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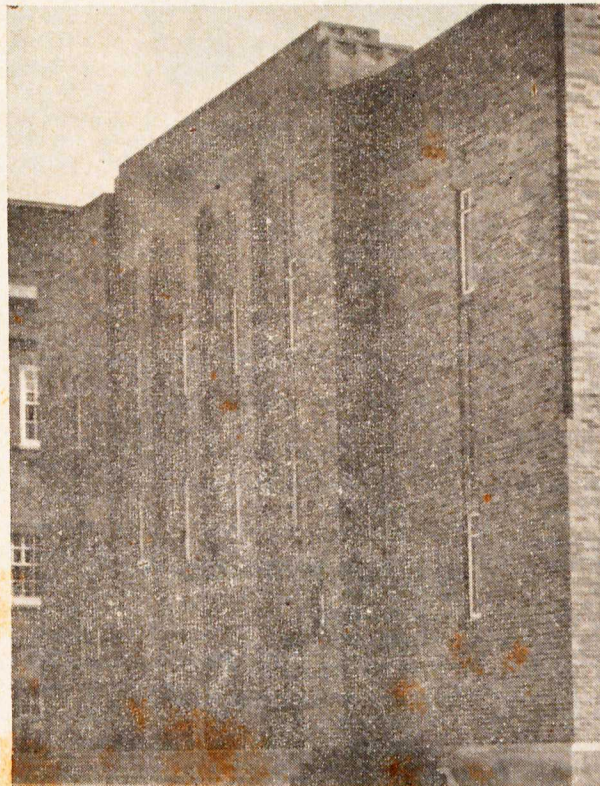
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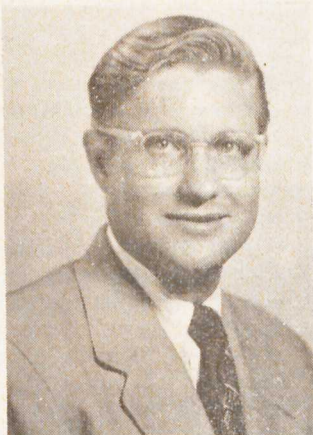
Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, pastor



# Mt. Vernon Welcomes You...

The National Association of Free Will Baptists and the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet in Mt. Vernon, a city of over 20,000 people in the heart of Southern Illinois, July 13-16, 1953. The site has been moved from Benton, Illinois, the place originally announced. The change was made because of better entertainment facilities and was asked for and approved by officials of the National Association. Free Will Baptists in and around Mt. Vernon and the officials of

and west. There are direct connections to St. Louis, Missouri (80 miles), to Evansville, Indiana (95 miles), Louisville, Kentucky (250 miles), Nashville, Tennessee (240 miles), and Chicago, Illinois (275 miles). Greyhound bus lines operate through the city from four directions, connections being made every few hours. Chartered passenger service to and from any place in the United States is available at the airport just one mile east of the city limits.



Rev. George W. Waggoner

the city are enthusiastically extending to all of you a hearty welcome. Preparations are coming along nicely. Our plans are to equal or outdo Shawnee, 1952 Convention site, in every phase of entertainment, hospitality and conveniences. And if you were there you will know that that is next to impossible.

Meetings will be held in the beautiful, spacious Mt. Vernon Township High School Auditorium, just five blocks from the downtown square. Among the rooming facilities available are four hotels, the largest with 131 guest rooms; eight tourist courts and motels; many private tourist rooms; and private homes for all who wish them. There are more than 25 cafes and restaurants, including four which are very large and exceptionally nice for a city of this size.

Highways from six directions lead into the city. Two railroads offer passenger service from north, east, south

Mt. Vernon is noted for vast resources and gracious hospitality. Its schools and churches are rated with those anywhere in the United States. This "King City of Little Egypt" received the honor of being one of the 11 All-American cities in the United States in 1952. This reward was given for outstanding achievements and progress. The city park has many picnic areas and a zoo with the largest collection of animals and birds in Illinois outside the Chicago area. Plans are underway for entertaining the children there a part of each day.

