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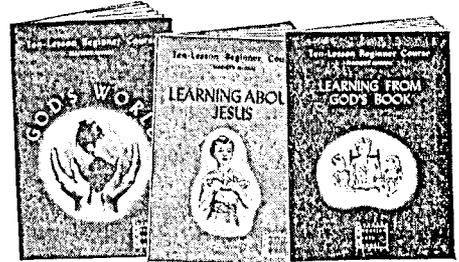
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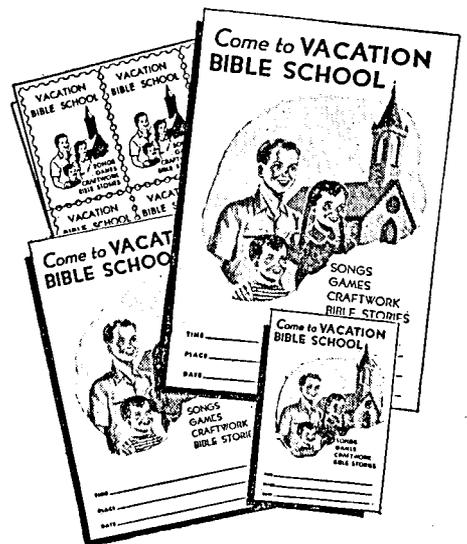
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"REVIVE US"—HAB. 3:2

Rev. A. A. White-Herrin, III.

Men everywhere are giving expression to the thought that America must have a divine visitation from God if our country is to survive. Leading men in every walk of life are asserting that about five years is our time limit under existing conditions. I do not know as to the time; but I do know that we must have an unusual outpouring of the Spirit of God upon our homes, civilization and the church if we are to survive much longer. I am sure that such a divine visitation which we usually term "Revival" can be had in every heart, in every home, in any group of two or three believers, and in every church. These divine visitations usually come in answer to the faith and prayers of a few people, at least in their origin or beginning. Jesus said in Matthew 18, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I will be present." We should believe this statement and try it out!

We have depended upon elaborate preparation and organization and the usual man-made plans of procedure, which have almost invariably ended in failure, until the people at large have largely lost faith that any great reviving of the church can take place again on this earth. But one person with God could turn the tide. When J. Willbur Chapman, Presbyterian revivalist, was preaching in London, even after the most elaborate preparation, organization, committees, advertisements, to which we usually turn, the convention was dead as a door nail, until a missionary from India, by the name of John Hyde, came and prayed for about fifteen minutes in the study of Mr. Chapman; and so mightily did this praying get hold of God that the revival broke loose in mighty power that very night!

I wonder if we will ever learn God's method in precipitating divine manifestation and producing that conviction of sin which results in the salvation of the lost? Any man or woman, small group who will meet a few simple conditions of revival can precipitate the presence and power of God anywhere, any time. Therefore, there can be no excuse for not having gracious revivals in any group, church or community.

In the Old Testament we have a JESUS CHRIST!

short prophetic book of three chapters. In chapter one, the prophet has the burden because of the condition of his nation. In chapter two, he is on his watch tower to hear and see what God will say and do. In the third and concluding chapter he prays, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." He prays in one verse, and God begins to answer that prayer in the very next verse, which shows how much God desires that we should call upon Him to revive His work and to evangelize the unsaved nations of the earth. When you read this third chapter of Habakkuk you will see what the prayer of one devout soul can accomplish, in which God stirs almost the whole universe. If you will take the burden of the lost, climb into your watchtower and begin to pray in the Holy Ghost, you will have divine answers that will astonish you beyond measure. You can have revivals in any heart, home, group, church or community when one, two or three people resolve before God that it shall come to pass! This is indeed the golden age of Revivals and Evangelism.

People are not gospel hardened, for only a small per cent, even in Christian lands, have ever heard the true gospel. Where the gospel is preached in a manner it is usually so faintly proclaimed and accompanied by so much that is merely religious entertainment, that the hearers never come under conviction of sin, and therefore never call upon God for salvation.

Pungent, powerful and all persuasive preaching of the Gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, is seldom heard from any pulpit. We have enough of so-called preaching and teaching to convert the world in a month, were it accompanied by real faith, prayer and holy living. There is no lack of organization and religious paraphernalia which is usually attached to our public religious services. Our vestments, rites and ceremonies are correct. Our educational program of a very high order, our committees composed of fine personalities. Our technique is virtually immaculate and our music beyond the ordinary. Our people are cultured. Our church dinners and bazaar suppers are of a high order. Our printed programs run on schedule. **THE ONLY THING WE LACK IS GOD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THE PRESENCE OF**

If some hearer should break out crying, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," during the services, chances are that such a person would be removed from the sanctuary. We do not lock for three thousand or even three to cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" while the preacher is preaching. However, this is the grand and glorious hour for God to visit us in Revivals such as we have never known. God is waiting to save the lost for He is not willing that any should perish. He is patient and long suffering, waiting for us to carry the gospel to every creature at home and abroad. We do not pray to God to get Him in the notion to save men. He has never had any other thought in His heart of infinite love. God does not have certain times when He will not save and certain times when He will hear a penitent cry. He does not have certain arbitrary seasons to save. He does not set dates when He will save and when He will not. God declares that NOW is the day of salvation. "Come to the feast, all things are ready." "Whosoever will, let him come." The Lord God wonders why we do not have a continuous outpouring of His Spirit. It is the wonder of heaven and the astonishment of angels that we see nothing in our day that has the fingerprints of God upon it.

The Holy Spirit is here to precipitate the conviction of sin and lead sinners to Christ, as he has been doing for two thousand years. He has come to abide with us forever. All there is of the Spirit is now here to awaken, convict, convert and sanctify men and women. There can never be any more of the Spirit on this earth than there is today, for this is the dispensation of the Holy Ghost, who will begin to work on human hearts the very moment we confess our sin, turn to God in prayer and have faith that the power of God is as great this hour as any day since Pentecost. There is a teaching that the Holy Spirit is withdrawing from the earth. There is not a word of truth in it. There is a teaching abroad that the day of Revivals is over. There is not a word of truth in that. Any man or woman who will humble themselves before God and go to prayer can see a Revival. Jesus Christ is still in the saving business. He still has all power in heaven and in

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earth; and there is no power outside of all power. (Matt. 28:19-20). He is as mighty today as when on the earth and when He ascended on high and poured forth the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. His prayers from the throne of God have all efficacy. He will co-operate with any believing heart for the salvation of sinners and He will begin to work the very moment you begin to believe, confess and pray. Usually one, two or three people originate these revivals. If you will secure a prayer partner or two, and begin to call upon God, miracles will begin to occur; people will be distressed about their sins; and sooner or later they will cry to God for salvation. Sometimes a bit of fasting along with prayer will precipitate more power.

Of course the world needs God as never before, and men everywhere scan the horizon to find help with life's burdens and problems and their inner need for soul blessing. So, there is nothing from the divine side of God's love and the presence of the Holy Spirit to keep us from having a mighty revival here and now. Don't let anyone talk you down.

Some good men quite earnest in their utterances have almost killed the faith of believers that mighty revivals can be had today. They virtually teach that this gospel age or dispensation must go down in defeat and failure. And that somehow, somewhere, later, there will be a great ingathering of the souls of men. This ignorant and erroneous teaching deadens the faith of people, who unless they believe that the outpouring of the Spirit is possible, will never lay themselves out to pray for a revival which God waits to give. Therefore, if there are no great revivals, then we lay the blame at the door of such preachers who claim this dispensation is a failure, and there must be some other dispensation in which men will be saved in great multitudes. This unscriptural teaching is merely an alibi or excuse for not having mighty Revivals in their midst. In other words this teaching means that Christ on the throne has virtually lost His power; that the Holy Spirit is withdrawing, and that it is largely helpless to do that which Christ predicted he would do; and that God has lost His love for those for whom His own Son died. This teaching makes prayer impotent

and faith useless and permits these satanic forces to overwhelm the God of the universe and the church of Jesus Christ! I do not believe a word of it. If Christ cannot save today there will never come an hour when He can save. If God is not interested in sinners now, when will he ever be interested? If the Holy Ghost cannot awaken and convict men of sin today, he will never be able to do it. **THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER DISPENSATION BETTER THAN THIS FOR GRACIOUS REVIVALS ON THIS EARTH.**

The great prophecies of the Old and New Testaments tell us what will happen in the "last days" and these are the last days. These teachers inform us that all we can expect is a little hand picked fruit and a few fence corners in the gospel fields to be gleaned. Then how can people pray for revivals and look for spiritual outpourings of God's power if they listen to such unscriptural presentations of God's program? No wonder ministers and churches turn to educational programs, Sunday night forums, gymnastics, lectures and church suppers. They have lost their faith in the present power of Christ and the love of God, and in the mighty operations of the Holy Ghost who is as operative and effective today as in any hour since God created the universe and the sons of God shouted for joy.

