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MINISTRY BRINGS BULLETS

Webb, West Virginia
April 15, 1952

Bro. Jeffreys:

I am sending you a report of a church located in a mining town that we were in years ago before there was any church or anything else except "moon-shine" and gambling.

It is wonderful to go back and find so many of the boys and girls of the Sunday School we organized there now serving the Lord. The little coal camp has not grown in size but there is such a change in the people. So many of them are Christians now, but then, we had bullets fired into our house because my husband refused to swear a lie for one hoodlum. There I saw an officer shot—murdered coldbloodedly! Sorry, I had not meant to rattle on about things as they were.

May I tell you about a church which we visited recently? Octavia J. is a small, semi-isolated coal mining town in the Kentucky mountains. The Free Will Baptist Church there has 276 members. There were 42 additions last year and they have just closed a ten day revival with an addition of 26 new members. Rev. Jess Mosely and Rev. Wardie May were the preachers conducting the revival, they were also two of the churches own converts.

There are 125 enrolled in their Sunday School, and their average attendance is 90.

Their prayer meeting is an active one well attended.

Rev. V. E. Helm has been their pastor for the past year. In that year a new basement has been added to their nice building with furnace heat and providing extra room for their growing Sunday School.

The Church has been organized 14 years and in that time 10 of their members have been ordained for the ministry. These young ministers are doing a wonderful work. They are carrying God's Word to other isolated places in the mountains in the face of many difficulties. Pray for them that no road will be too rough, no hills too steep, or no weather will be too bad to halt these soldiers for God in the mountains of Kentucky.

Mrs. John Ferguson

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HOW TO HAVE A REVIVAL

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.

"Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God..."

II Chronicles 29:10.

The kingdom of Judah was passing through a most critical period. King Ahaz had failed miserably in his reign. Politically, he had made the wrong moves which forced him into military alliances that were most unfavorable. Pressure was brought to bear on Ahaz by the Assyrians who supposedly had come to assist Judah and when he sought to break his agreement with Tilgath-Jilezer he was called to Damascus for a reckoning. While there he was attracted by the altar upon which the heathen sacrifices were made and he had it copied. Upon his return to Judah he had an exact duplicate built and installed it along the altar in the Temple. Eventually he moved out God's altar and used the heathen altar altogether. From this he gradually went to worse and, as a climax, ordered the destruction of the sacred vessels and closed up the House of the Lord. As is always the case, judgement ensued, and Ahaz died, a despised and hated failure.

Into this scene stepped Hezekiah, a young and inexperienced man of twenty-five. Surveying the scene he immediately recognized the need and went about to bring revival to Judah. In the succeeding verses of II Chronicles 29:1-31 the message unfolds as follows, revealing a formula for revival that is unailing even in our day:

- I The Outlook
- II The Inlook
- III The Uplook
- IV The Victory

The Outlook

Hezekiah's first act was to survey the situation before him, and a sad one it was! Moral degradation, spiritual ruin, rampant sin, neglect of worship—all of this, plus the fact that not even the church was functioning. What a dismal picture of defeat and hopelessness! But with the true Spirit of never-say-die, Hezekiah took the first step in the right direction, "in the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the

house of the Lord..." Verse 3. *What a God-send to any nation to have such a captain at the helm of the ship of state! God grant to America such a privilege!* Judah, like our own nation, was Godly in principle but far from it in practice. We would do well nationally to turn again to the God of our fathers and stand once more on the practical righteousness which we advocate when we say "Christian America."

The Inlook

Once the initiative had been taken by the king he was in a position to challenge the people. With the opening again of the house of worship necessity was enjoined on the religious leaders to get themselves in line for God's outpouring. Having ordered the priests and Levites to cleanse themselves, Hezekiah pointed out seven sins of which the nation was guilty.

"Our fathers have trespassed and done evil, ... and have forsaken Him, ... and have turned away their faces, ... and turned their backs, ... shut up the doors, ... put out the lamps, ... have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings."

The analysis was not flattering, to say the least, but it was honest. Every charge could be verified; none could be denied. Shame, degradation and embarrassment had come. Defeat and despair reigned supremely. Death and slavery resulted. Hopes were shattered, dreams dashed to nothing, ambitions thwarted. The nation was sinking as corruption and vice gripped tighter and tighter. Nothing was right because God had been ignored and His House shut up.

What a striking parallel to our own national problems we discover here! Practically everything that the Word points out against Judah can be charged against us. Nationally we've turned away from God's House, we've failed in our prayer life. Thirty thousand churches have closed their doors, a preacher shortage bespeaks our spiritual indifference, as well as a laxity in church attendance. And the same kind of judgement has struck us. War is claiming our sons and fathers. Dope addiction and crime have made slaves of our youth. Our moral level has dipped low. Only recently we have begun to look within to see our need. And faintly comes the cry "O Lord, revive

thy work. O Lord, in the midst of wrath remember mercy..."

The Uplook

Out of this deplorable situation, the King made a suggestion: "it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord." Before revival comes there must be a recognition of the need (the outlook), an open confession of sin and error on the part of negligent Christians (the inlook) and a calling on the Lord for reviving (the uplook). The words of the king struck fire. The priests and Levites went to work. They met together and offered the sacrifices for cleansing. Together they cleaned up the House of God, requiring eight days to complete the task. They carried the filth out of the temple area, across Kidron, and dumped it. Then they called for the rulers to begin to pray and cleanse themselves.

The uplook is important in revival. No great moving can come except through earnest, prevailing prayer. If your church would experience a stirring revival, preface the campaign with two weeks of prayer meetings, climaxing the night before the evangelist arrives with an all-night prayer service. Keep up this spirit of prevailing prayer, condemn sin in church members, challenge to consecration all who are righteous. Under such impetus, success is sure and certain.

The Victory

The results were inevitable. When God's people meet the condition, His blessings always follows. In this case it is stated in verse 36, "And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people...; for the thing was done suddenly."

Observe the orders: 1. The priests and Levites got ready, v. 18; 2. The rulers were challenged, v. 20; 3. The rulers responded with their offerings, v. 21; 4. The services were planned and ordered, vv. 25-30; 5. The publicity campaign was set in order and personal invitations sent through the mails and by word of mouth, 30:1-10; 6. All Judah was shaken by an epochal revival, 30:25, 26, and 7. Idols were destroyed, God was enthroned, wrongs righted, and peace and prosperity restored, 31:1.

God waits to bless you and your church with just such a revival. Follow the formula and victory is already assured.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Rev. Willard C. Day - Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Psalms 112:6. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

We pause again to remember those who have gone on to meet their Lord. For many years now the thirtieth day of May has been set aside to decorate the graves of our loved ones. Not only on this day do we remember them, but in everlasting memory.

