

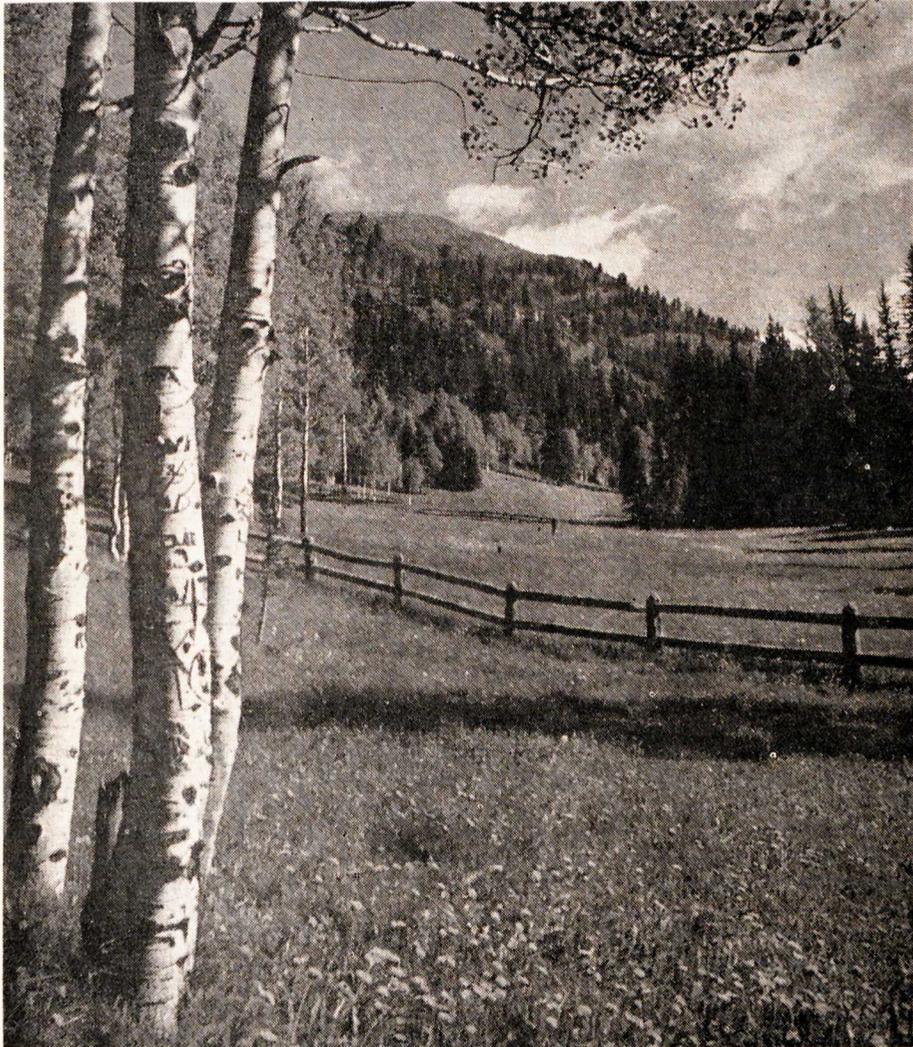
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## A PRAYER

Teach me, Father, how to go  
Softly as the grasses grow;  
Hush my soul to meet the shock  
Of the wild worll as a rock;  
But my spirit propped with power,  
Make as simple as a flower.  
Teach me, Father, how to be  
Kind and patient as a tree.

Joyfully the crickets croon  
Under the shady oak at noon;  
Beetle, on his mission bent,  
Tarries on that cooling tent.  
Let me, also cheer a spot,  
Hidden field or garden grot-  
Place where passing souls can rest  
On the way and be their best.  
Edwin Markham

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We are striving hard to build the subscription list. It is steadily growing, but we would like for it to grow faster. We have yet thousands of Free Will Baptists who are not reading the Gem. They all should be. In order to get the Gem in more F. W. B. homes we must have more solicitors on the field. Will you please take the matter up with the people of your church and community and see if you can get us a nice list of subs for the Gem? Remember 3,000 is our goal.

Thanks to all who are securing subs, and thanks to all whom we believe are going to become solicitors.

The Editor.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS ALMOST HERE**

It seems impossible, yet it is true. Another year has almost passed and it is about time for another national association. This time we meet in Columbus, Georgia. Meeting the usual time, that is the week following the second Sunday in July.

We are expecting a great meeting. We trust there will be a good representation from all the states. Every one where it is possible, should be laying plans to make their way to Columbus for this meeting. It is important that you be there. Matters of vital concern will be placed before the delegation for consideration, which of course is always true in all our important associational gatherings. Not least by any means is the necessity that much prayer be going to the Lord for the blessed fruits of this meeting. If we gather there in a spirit of prayer the Lord will certainly be in the midst. Without Him we are a failure; with Him all is victory in spite of the enemy of righteousness. May the Lord grant the the greatest national association yet.

The Editor

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## OCCUPYING TILL JESUS COMES

B. F. Brown

Christ's earthly ministry was drawing to a close; and His face was turned toward Jerusalem—once more He must go up to the Holy City; there to suffer at the hands of wicked men, and be crucified. On this last journey He would teach the twelve important things they needed to know before He left them. Chapters 18 and 19 of the Gospel of Luke give us a record of how and what Jesus did as He journeyed with His disciples, going up to Jerusalem for the last time.

Jesus was incessantly busy on this last journey: teaching His disciples many important things, by precept, parables and miracles. He took little children in His arms and blessed them, and taught the twelve the importance of having a child-like faith. Another lesson for the disciples was the case of the rich young ruler, who wanted treasures in Heaven, but couldn't give up his earthly treasures. And He further taught them that they must leave ALL earthly things for the Gospel's sake.

Then He took the twelve, and said unto them, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished." He told them plainly that He would be mocked and spit upon, and be scourged and put to death, and that He would rise again the third day. But all these things were hidden from them; and they understood none of them.

As they came near to Jericho, Jesus gave sight to a blind man. And after passing through Jericho, they found Zachaeus up in a tree; that he might see Jesus. So they went to "break bread" at the home of Zachaeus; and Jesus declared, "This day is salvation come to this house."

They were now nigh to Jerusalem, and would soon enter the Holy City. Jesus well knew what awaited Him there; but His disciples still expected that Jesus would immediately set up the kingdom, and would personally

inaugurate it. To correct this false hope of His disciples, Jesus gave them the parable of the pounds:

"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come" Luke 19:12, 13. This parable, as a whole, applies to Christ and His followers, and to His kingdom. It was spoken to show His disciples that

### Their Lord Must Go Away

Though He had often told them what things He must suffer, the disciples couldn't believe that their Lord must be put to death; rise again the third day; that He must go back to the Father, and after an indefinite time, return for them, before they could be with Him in His kingdom. They seemed not to know that unless their Lord went to the Cross and died to atone for their sins, there would be no kingdom for them. They did not understand when the Lord said, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself" John 14:3. And when He showed them (John 16), that it was best for them that He go away, they were filled with sorrow. But He assured them that He would send the Holy Spirit, and that when He, the Holy Spirit, came, He would guide them into all truth; and would make them to know the things Jesus had spoken unto them; and would show them things to come (John 16).

The disciples saw their Lord crucified: He appeared unto them after His resurrection; and forty days after He arose 'they saw Him go away,' and ten days after the ascension they received the Holy Spirit.

The apostles and more than one hundred other disciples, as they waited and prayed in an "upper room," received the "promise of the Father," and were "endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:29), just as the Lord had prom-

ised (Acts 1:8). Because of their obedience, the Lord had richly blessed them—every faithful one of them had come into possession of a full "pound" of the Lord's money; and immediately began to OCCUPY (do business) with what the Lord had given them.