One trouble is that men do not want to meet a few simple conditions that precipitate the marvelous wonders of the Spirit of God such as attended Luther, Wesley, Otterhein, George Fox, Count Zinzendorf, General Booth, D. L. Moody and other church men reaching back to the first Christian century. Who will fast and pray for eight days as did Brainard at which conclusion thousands of Indians were saved though they could not understand the English language? Ministers will not fast for days and pray for nights, in order to see mighty revivals as did Wesley and his followers. You will have to pay them more than a thousand dollars per month to get them to do anything like that. And so, having lost God and the power of prayer and the presence of the Spirit and the compassionate love of Christ, we spend our time in a hundred and one trivial things, a thousand and one miles removed from God Himself. And to excuse our laziness and self indulgence,

our preference for preferments and the chief seats in the synagogues, we have lost all faith in the mighty outpourings of the Spirit of God, which can be had today as readily and more so than any hour of the history of the Christian church. So, having killed the faith of the people in the possibility of revivals, we have settled down to the routine, and enlarged our personal holdings and seek to keep the machinery of the church, grinding out human grist while millions at home know not God and churches are filled with multitudes who have never been converted and hundreds of millions abroad have never even heard of Christ; and then we stand up before three worlds and call ourselves "Christians," while the majority of church members and officials have never known the regenerating power of God. And we have on hand the religious, cultural, educational, social clubs that we call the churches of Jesus Christ. We could have revivals everywhere, mighty revivals, not merely froth and foam "and brighten the corner where you shine," and the little religious entertainment, but where the mighty power of God breaks people's hearts to pieces and they fall upon their knees and on their faces and cry to God until He saves them; and when they are thus saved, they will forever know the time, the place and the hour when they met God in peace!

Some churches close up all services Sunday night; others have no service at all, thus proclaiming to a scoffing world, that God has lost His interest in the unsaved; that Christ is a failure in the throne of intercession; that the wicked powers of earth are more than a match for the Holy Ghost! I do not believe a word of it. I repeat, that there is not a passage in the New Testament that tells us **THAT AFTER CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM THE MEDITORIAL THRONE AND SHUT THE DOOR THAT THERE WILL EVER BE A SINGLE SINNER SAVED ON THIS EARTH OR ANYWHERE ELSE.** There is no guarantee that anyone can be saved in the future. If a person is ever saved, *it must be in the present.* Today is the day of salvation and now is the accepted time. I want to see you build your faith in the present power of God and in the fact, as John Wesley believed, and Jonathan Edwards believed, and Fletcher believed, that before this age

ends, mighty effusions of the presence and power of God will appear on this earth as we have never seen it before!

If the Lord is returning soon, let us light holy fires on every hilltop and every valley, to welcome Him to earth again. I deny that this age must end in weakness, failure, and disaster. So throw away your unbelief and honor God and begin to pray that the Spirit of the living God will begin to work in the hearts of those about us. Any other attitude is but a makeshift for our unbelief, and our prayerless life and disobedience to God's permanent demand to preach the gospel to every creature. The mighty days of evangelism are all about us and just ahead of us, and we may now expect mighty and divine visitations of the power of God such as we have never seen upon this earth. Miracle days are here again. We stand upon the verge of the greatest display of the power of God yet seen among the sons of men.

THE CHURCH

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:44-47.

The first duty of the church is to bring men to Christ. The Church of God is in the world, but it is most certainly not of the world. The job of every church is to preach the Word with conviction. When confused souls cry for help, how wrong it is to try to persuade them to sign a card, or put their name on a church list, but when they are begging for mercy we should have the grace to say to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Peter, under the anointing power of the Holy Spirit, preached the gospel message and at the close of his sermon the people cried, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37. Peter did not tell them to join this church or that church

or "my" church. He very definitely said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." Acts 2:38.

So many are being taken into the church in this day and time by merely signing a card or shaking hands with the minister. God's Word says you must be born again. When we have truly been born of the Spirit we have automatically joined the one Church and are all brothers and sisters in Christ. It's good and well to have an earthly church home where we can work for God's glory by pointing men to the Comforter. The church must also be able to point men to the Healer. With all the sick and broken bodies there are today, the need is great for God's healing power.

The Christian Church of the first century was a vital church, alive to the needs and aspirations of its members. Most of the original members were poor, but very humble folks. Their faith was great. The first-century churches were very much alive, probably because they knew they were members of divine-human fellowship. They were the body of Christ and members one of another. They were good neighbors and had the feeling of belonging to one another. They helped each other through difficulties. By so doing I'm sure they gave strength to each other. They belonged to each other because they first belonged to God.

In order to please God the church in our community must be a vital one: full of life and vigor for the Lord. The church must reach out to every one in the community, and not to just a special few. We must have a sense of belonging to each other. We cannot each stand alone in our own strength. The aim of the churches of Missouri and throughout the world must be to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to lost humanity. If the church does not accomplish this mission it is displeasing to God.

There is a great need in the church for Spirit-filled, consecrated, self-denying and self-sacrificing members. We must establish in our minds the fact that all we have belongs to God and that we're only taking care of what belongs to God. If we would grow spiritually we must be ever so grateful to God for everything he has blessed us with. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto

thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6.

The following verses of scripture are well worth some study and thought while we are on the subject churches. "Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." Proverbs 30:7-9.

So let us pray without ceasing for the spiritual upbuilding of the church and fight against every evil power that tends to destroy it. The Church came from the hand of a Holy God, and being holy, it must be opposed to all evil and seek to destroy it. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let's strive harder than ever to keep worldliness out of the church. The church cannot save the world by becoming like it. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Matt. 5:13. Salt is used to preserve food and to add flavor. So let's preserve the gospel and add flavor by helping others to find salvation.

Remember to pray for us here at the Independence church: we truly need your prayers. We're praying for all phases of God's work. Pray for us as a church that we may point men to Christ as the Saviour from sin, the Comforter, and the Healer of our sicknesses and diseases.

Yours for Christ,

Wilbia Sell, Stockton, Mo.

TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

McAlester, Oklahoma

We are nearing the completion of our new church building here in McAlester, Oklahoma, and have set Sunday, April 15 for the dedication services. We would like to extend an invitation to all who will to attend, especially Free Will Baptist ministers. We would like to have a representative from as many states as possible. There will be all-day services with a basket lunch served at the church.

Rev. George McLain from Richmond, California will begin a revival Sunday night, April 15, following the dedication.

Your Brother in Christ,

Earl Jensen

TITHING

A New Testament Truth

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

DUE to the fact we never hear any one deny the doctrine of tithing as it is in the Old Testament; but often we hear it denied as being set forth in the New Testament, therefore, we will confine our statements here principally to New Testament proofs.

However, in the beginning, I would like to treat briefly upon this fact:

The Inseparable Connection Between the Old and the New

We continually hear folks saying we are not living under the law. Would one who says that dare say that even one of the ten commandments, in principle, was ever done away with? They are just as obligatory upon us, in effect, as they ever were. Not one principle of the law was ever changed, only in custom and ceremony was the change made. The fact is, we live under the finished law, the law fulfilled, the law made perfect. Christ was the end of the law; not that it ended with Him, but in Him it had a perfect finishing. Love to God, with all the heart, soul, mind, etc., and love to one's neighbor as one's self; upon these Jesus said hangs all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:40). Christ is love, and in His presentation, He manifested that love of which the law was largely void. He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill (or fill full) Matt. 5:17. The eighteenth verse reads, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." When will all be fulfilled? Not until His redemptive work is finished. When will it be finished? Not until our bodies are redeemed, and that of course will be at His second coming.