About 7,000 information folders will be mailed in the near future. Write for the folder if you don't get one, or for any other information. Address all mail to: Publicity Director, Rev. George W. Waggoner, 605 South 24th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

## WANTED AND NEEDED

It has been called to my attention that in the report to the National Association, the State of Missouri does not have a report of any personage property in the entire state. It is an error and one that should be corrected as soon as possible. The State Secretary is asking that we urge each local Association to send in the report to the state the number of personages and the value of them. This can be done by the local church secretary adding this item to their report to the local association, then the local association clerk sending the information on to the state association.

We do not want any undue praise

but want to have as correct a report as possible.

Cecil H. Campbell

## OUR MACEDONIAN CALL FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Perhaps some of you are not aware that June 15 is the new deadline for closing the books in the office of the treasurer of the National Foreign Missions Board. That means that any support that is to be counted on this year's quota must be in the office of Rev. Raymond Riggs in Michigan by June 15.

A review of Missouri's standing reveals that as of May 1, 1953 we were short \$1,789.50 of reaching our suggested quota of \$9,000.00 for the year. Of course some will have come into the treasury by the time you receive this communication, but not enough to meet our quota.

At last State Association, Missouri adopted a plan of giving called the Co-Operative Plan, designed to support all phases of the work equitably. The plan has met great favor among the churches of the state, and there is great possibility for its complete success. However, the combined receipts are considerably below what had been expected. Thus we have not met our quota for Foreign Missions.

Our State Treasurer, Sis. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri, will get your offerings to Bro. Riggs in time if she can receive them by June 10—that is just time enough for you to send in your offering to Sis. Hyatt.

Our Foreign Mission program has been a decided success this year, but it has been at considerable cost—both to the missionaries on the field, and also to the Board for necessary expense of operation. Our missionaries have not shrunk from their labors, though their sacrifice has been endless and great. It is therefore only reasonable that we do all that God would have us do in order to adequately support them on the field. I believe you will feel free to respond—at once, please—with a special offering for Foreign Missions, over and above your usual support through the Co-Operative Program.

Thank you for the support I am sure you will gladly and immediately give.

Rev. Rolla D. Smith  
Missouri Director



# Why We Should Not Accept the -- Revised Standard Version

*Mrs. Wilbia Sell - Route Four - Stockton, Missouri*

It's high time we as Christians awake from a spiritual sleep and rally to the Cause of Christ, standing firm and fast in the things of God.

The enemy is certainly busy, "But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way," Matt. 13:25. Is not the New Version of the Bible one of the big seeds sown by the enemy? Christian friends, let's pray harder than ever before and band together in every effort to stamp out this New Bible Version, that may lead our children and the coming generation astray.

I feel no condemnation whatsoever when I say that the ones responsible for its being issued have departed from the living God. In the Book of Revelation we find, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book," Rev. 22:18, 19. For adding to, or taking from God's word, God says He will take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city. Is not man bringing swift destruction upon himself by bringing in damnable heresies. Heresies are opinions or teachings that are contrary to the word of God. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon them-

selves swift destruction," II Peter 2:1.

The New Bible is the work of false teachers, even denying the virgin birth of Christ. God's word says they will bring upon themselves swift destruction. "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of," II Peter 2:2. The pernicious way is a very evil destructive way, both from a physical and a moral standpoint. Look at the millions of New Bibles being sold, as churches and preachers adopt this New Version. God says many will follow their pernicious ways and the truth is evil spoken of, as they have omitted the word "virgin" and substituted "a young woman." The word "virgin" means absolute purity. Of course the words "young woman" could also mean a woman of purity, but who is mere man to think he could change God's word. The King James Version was given to us by prophecy. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," II Peter 1:21. Do you believe that men led by the Holy Ghost would deny the Divine nature of Christ? No, a thousand times no. Men led of the Holy Ghost do not conflict with God's Holy Word.