The Lord's followers were at first called disciples (taught or trained ones), or brethren (brothers); afterward they were called Christians (belonging to Christ) "first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26), a name we are all familiar with now. Whatever the Lord's redeemed are called, He loves them, and they love Him, and feel an urge to occupy in His name

### While He Is Away

A little more than nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus the good Shepherd was here on earth, feeding and caring for His sheep. He loved His sheep so much that He died for them (John 10:5); and Psalms 22 tells how He died. Now Jesus, the great Shepherd of Psalm 23, whom the Father raised from the dead, is here (Heb. 13:20, 21), caring for His sheep. Psalm 23, then, applies to Christians during this age of grace; and I am pleased to be one of the Lord's sheep, and can say:

"The Lord my pasture doth prepare,  
And leads me with a Shepherd's care."

Jesus the great Shepherd is with His sheep, in Spirit, during this age of grace; but is coming in person, as the chief Shepherd; "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" I Peter 5:4. After all our wonderful Lord has suffered for us, and done for us; how can we do less than occupy faithfully with all that He has given us to occupy with?

While our dear Lord is away, He is preparing a place in glory for every one that trusts in Him and faithfully occupies according to His will and purpose, until He comes back to earth again. The Lord is performing His part in preparation for us to be with Him in glory; and we must do our part—while we wait for His coming, we must watch and pray, and be

faithful stewards.

Since Jesus went away nearly two thousand years ago God's people on earth have had no visible divine Leader, though they have not been without a divine Leader; for the Holy Spirit has been here on earth since the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is in reality God; and is equal with God the Father and with God the Son. Jesus promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come, and would guide them into all truth, and would enable them to understand the things He had taught them, and even show them things to come (John 16:13-15). He will do as much for each of us, if we are true Christians.

Jesus said, "Without me ye can

do nothing" John 15:5. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life" I John 5:12. Without the Spirit we can do nothing; for without the Spirit we'd be dead in trespasses and sins. In this day of modernism men are trying, without the Spirit, to be Christians and accomplish things for God; but it just can't be done. The Holy Spirit is here to enable the Lord's servants to occupy for the glory of God until Jesus comes again. If we make proper use of all the power and wisdom He is willing to give, we'll be able to occupy to divine acceptance, and can finally be with Jesus in His glorious kingdom. Amen.

say that ye are read? But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all; and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth. How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. How are we to speak in an unknown tongue by two or three? By courses let the interpreter explain what the other has said, but remember what Paul said, if no interpreter is there then we are to keep quiet and talk to ourself and to God. Why can't we talk in this congregation? Because we can't understand them and they can't understand us. If we don't know what we say then what benefit have we in talking to the Dear Lord? If we don't know what we are saying, then how will God know how to answer our prayers? It will be just as it was in BABEL.

Turn with me to Gen. 11:1-9. "And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build

## THE TONGUE QUESTION

*Continued From Last Month*

I Cor. 14:2, 5, 13-24. (2) "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him, howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." Yes, if we speak in an unknown tongue we speak to God, not to man. How many are there that speaketh in an unknown tongue when he or she is alone? When we are sending up our prayers to God we always relate to God the things we desire so He will understand what we are in need of. (5) "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. The apostle emphasized this one point in this great sermon—interpret the message when they speak in tongues. What advantage is it to speak in another language or tongue if all the people understand and speak the same language? Do these tongue movements interpret it when they get up and carry on as they do? No! Not one time have you ever been to one of their services and heard the interpretation of it. Then they are not obeying the word of the Lord. Yes, Paul writes more on this subject than all the rest, and he plainly states for them to have an interpreter to interpret the message. Can these people help speaking in tongues as they do? Yes, if they could not then the apostle would not have written (13-28) "Wherefore let

him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people, and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not

the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." But on the day of Pentecost each one heard and understood what was said. It was not confusion, for all the disciples were in harmony with the Lord's will and was waiting for the Comforter to come as Jesus had instructed them to do, as at the beginning. They were of one language or tongue, but sin has caused them to be scattered and their language to be changed. But when the Comforter came all the people heard and understood the word of the Dear Lord. These men knew what they were saying. I am not saying that those who speak in tongues are walking contrary to the will of the Lord, but of what advantage is it to speak what you know nothing of? Let us try in every way we know how, to please the Lord and obey His instructions as was spoken by Paul and always have an interpreter when having an occasion to speak with an unknown tongue. Then there will be no confusion over this subject.

Let us now study the works of the Holy Ghost. Was speaking in tongues an evidence that they had received the Holy Ghost necessary? If it was then the brethren at Samaria would have spoken with tongues. Let us read Acts 8:17 "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Neither does it mention Paul speaking in tongues at the time of his baptism of the Holy Ghost. Read Acts 9:17, 18 "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto the in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized." No, not one time, but he already spoke a number of languages. There is another lesson in Saul's conversion. Saul stayed at the altar and was justified and sanctified before he left. Although he had been there and Jesus saw he was in the right attitude for the Holy Ghost.

What does Jesus say the Holy Ghost would do when it came? John 12:32

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This is one of the works of the Holy Ghost. To draw all men to Jesus. Why is it that there are so many people still in sin? Have we raised Jesus up before our fellowman as he asked us to? No, each moment of our life should be lived in such a way that our fellow workman will know that we are following in the Master's footsteps. Yes, Jesus was hung on the cross by the soldiers, but he arose the third day. He conquered death, hell and the grave and ascended up to glory to be with the Father. Our every day life is what counts for Jesus.

St. John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Then it was to be a teacher to show us how we are to live, act and talk before our fellowman.

St. John 15:26 "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"

Matt. 10:19 "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak." Who was going to testify on trial for these disciples that Jesus had just sent out to preach the Gospel?

St. Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost." The Holy Ghost or Spirit was going to speak through them. Then it was the Holy Ghost that should testify in and through us so men can understand what we are talking about to them.

St. John 15:27 "And ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning." How were they to bear witness speaking words of Jesus, that was easy to be understood, of His life and works here on this earth, telling the people that He was the Messiah that Isaiah the prophet had spoken of, as Saul did as soon as he was filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 9:20 "And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the son of God." This is what each of the disciples did.

St. John 17:24 "And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." In plain English I have shown and taught them that thou art the Father and Creator of all things. They have believed my (Jesus) teaching and I would like for you to love them and put the Holy Ghost or Spirit in them, as Jesus had already asked Him in St. John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." This is one of the passages of scripture which support the theory of Sanctification as a growth in grace. As we learn that a habit or deed is not right by God's Holy Word, that it is wrong to do them, then we come with our problems to Jesus. He will send the Holy Ghost or Spirit to our aid and help us to overcome them. If any of you lack wisdom let him ask God that giveth to all men liberally, and it shall be given him. One of the great offices of the Holy Ghost is to give us wisdom.

St. John 7:37-39 "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" We have here the words of Jesus as he speaks of the time when the Holy Ghost would come for those who believed. It was not literal water that should come from his disciples, but the doctrine that he had taught them should continually flow from those that believe on Jesus. Try to teach and lead others to Christ as Moses spoke to the people in Deut. 32:1-4. "Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass." Have you thought in this way how the doctrine of Jesus would come unto the people of this world? Trying to convince them that Jesus was the Messiah, that the prophets had spoken of. Fine rain penetrates into the heart of the herbs causing them to grow. The same way with each of the saints when they are fed on the word of the Lord. It causes them to grow stronger in his service. (3.) "Because I will pub-

lish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God." This is one of the things that the Holy Ghost has done for the saints. They have and do publish it abroad that Jesus was the one that all the prophets had spoken of, the one who was to save his people, and that He arose from the grave to save all mankind from their sins if they would only turn to him. (4.) "He is the rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." Yes, Moses struck the rock in the wilderness and the water came forth and watered the people as in Num. 20:8. "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink." Moses here was a type of Jesus, for he spoke the words and struck the rock and a living stream of water come forth. Then when we come face to face with the Dear Lord, confessing to Him as He has asked us to, He will say the word and we will have our sins blotted out. And when we are willing to go each step of the way, do all the things He has asked us to, then the Holy Ghost will come into our soul and take complete charge of us, and we will publish abroad that Jesus is our Saviour.

St. John 1:4,5 "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." What is any darker than a man's life when he is in the deepest of sin? Not one thing. Then when we hear the voice of Jesus knocking at our hearts door for entrance and we yield to him, he comes into our life.