Christ did not dissolve the law, He simply added to it or completed it. Even the principle of sacrifice was not done away with. It is true, we do not offer animal sacrifices any more. Why do we not? Because the perfect lamb, "the Lamb of God," has been offered; but yet it is sacrifice, and in turn we should offer ourselves living sacrifices.

The Old Testament is *RICH* when

interpreted under the light of the New, and without it, the New would be perfectly meaningless to us. So much of the writings of the New are simply references to, and quotations from, the Old. It is all enfolded in the Old and unfolded in the New. The one substantiates the other. If the Old Testament was not beneficial to us, God would not have handed it down to us as a part of our Bible. It is strange, many people *DO TAKE* many statements from the Old; but when we come to the word "tithing" they turn "thumbs down" so to speak. Prophecy for one example. We find as much, if not more, prophecy in the Old than in the New. If we say no to the Old, we are saying no to a lot of rich prophetic truth.

Some say, in the New Testament offerings are asked for, but not the tithe. Let us give you this to think about. God said in Malachi 3:8, that the people had robbed Him in tithes and offerings. Notice the word *offerings*. You are taking an Old Testament word, offerings, and carrying it over to the New. Listen, if you can take the word "offerings" from Malachi 3:8 and carry it over to, and under the New then you can and should take also the word "tithe." On the other hand if you can't take the word "tithe" because it is of the Old, then neither can you take the word "offering"; because it is just as truly an Old Testament word. Yes, indeed, it is the same today as in the days of Malachi: the plan is "tithes and offerings." We have given no offering until we have paid our debt to God which is the tithe. True, we should go beyond the tithe; but that does not obliterate the fact and doctrine of the tithe.

Some say many people use the tithe, which to be sure is the minimum, as a way of getting around paying any more than that; just that and stop at that. I say also there are many no doubt but what contend for the "offerings" only, and have that as a way of getting by with paying far less than what their tithe would have been. I think the rule will work both ways there. Many people will make a hundred dollars, we will say for example, and their offering is perhaps a dollar or two. Their tithe would have been ten dollars, and even then they would have only paid their debt to God. I know by experience when one starts tithing the increase in the Lord's

purse will surprise you.

We will take no more time on this point; but I want to get now to direct New Testament scriptures.

As Abraham, and the Levites in his loins, paid tithes to Melchisedec, so we in turn pay tithes to Christ of whom Melchisedec was a type. Hebrews, 7th chapter.

Yes, the heading of this particular topic is exactly the teachings of this New Testament chapter on tithing. Long before Moses was even born, or the Mosaic Law ever heard of, we find the patriarch Abraham paying tithes to this peculiar one named Melchisedec. Then Paul, one of the greatest New Testament writers, picks this up and declares that Christ is "made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec" Heb. 6:20. In speaking here of Abraham (and the Levitical priesthood being included with, and in him) being blessed of this great character Paul says, "And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better." Heb. 7:7. Melchisedec was considered the better because he was a type of our wonderful Christ to whom we pay tithes. Now notice the eighth verse, "And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that *HE LIVETH*." We do not pay tithes now to a dead and imperfect Levitical priesthood, of course, and wonderful that we do not have to do that; but we have the living reality, *THE CHRIST*, to whom we pay our tithes, and He is so wonderful that we should not think of just stopping with the tithe but lay our offerings down also. But brother, sister, if the tithe is not included in the law of Christ then why did Paul go into detail as he did here in this chapter, and other places which we shall get to, concerning this great financial doctrine? And we are talking to you now from the *NEW TESTAMENT*.

The Propagating of the Gospel to be supported even so (or in the same way) as was the work of the temple taken care of financially in the days of the Mosaical Law. I Corinthians 9:13, 14.

"Do we not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? **EVEN SO** hath the Lord

(Christ) ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." I Cor. 9:13, 14. (Read also verses 7 to 13.)

Here Paul is referring to the book of Numbers, 18th chapter, verses 21 to 28. Please read those verses, which simply tell how the priests and Levites who ministered at the temple and the altar, and not being allowed an inheritance among the people, they were supported by the tithes brought in by the congregation. Then verse 14 of I Cor., 9th chapter says, "EVEN SO hath the Lord (or Christ) ordained (or set forth) that they which preach the GOSPEL should live of the gospel." This *EVEN SO* means the same as *IN THE SAME WAY*. Here the work of the gospel and its propagation is very closely hooked up by this New Testament writer, as to its financial support, with the same plan as was used in the days of the Jewish temple worship. How in the face of God's truth can we dodge this New Testament statement? I would like to pastor a church some time in which every member was a consistent tither. If not an offering above the tithe was brought in, but all did truly tithe, I am sure there would be more money with which to do things than has ever been my experience yet with any church. Too many times the offering is that amount which is left after we have eaten, worn, paid debts, blown out of the exhaust pipe, etc. God, in other words, gets our last consideration many times, when He should receive the very first consideration of the increase. Great are the blessings promised if we will but be consistent with God concerning our means.

The only proportionate plan of finance throughout the entire Bible is the tithing system. I Cor. 16:2.

No, the word "tithe" is not mentioned in this verse; but it is implied. It does say "as God hath prospered him." No other guage is found in the Bible by which we may proportion our giving other than the tithe. Let us use this scriptural example. Jesus said in Matt. 23:19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of

the world. Amen." Now communion, the washing of the saint's feet, etc., are not mentioned in word in these verses; but who would try to claim that they are not implied in the statement "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you?" So it is in this scripture, "As the Lord hath prospered *you*." It does not mean twenty per cent. It does not mean five per cent. Then what does it mean? Well, what proportion does the Bible set forth? The only proportion the Bible sets forth is the tithe, or one-tenth. Then undoubtedly that is what is implied here. One may give 50% or even more. Of course that is one's privilege and he will be blessed for it: but 50% is not the Bible proportion or else it would have said 50% instead of saying 10%. Some one may say, "Under Grace we owe Him all." If you do, then why don't you give Him all? Now it is true one should have all surrendered to Him, and should be willing for him to have it all any time He should call for it; but in the face of consistency, we know God intends we eat and wear and have the necessities of life, so therefore He sets forth a proportionate plan of finance, and then of course if we have the love of the Lord in our hearts as we should, we will take pleasure in laying an offering on top of the tithe.

Jesus says we ought to do it. Who is man to say we ought not? Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these (the tithe) *OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE*, and *not to leave the other* (judgment, mercy, and faith) *undone*."

Jesus, in all plainness in this verse of scripture, says we ought to tithe. Though He is upbraiding the Pharisees for their leaving off some other things, yet He is careful to say they were doing the right thing by tithing.

So we see that tithing is a holy institution because it was instituted by the Lord. We see it did not have its origin with the establishment of the Mosaical law, therefore was not "nailed to the cross" as were some of the Jewish customs and ceremonies. Col. 2:14. It is as the institution of marriage and the institution of the Sabbath which had their institution in the

beginning, have never been abolished, and who would say they are not just as obligatory in the New Testament days as in the Old, and we see that there is an inseparable connection between the Old and the New.

May this prove a blessing to all who may chance to read it is my humble and sincere prayer.

Due to requests asking for articles by the author of the above article, we approached him about it and readily received this fine treatise of the doctrine of tithing. He has also had it printed in attractive folder tract form and you may contact him direct about them. 50¢ per dozen to cover costs.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS TREASURER

On hand July 13, 1950.....	\$1,401.24
Receipts:	
Alabama	\$ 78.00
California	105.00
Georgia	20.00
Illinois	112.50
Michigan	64.26
Missouri	13.75
North Carolina	182.96
Oklahoma	286.54
South Carolina	81.00
Tennessee	360.50
Texas	4.00
National W. A.	102.11
Promotional Office of Nat. Association.	145.50
Offering at National Association	75.06
Total receipts	1,643.18
Grand Total	\$3,044.42

(Further itemized statistics from Rev. Staires list expenses of the office for materials and functions totaling \$1,445.13 for the same period. This leaves a cash balance on hand as of March 1, 1951 of \$1,599.29.)