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." II Peter 2:3. First of all let us notice the words "feigned" and "merchandise" of the above Scripture. The word feigned, meaning fictitious, a sham or not genuine, certainly applies to portions of the New Bible. Merchandise means

goods that are bought and sold by way of commerce. Has not the New Bible been bought on a large scale? Millions of copies were sold as people rushed out to buy as soon as they were off the press.

The New Version boosters are proclaiming that people need something easier to understand. When the Bible was written it was certainly inspired by God and He certainly knew just what man needed. We need to read and pray, and God will give the understanding. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

False teachers would do away with the true Bible, if they could, because God has said they won't endure sound doctrine. God's Word is sound doctrine, you know. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables." II Tim. 4:3, 4. Have not the writers of the New Version tried to do away with sound doctrine and turned away their ears from the truth, by turning the story of Christ into fables?

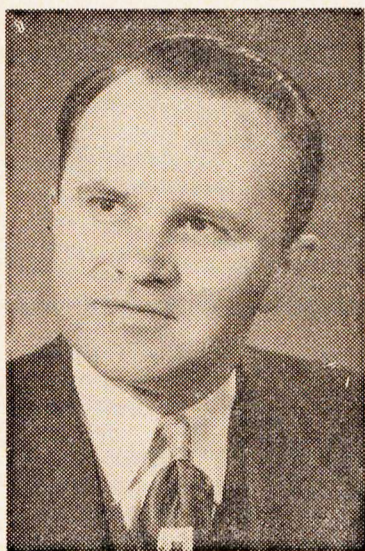
"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16, 17.

Even though the storm clouds dash high and there is sin and evil on every hand, we can be rooted and grounded in the faith and rest assured that God's promises are true. Man in his wickedness will try to destroy God's Word. Praise God for His precious promise that His Word will stand forever! "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35.



## CONVENTION IN CUBA

I have just returned from the mission field in Cuba where I attended the Annual Convention of Free Will Baptists and the graduation service of the school. It was a wonderful occasion and the Spirit of the Lord was manifest in every service. Our work in Cuba is being commended by all who see it. We had blessed fellowship with each of our missionaries, also the native pastors and teachers. Rev. Raul Fernandez, Executive Secretary of the Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches



attended our Convention and spoke very highly of our work. Also Mr. Wolfe Hansen, teacher of Bible at the "Cuba Bible Institute," operated by the "West Indies Mission" at Placetas, Cuba. Both of these fine Christian men spoke during the Convention and their testimony may be read in our papers.

It would be a wonderful thing if we could repeat what is being done in Cuba in every Latin American Country. Bro. Willey has an idea of sending an American Missionary with a Cuban worker to other Spanish speaking peoples with the "Wonderful words of life." Pray the Lord to direct and supply the men and the means.

Someone has said that one of the greatest unseen powers of our time is the power of patriotism. What is that something that inspires us when we see the flag of our country waving in the breeze or that causes a "hush" to come over the largest audience at the

sound of the National Anthem, and sends a thrill down your spine when we see our soldiers in uniform, marching as the band plays some patriotic number? Why is that our young men do not complain nor hesitate when they are asked to leave home and loved ones and go to yonder shores and fight to defend our land to keep us free?

You may call it what you will, but so long as we cultivate a healthy spirit of patriotism based on the facts of personal and religious freedom advocated by our forefathers, as taught by our Lord Jesus Christ, and free from the powers of tyranny, there is hope for the society in which we live. True democracy calls for personal liberty to all peoples. We rejoice with our brethren of all nations as they pay tribute to their leaders who have fought the battles of life in defence of freedom. Such was the occasion of the dedication of the Monument to Marti, as presented to The Seminary "Los Cedros Del Libana, by the graduating class of 1953.

The dedicatory message was presented by Rev. Raul Fernandez, Executive Secretary of the Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches, and will appear in this paper.

There are millions today bound by dictatorial powers and the chains of sin. Let us pray that the "Master Liberator" the Lord Jesus Christ, shall come into their hearts and set them "free indeed!"

