

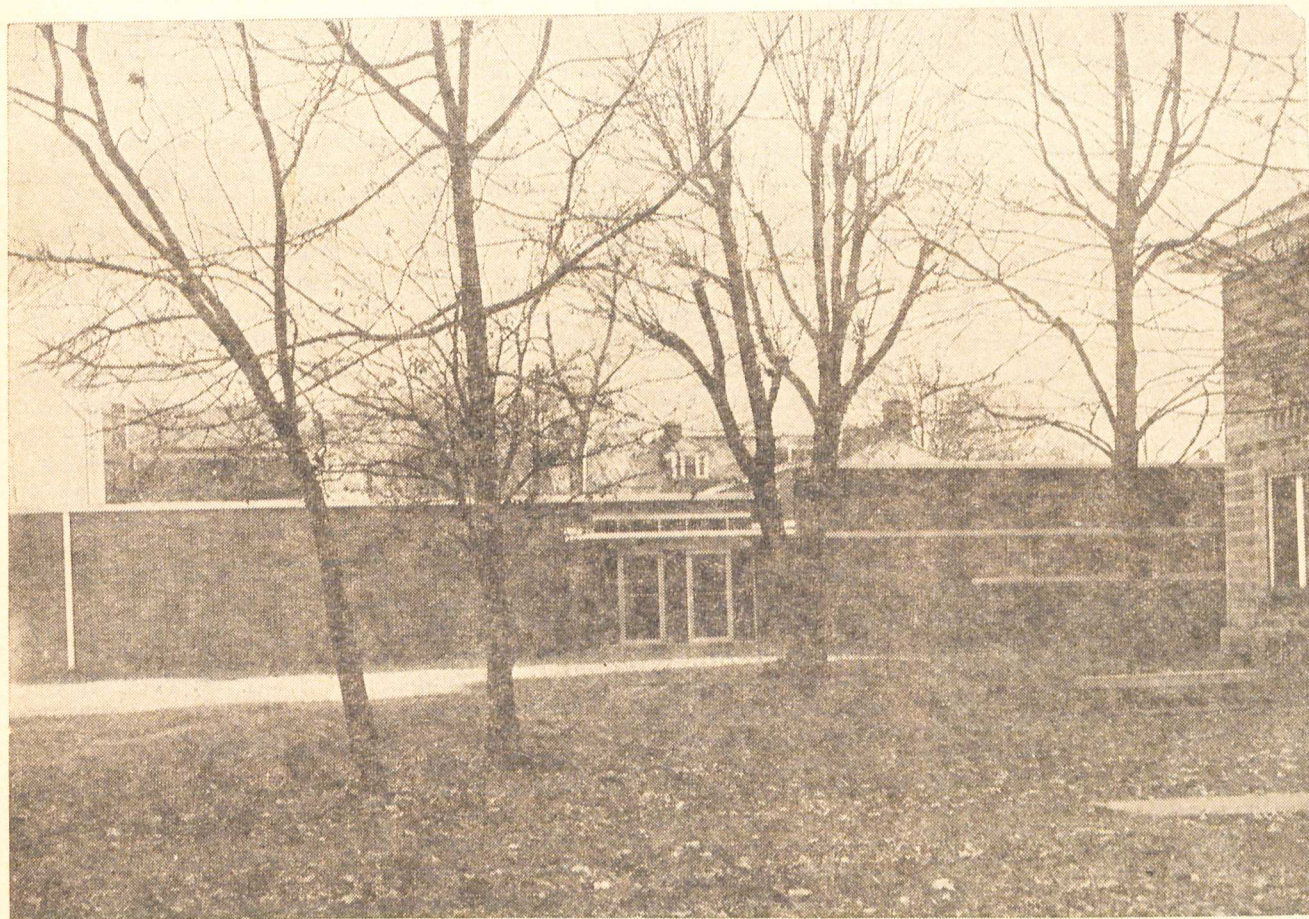
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COVER STORY...

A plan for the establishment of a Bible College was launched by the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the month of November, 1938. At this session of the Association, a Board of Education was elected and charged with the responsibility of devising plans for the promotion of educational interest and the accumulation of funds.

The succeeding years disclosed an awakening of faith and enthusiasm for the cause of Christian education that challenged the leadership of the denomination; and the establishment and maintenance of a Bible College devoted to the training of Christian workers, ministers, missionaries, and evangelists was persistently advocated. The response to the cause revealed a devotion, foresight, and liberality of unusual character. Funds were soon made available and in September, 1941, desirable property was purchased at a cost of \$15,000. Of this amount, \$5,000 was paid at the completion of negotiations, and the remaining \$10,000 in October of the next year. This building is now named Davidson Hall, after Rev. J. R. Davidson, one of the earliest promoters and founders of the college, and still a member of the Board of Trustees.

At the annual session of the National Association held in Columbus, Mississippi, July 1942, the Board of Education was directed to employ a faculty

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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

With the arrival of beautiful spring weather let us continue to go forth into the vineyard of our Lord to labor and sow the gospel seed as commanded by Jesus. Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." I Cor. 1:21b, "For it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Heb. 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him?"

Therefore, Christ was the greatest Preacher, Prophet, Priest and King ever to minister on the earth, and Christ only, offers salvation and immortality (I Tim. 6:16).

Thus, as we go into the field in Missouri promoting the whole Cooperative Plan of Support, which covers eight phases of our **National Free Will Baptist Departments** and seven **Missouri State Association Free Will Baptist Departments**,

During April I attended ministers' and quarterly meetings in four sections of the state: Cave Springs Association, Alton, Norman, and Liberty churches east of Eleven Point River. Some of these churches gave their first outright contribution to the whole cooperative program. I attended Madison County

Quarterly Meeting at Bethel Church which was originally a log building and is about a century old. Through the years the church has been remodeled and recently the main sanctuary was extended. This provided more Sunday School room. Also held services with Union Light and Copper Mines churches. Both of these churches are doing a good work for the Lord. The majority of Madison County churches fully support the State Cooperative Plan. Our St. Louis District Meeting convened with Faith Church, Lemay, Mo. The majority of our churches here also support the Cooperative Plan.

The open field of northwest Missouri stands as a real challenge to our denomination. Let us enter this open door!

Rev. Harry Beatty,
Promotional Worker

Muslims Study Bible In Morocco

Casablanca, Morocco (MNS) — About two years ago missionaries here launched a campaign to encourage Muslims to enroll in a Bible correspondence course. Moroccan boys distributed 10,000 handbills announcing that a free Gospel of Luke and the first lesson of the course would be sent to each person writing in.

Within six months 6,500 replies were received, and more than a hundred persons accepted Christ. Enrollment has now passed the 10,000 mark in this country of hard-to-reach Muslims.



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When GOD Taught Me To Give

by

Oswald J. Smith

My hand trembled as I signed my name and address and wrote in the amount of my first faith gift!

I shall never forget how God taught me to give. I had been pastor of a large church in the city of Toronto, but one day I resigned and on the first Sunday of January became pastor of a church which knew how to give in a way I had never known. I commenced this pastorate at a time when the church was holding its annual missionary convention.

Now I knew nothing about a missionary convention. I had never seen one in all my life. I didn't know the first thing to do. So I just sat there on the platform and watched.

The ushers went up and down the aisles giving out envelopes. To my amazement, one had the audacity to walk right up and hand me—the pastor!—an envelope. I sat there holding it in my hand. I can still remember that moment as though it were yesterday.