Many of our soldiers accepted Christ on the battlefield. Thirty American infantrymen were baptized in the cold surf of Anzio beachhead on the eve of their return to the front line fox holes. Clustered in bare-footed groups on the sand, with a mine field on one side and practicing rifle grenadiers on the other, soldier-converts sat on steel helmets while Captian Leroy W. Raley, who had just recovered from a shell splinter wound in his thigh, led them in singing, "I Can Hear My Savior Calling."

Captain Raley said the soldiers' desire for baptism grew out of a memorial service for their comrades who had died on the beachhead. They remembered their dead comrades; we will not forget them!

The Bible is the only book that offers the promise of life after death. We can read other books, and in the end the author dies, but not so with the blessed book of God. Begin in the first verse of Genesis and read to the last of the Revelation, and you will find the author yet living and with the great statement, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

We do not have any control over death. It always appears as an uninvited guest. But we have the power of choice as to what death we die: either a wicked death, or a righteous death. God has no pleasure in the death of the sinner. But the death of a Saint is precious in His sight.

Those who die in the Lord are promoted. They ascend from a state of sorrow to a place of happiness. They rest from their labours, and await the hour when they shall come from their graves and go home.

In Job's philosophy of life we have these questions and answers: In the



Memorial Day

first part of the fourteenth chapter he tells of human frailty: "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down." Secondly, he expresses hope: "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again..."



Thirdly, he brings up the question that has been the center of argument for many, many, years: "If a man die, shall he live again...?" Fourthly, he gives his own opinion on the subject: "So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep..." "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest...remember me."

Job's thoughts correspond with the thoughts of Christ and the Apostles. Paul never preached a sermon that he didn't bring in his hope of the resurrection of the dead. His dynamic preaching on this great subject caused the King Agrippa to say, "Paul, thou hast almost persuaded me to be a Christian..." If any thing in this world will persuade a man to give his heart to God, it would be the hope of living again, and forever.

Jesus Christ came to the world to die a vicarious death. He took the heat out of life's fever, the gloom out of the grave and will remove the sting of death.

William Cullen Bryant gave his ideas of death in the last lines of "Thanatopsis": "So live, that when thy summons come to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down in pleasant dreams."

MINISTERS TO THE JEWS

April, 1952

Our dear co-laborers:

"Oh, I am so glad you sent me that wonderful Book!"

These were the words of a Jew deep in the heart of Cuba as I visited him recently with a group of our friends. How his face beamed as we went into his saddle shop. I have learned to love this son of Abraham.

About three months ago I found this stranger in the backward town of Mantua. He greeted me in English and as we conversed I found he was a prosperous merchant. I spoke to him of the Word of God and his heart warmed as he said, "You talk as did my father in Lithuania." I said, "Ben, I have a Book in your language, Hebrew. I wish I could read it in your mother tongue. I can't and so if you will accept it I will send it to you."

Thus this lonely stranger is reading and we are praying that the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, shall speak to him from this great and marvelous Book, the Bible.

God is giving me a ministry to the Jews. A few weeks ago I had some wonderful experiences witnessing in Havana. One French Jew, a big perfume merchant, listened in amazement as I tried to show him that the Christ we love and the Christ yet to come is the Messiah who would save a lost world. He said, "Mr. Willey, will you get me a Bible in English?" Needless to say, I hurried to the American Bible Society and secured him the Book.

God has been answering prayer. Remember the man who was about to hang himself? I was in the home of the missionary Pedro when that man and his wife came in, weeping. In his arms was a precious little baby boy.

The doctor had gone in the jeep to get him. Through their heart-breaking sobs he said, "The baby will have to be operated on at once. X-rays will have to be made. Its intestines are knotted." We knelt in prayer, committed by faith this child to the Great Physician, and they left. Just the other day I heard the end of the story. On arriving in Matanzas, the surgeon said, "The child will have to be carried to Havana. But—what has happened here? The child is better!"

The results of this miracle—all of that hard field has been softened for preaching through the testimony of the parents and the healing of the child.

You will be interested also in a remarkable conversion in Johnny Cuba's field. Johnny is one of our graduates and has a marvelous work not too far from the school in a place called Cabezas. One noon while Johnny was preparing his own lunch (as he is a

young bachelor) two Gideonites stopped by. They are members of a very erroneous sect found only in Cuba and some parts of Mexico—a mixture of Adventism, Spiritism, and some Voodooism. Their converts are required to wear white from their shoes to ties if they are men, and the women—even to white hats. You see them everywhere. They are a very zealous and energetic group but many are very ignorant. Johnny began to talk to this young man about the Gospel and found that he was ignorant of the Word but that he had a hungry and sincere heart. He promised to come back alone to hear more. He kept his word and was wonderfully converted. He had no clothes, no money. Johnny gave him his only extra pair of shoes and brought him here to the school. He has a glowing testimony, with a real passion for the lost. Thank God for this life redeemed from the bonds of superstition and darkness. There are many more like Esteban.

Pray for us, more than ever these days as the enemy knows his time is short. The Catholic Church is putting forth a real effort to hinder the spreading of the Gospel here in Cuba. We need your prayers. Our opportunities are greater than ever before—the native church is growing—our pastors report a real spirit of revival and a renewed zeal for winning the lost. Let us work while it is yet day!

With sincere greetings—yours in the bonds of Calvary,

Thomas and Mabel Willey

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CAMPAIGN PROGRESSING

The plans for securing a Denominational Building in Nashville, Tennessee are rapidly materializing and the next three months should determine whether or not we are to be successful in this venture.

Executive Committee Action

This Headquarters proposal was one of the main items of business considered by the Executive Committee in session at Nashville, April 26. The Committee was unanimous in its approval of the program now being launched and agreed whole-heartedly on the need for this building. Their report to the General Board in July will reflect this

attitude. The Executive Committee also agreed that this need is urgent enough to warrant calling for the General Board to meet three days prior to the National Association to thoroughly discuss and plan the future strategy.

Denominational Sentiment

Everywhere our people are thinking in terms of bringing our various boards and agencies under one roof. This conclusion is so widespread that with a minimum of effort we should be able to raise sufficient funds to completely pay for our Headquarters Building over a short period. Remember the old adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

The Plan

The plan is for 100 churches, or individuals to respond with gifts of \$50, which will net us \$5,000. The Alumni Association of the Free Will Baptist College has pledged \$250.00 and the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has guaranteed and initial gift of \$150.00. Highland Park church, of which Rev. Raymond Riggs is pastor, sent their check for \$60.00 recently. Many others have promised to do something for this cause.

The Challenge

Act now! Take this matter up with your church at once and get your check in the mail. If your state is so organized, forward your contribution through your state Treasury, marked "National Headquarters Fund." If you do not have a designated method, then send your contribution to Promotional Department, 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville 9, Tennessee. Make all checks and money orders payable to National Association of Free Will Baptists and designate them "Headquarters Fund." You will be properly receipted and your organization will be listed in the regular reports to our publications. We hope that you will make this a matter of earnest prayer.