REMEMBER, THE MONTH OF APRIL IS NATIONAL HOME MISSION MONTH. LET US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$6,000.00.

Yours for Missions,
Rev. Harry E. Staires,
Secretary-Treasurer
Oilton, Oklahoma

<p>FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE</p> <p>Price, Post Paid30¢ each</p>
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From The Editor's Desk



APRIL DESIGNATED NATIONAL "HOME MISSION" MONTH

Elsewhere in this issue is featured several articles on Home Missions. April has been designated Home Mission month by the National Home Mission Board. Such a plan was arrived at in order to stimulate interest and giving to this department. Six thousand dollars is needed immediately to start the program that has been planned by the Board, and to meet the usual demands coming in.

The proposed program is an enlargement of activities and a progressive move indeed. Still it is far too limited in comparison to the needs in this field. However, equipment, personnel and financial backing are always necessary for the successful promotion of the Gospel and the extension of the activities of the church, regardless of the department supervising the program. All are a definite need, but finance, as usual, appears to be the limiting factor.

When speaking of Missions, I am sure no one would desire to curb the splendid Foreign Mission work in any way in order to establish or enlarge Home Missions. In a reciprocal gesture neither should we curb or slight Home Missions for Foreign Missions or any other church extension activity. This writer has been a supporter and ardent booster of Foreign Missions during my entire Christian experience. My enthusiasm for it is even greater today than ever before. Still, I have long believed a good course to follow would place at least one dollar in Home Mission Church Extension work for each dollar put to work abroad. Space will hardly allow a defence of this conviction. Suffice it to point out that such a method would more nearly meet the challenge to us within the confines of our nation, and would be a means of self preservation and the road to expansion as a denomination, thereby providing a greater potential source of personnel and finance for every department of the future church.

According to word from the Secretary, 42 new churches have been organized during the past few years through

the Home Mission Board. The present program calls for four new ones plus work among the Indians in North Carolina and Oklahoma. Further he says, "Free Will Baptist Churches have been located in New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Nebraska and Northern Illinois. The Board proposes to set a program in order designed to induce these churches to come into the work of the National Association with us. A church near Cuba, Illinois, located some 50 miles northwest of Springfield, is clamoring for us to send a pastor for them. There are at least four other Free Will Baptist churches in that section which could be revived and enlisted."

So, here it is. We have selected a Board and designated their duty. The demands are increasing at an alarming rate. The opportunity is there. The Board is willing and ready to act. Great things are ahead in this field—IF we will support them.

Special "All Home Mission" offerings for National Home Missions in Missouri should be so marked and sent at once to the State Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt of Centerview, Missouri. States not having a Home Mission channel may wish to send offerings direct to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Treasurer, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma.

D. V. B. S. TIME ONCE MORE

Some rural public schools have come to a close of the year's schedule, and soon all public schools will be over for the summer vacation. Almost before we realize it the children will be out of the classroom. Many of these children will have considerable spare time to spend, at least part of the summer. And most of them will be very willing to spend part of it in a Daily Vacation Bible School. Most parents, properly approached will co-operate in this by providing the child with the time necessary to attend the course.

During the past few years the work of the Daily Vacation Bible School has

spread rapidly throughout the realm of the evangelical church. It is recognized as a very appropriate and effective means of reaching the unreached youth of the community. Though necessarily limited to only a few hours course covering only a few days time, its impact and influence live on indefinitely.

A successful D.V.B.S. demands great preparation, advance selection of the instructors and supervisors, complete orientation of all personnel, and a thorough acquaintance of the material to be used and the subject matter to be studied. It demands considerable work before and during the entire course. However, its value in training and teaching the children demands this attention and is ample reward for all labor involved.

Your Free Will Baptist Gem can supply you with many materials for your school. We will be very glad to hear from your D.V.B.S. committee or director concerning your needs. But whether you already have your material or must obtain it, by all means hold a school in your church this vacation time.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS MADE

Exeter, California

Dear Gem Readers:

May we, of the Exeter, California church, visit with you just long enough to say, "God bless each and every one of you!"

The little church here is growing and under the able leadership of our pastor and his good wife, Bro. and Sis. Findley, we are making spiritual progress. One of the outstanding features of the work here is the preaching of the old fashioned Gospel in the old fashioned way. It is not an uncommon thing to see tears or to hear shouting in our regular services. We are looking forward to a baptismal service sometime soon.

"Pray one for another" said Paul to the New Testament churches. Won't you pray much for us? Until our next visit—

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. J. W. Tilden

MISSION BOARD MEETS

The National Home Mission Board met in called session Friday, February 23, 1951 at Hector, Arkansas. Members present were: Chairman, Rev. J. B. Bloss; Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Harry E. Staires; Rev. Willard Day and Rev. George W. McLain. Rev. Paul Pursell was elected to serve as proxy for Rev. James Evans. Others present at the meeting were Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. J. D. Coffman.

Services opened under the direction of the Chairman. Song service was conducted by Rev. Damon Dodd. Prayer by Rev. Paul Pursell. Sermon by Rev. Willard Day. Subject, "My Church." Text, Matt. 16:18. One soul rededicated her life to the service of God.

Motion carried Rev. Homer E. Willis and Rev. W. A. Hales serve as Regional Directors for the Eastern District of Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Motion carried Rev. Willard C. Day serve as Regional Director for the Central District of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Motion carried that Rev. Luther D. Gibson serve as Regional Director of the Southeastern District of Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia.

Motion carried that Rev. George W. McLain serve as Regional Director of the Western District of Arizona, New Mexico and California.

Motion carried Rev. Willard Day be empowered to have 1,500 cards printed for reports for the simultaneous revivals for the month of April.

Motion carried to sponsor two new places for revivals and the establishment of new churches; Conway, Arkansas and Florence, South Carolina were accepted.

Motion carried Rev. Damon C. Dodd conduct the revival at Florence, S. C.

Motion carried Rev. George McLain investigate possibilities of revivals in Albuquerque and Las Vagas, New Mexico.

Motion carried to employ two college students for revival work in the towns of Lewisburg, Fayetteville and Pulaski, Tennessee, and that we pay them \$75.00 per week.

Motion carried to receive applications and establish a waiting list for home mission workers. Rules to be

compiled by Rev. Harry E. Staires and Rev. Willard Day.

Motion carried Rev. George McLain go to Cuba, Illinois and investigate the two independent Free Will Baptist Churches and try to bring them in co-operation with the National Association.

Motion carried to share the expense of Rev. Damon Dodd in the extension program to New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.

Motion carried that the Board ask the National Association for the Sponsorship of the Church signs.

Motion carried Rev. J. B. Bloss and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham work out a plan on the publishing of a special National Home Mission issue for the month of April for the simultaneous revivals.

Motion carried to give the Free Will Baptist Church of Hector, Arkansas and their good pastor, Rev. J. B. Coffman, a vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality shown during the Board meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Willard Day.

—Contributed

EASTERN CHURCH INVITES SERVICEMEN, RELATIVES

Greetings from the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia:

We praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings in the past. Our work here in Norfolk is still growing. It seems that our congregation has grown to the extent that the seating capacity has been overflowed. Due to that fact, we have organized Sunbeams, and are in the process of organizing a Junior Church. This will make seating space for quite a number. We are proud of our Young People who are doing a wonderful work and love God with a mind to serve Him. Our departmental work has really grown to the extent that our Educational Building is inadequate to take care of our Sunday School. For this, we are grateful unto God. We see that in the near future, we will need more space.

However, in view of the fact that there are many people in the armed forces of the country, and many of our own Free Will Baptist are in service and will be stationed from time to time in and near Norfolk, we want to extend to them an invitation to come and worship with us. Also, there are

those who will be visiting those service men and we want them to come and worship with us as often as it is possible. There is always an unspeakable welcome found in the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church. Someone has put it as thus: "It is the friendliest church in the city." This is a wonderful expression and we praise God for those who feel this way.

Our church activities are: Sunday School at 9:45; morning worship at 11:00; League (all ages) at 6:45 p.m., and evening worship at 8:00. This service is broadcast over Norfolk Station W. C. A. V., 850 on the dial. Beginning April first the morning worship will be broadcast. Our mid-week prayer meeting at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday. This is a wonderful fellowship hour.

