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**YOUTH CAMP GROWING;
NEEDS GREATER SUPPORT**

Another session of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment is now history. This session had by far the greatest number yet enrolled; more were converted than in any previous session; and there were more pastors and other church leaders present to help with the session. This was all made possible as individuals and churches yielded themselves to be used of God in this work.

In the few years that the Youth Camp has been in operation, 67 young people have definitely accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and a goodly number have dedicated their lives to the Master for service where ever He chooses to use them. In addition to those converted in these regular sessions, 13 young people were converted in an earlier session held on the Camp grounds this year under the auspices of Rev. Boyd Thornton, and Assembly of God minister.

Who would dare say that this important work is not of God, and that His blessings are upon it? Yet, only a small percentage of the churches are supporting this work. In checking the Secretaries books while I was at the Camp, I discovered that less than 10 per cent of our churches are sending in regular monthly offerings, others have given only once or twice during the year, and many have failed to give at all.

Last year, while putting in the water system and effecting other needed improvements to meet the needs of that session and to entertain the State Association, it was necessary for your Camp Board to go in debt over \$600.00

—the greater part of which is yet unpaid. We also definitely need other improvements. If each church, either through the regular church treasury or through some auxiliary of the church, would send in a regular monthly offering, we could soon pay off our indebtedness, take care of current operational expenses, and continue to improve the Camp as needed.

Our physical body needs a balanced diet of food to properly function. It also needs to work, rest and relax. It is just as necessary to support every department of our denominational work: the church, publications, the Youth Camp, the College, and missions.

Where are greater things being done toward winning our youth to Christ than at and through the Youth Camp? Romans 13:11 tells us it is high time to awake. With the many traps Satan has set for our youth, shall we, by the help of the Lord, offer our youth something worthwhile in Christian training and recreation.

Do not fail to include the Youth Camp in your giving next month, then be sure to give something each month through the year.

Yours for a greater army of youthful Christian soldiers.

Rev. O. T. Allred

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**ASKS EARLY REMITTANCE
OF ENTERTAINMENT FUNDS**

Please mark the dates September 16-19 on your church calendar for the Missouri State Association which meets in Southeast Missouri Association with the Fredericktown Church.

The host church is making initial plan for our entertainment. But remember, your individual church is asked to make an offering for State Entertainment Expense.

May I urge you to send a special offering to your State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, designated for State Entertainment.

Your early contributions will be appreciated by the host church and God will richly bless you for your services.

Marie Hyatt, Clerk-Treas.

NE MC. FIFTH SUNDAY MEET THE TRUTH ABOUT TOBACCO

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with Shibley's Point Church, June 29, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour. The worship service opened with Rev. Orville Dobbs leading the devotional. The congregation sang, "Standing on the Promises," "Just A Little While," and "I Would Not Miss It, Would You?" Prayer by Alta Mikel. The congregation then sang, "It Is Well With My Soul." Rev. Glenn Rehkop, of Fredericktown, Missouri, then took the stand and delivered a wonderful message. He read for a Scripture lesson the 27th Psalm, and used for a subject "One thing." He brought out that "one thing" we should desire when we become Christians is to be in the House of God every opportunity we have. "One thing" we do know when we are converted, that once we were blind but now we can see, and "one thing" that is sin in our lives will keep us out of heaven. After a congregational number, we were dismissed in prayer by Lola Matthews.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened under the leadership of the vice president in the absence of the president. Congregational numbers were: "Joy Unspeakable," "Won't It Be Wonderful There," and "All Alone." Prayer was by Herman Miley. The Scripture lesson was the 116th Psalm. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek Union, Green Grove and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read. The next meeting will be with the Green Grove Church. Rev. Orville Dobbs will bring the message, with Rev. Rolla Smith, alternate.

The following program was presented. Duet, "He Set Me Free," Shirley and Leola Parris. Solo, "I'll Be Somewhere Working," Fern Kay Dobbs. Reading, "The Church and the World," Leona Thompson. Piano solo, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," Shirley Parris. Quartet, "I Know My Name Is There," and "'Tis Amazing," Hazel Creek Union young people. Duet, "Keep On the Firing Line," Barbara and Irene Barnett. This was followed by a short testimony service. The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Glenn Rehkop.

Leona Thompson, Secretary

James E. Danford, Student
Homes Bible School, Greenville, S.C.

Tobacco was created and placed upon the earth to be useful, not destructive. To deny this would be to deny the wisdom of God. Surely no sane person would want to do this. Because tobacco has its place, it will not do to draw inference that it is therefore to be used freely and advisedly. It would be just as wise to reason that as God has created arsenic, that can do no harm. Opium, strychnine, prussic acid, and the like have their uses, but may also be abused.

Let us see how tobacco can be useful to us. It may be used as a disinfectant, and a destroyer of insects. It is used with much success in destroying sheep ticks. The vapor of tobacco juice has been tested in France with great success as an insect destroyer in hot houses. It scares away moths, carpet bugs, and other vermin and thus preserves wools and furs. Thus we see that tobacco may be used as man's friend to destroy insects and any like creature that molests mankind.

Tobacco is harmful to almost anything it comes in contact with. It is said that tobacco makes heavier demands upon the fertility of the soil than any other crop. Many different things have been tried to prevent this. Some people use fertilizer heavily. This may help some but over a period of years the land will eventually deteriorate. The old tobacco lands of Maryland and Virginia proves this.

Tobacco, commonly prepared for smoking, chewing, and snuffing, is the most widely spread narcotic in the world. For more than 400 years it has been decried as a moral and physical menace. More than 75 per cent of our adult men and over 40 per cent of our women smoke this deadly narcotic. It's high time our people woke up and learned the facts about this blue smoke that is clouding over our nation more and more every day. The Spanish-American, Filipino, and the late world wars have demonstrated the fact that our nation is degenerating. In the 60's only 13 of 100 men were rejected when given a physical examination for entrance into service.

In the Spanish-American War 40 out

of 100 were rejected out of those who applied, and 36 out of 40 were rejected because of the use of cigarettes.

Three tobacco companies recently spent \$54 million in advertising. This campaign used 13 per cent all advertising space in all the newspapers. Magazines carry ads; they have choice spots on all the radio networks; billboards at every turn of the road. All these are helping in spreading this harmful narcotic. Dr. William G. Lennox, of Harvard University Medical Faculty, shows up the false advertising of tobacco companies by a scathing rebuke he wrote the president of The American Tobacco Company. Dr. Lennox told him that he was one of the 140,000 physicians that did not endorse tobacco. He told him that the object of the propaganda is twofold: to increase sales, and to give the impression that smoking is of positive physical benefit. Dr. Lennox says their testimonies of physicians who have received free cigarettes is ridiculous.

Cigarettes smoked in 1950 amounted to 361.3 billion. Four billion dollars per year are spent on tobacco products. This amounts to twice as much as all the public school teachers in the United States are paid each year.

Minors find no difficulty in buying the products of tobacco despite the fact that there are laws in many states prohibiting them from doing so. Tobacco has more effect on the young because they are less able to resist its poisonous effect. A large per cent of the boys of our schools learn to smoke before they leave high school. When a boy starts smoking it is usually against the orders of his parents. This would give him a tendency to lie to his parents and thus start him on a dangerous path. When boys begin to smoke they naturally associate with other boys who smoke. By associating with this type of boy they usually learn foul stories, how to play cards, to gamble, and many other evils.

Cigarettes lead to drink, morphine, and the opium habits. Dr. Charles B. Town states that he has been dealing with alcoholism and morphinism for years and has viewed between 6,000—7,000 cases. He has never seen a case except occasionally with women, which didn't have a history of excessive tobacco.

If a boy of twelve, who starts spending \$2.50 each week on tobacco, were

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TRAGEDY STALKS IN INDIA

"Westfield"

Kotagiri, S. India
June 27, 1952

Dear Friends at Home:

Can tragedy become triumph? If so, we should take courage and expect great spiritual victory in this place soon. For a tragedy each fortnight has been our sorrowful record during the past ten weeks. Stunned, dazed, confused! This is the experience of all of us, only in varying degrees.