D. C. Dodd, Promotional Secy.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a pretty small parcel.

* * *

The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1.

MISSIONARY RECEIVES BUS

Pinar del Rio, Cuba
March 29, 1952

Dear friends:

I left for Florida February 8, intending to hasten on to Ft. Valley for the bus, a gift of Bro. R. D. Norwood in Sulfur, Oklahoma, and of the owners of the Bluebird Bus Company in Ft. Valley, Georgia.

My first stopover was in Marianna, Florida. Walking the streets, visiting the shops, and studying this lovely little city, my heart's cry to God was oh, to reach the hungry hearts here. I shall never forget the faithfulness of a few people in Marianna and the precious children, a number of whom surrendered their hearts to the Lord. Bro. A. B. Cook is pastor. We couldn't wish for more loyalty to our church, to rally to any effort. I think our people at home could learn from our vigorous, enthusiastic church in Cuba. Any special effort is attended by busloads of Christians from surrounding towns.

Bro. Rufus Hyman's and my paths crossed again and Bro. K. V. Shute's. We were permitted to fellowship for a few hours and speak on the radio program. Cottondale has a very fine start—a new church. I then went on to be with Bro. Huckby of Piney Grove Church. This is one of the most tireless, driving men one would meet in a lifetime. He has a fine group of spiritual people. Then to Malone to fellowship with our dear people whom to know is to love them. What precious memories of visiting with you and your children.

I had the opportunity to know our Bro's. John Rich and Rutherford, visiting their churches, Pleasant Ridge and New Harmony. Bro. John Rich gave me a fine Duroc pig which is rapidly becoming Cubanized. It is easy to see how one could love to spend their days in such beautiful country and among such fine people. The sad part—missionaries are travelers. We don't dare let any roots grow at home.

We went on to Coward's Creek and it was again like coming home to be with our people. There we had a great meeting Saturday night. Four precious, beautiful young people accepted the Lord. One father had restored to him the joy of salvation.

Bro. Jordan gave me another pig.

I must get back among people like they are, not just because they gave but because we love to be around them. We thank God we can come into your homes and know your precious children. A missionary must do long-range thinking. The future of our church is in your young people.

We were privileged to be with our brother and sister Mallett at Dothan. They are building a spacious church—under the able direction of a wise pastor in a great city. Dothan has always appealed to me. Then late Sunday night I went by bus to Highway Church near Bainbridge, Georgia to spend the night with brother and sister Sellers and their lovely family. It was again like coming home. Then on to Albany, Georgia with Brother Adam Scott where a beautiful church is going up. How my heart rejoiced. Albany for many years has been a city I would love to live in. Brother Scott with stubborn determination is staying with it. Only those who have broken every tie and begun something like this can know the suffering involved.

My next stop was at Phenix City and Columbus (a combined service). What a pleasure to be with brothers Knighton and Kelley. They have proven their interest in missions over and over. They are capable men in great cities, unselfish, faithful, sticking to the task.

Then Brother Knighton drove me the long distance over to Fort Valley. What a joy to see that beautiful bus, but along with the joy came sadness. The radio announced a revolution in Cuba and military rule. How would this affect me now? Driving on in the rain, my first stop was at Rochelle, Georgia, with Brother Ernest Barker at Christian Hill Church. Then that night at a late hour on to my dear friends, the Burrows, in Lumber City and to take time out to be lazy. We lived a week in one day and forced ourselves to go on. Over the years the home of I. J. Blackwelder has been a retreat and a place to be always taken in as a welcomed brother. Here we fellowshiped a day and a night, visiting one of Brother McDuff's churches. They were in the midst of a revival. I began to gather my family around me—a fine young fellow gave me 10 chicks (I had already acquired three pigs). Driving on to Orlando, Florida, I spent the night with a couple who are like our children. A little group

was called together, a leader of the Youth for Christ, a young fellow who had been converted a few months before, a radio promoter and photographer. They thrilled to the picture, "A Letter to Melitino."

Then a stop-off at Indian Town Circle "T" Ranch to meet the owner who makes trips to Cuba. Here I acquired a nanny goat and two kids. I tied the goat close to the door of the bus and so all service station attendants were greeted by a happy baw-aw-aw. My last lap of the journey was made in a day's travel—to Miami—where arrangements were made for shipping the bus. God always intervenes—I was permitted to fly air-express with the animals and on arriving met with the greatest consideration by Cuban officials. No baggage opened—no duty.

We are praying much. As yet the bus has not been shipped, but we are believing God for great things. The governing General is favorable to the Gospel. His Secretary is a personal friend of years ago. Our trust is in our God who will answer before we call.

Yours in His love,

/s/ Thomas H. Willey

OKLAHOMA'S MODERATOR EXTENDS INVITATION

Yes, this is your invitation to Oklahoma—particularly to Shawnee where an expected three thousand people will converge July 8-17 for a history-making session of the National Conventions of Free Will Baptists.

As moderator of the state association of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists, which represents over 175 churches and more than 12,000 members, I want you to know that we are eagerly looking forward to sharing with you those ten glorious days.

You'll find our people hearty, honest, direct—anxious to lavish upon you the hospitality for which we are noted. You'll find, too, that they are diligent workers for Kingdom things—in the last three years there have been more than thirty new Free Will Baptist churches established in the state.

All of these things will combine, I'm sure, to make your visit to our state a rich and enjoyable experience.

You will like Shawnee. It is a



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deeply religious town of nearly 25,000 people located in almost the exact geographical center of the state. The city is built on land claimed at different times by Spain, France, England, the Creek and Seminole nations, and the Sac and Fox tribes.

It is told that when the Indian territory was thrown open for settlement, a young lady named Etta Ray stood with her toes on the border of Kickapoo Indian land, and as the opening gun was fired she stepped across and drove her stake. On her 160-acre claim the new town grew. Her log cabin still stands just a few yards from the Municipal Auditorium where our sessions will be held.

The whole area is rich with the traditions of two varied and interesting groups—the Red Men and the vigorous pioneer settlers from the east.

I think it especially fitting that our national conventions be held in Oklahoma this year, for in many ways our denomination and the state are alike.

Oklahoma's history goes back centuries beyond the visit of the first white explorer, Coronado, in 1540, but it is one of the newest states, having been admitted to the union in 1907 as the thirty-sixth state. Since then Oklahoma has earned a reputation for spirited fast growth.

The denominational parallel is obvious. While the roots of our church life go far back into religious history, yet, like a sleeping giant we have lain dormant for many decades. We have begun to stir ourselves, however, and a leading evangelic figure referred to us recently as "the fastest-growing evangelical denomination today."