We feel that once visitors come in to worship with us, that they will want to come again and will soon become a part of us.

Now, we are not so proud of our work that we do not want anyone to pray for us, but with only the grace of God, the church is what it is. Please pray much that we will continue to do as God wants us to do in the field of soul winning.

Our pastor has a wonderful passion for souls that are lost and so with our leaders of the church. It is our desire to see souls won to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Upon this writing, we are in the middle of a revival and we can feel the power of the Holy Spirit in every service. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales, is doing a wonderful job of preaching and our Educational and Musical Director, Rev. J. Albert Harris, is leading the song service. Much can be accomplished in this meeting if we will only pray for a oneness of heart. Please pray that we can always be in a spirit of revival in this church.

Rev. J. Albert Harris

EVANGELIST VERY BUSY

Recent word concerning the activities of Rev. Wm. Buster, Evangelist, is that his first open dates are after June 4. Bro. Buster is a very active evangelist and much in demand. He is a fearless preacher of the truth as revealed in the Word of God. If you would like to have him in your church you may contact him by writing him, Route 1, Thebes, Illinois.

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME AGAIN AFTER LONG MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Greetings in the Name of our wonderful Christ.

No doubt you will be surprised to see a letter from us, as it has been quite awhile since we have written to our many friends through the Gem. But that is just the time you will hear, when you think we have forgotten you.

In the last three years we have been very busy with the church in Huntsville, and have neglected to write, though we have enjoyed the precious Gem with its many letters and good articles, sermons and all. Perhaps the reason that we are stirred to write now is that we are just back home from a four month missionary journey in North Carolina and several other states. While we haven't worked under the Mission Board, yet we are in sympathy with them and have boosted for our foreign mission work, handed out tracts, encouraged missions, and visited some auxiliaries.

On our journey we found a number of new churches and several new parsonages, and some good new Sunday School rooms well equipped for which we are very thankful. May God bless our good pastors and their people that are going forward. On this journey we visited 53 churches, held 66 services, had 40 conversions, and never missed an appointment. We had the privilege of visiting churches that we had conducted revivals for 30 years ago. We met many that were saved in these meetings and it did rejoice our hearts to see them still proving true to the Master and His blessed work. We plan to make some more of these tours in different states as soon as we can get someone to take our place here, but the work is young here and it will take a strong leader to handle it. Pray with us that God will give us someone that has the work at heart.

Now you will be hearing again soon. May God bless and give a good year to our many loved ones in Christ. We began a meeting here today. Pray for us to have a glorious revival with many saved.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. & Lizzie McAdams

ILLINOIS REVIVAL

Dietrich, Illinois

One of the greatest revivals just closed tonight (March 7) at Hoard and Bethsadia churches, conducted by Rev. George McLain of Kerman, California. There were 78 conversions and our community has been brought closer to God than ever in the history of the Congregational Christian churches. Bro. McLain's offerings were something over \$800.00.

This revival was enjoyed by all who had the privilege of hearing this wonderful man of God. If you ever get hungry for the Word of God this is the person for you to hear. If you ever get a chance to meet this man in the service for his Christ you cannot afford to miss the opportunity.

These churches are in the charge of Rev. Jess Kindred of Noble, Illinois, who helped in the service as song leader. Betty Sue, daughter of the pastor, was pianist and shared a wonderful meeting with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Buck Sperry, Reporter

ENJOYING CHURCH WORK AFTER HOSPITALIZATION

Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been some time since I have written to the Gem family. The last time I wrote I had just got home from the hospital, but thank the good Lord I am able now to do my work, can go to church and can go help the Home Mission ladies with their work.

We have such a faithful number of women that are carrying on this work for the Lord by the help of our good pastor and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Harry Beatty. They are so wonderful and we all do love them. This morning Bro. Beatty brought us such a good message on the death of Christ.

We have a fine church. Everyone is so willing to work and do their part. In our home mission work we always get a blessing when we come together with Sis. Souden as our president. She is so faithful to come. She fell last

fall and hurt her arm real bad, but she never missed a week coming to help us. And the younger ladies in their Auxiliary, God bless them too, they are good.

We have several old members of our church that are so afflicted they can't go to church, but we visit them and have prayer meetings with them. It does those dear old saints of God so much good they just rejoice in the Lord and say they are just waiting for Him to call them home.

Next Sunday (March 25) our revival meeting starts with Bro. Buster as our evangelist. Do pray for us that souls may be saved. There are so many around that do need Christ.

My daughter has been real poorly for four months but thank our dear Lord, she is better. I am writing this just as I would to a dear friend for I know lots of my dear friends will read this. May God bless our good Editor and all the readers.

I am your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. W. I. James

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH

Dear Gem Readers:

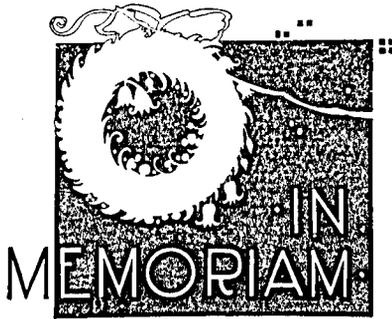
Just a few lines, that you may rejoice and praise God with us for the wonderful services at Independence February 25. At the close of the morning service one young high school girl came and knelt in the altar and was saved. She truly has the love of God in her heart and the joy bells of heaven ringing in her soul.

Several other sinners were stirred by the mighty power of God. We're holding up the Christ at this place and praying that the sinners who are so deeply convicted will be saved before it is too late. Christian friends, pray for us, that we will stay in the center of God's will and that these sinner friends will find Christ. We need your prayers.

Yours for Christ's service,

Wilbia Sell

The Gem is still only \$1.00 per year!



MARY CALDONA DUGGER

Mary Caldonia Dugger, daughter of John J. and Nancy S. Butler, was born March 17, 1882 near Blue Eye, Missouri and departed this life March 1, 1951 at the age of 68 years, 11 months and 14 days.

She was converted when young and was a member of the Missionary Baptist church at Blue Eye. She has lived a devoted Christian life.

She was united in marriage to Walter Dugger March 16, 1913. To this union was born one daughter who passed away in infancy. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, three brothers, Nealy of Blue Eye, John and Charles of Oak Grove, Arkansas; five sisters, Mrs. Lemuel Flowers of Burley, Idaho, Mrs. Alta Harryman of Leach, Oklahoma, Mrs. Ellen Kerns of Oak Grove, Arkansas, Verlie and Verdie of Blue Eye; seven nieces and 11 nephews, also a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a kind and devoted companion and a loving sister, and will be sadly missed in her home and community. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis assisted by Rev. Ela Shahan, in the Free Will Baptist church in Blue Eye. Interment in the Blue Eye cemetery.

MERRIETTA BUTLER

Merrietta Butler, daughter of John and Mary Avery, was born January 14, 1873, and departed this life February 25, 1951 at the age of 78 years, one month and 11 days.

She was united in marriage to R. H. Butler March 24, 1889. Mr. Butler preceded her in death about 10 years. To this union was born six children, the first one passing away in infancy. The children surviving are: Otis, Arvilla, William, Wilson, and Jewell,

all of Blue Eye, Missouri. All were present at the time of Mrs. Butler's passing.

Beside the children she leaves nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, four brothers, two half brothers, two half brothers having preceded her in death, a number of nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

She was converted to Christ at an early age and lived a true Christian life to the end. She told her children she was ready to go and did not fear to pass on. We bow in humble submission to the Father's will, knowing our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted in the Free Will Baptist Church at Blue Eye by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by the pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Lauderdale. Interment in the Blue Eye cemetery.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of our dear father, Asberry Davis, who departed this life two years ago March 24, 1949.

Dear daddy, in our hearts your memory lingers,

Patient, kind and ever true.

