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*Not alone for mighty empire,
Stretching far o'er land and sea;
Not alone for bounteous harvests,
Lift we up our hearts to Thee.
Standing in the living present,
Memory and hope between,
Lord, we would with deep thanksgiving
Praise Thee most for things unseen.*

*For the armies of the faithful,
Souls that passed and left no name;
For the glory that illumines
Patriot lives of deathless fame;
For our prophets and apostles,
Loyal to the living Word;
For all heroes of the Spirit,
Give us thanks to Thee, O Lord.*

—Prichard



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The past honor roll period closed with October 31. The new one began November 1st. Winners this time are as follows: Marie Peterson, Kirksville, Mo., 1st prize; Bob Hill, St. Louis, Mo., 2nd prize, and George Waggoner, Mt. Vernon, Ill., 3rd prize.

Thanks to all who are securing subs.

The Editor

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THEY ARE AFTER YOUR CHILD

Francis A. Soaper

"There are some more! We've found six already. I told you we would find some here."

This staccato chatter caused me to turn around to see what the excitement was all about. Two boys, about ten years old, were rushing up to the candy counter of the variety store where I was making some purchases. They knew what they were after, for they stopped directly in front of a display of candy cigarettes done up in packages which looked deceptively like the real thing.

They soon picked out a couple of packages and handed the clerk their dimes, grumblin'g, "We got them two for fifteen down the street."

As the boys turned from the counter, I asked them, "What is that you're so interested in?"

"We're seeing how many kind of candy cigarettes we can find," they said, and with a flourish each youngster drew from his pocket a half dozen different brands. "The other kids are doing it, too!"

A moment later I asked the clerk about those cigarettes. "Yes," she said, "we put that display in only a few days ago, and already it is one of the most popular on the candy counter. And mothers think they make especially nice favors for children's parties." Further questioning revealed the fact that nearly every brand of cigarettes now has one or more "doubles" in candy.

I had heard that such candy was being introduced into certain sections of the country, but hadn't particularly noticed it locally. Now I determined to find out more concerning the inroads of this new lure in my own community. The remainder of that shopping day found me in stores of nearly every kind where confections were sold. Then I visited several towns nearby. Soon I spent a day for the same purpose in one of the largest cities on the west coast.

It was not difficult to find candy cigarettes of almost any brand. I found them in drugstores, in large department stores, in ice-cream parlors, in grocery stores, in sev-

eral nation-wide chains of dime stores. There was, however, a good percentage of the places visited which did not carry them: some had never heard of them. And I did not find any in the bus and train depots which I visited.

In a number of drugstores and groceries the supply was kept under the counter and it was necessary to be more specific in my requests. The clerks in these stores were somewhat hesitant, seemingly having a desire to "size up" the customer before revealing the presence of their supply. If I wanted more than one brand, I had to ask for each one separately.

But imagine my astonishment when, about three weeks after this first tour, I revisited some of the same stores only to find that now they displayed their wares openly. And a number of those that did not have candy cigarettes before, now carried them. No longer was there any hesitancy to put them out in sight! Furthermore, I found that even the bus depots were stocking supplies, too.

I was amazed at the rapidity with which candy cigarettes were coming into the stores. Even more amazing was the nonchalant attitude with which the merchants accepted them. When I expressed a strong objection to the operator of a bus station, he shrugged and said, "Well, if the kids want tobacco, they can find it anywhere, so what difference does it make?" We ask in reply, "Has America come to the place where it makes no difference whether its children are led into the pernicious tobacco habit by the most cunning advertising possible to human ingenuity?"

For years there have been on the market a few candy cigarettes, but their similarity to the real cigarettes has been slight. Never has there been such a campaign as is being waged today to attract boys and girls to the tobacco habit through the close imitation of the well-known brands of cigarettes.

The candymakers come as close as possible in both name and package design, without copying.

For example, the name Chesterfield becomes Chestafeld, Chessafeld, or Jesterfield; Camels is changed to Gamel, Camal, or Camols; Lucky Strike becomes Plucky Stroke, Lucky Street, or Lucky Stripe. Other brands are imitated similarly, and the variations are increasing every day. In each case the details of the distinctive package design are altered so slightly that the candy can easily be mistaken for the real thing. Position of lines, arrangement of color, even the tax revenue stamp—are amazingly similar. Moreover, some of the cigarettes are done up in small plastic cases to attract the girls and give them the "feel" of smoking.

Not only are candy cigarettes luring the children, but one finds increasingly close copies of cigars. Chocolate and bubble gum are put up in the same size and shape as cigars, being wrapped in cellophane and labeled with gold bands. The names? Instead of La Corona, for instance, they are called Baby Corona, La-Rona.

The long-range purpose of all this is evident. By acquainting younger children with the appearance of the cigarette packages, and the model of the cigarette itself, the manufacturer is "conditioning" them to the familiar gesture of holding a thin cylinder in their fingers, raising it to their lips, sucking it, and removing it again. Then by the time the child reaches the seventh or eighth grade he will be ready to reach for the real thing in the familiar package.

The candymakers produce this candy, but the sponsorship behind it is clear. Maxine Loek, after personal investigation, writes in **Christian Life**:

"This fad actually has the sly blessing of the cigarette companies, and in fact may have been inspired by them. ... How do I know? I have written all the major cigarette manufacturers and in an offhand way asked for an explanation for the tie-up between the candy cigarette makers and themselves. Their replies, for the most part, were carefully guarded. One cigarette manufacturer, however, literally let the cat out of the bag. He admitted,

"We are aware of the manufacture and sale of these candy cigarettes, as the manufacturer obtained permission from us prior to making them. The labels conform in every respect with those used by us, and, as the sale of the candy does not conflict with the sale of our tobacco products, we have looked upon them as good advertising from our standpoint."

But candy cigarettes and cigars do not constitute the only temptations along this line. In some stores one can find small imitation liquor bottles filled with sirups as near in taste and color as possible to beer, brandy, and wine. The distribution of these, at least for the present, seems to be carefully limited, but we may be sure that their makers and backers will spare no effort to push them steadily into public acceptance. In some instances these imitation liquor bottles are being combined with candy cigars and cigarettes to make party kits for children.

These new advertising schemes backed by the tobacco and liquor interests should not go unchallenged. "How far," asks Magazine Digest, "can cigarette makers go in their campaign to make Americans smoke from the cradle to the (somewhat earlier) grave?"

Following World War I the tobacco industry, by a carefully planned advertising campaign, persuaded American women that smoking was sociably smart. Today it is thought unusual if a woman does not smoke.

After World War II, tobacco manufacturers have set out to gain the only remaining major group of nonsmokers—the boys and girls. They are enticing high-school students with such methods as free sports programs which advertise cigarettes in close associa-

tion with athletic achievement. Also luring these youth is the glamour of radio programs such as the Horace Heidt Youth Opportunity Show, which associate clean living, sportsmanship, and social prestige with smoking.

Now we see a new low in moral responsibility as these tobacco companies tacitly sponsor a gigantic campaign to prepare younger boys and girls for the smoking habit.

The liquor industry has succeeded to a great extent in winning the womanhood of America over to the cocktail and the beer glass. Now this industry joins forces with the cigarette manufacturers to lure the youngsters.