As I held the envelope I read, "In dependence upon God I will endeavor to give toward the missionary work of the church \$..... during the coming year." I had never read such a statement before. I did not know that God was going to deal with me that morning, and teach me a lesson that I was never to forget—a lesson that I was to teach to hundreds of others all over the country in the years to come.

I started to pray. I said, "Lord God, I can't do anything. You know I have nothing. I haven't a cent in the bank. I haven't anything in my pocket. This church only pays me \$25.00 a week. I have a wife and child to keep. We are trying to buy our home, and everything is sky high in price." All that was true. The First World War was on.

"I know that," the Lord seemed to answer me. "I know you are only getting \$25.00 a week. I know you have nothing in your pocket and nothing in the bank."

"Well, then," I said, relieved, "that settles it. I have nothing to give and I cannot give anything."

It was then the Lord spoke to my heart. I shall never forget it.

"I am not asking you for what you have," He said.

"You are not asking me for what I have, Lord?" I replied. "Then what are you asking?"

"I am asking you for a faith offering. How much can you trust Me for?"

"Oh, Lord," I exclaimed, "that's different. How much **can** I trust Thee for?"

Now, of course, I knew nothing at all about a faith offering. I had never given such an offering. But I knew the Lord was speaking. I thought He might say \$5.00, or perhaps even \$10.00. Once, as minister of another church, I had given \$5.00 for missions. Once in my life I had given \$3.00. Also, once I had given \$2.00. But never at any time had I given more than \$5.00. I almost trembled as I awaited the answer.

Presently it came. Now I am not going to ask you to believe that God spoke to me in an audible voice, but He might just as well have. I was scarcely conscious of the congregation as I sat there with my eyes closed, listening to the voice of God.

"How much can I give?" I asked.

"Fifty dollars."

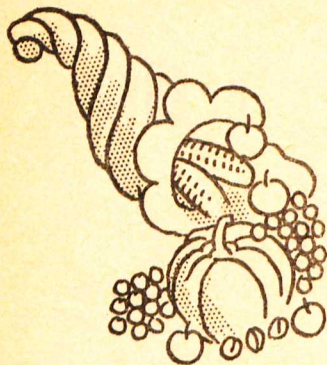
"Fifty dollars!" I exclaimed. "Why, Lord, that's two weeks' salary! How can I ever get \$50.00?"

But again the Lord spoke and it was still the same amount. It was just as clear to me as though He had spoken out loud.

My hand trembled as I signed my name and address and wrote in the amount—\$50.00.

How I ever paid that amount, I don't know to this day. All I know is that every month I had to pray for \$4.00. And every month God sent it to me in some miraculous way. At the end of the year I had paid \$50.00.

But this is what I want to make clear. There came to my heart such a fullness of the Spirit, that as I paid the
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CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

New Publication Announced By American Bible Society NEW YORK, N. Y.—

Publication of "The New Testament With Pictures," a new, profusely illustrated large-size paperback edition in the King James Version to sell for one dollar, has been announced by the American Bible Society. A similar edition in Spanish has been published simultaneously.

The project required more than ten years to develop and is hailed as a "milestone" by Society officials. The Testament was produced by rotogravure, has 259 pages, 8½" x 11", and contains 566 photographs, nine maps and six diagrams to illustrate and clarify various passages in the light of recent archaeological and historical stories. The cover is laminated for durability, of modern design and printed in six colors.

The volume's low cost and its many illustrations are expected to bring about widespread distribution, Society officials say.

Research and planning for the new edition was begun in 1950 by the Rev. Dr. Gilbert Darlington, now a consultant to the Society, but then its treasurer. Dr. Darlington feared that war or accident might destroy certain records of Biblical times and undertook to gather the pictures.

The pictures include a record of inscriptions, statues, temples and cities of Biblical times. The Corinth Canal, started by Nero with Jewish slaves, the pavement where Christ stood before Pilate, excavations of the palace of Herod Agrippa at Jericho, the mounds of Lystra and Derbe—all places and things Jesus and His disciples and Paul saw—are shown.

"These pictures make Christ's world live for children," Dr. Darlington points out.

A preliminary volume, called "The Good News," in hard cover form and containing portions partly in the King James Version and partly in the Revised Standard Version, was published

in 1955. The new edition is entirely in the King James Version and sells at a lower price because it is a paperback.

For ease in reading, the text is arranged in paragraph form without chapter and verse markings. Many of the photographs are of geographical areas and objects which are virtually unchanged since the lifetime of Jesus and the apostles. Twenty-one photographs were made from the air. Closeups were taken of such items as mosaics, statues, manuscripts, wall paintings, glassware and coins.

For some photographs, lengthy negotiations, sometimes lasting as long as three years, were needed. One such picture was of the small volcanic island of Patmos, where John wrote the Book of Revelation. It required the permission of the air ministers of the British and Greek governments, the Greek Information Service and the U. S. Civil Aeronautics Board.

Ministers, seminary students and other Biblical scholars are expected to find the new edition of value because of its special sources and reference materials. Travelers, too, may find that it provides an excellent guide to points of Biblical interest.

Dr. Darlington searched the Louvre and consulted with scholars in the School of Classical Studies in Athens, the American Academy in Rome and the School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. He also dealt with museums and photographers throughout America.

Typical of the illustrations is the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed the blind man by directing him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." There are pictures of Caesarea, Sidon, Cyprus, Myra, Clauda, Syracuse and St. Paul's Bay at Malta, where Paul journeyed by ship, with drawings of the kinds of ships he sailed and the kinds of coins he used.

The publication of the Spanish edition is considered particularly significant at this time because Spanish is second only to English in use in this

country, and there is a growing demand for the Bible in newly literate areas of Latin America.

As part of the project, the Society has been issuing separate books of the New Testament with pictures since 1951. These illustrated portions have now been published in English, Portuguese, Japanese, Spanish, Korean, Greek and Arabic. Other national Bible Societies, with which the American Bible Society is affiliated, also have printed portions with the same illustrations in Chinese (Kuoyu), Dutch, French, German, Indonesian and Portuguese.

The Society has distributed more than a half-billion copies of Scriptures since it was founded in 1816. It is one of the oldest missionary societies in the world. Over fifty-five Protestant denominations are represented on its Advisory Council. The Society's headquarters are at 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Reeds Named General Director Of Sunday School Department NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

Rev. Roger C. Reeds, Missouri pastor and Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, has been employed as General Director of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He was appointed to this position by the Sunday School Board in their meeting on April 4, 1962 at Nashville, Tennessee. He will edit and direct the literature program of the Sunday School Department and also do promotional work.

Rev. Reeds is a native Missourian and for the past five years has been pastor of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. He has been editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem for the past three years. He is married to the former Myrtle Pembroke of Mt. Grove, Missouri. The Reeds have three children; Mary Kathleen, Timothy Lynn, and Holly Ruth. They expect to move to Nashville, Tennessee around mid-June.

Two Missourians Take Roles In Biblical Play

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

Bill Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Evans of Springfield, Missouri takes the lead role of Simon Peter in *The Rock* to be given May 18th and 30th at Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium, at 8:00 p. m. Eugene Workman, son of Mrs. Zella Nevels of Rogersville, Missouri, plays the supporting role of Servant to Ucal.