*There's not a day we do not miss you,
Not a day but what we think of you.*

*We miss you in the home,
We miss your gentle care,
We miss you in the church,
We miss you everywhere.*

*Dear Jesus, help us ever
Thy blessed Word to keep,
So that we'll meet dear daddy
When at last in death we sleep.*

*No one knows the silent heartaches,
Only those who have lost can tell
Of the grief that we bear in silence
For the one we loved so well.*

Sadly missed by his wife,
Mrs. Asberry Davis and family

HECTOR, ARKANSAS HOST TO WORKER'S INSTITUTE

The first Christian Worker's Institute ever to be held in central Arkansas came to a close Friday night, February 23 and was in every sense of the word an outstanding success.

Since this was the first venture of its kind, there was some reluctance on the part of some to attend. After the first few nights, however, this con-

dition changed, for those who came for one night to see how things were invariably came back the next night and brought someone with them. At the close of the last week more than 100 people were attending the class sessions. Many of them started too late to qualify for the certificate, but nevertheless, they caught the spirit of the institute and vowed that they would enroll in the next one the very first night.

We granted thirty certificates for the Christian Worker's Institute and 25 Teacher Training Certificates for the Pedagogy unit. Among those receiving awards were five preachers: Rev's. J. D. Coffman, Junior Proctor, J. T. Robertson, R. G. Webb, and Curtis Lybarger. These men were faithful in their attendance and added much to the institute by their presence and participation.

As a direct result of the institute there were nine souls saved and rededicated and the Welcome Home Church and community were left in a state of revival. The next session of the institute will be held at Greenbrier church, near Conway in August.

Rev. D. C. Dodd

TO ARKANSAS F. W. B.

Any pastors or churches in the state of Arkansas that desires a Missionary service with Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery should write them in care of Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Bro. and Sis. Calvery have yielded to the call of Foreign service and plan to leave soon after their preparation. Mrs. Calvery hails from the state of Arkansas and they are quite anxious to become more intimately acquainted with all Free Will Baptists in that state.

They will be available for services the latter part of July and throughout the month of August. We are proud of our Missionary candidates and we trust our people will stand behind them in prayer and financial support. They hope to visit as many churches as possible during this brief vacation period.

Those interested please write Rev. Wesley Calvery, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Raymond Riggs



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

WOMEN'S EDITOR: MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS—DESLOGE, MO.



EVERY TITHER WIN A TITHER

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, Tenn. - W.N.A.C. Treasurer

Tithers are won like souls are won—by personal witnessing. Not many churches are content to leave all soul-winning to the pulpit. We should not be willing to count our stewardship enlistment task well done when we have utalized only public speech in the pulpit and woman's auxiliary meetings. The impact of a churches—and a woman's auxiliary—stewardship enlistment program is in personal witnessing.

It is not enough to believe and practice the gospel of salvation. We must proclaim it, and win others to believe, and receive it before we have begun to fulfill our Christian duty. So it is with that phase of the gospel which deals with stewardship. It is not enough to believe it and practice it. We must proclaim it and win others to believe it and obey it. There is an obligation to personal witnessing in stewardship.

If in this year, 1951, every woman who is a member of a Woman's Auxiliary, would take as her slogan "Every tither win a tither," the W. N. A. C. would surely advance to new stewardship achievement in this year. This is truly a task every Woman's Auxiliary and all Youth Auxiliaries could be "Workers together with Him" all during this year. When one tither has found the joy of winning anothed tither, she has started something which keeps on and on. When one has won one, one does not stop with one! But there is where it surely starts. May 1951 be the year when W. N. A. C. has once again started something! by—

EVERY TITHER WINNING ANOTHER TITHER.

In co-operation with the Stewardship Commission of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the W.N.A.C. has in her 1951 Plan of Work this statement: "A 10% increase in the number of tithers reported at the close of the preceding year." This statement is Point IV on the 1951

Standard of Achievement. Therefore, to be A-1 in 1951, a Woman's Auxiliary must have at least a ten per cent increase in the number of tithers. But, easier and a more worthy zeal, we be-

lieve, is for every tither now enrolled in each auxiliary to win another tither. Such a goal would certainly enable each auxiliary to achieve Point IV on the Standard in 1951. May we count on you, auxiliary member, to take as your 1951 stewardship slogan and plan of activity in your auxiliary

EVERY TITHER, WIN A TITHER?

FOR WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD—I COR. 3:9

I CORINTHIANS 9:19-23—

Mrs. Charles Thigpen, one of the instructors at our Bible College, is the author of the program for April in the 1951 Year Book of Programs, and she has given us some excellent, thought-provoking material for our consideration. Among other truths that she has set forth in this program is this statement: "Christian education should begin in the home. ... Today, in many homes, the parents are untrained in their obligation toward their children and are utterly incompetent to instruct them. Our public schools fail to give our children and young people their needed training. As a result, today in America seven out of ten children are receiving no religious instruction of any kind; thirty-seven million children and adolescents are growing up without religious instruction. It is the responsibility of the church to reach and teach these neglected ones."

Hear the testimony of a worker who, while telling of the wonderous love of Jesus to a group of children in a slum area, relates; "One little boy, three years old with great, searching eyes whose clothes were in tatters, dirty, unkempt, upon hearing that Christ loved them exclaimed, 'Does Jesus love me?'" The worker said, "Oh, the joy that filled my heart when I could tell him, 'Especially you.'"

Christian mothers, can you imagine any child of *three* not knowing about the love of God? Do these truths stir your hearts? Does compassion for the

under-privileged child tear at your heart-strings? Or, do you carelessly put aside *your* responsibility in teaching such as these about Jesus, and about His plan for their lives?

This is not an isolated example. I refer you again to Mrs. Thigpen's statement: "Thirty-seven million children and adolescents are growing up without religious instruction." Please, if you have decided your church can not have a Daily Vacation Bible School, won't you reconsider; and, if you are planning a D.V.B.S. begin now to try to touch those *neglected* children in your community. God will reward you most bountifully.

I grant you that they will not be as easily guided in their conduct, perhaps, but then again, those hearts are often the very ones that are most eager for the Gospel message.

Too, think seriously, please, of making it possible for at least one neglected child from your community to attend the Youth Camp Session this year. The schedule again this year is June 20 to 29 inclusive. If you could only see those little hungry hearts as they gather at the Camp, I'm certain you would not begrudge one effort that it cost you to get them there. Friends, there isn't anything in this world to equal the joy of seeing those young lives given to Christ and to His service; their lives spared from what Satan can and would do to them.

No one else can do your job. God has just *one person to come at the the right moment*; a place which no

one can fill but that person and at that time! * * *

RECORDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

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TOTI-WORN I stood and said,
 "O Lord, my feet have bled,
 My hands are sore,
 I weep, my efforts vainly poor.
 With fainting heart I pray of Thee,
 Give some brave other, work de-
 signed for me."

BUT MY LORD answer made,
 "O child of mine,
 I have looked through space and
 searched through time,
 There is none can do the work called
 thine."

SOUL-SICK I knelt and cried,
 "Let me forever hide
 My little soul
 From sight of Him who made me
 whole,
 My one small spirit in the vast,
 Vast throngs of like mean myriads,
 present, past!"

BUT MY LORD answer made,
 "O child of mine,
 I have looked through space and
 searched through time,
 But I find no soul is like to thine!"
 (Frances Bent Dillingham)

It is possible for us to cross God's
 plan for our lives.

Woman's Editor

Statistics as revealed in reports are vitally important. One with experience, imagination, and understanding can readily translate statistics into personalities, efforts, and achievements. In keeping and gathering statistics for a Woman's Auxiliary report one is recording her auxiliary's efforts in kingdom work to use for an effective check in future work. She is witnessing of God to others. She is exchanging with others methods of achievement. She is entering into fellowship with others in a common cause. She is furnishing evidence of earnestness of purpose and effort in achieving that purpose. Reports are important. So, report! Learn to whom to report, and what and when to report.. then report regularly for reports are vitally important.

Those who are not interested in any project and want to find excuses to sustain their indifference can usually do so. Some people oppose making reports, saying, "Women do things for credit. They report things done especially money just to show-off. They just like to make good reports!" Those

same people forget that it is a worthy goal to be of good report in the Lord's work. Every good profitable business keeps accurate records, has regular audit of books, makes regular reports so that it may check its weaknesses and keep its production well balanced and efficient. All civic and social clubs for women keep records and make reports. Are they more important than religious organizations? We think not. Records make up the history of any organization. So records speak for themselves. What is the Woman's Auxiliary record in your church saying about you?