Parents, they are after your boy and your girl! What are you going to do about it?

Of course, you can keep the candy cigarettes and cigars and miniature beer bottles out of your homes, and away from your children as much as possible. But this isn't enough. Spread the warning to other parents; they may not as readily recognize the danger. Take every opportunity—and make one where there is none—to speak out against the commercialism that seeks to enslave our children to harmful habits. Protest by voice and by pen to the concerns manufacturing these temptations, to the stores who sell them, to the companies allowing their trade names and designs to be copied for such purposes. Enlist the help of your civic and church leaders to keep them out of your community.

Only united action can deal with this new menace to the health and happiness of our children. The future well-being of our homes, our churches, and our nation depends on our response.

—Signs of the Times

WHOM WILL WE SERVE?

Rev. R. K. Franklin, Birmingham, Ala.

Solomon's life is an outstanding warning to those who forget their God and their high ideals in life, and an example of the emptiness of all that this wretched world has to offer to allure men from God. Solomon tried all the world could give: wisdom, worldliness, wealth, wine, women and whatsoever his

eyes desired. Worldly pleasures never satisfy the heart. Man can derive no lasting pleasure in pursuing the course of the world, yet he is madly chasing these pleasures today in spite of Divine warnings. [The Holy Spirit has warned that in the last days perilous times shall come. One of the signs

of such times is that men shall be lovers of pleasure more than God; II Tim. 3:4. One sees a wide spread departure from the Word of God, with a mad chase after the alluring things of the world: drinking, dancing, picture shows, gambling, necking, illicit sexual life, and everything else that the devil can devise to damn the soul of men.

It is sad but true that not just the unsaved are guilty of this, but the majority of the professed Christians are guilty of the catalogue of sins that the Bible condemns. One almost needs a microscope to tell the professed Christian from the world. The result is that so many times, the seed of the Gospel faithfully sown by godly men, is choked with the cares, riches, and pleasures of this life, so it bears no fruit in the hearts of men. Luke 8:14. David the Psalmist said, He who finds his delight in God, finds at God's right hand fullness of joy, and pleasure for evermore. Psa. 16:11. The pleasures of the world cater only to the fleshly desires. They have no worthwhile objectives to offer devotees. It takes the worldling away from God. It quickly passes away, leaving him who madly sought its pleasure a spiritual bankrupt, without Christ, the only Saviour and without hope and without God. Our Lord asked, What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? It is a Divine fact, that if we would be Bible Christians, we cannot serve the world and at the same time enjoy Christ and His grace, salvation, love, joy, peace, and tender care. The only satisfying objective in this life is complete submission to God's will and Word.

It has been men with this one objective, that of making their life and work to glorify the Son of God, who have won victories for Christ. John Knox prayed, "Lord, give me Scotland ere I die." Soul burden, Moody determined to see what God could do with a life wholly yielded to God. And no toil or weariness was too great for Wesley that he might preach the Gospel throughout England.

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From The Editor's Desk



THANKSGIVING

“... With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Phil. 4:6.

His children have a perfect right to make requests of the Lord. He has said for us to “ask and it shall be given.” Matt. 7:7. He desires that we come unto Him as a child to its parent. However, as a child to its parent. However, we should never think of going to Him with a request, or petition, without we go with a heart filled with the spirit of thanksgiving. The parent takes the greater pleasure in granting the request of a child who has proven him or herself to be grateful for all past favors granted. Such is nothing but natural. The same reasoning should bear concerning the relationship between the heavenly father and His children. If we have proven ourselves grateful indeed unto Him the giver of all good gifts, then we can approach His throne without reluctance, with confidence, with high anticipation and expectation. In other words we can go before Him with great faith. Proving oneself grateful means nothing more after all than being truly faithful in service to him.

Again this Thanksgiving season we have much for which to be thankful. How good the Lord has been to us, both materially and spiritually. We should be happy to do our utmost for Him who has done so much for us.

LEAGUE QUARTERLIES TO BE READY BY DECEMBER 15TH

The matter of publishing the League literature at the Gem Office is being expedited as hurriedly as possible. We plan to have

them ready for filling orders by **December 15th** prompt. Three quarterlies will be published, namely: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. We will appreciate your orders for League literature beginning with the first quarter of 1950. If you desire samples of the quarterlies for inspection before placing your

order definitely you will **please let us know as soon as possible.** Furthermore, as you send in your orders for samples please don't fail to state **how many** quarterlies of each you will use if and when you do give us your definite order. This will help us greatly in knowing how many copies to print for the first quarter. We hope you will give this matter your **due consideration** and your **prompt attention.**

Questions and Answers About New League Literature

Q—How will the quarterlies be classified?

A—Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Q—Who will write the lessons?

A—Various ones over the country are writing the lessons. The name of each writer will be given along with his or her lessons.

Q—What subjects will be used?

A—Each one is choosing his own subjects. However, they are requested to use strictly Bible subjects.

Q—What about the style, or plan, of the lesson?

A—Each lesson will be composed of from four to six topics plus the introduction, will have the daily Bible readings at the heading of each lesson and whatever other material that is deemed necessary to make a complete and desirable lesson.

Q—What will be the purchase price of the League literature?

A—Each quarterly will sell for 10c per quarter; 40c per year.

THE IDEAL PLAN IS THE STATE UNIFIED FUND

There were some changes made

this year in the State Unified Fund; very helpful changes, we feel. This year instead of sending and keeping only 25% in the state, 75% to the National Association we will be sending 50% to the National Association and keeping 50% at home. Really the ideal plan, and one we all should support, is this Unified Fund. Of all offerings you send into the state treasurer marked “Unified Fund” 50% of this will be sent on to the National Association. This is nothing but right because it is up to us to help keep the national work going. After all it is our National Association the same as that of any other state. This 50% is used by the National Association for the support of missions, Christian education, superannuation, and so forth. These causes are all very worthy indeed. The 50% which is kept in the state treasury is allocated as follows:

- State General Expense.....70%
- State Youth Camp Program....15%
- State Superannuation Fund....10%

To help establish national headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee 5%

This totals 100% of the 50% kept in the state treasury. We feel this basis of allocation is wisely planned, and we urge all churches over the state to support the State Unified Plan. In so doing, you are helping all phases of the work.

Someone may ask what is covered by the “State General Expense.” This 70% of the 50% kept at home is for the purpose exactly as implied in the term. It is for **general** state expense. It covers annual state dues to the National Association, printing of state minutes, major repairs on machinery at the **Gem** office, honorarium for state clerk and state statistician, cost incurred by called meetings of the State Executive Board, and so forth. Come on with your support to the **State Unified Fund.**—The Editor.

STATE BOARD MEETS AT GEM OFFICE

The Missouri State Executive Board has just closed a meeting which was held at the Gem Office. They were in session two days, October 11 and 12. All members were present except one, Bro. LaVerne Miley. It was regrettable that Bro. Miley could not be in the meeting, but as he is now in school in Chicago he therefore could not attend the board meeting.