Acts 4:8,31 "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel." The people and rulers saw the boldness of Peter and John and knew they were unlearned men. They were astonished. They were guided by the Holy Ghost and spoke words that they were given to speak. (31.) "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." When these brethren were filled with the Holy Ghost they began to preach

Jesus with more boldness.

Rom. 15:13,13 "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." It is only through the operation of the Holy Ghost that we will ever reach that eternal home that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. (16.) "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Yes, when the Holy Ghost comes in our soul that is when we are sanctified.

I Cor. 2:13 "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." The Holy Ghost will help us to study God's word and understand how to live in this world.

St. John 4:14 "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. This is not literal water that Jesus refers to, but his Holy Spirit that shall be in us as long as we follow his teachings. Oh, if you would be willing to let the Holy Spirit guide your footsteps while here on this Pilgrim Journey. He said that he would be a light to our pathway and a guide to our feet. Are you willing for him to guide you my brother?"

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### NOTICE! WOMEN!

Remember, we are responsible for a sum of five dollars from each Auxiliary to help finance our representative to the national convention to be held in July. At our state convention we voted to send Lucy Wischart to represent our state in the declamation contest and agreed to take the plan back to our local Auxiliaries. This contest is being sponsored by the W.N.A.C., so come on Missouri and let's help finance our contestant. If you haven't already, then do send your money to our secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Alyea, Monett, Missouri.

Lucille Beatty

### REV. MARK M. LEWIS TO KENTUCKY FIELD

Myrtle, Missouri  
April 29, 1949

Dear Bro. Davis & Gem Readers:

This is to announce to our many friends of the state of Missouri, and elsewhere, that after May 10th our new address will be Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1300 East 19th St., Owensboro, Kentucky. I have already been elected, and am to assume the duties as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in said city May 14th. I am sure we are going to a great opportunity there, and equally as sure we are going to a great responsibility. We earnestly solicit your prayers that we may have a very fruitful ministry there.

As we send this announcement to you we also wish to send a parting word to all the dear co-workers of the State of Missouri. It has been our privilege to labor with you for the past 18 years; and when I say PRIVILEGE, I mean just that. We have enjoyed every instance of it! But, now that the Lord is leading us to another field, we feel a pang of sadness in parting with all the work in the state. However, I'm sure the work will go on without us, but rest assured we will be thinking of you, and remembering you all with loving memories. May the rich blessings of God rest on all of the work. Pray for us in the new field.

May I give a special word of parting to the dear people of Myrtle. As we have been with you for this year and one-half we have learned to love you very dearly. We trust that the Lord will lead the church on to greater heights than ever before. We shall always remember you, and ask that you remember us prayerfully.

Sincerely in Him,

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# EDITORIAL



## ANNUAL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The annual nationwide League Conference, which is to be held with the Tulsa, Oklahoma First Church June 14-16, promises to be a grand affair. Much interest is being manifested throughout the many states in this pending conference. There promises to be an unusual large attendance, and the First F. W. B. Church at 833 N. Utica in Tulsa, which is the host church, is evidently ready to go.

It is indeed gratifying to note the great revival of late years among Free Will Baptist youth. It is one of the greatest movements among us, because it gives us assurance of a church tomorrow. It behooves us who are older in the work to do our very best for our young boys and girls in providing things of interest for them within the bounds of our denomination,

### OUR APOLOGY

We are sorry we made a few excessive charges on the treatise when we first began to fill orders. We were under the impression they were selling for more money than the price which is being asked for them. We have corrected this, however, and have gotten "on the beam" concerning this matter, so come on with your orders for treatise. Correct prices as follows:

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### NOTICEABLE RESULTS IN REVIVAL WORK

We notice as we read the columns of our various denominational papers that many good revivals have been conducted in various parts of the country among our F. W. B. churches. Some of the churches in eastern Kentucky have been experiencing some wonderful revivals, with many conversions and a number of additions to the churches; some of these revivals running around the hundred mark, and better. Some of our churches in Missouri have experi-

and this we must do if we would perpetuate the Free Will Baptist cause. In my growing up I never knew what a young peoples meeting was. No such opportunity was afforded. What I say of my own experience along this line I am sure is true of many others of our older people throughout our rank and file.

I am sure it will be an unusual privilege to be able to attend the Tulsa League Conference. We urge every leaguer who can at all to avail themselves of this opportunity to be in attendance at this great youth meeting. League workers will be there from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf. May the Lord make these coming days of this meeting a great time of spiritual awakening.

### THE GEM HAS INSTALLED SOME MORE EQUIPMENT

We have just installed a casting system and a saw at the Gem Office. These are some pieces of equipment which were needed very badly, and have been needed for some time. We bought them used at a cost of \$115.00. The Gem is keeping real busy in all kinds of legitimate job work these days, and we are now putting out a local advertising paper every week. These pieces of equipment will be very valuable in this type of work especially.

enced good revivals. The reports of all these successful evangelistic campaigns are very encouraging. We are always happy to learn of the salvation of lost souls, and too, we are glad for the upbuilding of the churches in membership and spiritual power. The only hope we have of being able to perpetuate our denominational work is to build new churches and add to the membership of our older ones. We trust the pastors of these various churches will see to it that all

these new converts are truly indoctrinated in the principles of our faith and invisioned concerning the many things our denomination is doing at this time. Every department of the denominational work needs the loyalty and support of all these who are being brought to the Lord and added to our churches. They need us and we need them. May the Lord give us a revival that will definitely touch every church throughout our entire rank and file. Of all the many needs revival is the greatest one. Give us a real heaven sent revival and everything else will naturally come along as a true consequence.

### We Plan To Install Automatic Job Press Before Too Long

We still have the money you have donated for the purpose of installing an automatic job press. We have not spent it yet, but are continuing to shop around. We are dickering now with a dealer or two concerning some automatic presses. We are going to make a purchase one of these days, but are holding off until we find something that is worth while. In the mean time a little more money keeps coming in for this purpose. We would be so highly pleased if you would come along with enough money to put in a new Kluge, which we wrote you about before, but if you don't make it possible for us to install a new Kluge then we are going to do the next best. Pray for us that we will be divinely guided in these equipment purchases.

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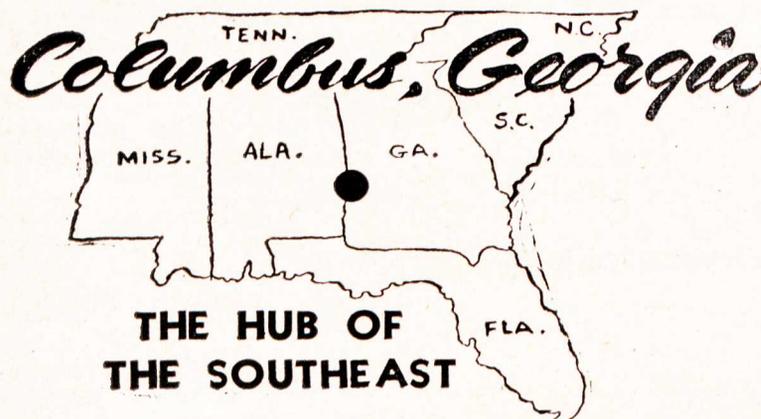
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## INVITES ALL F. W. B. FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

July 12-14, 1949

Pursuant to the action of the 1948 session of the National Association the invitation extended by the Georgia State Association was accepted by the Executive Committee and Columbus, Georgia has been designated by Georgia Free Will Baptists as the Associational City for 1949.

**COLUMBUS, IT'S LOCATION**—As the above map indicates, Columbus is the hub of the seven southeastern states. It is the gateway to the fertile Chattahoochee Valley and is at the head of navigation on the Chatahoochee River, in West-Central Georgia just across the Alabama line. It is the geographical center of the two great states, Georgia and Alabama. Columbus is 111 miles southwest of Atlanta, Ga., 152 miles southeast of Birmingham, Ala., 822 miles south of Detroit, Mich., 408 miles east of Memphis, Tenn.