The first of this appalling series was a beloved member of our own congregation, the wife of one of our most prominent and promising young men, who committed suicide by throwing herself into the well. "Why?" The question was on everybody's lips. Why had she done this? Wide and absurd were the speculations and rumors, but even the inquest did not reveal a satisfying cause. And those of us who knew most about her and could have come closest to the real cause feel it best to accept the inquest verdict and leave it at that. But *why* had God permitted one of His own children to commit suicide? Would not the God we trust meet His child in a time of despair and save her from such an end? It was a reflection on His Name among the heathen. And even I found my own self tempted in human weakness to wonder why God had not intervened, especially seeing she was so young and untaught and inexperienced in many of the deeper truths; and seeing that the glory of His own Name was involved. Also, why had God seen fit to permit this in our new, struggling church? The first death since the formal organization, and it had to be a suicide. Previously it had been the talk of the town how God had blessed in our midst; now it became the talk of the town what a dishonorable thing had happened in our midst. Reproach! Savory food for gossipers! And despite the meticulously careful and thorough inquest and its verdict that cleared the grief-stricken husband of any blame in the matter, still there would be those unkind and morbid minds ready to look upon him with suspicion and disdain. It would be a fiery ordeal for him. But it also proved to be an opportunity, and in the midst of tragedy, shame and confusion, that Christian man did

rise in real triumph, accepting it all as a challenge to draw closer and yield more completely to his Lord. Left with a 14-months old baby he has been proving to all that tragedy can be turned into triumph. But why now must we always remember the dear, sweet, consistent Christian girl Sundri as one whose last deed, the taking of her own life, was one of dishonor? And that is a question we must leave unanswered. One thing we know: Sundri was dearly beloved by all. And during those awful hours when with her terror-stricken husband we were



Laura B. Barnard, Missionary

making frantic search for her, although each one of us feared the worst because some children had last seen her looking into the well, we were unwilling to search the well because we could not believe Sundri would have done it. Her best friends were saying, "No need to look in the well, for Sundri would not do that, especially with the baby there." Such was the confidence all had in her. But in spite of all our love and confidence it had happened. Friends and acquaintances thronged the home to mourn her death. Most of these were either out-right Hindus or young women who had not yet come out definitely for Christ. What would be the effect of this upon them? What of the witness yet alive? What now of the whole witness of our church? All this must be committed into His hands. We

must be firm and condemn the sin, but to pass judgement on the sinner was only God's to do. In any case the funeral proved to be an opportunity to preach to a multitude, and to preach not only His saving grace but His keeping power. And many questions, which had never arisen before, now arose and gave opportunity to talk of eternal things to many who never otherwise had time or mind to listen. We as a little church were solemnized and felt that, while God was grieved by the suicide, He had surely allowed it for a purpose and would overrule to His own glory. And in that confident hope we sought to draw nearer and to look to Him for an answer to the many curious and oftentimes hostile questions and aspersions hurled at us.

But little did we foresee that this was only the beginning of a cycle of tragedies. The hot season was here when many missionaries from the plains stations sought refuge on these beautiful hilltops from the dangerous heat below. Among these were a little family of English missionaries, mother, father, and three children. Out over the hills for a day's outing they had had picnic lunch at enchanting Elk Falls (photograph of which has been in our church papers in the past). As they were walking across the rocks at the top of the falls in what they thought was perfect safety, the mother's foot slipped on a wet rock and she fell, and kept sliding, was carried over the falls, and dashed in turn to the two lower sections, and finally washed into the stream at the very bottom several hundred feet below, where her body was found. The skull had been crushed to a mummy as it had beaten over the rocks, and at the funeral the corpse was scarcely recognizable. In the twinkling of an eye this young, useful, consecrated life had been ruthlessly snatched away, and that before the very eyes of her children, her husband and onlooking friends, and before they could think, much less make a move to save her. Without the satisfaction of those last ministries which we so cherish, without a word of warning or farewell, the children and father were left awe-stricken and bereaved in a strange land. Why? The heathen in the villages near the scene of tragedy witnessed it, and feared, and wept, and wondered! "Can theirs be a God or love who would permit this?" Yet at

the graveside the husband requested a special hymn to be sung (it had been sung at their wedding), and he stood over that grave and lifted his own voice with the rest in these victorious words:

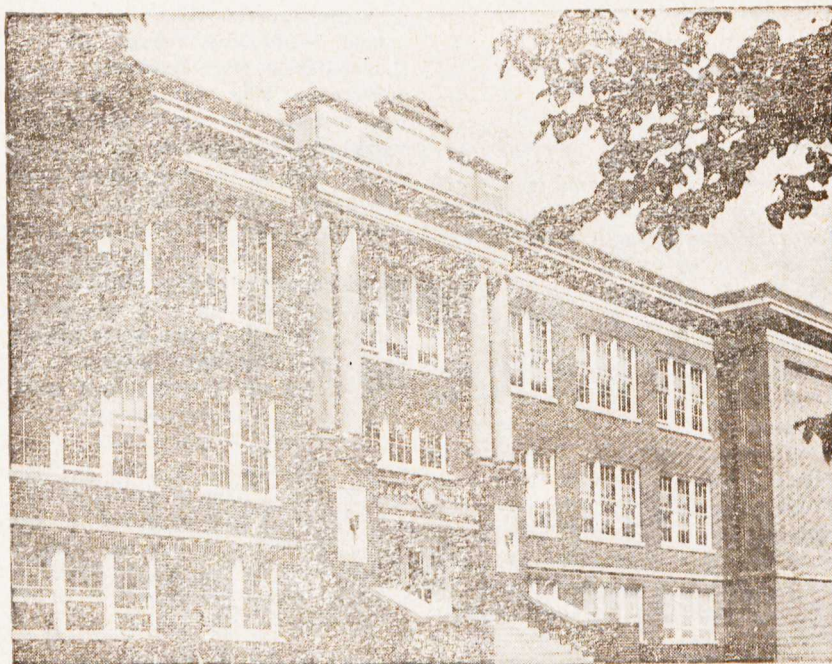
*How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend!
His love is as great as His power,
And knows neither measure nor
end!*

*'Tis Jesus the First and the Last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe
home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
We'll trust Him for all that's to
come.*

Still stunned and speechless from the two preceding events, we were horrified one morning as news swept like a fiery, evil wind over the hilltops that an 80-year old Catholic priest in a Kotagiri convent had been brutally murdered in his bed, his throat cut and a stab in his heart, by a young teen-age Kotagiri boy known to us all, who had been a habitual thief and evil-doer. This old priest was a good man and did not deserve to die such a death at the hand of one of his own flock. Why should it happen?

But the depth of disgrace was sounded yesterday when the pastor of the Methodist Church for the Badaga Tribe had the woeful task of performing a double funeral for a suicide and a murder. The man had murdered his wife, shot his daughter, and then killed himself. One man said today, "Nothing so shameful has ever happened in all Kotagiri's history." Family quarrels, drink—and then murder and suicide. The 16-year old daughter is now in a Government hospital where every attempt is being made to save her right arm which was shot almost completely off. Two younger children are left and a married daughter, and a horrible memory which only Heaven and eternity can erase.

No wonder heathen people seek us out and ask: "Why is this? All these awful things have taken place in so-called Christian circles?" And in many forms these questions are being asked, some not at all friendly but accusingly, while some are serious and solemn. What is the answer? Salomi the Bible-woman gave an answer to her heathen landlord, and I don't know a better one: There's a verse in



Departmental conferences will be held in the Junior High School building just a few steps away from the municipal auditorium where the National Association will convene in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Most of the committee meetings will be here. Plenty of campus shade.

God's Book, she told him, which warns us: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" I Peter 4:17, 18.