As we observe this year the 225th anniversary of our founding in North America, we face an unlimited future. Our opportunities are unparalleled.

This is YOUR invitation to join the thousands of your comrades-in-arms who will meet July 8-17 in Shawnee from all points of the compass to accept the challenge of the years ahead.

Rev. Clay Richey, Mod.

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STATE UNIFIED FUND

Merl's Chapel	\$ 38.65
Myrtle	19.69
Flat River	186.54
Verdella	22.60
Fredericktown	150.00
Sublette	18.53
Mine LaMotte	16.23
Monett	33.09
Fred'tn. Ladies' Hom. Mis.	5.00

Total\$490.33

BIBLE COLLEGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$59.41
TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE	
Hazel Creek Union	\$14.86
Sunbeam Class, Hazel Creek ...	14.50
Total	\$29.36

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND

Southside	\$20.00
Wagoner	12.26
Mountain Grove	24.76
Total	\$57.02

STATE HOME MISSION FUND

Goldie Elsea, Novinger	\$ 5.00
Madison Co. S.S. Convention...	25.00
Wagoner	26.43
Fredericktown	44.00
Total	\$100.43

CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Monett Woman's Auxiliary ...	\$44.20
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JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines	\$3.00
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YOUTH CAMP FUND

Wagoner	\$7.54
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STATE GENERAL EXPENSE

Mountain Grove	\$25.46
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Total Receipts for Quarter ..\$3,479.77

/s/ Marie Hyatt, Treasurer



From The Editor's Desk



APRIL WAS REVIVAL MONTH

The National Board of Home Missions had designated April as Revival Month. Their goal was for a revival in every church that a simultaneous effort might be brought to bear against sin. The potential of such an effort is unlimited.

There has come to our attention several revivals conducted all or in part in the month of April. Some of these were perhaps scheduled to cooperate with the simultaneous revival effort. But in other cases the services were the Lord's answer to prayer for revival; in some instances this burden of prayer had continued for many months. As we go to press we note that victory has been great in the revivals reported to us so far.

The church located adjacent to our office held a revival closing April 8. Rev. Winford Davis was the evangelist, and Rev. Cecil Campbell is the pastor. The services continued for three weeks and victory was realized. A more detailed report is elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. Rolla Smith of Kirksville, Missouri, brought the messages in a revival held at Wentworth, Missouri, some 14 miles to the northwest of Monett, starting April 7. Rev. Virgil Greenway is pastor of this group. We did not get the exact number of souls that were saved in this revival. Victory is reported in spite of very disagreeable weather that made roads near impassable.

Also on April 7 Rev. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois, commenced a revival at the Wagoner Church southwest of Stockton, Missouri. These services continued through April 23, during which time three souls were saved and the church and community greatly revived. Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys is the pastor. The church has set aside May 18 as Home Coming Day, and an effort is being made to get together the remaining charter members and other early day members of the church. Special services are planned throughout the day ending in baptismal services.

Bro. Franklin, pastor of the Drumright, Oklahoma Free Will Baptist

Church, was a very pleasant caller in this office recently. He was in the midst of a revival at Granby, Missouri church. We neglected to ask the date these services started and have not received further word. At that time one soul had been saved. Rev. Miss Elda Crain is the pastor.

Rev. O. T. Allred, moderator of Missouri State Association, commenced a revival at Monroe, Michigan on April 13. Rev. Janeway is the pastor. Reports include several saved, with the services continuing as we go to press.

The Southside Church of St. Louis are now in a revival that started April 21, with Rev. J. B. Bloss of Tennessee as evangelist. Rev. Harvey E. Hill is the pastor. These services are at the new location recently occupied by this group. Ten souls have been saved and the revival continues.

Jones' Chapel Church, located near Stella, Missouri, has recently started their revival with Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. Cecil Campbell bringing the messages. Rev. W. K. Weston is the pastor.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, energetic young minister of Sulphur, Oklahoma and editor of "The Small Voice," stopped briefly at this office enroute to Mountain Grove, Missouri for a revival with that church. Rev. Willard Day is the pastor. Bro. Mooneyham had just closed a revival with the Bryan, Texas church. So short was the time he could spend here that we failed to get the results of the Bryan revival.

There were six saved and nine additions to the church in a weeks revival at Vernon, Texas. Rev. M. T. Holly of New Deal, Texas was the evangelist; Rev. W. W. Winters is the pastor. We did not get the exact dates of this revival.

So April has well fitted in a pattern of revival. Many Free Will Baptist Churches are located in the rural areas or are largely made up of farm folks. It was once thought that spring meetings were useless and could not be successful. These revivals and countless others of which we do not have the reports, will help to erase this idea. April has been a highly successful month in the work of the Lord in revival effort.

THE NEW MASTHEAD

This issue introduces a new Masthead on the front of the Gem. To our knowledge, this is the first one requiring special design and engraving, at least for some time. Previous ones have been composed of materials on hand. We went to considerable trouble to have this one designed by the artist, inked in, and engraved. The idea was that of Mrs. Jeffreys and the editor, and consequently is a gift to the Gem. We trust you like it.

PROMOTIONAL

After a brief rest, perhaps you will tolerate something along the line of promotion for the various departments again.

Perhaps first, because of the near date and certainly because of the necessity, is the support of the Youth Camp and the fast approaching session. Elsewhere you will find the schedule, the dates, the cost, and other information. The full details in folder form can be had by writing to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri. However, we have learned from the board that there is urgent need for additional mattresses, food stuffs, pots, pans, tea towels, cutlery, etc., besides your regular financial support. If you can supply such needs, also contact Rev. Wm. Reeves.

According to the schedule of support asked of Missouri, the Foreign Mission program now stands in best repute. As of the first of April, we had less than \$700.00 to go to reach the \$8,500.00 expected of us, and three months in which to raise it. We have often given over the \$700.00 per month. Several reports in this issue will make you glad that you support this program. The article concerning the car now in use in India will alone inspire you. However, when we realize that there are over 9,000 Free Will Baptists in Missouri, it will be seen that we will have given very little over an average of \$1.00 to this department during the year. This certainly will not inspire time out for back-patting. We haven't begun to give.

Certainly less praiseworthy has been

our response to the needs of the Home Mission Board. Figures show alarming apathy to this great need. It is to be hoped that we are not alone developing a healthy right arm while the left is withering away for lack of life giving substance—finance.

There are countless other needs to be met. We understand the college already has more enrollment for the coming term than they are equipped to handle. The Headquarters Building is a great necessity. The denominational presses need—and must have—ever increasing support in every way. The load on the orphanages is heavy. Local and state organization and administration must be financed.

Yes, there is much to do. And we might add, 100 per cent tithing will do it!