**COLUMBUS AS A CITY**—In 1800 the present site of Columbus was a Creek Indian Village. It was ceded to the State of Georgia in 1826 and Columbus was created by an act of the General Assembly in 1827 for the purpose of establishing a trading post with the Indians. The only State conceived city in Georgia, Columbus was laid out in 1828 by State engineers.

Since that time the City has steadily grown and today Metropolitan Columbus embraces a population of 175,000, which includes Phenix City, Ala., a neighbor just across the Chattahoochee River, and Fort Benning, a great military installation, nine miles southeast of the city. The population of Columbus proper is estimated at 80,000."

**COLUMBUS AND TRANSPORTATION**—**Rail.** The Central of Georgia and Southern Railways serve Columbus with twenty-one passenger schedules in and out of the city daily. **Highway.** Seven modern, paved highways serve Columbus. They are: U. S. 27, north and south; U. S. 80, east and west from coast to coast; U. S. 241; Ga. 103; Ga. 85; Ga. 22, and Ga. 1. **Bus Lines.** Ten inter-city bus lines operate 146 schedules in and out of Columbus daily to and from points throughout the country. Bus lines serving the city include: Modern Trailways, Teche Greyhound Lines, Crescent Trailways, Capital Trailways, East Alabama Coach Lines, Southeastern Motor Lines, Southern Stages, Alga Coach Lines and Riley Bus Lines. **Air Lines.** Delta and Eastern Air Lines serve Columbus with nine daily regularly scheduled

flights.

**COLUMBUS AND ENTERTAINMENT**—The 1948 session vetoed approval that invitations for entertaining the National Association would involve only the providing of facilities for the sessions of the Associational Body. All persons attending will be responsible for their own entertainment. **Associational Facilities.** The Georgia State Association is providing in Columbus the Fine Arts Building of the Chattahoochee Valley Fair Ground, which is used as a municipal auditorium, seating approximately 1000 people. Ample committee rooms, parking and rest room facilities are available. The Fair Ground is located at the end of Fourth Avenue, within the City proper, about five blocks from down-town Columbus. Those coming to Columbus by car, arriving from north, east and west, will find that all highways converge on Fourth Avenue; then by following Fourth Avenue south, will bring them directly to the Fine Arts Building. Those arriving from the south by car will find the highway brings them directly by the location. **Hotel Accommodations**—The local committee recommends the following: **Ralston Hotel**, 12th & 2nd Ave. Rates: single with bath \$2.75 to \$4.00; double with bath, \$4.00 to \$7.00 per day. **Waverly Hotel**, 17 Thirteenth Street. Rates: single with bath, \$3.00; double with bath, \$6.00 per day. **Rankin Hotel**, 10th and Broadway. Single with bath, \$2.50; double with bath, \$4.00 per day. **Tourist Hotel**, 1320 Fourth Avenue. Single, \$1.50 per person; double, \$2.00 per person, per day. **Tourist Camp, The Plaza Hotel Courts**, 2115 Buena Vista Road. Room with bath for two people, \$5.00 per day; room with bath for four people, \$8.00 per day.

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**ROOMS IN PRIVATE HOMES**—Rates are \$1.00 per person per night. For reservations, write Rev. P. E. Knighton, 1114 First Avenue,

Columbus, Georgia.

**GENERAL INFORMATION—**  
 (1) There will be no registration fee. (2) Guides will be on duty at the Union Train and Bus Terminals beginning Sunday noon, July 10 through 12th. They will be on duty until late in the evening. If you arrive late at night or early morning when guides are off duty, call **Rev. H. J. Kelly, Phone 3-2842.** (3) If you arrive by plane, contact clerk on duty for information. (4) A list of reputable eating places will be furnished upon reg-

istration. (5) City bus service from all parts of the city direct to the Fine Arts Building. (6) Georgia Free Will Baptists together with the City of Columbus are seeking to make your stay pleasant. A number of committees are hard at work under the general chairmanship of Rev. H. L. Knighton to have everything in readiness. So—it's on to Columbus!

Henry Melvin, Exec. Secy.

president of the host league and Mrs. C. C. Parris, former Oklahoman, is the sponsor.

—The Small Voice

**ILLINOIS F. W. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL ALLIANCE MEETS**

On Saturday, April 23, 1949, a group of Sunday Schools met at Bearpoint Church, Sesser, Illinois, for the regular semi-annual Sunday School Alliance.

After the devotional, given by Mrs. Naomi Logsdon, we entered into the business session. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Letters from the various Sunday Schools were read and the delegates were seated. Bro. Ray Seattle gave a short talk on the growth of the Sunday Schools. He included in his talk some facts that were educational as well as interesting. Our president, Rev. Wallace Malone, gave a short summary of the work that has been done during the Sunday School Alliance. He concluded his talk with the information that as soon as the grounds were dry he would start building our tabernacle. On May 14th, there is to be a picnic on the grounds, but people are to go prepared to work as well as to eat.

Sis. Emma Moore brought the morning message. She used as her text, "Ye shall build a tabernacle." Her message seemed to give us more faith in believing that we shall soon have a tabernacle.

The afternoon service was opened by singing. The election of officers was as follows: President, Rev. Wallace Malone; Vice-President, Rev. Louis Hanna; Clerk, Miss Patricia Norris; Treasurer, Miss Voris Hale. The Mt. Zion and Nason Sunday Schools gave short programs. The Mt. Zion Sunday School received a banner for having the best program.

We were very happy to have with us Sis. Eunice Edwards and her sons Jim and "Bean" from Missouri. Sis. Edwards and Jim each gave a short talk on the Missouri Youth Camp. These talks made us more enthusiastic in seeing our tabernacle built so that our young people may have a place of their own to worship the Lord together.

Rev. Wallace Malone, President  
 Miss Patricia Norris, Clerk

**ENTHUSIASM MARKS FIRST TEXAS YOUTH CONVENTION**

Organized League Work Expected To Follow



Rev. Noah Tuttle Earleen Parris Floyd C. Eudy Rev. M. L. Sutton

**YOUTH LEADERS . . .** Shown above are four of the leaders of the newly organized League work in Texas. It was through their efforts that the first youth convention was held April 22nd at Fort Worth. Left to right: Rev. Noah G. Tuttle, who had charge of the convention program; Mrs. C. C. Parris, sponsor of the host League; Floyd Eudy, president of the host League, and Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor of the Fort Worth Trinity church.

Sparkling with enthusiasm, nearly 200 Leaguers and League workers attended the first district youth convention in Texas, held Friday night, April 22, at the First Free Will Baptist church, Fort Worth.

Represented at the convention were Leaguers from New Salem, Weatherford, Dallas, Comanche, Fort Worth Trinity, and Fort Worth First church. A group of young people from another Baptist church in the city also attended.

**Sword Drill Held**

Rev. Noah G. Tuttle, former Oklahoman attending the Bible Baptist seminary, was master of ceremonies. In the Intermediate Sword Drill, conducted by Rev. Tuttle, Junior Brooks, member of the First church League, was the winner. Since there is no

state League convention in Texas and no other district convention to compete, he will probably represent the state in the Nationwide Sword Drill.

**Editor Speaks**

In a message to the youth, W. S. Mooneyham, editor of the Tex-homa paper, urged them to yield themselves completely to Christ. "You are not limited to the left-overs of somebody's half-baked effort," he said.

"God wants you as an individual, conformed to no way but His way. He is preparing each of you for a specific job. Know His will for your life—and don't allow yourself to be sidetracked."

The convention, which was sponsored by the League of the host church, is history-making in that it is expected to mark the beginning of an organized League work in Texas. Floyd Eudy is

## OUR COLLEGE MEN AND WOMEN

Mrs. J. E. Frazier

There was a time when it was thought unnecessary and maybe a bit dangerous for a preacher or worker in the church to go to college. The preacher could just read his Bible at home or study under the guidance of some good old experienced minister and then go out and exercise his gifts.

At this same time many men read medicine in the office of some successful doctor and then proceeded to make pills and dose out quinine and calomel to people. Also at that same time many a successful lawyer got his training by reading in some attorney's library and doing odd jobs around his office till he could pass a rather simple examination. Then he could go out and practice law and run for Congress, or be elected to the presidency of the United States.