Among the several items transacted, and the many important things duly discussed was the drawing up of an agreement between the Board and the Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, which agreement is here-with presented as follows:

We the State Executive Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, parties of the first part

and

Winford Davis, the duly elected Editor-Manager of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, party of the second part, do this day, October 12, 1949, enter into the following agreement:

First. That we terminate this day our agreement of the past, in keeping with the invoice of September, 1947.

Second. That the Editor-Manager be paid a salary of \$25 per week, and that he be required to spend the equivalent of half time with the work of the GEM enterprise.

Third. That the Editor-Manager be charged with the responsibility of management and general oversight of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM printing establishment and the employment and dismissal of all employees.

Fourth. That the salaries paid all employees of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM enterprise are to be designated by the State Board, parties of the first part.

Fifth. That the State Executive Board have final say of approval of all that is done at, and in connection with, the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM printing establishment.

Parties of the first part: Chairman, F. C. Zinn; Secretary, Harry Beatty; Paul R. Williams; John

E. Bough. Party of the second part: Winford Davis.

ABOUT SIX POINT RECORD SYSTEM S. S. SUPPLIES

You noticed no doubt in the last issue of the Gem where we stated no more of the Six Point Record System S. S. supplies would be printed. We are coming to you this month with an altogether different statement. Since the Gem enterprise has been placed on a strict business basis and has been placed in the hands of the State Executive or Home Mission Board, the Editor-Manager and the Board after discussing the matter thoroughly in their recent meeting together have decided to go ahead and publish the supplies until the National Board of Publication and Literature comes together in their annual meeting in April of next year. Therefore we are now printing a new supply of the forms which were sold out and are now in position to fill your orders completely for the Six Point supplies. We promise to keep them on hand at least until the National Board mentioned above has held their meeting in April, 1950. We understand this board intends to do something about the supplies at that time, and as we do not want folk to be without any source for these supplies during these intervening months, we are therefore promising you we will keep them on hand during this period of time. If you need these supplies we will appreciate your orders.

NOTICE TO LEAGUERS

If you plan on using our new Free Will Baptist League Quaterlies then please don't fail to let us know as soon as possible. This will help us greatly in knowing how much literature to publish for this first quarter of 1950. Literature to be ready for shipment by December 15th.

Editor

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOME MISSION MONTH

In this issue is published an

article which was written by the Chairman of our National Home Mission Board, Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee. Bro. Bloss is making an earnest appeal for support of the National Home Mission Department.

November is National Home Mission month. Certainly every Church in our entire denominational connection should send in a liberal offering during the month for the support of our Home Mission program.

We are happy to note Bro. Bloss says they plan to start a work on the Mexican border, with hopes of crossing the Rio Grande with Free Will Baptist influence. That sounds good indeed. We have felt for some long time that the Home Mission Department had a great challenge laying before them along the Mexican border. Not only are Free Will Baptists challenged with opportunity along the Mexican border, but all over the United States. Too bad that we have over 20 states, yes, nearly 30 I suppose, with no Free Will Baptist work in them whatsoever. Such should not be the case.

We are glad to learn of a few new churches being organized in our ranks, but they are far too few. There is space and opportunity for many more.

We note with appreciation the statement made by Bro. Bloss that the National Home Mission Board members are believers in and supporters of our Foreign Mission work. We are happy to return the gesture of co-operation by saying our National Foreign Mission Board members are also believers in and supporters of our Home Mission work. Neither of these Boards have ever had any fight to make with each other or concerning each others field of labor. No, God forbid such. We are working together in heart and hand. After all Missions is Missions both home and abroad. It is a world wide program beginning at home and destined to reach the farthest nook and corner of the earth.

Again let us bring to bear upon your minds that November is Home Mission Month. Do your best.

NEWSY BRIEFS

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YOUTH CAMP INFORMATION

Another church year, another State Association, another Youth Camp Session have come and gone. The Lord has blessed in each of these, and I am happy to report that our Youth Camp session was a glorious one. But we know past blessings are not sufficient and we must constantly seek new ones. We must look forward and prepare for next year's session. What we will do will depend on what you will do. Will you pray? Will you give?

With your help financially, we hope to make many improvements on our Camp before the next session. Here are a few: (1) A caretaker has been employed to look after the property and grounds and to work on them, also. Rev. Wm. Reeves will fill this position and one of our first projects will be to enlarge the kitchen and put in a concrete floor. (2) The chapel and cabins are to be wired for electricity. This must be done for the safety of the children and greater convenience for all. (3) A four-room cottage for the caretaker is to be built. This will be of native oak, both framing and walls, ceiled with celotex, covered with rolled stone siding, put on a concrete foundation. The cost of the material will be approximately \$1,000. (4) The playground and road encircling the grounds in front of each cabin will be graded. (5) Other improvements will be made as you make them possible with your financial support.

All of the above improvements will be made if you stand with us through a systematic way of giving, such as a regular monthly offering by your Sunday School, League, Auxiliary, or Church. A few of our churches are already making these regular monthly offerings. Will you do the same? This will be a great help to your Youth Camp Board in planning improvements.

We are sure of God's approval upon this work for we have seen 18 boys and girls accept Christ the past two sessions, with a number acknowledging their call for special work. You can be happy that you had a part in giving and praying. So come on Leagues, Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries, Churches, and individuals. Let us put

this Youth Camp over the top in this new year. Will you help hold our youth for the Lord's work?

Send all offerings to Rev. Wm. Reeves at Niangua, Missouri, and you will receive receipt for same.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill,
Chairman Youth Camp Board

MO. STATE S. S. CONVENTION

Dear Sunday School Workers:

I wish to write you concerning our State Sunday School Program. At the State Sunday School Convention last August, I was elected Promotional Field Worker to compile the names of all our Sunday School superintendents and secretaries of the state. Also, to secure a report from each Sunday School to our State Convention.

We are happy for this opportunity to write and to have a part in securing this needed information. We would appreciate any information you will give in helping to contact these churches.



I am also preparing a map of the State of Missouri to show the location of each church for our state information. I have people in a number of Associations working on the program. They are Northeast, Northwest, Indian Creek, Central West, Niangua, Southeast, and Liberty Associations. I would like to contact someone that would assist me in your Association: Laclède, Harmony, Mission, and Cave Springs. Please contact me as soon as possible and I will give you the outline of my program.

Yours for better Sunday Schools,
Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.

NAT'L. S. S. BOARD MEETS

The National Sunday School Board of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., October 4, 1949. This was according to instructions given at the Convention at Bryan, Texas, in August. The convention delegated all business into the hands of the Board at the 1949 session, and several items of business were designated.

As advised, the Board proceeded with each item of business, and expects to have in hand a complete report to present to the National Association in July. The planning of the program for the 1950 session of the Convention will be completed at a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in April, 1950. At an invitation from the East Tupelo Church, East Tupelo, Mississippi, the 1950 convention will meet there, opening on Tuesday night following the first Sunday in August, 1950.

The board was duly organized with John H. West, Chairman; Luther D. Gibson, Vice-Chairman, and Gertrude Bowe, Secretary-Treasurer. The other two members of the Board are William Mishler and M. L. Sutton.

PINE BLUFF (ARK.) GROUP TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

The church here in Pine Bluff plans to begin its building in two or three weeks. Since its organization in May, 1948, the group have been worshipping in a store building; so we are happy and thankful that the Lord has made it possible to have our own building. We have been paying \$30 a month for the store building.