The three-act religious drama, written by Mary P. Hamlin, is produced by the Bible College under the direction of Mrs. Laura Thigpen, speech instructor. The play, a favorite with Christian people, attempts to answer the question: "What can give man strength and courage to face life?"

Mr. Evans, a senior at the college, played the lead role in the first production of *Simon the Leper* presented by the College in 1960. He has had supporting parts in other plays also.

Mr. Workman, a sophomore, has received awards for work done in high school productions. He is a transfer student from Southwest Missouri State College where he majored in speech.

The Rock has been given two times previously by the Bible College in 1949 and in 1956.

Missionary Conference Yields Over \$3,000

TULSA, Okla.—

The Second Annual Midwest Missionary Conference was held at Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church under the sponsorship of the First Mission Association.

With 19 churches cooperating there were pledges and offerings made to the amount of \$3,287.41. This was a partial report at the Grand Rally on Sunday afternoon. Several of the churches did not have all of their pledges returned by the time of the Grand Rally.

Special Missions Emphasis In March

These pledges and offerings were a result of special emphasis, and in no way signify what these churches will give through regular missions and co-operative giving in the coming year. No cooperative money is included in this amount.

Two Yield to Mission Call

Two young people dedicated their lives to full time Christian service and plan to enter Bible College this fall.

Speakers Used of God

The Rev. Thomas Willey, missionary statesman, recently returned from

Cuba, was our featured speaker representing the Foreign Missions Board. He was accompanied by Benito Rodriguez who proved his worth as a real Bible preacher.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard was a special blessing as she told the many experiences of a Senior Missionary to India.

Dr. Homer Willis, Director of Free Will Baptist National Home Missions Board, spoke to us one time before suddenly being called away to conduct the funeral of a great missionary doctor in Kentucky.

The host pastor, Rev. Paul W. Inbody, expresses his sincere thanks to every church, pastor, and layman that contributed to the success of the conference.

Zuck Appointed As Commission's Director of Research

CHICAGO, Ill.—

Dr. Roy B. Zuck has accepted the recent invitation of the Commission on Research to serve as its Director of Research for the 1961-1962 year. The Commission on Research is an arm of the National Sunday School Association, consisting of professors of Christian education in evangelical schools. This will help meet the Commission's long-felt need for undertaking more extensive research projects.

The Research Director's duties include directing the study and development of the literature that the Commission authorizes and undertaking projects assigned by the Research Commission. One such project for the Youth Commission is a nation-wide survey on the question, "Why do teens drop out of church?" He is also exploring the possibilities of the publishing of a research journal in Christian Education.

Dr. Zuck will serve the Commission on an "extra-curricular" basis, in addition to continuing his full-time responsibilities as Editor of Training Hour Publications, Scripture Press. He formerly taught at Dallas Theological Seminary as a Teaching Fellow in Christian Education and Homiletics.

Twenty-Two to Graduate In May

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

Twenty-two seniors will graduate May 31st to conclude the Bible College's 19th commencement service and 20th year.

A baccalaureate service will be held May 27th at 8:00 p. m. with the Rev. W. B. Rodgers, pastor of the Manchester, Tennessee church as speaker. Dr. Alden Gannett, president of South-

eastern Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama will speak at the graduation service on May 31st at 8:00 p. m.

Graduating with B. A. degrees are:

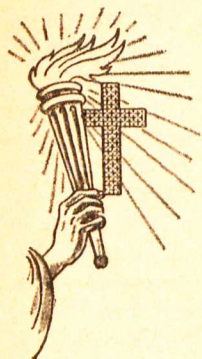
Kermit Argo, Norman, Okla.; Lewis Campbell, New Bern, N. C.; Marcia Ellison, Highland Park, Mich.; W. M. Ellison, Knoxville, Tenn.; William Evans, Springfield, Mo.; Darrell Fulton, Warren, Mich.; Thomas Hughes, New Bern, N. C.; Donald Jones, Tulsa, Okla.; J. W. Long, Jr., Morehead City, N. C.; Barbara McGahey, Columbus, Miss.; Dianne Manning, Pantego, N. C.; Stanley Outlaw, Midland City, Ala.; Eddie Payne, Tulsa, Okla.; Lewis Perry, Stratford, Okla.; Jean Pittman, Kenly, N. C.; James Puckett, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Ruth Rutledge, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jackie Simpson, Morehead City, N. C.; Bob Valentine, Jr., Norfolk, Va.; Bert Tippet, Norfolk, Va.; Inez Taylor, Warsaw, N. C.; Gus Thompson, Nashville, Tennessee.

Institute graduates earning the Christian Workers Bible Diploma are Francis Boyle, Santa Paula, Calif.; Kenneth Doggett, Warren, Ark.; Bob Ketchum, Bixby, Okla.; and Janis Wilcox, Huntington, W. Va.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on Thursday, March 29, 1962 at 10:00 a. m. for an all day service. There were ten members, two visitors, and one child present. The theme was, "Declare His Glory." Song, "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer by Della Getz. Another song, "Footsteps of Jesus." Business period presided over by the president, Bernice Dodd. Program period with Edith Brooks in charge. Scripture, Psalm 96. Introduction followed by a song, "Get God's Sunshine." Topic: "Declare His Glory Through Consecration," by Rachel Miller. A duet by Norma Williams and Doris Raper. Poem, "God the Creator" by Zelma Baker. Topic: "Declare His Glory Through Love," by Albert Turley. Topic: "Declare His Glory Through Family Worship," by Della Getz. Reading, "I Want to Talk to You," by Bernice Dodd. Topic: "Declare His Glory Through Soul-winning," by Doris Raper. Testimony service. Chorus, "Thank You, Lord, for Saving My Soul." Benediction. Noon Hour.

Afternoon session: Song, "Whisper A Prayer." Prayer by Rachel Melburn and Dean Wilford. Study, "A Practical Primer On Prayer," led by Doris Raper. Dismissed by Mrs. Dodd.



Woman's Auxiliary

FROM SOUTH SIDE:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri has been greatly blessed by the Lord the past month. We have recently acquired five new members. They are: Mrs. Lucille Beaty, Mrs. Virginia Jones, Mrs. Pearl Price, Mrs. Jean Slinkard and Mrs. Clarence Hassell. Mrs. Beatty was elected Program Prayer Chairman and has been planning some very interesting programs which we have enjoyed very much.

In February an enlistment banquet was held. The tables were decorated in orchid and white symbolizing the colors of the Auxiliary. As each lady arrived she was presented with an orchid colored flower to wear on her dress. A delicious meal was served by our social committee and then a play was put on by the Auxiliary. We recently made one hundred puppets for the Children's Hospital and we are now in the process of making needed supplies for our medical missionary, Dr. Laverne Miley.

The Auxiliary regrets that they will be losing their president, Mrs. Myrtle Reeds who has served us faithfully for the past five years. We all thank her for the time and energy she has spent on our Auxiliary and above all for her love for the Lord which was in everything that she did.

—Dee Stacy, Cor. -Sec.

FROM MENDOTA:

The Mendota Auxiliary met at the fellowship house on April 10th. Lunch was served at noon and the business meeting convened at one o'clock with Leona Logsdon, president, presiding. Song: "Close to Thee." Prayer by Fay Perkins. The Scripture was taken from the Book of Haggai. Song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." The minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered with, "The First Time I Remember Being In Church." There were nine members and two children present. 226 chapters were

read, 12 get well cards were sent and 45 sick calls made.