One hesitates to write home of such as this, for those concerned for our welfare are apt to imagine the missionaries are in personal danger, and this is no more true than it has been in the past. As these tragedies have occurred one by one I have shrunk from writing of them. But now that they have heaped up one on top of the other I feel an urge to share with you the message of victory they have brought us here, and also the solemn message of warning, as well as the tremendous weight they have placed upon us to pray for God to work while men's hearts and minds are aroused and enquiring. Bereaved families need prayer for comfort and strength. The youth-murderer and his parents who brought him up to prowl

and pilfer need prayer for the mighty hand of God to be laid upon them as there is no fear of God in them. Other fearful things have occurred—like the house that collapsed today and killed three children in one family—but I shall not impose more upon you. And if the reading of these lines moves your hearts to pray until God rends the heavens and visits us here with a mighty revival, the unpleasant task of re-living these horrors in order to write them will not have been in vain.

Some are fearful of the interpretation the heathen will put upon these happenings. If God is sending judgment upon us as unfaithful Christians, then Christian groups will be looked upon as a curse and a cause of calamity to the community, and the attitude of heathen people may work evil. But we look for the fulfilment of Paul's word: "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather to the furtherance of the Gospel." This will prove that God can triumph through His people over sin and tragedy.

FROM THE FIELD

A Challenge

Mr. Raymond Riggs
Dear Bro. in Christ:

I have no church home now, I suppose. When I came to Connellsville, Missouri from Iowa in January, 1904, I went into the Union Church of Free Will Baptist and Methodist as a Free Will Baptist, when Rev. Thomas Ferguson was holding a revival there.

As this was a coal mining town, when coal was worked out all the Methodist moved away and there was just a few people left. The Baptists kept a preacher as long as they could afford to, and I walked over there as long as I was able to. There's two Free Will Baptist women there now, and not able to keep church or Sunday School going. The Methodist District Superintendent of Kirksville district has taken church building and have a preacher preaching there. It now seems I have no church home, but attend Missionary Baptist and Methodist church here at Novinger.

I am seventy-five years old and expect to always be a Free Will Baptist and help all I can. I get \$45.00 old age pension and give \$5.00 to missions as tithe, and I wash and iron for my son here and send the pay, \$5.00 per month to our College at Nashville, Tennessee, earn a little money for churches and Sunday School here and pray for all.

May God bless you and the good you do for Jesus and Free Will Baptist.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Goldie Elsea
Novinger, Missouri

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed please find \$32.50 for Missions. Twenty-five dollars of this offering is a gift from the children during our Vacation Bible School.

Pray for us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. C. F. Reed

June 16, 1952

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I've enjoyed receiving the news from the Mission fields and the re-

ports, but there is one thing my heart is really happy about.

Last Wednesday evening June 11, the ladies of the Auxillary gave a missionary play called, "Some An Hundredfold." It was a very impressive play. The scene was very touching. At the close of the program an invitation hymn "Where He Leads Me," was sung and seven came and gave themselves for the Master's work, two giving themselves for foreign field work. For the first time our church has really caught the vision for missionary work. We also have agreed to give 10% of all the money taken in our church to be used for missionary work.

Please pray that God will continue to use our church as never before to win souls for Him at each service. I ask that you will pray for me each day that God will use me with my talents to be a real soul winner. My heart is really burdened. At present I am studying for six weeks at the Norfolk school of the Bible, a course on "Soul Winning." It is really a thrill to search the Scriptures, also study the lessons on this subject. I also ask that God may use it to win souls for Him.

I wish I could write more and tell you more, but time is passing fast. I must get the money off to you which you will find enclosed. Place it any way the Lord directs you. It is for missions.

God bless you and your work for the Master is my daily prayer.

Very sincerely,

Elizabeth Wilson
Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church
Norfolk, Virginia

June 17, 1952

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I'm sending a little mite. It's not my money, it's some of the Lord's tithe money. I hope He blesses these small tithes like He did the loaves and fishes.

I want to say God bless you in the great work you are doing, and bless all of the missionaries every where. I wish we had Free Will Baptist churches in every nation on the face of the earth.

If we had real born again Christians as rulers we wouldn't be in this bloody war. If every Christian would talk to the Lord in humble, earnest prayer five or ten minutes each day and

tithe and give offerings there would soon be some changes made.

Let us all just get a little closer to God, and see if He doesn't have a little something for us to do, or some special one He wants us to pray for.

Mrs. C. Phipps
Route 1
Vilonia, Arkansas

Lavaca, Arkansas
June 30, 1952

Dear Rev. Riggs:

I am writing just to say that I certainly enjoy reading the letters of what our people are doing and our church prays that they will have their needs all supplied. Sorry that our church cannot send more, but we just have a small country church and we are trying to get some repair work done on the church and new seats. But we have pledged our church when it first begun to send the fifth Sunday offerings for Foreign Missions. Just wish it were more, so remember us in your prayers.

The F W B Church
Central City, Ark.
/s/ Cora Nance

Couch, Missouri
June 17, 1952

Foreign Missions
Rev. Raymond Riggs
242 Victor Ave.
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Brother in Christ:

Although this is a small donation it is sent wholeheartedly. Maybe in a small way it will be of some help. Ours is a small church and it's hard to get greater amounts.

This is Garfield Free Will Baptist Church, Couch, Missouri. \$10.26.

REV. REEDS TOURS FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Richwoods, Mo.
June 29, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

Recently I was privileged to visit in two associations in behalf of Home Missions. It was wonderful to visit the various churches and meet so many Brothers and Sisters in Christ. And I

did receive a cordial welcome in every church. Then, too, the response to the cause of Home Missions was really wonderful. Read the following report and I'm sure you'll agree.

Northeast Missouri

Hazel Creek Church, Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor, tags \$7.00, offering \$27.25, total \$34.25. Sublette Church, Rev. June Truitt, pastor, tags \$1.00, offering \$20.00, total \$21.00. Shibley's Point Church, Rev. Alta Mikel, pastor, tags \$2.00, offering, \$19.15, total, \$21.15. New Harmony Church, Rev. Mildred Gilliam, pastor, tags, \$1.00, offering \$9.90, total \$10.90. Grand total \$87.30.

Indian Creek

Monett Church, Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor, tags \$2.00, offering \$11.70, total \$13.70. Carterville Church, Rev. Harold Hoover, pastor, tags \$6.00, offering \$14.50, total \$20.50. Macedonia Church, Rev. Winford Davis, pastor, offering totaled \$25.00. Merl's Chapel Church, Rev. O. T. Allred, pastor, tags \$2.00, offering \$25.08, total \$27.08. Blue Eye Church, Rev. Paul Williams, pastor, tags \$1.00, offering \$15.00, total \$16.00. Grand total \$102.28.

I truly want to thank each church and every individual for their response. May God bless you for your effort in behalf of Home Missions.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Roger C. Reeds

CHURCH PREPARING FOR COMING STATE MEETING

Fredericktown, Mo.
June 29, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

As I have not written to our paper in so long, I would like to do so again. I have intended to write for a long time, but just don't get to it.

The Lord has been good to us. We have been blessed with health and can go to church every Sunday. I thank the Lord for that.

There has been lots of sickness and several deaths around here lately. A month ago one of our older sisters in the church passed away. She fell and hurt herself, took her bed from that and never got up. She was sick a long time but never complained. She would always say, "I am ready to go. I want to go home." We would have prayer

meetings with her. After she was too weak to talk much, she would lay there and clap her feeble hands together. I do thank God for religion that makes one happy when they come to die.

Our pastor, Bro. Beatty, got home from the Youth Camp Saturday. He reported a good time in the Lord even if it was hot and dry. Several of the young people were saved. It is wonderful for the young folks to start out while young to serve the Lord. Then they don't have anything to regret. I am sure they won't be sorry when they get old. I know, for I was saved when I was only 12, and every day I am closer to my heavenly home.

Our church and Sunday School are doing good. We had a fine Vacation Bible School and had five saved in it.

We still have Rev. Harry Beatty as pastor. May God bless him and his good wife and children. We all really like them.

Our Woman's Auxiliary, the Mission ladies, and the Go-Tell girls all are doing a great work for the Lord. We all are working to help out in our State Meeting and are looking forward to it. Even if it is hot and dry, I know the Lord will help us out in it.

We are having cottage prayer meeting and the Lord blesses us.