Our Sunday School bought a piano for the church and purchased a 36 inch window fan. We also have the benches for the new church.

The membership has almost doubled since the organization of the church. We are thankful to God for everyone of them.

Pray for our little church that it will continue to grow. May God bless all of you.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Homer Parker

NOVEMBER IS DESIGNATED MONTH FOR HOME MISSIONS

We are coming again to Home Mission Month which is November this year. The response last year was not so good, but we are expecting great things this year from each of you. Remember that Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Now your Home Mission Board of the National Association are believers and supporters of our Foreign Mission Board, but we can see the great mistake of the neglect of the home work. We admit that our home board has never accomplished much in this field of labor, but we propose to do something about it if you will send us some money to do things with. We expect to go to the Mexican Border among the people there who have been neglected and try to establish churches. If possible, cross the border for work there.

May we as a board ask all Free Will Baptists to lift up your eyes and look upon the great fields, already white unto harvest, all around us here at home are those who have never heard of Free Will Baptists; and, oh, they are so hungry for the Old Time Gospel. As chairman of the board, I urge you as pastors not to fail to take one offering in your church in the month of November.

I conducted a revival in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, last month. As a result, a new church was organized and it has a wonderful future. I also had a letter from Bro. Staires reporting a new church at Oilton, Oklahoma. Remember that we have some twenty states that have no Free Will Baptist churches. We challenge you to help put an evangelist in the fields that we may have churches in every state in the Union and that we can send missionaries to every nation in the world.

Bro. Dees, our secretary-treasurer, will give a list of all who donate to this cause in November to our press for publication, so please see that your church is on this honor roll.

If you want to send a personal donation, do that. Not only is the board depending on you, God is depending on you. Let us make this November the red-letter month in our denomination for Home Missions and then watch our denomination grow.

Please back your National Home

Mission Board by donation and give us a chance to put over a program to the glory of God. Send all donations to Rev. C. B. Dees, 505 Low Street, Flat River, Missouri.

Yours for a greater Free Will Baptist denomination in America.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman

RICHWOODS, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since we reported our work at Richwoods, Mo. We are beginning a new year with Rev. Roger Reeds, from St. Louis, as pastor. Brother Reeds is a fine young man and we find him willing to sacrifice for the salvation of souls. We are thankful for him.

Our Sunday School has grown these past months, with an average of 35 in attendance. We are looking forward to a revival soon. Brother Woodrow Messex was ordained deacon on May 7, 1947. A Bible study for the children was held each Tuesday evening during the summer, with an average of 25 attending. Improvements on the church have also been accomplished during the summer. God has blessed both financially and spiritually.

We ask your prayers for the revival. The harvest is ripe here in Richwoods if some one will come and help us gather the grain.

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, Clerk

REVIVAL AT PLATTSBURG

Dear Gem Readers:

I am in a revival at Mt. Zion Church near Plattsburg, Mo. We are having fair crowds with fine weather so far. The interest is getting better but the evil power is working. We are praying that God will give victory.

Rev. Kenneth Turner was with us last night and showed his pictures. I feel it will help the meeting.

I intend to go from here to my church in Morgan county near Stover, Missouri. I ask your prayers for that meeting also. Elder Curtis will help me in the meeting.

Yours for Jesus,

Rev. Arthur Bailey

NIANGUA, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I was once a member of the GEM family when there were more personal

letters written, it seems good to be writing again. I feel I have been over rough roads, but as the song goes, " 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home."

I am a member of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, near Niangua, Mo. Brother Selph Jones is our pastor. We have Sunday School every Sunday and the Lord is blessing

This is my desire and prayer that others may know Him as I do. I know He ever loves and cares for His own. Thanks to someone who has been sending the GEM in my name.

Mrs. Lois Hightower

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

It is with thankful heart to our Lord for His many blessings that prompts me to write this letter of the progress of our church. We are thankful to the Lord for our pastor, Brother Benjamin Scott, and his wife who are doing such a grand job here. Our Sunday School and League are growing and we are blessed with the presence of the Lord at all services.

We are planning a revival the first of November with Bro. G. Scott bringing the messages. We are trusting the Lord for a large ingathering of souls.

We are still in a building program and everything looks very favorable that we will be in our new church by spring. May the Lord continue to bless our denomination is my prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Opal Hughes

REPORT OF THE MADISON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEET

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting met with the Mine La Motte Church, October 6-7, 1949. The introductory message was delivered Thursday night by one of our young licensed ministers, Bro. Truman Hoffman. A wonderful message went forth and one young man gave his hand for prayer. The presence of the Lord was felt in the very beginning of the service and prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

Friday morning the business session was opened by the moderator, Rev. Harry Beatty. Each of the seven churches was represented by letter and delegates. The reports were all good; however, we felt the need of banding

ourselves together in prayer that the Lord would send a reviving spirit that would stir us all that we might win more souls during the next three months.

The Lord did bless in a special way by sending us a visiting minister, Rev. Wm. Buster, of Sesser, Illinois, who brought the message at 11:00 o'clock. Bro. Buster is a very able speaker and delivered a wonderful message which stirred every heart. Text: Ye are not your own—ye are bought with a price.

In the business session in the afternoon we voted to continue our support to missions on the 70-30% basis. Also we voted to comply with Item No. 1 of the Publication Committee's report at the State Association. Five subscriptions to the GEM were received while in session. Rev. Woodrow Matthews delivered the closing message Friday night.

Our next conference will meet with the Twin Oak Church January 5-6, 1950. Pray the Lord to bless our work that we might win more souls during this time.

Blanche Matthews, Clerk.

PASTOR OR EVANGELIST

318 S. Blanchard St.
Findlay, Ohio

Dear Gem Readers:

If you have salvation, I am your brother in Christ. I am an ordained Free Will Baptist minister of the Gospel desiring to give full time to the ministry. I would be glad to serve you as pastor or evangelist any where in the United States.



Sincerely,
Eld. W. L. Easterly

AULSBURY CHAPEL REVIVAL

Lemay, Missouri
October 19, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

I am happy to report to you the results of a revival I have just closed at Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne

Terre, Missouri. Rev. James F. Miller is pastor. Truly this was one of the best revivals I have been in for a long time. God was present in every service. Never in all my life have I found a more lovable people than at the Aulsbury Chapel Church.

The church was ready and anxious for a revival and worked hard for a successful meeting. I learned to love the people in that community and I pray God's blessings upon them. Bro. Miller also worked hard and untiringly to make this revival what the people had hoped for. There were 13 conversions and 13 new members added to the church with seven of them men who were heads of families. Nine were baptized and large crowds were present during the entire meeting.

The church stood by me well financially, and on one night as I was returning home overnight they surprised me by filling my car with eatables of every nature. I don't believe I was ever so surprised before, and I want to take this space and time to thank you all at the Aulsbury Church and community for what you did for me.