The program, "Why Saith the Lord?" was read and discussed by several members. A quilt was finished and several cleaned the church in preparation for the week of pre-Easter services. A closing song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung and Arlene Clay dismissed us with prayer.

—Edith Marsh, Cor. -Sec.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri held their March meeting with eighteen in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Eileen Hard and the opening song was, "I Must Tell Jesus," followed with prayer by Gussie Hamblin.

Following the Scripture reading, the program, "For Times Such as These... Witness Unto the Lord," was enjoyed with topics by Farron Jones, Alberta Davis, Pansy Keeny, and Pearl Gammon. A special number was given by Marie Kemp and her daughter. All members participating on the program entered the room through a large Bible and all topics were given by candlelight.

Various items of business were discussed and the meeting was enjoyable and inspirational to all in attendance.

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church met at the church Monday, April 2nd for their regular meeting with thirteen members present. The meeting was directed by Gracie Stephens. In keeping with the Easter season, a song, "Christ Arose," was sung. Scripture reading was from the Book of Haggai by Gracie Stephens. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Eudean Adkisson. In the business meeting we voted to send five dollars to Foreign Missions and to have a two weeks' Easter revival beginning April 16th. Rev. Finis Johnson will do the preach-

ing. We also discussed the Vacation Bible School to be held at the church this summer. Our pastor, Rev. Davie Combs, is holding a pre-Easter revival at the Alton Free Will Baptist Church. Our program was, "Why Saith the Lord?" conducted by Louise Cline. Topic 1, by Effie Lou Moss. Topic 2, by Louise Lewis. Topic 3, by Ella James. Topic 4, by Mrs. Cliff. The opening prayer was by Claudia Combs. The closing prayer by Effie Lou Moss.

—Cor. -Sec., Mrs. Beulah Gilliam

FROM ARNOLD:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church was organized December 12, 1961 with twelve women present. Mrs. Myrtle Reeds (State officer) Mrs. Janice Reeves, Mrs. Betty Camp (district officers) and Mrs. Lucille Beatty visited and assisted in organizing our Auxiliary.

Our meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Norma Kennedy. The group sang, "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Scripture reading by the president. Prayer by Mrs. Dorthy Vonnay. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved by all.

The reports of all the officers were given, prayer by Mrs. Hazel Hughes. During the business meeting we discussed meeting with the South Side Free Will Baptist Church this month to make gowns. We also are sending two baskets of fruit to two shut-ins.

Dismissed with the Lord's Prayer by the group.

—Cor. -Sec., Gladys Tyler

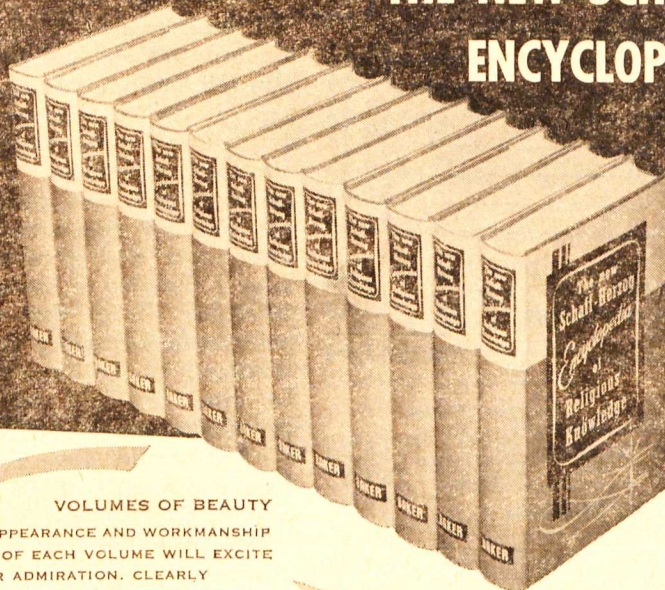
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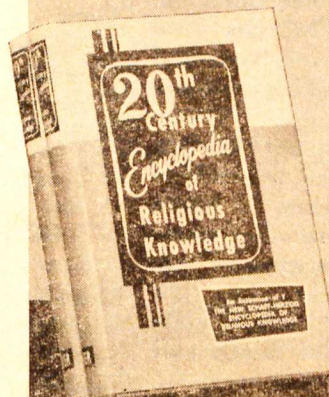
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The Christian home is an abode where the family dwells together in love and harmony, each delighting in the company of the others and seeking the good of all. Such a place cannot be maintained without the Bible, prayer, praise, playing, and planning together.

There is more to having a Christian home than having all members Christian. It is "togetherness" at the Christian level that makes a home Christian.

No home can be Christian until Christ has been invited, received, and made central in the thinking and actions of the family.

Every Christian does not have a Christian home, but if he remembers to be a Christian even when his home is not, his testimony before other members of the family is the greatest sermon they will ever hear. His life becomes a wedge for Christ and eternity or a block between the family and Christ.

It takes effort to have a Christian home. True happiness does not just happen. It takes planning and leadership to make the right things happen. The results of selfishness and laziness are costly, both here and hereafter.

God intends every man to be a king, his wife a queen, every child a prince or princess with their home as their kingdom.

May God grant that every king and queen, and every prince and princess will thoughtfully determine and assume his rightful share of the responsibility to make his kingdom a real Christian home.

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Beacon	63.54
Merl's Chapel	20.28
Mill Creek	38.35
Fredericktown	210.65
Grant Ave.	31.42
Victory	72.06
Pleasant Hill, Cave Springs Q. M.	3.00
Norman, Cave Springs Q. M.	38.00
Total Receipts	\$1247.08

Disbursed:

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$748.25
Mo. State Promotional Dept.	249.42
Missouri Home Missions	37.42
Gem	62.35
Youth Camp	62.35
General Fund	62.35
Missouri Superannuation	12.47
Skyline Neighborhood Center	12.47
Total Disbursed	\$1247.08

CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS APRIL, 1962

Monett	\$ 90.08
Farmington	61.12
Twin Oaks	40.00
Thayer	33.71
Carterville	14.70
Southside	35.40
Richwoods	55.94
Union Light	14.00
Hurryville	80.97
Hickory Grove	13.36
Mill Creek Sunday School	9.57
Merl's Chapel	22.43
Fellowship	75.00
Faith and Hope	11.30
Alton	8.00
Thayer	31.87
Hannon	30.00
Mine La Motte	11.85
Oskaloosa Auxiliary	4.00
Desloge	246.72
Mtn. Valley	28.77
Total Receipts	\$918.79

Disbursed:

National Association	\$551.27
Missouri Promotional Dept.	183.76
Missouri Home Missions	27.56
Gem	45.94
Youth Camp	45.94
General Fund	45.94
Missouri Superannuation	9.19
Skyline Neighborhood Center	9.19
Total Disbursed	\$918.79

WHEN GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE

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final amount I realized I had received the greatest blessing that had ever come into my life!

I had trusted God for a certain amount and He had met it. So great was the spiritual blessing that the next year at the convention I doubled the amount and gave \$100.00. Then, at another convention I doubled the amount again and gave \$200.00. At still another convention I doubled it once more and gave \$400.00. Then later I doubled it again and made it \$800.00. From that day to this I have been increasing the amount and sending it to the Bank of Heaven year by year. If I had waited until I had it, I never would have given it because I never would have received it. But I gave it when I didn't have it. I gave a faith offering and God honored it.