Rev. Raymond Riggs  
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

## MARINE SERVICEMAN SAVED ON SHORT LEAVE AT HOME

Dear Brothers Lloyd and Cecil:

The Lord continues to bless here at Fellowship. On Sunday, April 6, Vernon Horton, who is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina with the U.S. Marines, was home on weekend leave. He attended our services that morning and manifest an interest in being saved. That afternoon about three o'clock I called on him by phone and asked him to meet me at the church. There he was gloriously saved. He had to leave at 6:00 p.m. in order to be in camp on time. He said he would like for everyone to know about his conversion and requested that I tell the

church that night. So the entire church rejoiced and asked God to guide and protect him as he journeyed back to North Carolina. Following are some excerpts from a letter I received the next week from Vernon.

"I'm writing to you tonight as a new man, and believe me I can sure feel it too. I feel as if I had just come out of a bad storm into a bright sunny day. I didn't know life could be so wonderful. I've just started to live now that I have found the Lord. It's sure a wonderful feeling not to be lost. I only wish I had found the light sooner, but I was too blinded by sin. It wasn't nearly as hard for me to leave home this time as it had been before. I knew I wasn't leaving alone. I now have Someone closer to me than any friend I've ever had. I'll never go without Him."

Yesterday morning a man and his wife, about 30 years of age, were saved in our services. We praise God for the salvation offered to all through Christ Jesus.

Rev. Rolla D. Smith

## REVIVAL IS A BLESSING AT MILL CREEK, MISSOURI

The revival which began April 19 and continued through May 1 brought many blessings to those who met with us during the services.

Our hearts were made to rejoice when two precious souls were born into the Kingdom of God. The people of the church were revived and we were certainly made to search our own hearts. The power of God was surely manifest during those days.

These were the blessings, but our hearts were also heavy to see those stand back night after night and say, "No, not tonight." Our prayers are for them and others that God will delay His coming until they say "yes" to the call and accept our Christ as theirs.

Yes, we have so many things to be thankful for, but there is still much work to be done. There are so many people around us who need God in their lives and it is our job to see that they get to know and love Him.

Remember us in your prayers.

Rev. Chas. Moyers, Evangelist  
Rev. Lester Ferguson, Pastor



## MY FIRST TWO WEEKS IN CUBA

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" are words that should be upon the lips of every Free Will Baptist when they think of the wonderful work that God has done through our missionaries in Cuba.

After having been here two weeks, I realize, more than ever, that our mission work is of the Lord. It is wonderful to know that so many people are having the Gospel through our missionaries and native workers. There are about 20 students in the Cuban Bible College and thirty-two workers already on the field. There are about 90 mission points where the students and graduates conduct services. It has been my privilege to visit two of these places.

My first Sunday in Cuba was full of excitement for me, but just regular routine for the older missionaries. Six of us traveled by jeep about 40 miles in the hot sun (the jeep did not have the top on) for a service in the afternoon. When we arrived we looked as if we had been rolled in dust and then cooked, but the people seemed glad to see us. I enjoyed the service very much, even though it was in Spanish. (I thank God for the universal language—music.) There were many there who were real born-again believers. Never shall I forget the native worker there, Virginia Esterez, who is a graduate of our Cuban Bible School. Soon after the service was over, Virginia was on her horse and off for another service. She does all of her visiting on horseback.

We visited in a Cuban home for awhile after the service, where we were served Cuban coffee, very strong and sweet but good. Then we were off again in the jeep. Thank the Lord for the jeep, but a new one is needed badly. I wondered at times if we were really on a road at all. The trip home proved just as exciting. The jeep did not want to run, the lights would not stay on, and we had a flat tire. Also, we had rain to help settle the dust on us. Finally we arrived at home, tired and dirty, but happy to be serving the Lord.

One of the great blessings of the work here is the bus. It is proving very useful for taking groups to hold



services. Last Saturday night a group of us went with Benito in the bus for a service. There was no temple building; the service was held in the front yard of a home. Temporary benches had been made and lanterns were used for light. Miss Yeley was there to play

the folding organ, one of the students led the singing and Benito brought the message.