To you over the state I'm glad to report that we have in the Aulsbury Chapel Church one of which you will be hearing more, I am sure. May God bless each of you is my desire.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

REV. WOOLSEY'S NEW BOOK

Rev. Paul Woolsey, one of our missionaries to India, has written a book entitled, "A Hundred Years and A Free Will Baptist Family." The book speaks of the contributions of the Woolsey family to God and Country from the days of the Civil War until the Paul Woolsey's go to India. A vivid account is given of the Free Will Baptist denominations activities in the surrounding states of East Tennessee. An account of the National Association's officers and work, the formation of our Bible College, our Foreign Mission work, etc. I read the book before it was published and I gladly urge Free Will Baptists everywhere to buy and read this book.

The book is well written, of durable binding, has easy-to-read type, and sells for only \$1.65. Please order from Rev. George D. Dunbar, Route 4, Chuckey, Tennessee. All profits from the book will go to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Greenville, Tennessee.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford

SPECIAL NOTICE OF OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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Winford Davis, Editor

REVIVAL AT MACEDONIA

Sunday night, October 9th, Rev. Mrs. Minnie Campbell of Ada, Okla., closed a very successful revival with my home church Macedonia. The meeting ran three weeks and a total of 17 souls were saved. Among the number was one man past 80 years old; a life long resident of the community. Seven souls were saved the night the meetings came to a close. No one wanted the revival to close, but the evangelist said she felt definitely led of the Lord that it was time to close. The meeting was a great blessing to the church and the entire community.

Sister Campbell begins a revival with my church at Rock Chapel near Norwood, Mo., on Wednesday night, October 19th. By the time you read this the meeting will be well along there. We are hoping and praying for a great victory in the community around Rock Chapel.

Rev. O. T. Allred begins a revival with my church at Blue Eye, Mo. the first Sunday in November. Please remember these revivals in your prayers. If you are near enough your presence will be highly appreciated.

FWB's IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings in the name of Christ.

As State Director of Foreign Missions in South Carolina, I wish to take this method of appealing to you

for the cause of Foreign Missions.

The need for funds to carry on our mission work is more urgent than ever in the history of our church for the fields are truly white unto harvest and in answer to prayer. God is calling the Youth of our church as never before.

We now have five missionaries in Cuba and six missionaries in India where there are thousands who have never heard the Gospel, which Paul says is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. How shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without a preacher? How can they preach except they be sent? May we add, how shall they be sent if the church does not send them? How can the church send them without the funds?

Since I was appointed Mission Director for our State, I have lost sleep. Surely the Lord has lain the cause on our heart. I wish that I could lay the burden of missions on the heart of every Free Will Baptist in our State. We would then have no trouble raising our quota.

The quota for our State this year is \$3,000. If every Free Will Baptist in South Carolina would only give as much as five cents per week we could raise this fund, and no one would be burdened. Think of it my friends, less than a penny per day. Surely this is not much when Jesus gave his all for a lost world.

We would suggest that each church have a system of raising the suggested quota of five cents per week per member. A good system would be to have a small bank in each church and give our people an opportunity to deposit something each Sunday for this great cause. This is to be sent to our Treasury quarterly.

Our State Treasurer has suggested that all money for Foreign Missions be sent direct to our National Treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis, Box 377, Monett, Missouri.

Yours in the cause of Missions,

F. A. Sawyer, Arcadia, S. C.

IF WE KNEW ALL THE FACTS

If we knew all the facts none of us would be so critical of others. We often set ourselves up as self-appointed judges and severely condemn those about us, when our knowledge of all the facts is totally inadequate. If we

knew all the elements we would praise and not condemn.

A man went to the barber shop to get a shoe shine. The shine boy was slow with his work. Exasperated, the man spoke to him harshly and with cruel words, whereupon the boy looked up at him with tear-filled eyes. "Excuse me," said the man now contrite, "I did not intend to hurt you."

"It is not that, sir, which causes these tears. They were there already. You see my mother died last night, and I am here this morning only because I am trying to earn enough to buy a small bouquet of flowers to go on her grave. My eyes were so filled with tears I could hardly see your shoes. That's the reason I am so slow." The man was condemned in his own heart. If he had only known all the facts! If we only knew all the facts, we would be less envious and more sympathetic. We would also be happier.—Civic Bulletin.



GRACE ELMIRA HUGHEY

Grace Elmira Hughey, born July 11, 1889, at Monett, Missouri, passed away on October 3, 1949, at Neck City, Missouri, at the age of 60 years, two months, and 22 days. She united with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 14 years and had lived a quiet and devoted Christian life. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Inman, she was united in marriage to Lavis Hughey on May 20, 1905, at Mt. Vernon, Missouri. To this union were born seven children, two of whom preceded her in death at birth. Survivors besides her husband, Lavis Hughey, are two daughters, Mrs. Irene Linder and Mrs. Zelma Atnip and three sons, Ralph, Doyle, and Ertel; also, her mother, Mrs. June Inman, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by

the Rev. Paul Williams, at the Bethel Church in the presence of a large audience. Ulmer undertakers of Carthage, Missouri, in charge.

REV. F. M. HUDSON

Rev. F. M. Hudson, aged 85, of Moreland, Arkansas, passed away at Clarksville October 3, 1949. A former teacher and attorney, he was for a long time a minister in the Free Will Baptist Church. He had been a Pope County representative to the state legislature. He is survived by his widow; three sons, Herman of Morrilton, Raymond of Little Rock, and Ellis of Monticello; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Braden and Mrs. B. T. Nichols of Clarksville; four step-daughters, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

REVIVAL AT AMITY

Dear Gem Readers:

This is to report our revival at the Amity Church near Niangua, Missouri. It was well attended throughout and the power of the Lord was present. Four souls prayed through to salvation, two united with the church to be baptized at a later date. The Lord blessed as we labored together with the pastor, Rev. Dale Jones, who lives at Lebanon, Missouri. The meeting closed October 14.

Monday, October 10, a meeting was started at Black Oak. There has been good interest and good crowds present thus far, October 20. The pastor is the Rev. E. E. Vestal, of Grove Springs, Missouri.

Plans are underway for a revival to begin at Niangua Church October 30, with Rev. Dale Jones as evangelist.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Again this year we are prepared to supply your Christmas card needs. Twenty-one religious cards in a box artistically designed with Scripture text. Price \$1.00 per box; your name printed on them for 25c extra. These cards are very attractive and something you will be proud of. All orders filled promptly.

Editor

PRAYER OF FAITH FOR THE SICK

Wilbia Sell, Stockton, Missouri

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14, 15.

I wonder if we as Christians today give these two verses of Scripture much thought. I believe with all my heart that God wants to heal our sick and afflicted bodies. When our Lord was here on earth He healed the sick, unstopped deaf ears, opened blinded eyes and made the lame to walk. The Scripture tells us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. If He performed those miracles when He was on earth, He can do the same today.

It behooves us to be constantly praying for increased faith that we may be able to trust our Lord for anything. I firmly believe that when our friends, neighbors or loved ones are sick we should take some time from our work and gather in their home to pray for them. When we have really prayed the prayer of faith we will see results. "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

Healing comes in two ways. One is a slow healing. Sometimes this may be due to our weakness of faith. The other way the Lord heals is an instant healing. That kind of healing is termed a miracle. God is still capable of performing miracles today.