ST. LOUIS CONGREGATION MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

We are glad once again for the opportunity to make a report from our Southside Free Will Baptist Church.

This is our first article to write in our new building, and we are rejoicing and praising Him for His many blessings and for giving us this church.

We moved into our new church located at 3124 Mt. Pleasant Street, April 6, and we have now spent two glorious Sundays there. The first Sunday is the one we had looked forward to so much. We had 320 attending Sunday School, with so many old friends and ministers who had left our church and moved away, and who came to be with us this first Sunday. At noontime refreshments were served in the basement. Following that we had afternoon services with special singing, a testimony service, and short messages from our different young ministers.

Our second Sunday in our new church we had 191 attending Sunday School. That night we had our first baptismal service with ten souls being baptized. The Lord was with us because we felt the Spirit of our Risen Lord.

We want you to remember our church in your prayers, that we may be on fire for the Lord, winning souls for Him.

Our revival starts April 21st, with Bro. Bloss as our evangelist. We do earnestly ask you to pray. We want

to see souls saved.

Erma Lee Hogan, Cor. Secy.
Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor

THE FLOWER I WEAR TODAY

The flower I wear today
Is white instead of red;
They say it is because
My mother is dead!

I AM sure they are mistaken
For my mother lives today,
And I'm sure her life is fairer
Than when I wore a flower of red.

I THANK God for this consolation,
As I travel on through life,
That mother is not dead, but liveth
In that land of eternal life.

If it was not for this consolation
My grief I could not bear,
But the burden is always lifted
When I think of the home she shares.

This home is free from worries,
From sickness, pain and death,
And I know that she is happy
In that home sweet home of rest.

She's dwelling now with Jesus,
And I know she is happier there
Than when I wore the red flower
And she dwelt among us here.

The white flower stands for purity,
And it represents that home
Where my darling mother liveth
And shall live forever more.

By Mrs. Alta Mikel

CAMP SESSION DATES SET

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines as a reminder of our Youth Camp program. The time is slipping by so fast, and I wonder if every one is getting their plans made to attend the session June 22 to 28.

We have asked to have our program printed in the two next issues of the Gem. We are hoping by just having one week's session that more pastors, Sunday School teachers, and parents can come and bring their groups. We are glad for the encouraging letters of those who are planning to attend, but we are sorry to hear of some who cannot come. May God bless them.

We are thankful for those sending tea towels, flower bulbs, drinking glasses and special offerings.

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We just received our program literature for the camp session and you will be receiving them soon. If you know of any one interested in coming, please send me their name and I will mail them a program.

Begin now planning toward attending this year's session. We will appreciate your contributions of any of the necessities or special offerings you would like to send.

May God bless our Youth cause.

Rev. Wm. Reeves

CAN USE A GOSPEL TENT

Comanche, Texas
April 13, 1952

Dear Co-Workers in Christ:

I enjoy reading the good letters in the Gem. May God bless each one.

I would like to tell you what the Lord has called me to do for Him. I have been preaching the Gospel 28 years for Free Will Baptists. I organized the First Free Will Baptist Church of Comanche, Texas in 1939. I pastored the church for 10 years. I resigned April 8, 1952. I have longed to go on the field as an evangelist for the Lord in behalf of our Free Will Baptists. We have very few Free Will Baptist churches in this part of Texas.

I want to buy a Gospel tent, if the Lord wills, and I need help from God's people to buy such a tent. Then I can go into towns where there are no Free Will Baptist Churches and build up churches by the help of the Lord. We have a great field to work in.

Now, if you have some of the Lord's money and would like to have a part in this great work, I will promise by His grace to do my best to win the lost to Him and help to build Free Will Baptist churches.

Send your offerings to: Rev. M. R. Gaines, box 132, Comanche, Texas.

Pray for us and for His will to be done.

Yours truly,

Rev. M. R. Gaines



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



Advancing With Christ

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

LORD BLESSES AUXILIARY IN PROGRAM AND STUDY

Good morning Friends:

From the Fellowship Woman's Auxiliary of Flat River, Missouri.

We met March 29th at the church for our all-day service, with 15 members and two visitors present. The theme of our program was, "The Risen Christ." The Lord did bless our hearts as we studied about the Christ who has done so much for us. All felt that it was indeed good to be at the house of the Lord. Pray for us that we will be in the center of His will. God bless everyone is my prayer.

Following is the program for the day. Devotional service and business session conducted by the president. Hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross." Prayer. Introduction—"The Cross," by leader. Poem—"Three Crosses on A Hill," Mrs. Lewis. "Our Cross," Mrs. Treaster. "Cross Bearing," Mrs. Booth. "Cross of Christ," Mrs. McCormack. Poem—"Easter," Mrs. Johnson. Hymn. Sermonette by Mrs. Hilderbrand. "The Crucifixion," Della Getz. Poem—"The Resurrection," Edith Brooks. Poem—"The Resurrection Glory," Mrs. Swargin. Prayer. Poem—"He Is Coming in the Morning," Mrs. Turley. Testimony service. Hymn, "He Arose." Benediction. Lunch. The afternoon was devoted to Bible study led by Mrs. Hildebrand.

—Reporter

Report of Woman's Editor:

Received:

First W.A. of Flat River.....\$1.00
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The ladies of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church organized a Woman's Auxiliary April 1. We have an enrollment of sixteen members. Mrs. Julia Hill is our president. We have already received great blessings in our advancing effort, and know prayers are being answered.

Our church is just beginning a building program, an annex to our present building. We have felt the need of Sunday School class rooms and other improvements for some time. We are praying and trusting that God will provide sufficiently.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring bake sales, also handiwork sales, to help forward our efforts for His Cause.

For our project this year, we plan to sponsor a Vacation Bible School, which will be the first for the Free Will Baptist Church here.

Pray for our Auxiliary growth, that we may ever be in the center of God's will, and that we will be a strength to the church.

Mrs. George Brown, Reporter

OBSERVE WEEK-OF-PRAYER

Huntsville, Texas
April 21, 1952

Greetings from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas.

The Woman's Auxiliary is happy to report a good time in the Lord.

During the week of prayer, each member took her place as program director as the week passed on. They each gave a well prepared lesson. There were many testimonies and volunteer prayers that would thrill a Christian's soul and bring conviction to a sinner. We closed with a feeling that we would walk closer to our Saviour because of our week of prayer, and to pray more for our Foreign Missionaries than ever before.

Pray for all of us' and we will pray for all of you.

Georgia Lee Akin, Secretary

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By Mrs. Eunice Edwards

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AULSBURY CHAPEL MISSION

Bonne Terre, Mo.
Route 1

This being the first time we have sent a letter to the Gem, may we come in for a short visit and tell you how God is blessing us in our mission work at Aulsbury Chapel?