That was the first time, I say, that I had ever given what I call a scriptural offering, a Pauline offering. Paul, you will remember, often took up "faith promise offerings." He would get the church to promise a certain amount and then he would give the church a year to pay it. Then, you remember, as the year drew to a close, he would send someone to remind the church of the promise that had been made so he would not be ashamed when he arrived (see II Cor. 9). He wanted to be sure it would be paid. A faith promise offering is a scriptural offering, it is a Pauline offering, and God blesses it.

Have you only given cash offerings? It doesn't require any faith to give a cash offering. If I have a dollar in my pocket, all I have to do is to tell my hand to go into my pocket, find the dollar, take it out and put it on the plate. I don't have to pray about it. I don't have to ask God for it. I don't have to trust Him for any definite amount. I just have it and give it.

But it is entirely different with a faith promise offering. I have to pray and ask God how much He would have me give, then trust Him for it. Month by month I must go to Him in prayer and ask Him for the amount promised. I must wait upon Him until it comes in. That is the offering that brings blessing.

For well over a quarter of a century now, that is the kind of offering I have taken for missions. In our annual missionary convention we never get more than six or seven thousand dollars in cash, but we get a quarter of

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Dear Brother Reeds . . .

Dear Bro. Reeds:

I am happy to report an increase in attendance at both morning and evening services at the Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Valley Park, Missouri. Just a few weeks ago we had the privilege of hearing a very spiritual message delivered by Bro. E. E. Simpson of the Cave Springs Association.

There have recently been five new persons added to our church membership. May they enjoy working for the Lord in their new church home.

June 10th there will be an all day service at the church with the Victory Quartet from Granite City, Illinois being there for morning and evening services, also we will be starting a week's revival on the same day, the Lord willing.

Everyone is invited to attend any of these services. We desire the prayers of all Christians that much good will be accomplished for the Lord and that many souls will be led into the fold.

Mary Lou Lynch
Church Reporter

April, 1962
Waipahu, Hawaii

Dear Bro. Reeds:

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18.

I am sure many of you have been wondering why you have not heard from the Sanders family in Hawaii for the past three months. I am sorry that we have been unable to write more often but it is not because we have been remiss in our duty but many things have happened to make us delay this newsletter. Even though Hawaii is a state, the bulk mail services are not up to par; in fact, there is a shipping strike on now and the stores have already begun to ration some of the canned goods and rice. Many of our friends said they received our "Thanksgiving letter" just before Christmas and our "Christmas letter" in January; therefore, Bro. Willis and I thought you would receive the letters sooner and at a less expense to us if the Mission Board would mail the letters to you from the office at Nashville, Tennessee.

We were happy to have the Cronks, our missionaries to North India, to visit

us recently. Trula and Randal arrived in Honolulu on March 1st. Randal was sick with the flu and a high fever when they arrived, and Trula became ill that night after speaking to our prayer meeting group. They both had to have medical attention. Dan arrived in Waipahu on March 16th after visiting our missionaries in Japan. Although Dan became ill, too, while in Hawaii, he was able to attend all of our services during the week he was here and also made a tour of Oahu.

In recent months all the lots around us have been filled in and elevated about four feet above ours; therefore, we get all the drainage from the whole area when it rains. As a result, on Wednesday, March 14th, we had a flood and our yard and basement church was all under water and at one place it was up to the top of my rubber boots. Helen and I have had the blues many times, but I don't know if we have ever felt so much alone and depressed as we did then. I had put out the advertisements for the Sunday's services with Bro. Cronk as guest speaker for the morning service and Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., President of Bob Jones University, to be guest speaker for the evening services. You can imagine the dither we were in and I Thessalonians 5:18 became increasingly more difficult for us to fulfill. I set up a pump and by letting it run day and night was able to pump the water out of the church and most of the yard by Saturday. The Master's Men came and worked until late Saturday cleaning up the debris. On Sunday the Lord blessed us with two good services and His presence and power made us forget the difficulties.

For the three months of this year we have averaged 44 in Sunday School—with a low of 36 and a high of 58. On Sunday night, March 18th, when Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. visited our church it was impossible to get all the people in our small basement church. The best we could count we had approximately ninety people and about twenty of them had to stand on the outside. Please continue to pray with us that God will soon help us to obtain property and ask Him what He would have you to do. Send your gifts earmarked for the Pearl Harbor Fund to the National Home Mission Office.

The Lord continues to bless our services with souls. We have had two baptismal services recently at Pearl Harbor where I baptized six precious souls whom we have been able to lead to the Lord.

Anyone who wishes to receive our newsletter may send their name and address to the Free Will Baptist Headquarters, Home Missions Office, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

For Christ in Hawaii
The Sanders

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Y. P. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met for their March meeting at the church. The program was opened with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him," followed with prayer and Scripture reading.

The theme of the evening was "God's Blueprint," and topics were given by Laura Roussin, Nancy Gammon and Midge Wilson. The book study, "God's World Plan," was given by the group sponsor, Mrs. Dale Blakeley. The meeting was dismissed with sentence prayers by all in attendance.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met April 3rd, 1962. Opened by singing, "Glory to His Name." Sis. Alma Mason, president, read Haggai 1 and gave a brief comment. Prayer by Sis. Saxa Fielding. Topics were given as follows: Topic 1 by Sis. Alma Mason. Topic 2 by Sis. Edna Carder. Topic 3 by Sis. Fern Smith. Topic 4 by Sis. Saxa Fielding. It was suggested that we have pre-Easter week of prayer services. Invitations were made to have meetings at Sis. Fern Smith's in May and Mrs. Edna Carder's in June. Closed in prayer by Sis. Fern Smith.

—Cor. -Sec., Allene Painter

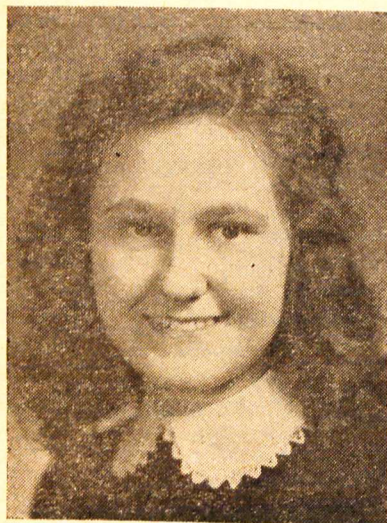
Wife of Board Member Passes

Garner, N. C.—Mrs. Leah Waddell, wife of the Rev. Eugene Waddell, member of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board and pastor of the Garner Free Will Baptist Church, died of cancer April 5th.

Mrs. Waddell was active in denominational work until the last few days of her illness which has been known for several months. She is survived by her husband and four children.



THE MISSION FIELD



MISS MOLLY BARKER ON LEAVE TO COMPLETE TRAINING

Miss Molly Gray Barker is now on leave from the National Home Missions Board to complete her training for medical missionary work. She is now a student at General Hospital School of Nursing, Nashville, Tennessee. Molly graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1958 with an A. B. degree. She then was appointed to missionary service among the Spanish speaking people in Arizona.

Molly is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barker of Morehead City, North Carolina. She is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Morehead City where the Rev. Seldon Bullard is pastor. While in Nashville she attends, and is active in the work of, Cofers Chapel Church.