Jesus wants us to let Him bear our burdens and afflictions. He said in His word "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Jesus not only meant rest from the cares and worries of everyday life, but He meant rest from the worries of an afflicted body.

What we need more than anything else is faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" Heb. 11:1. It was because of faith that Able offered unto

God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. By faith Enoch was translated and did not see death. His testimony pleased God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Noah had such faith in God's warning that he built the ark. Although he saw not the things that God warned him of, his faith was limitless at that time and after he built the ark he and his household were saved from the flood. By faith Abraham offered up his son.

If we had faith like these old Bible characters, the blessings would just flow from God.

You will recall that in the 15th verse of the fifth chapter of James, he plainly tells us that the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

Personally, I know that God can heal. I had been bothered with a heart ailment for over four years and it was gradually becoming worse. Doctors and medicine failed to help. But I felt all along that I was being led of God to seek for healing from the heart condition. I was anointed with oil by a minister of the Gospel and the Christian people all prayed. I had to constantly pray for two days for the Lord to increase my faith before I received the healing. The prayer was answered. It's a wonderful blessing to be healed.

I saw a little girl about eight years old, that had her foot hurt, go to the altar and ask for prayer. She came forward with all the faith and boldness in the world. Oh for the pure faith of a little child. I wish that Christian people had more faith in cases of sickness, for by faith we are healed.

WHICH WILL IT BE FOR YOU 'GOODNIGHT' OR 'GOOD-BY'?

You see that man lying upon his bed, a saint of God known for his pure and holy life and his many activities in the Lord's service. He has met with a terrible accident and he cannot live. He has a wife, two sons and daughter. He calls them to his bedside, and taking his wife in his arms he says, "God bless you, my dear. How well I remember the day that I asked you

to be my wife, to walk with me on life's journey for better or for worse! How vividly the scene of our wedding in the church comes before my eyes! Now we must part. I thank God for you, for the beautiful life you have lived, for the lovely companionship we have had. Goodnight, my darling, goodnight. We shall meet in the morning." Calling his oldest son to his bedside he said, "You have been a good boy. How my heart filled with joy when I saw you take your stand for Christ, and as I have watched your beautiful life. You have never disobeyed your father. Goodnight, dear, goodnight. We shall meet in the morning." Then he called to him his only daughter and he said, "How much you look like your mother! How happy I am that you are saved, that you have taken our counsel and advice; and I know that you are God's child. Goodnight, dear, goodnight. We shall meet in the morning." Then he called his second son over to the bedside. He said, "Charley, you have broken your father's heart, you have always been disobedient and never would take my advice and counsel. In a few minutes I shall speak to you no more. Good-by, Charley, good-by." Charley said, "Father, why did you say 'goodnight' to mother and brother and sister and said 'good-by' to me?" He said, "You have never walked in the path that your father walked in. The path that I have trodden leads to heaven, but the path that you have trodden leads to hell. Good-by Charley, I shall never see you again!" The young man fell upon his knees, sobbing, and asked forgiveness and gave his heart to God; and his father's last words were, "Goodnight, Charley, I will meet you in the morning."

Contributed by Mrs. B. F. Brown

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WHOM WILL WE SERVE?

Victory is certain where Christ is all. The inspired Word of God says, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Dear reader, whom are YOU going to serve? Christ with a reward of a mansion in HEAVEN, or the devil with a reward of eternal torment to be cast into outer darkness.

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?

YOUR F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. L. C. Johnson

The Free Will Baptist Bible College has just opened its eighth term of school. The enrollment this year thus far is 64 students representing 15 states and Cuba. Without doubt we have as fine group of Christian young people as you would hope to find in any similar institution anywhere. Since this school is dedicated to the Lord, we trust the Lord to send just the young men and women from our church as should come here each year. As we think back over the years of the history of the College, we believe the Lord has sent us some as fine young people as the Free Will Baptists have.

For many years, there was a real desire on the part of Free Will Baptists for an institution where the young people of our church might receive training for different phases of Christian work. Over and over again, we heard the statement "if we only had a school." Since the Bible College is a reality now, I wonder if many of us appreciate it as we should. You remember on one occasion the Lord Jesus came in contact with ten men who had leprosy and they wanted to be healed. They wanted the blessing of God, so they cried out to Jesus and told Him of their desire; and He met that need and healed them. After they were healed, they forgot to turn around and give thanks to the Lord Jesus—that is all except one of them—and the Master said, "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" The thing they had been longing for, had been praying for, had hoped for, had now become a reality; but they forgot to give thanks to the Lord. We feel like censuring those nine men who failed to turn back and give thanks to the Master for what he had done for them. Yet I wonder many times if we do not place ourselves in the very same situation when we fail to turn to Him and thank Him for answering the prayers that we have been praying. I do believe that we should thank God for the FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE.

Not only do we have a Bible College, but I believe that we have a *GOOD* Bible College. You know there is a vast difference in a *college* and a *GOOD college*. There are plenty of colleges in America and there are many Bible institutions, but we needed an institu-

tion in our own church to train the young men and women who were to serve in the Free Will Baptist Church. So, we asked God for that kind of school. We asked Him for a good school. We felt that we needed an institution that would train men and women for Christian service who could intelligently and fervently work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe that I can safely say that the administration of the Bible College has conscientiously tried to give the very best service they knew how to give in making Free Will Baptist Bible College the best possible. God has honored these endeavors.

We have not been heedless of the methods of other institutions. We have sought to search out the fine points of every institution we could learn about anywhere. We have tried to include in Free Will Baptist Bible College everything these other institutions have to offer which we could offer that would make our institution better. We have had some friends from other good Christian institutions to come by and talk things over with us and they have commended us for the curriculum and for the work that we are doing and the methods we are employing in doing it.

I believe that Free Will Baptists everywhere have just cause for thanking God for an institution that will demand the respect of the best talented young men and women of our church. There is no reason for any young man or woman anywhere hesitating one moment in coming to Free Will Baptist Bible College for fear that he will not receive training which will be up to par. I believe the students who have been here in past years will testify to the fact that, on a whole, the training they received here is equal to that received in other institutions to which they have gone.

Of course you realize that we only operate two years; that is, we only offer two year's work and there are many things that we cannot do for the students in two years that we would like to do. The institutions to which they go from here receive much of the credit for the work which we have done. We lay the foundation, then they build upon that foundation and get much of the credit for that which we have done for the students. We are not envious of this but thank God they are going to other institutions, but we do long for the day when they

will come here for the full four years. This will be realized as soon as Free Will Baptists make it possible with their gifts.

I have been told that it takes a period of twenty-five years to establish an institution. As I look back over the brief history of Free Will Baptist Bible College, I am amazed at the tremendous influence that it is already having in our church through the lives of the young men and women who have come here. This year at the National Association I could not help observing the many fine consecrated men and women who were there who had attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. As I think over the various states, I think of many former students who are occupying some of the best churches that we have and they are doing a very good job in almost every instance. Surely we should thank God for them. And today I am reminded that at least five former students are on the Foreign Mission fields—Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Miss Zalene Lleyd in India, and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong in Cuba. The students who have gone out from Free Will Baptist Bible College and are now on the field are still young in Christian work, for we realize seven or eight years is not a very long period of time when we think of the experience that is necessary to assume places of leadership.