But times have changed. Today you and I and all people everywhere require our doctors to have a college education and medical training plus at least two years of internship before being permitted to write prescriptions for us. Also our lawyers are expected to have a liberal education, followed by highly technical training and the passing of a rigid bar examination before they can give us legal advice or plead our case when we're in trouble.

And so if our preachers and other spiritual leaders do their best and expect to have and to hold the respect of their churches and communities as well as enjoy the approval of a good conscience they must also make an honest, long continued effort to prepare themselves.

We do not mean, of course, that no one can do good preaching or Sunday School teaching or League leading without college training, but we do sincerely believe all Christian leaders ought to make every effort to adequately prepare themselves for leadership in whatever field of service their church needs or wants them to serve. Also, we believe the church ought to help her leaders prepare themselves. Especially is this our belief concerning those who stand in our pulpits from Sunday to Sunday. What higher position can be held by a person than that of preacher? Then who needs more thorough training than he? The United

States government (you and I and all other citizens) spares no means to see that those men who are to be her high ranking leaders in the army and navy are given every facility for the best and most thorough training possible. Should those who lead the United States spiritually have less adequate training than those who become her military leaders? We think not.

Our denomination has surely been slow in providing a college training for her leaders, but we have made a beginning. We believe that where possible our young preachers and Christian workers should attend our college and avail themselves of all the thorough professional training possible.

Our information reveals the fact that our college is working arduously to provide the best possible training for our people, especially the preachers.

Our information also is that our college is most anxious to help the churches to have better Sunday School teachers, League and Woman's Auxiliary leaders. Training courses in all church auxiliaries have been provided for every student enrolled this year in our college in order that every college student could be helpful (if used) this summer to every church desiring more and better trained workers.

Will you avail yourself of these helps? The answer lies within you. Then write to the college president for helpful suggestions concerning your needs in the Sunday School, the League, and the Woman's Auxiliary or your church program in general. Our college wants to help all Free Will Baptist leaders become better leaders.

Think on these things.

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## DECLARATION AS TO DOCTRINE

Jonesboro, La.  
May 9, 1949

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to place in the Gem my place and position as a Free Will Baptist Minister so all who read it might fully understand my position on the Church Doctrine. And, in the outset may I completely endorse ALL THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH found in the State Associational minutes published annually, and I am a Free Will Baptist Preacher who Preaches Sound Doctrine commendable to all.

Article Four depicts fully my stand on the works of the HOLY SPIRIT. And, may I quote, "THE SCRIPTURES ASSIGN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT ALL THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. HE IS THE REPROVER, COMFORTER, GUIDE AND SANCTIFIER OF MEN." This begins when one is born again fully justified by faith. Then in Article Eight, Section Two: "Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the HOLY SPIRIT, FREED FROM THE DOMINION OF SIN and becomes a child of God. Continuance in faith and obedience until death."

I believe in Immersion, Lord's Supper and Feet Washing as the Gospel Ordinances. And I am a strict Tither in belief to the full support of the Ministry. Also, in the Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution (Article 16).

And in conclusion, Article Twelve, "All believers in Christ who through grace preserve in HOLINESS to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation."

Furthermore, I will be in tent revivals at Antlers, Oklahoma, May 29 to June 12, and invite any of our Fellow-Ministers in on the messages. And, I will be in Seminole for a tent campaign June 20 to July 10th. I shall be glad to co-operate with any minister or church in fundamental truth and the promotion of the Free Will Baptist Church in New or Old Organizations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Ainsworth Cross, Evang.

## FIRST F. W. B. CHURCH WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA

May 18, 1949

Dear Sirs:

We of the Free Will Baptist Church in Wilburton have much to praise God for. Our church now has 63 members and we are going forward for the Master.

Recently Rev. John B. Elliston held a two weeks revival during which eight precious souls were saved and ten joined the church. Following the revival Rev. Elliston was called to pastor the church. Although the church was organized in 1921 Rev. Elliston is the first full time resident pastor it has ever had. Since his coming our way in February of this year we have gained 19 new members, and have witnessed 16 professions of salvation. Our church is growing and is on fire for the Lord.

On April 3rd we organized a Senior League for a very inspiring program. Our

reservation and from town. They came on foot, on horses, in wagons, in cars and in trucks.

At the noon hour a very delightful dinner was spread, with more than enough to eat for all who were present. After dinner the young people and children were divided into two groups for an egg hunt which they enjoyed very much. The older children hid eggs for the younger ones, and the younger ones hid eggs for the older ones.

At 3:00 p. m. the whole group gathered together again singing old hymns and praising God, to witness the baptizing of twelve young converts. Eleven of the twelve who were baptized were Choctaw Indians. Rev. John Elliston did the baptizing. Following the baptizing we dismissed until League time at 7:00 p. m.

At 7:00 p. m. we met at the church for a very inspiring program. Our

east of town who have no way to get to church except to walk. One widow woman, who has seven children from 16 years old down, lives three miles out in the country and they seldom miss a service although they have to walk in.

Our great desire and determination is to get a church bus to haul the Indians in, and others also. With a bus probably 20 or 30 Indians would be saved who are now in sin, perhaps more. Are you willing to help us get this much needed bus? If so send an offering of any amount to Rev. John B. Elliston, Gen. Del., Wilburton, Okla. We will send a receipt for all money to let you know we received it, and your name will be read at the dedication of the bus as helping us to get it. God bless every offering given that souls will be saved through its use. You will be helping in Home Mission work among the American Indians. We thank everyone who gives, and may God bless you. May God bless everyone who reads this, and if you can't give, pray for us anyway.

Yours in the Service of the King,

Mrs. Eula Self, Church Clerk



League with 21 members, and it has grown until now it has 32 members. We also organized a Woman's Auxiliary recently with eight charter members. It is also growing rapidly. Our Sunday School has an average of 40 in attendace.

On Easter we had an all day service on the banks of the creek which runs through the Choctaw Indian Reservation some three miles from town. We began at 6:30 a. m. with a Sunrise service. At 9:30 a. m. the teachers took their classes out under the trees and had Sunday School. About 50 were present for the Sunday School, and by the time the 11:00 o'clock preaching service was over almost 100 persons had gathered from all parts of the

regular services gave way to permit the League to present an Easter pageant entitled "The Darkness Came Before Dawn." There were 20 Leaguers in the cast, and they played to a packed house. It seemed as though every Choctaw in the country was in the church that night.

Several of our members are Choctaw Indians who live on the Reservation, and there is a great field there for thirty or forty more if we could arrange transportation to bring them in to the church. Cars are scarce and sinners just won't walk three miles to go to church. Only about six of our members have cars, and none of the Choctaw Indian members own a car. We also have several members living

## SOUTHSIDE CHURCH REPORT

St. Louis, Mo.

May 18, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

God is truly blessing our little Southside Free Will Baptist Church at 5418 Idaho, St. Louis, Mo., for we have had some wonderful services in our revival. Our evangelist, Rev. Mark Lewis, brought soul stirring messages and we had eight conversions. Three Christians united with our church. The following Sunday after our revival closed on a Friday night, God blessed our church with three more precious souls and three more Christians united with our church to help carry on God's work.

We are having some wonderful Sunday morning services, and we ask your prayers that our Sunday School classes will continue to grow.

Our Wednesday night prayer meetings are truly enjoyed by all. We covet the prayers of God's people that it will continue to grow.

The Lord has also blessed our church with a piano which cost \$300.00. The members of our little church and our pastor, Harvey E. Hill and his family, feel like shouting God's praises aloud

for the wonderful way in which He is blessing us.

The Lord also truly blessed our Easter Sunrise Services. Our pastor brought a wonderful message. After services we went to our church and breakfast was served to all in our church basement.

We also ask your prayers and God's blessing for our Woman's Auxiliary, for they are doing some wonderful work in our little church.

God is also blessing our League work in a marvelous way and we have had several new members join our League for which we thank God. As for our Christian boys and girls, they are the finest that can be found anywhere, and we are very proud of them.