Below is what the W.N.A.C. financial record for the first six months of the present convention year is saying about your auxiliary. Do you like it? We hope that during the next six months every Woman's Auxiliary will strive to make their good better and their better the very best record ever to make in the Plan of Work which Free Will Baptist women "work together with Him... that His way may be known upon earth."

REPORT OF W. A. EDITOR (Received January 1, 1951 to date)

Third Church Aux. (St. Louis)	\$ 3.00
First Church Aux. (Flat River)	2.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary	6.00
Mrs. Marie Hyatt	10.00
Monett Auxiliary	12.00
Total Received	\$33.00
Total expenditures	\$ 5.00

MONETT AUXILIARY

Since it has been some time since a report has been given from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Monett Church I wish to submit the following.

I am happy to report the wonderful way the Lord has been blessing our Auxiliary. We are trying in our weak way to keep our watchword "Workers together with Him... that His way may be known upon earth." This seems most fitting at this time when the

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STATE	Co-Laborer Fund	Designated Gifts	Direct to Nat. For. Missions	Total
Alabama	\$ 19.00	\$	\$ 37.00	\$ 56.00
Arkansas	6.00	41.77		47.77
California	25.00		27.00	52.00
Florida		1.00		1.00
Georgia	37.82	21.55	12.00	71.37
Illinois		102.64	96.50	199.14
Kentucky			6.10	6.10
Michigan			117.95	117.95
Mississippi		1.00		1.00
Missouri	23.34		31.00	54.34
North Carolina	302.65	14.00	752.01	1,068.66
Ohio	14.00			14.00
Oklahoma	27.00		1.00	28.00
South Carolina	28.00	25.00	109.50	162.50
Tennessee	200.14	72.65	43.50	316.29
Texas	30.00		22.00	52.00
Virginia	25.00			25.00
West Virginia			11.89	11.89
Totals	\$737.95	\$279.61	\$1,267.45	\$2,285.01

The above contributions were made by Woman's Auxiliary members in reporting states from July 1, 1950 to January 1, 1951 to the various phases of the National F.W.B. program. Only the foreign mission treasurer sends an itemized report to the W.N.A.C. treas-

urer, thus no record could be made for the amounts sent direct to the other National treasurers.

Truly Records Do Speak! So Keep Records! Report Records!

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
 W.N.A.C. Sec'y-Treas.

(Monett Auxiliary, Continued)
entire world desires the fruits of working together.

Our Auxiliary has been having cottage prayer meetings in the homes of members for some time and we can see great results from it. It seems so good when a group of humble servants get such a burden for the Lord's work that they are willing to let Him have His way.

I'm glad to report that our church is going forward and some of our young people are being saved.

We are praying that each woman in our ranks will strive to make His way known this year as never before, working together with Him.

Plans are being made for the Daily Vacation Bible School which is sponsored annually by the Woman's Auxiliary. We are praying for a bigger and better school this year than ever before.

We are looking forward to our week of prayer, which is to be held the week preceeding Easter, with each of the vice-presidents taking one night's service.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Kenneth Allred. It will be an all-day meeting. The women will make quilts and tea towels for the Youth Camp.

Pray for us that we might always be in the center of His will.

Mrs. Flossie Jones, Sec'y.

FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Jaunita Skaggs on February 22 for our regular monthly meeting with 16 members and one visitor present. Services were in charge of our president, Helen Gamblin.

Business opened with discussion of our week of prayer services before Easter. We decided to let our ladies of the Auxiliary give talks: Sis. Halbrook and Sis. Beatty each to give one, Mrs. Jemes to give a reading, and the young people to take charge one night. The grocery shower we sponsored was well received by the church, and an estimated fifty or sixty dollars worth of groceries were given. It was requested that we send singers from our church to join in the community singing Easter Sunday. A new corresponding secretary, Marie Tripp, was elected to replace Madeline McFarland who has moved away. The Auxiliary

sent a letter to her as a token of appreciation for her devotion to the Auxiliary. Business adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon session in charge of president. Opened by singing, "I Intend to Go There with Him" and "Sometime." Prayer by Sis. Rose Sharp. Song, "I'll Fly Away." Bro. Beatty was in charge of the service. Discussion on Sister Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations." Scripture was read. Talk. Special by Easter Graham, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do." Special by Hallie Dettmer and Margie Hawn, "Heaven Holds All to Me." Devotional service in charge of president. Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Dismissed by Sis. Lucy Murray.

We are sorry to lose one of our members, Madeline McFarland, who has moved away. Sis. Madeline is a loyal and devoted worker. May God bless her is our prayer.

Some of the ladies met at Sis. Riley's home last Thursday for cottage prayer meeting. Pray for our Auxiliary that our women will continue serving God, helping and doing for others.

Marie Tripp, Cor. Sec'y.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

I will write you again about our Camp program. The year is swiftly passing by and as we enjoy the good blessings of God, and truly He has been good to us, we want to be good to Him and His worthy cause.

The Board met February 23, 1951 and planned the camp program. We only have a short time to work our plans.

Our session will convene June 20-29. Rev. Harvey Hill will be Supervisor again this year, and Rev. Rolla Smith principal of teachers. They are to select the teachers and arrange the program.

One change was made in the enrollment. We plan to have insurance on all the children, faculty and help this year. It covers accident, sickness and disease. We will try to have this more complete next month. The Board deemed it wise to charge a \$1.00 registration fee to bear the cost of insurance. The charges will be \$1.00 registration and \$1.00 per day as last year. If you send in your registration fee three or four days before the session it will then cover you to and from the camp.

The Board recommended that the cabins be covered with some kind of siding and a solid floor installed so snakes, scorpions and insects will be kept out. A pressure water system is to be installed. Also an outdoor furnace to cook on at the Camp Session and the State Association.

We are suggesting that our Youth Camp workers use the same program in supplying our session needs this year. Let us begin early to make our offerings and donations, and do not forget we as Youth Camp workers have to support our State Meeting. "Oh my, what a job!" But wait now, we never have failed on our undertakings. If we do our part God will never fail us. We will soon have those plans ready to send out on the State Entertainment program.

At the time of this writing we are in the Cave Springs Association in the interest of our Camp program, and we thank the Lord for the interest we are finding in our program here.

We are appealing to our people to do all we can in making our program a victory by sending in your special offerings both in finance and supplies as you in your heart are inspired to send.

May God bless and prosper all in His cause.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec'y.-Treas.

WEST FORK HOME MISSIONS

Waco, Texas

The following is the report of the Texas West Fork Home Mission treasurer for January and February, 1951. Balance brought forward . . . \$273.49

Receipts:

W. V. Kennedy and S.S.	
class (pledge)	\$ 15.00
Trinity ch., Ft. Worth.	107.55
Gartman's View ch.	21.03
1st ch., Dallas	17.00
Pleasant Mound ch.	9.32
Bonnie View ch.	4.00
Franklin Parham (pl)	5.00
1st church, Comanche	4.00
1st ch., Weatherford	4.00
Total receipts	189.60
Grand total	\$460.39

Clarence J. Hearron, Treas.

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PROMOTING WITH THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

The mist sweeping from Chesapeake Bay draped the landscape in a soft sheen, transforming the buildings of Norfolk into bashful statuettes seeking to wrap themselves in this ethereal mass. Windows became channels for tiny rivulets which made their way, hesitantly at first, and then more boldly across the smooth panes. The slow drip, drip of the lazy drizzle had a lullaby effect on everyone and everything and as a result no one seemed to be in a hurry. The thin lines of traffic moved cautiously, their progress marked momentarily by vivid tirelines on the pavement, only to be obliterated as more of the neverceasing water came relentlessly on. It was a typical rainy day in the old, old city re-inacting a scene which had been played many times before.