Many of you would like to know what is taught the students who come to college. That is a worthy question and you have the right to know the answer to it. We have seen a great many people who have been trained for Christian service and their training has hurt them instead of helping them. Many of our people, no doubt, have had question marks in their minds about our own college, whether it will be a help to the young men and women of our church or a hindrance to them. I will not attempt to give you the curriculum we offer, but I will give you the emphasis which is placed first here in your college. The first emphasis is that of **CONSECRATION**. We realize that all the training that one could receive who comes here would not qualify him for Christian work. You can know that every student is taught to put God first in all things. You can also be assured of the fact that they are taught to be **LOYAL**, Free Will Baptists. Their faith in the Word of God is not destroyed.

neither is their faith in their church destroyed. We believe the greatest contribution which this institution can make to the church which it serves is to send out sane, intelligently trained, consecrated young men and women, who love God above all other things and who realize that through the channel of their church they can serve high to reach the millions on earth who have never heard the name of Jesus. You need have no fear about those who go out from this institution being modernists. They believe the word from Genesis to Revelation.

The support of the Free Will Baptist Bible College has constantly grown. There has never been a time in its history when it did not have the money to pay its bills. No faculty member, no member of the staff has ever been asked to wait awhile before receiving his check. We have never had to tell the groceryman that we did not have money to pay him. We are not boasting over this, we are simply praising the Lord that He has made this possible through the generous gifts you have made. Each year we have seen the cost of operation increase, but each year God has amply met that need. But we see the time coming—if it is not already upon us—when we must have more facilities if we meet the need of the young people of our church. We believe God will lay it upon the hearts of loyal consecrated Free Will Baptist people to make this possible. If you have been making your contribution through your church or directly to the college, let us thank you and may God continue to bless you and make it possible for you to help. If you have not been a supporter of Free Will Baptist Bible College, will you not investigate it? Ask any question you would like to ask, get any information you would like to get, and if you believe it is a worthy institution and that it merits your support let us hear from you. Enough supporters will guarantee that every young man and woman of our church, who wishes training for some phase of Christian work will be able to receive it in our Free Will Baptist Bible College. No doubt but that the money you put here will be one of your best investments, for you will be helping train the young men and women of our church to go and spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. May the Lord bless you.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

September, 1949

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Leadington S S	\$ 3.74
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter.....	5.00
Merl's Chapel S S	10.00
Desloge	15.00
Carterville	11.88
Fredericktown Ladies Home	
Mission	5.00
Mine LaMotte.....	4.79
Total	\$55.41

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 3.80
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JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

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

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 1.26
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STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Cave Springs Ass'n.	\$ 30.00
Mine LaMotte.....	5.00
St. Louis Southside.....	14.00
Sublette	5.00
Golden Oak.....	10.00
Monett	20.00
A. W. Hartley, Wichita, Kansas	5.00
J. K. Stephens, Stockton.....	2.00
Niangua	10.00
Liberty Ass'n.	3.00
Jones Chapel.....	10.00
Fredericktown	12.00
O. D. Crepps, Flat River.....	2.00
Total	\$128.00

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Blue Eye.....	\$ 12.10
Faith and Hope League.....	1.96
Pleasant Ridge.....	14.10
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter.....	5.00
Sublett	12.25
C. W. Missouri Ass'n.	44.49
Oak Grove Church and League	5.00
Union Light.....	11.59
Twin Oake	3.85
Hazel Creek Union.....	5.06
Amity	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Adkins,	
Elephant Butte, N. Mex.	300.00
Southeast Mo. Aux. Conv.	51.52
Fellowship Church.....	150.00
Gertrude Bowe, Monett.....	3.00
Total	\$626.92

MISSIONS FUND

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Indian Creek Ass'n.	29.36
Hannon	5.00
Macedonia	8.62
Hickory Grove, Haddam, Kan.	20.25
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DECEMBER—MONTH OF LOVE OFFERINGS FOR RETURN OF MISS BARNARD TO STATES

The Missouri State Association while in session in September passed a resolution making December the month for the giving of special love offerings toward covering the expense of Miss Barnard's trip home from India for furlough in the spring of 1950. Since this was done, it has been decided to make it a *National* move and invite everybody from all over the states to enter into this drive. So we are asking you out there over the field to please take this matter up with your people and with the Lord and see what can be done on this special campaign during the month of December. This is the month when much money is always wasted on Santa Claus, so we are asking you to please consider giving of a love offering during the holiday season for the return trip of one of our beloved missionaries who has been on the India field five years during this last stay. After having spent all these years in faithful service Miss Barnard no doubt stands in great need of a year's furlough in the home land. Please remember to take this up during December and send the offerings in to the National Treasury with a statement that it is given for this purpose as stated above. Thanking you and may the Lord bless in this worthy move.

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PROGRAM FOR DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Mrs. Jewell Campbell

As we approach another beautiful Thanksgiving season let us search our hearts for the things we are most thankful for. Don't you think we might say that in this day of chaos and greed in which we live today the "Light of Christ" is the paramount blessing for which we should give thanks? For really what other thing is there at our command today that will soothe the woes and troubles of both the individual and the nations of the world and lift them to a life that will be ruled by the "love of God?" It is with this in mind that we offer this program outline for a Thanksgiving service whereby our women may join in a special prayer to God.

This theme was used by another group of Christian women and proved such a blessing. The very sight of the words stirred such a deep feeling of gratitude and inspiration we would like to pass it on to our women with the prayer that it may be a blessing to every heart. It will add to the interest for each local group to add any special music, songs, articles, or whatever you care to that will be in keeping with the theme.

Theme: "BY HIS LIGHT SHALL THE NATIONS WALK"

Opening song—"We've A Story to Tell the Nations"

Scripture readings—John 1:1, 5; 8:12; Isa. 60:1, 3; I John 1:5, 7; John 12:36.

Prayer—(Let every heart be lifted to God in a prayer of Thanksgiving that we have HIS LIGHT to guide our way.)

Call to worship:

*"Oh who shall roll away the stone,
The faithful women said;*

*The heavy stone that seals the tomb,
And shuts us from our dead?*

*But looking up, at dawn, they saw
The great stone rolled away.*

*And from the empty tomb of light
More dazzling than the day.*

*Look up, O doubting soul, look up!
Eyes fixed upon the earth*

Can never see the light that finds

*In death its glorious birth.
Look up! And ever looking up.
Thine eyes shall clearly see
The tombs of earth filled with the light
Of immortality."*

Introductory remarks (by leader)—That all of us may be enriched by sharing in this worship service, I am asking each of you to turn through your hymnal and find some favorite hymn which has been a light to you, a hymn which helps you to express some deep joy and praise in your heart. For a few minutes we shall sing the first stanzas of the favorites. (Sing several of the favorites.)

