85	74	92				
Fourth, St. Louis .....	43	66	58	63	79	63	72	79	86			
Mill Creek .....		42	43	42	41	39						
Berkeley City .....	201	217	221	225	225	196	185	212				
Richwoods .....	65	62	64	65	66	45	40	61	53			
Hannon .....	50	48	49	60		52						
Joplin .....							78	94				
Kirksville .....	82	89	84	91	95	80	63					
Grant Ave., Springfield ...	121	104	135	138	123	109	108	126	124			
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South Side Church .....	144	147	142				110					
New Hope, Kansas City ...	91	103	90	110	104	87	78	95				
Mine La Motte .....	32	24	24	28	25	32	16		28			
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First Church, Kansas City .	54	60	57	62								
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Overland Church .....	110	115	121	134	127	120	88	139				
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Desloge .....	110	108	130	131	133	120	102	122	114			
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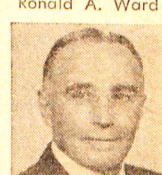
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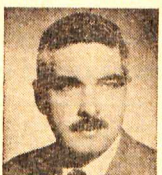
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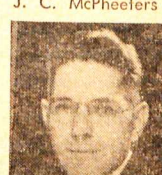
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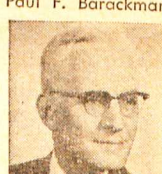
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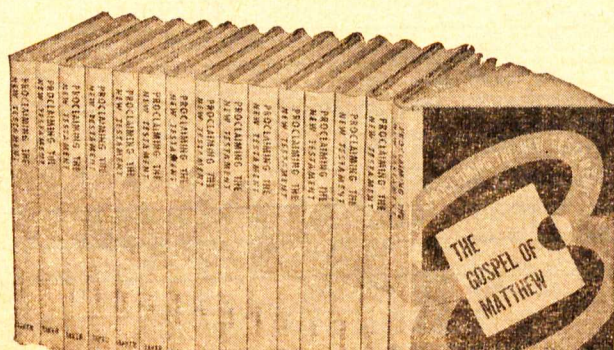
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