We meet every other Thursday for a day of quilting and fellowship. On February 21 we met at the church for an all-day meeting. The morning was spent in quilting and at noon a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed.

At 1:30 the devotional was called to order by the president, Sis. Eunice Miller. The service opened by singing, "Standing On the Promises." Scripture was read from the 15th chapter of Isaiah by Sis. Miller. Prayer by Sis. Ileen Patterson. Birthday offering by Sis. Babb and Sis. Lix. Each member answered the roll call with a scripture verse with the word 'faithful' in it. We were happy to have Sis. Stacy Hollinger become a member of the Mission. Thirteen members and seven visitors were present. Fifteen sick calls were made and 22 'get-well' cards sent. Dues and collection was \$6.17.

Business taken up was a motion to send \$5.00 to the F.W.B. Home for Children at Greenville, Tennessee. A motion was made to buy venetian blinds for the church. Plans were made to give Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leftridge a shower on March 6, at Mission. The women were to bring flowers and shrubs to set out on the church lawn next meeting. The devotional was dismissed by prayer by Sis. Mable David.

Pray with us that we will ever be in the center of His will and go forward in His Cause.

Mrs. Mable David, Secy.

FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church with 21 members and five visitors present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Margie Hahn. Prayer by Sis. Grace Snyder. Auxiliary day sheets were filled out. A special altar of prayer was conducted for revival. The meeting adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened by singing, "Here Am I, Send Me," and "Rescue the Perishing." Prayers were by Sis. Souden and Sis. Marie Tripp. Special song given by Easter Graham and Hallie Dettmer. A praise service was led by the president. Sermon by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Dismissed with altar prayer.

The hostess for the April meeting, Sis. Ethel Hand. The day meeting for May will be held at the church, with Sis. Ann Copher as hostess. May God bless every auxiliary.

Your sister in Christ,

Marie Tripp, Rec.-Sec.

MARY, THE MOTHER!

"THERE STOOD BY THE CROSS OF JESUS HIS MOTHER." John 19:25

We have set aside special days through the year in which we pay homage and respect to great people, outstanding historical facts, etc. We do well to honor our Mother's with a special day. The Bible has much to say about mothers and their God-given privilege of child bearing and child rearing.

Usually, the spiritual condition of the home is determined by the spiritual condition of the mother in the home. The children will, or will not, be taught of Christian principles according to the standard of the mother.

If the mother is a true Christian mother you will see a bountiful ministry being performed as she teaches her children of Christ; of His will for their lives; of principles eternally worth while.

If she is not a Christian mother, it will be evidenced by a laxity of moral standards; a disregard of God's love and purposes; a life lived selfishly to the end.

Mary was a woman of unfeigned love and piety. She was modest and unassuming, qualities that become any woman. However, Mary's role as the mother of Jesus was not to be one of ease. From the time of the annunciation by the angel, Mary knew she was with child, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and that this child Jesus, her son, was to be the Saviour of the world. Mary knew her Son was being born to suffer—and as He suffered, so she would suffer. But look at her humility as she says, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word."

Mary's heart fairly burst into song while visiting her cousin Elizabeth, for consider her words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." Not one word of self-pity nor self-righteousness, but exulting in the will of God for her life through her approaching motherhood.

We can but speculate as to Mary's thoughts before and during the birth of her son, but her faith is shown by verse 19 in the first chapter of Luke's gospel as the miracles attendeth to Christ's birth came to pass: "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Mary's love and concern for the physical well-being of her son is shown in her anxious searching for Him after the Jerusalem passover feast. For three days this mother sought to find her son. Here is a lesson for many modern mothers; instead of being concerned about their children's absence from home, today's mothers encourage their children to learn about life's experience.

Jesus had not been separated from His mother but one day when she missed Him. She immediately and sorrowfully set out to search for Him and she continued her search for three days until she found Him. Typical of Christ was the place where she found Him; "in the temple."

Very little more is told us of the intervening years between the time directly following this incident and the time when He began His public ministry. However, Luke's gospel gives us an inkling of the life that He lived for he says, "And He (Jesus) went

down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart."

Jesus had just reminded His mother that He needed to be about His Father's business but then, "He went down with them." He was obedient to His parents. He shared their joys and sorrows; He shared all of the details of every day living, and in so doing built a wall of love and mutual respect around Himself and His mother.

Twice we are told of the deep communion Mary shared with her Son as she "pondered these things in her heart," and the respect she accorded Him in keeping His confidence. Surely Mary was the ideal mother.

But to me, the greatest thing about Mary is her courage. God looked deep into the heart of this little maiden and saw not only her devout, pious life but also her courage; the faith that would give her the strength to stand "by the cross of Jesus."

Many mothers have courageously followed their sons to the execution chamber and stood by them in their last hours upon earth, but these sons died because they were guilty of some criminal act.

Mary followed her Son to Golgotha, and "stood by the cross of Jesus," with the certain knowledge that He was the sinless Son of God; "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." She "stood by" and watched Him give His young life to fulfill God's Eternal Purpose in Him.

We can learn much from the mother of Jesus. Not only from her devout, humble life but also from her courageous heart that dared to obey God implicitly. It isn't easy to see our own flesh and blood suffer. Often it would be much easier to bear the pain in our own body than to see our loved ones suffer. It wasn't easy for Mary as she "stood by." But not once did this little mother flinch nor turn aside from her great hour.

Peace is women's work. May we, as Mary, neither falter nor turn aside from our great hour.

—Rev. Eunice Edwards

Why not offer your pastor the services of the Woman's Auxiliary Department of your church in the sponsorship of a Daily Vacation Bible School?

MINISTER PROUD TO BE A FREE WILL BAPTIST

Making a study of religions in the United States, we find that the Free Will Baptists are rated very highly. We as Free Will Baptists have a religion to be proud of

History tells us, and I quote: "The Free Will Baptists in this country have a Welsh background; they migrated from Wales in 1701, settling on a grant of land in Pennsylvania known as the Welsh Tract. Distinguished by their adherence to Arminian (free-will) doctrine rather than to the usual Calvinistic (predestinarian) tenets, they suffered badly during the rapid growth of the Calvinistic persuasion; at one time there were only four Freewill churches left. But they greatly rallied and grew; today they have a membership of approximately 255,127 and 3,467 churches. They are a fine religion who still believe in the old fashion way of salvation. They are confined for the greater part to the South; Freewill Baptists in the North have affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.

"Doctrinally they are Arminian, holding that Christ gave Himself as ransom for the many, not the few; that God calls all to repentance; and that all may be saved. Baptism is by immersion. They are one of the few Baptist churches practicing open communion; they also practice foot washing and anoint the sick with oil. Their government is strictly congregational; there are quarterly conferences, which are grouped into state conferences and associations, and there is an annual conference representing the whole denomination."