In closing I will again ask God's children to pray for our little church that it will continue to grow for the honor and glory of God.

Sis. Dorothy Beard, Correspondent

## LEAGUE PRESENTS DRAMA

1400 N. Kickapoo  
Shawnee, Oklahoma  
April 27, 1949

Dear Sir:

We, the Shawnee Senior League, would like to report the wonderful results we have received in presenting our play, "The House on the Sands."

We received the program banner at our recent League rally at Tecumseh. It has been presented three times since at the request of different churches.

Rev. W. V. Wood asked us to present it to our home church and we are proud to say there were three souls wonderfully saved. Rev. E. E. Morris, pastor of the Capitol Hill Church in Oklahoma City, asked us to present it at a recent revival held by Rev. George McLain of Richmond, Calif., and one soul was marvelously blessed. Rev. Wade Jernigan is organizing a new church at Noble, Okla., and asked us to put it on there. We had a marvelous time.

We thank the Lord for the blessings we have received in our Home Mission work. We need the prayers of the Christian people that we may continue to serve the Lord and do the things that other people might see our lights shine.

Sincerely Yours,

Delbert Akin, President  
Wanda Barnett, Sec'y.

## PRESSING NEEDS ARE OUR OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Gem Readers:

Much has been said in the past few issues of the Gem concerning the pressing demands upon us as denomination in every phase of our work. I am compelled, however, out of the depth of a burdened soul to again call your attention to these, shall I say, heaven sent opportunities, urgently knocking at our heart's door, bidding us to avail ourselves of the blessed privilege of arising to the occasion for which we have played so long.

The burdens I have are for so many things I am not able to enumerate them, but most especially at this season I am thinking of the glorious opportunities we have through Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Youth Camp Programs to implant the marvelous Gospel of our Lord in the hearts of our boys and girls. It behooves us to do this early before the awful satanic influences of this modern world choke out any connection between their never dying souls and the Divine Creator after whose image they are fashioned. We would do well to remember that some day in judgment they are going to have to give an account of this relationship. What kind of an answer will they be able to give? My friend some precious individual's answer, as to his or her eternal destiny, may depend wholly upon how you discharge your duty, as God may have entrusted their teaching into your care.

Oh, the great needs looming on the horizon of our future! How are we going to meet these obligations? First, by consecration of life. If we are the stewards of the " manifold blessings " of our God we should be we will yield ourselves " living sacrifices. " With this submission will go time, talent, and finances into His cause. This will include the individual who may be excusing himself by saying he has no talent or finances. He may have time to give to countless details, not demanding any particular talent along a specific line, absolutely necessary to the smooth running of the machinery of the church. There are those who have God given talent, and are sinning behind an excuse of inefficiency, or are too spiritually lazy to assume the responsibility only they were intended to. Then there are those who have neither time, nor talent, but who have

ample finances to help those who are qualified and willing, yet who have not the finances with which to carry on. If we qualify as to time, talent and finances, ALL three are required.

We, as a denomination, are not efficiently meeting the obligations God is entrusting us, because the present generation is woefully lacking in complete consecration. If we could but lead our oncoming generation into a more complete consecration of life, all the problems confronting us—lack of yielded lives for special service, insufficient funds with which to train those desiring to train for leadership and necessary finances to support workers, both at home and abroad, would be solved. We could meet the obstacles, marching directly and triumphantly behind our captain, the Lord of Hosts!

Our national statistics, saying nothing of unreported numbers, places our membership at such a number that it is obvious from visible membership, and possibilities, we should feel it an injustice to the cause to which we belong and a reproach to our God that we are not doing more.

I wonder if your heart has been touched as mine has by the stirring messages of our missionaries in the past few issues of the Gem. The conditions under which they labor are deplorable to the refined mind, yet they ask no sympathy for themselves. They only plead for the poor benighted to be remembered in their miserable state, and they witness to the precious presence of Christ as they minister. What a tragedy that some give up home, loved ones, country and all that our way of life offers, to say nothing of souls dying without God, while we live on carelessly and indifferently, demanding the luxuries (many times under the cloak of necessities)! Are YOU ashamed? If you are able to contribute to the cause of Christ in any way, and are not doing it YOU should be. Which will be most important in the day of judgment—the treasurers we are able to obtain for us here only, or those laid up in Heaven? God help us to quit kidding ourselves about being good stewards of what we possess, and give ALL, that all our needs may be met to the glory of God.

Yours in His Dear Name,

Thora H. Arbogast

## YOUR INFLUENCE

Recently a prominent editor of Missouri wrote me that the liquor men seem to have control of the state. He expressed a hope that there will be a change in public opinion in regard to the liquor traffic.

I think there is no doubt but that a majority of the people of Missouri are opposed to the licensed sale of alcoholic liquors, but they do not make their influence felt. Furthermore, many people do not realize what an enormous and awful thing the liquor traffic has grown to be.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has published "The Black Book of Repeal," which is a fourteen page booklet that gives statistics about alcoholic liquors and of accidents and crime connected with liquor.

Each Christian citizen should read "The Black Book of Repeal." Certainly every preacher and Sunday School teacher should have a copy of this booklet. Send your request to: WCTU, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois. A copy of the little book will be gladly sent you free.

The WCTU has never ceased to fight the liquor traffic. May the readers of The Gem accept help of the WCTU and join in and help them for a better citizenship and a better nation.

J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

## PASTOR TO NEW FIELD

Myrtle, Missouri  
May 16, 1949

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to give a report from our church since we haven't reported for quite awhile.

Rev. Mark Lewis has been our pastor since September, 1947 until this month, May, 1949. He outlined a Youth Revival in the church beginning April 3rd. Our young people did a wonderful job bringing the messages each night for one week. Then we had an adult revival beginning April 8th. Rev. O. T. Allred was the evangelist. During the week eight precious souls found the Lord. Nine united with the church and were baptized by Bro. Lewis just before he left for another field of work in Kentucky.

Easter Sunday, which was the closing date of our revival, we invited the Lester Band of St. Louis and we had a grand fellowship day together.

Our church called Bro. Allred as our pastor for the remaining months of the pastoral year. He will be coming from his home in Monett, Mo., on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month. May 15 was his first Sunday service and two dear souls were saved.

We earnestly desire your prayers that we may go forward in the Lord's work.

Yours for the Master,

Ella Dotson, Church Clerk

## A SAMARITAN PRAYER BAND

Weatherford, Texas  
May 12, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

I just want to tell you what a good meeting we had here at my home last Sunday afternoon after Bro. Ferguson got through with the broadcast on Mothers Day.

I have been sick for several days and not able to go to church for some time. Some folks came by as they went home from church and brought me a lot of flowers and a card from the church which was appreciated so much. I asked them to come back after the broadcast and sing for me awhile. Bro. Measures said that he would get a group together and they would. It was not but a few minutes until Dr. Campbell and his wife drove by to see how I was getting along. He is my doctor. I think he should have been a preacher for he makes such good talks. He speaks at all the different churches. I told the doctor that I was just fixing to call him and see if he wouldn't come to my house about 3:00 o'clock and make a talk on mothers, as it was Mothers Day. He said he would come. My church came from the broadcast and a group of my neighbors came in. There were several here, all grown folks and good singers. They sang old time songs such as "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Amazing Grace," and others of that type such as our mothers used to sing. Dr. Campbell brought a beautiful message on mothers. Everyone seemed uplifted that was here. Most everyone talked. They sure handed me the flowers. I told my granddaughter about it and she says, "Well, don't you think you deserve it?" I told her I didn't know, for they said lots of nice things about me. I didn't have a child here. I just have two daughters near enough to come and they were both at Mineral Wells at their

church attending an all-day service. My daughter that lives here close to me came up as soon as she got home, to find out about it. She had heard about it. Well, I certainly enjoyed their coming, the discourse Dr. Campbell brought, and the good singing, and I invited them all back again. My home is dedicated to the Lord and has been for a long time.