We were so glad to see all of our dear ones and old friends around Niangua last month at our home coming at Mr. W. C. Barker's, but it could have been a sad home coming, for he and his children had just had a car wreck a few days before. Thank God, none were killed.

We do so enjoy reading letters from other churches in the Gem.

May God bless you, Bro. Jeffreys, and all the Gem readers is our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. James

REV. MARK LEWIS IN ST. LOUIS REVIVAL

2622 Rutger
St. Louis 4, Missouri
June 7, 1952

Dear Editor:

We have just closed a two week revival at our church, at 1330 Geyer. Bro. Lewis was the evangelist. We truly are thankful to God for men like Bro. Lewis, who give themselves in the service of God. Each evening Bro.

Lewis brought messages filled with the power of God. There were six souls saved and one who announced their calling to the ministry. The attendance was very good. There was special singing each evening. A new quartet of young men from the church of God, came every other night and rendered numbers. The Lester Band also helped out in special music.

We feel our church has been blessed through this revival effort and thank God for all His blessings.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we might do more for Christ in winning the lost for Him.

Jerry Bullis, Reporter

A CROSS

By Mary Ruth Wischart,
Student F.W.B. Bible College

Dear Lord, my life to me seems useless:

My talents are so few,
My place insignificant,
My service small.

Others win many souls,
Lift high Thy banner,

Do great deeds!

And I alone seem lost in mediocrity:

My strength all weakness,

My faith too small,

My labor vain.

But, Father, I have sought Thy will;
If Thou wouldst keep me ever small

And in a tiny place,

May I, with love, my very best impart to Thee;

My smile as bright,

My love as great,

My task well done.

If my life can but someone else

A better servant make,

His patience greater,

His understanding enlarged,

His heart more wise to love,

May I contented, be the rough beam of a cross.

—Contributed by
Ralph Lightsey, Dean

The Church that is not a missionary Church will soon be a missing Church.

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If religion means much to you, live so it will mean much to others.



From The Editor's Desk



YOUTH CAMP SESSION THE LARGEST AND BEST

If one looks back on the calendar, June 23-28 might only indicate six week days. Weather data records the period as six of the driest and hottest days in the history of official weather observation in this section. Officials of Missouri chose this particular time to open new roads and abandon old ones near Niangua, Missouri, thus creating confusion to persons attempting to find their way around in that area. However, with a mind to work, Free Will Baptists from all over Missouri converged on the Youth Camp and crowded as much into those six days as seems possible to do. The results—there are no adjectives to describe the results.

Pupils, instructors and leaders totaled 140. Many other visitors came at various times during the week. Teachers included Rev. Willard Day, Rev. Lorene Bowman, Rev. Roger Reeds, Rev. Bob Hill, and recreational director Howard Kennedy. Camp Supervisor was Rev. Harry Beatty, with Rev. Alta Mikel, registrar. Vacation Bible School instructors for the younger children were Bernice Cantrell, Norma Kennedy and Myrtle Pembroke.

Classes were held each morning. These were Personal Soul Winning, The Plan of Salvation, and Lessons on the Trinity. Music followed the lunch hour and was one of the popular classes of the day. After the music class, the group entered into supervised recreation. The recreation director did a splendid job in this department, and clean sportsmanship was to be noticed in these activities. I might add that the cook did a marvelous job in her department, and everyone did justice to the food. The Camp Caretaker, Rev. Wm. Reeves, was kept very busy also; and of course Mrs. Reeves and Kenneth had additional chores during the session.

Each day at eleven o'clock and each evening, the whole student body was assembled in the auditorium for worship service. At each of these periods, some minister present brought a message from the Word of God. The Spirit blessed in these services and 25

souls were saved. Not only were these saved, but in the Friday evening service several of the students stepped forth and dedicated their lives to be used of the Lord, some in definite service and others who were expressing a willingness to go where and when God directed. Those who came seemed to come forward because of the compelling love of Christ in their hearts, and certainly not in a "sheep follow sheep" sham pretense of service. Too often, we overlook the need and the potential in young lives until it is too late to arrest their attention and lead them into Christian service. This dedication service alone was worth all effort and cost of the session.

On Saturday just after the lunch hour, the session came to a close and tired students and instructors started the return trip to their respective homes. The sun had been fiercely hot, the dust very deep, the weather in general miserable, and everyone had experienced an unusually busy week. Perhaps here and there were a few who by now contained the pangs of homesickness. However, victory much overshadowed every obstacle, and as good-byes were exchanged plans were already being made to renew friendships at the next annual session. If you have never taken part in one of these encampments, plan now to attend in 1953.

In another article in this issue you will read a further report of the Youth Camp which sets forth some of its needs. They are many. Now is the time to start meeting them—not at the opening of the next session. Build now: reap then!

C. W. MISSOURI MEETS WITH HANNON ON FIFTH SUNDAY

Your editor journeyed to Hannon Free Will Baptist Church for the regular Fifth Sunday Meeting of Central Western Missouri Association.

The services opened with the regular Sunday School lesson at 10:00 o'clock, followed by worship services with Rev. Cecil Campbell, former pastor, bringing the message. A bounteous dinner was served in the new annex of the

building and a fine fellowship was enjoyed during the noon hour.

The entire building was well filled for the afternoon session which was under the direction of the president, Sis. Izola Zellmer. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Kenneth Mason. The Scripture lesson was by Sis. Floy Hartley, a member of the group, but now living in Wichita, Kansas. Prayer was by Bro. Charlie Hoover, one of our soldier boys now stationed in Kentucky.

A well rounded program of readings, instrumental numbers, solos, duets, quartets and congregational numbers was enjoyed by all. An offering of \$64.61 was taken, one-half of which was given to the Youth Camp. The next session will be with the Kansas City Church. They extend a special invitation to all to be present.

The Executive Board, at the request of the Hannon Church, examined Bro. J. E. Williams for the office of deacon. Bro. Williams was found worthy and qualified and his ordination was carried out at the conclusion of the regular program. Your editor was appointed chairman of the ordaining council, with Rev. Harold Hoover giving the charge to the candidate and Rev. Cecil Campbell giving the charge to the church.

Dismissed by prayer.

BIBLE COLLEGE EXPANDS; TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

Below is an open letter recently released by Rev. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, and received by many supporters of this work. In part it sets forth the growth of the college in numbers attending and service rendered. Past growth has taxed the present facilities to the absolute limit. Indicated future growth demands expansion of facilities now. It should challenge you to read the letter carefully.

June 14, 1952

Dear Friend:

Perhaps you have wondered why you

have not heard from us recently at Free Will Baptist Bible College. You are due an explanation. Frankly, the office work has increased so much until we have had little time for anything except routine matters. The purpose of this letter is to thank you for your loyal support and to bring you up to date on the program of the Bible College.

The past year was the greatest in the history of the institution. We had a forty per cent increase in students, who represent eighteen states and Cuba for a total of one hundred forty two of the finest young men and women that you could find. We absorbed this increase without any additional room with the exception of the new auditorium, which was built and paid for last year. Neither did we have any additions to the faculty. You can immediately see that this past year was our busiest year.

In the closing days of the school, I commended the student body and the faculty for their wonderful spirit of cooperation in helping make Free Will Baptist College the success it has been. I also want to commend you for your part in standing by faithful with your gifts and prayers. You have had a great part in the success of the institution.

During the past year we were privileged to have visit us some outstanding spiritual and educational leaders and have them appraise our college. In each instance they were highly pleased to find such a high type institution as we have here. We are humbly grateful to the Lord that they found a spiritual atmosphere on our campus which they said was above the average. The one thing we are interested in above anything else is to keep our college thoroughly Christian.

As of now we have about three times more applications than we have ever had at this season of the year. It looks as if next year will be our biggest year. On June 2 we contracted to buy a sixty-room apartment house immediately across the street from our present property. This more than doubles our floor space and will enable us to take care of many more students. Along with the apartment house is a 100x200 ft. lot in the same block with our present property. This new property is costing \$65,000. Earnest money of \$6,500 has been paid, which will apply on the purchase price. We

expect to raise a big portion of this money in the next ninety days at which time we have to pay the unpaid balance of \$59,500.