History makes me proud to know that although we suffered badly during the growth of the Calvinistic persuasion, we have today become the third largest Baptist denomination in the United States. It was Arminius, a Dutch Protestant theologian, who denied Calvin's doctrine of unconditional predestination, limited atonement, and irresistible grace, and stood for universal salvation for all. It is our duty to let others know that salvation is to all, and also our duty to uphold the Free Will Baptist doctrine.

We are noted for our "old time religion", let's not drift away from it. Continue to grow as we have been, and prevent Satan from interfering

with our growth. Let's put all we've got in the service of our Master, and then stand before the world and say, "I'm proud to be a Free Will Baptist."

Rev. Don Hill
St. Louis, Missouri

TWENTY-ONE CUBANS BAPTIZED EASTER SUNDAY

"HE IS NOT HERE." "WHY SEEK YE
THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"

* * *

Easter Sunday was a red letter day for all who had part in the wonderful services at our church in San Juan. Mrs. Willey brought an Easter message to a group that packed the temple, stood in the doors, and hung in windows. After the service we went down to the river, which was surrounded by two hundred spectators. With Christians singing softly, we entered into the baptismal waters. Twenty-one believers were baptized, people who before they took this step had completed a course of study of the true meaning of baptism. They fully realized they were giving an open public testimony to all San Juan that they were dead with Christ, dead to this present world, and that they were likewise resurrected to a new life. I have over the years baptized in this same river over 60 people. Ten fulltime missionaries have gone into active service from this humble church.

Here in Cuba, "Holy Friday" is the day of days. Every year, according to what they have been taught, Christ actually dies again. This is a very sad day for them. And the saddest fact to us is that the Cross is the end of their religious activities. Sunday is a time of gaily, dancing, drinking, feasting—the day that means so very, very much to us.

I wish each of you could have been with us until the close. After these 21 stood and listened to the roll call, adding their names to the church list, solemnly we kept the Lord's Supper.

The number awaiting baptism over all our fields has been estimated by our Cuban Association Secretary at 800 souls. Every month I am baptizing some group who have been instructed.

If you could only be with us in our great convention which will soon

meet and hear the hundreds testifying who have come to know your Lord because you were faithful in making it possible for us to come to Cuba, what a blessing it would be. To hear the great swelling volume of singing, indeed would stir your hearts.

We covet your prayers for the intense months ahead in special evangelism in our churches and new fields. We are praising God for this year we shall be travelling in a lovely bus. We are trusting Him for amplifiers to reach whole towns and countrysides.

You are shares with us in the rewards.

Thomas and Mable Willey

N.E. MISSOURI TO ERECT NEW YOUTH CAMP CABIN

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Hazel Creek Union Church, March 30, 1952. Sunday School was at the regular hour. The morning worship service opened with the congregation singing, "He Keeps Me Singing," "I Know My Name Is There," and "At Calvary." We were led in prayer by Rev. LaVerne Miley. We then sang, "Holy Manna." We were very glad to have with us Rev. Wm. Reeves of the Youth Camp at Niangua, Missouri, and he took the stand at this time to bring the morning message. He read for a Scripture lesson, I Cor. 9:16-22, and used "I become as..." a portion of the 20th verse, as his text. He brought out that when we become Christians we must become as Christ, and we must become as Christ in order to become a soul winner. The congregation then sang, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," and we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wilber Cassey. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened under the leadership of the president, Sis. Agnes Smith. The congregation sang, "Showers of Blessing," and some choruses. The president read for a Scripture lesson, Matt. 26:1-16. We were led in prayer by Sis. Lorene Miley. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Green Grove, Hazel Creek Union, and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read. The next Fifth Sunday Meeting

will be with Shibley's Point Church, with Rev. Rolla Smith bringing the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Orval Dobbs, alternate.

Rev. LaVerne Miley of the Free Will Baptist College gave us some interesting information about the college.

The following program was given. Duet—"A Mansion Over the Hill Top," June and Bernice Thomas; reading—"Her Last Cool Drink from the Old Moss Covered Well," Leona Thompson; song—"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," Velma Wellman; reading—"The Old Hymns," Chloe Gates; song—"In the Garden," McElhinney girls. The Sublette quartet sang, "At the Final Roll Call," and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Solo—"Whispering Hope," Evelyn Kelsey.

At this time Rev. Reeves gave us a talk about the Youth Camp and an offering of \$58.81 was taken for the Youth Camp. Further plans were made concerning the building of our cabin at the Youth Camp grounds. Motion carried for the Building Committee to go ahead and build the cabin and to present the bill to our Associational Clerk-Treasurer.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Harold Kelsey.

THE REVIVAL AT MONETT

On March 17, we begun a revival meeting at our church here in Monett, with Rev. Winford Davis as the evangelist and continued to the end with much victory. From the beginning of the meeting much interest was manifested among the Christians, and this interest increased until we began to see visible results among the unconverted. Bro. Davis did some of the best preaching of the Gospel that we have heard for years. His messages were plain, earnest, spiritual and powerful. The attendance increased early in the meeting to about the capacity of the building. At times we had as high as five and six different churches co-operating and helping in the work of the Lord. There were as many as ten and twelve ministers attending.

The church experienced a revitalization of strength and power that it had not known for many years. Much self and carnality was lost in the power of the Spirit, and we feel that the church is now ready to say with the apostle Paul who said, "Forgetting

those things that are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I (we) press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Those of us who were bothered so much with selfishness have been able to see the truth of the power of the Spirit and have determined to live more consecrated lives in His service. Self will and personal glory have no place in the service of the Lord.

The revival continued into the fourth week, and among the visible results realized were fifteen conversions, two renewals, thirteen united with the church and eighteen were baptized.

—Contributed

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Arkansas observed the pre-Easter week of prayer.

Our program was taken from Mrs. Alice Lupton's book, "Foot Prints of Jesus."

On Wednesday night after our discussion, we had a very impressive candle light service. At this time we turned in our Penny-a-Day envelopes. They contained \$25.00 for foreign missions.

Then at the conclusion of our program on Friday night we took up an offering, which amounted to \$20.00. This went to foreign missions also.

The average attendance of auxiliary members during this week of prayer was 14 and average number of visitors was 17.

—Mrs. Chesser Phillips, Reporter

CAR IS A BOON IN INDIA

This Chevrolet has been a greater boon than words can tell. It is a wonderful experience to spend an entire day in jungle places, preaching and exhorting, and return home at night not more dead than alive. Recently a group of us were returning from a tea estate and passed the crossroads where we used to have to get off the bus and thence walk eight miles. The Biblewoman asked me if I remembered anything special about the junction, and reminded me (she didn't need to) of the time when upon our return

from a village after a full day of walking and standing and preaching (16 miles in all) I had actually been completely exhausted and for the first time in my life taken the very last step I could possibly take. I slumped in my tracks just as we reached the crossroads, and there I lay on the sparse and parched grass for two or three hours (night) until a bus came along. So together we all offered a special prayer of gratitude to God for the car, right on the spot. The workers on that very occasion asked me to express their own appreciation for the gift of this car. We are not only thankful that the work is made easier but that it is made possible. We now ride and work like you do at home, except for the places we still can't go by car and of course have to walk. This is good for us, keeps us humble.