Let us bow in silent prayer, looking back in thanks for the inner light which has guided us, and looking forward with renewal of our hearts in devotion to a closer walk with our God. (Silent prayer)

Prayer—(by leader or one chosen from the group)

Comment on the theme: Our theme comes from the account of the vision that John, the writer of the book of Revelation, had on the Isle of Patmos. He saw the new Jerusalem, that ideal place where some day God and His people would dwell together. In his vision, John saw the city so glorious that all the most worthy virtues and precious experiences of man, as well as the most beautiful created things he could imagine, were a part of it. In it were truth, righteousness, faithfulness, purity, joy, praise and adoration of God; painless and deathless life for all mankind. The building foundation was of all "manner of precious stone; the gates were of pearl and the streets of gold that had the appearance of transparent glass." There was no need for a temple, for the Lord God and the Lamb are the temple of it, and no need for the sun, for the "Glory of God did lighten it and the Lamb is the Light thereof." And then he adds, "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it," in the light of that city whose light is God. It is through Christ that we

begin to understand the Light that is God. Did not Christ say, "I am the light of the world?" The word LIGHT as it is commonly used, means more to us than we can express. It includes truth, clear thinking, a condition of vision, an energy having healing qualities, a quality akin to purity. When Christ is spoken of as the Light of the World, the word has inexhaustible meaning; it means the highest qualities of character of which man can conceive; it means sacrificial love, forgiveness, thinking of and serving others, denying ourselves for the sake of others. It means giving our lives to God to be used in His service at His will. In his hour of vision, it was revealed to John, that only in His Light will nations be able to live together. In our moments of insight we do know that this is true; that this light is the True Light to solve our international problems of today and it must shine forth through men and women who have experienced that light in their own hearts.

TOPIC—By His Light We Walk Together. If a Christian world is to be built, each nation must have Christian unity. Those of us who walk in the Light of God walk together. No one great denomination can hope to make our country really and truly Christian by working selfishly and alone. We must work together, every church member together, every church with all other churches who have a common faith that all men are brothers, that God is our Father, and that Jesus is our Saviour. The whole world is at our door. Surely, as never before, the world looks to America to point the way to brotherhood and peace on earth. Only if our own dear United States is truly Christian can the door that we open to the world become a way unto the kingdom of God. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

TOPIC—"God's Light in Us." Just as the scientists are working today to learn how to apply atomic energy to help mankind, so each one of us must work in the laboratory of our daily experience to find new ways of applying the Light and Power which we

have, "Christ in us the hope of glory." We all agree that the need of our own lives and of the world today is a deepening of spiritual life. Has not every one of us felt her own lack of spiritual certainty when the way seems confused? Has not each of had others look to her for spiritual strength, and found her own heart full of fear? What is the secret of harnessing God's Light and Power to our personal problems? There IS a point where God's power takes hold of our hearts; that point is a heart in communion with God.

Such communion exists not only on Sunday morning in public worship; not only when we are on our knees in our closet of prayer but in hearts which have learned the secret of being in constant touch with God even while in the midst of daily toil and mingling with our fellow men. Abraham walked with God because God always had his attention, thus He was able to use him as a channel of blessing not only to his family but also to his nation and even to the entire world. God was able to use the highly educated Moses only after he had learned to walk by faith in the dreary routine of a shepherd's life. This secret of constant, abiding prayer is at the very heart of our Protestant religion. No priest, no ritual, no ceremony is necessary. The essential thing is a heart in communion with God, talking to God about EVERYTHING that concerns our personal life, our families, our community, our world. God will use US as channels of His Light when we have learned the joy of such close communion with Him.

PRAYER—

SPECIAL MUSIC—

PERIOD OF PERSONAL TESTIMONIES—Ask each one to tell of the things God has done for the past year and the ways in which He has answered prayer.

By Leader:

The light of God is falling

Upon Life's common way;

The Master's voice still calling,

Come walk with me today.

No duty can seem lowly

To him who lives with thee,

And all of life grows Holy,

O Christ of Galilee!

Song—"The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Closing prayer of Thanksgiving for our privilege of worship and communion with Him.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENTS AND MEANS

Rev. William Buster

Perhaps many of us who have been consistent tithers of our means for years have not stopped to think seriously enough about the stewardship of our time and talents. I am convinced that these two phases of Stewardship should claim more attention from Pew and Pulpit. If we search the Scriptures carefully we will find that the Word applies the tithe principle to time, "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord" Lev. 19:30. Here we are told not only to keep the Sabbath but WHERE to keep it, the Sanctuary. The idea that one can worship and be just as good without church attendance as with it, is false. Some one once asked President Coolidge, "Can't I worship God in the green fields?" He replied, "You can but you won't."

In Isa. 58:13 we read, "If thou shalt turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, or speaking thine own words." The Lord's people are to refrain from using the Sabbath selfishly for their own pleasure. They are to use it to honor God.

God not worshipped on Sunday is not likely to be worshipped on any other day. When He is not worshipped He fades from our vision. We must have Sunday devotions to have Monday testimony. We lose power when we use time selfishly. Man cannot work for double pay, fish, hunt, make the Holy Day a holiday and have a live, ringing testimony. The Sabbath was made for man and not man for

the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man's peace and prosperity, his spiritual and physical welfare.

Man needs the seventh day to rest, physically. It is a proven fact that the man who rests, not romps, on the Sabbath performs more and better work than the one who works all seven. Physicians tell us that many nervous disorders, breakdowns, are caused by the seven day work week. One noted physician says rest cures are "Sundays in arrears."

On the Spiritual side, one needs the day for heartfelt devotion and communication with God to restore the spiritual strength often weakened by the cares and worldly contacts of the week. The outstanding sin of the rich fool (Lk. 12:16-21) was that he presumed he had plenty time. He failed to realize that ALL our time is in the hands of God, also, he was going to use it selfishly. Jesus said, "the night soon cometh when no man can work." If we are too busy to pray, read the Bible and seek the lost, we are TOO BUSY. God says, Redeem the Time.

Our talents also belong to God. They are not ours to use to our own interest or to waste. I think one parable sufficient to illustrate this thought (Matt. 25:14-30). We note that Jesus says "the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man going into a far country." He called His servants (His people) to Him and gave them His goods—all of them. He gave according to the ability of each. God uses the individual in the place he can fill best. Two of these individuals used these talents according to their ability, and gained the approval of their master when he returned. The other was afraid and buried it. He didn't only do that, he blamed his master for giving it to him. It didn't even draw interest and therefore he defrauded the master who had a right to usury. The one talent was taken from him and given to the one who had ten. We lose talents that are hoarded and those who use theirs receive yet other talents (abilities). These talents were not naturally acquired talents but were given talents. The fact that we are responsible for our use of them is shown in that the Master returned for an accounting.

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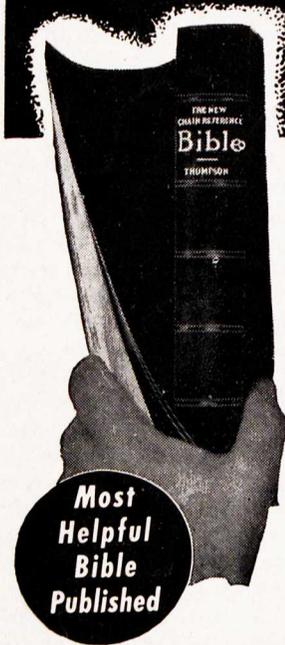
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