We hope that we do not have to borrow much money, maybe none at all. It all depends on the response of our people. We are asking you and all of our Free Will Baptist people to pray with us and work with us that as much of this money can be raised as possible.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

L. C. Johnson, President

CONVENTION KEYNOTER



Rev. J. R. Davidson, of New Bern, North Carolina, will deliver the keynote message to the National Convention Tuesday night, July 15.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

It is time now to plan to attend the State League Convention which will convene at Fredericktown, Missouri on Monday night and Tuesday, September 15 and 16. The convention will precede the setting of the State Association.

The program for the convention this year is being planned now and will be an inspirational program, with all business transactions being acted upon by the State League Board. If you are planning to attend the State Association why not come on Monday and enjoy the League Convention? We are counting on you to be present.

Benjamin R. Scott, Pres.

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Missouri	236.93
North Carolina	148.15
South Carolina	385.46
Oklahoma	119.23
Tennessee	96.00
Texas	5.50
West Virginia	272.25
W.N.A.C.	47.32
Total receipts for May	1,598.51
Grand total	\$5,492.13

Disbursements for May:

Jasper Church, Ala.	\$200.00
Rev. H. Hill, post., etc.	1.95
Eureka Mem'graph Co., mailing posters	6.50
Rev. J. Waltman, revival, Bell Garden, Cal.	50.00
Cushing Typewriter Co., adding machine	96.18
Total disbursements.	354.63
Balance June 1, 1952	\$5,137.50

Notice to all National Home Mission Board members and to all State Home Mission Directors, the Board will have a meeting all day July 15, 1952 at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Every member and every director is requested to be present for the meeting. It is important!

The April simultaneous revival effort resulted in a report of 82 revivals, 746 professions, 338 additions to the church, and 274 baptisms.

Rev. Harry E. Staires
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THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Missouri

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Gerald Getz for the monthly meeting. The meeting opened with prayer and singing, after which officers for the coming year were chosen. Officers elected were: First vice president, Mrs. Edith Brooks; second v.p., Mrs. Charles Moyer; third v.p., Mrs. Ida Wilfong; fourth v.p., Dorothy McCoy; fifth v.p., Mrs. Frank Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. Burcham; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Della Getz, and Bible study leader, Mrs. Hilderbrand.

Truly we do thank the Lord for our Auxiliary and what we have been able to do through His help. We had a wonderful fellowship in our service, and God did bless our hearts.

I must say a few words about our Vacation Bible School. We were so happy to have Mrs. Edwards with us in our school, and God was so real throughout the school. Everyone did their very best. We had an average of 68 in attendance. Our missionary offering was \$24.00 for the two weeks. Everyone working together, we had a wonderful fellowship and were all drawn closer to God and to one another. God is so wonderful. I am glad that I know Him and can trust Him.

Pray for us at the Fellowship Church. We want to be an humble people and do His will. God bless everyone is my prayer.

Mrs. Hilderbrand, Reporter

SPONSORS GIRLS TO ATTEND THE YOUTH CAMP

St. Louis, Missouri
June 28, 1952

Dear Sister Edwards:

The Woman's Auxiliary met in our last all day meeting during the summer month at the home of Sister Armada Cole, with 21 present. We were pleased to have our pastor Bro. Scott and Bro. Mark Lewis with us for this meeting.

Our president Sister Lee DeWitt led the devotional service giving several reasons why we should be much in prayer in these trying times followed in prayer by Bro. Scott and Sister Inez Meyers.

Bro. Lewis gave a very inspiring talk on "What part the Woman's Auxiliary have in the Church today." After which Sister DeWitt presented Bro. Lewis with a beautiful name friendship quilt made by the Auxiliary and former members of the church.

At noon Sister Cole served a delicious chicken dinner. After which we concluded our service with singing and prayer. Sister Gray our new member illustrated the "Life of Zacchaeus," with a flannel board.

The past year the Lord has blessed us more than we can ever thank Him for.

The two girls the Auxiliary sponsored to the Youth Camp last week found the Lord precious to their hearts along with the other girls who attended for which we are thankful.

The proceeds from our fish fry June 6 amounted to \$85.00 which we are using to purchase an electric water cooler for our church.

Pray for us that we may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord's work through the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Mary Reigh, Sec.

HAZEL CREEK W. A.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Union Free Will Baptist Church met with Dorothy Houston, Wednesday, June 4, with nine members, four visitors, and 11 children present.

Mazie Sevits, president, led the devotional by all singing, "Christ For the World We Sing." Scripture lesson by Ethel Thompson, and prayer by Dora Sponsler. Devotional comments by Lola Waggoner. Solo, "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus," by Agnes Smith.

A letter was read from Mrs. Wesley Calvery, and a committee appointed to see about a medical dictionary for the missionaries.

The lesson, "The hour is come for

our yearning youth," was studied with topics given by Mazie Sevits, Emma Van Laningham and Agnes Smith. Mary Filkins reviewed the playlet, "The Voice." An offering of \$2.00 was taken for the Co-Laborer Fund. Three hundred, sixty nine chapters read, 31 sick calls made, and 13 cards sent were reported.

Dismissed with prayer by Lola Waggoner.

—Lola Filkins

FELLOWSHIP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, pastor of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, was in charge of the Vacation Bible School held at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, which was in session June 2-13.

Assisting in the school were Mrs. Dean Moyer and Mrs. Edith Horton, Beginners, class project, wall plaques; Mrs. Marvin Milburn and Patsy Brooks, Primary, project, hanging baskets, doilies and purses; Mrs. Joe Burcham and Mrs. Weldon Polite, Junior Boys, project, coaster sets and book ends; Mrs. Eugene Brooks and Mrs. Wm. Turley, Junior Girls, project, transparent paintings; Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand, Intermediates, project, transparent paintings.

Serving committee: Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs. Joe Burcham; Craft Work, Mrs. Leeman Ragsdale; Secretary of Bible School, Mrs. Lloyd Burcham; assistants, Clell Pruitt, Mrs. Willard Lackey, Geraldine Sitzes and Eugene Burcham.

There was an average attendance of 67, and a missionary offering was taken each morning. Commencement was held Friday evening, with a program by the children, and a picnic was held for the entire school at Brewer's Park on Saturday.

Woman's Auxiliary activity is news! Send your Auxiliary news to your WA Editor regularly and early.

MY PRAYER LIFE

Eunice Edwards

"THE HOUR OF PRAYER"

*"Lord, what a change, within us one
short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to
make!"*

*What heavy burdens from our bosom
take;*

*What parched grounds refresh as with
a shower.*

*"We kneel—and all around us seems
to lower;*

*We rise—and all, the distant and the
near,*

*Stands forth in sunny outline brave
and clear;*

*We kneels how weak! we rises how
full of power!"*

*"Why therefore, should we do our-
selves this wrong,*

*Or others that we are not always
strong?"*

*That we are ever overborne with care;
That we should ever weak or heartless
be,*

*Anxious or troubled, whils with us in
prayer,*

*And joy, and strength, and courage
are with thee?"*

—Trench

Text, Acts 4:24-32

The two first essentials to becoming a Christian, or to living a Christian life are the Word of God and Prayer. By these two we are converted, for by the Word of God we are born again. "And whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Note that word "call". We must have a right proportion of each of these graces. If we read the Word and do not pray we only have a head full of knowledge; and if we pray and do not read the Word, we are ignorant of the will and mind of Christ; we are apt to become fanatical and unstable. We must pray daily. Boys and girls must pray as well as grown-up Christians too.

You could not live very long if you did not eat. You must have food to sustain your body. Just so, must you pray daily or you will not be a strong Christian very long. Going without food will weaken your physical body until you won't want to eat and you

cannot take food. Going without prayer will weaken your Christian experience until you won't want to pray and before you hardly realize what is happening, you cannot pray.