—From Miss Laura B. Barnard

MOTHER

I oft think of dear friends and loved ones,

Of friends that were faithful and kind,

But there is no other, and oh, how I love her,

Like that dear old mother of mine.

When we are out in life's darkness;

When we are in danger or fear;

Who is the one that is praying for us?

That gray haired mother so dear.

She is the one, with grief stricken heart,

Bears all our sorrows and more than her part

Long may she be remembered,

As one close and dear.

Long may we remember our mother so dear

For there is no other

Like that dear old mother

With good will forever in mind.

This was written by my son in Germany in World War II before he was killed.

/s/ Mrs. M. L. Mangham

543 S.E. 36th St.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wrinkles should merely show where the smiles have been.—*Mark Twain.*

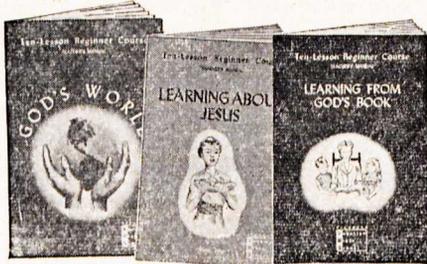
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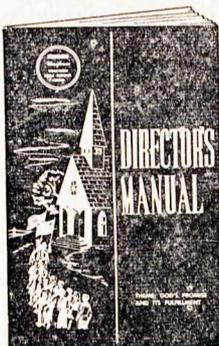


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	QUOTA	PAID IN	BALANCE
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Arkansas	350.00	54.00	296.00
Arizona	100.00		100.00
California	500.00	132.45	367.55
Florida	350.00	51.00	299.00
Georgia	500.00	98.40	401.60
Illinois	700.00	169.99	530.01
Kentucky	400.00	88.00	312.00
Missouri	1,000.00	281.52	718.48
Michigan	600.00	253.09	346.91
Mississippi	350.00	25.50	324.50
New Mexico	100.00	64.43	35.57
North Carolina	1,000.00	105.74	894.26
South Carolina	400.00		400.00
Oklahoma	1,000.00	668.09	331.91
Tennessee	1,000.00	325.09	674.91
Texas	300.00	17.00	283.00
Virginia	450.00	450.00	
West Virginia	400.00	99.00	301.00
Totals	\$10,000.00	\$3,229.75	\$6,770.25

ANNUAL YOUTH SESSION SET FOR JUNE 22 - 28

A condensed schedule reducing the time has been set up for the 1952 session of the Annual Youth Encampment solely to eliminate the hardships common to many of the students, parents, and staff. Though the time is shorter, yet an earnest effort will be carried out to accomplish a very worth-while schedule designed for both training and spiritual growth. It is hoped that the shorter period at the camp will make it possible for more students and many parents to be present. Make your plans early and be on hand for the entire session this time.

OFFICERS

Supervisor Rev. Harry Beatty
Principal Rev. Willard Day
Registrar Rev. Eunice Edwards

TEACHING STAFF

Pers'n'l Soul Winning, Lorene Bowman
The Plan of Salvation, Sterling Tucker
Lessons on the Trinity, Willard Day
Music Bob Hill
Recreational Director ... Roger Reeds
(Each of the above are ministers.)
Daily Vacation Bible School, Norma Kennedy, Bernice Cantrell, Myrtle Pembrook.

DAILY PROGRAM

6:30 Rise and shine
7:00 Breakfast
7:45 Free Period
8:10 Devotional by Rev. Harry Beatty
8:30 Lessons on the Trinity
9:15 Personal Soul Winning
10:00 Supervised play
10:30 Lessons on the Plan of Salvation
11:15 Worship
11:45 Prepare for lunch
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Music
2:30 Play, hikes, etc.
5:30 Prepare for evening meal
7:00 Cabin prayer meetings
7:45 Evangelistic services
Evening speakers will be chosen later.
9:30 In cabins
10:00 Lights out, quiet

On hand January 1, 1952 ...\$2,584.86

Receipts—

Alabama	\$ 94.83
California	81.38
Georgia	61.75
Illinois	124.79
Kentucky	88.00
Missouri	163.77
New Mexico	10.00
North Carolina	80.74
Oklahoma	293.08
Tennessee	125.51
Texas	4.00
West Virginia	41.00
Ohio	24.00
National W. A.	74.92
Total for Jan. - Mar. ...	1,268.77

Grand Total\$3,853.63

Disbursements—

Rev. J. B. Bloss	\$ 21.03
Crown Press, posters..	100.00
Rev. H. E. Staires, post	10.00
P. R. Armstrong, post	18.00
Rev. James Evans, post	9.00
Rufus Hyman, revival	100.00
Duckett's Office Supply	11.25
Rev. E. C. Morris, post	2.40
Oilton Gusher, printing	30.40
SW Bell Tele. Co., calls	4.30
Color Dupl. Co., paper	10.00
Duckett's Office Supply	6.10
Rosewood F.W.B. Chu., Houston, Texas	200.00
National Association, Promotional Dept. ..	40.00
SW Bell Tele. Co., calls	2.50
Total disbursements ..	563.98

Bal. on hand, April 1, 1952...\$3,289.65

This is National Home Mission and Simultaneous Revival month (April). We're sorry we didn't get the report soon enough for last issue. You may still send your offerings and reports.). A revival in every Free Will Baptist Church, with a report of the meeting and a special National Home Mission offering sent to the treasurer.

Directors; Pastors Notice

Nine months of this associational year are gone, and many of the states are behind. Will you help reach the quota for this associational year? The National Home Mission Board has helped establish ten (10) NEW Free Will Baptist Churches already this year, and are now in some great revival efforts in new fields hoping to establish more new Free Will Baptist Churches. The greater the Home Mission work, the greater the Foreign Mission work. The cry is coming in every day to the Board for help in the new fields. The National Home Mission Board is asking every Free Will Baptist Church to take a special National Home Mission offering and send it through your regular channels to the National Home Mission Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Harry E. Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma. Other Board members are: Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman, 311 West 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee; Rev. Willard C. Day, Box 421, Mountain Grove, Missouri; Rev. George W. McLain, Box 238, Kerman, California, and Rev. James A. Evans, Box 203, Wilson, North Carolina.

Rev. H. E. Staires, Secy.