Well, I want to tell you about our prayer band we have organized in our neighborhood. It is just a neighborhood affair. It was organized at my house about six weeks ago. We call it the Samaritan Prayer Band. The motive of it is to help the poor and the sick, those that are in a worse shape than we are in. It doesn't make any difference what church they belong to or whether they belong to any church, if they need help we help them for they are God's creation, and we may be struck down like Job was, who knows. I am president of it, Sis. Measures is vice president, Sis. Ferguson, second vice president; Sis. Cantrell, a Methodist lady, is secretary, and Sis. Parker, a Missionary Baptist, is treasurer. We have a box of used and new clothing and some money already. We helped several just before we organized. I hope we will do all the good we can, and just as little harm as is possible. We had the meeting at Sis. Parker's, just across the street from my house, yesterday. I was able to go but they took me over there in the car. Sis. Ferguson brought the message yesterday, and she brought the message on prayer at my house. I enjoy her talks. She is an ordained minister. We serve and give each other a little gift on our birthdays. I enjoy it. I think it makes each one of us love each other more.

There was one of the most beautiful poems in the May issue of the Gem, "Memories of Mother," that I think I ever read. It seems like I could not do without the Gem, and I have subscribed for the Small Voice too. After 60 years taking the Weatherford paper I have dropped it since Mr. White went away. Pray for me.

Mrs. R. L. White

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## DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING OF ILLINOIS

The District meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Illinois was held at the Nason F. W. B. Church on Thursday, April 21, 1949. The meeting began with congregational singing and with prayer. The devotional was given by Sis. Marie Hall of Waltonville who read chapter seven of St. Matthew. Welcome address by Sis. Mary Peterson of Nason. Response given by Sis. Gladys Drennen of Mt. Vernon.

Our business session began by the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. The vice-presidents and the treasurer gave their reports. Auxiliaries reporting were: Pittsburg, Bear Point, Waltonville, Oak Grove, Rock Springs and Rescue. Mt. Vernon and Nason gave oral reports of their activities since they have not been meeting regularly. The election of delegates to the National Convention of Woman's Auxiliary were: Sisters Flo Farris, Helen Hartley, Fronia Burton, Emma Moore and Belva Eden. The officers for the coming year were selected. Following the business, requests and prayers were offered in an altar service. Most of the requests for prayers were for the lost and in behalf of revivals.

At 11:00 a. m. worship began with congregational singing and prayer. The inspiring message was brought by Sis. Eunice Edwards using Job 1:8, "Hast thou considered my servant Job." At the close of the message a season of consecration prayers were offered, being led by Rev. C. J. Kettelman. Dismissal for the noon hour.

1:15 p. m.—Congregational singing and prayer. Our offering of the day was then taken, the amount being \$45.25. Half of this amount was given to our Sunday School Alliance and half was given to Sis. Wanda Edwards who is a student at the F. W. B. Bible College. Prayer of thanksgiving was given by Sis. Eudene Dees. Special singing by entire group present from Bear Point. A wonderful reading on the subject of Missions was given by Sis. Myrtle Beard of Mt. Vernon. Sis. Fronia Burton was given charge of the praise service which was enjoyed by all present. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way throughout the day.

The next meeting will be October 20, 1949, at the Mt. Vernon F. W. B. Church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mrs. Alene Hanna

## CALIFORNIA AUXILIARY

Porterville, Calif.  
April 15, 1949

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I would like to give a report of our Auxiliary. We are a new band trying to work for our Master. We haven't been organized but about six months and never have given a report of our work. I think we have about 25 members. They don't all belong to our church, but are all good Christian workers. We are so proud of them because they are so interested in the work of our Lord. They are all spiritual and we have good meetings and fellowships together. We meet every Thursday to quilt, embroider, or do other needle work as we are planning a bazaar in October. Every two weeks we have devotional services. We are now studying the book of Matthew. Once each month we hold our business meeting.

Last November we rented a school cafeteria and gave a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We sold each plate at \$1.25. We cleared \$360.00. We served 500 plates. We all worked hard and the church co-operated and backed us and worked hard also, for there was lots of labor to a big dinner like that; but it is in service that we are blessed. We also rented the same building and had a pie supper and our pies sold for \$300.00. We have had two rummage sales; one brought \$60.00 and the other \$50.00.

Since November we have paid \$600.00 on our church debt. We don't mean to be bragging, but we feel good when we feel like we have helped in the cause of Christ.

At our last meeting we had a pot luck dinner at noon, and presented our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Dean Moore, with a friendship quilt with all the members names on it. They are soon leaving our midst to enter Bible school in Nashville, Tenn. We are going to miss them. They have done a good work here the past three years that he has served as pastor.

Let us work while it is day, for there cometh a time when no man can work. We need your prayers for we are young in the work.

Claribel Long, Cor. Sec'y.

## DICTIONARIES

The world, both Church and State, is drifting toward dictatorial powers.

Someone has said, "When Churches march the path of dictators they march the march of death." When pastors, deacons, executive boards, trustees, committees try to usurp authority over the body that elected them, they have the ear marks of dictators and should not be elected to fill responsible positions.

Rev. A. B. Talbert  
Claremore, Okla.

## REVIVAL AT MT. GROVE

Mt. Grove, Missouri  
May 23, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

I would like to again send in a brief report from our church in Mountain Grove. We have just closed a revival meeting here. We had the happy privilege of having Rev. Damon Dodd for our evangelist. Bro. Dodd brought wonderful messages to us at each service. Six adults united with our church. There were seven conversions during the meeting and we feel like each Christian who attended was built up spiritually and was inspired to live a more consecrated Christian life.

Our Sunday School, League, Prayer Meeting and Woman's Auxiliary are all striving to gain more interest so that through these departments we can have a strong church spiritually that will reach out and lead the lost to Christ.

Pray for us that we may ever go forward and do greater things for our Master.

Rev. George Scott, Pastor  
Mrs. Burl Halliburton, Reporter

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FREE WILL BAPTIST  
**ORPHANS' HOME**

RINGLING, OKLA.

**Needs Your Support**

SEND ALL OFFERINGS TO  
REV. REX WEATHERMAN  
Ringling, Oklahoma

**YOUTH ENCAMPMENT  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

(April 15—May 15)

Brought forward.....	\$100.47
Received:	
Mill Creek.....	\$ 3.25
Indian Creek Woman's Auxiliary Association..	8.50
First Flatrivier.....	12.22
Third St. Louis.....	12.29
Desloge .....	11.78
Southside .....	10.00
Mrs. Nettie Harold.....	1.00
Merl Chapel.....	5.00
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Amount Rec'd. ....	64.04
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Total Receipts.....	\$164.51

Disbursements:	
Floyd Letterman (lumber and dray).....	\$39.00
O. T. Allred, trav. ex. ....	5.00
Dewey Burtchett, dragging stumps.....	4.25
C. R. Johnson, Insurance on Camp....	10.00
Etigman Lum. Co. ....	6.60
Harvey Hill, trav. ex. ....	15.00
Harvey Hill, electric deposit on camp lights	5.00
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Total Disbursements.....	84.85

BALANCE .....\$ 79.66

Special Mattress Fund

Brought forward.....	\$ 74.00
Received:	
Sublett League.....	\$ 5.00
Hickory Grove.....	16.50

Amount Rec'd. .... 22.00

Total Receipts.....\$ 96.00

Disbursements:	
Kehler City Supply Co., For 10 mattresses.....	55.00

BALANCE .....\$ 41.00

Our camp needs are coming in right along. Some pledges are coming in, others say they will deliver them. But we have some vital articles that are not pledged as yet—such as two large bread pans, six serving pans, and 30 more mattresses. We have purchased 10 mattresses at \$5.50 each and they are just the size needed.

As to the entertainment supply for our Session this year, some are writing in as to what can be used. I think anything that your family eats at home will be O. K., either fresh or canned,

vegetables, fruits or meats.