There are a number of reasons for God not answering our prayers, even after we have become Christians. First of all the Psalmist says in Psa. 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." In other words, if I heed iniquity in my heart, if I look on sin to desire it; then God will not listen when I pray. God is holy and pure and He will not look over sin in our hearts to answer the prayers on our lips. Our prayers must come from the sincere desire of our hearts. Not necessarily great, long, drawn out words, but the simple plea from a clean heart.

God has a number of laws we are to obey. Lack of obedience to His laws will bar His answering our prayers. Prov. 28:9, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." The dictionary tells us that abomination means: excessive hatred. If God hates our prayers He certainly will not grant our petitions. We must be certain we are obeying God's laws. You can know the laws of God by reading the Word.

There is yet another requirement to having our prayers answered; we must forgive all others who have wronged us in any way, whether the wrong was great or small. We must forgive, or our Heavenly Father will not forgive us and will not listen to our pleas. Mark 11:25, 26, "And when ye stand praying, forgive if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

I realize it isn't an easy thing to do at times, but it is absolutely essential to Gods answering our prayers. Then too, if you think it too hard to do, just remember God forgave you of your sins. Jesus was without sin in His whole life yet He died on Calvary to save you from your sins. And oh, the

joy of being in fellowship with Christ; but oh, the sorrow when we are out of His fellowship because we won't forgive someone who has wronged us. Now even if that playmate did take an unfair advantage of you and cheated in that game, forgive him so that when

you pray God can and will answer your prayers.

We must pray for such things as will be in accordance to God's will. John 9:31, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him he heareth."

Wrap a bottle of poison in some gaily colored paper and a little child will reach for it. The child does not realize that under that pretty covering is a deadly poison; that would take its very life.

Sin is usually covered over with a pretty covering. We do not realize all that is under that outside layer of beauty, the poisonous Satan underneath that would steal our Christian experiences, but God does see, so when we pray for it, He does not permit us to have it.

Let us stop here and think about a few things that Satan has fixed up real pretty with which to draw us away from God. One of these things is the movie. Satan uses all kinds of attractive advertising; he even allows some good moral shows to be shown, but the very people who portray the characters are ungodly and their lives are filled with sin.

Another thing is the "Sweet Shops" over our land today. They seem perfectly harmless on the outside, but inside, that is different. To be sure they sell only soft drinks, confections, etc., but in almost all of these places you will find the "juke-boxes," "pin-ball" machines, etc., to not only get every nickel you have but also to make you want to dance and to learn to gamble, and in turn leads to more sin. Music and fun are the heritage of youth, but be careful of the kind of fun you participate in.

So, if sometime you pray for the Lord to allow you to have more money and you think God doesn't hear your prayers, just remember, perhaps it is not God's will for you to have it. He knows, even better than we know ourselves, what is good for us. He knows exactly how this would affect our Christian experiences.

Let us look at Jas. 1:6, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering..." When we have been saved and our hearts are free of all known sin, and we can pray "thy will be done," we can ask God for anything and if we have faith, He will hear and answer our prayers. (See PRAYER, page 14.)

HAS THE DEVIL GOT A MORTGAGE ON YOU?

Well, now, did not our foreparents, Adam and Eve, do just that, so to speak—put a mortgage on our souls—when they transgressed God's law, though it was forbidden under penalty of death if they ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? Yes, God told Adam that in the day ye eat thereof, ye shall surely die. Now the Serpent was very subtle and persuaded the woman to eat. She wanted to be wise. The Serpent assured her, and said that ye shall not surely die, but they did die a spiritual death and were cast out of the Garden of Eden to work for a living. That spiritual death affected all their descendents down to the present time. Might we not liken it to a mortgage on the souls of men?

After we reach the age of accountability—old enough to know when we have done wrong—this so styled mortgage becomes due and payable on demand. Whenever the dear Lord permits death to overtake us, the Devil closes that mortgage if it is not signed by or with the blood of Jesus Christ.

Listen friend, suppose you have a fine farm, but there is a mortgage on it and it is due on demand. Would you be at ease about it or would you be doing all in your power to pay it off? Yes, you would try with all your might to pay it off. Sure, you might say, "I just must pay that mortgage. I can't afford to loose my farm. But I don't know how I can. It seems impossible." Then a man would say, "I will pay it for you and assure you that you will not loose your farm." Would you let him or would you say, "Oh, I can't trust you to do it?" No, too quick you would accept his offer. Still, dear friend, that mortgage the Devil has on your soul is due on demand and perhaps is even now many years over due, with only a merciful God standing as temporary surety while His ministers and others are telling you from God's own Holy Word that Christ, His own Son, died to redeem that mortgage of inbred sins, and all other sins, if you will only accept His atoning blood that was shed on the Cross of Calvary for you and all mankind. Will you accept this gift of love, or will you reject it and say, "I just can't trust Him," and drift on in sin until the dear Lord says to His Spirit, "It is

enough. Come away from him. He is joined to his idols." Then what? The Devil will close that mortgage on your soul and send you down to an awful hell for all eternity to suffer for non-payment of that mortgage. Why not let the dear Saviour, Jesus Christ, who died for you, cancel that mortgage now, sign it with His own precious blood and save you from that terrible place where we are told dwells the rich man who begged for one drop of water to cool his tongue, being tormented in flames. Refused his request, he begged that his brethren be warned not to come to where he was. This was also denied him. He had had a chance, and like many today, he waited too long. Don't do as he did.

There is a home for you in the beautiful heaven, and we sing about where there is joy and peace forevermore. Accept Him now while you have time and opportunity, then the Devil won't have a mortgage on you.

May the Lord bless the truth and pardon the error is the prayer of

Mrs. J. W. Wilkey,
Mammoth Springs, Arkansas

YOUTH TABERNACLE DEDICATED IN ILLINOIS

For years many Free Will Baptists of Illinois have seen a vision for the need of a Youth Camp in Illinois. On October 21, 1944, a group of our Sunday Schools met at the Bear Point Church and approved an organization known as "The Illinois Free Will Baptist Sunday School Alliance."

At our third meeting October 27, 1945, the announcement was made that ten acres had been purchased for a Youth Camp Ground. My, how we did thank God for this step that had been taken. (This ground is located one mile west of Benton, Illinois.)

July 30, 1951 marked the date we had all dreamed of and prayed for—The First Illinois F. W. B. Youth Camp began. Seventy young boys and girls registered for this first camp. Sixty-nine of these boys and girls went home Christians, 17 of which were converted in camp. God blessed in such a marvelous way that we were thoroughly convinced that God was pleased with this movement.

June 8, 1952, after much prayer, tilling, sacrificial giving and dreaming,

our Tabernacle and Youth Camp stood free of any debt. Therefore, on this great Lord's day our Tabernacle was dedicated to God for His services.

We trust that all Free Will Baptists will share with us in giving thanks to God for this great place.

This July 30-August 8 are the dates for our second Youth Camp. We extend a most cordial invitation to every Free Will Baptist to come and visit us during these days. Help us pray for this service.

Our plea to you is "Look unto the fields, surely they are white already unto harvest."

—Miss Reba Edwards
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

THE RICH YOUNG MAN

Went away without

C—hange of heart
H—ope of heaven
R—eceiving eternal life
I—niquity put away
S—elf-denial—self-surrender
T—rusting and receiving.

Many are doing likewise in this our day. Are you?

—Selected

THE BIBLE

Viewed merely as a human or literary production, the Bible is a marvelous Book, and without a rival. It uses all forms of literary composition, it rises to the highest heights and descends to the lowest depths of humanity; it measures all the states and conditions of life; it is acquainted with every grief and every woe; it touches every chord of sympathy; it contains the spiritual biography of every human heart.

It is as universal as the race, and reaches beyond the limits of time into the boundless regions of eternity. Of all the books in the world, the Bible is the only one of which we never tire, but which we admire and love more and more in proportion as we use it. Like the diamond, it casts its luster in every direction; like a torch, the more it is shaken the more it shines; like a healing herb, the harder it is pressed, the sweeter is its fragrance.

—Selected

LOVE OF WORK

Recently I heard over the radio an author of popular cook books. When this woman finished her talk, the announcer asked her to state what was the most important statement that she wished to make about cooking. She replied, "Cook with Love."