The National Home Missions Board has plans to increase the medical program among the several fields of North America. Any church desiring to support a missionary full or part time may send funds for Molly's account to the Nashville office.

Candidate Approved For Brazil

Nashville, Tenn.—Mary Ellen Rice of North Carolina received approval for service in Brazil during the annual Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here April 2-6. Eleven prospective missionaries were interviewed.

In other business, Jerry Ballard's title was changed from promotional secretary to director of publications and information, more clearly defining his duties.

A major portion of time was spent deliberating the 1963 foreign missions budget to be recommended to the National Association in July.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS MISSOURI

March, 1962

Parkview F. W. B. Church	\$ 17.00
Anonymous	5.00
South Side F. W. B. Church	118.34
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley	75.00
Merl's Chapel Church	20.00
Oak Grove Sunday School	15.00
Jackie Sue Wantland	10.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	287.42
Missouri State Association	56.07
Grant Ave. F. W. B. League	10.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church	135.00
Buffalo F. W. B. S. S.	10.00
F. W. B. Church of Desloge	35.00
Mrs. Mabel L. Blythe	.65
Thayer F. W. B. Church	16.38
South Side F. W. B. Church	29.52
Martha Coffman, Leona Holt and Oma L. Scott	3.00
First F. W. B. Ch., Berkeley	31.02
Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Sherrill	10.00
Willow Springs Church	12.50
F. W. B. Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Lehman R. Riggs	25.00
First F. W. B. Ch., Mtn. Grove	30.00
Beacon F. W. B. Church	27.00
Mrs. John Summers	6.00
Junior G. T. A., Berkeley	3.00
Missionary Midgets, Kansas City	1.36
Gloria Jean Cook	12.00
Union Light F. W. B. Church	29.62

F. W. B. Church of Berkeley	75.00
Parkview F. W. B. Church	17.00
Third F. W. B. Church, Maryland Heights	294.00
Twin Oaks F. W. B. Church	50.00
Mrs. Bonnie Deatherage	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Crepps	7.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church	2.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church	59.17
W. N. A. C.	40.72
Mr. Ray Barker	2.00
Pleasant Grove Church	24.42
A Friend	10.00

Total \$1653.19

Boards Unite In Joint Miami Project

Miami, Fla.—The foreign and home mission boards of the National Association of Free Will Baptists have pooled resources and manpower for a concentrated Cuban refugee program in this resort city.

To be known as CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund), the project will be under the direction of veteran Latin America missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr. The Rev. Benito Rodriguez and the Rev. Mario Perez are assisting the Willeys in addition to the home mission staff already in Miami.

The emergency program is demanded by the urgent situation in this city brought on by the hundreds of Cuban refugees arriving here weekly.

Since no budget allocations are made for this project, the foreign and home boards are appealing for emergency funds above regular missionary support to provide for needed space and equipment to maintain the agency. A building is being acquired for distribution of clothing and food and for spiritual counseling.

In addition to necessary operational funds, there is an urgent need for good, usable clothing (not rags) and for food. Canned or dried foodstuffs may be sent to CERF. However, money with which to purchase food wholesale is preferred.

All clothing and food should be sent directly to CERF, care Melitino Martinez, 441 S. W. Sixth Street, Miami, Florida. Monetary contributions should be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

MISSOURI

March, 1962

Twin Oaks F. W. B. Church ..	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Lucy J. Postlewaite	10.00
Coon Creek F. W. B. Church ..	16.00
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	18.28
Finis E. Sorrell	1.00
Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists	6.19
Co-operative Headquarters ..	143.71
H. S. Vandivort	20.00
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Ch.	17.28
Virgil J. Bandy	30.00
Clifford E. Altis	28.00
First Church, Fredericktown ..	20.00
Lehman R. Riggs	25.00
Mrs. Nora Altis	1.00
W. A. Warden	10.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church ..	5.00
Youth Groups, St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
W. I. James	10.00
Will Gates	7.00
Beacon F. W. B. G. T. A.'s ..	2.50
R. M. Shaner	15.00
Betty Robinson	2.00
Floyd E. Green	1.00
Kirksville G. T. A.'s	2.00
David E. Sorrell	5.00
R. M. Reeder	5.00
Inez Coggins	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fortney	2.00
Mrs. Ethel Thompson	1.00
Charles Barker	2.00
James Newcomer	5.00
Mattie Schuster	2.00
Leona Thompson	5.00
Mrs. Thora Moody	1.00
Rev. L. A. Thompson	10.00
Webb City F. W. B. Church ..	8.80
Harold Wilfong	1.00
Happy Ridge F. W. B.	
Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
W. N. A. C. Headquarters	7.50
Beacon Youth Auxiliary	5.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church ..	10.00
Mrs. Mary Fry	5.00

Total Receipts \$492.26

Evangelicals Plan New Translation Of Japanese Bible

Tokyo (MNS)—Evangelical leaders here are planning a new translation of the Japanese Bible. Plans call for the New Testament and Psalms to be completed in three years and the entire Bible in five. With the support of the Evangelical Missionary Association of

Japan, the Japan Council of Evangelical Missions and the Japan Protestant Conference, and with the cooperation of leaders from more than 30 evangelical groups, the project has created unparalleled interest within the conservative constituency in Japan.

Four major aims have been stated for the project: (1) Translation will be from a position of belief in the Bible as the Word of God and of giving to the Lord Jesus Christ His proper place; (2) Translation will be from the original languages and will take as a primary reference work the American Revised Version (1901) together with a soon-to-be released updating of this translation; (3) Translation will be into modern Japanese, understandable to the masses; (4) The work will be conducted so as to give glory to Christ alone, with no individual gaining praise or profit from it.

The new translation is backed by the Lockman Foundation, originators of the Amplified New Testament and will be published by TEAM's Word of Life Press in Tokyo.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, April 3rd in the fellowship hall of the church.

The opening song was, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and followed with prayer by Lizzie Pirtle and the Scripture reading. The song, "Praise Him, Praise Him," was sung, followed with the business session. The room was highlighted with a large banner, "Why, Saith the Lord."

The monthly report blanks were discussed, along with the study courses. Plans were made to work on the church library. The pre-Easter services were discussed and will be held April 16 through the 20th. Lillie Smith and Alberta Davis were appointed as entertainment committee.

The program, "Why, Saith the Lord," was opened with the introduction by Edith Keeney. Topic 1, "Go Up Into the Mountain," was given by Hazel Scott; "Bring Wood," by Marybelle Gammon; "Build the House," by Gussie Hamblin; "I Will Be Glorified," by Eileen Hard. The benediction was by Alberta Davis.

Refreshments of pie, coffee and hot chocolate were served Farron Jones, Marion Wilson, Eileen Hard, Genevieve White, Gussie Hamblin, Lizzie Pirtle, Pansy Keeney, Edith Keeney, Marybelle Gammon, Alberta Davis, Lillie Smith, Hazel Scott, Oma

Barker and Jean Blakeley and two visitors, Mattie Souden and Maude Gaither.

The Y. P. A.'s of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met Tuesday evening, April 10th. The program was, "Wireless to Heaven," with Marilyn Hard, Midge Wilson, Joan Matthews having topics. Trudy Busenbark was in charge of the business.

Plans were made for a home missions project. The meeting was inspirational. Mrs. Dale Blakeley is sponsor.

The B. A.'s of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met Wednesday evening, April 11th at the church from 5 to 6. The program was, "What Are You Worth?" with all the boys participating with Scripture references. The program was opened with the song, "Behold," and was closed with sentence prayers from all in attendance.