We had completed one of our most successful C.W.I. sessions at the Fairmount Park church in Norfolk and I was moving on to the next assignment. But before I leave, let's review some of the highlights of that session. The outstanding characteristic of the whole thing was the spirit of revival which pervaded every class and predominated most of them. The 56 pupils enrolled were enthusiastic about every subject and threw themselves into the work wholeheartedly. They were paced in this spirit by their indomitable leader and pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales. Undoubtedly, this man has more zeal and fervency for the Free Will Baptist cause in general and more genuine love and devotion for his church and people than the average F.W.B. pastor. He attended all the sessions when he was able and his was always the personification of enthusiasm and eagerness. His fine cooperation did much to make the C.W.I. the success that it was. The closing service featured the missionary theme and after showing the picture "A Letter to Meletino"—we received a nice offering and sold several copies of the book, "His Name Among All Nations." The intervening Sunday service saw three souls saved and two of them added to the church. It was indeed with reluctance that I took my departure from the lovely people of Norfolk, especially Mr. and Mrs. Otto Capps,

whose home was ours while we were there.

On Sunday morning I set my sights toward Chester, Pennsylvania and Crozer Theological Seminary where I was to look into the collection of Free Will Baptist historical material which they have. The first leg of the trip was an interesting and exciting one, in that I went by ferry from Norfolk across the bay to Kiptopeke Beach, Virginia. The day was none too ideal for the trip across and once I had driven onto the huge boat there was not much to be seen, inasmuch as the fog enshrouded everything. The trip required one and one-half hours and when we landed on the other side the skies were literally pouring out the rain. It was rather treacherous on the slippery pavement but I drove on to Wilmington, Delaware before nightfall.

Then next morning I went on over to Chester, Pennsylvania which was only 35 miles distant. The jaunt was made with dispatch and having located the Seminary I was soon in the midst of a most interesting experience. The Seminary library houses the collection of the American Baptist Historical Society, whose curator is Mr. Edwin Starr. This gentleman proved to be of great assistance and he readily and happily pointed out all of the Free Will Baptist material which I wanted. The next few hours flew by as the scenes of F.W.B. history came alive on the pages. Minutes and records of General Conference, the Young People's work, Missionary endeavor, and educational ventures were all there and all of them told their stories; stories of success, failure, sacrifice, attainment, victory and defeats. I learned that Free Will Baptists have a wonderful heritage and one of which we can well be proud. We would do well to emulate some of the deeds and much of the faith of our forefathers. One of the important discoveries made on this trip was the location of Free Will Baptist churches in New York state. Brother Hales had made a contact earlier and had secured valuable information of churches of our faith and name in the Empire state. In all, a total of five such churches were located. We are in contact with them and the pastors have

been invited to attend our Bible Conference and National Associational meetings. It remains yet to be seen what developments will result and what the next step will be.

Leaving Pennsylvania I came on back to Nashville just in time to get into the worst ice storm in Tennessee history. We improved on the time to catch up on correspondence and were also able to practically complete manuscript for a Free Will Baptist Minister's Handbook.

Sunday, February 11 found me on the road again, this time Arkansas bound. I arrived Monday p.m. in Hector, Arkansas and the Welcome Home church and community where I was to conduct a C.W.I. I am making my home with Mr. and Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, whom I met in Pochontas where they attended an institute. This is the very first of these sessions ever to come to this section and the response is more than gratifying, with keen interest being shown in all the courses.

With this I'll be taking my leave of you. I will write next month from Georgia. In the meantime keep praying and working and doing your best for God and your church.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd

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VISITS CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Nall from the Northwest Brazos Association (Texas) visited the Children's Home at Ringling, Oklahoma. They especially missed Rev. and Mrs. Rex Weatherman, former supervisors of the home, and think that each member of the Free Will Baptists who have visited the Home in the past should write the Weathermans and thank them for the splendid way they served the Home while they were there. The Weathermans were fine people and a real mother and father to the children.

—Contributed

MISSIONS OF HOME FRONT

As the appointed State Director for Home Missions we urge all churches to co-operate in the plan suggested by the National Home Mission Board, especially designating April as Home Mission month.

Inasmuch as Missouri has adopted the 70-30% plan for Missions, it will be necessary to mark special Home Mission Funds when intended for straight Home Missions. Since the need for Foreign Mission money has been so great, the receipts on the Home Mission side have been less. As a kindly reminder let us not forsake either of them.

With the revival season here our Home Mission needs and prospects are also greater. Let's join together in prayer for the simultaneous revival. If your revival comes at a later date remember those that are in progress anyway. We will start here at Fredericktown Easter Sunday with Bro. Billy Buster as evangelist.

We still have plenty of the Home Mission Membership cards. If you would like one they are \$1.00 each, which is a direct donation to Home Missions.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Harry Beatty

**A - P - R - I - L !!!
HOME MISSION MONTH**

This is the month we have been looking forward to with great anticipation. "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." Rom. 13:11. I think we have been sleeping long enough and now is the time to lift up our eyes and behold the field that is already white unto harvest. As Jesus told the man who had been possessed with unclean spirits, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Mark 5:19.

Now, may we as Free Will Baptists, see the great need here at home and start doing our home work. I visited a home here in Columbia, Tennessee consisting of the father, mother and seven children—none of them were Christians and none of them were attending Sunday School. I think we need to clean up our own back yards.

Your National Home Mission Board is receiving S. O. S. calls from various

places for help. In order to help those in distress we must have help. So we also are sending out the call to you. We are asking each pastor to take one offering in April especially for Home Missions, in the church of which he is pastor. Please urge your people to give to this worthy cause that we may have funds to carry out our plans to evangelize these fields where we have no churches. We ask that each pastor bring a message on Missions during this month and call your church into the altar and pray for the success of this great work. We must depend on you, for our hands are tied and it is up to you to loosen them that we may go and use them to the glory of God. Don't forget that April is the "red letter" month for Home Missions and much depends on what we do about it.

Your Board is now ready for a revival in Florence, South Carolina; Camden, Arkansas; Atlanta, Georgia, and Steelville, Missouri, and planning to reclaim work in Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Nebraska and in Northern Illinois which we have lost in the past because of lethargy.

Now, pastors, please, please don't let us down this time. We are trusting you to help us. Don't forget, the church sending to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma, Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, the largest offering during the month of April will receive a nice banner which you will be proud to place in your church. Let's see who gets this nice banner. The report for April will be sent to the papers. Now, let's pray, pay and do, that our denomination may grow and God's Kingdom may be built up. Let's do our home work, for we depend on you and God depends on you. You may send your donations to your State Director if you choose, and he can send it to the National Treasurer.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chm.

**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
TREASURER'S REPORT**

(February, 1951)

Cash on hand February 1....	\$ 5,884.54
Receipts:	
Alabama	\$ 193.28
Arkansas	18.54
California	115.40
Florida	6.50

PERSONAL SOUL WINNING	
By Mrs. Eunice Edwards	
Single Copy	\$.40
12 Copies	4.00
50 Copies	15.00
100 Copies	30.00

Georgia	169.58
Illinois	114.00
Indiana	25.00
Kansas	30.00
Kentucky	130.00
Michigan	579.56
Missouri	1,121.18
New Mexico	30.00
North Carolina	1,443.34
Ohio	557.70
Oklahoma	241.61
South Carolina	341.88
Tennessee	643.31
Texas	169.27
Virginia	21.85
West Virginia	520.72
Sale Barnard Books	168.00
Total	6,640.72

Grand Total\$12,525.26

Total disbursements for the month for all causes were \$ 5,660.80
Balance on hand in all funds on March 1 was.....\$ 6,864.46

Above statistics are from the regular monthly report from the office of Rev. Raymond Riggs, National Foreign Missions Treasurer. From the summary offered concerning the standing of amounts paid to date on the assigned quotas we note that Missouri has paid a total this year of \$4,678.53, or approximately 58 1/2% of the \$8,000.00 assigned for this associational year. This is slightly below the National average of approximately 66 1/2% paid on the assigned quotas. Encouraging is the amount turned in by Missouri in February of \$1,121.18. If this pattern of support had been consistently followed through the year Missouri would have now been well over the top. But looking forward, if we consistently support this department in a like manner during the rest of the year we will still go above our quota. So, it really is a simple matter. Come on, Missouri, and let us make it. The states of Michigan and California are already over their assignment. We say well done. Several other states stand in position to easily pass the set goal, and no state need come up short of it.—Editor.