One of the greatest considerations in life is ones attitude toward work. It is necessary for most of us to work that we and our dependents may live.

We should be thankful for work. General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army said: "The hardest work of all work is the hunt for work."

Again we should be thankful that we live in an age when there are so many machines and helps to make work easier and more efficient.

The more we can get for work the better it pays us. I mean that work should bring us happiness as well as cash pay. The happiest people are those who work.

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To get the greatest happiness from work we should banish from our mind the idea that work is slavery.

One summer I was in a class of teachers in college. One day I heard one of the teachers tell a class mate that anything is better than slaving in a kitchen. The following winter I met this woman and she said, "Can you tell me some good books for a little boy? My little boy is convalescing from a severe sickness and I want to get some books that will interest him." I said, "Where is your husband?" She replied, "Oh, he is some place in the West." I thought if she would have had the right attitude toward house work the father of that little boy might have been with the child.

If one's work is to bring happiness we must feel that work is sacred and a blessing to others.

Jesus said, "I work and my father works." We know that Jesus worked as a carpenter.

To my mind one of the best scenes in the New Testament is given in the 21st chapter of the Gospel of John, which tells of Jesus preparing a breakfast on the sea shore for the poor tired fishermen.

In order that we may love our work we must find work to which we are adapted and work that appeals to us.

J. M. Doughty
Strafford, Mo.

PRACTICAL RELIGION

Dr. J. M. Buckley, well-known Methodist preacher, was asked one day to conduct an "experience" meeting at a Negro church in the South.

A woman arose and gave her testimony, her "experience."

"That's good sister!" approved Dr. Buckley. "Now, about the practical side. Does your religion make you a more considerate and loyal wife? Does it make you a better mother?"

Just then Dr. Buckley felt a yank at his coat tails by the Negro preacher, who whispered earnestly: "Press dem questions, doctor; press dem questions! That woman is my wife!"

—Selected



The Aldridge hotel, Shawnee, Oklahoma, is designated as Convention Headquarters. The convention office will be established there. The General Board will hold sessions there. The hotel is just two blocks from the Municipal Auditorium, meeting place of the convention.

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PRAYER (from page 11)

Phil. 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

*Oh, Lord of Lords and King of Kings,
I know not what the future brings!
Just now, it seems so dark and sad
Oh Lord, are "all" things really bad?
I am so hurt and want to cry
Somewhere I've failed, oh Lord, Why?
I know I'm weak and that I stray
Please do forgive me Lord I pray.
Please give me strength and courage too,*

*To do the things you'd have me do,
To say the things you'd have me say,
Please help me Lord each day by day;
The troubles here are hard to bear
Sometimes I feel I've had my share;
But then I think about my God
He made me from this earthly sod
Then put a soul down deep within
I made that soul so dark with sin
But Jesus bled upon the cross
To cleanse my soul—so I'm not lost!
He gave His life to set me free
So I must face what is to be
The trials here will soon be o'er
No troubles there on yonder shore
The sorrows here just make us pray
And beg our Lord for a happy day
So help me Lord, more brave to be,
I want to walk real close to thee,
So I can stand on judgement morn
And hear you say, "you are reborn!"
Now Lord I seem to hear your voice
Say, "Child, your future is your choice.
This earthly life is but a while
So bear your burdens with a smile,
I am the way, the truth, the light
Believe in me, there'll be no night."
Oh Lord, I'm glad you hear my prayers*

*When my heart's sore and in despair,
I lay my burdens at your feet*

Oh Mercy, Lord, is what I seek!

You know my heart and all it's woe

You know why I am troubled so,

So hover near and lead me through,

I pray the right thing I will do.

—Author Unknown

TOBACCO (from page 3)

to invest the same amount at six per cent compound interest, at the age of 65 he would have a bank account of \$25,000 assuring him an income of \$150.00 each month.

The reason most boys have lower grades than girls is because more boys than girls smoke. Statistics show that more girls than boys graduate from high school. This may not be the case much longer though because girls are now rapidly beginning to take up this filthy habit. Can you understand now why our nation is degenerating more and more each year, and that we are no longer listed as a Christian nation?

Fifty years ago if a company of intelligent men had been asked if they thought it any harm to drink alcohol moderately they would have answered no. Today if the same question were asked a similar group of men the answer would be yes. What is the reason for this opinion? The answer is that people of today know more about the effects of alcohol than they did fifty years ago. This would be true in the case of tobacco today, because people don't really know the effects of it, mostly because they don't want to. Fifty years from now people will have come into the light too late and tobacco will have a firmer grip on our nation, and we will have a much harder time breaking this hold.

Cigarette smoke contains nineteen different poisons; every one capable of producing deadly effects. "The Indians of our country," says The Journal of Health, "are well aware of its poisonous effects, and were accustomed to dipping their arrows in an oil obtained from the leaves of tobacco." Two chemicals under grave suspicion found in tobacco are benzo-pyrene and nicotine. Nicotine is the essential ingredient of tobacco. It is nicotine that makes tobacco tobacco and not just another weed. In pure form nicotine is a violent poison. One drop on a

rabbit's skin throws him into instant shock. The nicotine from a trifle more than two cigarettes inject into the blood stream would kill you almost instantly. Nicotine is a killer. In cigarettes smoked each year, are 23 million gallons of nicotine, enough to kill 1,000 times the population of the United States. About one fifth of the nicotine carried into the lungs is absorbed which makes almost five million gallons of nicotine drenching the lungs of people in America each year. The effect of a cigar is about the same as four or five cigarettes. A pipe is just a trifle more than the cigar. The hotter the burning surface is, the stronger the nicotine.

Dr. Murray relates the history of three children who were seized with vomiting, vertigo, and profuse perspiration, and died in twenty four hours with tremors and convulsions after having the head rubbed in liniment made from tobacco in hope of freeing them from scurf. Let us repeat once more, tobacco is a killer.

An old philosopher has said, "There is nothing great in the world but man; there is nothing great in man but the mind." Tobacco can and does destroy the mind. Dr. Stevens says, "It impairs the functions of the brain, clouds the understanding, and enfeebles the memory." Tobacco is injurious to every faculty of the mind, and is ruinous to the intellect. Dr. Murray says: "In the use of tobacco in any of its forms the following symptoms may arise: disturbed sleep, starting from early slumber with a sense of suffocation or feeling of alarm; incubus or nightmare, epileptic or convulsive fits; confusion or weakness of mental faculties; peevishness and irritability of temper, instability of purpose; seasons of great depression of spirits; long fits of unbroken melancholy and despondency; and in some cases entire and permanent mental derangement. "An eminent physician, for a long time superintendent of the insane asylum at North Hampton, Mass., says "Fully one-half the patients who have come to our asylum for treatment are victims of tobacco. "The New York World Fair some years ago, after an investigation, asserted that in nine cases out of 11, where insanity resulted from alcoholism, the primary cause was smoking. Some ten years ago the late Dr. Raymond Pearl of John Hopkins

studied the life span of 6,813 white American males. His carefully tabulated statistics tell us that if you take three hundred people at the age of thirty, one hundred of these non-smokers, one hundred light smokers, and one hundred heavy smokers; that of the one hundred non-smokers, sixty-six will reach the age of sixty; of the one hundred light smokers, sixty-one will reach the age of sixty; and of the one hundred heavy smokers, only forty-six will reach sixty.

Andrew Salter, in his book, *Conditioned Reflex Therapy*, makes the following computations based on Dr. Pearl's figures: "The heavy smoker pays with 34.6 minutes of his life for each cigarette he smokes. The pack-a-day smoker pays with 11.5 hours for each pack he smokes.

Tobacco being a poison has an injurious effect on every part of the body and thus aggravates and increases the severity of many diseases, and actually produces others, so that medicine and doctor bills have increased. Physicians hesitate to forbid their patients to use tobacco because it makes them unpopular. We find that people who smoke 140 per cent higher incidence of labored breathing after exertion, 167 per cent higher incidence of nose and throat irritation, and 300 per cent higher incidence of cough. They are 60 per cent more unsteady. Coaches say muscular power is lowered. Smoking will speed the pulse beat as much as 28 beats per minutes. It can cause the heart to stop and jump. It will raise the blood pressure. The higher your blood pressure normally is the higher smoking will make it go.