Those attending were Ronnie Wells, Bobby Wilson, Richard Honbeck, Leonard Ratcliff and Randy Foshee and the youth director of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Dale Blakeley.

Thursday evening, April 12th the Missionary Midgets of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met for their first meeting. The program was "Christ Is Risen," which was illustrated with a flannelgraph. They worked on their attendance bunnies and made spool bunnies to take home with them. Their program was opened with their song, "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

Those in attendance were Mike Dunn, Randy Dunn, Denny Dunn, David Jones, Sharon Blakeley, Melody Gammon, Beverly Barton, Marsha Hartman, Randy Eads, Cathy Cockrum and Toni Blakeley, the sponsor, Mrs. Willard Williams, the youth director of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Dale Blakeley and Midge Wilson a Y. P. A. member who played the piano for the group singing.

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Pocket Testament League Achieves Goal In Africa

Dahomey (MNS)—The five millionth Gospel of John to be distributed by the Pocket Testament League in Africa was presented to President Hubert Marga of the Republic of Dahomey. The presentation, made by PTL representative Gordon Rasmussen in a ceremony attended by American Ambassador Robinson McIlvaine, marked the achievement of the League's objective for its continent-wide campaign of Scripture distribution and evangelization initiated in Kenya Colony seven years ago.

Accepting the gift of the specially engraved French New Testament, President Marga said: "I am very pleased to receive this present. This is a very great job you have done for the Africans. Only God's Word will help us to work hard. We know that we need the power of God in order to succeed. I greatly appreciate this gift with grave emotion."

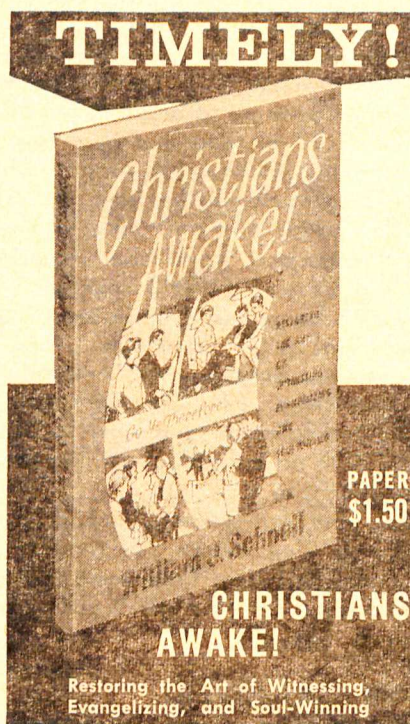
Portuguese Ambassador Ignores Religious Tensions In Angola

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—Senhor Pedro Theotónio Pereira, Portuguese Ambassador to the United States, claims that there is a friendly relation between his government and the work of the churches in Angola, both Protestant and Roman Catholic.

This evaluation of the religious situation came during the question period following a speech to the National Press Club here in which the ambassador defended the history and actions of Portugal in Angola, Mozambique and Goa. He heatedly condemned those who are "interfering with the internal affairs" of his country and "making false reports about events in Angola."

Replying to a question about tensions between his government and the Catholic clergy and Protestant missionaries Senhor Pereira ignored numerous reports of incidents involving restrictions on religion in Angola. He paid tribute to the role of the Roman Catholic Church in civilizing Portuguese territories and said that "Protestant missions have been welcomed in Angola for many years."

The ambassador said that Portugal has had to expel four Protestant missionaries and one Catholic priest. He said the missionaries "had not done honor to the hospitality" they had received in Angola. He made no comment regarding the priest who was expelled.



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COVER STORY . . .

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and other essential workers and to open the Bible College on September 15th of that year. It was on this date that the initial reward of much prayer and earnest work became a tangible reality. On the appointed date the Bible College opened with the Rev. L. C. Johnson as president and an enrollment of nine students. At the end of the second year, Mr. Johnson resigned his position as president and the Rev. L. R. Ennis was chosen to succeed him.

The Board of Education and the faculty of the college wrought nobly during the first three years in the directing of the college and, by reason of its rapid growth, proposed, at the annual meeting of the Board in April, 1945, a program of expansion. The plan prescribed an increase in faculties, an enlargement of curriculum, and the incorporation of the institution. Accordingly, at the annual session of the association in July, 1945, the incorporation of the Bible College, under the direction of nine trustees, was authorized; and on September 18 of the same year, the trustees were organized for the purpose of administering and directing the work of the college.

Following the organization of the Board of Trustees and the election of the officers of the college, consideration was given to the purchase of an additional building for use as a chapel, classrooms, and a dormitory for men. By unanimous consent the purchase of the Sword Building (now Ennis Hall, named after Rev. L. R. Ennis, mentioned above), was authorized; and on October 23, 1945, the title was delivered. The cost of the building was \$10,500, and the entire purchase price was paid at the completion of negotiations.

In the spring of 1947, the Reverend L. C. Johnson was called to the presidency of the college. In 1949, the curriculum was expanded to add a third year of work. The next year the fourth year was added; and in May, 1951, the first group of graduates received the Bachelor of Arts degree. This was an outstanding event in the history of the denomination since no degree had been granted by a Free Will Baptist institution for nearly forty years. The Memorial Auditorium was completed in time for the graduation exercises to be held in it.

The physical needs of the college continued to increase, and on October

7, 1952, the Richland Apartments building was purchased at a cost of \$65,000. As a result of God's marvelous blessing and the liberal gifts of Free Will Baptist people, this building was completely paid for within eighteen months.

In July, 1956, at a cost of \$15,000, another property purchase was made of a building at 3611 Richland Avenue, to be used for additional men's dormitory space. It connected two pieces of property which the college already owned, and helped pave the way for the \$200,000 expansion program launched under the approval of the National Association in July, 1956. The building is now named Parker Hall, after the late Ed Parker, long-time deacon of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, who remembered the college with a bequest in his will.

The expansion program continued to progress, and the new Dining Hall and Student Lounge building was completed in the spring of 1958, at a cost of about \$70,000. Formal accreditation was received by the college in the fall of 1958. This important step represented the attaining of the first accredited school in the denomination in several decades.

The most recent development in Bible College history was the purchase of a building at 3606 West End Ave., to provide administrative offices on a major thoroughfare of the city. A campaign is currently being sponsored by the Alumni Association to raise funds for this building.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Sis. LaRue Horn for the March program. There were 9 members present. Topics were given by: LaRue Horn, Dixie Green, Blanche Matthews, Greta Carter, and Sharon Burton. The next meeting will be at the home of Sis. Janice Huffman.

Plans were made for the pre-Easter week of prayer. The Youth Auxiliary will present the program on Wednesday night.

Recently we organized our "Missionary Midgets" with 7 members. Sis. Dixie Green is the leader of this group.

Our project for April is to visit the County Home. Members from each of the auxiliaries will give a short program. Cup cakes will be served to the members of the home.