Our two day working at the camp May 13-14 was two splendid days of blessing to those who came to help. During the two days 16 people came to help and to lend a willing hand with mattock, axes, saws, hammers, trucks, etc. We extend our thanks and appreciation to those who came to help us, but there is yet much work to be done. Plans were made to have the dining hall sided with stone siding and screen put on the windows. This work was done May 20 by nine men, three from Amity church, five from in and around Mt. Grove, and one from Monett. This really gives a different appearance to the building. The total cost of material for this siding and screen was a little over \$75.00. All the men donated their time. Could we have enough people interested in this worthy cause to send in offerings to pay this material bill by June 15th? We owe the lumber yard at Niangua for this material and would like to take care of it by special offering not later than June 15th. The Board also had the camp insured in case of fire, hail, or windstorm.

Well, our Camp Session is drawing near again and another responsibility for everyone. We can only do what you make it possible for us to do. We are depending on you both financially and in prayer.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec'y.  
Irontdale, Missouri

**YOUTH CAMP REPORT**

Dear Gem Readers:

Recently at our two day working at the Camp grounds your Youth Camp Board met while there and finished laying plans for this year's session, which we feel will be our best since its foundation.

The Camp is in much better shape this year and we are going ahead with further plans to even make it better. While there in our session we made plans to cover the main building with insulstone and to make screens for each window and door. At this writing I have been informed by Bro. O. T. Allred that several men met and completed the job. We thank God for making it possible to add a little along to the improvements as each year comes and goes. You can help us do even more by sending in your offerings. Please don't become neglectful

in your offerings, but do your best in this last month or so before our Camp meets WILL YOU?

We had presented to us while there an offer by the secretary of our board, Rev. Wm. Reeves, stating that he had been praying for some time and after much prayer he felt led to move into the Niangua, Laclede County, or Liberty associations somewhere, and has offered to become caretaker of our Camp. We feel that this is just what we need at the Camp in order to keep it in good shape and to keep improvements going as the finance makes it possible. Bro. Reeves also stated that he would consider moving into one or more of the cabins until he was able to build on the Camp grounds for himself. If the Youth Camp Board accepts Bro. Reeves proposition you will be informed of this action through the Gem. Should any of the churches in these associations be interested in securing a pastor for the coming year, it would make it quite convenient for Bro. Reeves to pastor one or more of your churches while working as caretaker of our Youth Camp. We as your Youth Camp Board, feel Bro. Reeves is well qualified and a real man of God, and will be glad to recommend him to any church as a pastor and you will do well to contact him if in need of a pastor for the coming year. His address at present is: Rev. Wm. Reeves, Irontdale, Missouri.

We hope a large number of you are planning on coming to the Camp this year and are looking for another great time in the Lord again this year as we had last year. Try to attend this years session and also pray for us that we may have a glorious session. The session will be held from August 1st through the 10th, with the State Sunday School and League conventions on the 11th and 12th. Make your plans now and you will never be sorry, for the Camp sessions in the past years have proven a real blessing to our young people.

May God lead you and bless each of you is my prayer.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Chairman

**INFINITE LOVE**

By Mrs. Emma Moore

All who make a donation to the Gem Office Equipment fund will be sent a copy of this book.

**STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

April, 1949

**STATE UNIFIED FUND**

Fredericktown .....	\$176.04
Leadington S. S. ....	4.03
Mine LaMotte .....	4.39
Cartersville .....	11.75
Merls Chapel S. S. ....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$206.48</b>

**EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND**

Merl's Chapel .....	\$ 5.09
Hazel Creek Union .....	16.72
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$21.72</b>

**HOME MISSION FUND**

Jones Chapel .....	\$25.00
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**JEHOIDA CHEST FUND**

Copper Mines .....	\$ 1.00
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**TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND**

Hazel Creek Union .....	\$ 9.55
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**CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT**

Merls Chapel .....	\$ 5.00
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**FOREIGN MISSION FUND**

Sublette .....	\$ 11.35
Amity .....	10.00
Hickory Grove .....	4.67
Union Light .....	11.60
Hazel Creek Union .....	21.50
Jones Chapel .....	25.00
Sublette .....	14.40
Hartville .....	10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$198.52</b>

**STATE GENERAL EXPENSE  
(Printing of State Minutes)**

Flat River .....	\$10.00
Union Third Fork .....	4.00
Union Light .....	5.00
Elsie Philer, Chetopa, Kan. ....	10.00
Golden Oak .....	5.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>

**MISSIONS FUND**

Mountain Grove .....	\$ 12.39
Stahl .....	13.05
Morning Meditations—Archie Cooper, director .....	8.00
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville, Mo. ....	5.00
Jewel .....	8.12
Campbell S. S. ....	4.50
New Harmony S. S. ....	20.66
New Harmony Mission .....	10.00
Golden Oak League .....	2.50
Cartersville .....	9.33
Flat River .....	35.61
Mine LaMotte .....	9.14
Neola .....	7.14
Golden Oak League .....	2.75

Golden Oak S. S. ....	8.10
Hannon .....	5.00
Blue Eye .....	11.70
Pleasant Grove .....	15.00
Faith and Hope Church, Willow Springs, Mo. ....	3.27
Pleasant Home Church, Buckhart, Mo. ....	9.28
St. Francois Co. Quarterly Meeting .....	36.98
Mrs. Will Price, Arcola, Mo. ...	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Monett, Mo. ....	5.00
Rock Chapel .....	45.67
Macedonia .....	22.35
Copper Mines .....	9.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$331.55</b>

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

**HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS  
WCMAN'S AUXILIARY**

Huntsville, Texas  
May 27, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

The Huntsville Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary was organized a little more than a year ago with 20 members. Our yearly report was read at a recent meeting. I thought you might be interested in the work that has been done through the Auxiliary in the past year.

Cash to orphanage.....	\$ 13.00
Education .....	45.95
Home Missions.....	32.19
Foreign Missions.....	45.75
Val. Commodities to needy....	140.60
Cash used in local church.....	5.00
Amt. dues collected.....	13.95
No. members enrolled.....	41
No. new members.....	21
Members sub. to papers.....	9
No study classes on Stewardship	2
No. study classes on Missions	1
Members attend. wk. of prayer	15
Condolance cards sent.....	2
Chapters read in Bible.....	653
Visits to the sick.....	171
Trays of fruit, etc. ....	94
Flowers to the sick.....	4
Fifty Thousand Co-Laborer Band fund.....	2.00
Miscellaneous offering.....	8.65

We are very proud of this report and wish the prayers of the Christian people that we may continue to grow.

Mrs. Opal Koehl, Reporter

**A GLORIOUS DAY**

When Glory has spread over Heaven  
And God's spirit has filled the air

*I wonder if our family of eleven  
Will be reunited there.  
It's been years since we were all to-  
gether  
And on earth we all may never meet  
But let's all hope and pray forever  
We will gather at Jesus' feet.  
The narrow path that leads to Heaven  
Is hard to follow, the Bible doth say  
But the wide road that leadeth to  
destruction  
Is the one that will lead you astray.  
So let's look to God for forgiveness  
For the sins we have committed so  
fast  
And in the future have more comfort  
Than anytime in the past.  
And when the angels descend from  
Heaven  
For our souls to take on high  
May we all be gathered together  
And never part or never die.*

By Mr. Ora O. Gaudlen

**IN MEMORY OF MRS MARTHA ANN  
SHORT WHO PASSED AWAY**

APRIL 29, 1927

*We miss you so much since you have  
gone away,  
There is more sadness in our hearts  
than we can say.  
Your cheerful smile when things seem-  
ed to go wrong.  
The smile we remembered tho' you've  
been away so long.  
The kind thoughtful things you use  
to do,  
Just the right word when others were  
blue.  
Willing and ready our troubles to  
hear,  
When others refused to lend a listen-  
ing ear.  
Yes, Dearest Mother, we realize much  
too late,  
Your love that we failed to appreciate.  
But we thank our God for giving us  
the right  
To remember our Mother as a guiding  
light.  
Some day we will see again your be-  
loved face,  
For God needed you to make Heaven  
a better place.  
So we thank you, dear Mother, on this  
Memorial Day,  
For living that life that has shown  
us the way.*

Written by a granddaughter, Willa-  
dean Gains, Aurora, Missouri.