Ninety-five per cent of lung cancer patients smoke one pack of cigarettes or more each day. Dr. Alton Ochsner of The Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans says: "Twenty-five years ago I saw only one cancer of the lung in four years. In the last fifteen years I have seen thousands." Is this any wonder with 800,000 people of our nation joining the smoking ranks each year. Pipe smokers who get lip cancer get it in the place where the pipe rests. Chewers who develop cancer of the mouth develop it in the place where the tobacco is held.

Nicotine constricts the veins; alcohol dilates them. When a person smokes and drinks at the same time he is in effect prodding himself with a pitchfork to get a lift and beating

himself on the head with a club to offset it. The smoking of cigarettes restricts the blood vessels, especially those of the hands and feet. Often it completely closes those under the fingernails. When smoking the rate of blood flow in the hands decreases to less than one-half normal and stays this way about one hour. The temperature in the hands and feet also drop. It is found in buerger's diseases, caused by loss of circulation in the hands and feet, out of 2,400 cases 2,400 were smokers. One hundred cases were handled by Dr. Irving Wright in which three had to be amputated. These three were the only ones that would not obey the doctors orders to stop smoking.

Tobacco when chewed, will stop a tooth ache because the poison deadens the nerves. Doctors say that chewing tobacco makes the gums loose and spongy, and causes tooth decay. Tobacco chewers never have pretty teeth because of the filthy stain that will mar their beauty.

Snuff-using impairs the voice by obstructing the air. W. H. Griffiths, professor of music says, in his treatment on the human voices, "In every case of a singer being a habitual user of the weed, a dryness of the mucus membrane is noticed, much to the detriment of the voice. They effect the throat because of tobacco tar smeared over ones throat."

Cigarettes affect the stomach because they will still the pangs of hunger. Acid accumulations are caused and these provide excellent places for ulcers to start. Many ulcer clinics will not allow one to smoke.

All our oculists are of one opinion, that the greatest enemies of the eyes are the cigarettes. It causes some sort of a film to be over the eyes which may disappear at times.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey; his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6:16. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24. These scriptures show us that most people of our nation are not serving God because they are clinging to the filthy habit of tobacco. They have made tobacco their god. The poisons

of tobacco have taken hold upon the constant user of it, and has enslaved him to the habit by a constant craving he acquires for it.

About fifty years ago a man graduated from Andover College and went into the ministry. He had eloquence and personal magnetism before which nothing could stand and consequently went straight to the front. He soon was placed in an insane asylum, where the doctors said tobacco sent him. One day, after being there nearly twenty years and being allowed a quantity of tobacco each day, he had a sudden return of reason, and realized what was the matter. He threw his tobacco through the iron gate and said, "What brought me here? What keeps me here? Why am I here? Tobacco! Tobacco. Oh God! Help! Help! Help! I will never use is again." From that moment on he never used tobacco again. He was restored to his normal health and for ten years he successfully preached the gospel. This man had tried to serve two masters at the same time but found out that God's word was true; he quit serving tobacco and regained his health. If you think that the use of tobacco will not make you a slave to it and that it is not your god, then try quitting the habit and see what effect it has on you. The use of tobacco is a sin because it enslaves the will and puts one in a yoke of bondage to the lust of the flesh. The use of it will grow into such a habit until you cannot let it alone. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Rom. 6:13. If you are a slave of tobacco, you are doomed; if you serve God, you have eternal life.

Some make the excuse that they can't give up their pipe because it keeps them company. Others who live alone say tobacco is all the company they have. Some have been known to affirm that it was all the comfort they had in the world. Yes! and I'm afraid if they don't change and do some repenting that it will be all the comfort they will have in the world to come, too. Praise God, if we have Jesus Christ in our hearts we don't need any gods of this world for company. Jesus said if He went away that He would send a comforter and praise God He's living in my heart today.

—Selected (from Youth's Banner)

SENATOR TO SPEAK

The Honorable Mike Monroney, U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, will bring an address to the delegates attending the national association of Free Will Bap-



Senator Mike Monroney

tists at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Mr. Monroney will speak Wednesday night, July 16.

The senator will give an analysis of the current world situation as it relates to the Church, according to Rev. Damon C. Dodd, program committee chairman.

Mr. Monroney was elected to the senate in 1950 after establishing an enviable record as a member of the House of Representatives. In 1946 he received the first Collier's Award of distinguished congressional service ever given any House member.

Two recent pieces of legislation which he has introduced include a bill calling for construction of a prayer chapel in the Senate building and a "clean government" bill to take politics out of the tax collecting system.

PLEASE SAY, NO!

*I'm talking to you, young folks now,
Trying to tell you just how
When Satan comes to tempt you,
Say No! is what you do.*

*If someone offers you a drink
You'll say no, if you'll only think.
Then they'll tempt you, "Don't be a
poor sport."
But to God, that will be a good report.*

*That dirty old drunken bum
Had to take his first drink of rum.
Now society looks at him, and shakes
its head,
They won't give him a helping hand,
only wish him dead.*

*In the years to come, when you go to
sleep at night.*

*The price of sin is a broken heart,
please resist Satan with all your
might.*

*Say no! when they ask you to go to
some worldly place.*

*Remember, some day, with God you'll
be face to face.*

*Resist temptation, study God's Word,
Let the Holy Spirit be your sword.
Walk in the Spirit, have a clean heart,
Say No! to the sinful, from their ways
depart.*

*It's a shame to speak of things done
in secret.*

*Children, obey your parents in the
Lord, for this is right.*

*Christ died because of our sins, always
ask forgiveness of God above.*

*By faith you can have hope of a home
in heaven above.*

*Jesus' life was one of true virtue,
Because of what the future holds for
you.*

*At all times remember to pray,
Have courage, when tempted, to say
No! every day.*

James E. Bonucchi
West Frankfort, Ill.

FAMILY PRAYER

It was during the widespread revival in 1857, which swept over the country. A young married man had been awakened, and very happily converted, who lived in a fashionable quarter of New York City. He determined he would never be ashamed of his Lord, and said to himself, "Now, I must obey God and honor Him in my family. I must set up family worship." Composing the household was his fashionable young wife and a worldly-minded sister. The tempter immediately suggested, "Wait; don't be in a hurry; not tonight; you never prayed in you life. Wait and learn first." No, he must pray now. That night was the time.

He did not know what his wife would say, nor his sister, but his pur-

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pose was fixed. Going into the library he asked his wife if she would object to his reading the Bible and praying, having informed her he had been converted. With great politeness she said: "Certainly not, if it is your pleasure." He read, then knelt down to pray, while both his wife and sister sat upright looking on. He cried out in the earnestness of his soul, and soon the two hearts heretofore uninterested began to be moved. First, his young wife yielded, got down beside him, and put her arm about his neck, crying. Immediately the sister knelt on the other side, weeping. As he prayed the Lord came down, blessed both sister and wife, and there was a home made anew by the grace of God. And family prayer was ever afterward kept up in that home.

What if this young husband had never had the courage to take up family prayer, or had refused? Would such results have taken place?

—Selected

WHAT IS LIFE TO YOU?

To the preacher life's a sermon,
To the joker, it's a jest;
To the miser life is money,
To the loafer life is rest;
To the lawyer life's a trial;
To the poet life's a song;
To the doctor life's a patient
That needs treatment right along.
To the soldier life's a battle,
To the teacher life's a school.
Life's a good thing to the grafter,
It's a failure to the fool.
To the man upon the engine
Life's a long and heavy grade;
It's a gamble to the gambler,
To the merchant life is trade.
Life is but a long vacation
To the man who loves his work;
Life's an everlasting effort
To shun duty, to the shirk.
To the earnest Christian worker
Life's a story ever new;
Life is what we try to make it—
Brother, what is life to you?

—Selected