—Cor. -Sec., Blanche Matthews

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1961—62

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
First Church, Springfield ..												
Victory, Kansas City	59	72			77	70	63					
Mt. Pisgah	78	66		73	63							
Copper Mines	101	85	91	90	83	81	57					
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			
Hazel Creek	48	54	49	56	52	47	35	53	52			
Twin Oak	56	53	54	56	60	54						
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			
First Church, Waynesville												
First Church, Kansas City	54	60	57	62								
First Church, Lebanon	59	55	57	64	58	57	58	73	74			
Overland Church	110	115	121	134	127	120	88	139				
Neosho							64	60				
First Ch., Mtn. Grove ...	309	331	318	304	292	299	245	298				
Myrtle	51	51	58	53	60	61	41	63				
Festus	39	46	45	38	52	47						
Bethel, West Plains	147	138	143	138	128	120	108	128	138			
Desloge	110	108	130	131	133	120	102	122	114			
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	161	164	169	168								
Thayer	85	99	93	102	108	118	85	117	115			
Meramec Heights			29	30	31	29	27	28	35			
Skyline Armourdale Ch. ...	67	70	78	68	70							
First Church, Monett	115	122	121	118	112	115	108	120				
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Move That Letter

By

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It is estimated that fifteen per cent of church members in the United States have their names on two or more separate church rolls. Therefore, when statistics are gathered, they are counted as two or more members. It is also estimated that nearly one third of all who attend church in the city are members of churches other than the one they attend. Usually it is a church of the same denomination. They haven't moved their letters. Then there are some believers in most churches who do not have, and have never had, membership with any church. The purpose of this tract is to point out the value of being a member of the church where one worships and works.

The Bible teaches that a "born again" believer should unite with a local church. Our blessed Lord identified Himself with the church as her head (Eph. 5:25). We reach the following conclusions from a study of the Scriptures; the natural thing to expect from a "born again" believer is: he will want to be immersed, and fellowship with the "saints of like precious faith." Just as no effort is made in the Bible to prove the existence of God, no special effort is made to prove the necessity of church membership. It was an accepted fact from the beginning that groups of believers would organize themselves into local churches, and this they did in cities and villages throughout the land.

It is scriptural to keep a church membership roll. The mother church at Jerusalem kept such a record. At first there were 120 members enrolled, then 3,000, then 5,000, and the Lord was saving others daily. This church clerk was kept busy. It is also scriptural to grant church letters (Acts 18:27).

The word, "church" is mentioned in the Bible 111 times. It means "the called out ones." The wilderness church and the New Testament church, has the same purpose; gathering out those who will believe, and separate themselves unto the Lord. Every "born-again" person is a member of the body of Christ, or Church of God, and should be a member of the local church of baptized believers, who assemble regularly to worship God. The church is the "mystery that was to be revealed." In the local church the Holy Spirit will set in order the necessary officers, and give the necessary

gifts, that the church may lack nothing (Acts 13:1-5).

What are the advantages of having a church home? It gives one the proper relationship to the ordinances of the gospel. It gives a voice in the administration of the church policy. It gives protection from being misunderstood. Those who are not Christians will better understand when you tell them what church you belong to, than if you tell them, "I do not belong to any church." All Christians should be identified with the local church. If you are a part of the membership you have the privileges that our Lord Himself taught in Matt. 18:15-17. One will find fellowship with other Christians, a ready hand to help in time of need, and a storehouse for tithes and offerings, in the local church. The combined efforts of a group can accomplish things that an individual can never hope to accomplish. Being a Christian and being loyal to the church is synonymous.

Now a personal question. Where is your church membership? In the old home church? Why leave it there, when you or your family, seldom attend worship there? In another denomination? Why leave it there when you are receiving your blessings at your present place of worship? You may think, "I don't know how long I will live at this place," really no one is sure about that. If you have lived at your present address long enough to become a part of other community activities, it is time to move that letter.

One should be sure, above everything else, that he is saved. Then he should find a church home, and attend there regularly.

Ask your pastor how to become a member of the local church, or how to move your letter.

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Magazine Analyzes Letters From Red China

Hong Kong (MNS)—According to statistics of the Hong Kong Post Office, letters received here from the mainland of China average 60,000 a day. Recently the magazine **Mainland Today** collected 18,671 from the mainland letters as samples of information materials for studying the psychology of the people who, unable to escape to freedom, are still living in a country which was occupied by the Communists 12 years ago.

An analysis of these sample letters revealed that they may be classified into two categories: (1) letters telling of food and clothing shortage, natural calamities, famine and raging epidemics; (2) letters telling of individual experiences such as persecution, labor reforms, marriage tragedy and family conditions. Almost without exception the letters concluded with an appeal for aid and relief supplies.

Nationalism Offers New Opportunities, Says Missions Executive

Denver, Colo. (MNS)—"Up until now, not one of the new nations of the last 18 years has closed its doors to the Gospel," said Dr. Clyde W. Taylor as he spoke to the 20th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which met April 10-12 at the Denver Hilton Hotel here.

Delegates from all over the United States heard Dr. Taylor point out that religion has become a large factor in the development of nationalism in some countries, such as Burma, where Buddhism is becoming a state religion again. "The general excuse given for this," he said, "is that the state religion is a unifying force in society. The Roman Catholic Church has long used this argument in Spain, Portugal and Latin American countries. The penetration of the lands by any other religion is denounced as an attack not on their religion but on the 'national unity.' It is made to sound like an attack on their national sovereignty."

Dr. Taylor emphasized that while there are many problems connected with nationalism, it can also offer new opportunities to the Church. "Sane, sensible nationalism can be a boon to the cause of Christ. Not only can it throw off old controls, it may grant full freedom. Healthy nationalism creates a national alertness and awareness. It helps break old fetters of customs and inferiority. Even in creating a restlessness and a degree of insecurity it provides a climate ideal for the spread of the Gospel."

In conclusion he said, "May the Lord help us to utilize every trend in our modern tongue and nation while it is yet day."

Dr. Taylor is the executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, an association representing 5,626 foreign missionaries.

Caesar said, "I found Rome in brick and left it in marble." It matters little how he found or left it, he left it. When you are gone it will also be said of you, "He left it."

WHEN GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE

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a million or more in faith promises! And it always comes in! More comes in than the amount promised!

It is customary in many churches to simply divide between various missionary societies whatever cash offering is given. If it comes in, they give it. But since there is no need to exercise faith, there is no burden, no responsibility. I have no use for that kind of giving. I believe that every individual church should obligate itself in faith before God for a certain definite amount, and pray until that amount has been received.

Now I am not talking about pledges. I have never taken up a pledge offer-

ing. There is all the difference in the world between a pledge offering and a faith promise offering. A pledge offering is between you and a church, between you and a missionary society. Some day the deacons may come along and try to collect it, or you may receive a letter reminding you of it. You can be held responsible for a pledge offering.

A faith promise offering is between you and God. No one will ever ask you for it. No official will ever call on you to collect it. No one will ever send you a letter about it. It is a promise made by you to God, and to God alone. If you are unable to pay it, all you have to do is to tell God about it. Give Him your reason. If He accepts it, you are free.

This, my friend, is the greatest investment you can make. You should be in business for God. You should make money for Him, use what you need to live on and give as much as you can for the work of evangelization. Put your money where it will accomplish the most for God. Put it into the getting out of the gospel. Put it into the souls of men. Use it for those who never yet have heard the message.

Perhaps God would have you support a missionary of your own—and then another, and another. Make a faith promise offering unto Him, then trust Him to help you meet it. Unmeasurable blessing will be yours.

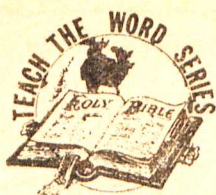
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EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN**OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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

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