The next day we were in the bus and off for a service in a little town on the Gulf coast. We had Sunday School in the afternoon and an evangelistic service that night. There must have been 150 people who heard Bro. Willey's message. We arrived home about 12:30 and again we were ready for some rest.

I have just completed my first two weeks in Cuba. I can truthfully say, "The Lord hath done great things for us as Free Will Baptists in Cuba, whereof I am glad." If every Free Will Baptist could be here and see what I have seen, never again would there be a shortage of finances for the cause of Foreign Missions. Pray for your missionaries here, for the students of the Cuban Bible College and for the workers in their various fields. Pray and give that the Lord's work in Cuba may continue.

/s/ Wesley Calvery

## CHURCH ON THE INCREASE

Greetings from Marble Hill Free Will Baptist Church:

First, we would like to report an increase in our Sunday school attendance, with an average of 34 for April. Also, offerings for the month were \$38.25, for which we are thankful unto the Lord.

Our good pastor, Rev. Chas. Mayers, has set a goal of 100 in attendance, and our prayers and aims are to reach this goal soon, so you brethren pray with us that we accomplish this for the cause of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At this time we are having a new roof put on our church building, for which our Lord receives the credit as He came to our aid when needed most. Thank God, He always supplies our need when we call upon Him in faith believing. There are only about five or six families attending our church regularly, so you can see we do need your prayers in our behalf.

We praise God that our little church here is marching to higher ground as a Free Will Baptist people, and our blessed Lord has promised to never leave us alone. In Psalm 23 He promises to be our Shepherd, leading us beside still waters and in paths of

righteousness. Oftentimes God's people stray from His paths and lose sight of their Shepherd in unwillingness to follow where He leads; then disaster comes upon them. We must be meek as the lamb and follow our Shepherd if we would enjoy His blessings.

Psalm 23:5 is certainly being realized as our spiritual table is always laden with manna from God's own hand. Our souls are being fed with the very best, and cups are running over with the wonderful blessings of our Lord. Our services are filled with the Spirit of God and souls shout and praise Him. Thank God for a people who are not ashamed to worship Him as the Spirit leads.

Again we thank Him for our good pastor and the family; they are a blessing to us here at Marble Hill.

We are now meeting each week for prayer service and are glad to say this service is growing. We are thankful for the Gospel Four quartet who are so faithful to help out in these prayer meetings. These are fine young men serving God through Gospel message in song.

We ask prayer for our church and special prayer for the family of Bro. Basil Smith. It seems there is so much sickness in his family. Sis Smith just



recently came home from the hospital and at this time their baby girl, age one, is in the hospital. Please join us in prayer in their behalf. Bro. Smith has carried the burden of our church so long and faithfully when there were none to help. Now he needs us, so let's not fail him. I know God answers prayer, and He said to pray for one another and to pray without ceasing. We are so few in number that I feel the need of calling upon our brethren and sisters throughout the Free Will Baptists to join hands with us in prayer in behalf of ourselves and the lost souls around Marble Hill and Lutesville. The stronger the prayer chain the greater the power, and prayer is the key to heaven. If we have faith of a mustard seed we could move mountains. Well, there are many mountains of lost souls and unconcerned so-called Christians here who need to be moved for the Cause of Christ. Our aim is to see how many can be moved or won for Him.

Madeline McFarland  
Corres. Secretary  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## REVIEWS SIXTEEN YEARS LABOR AND PRAISES GOD FOR PROGRESS REALIZED

Richwoods, Missouri  
May 14, 1953

Dear Co-Worker:

Greetings in Jesus' name. It has been a long time since I have written about the Lord's work in Richwoods. We are still on the job for the Lord, trying to tear down the stronghold of sin and Satan in this community.

We have just closed a two-weeks revival with Rev. Williams Reeves the evangelist. We didn't witness any conversions, but the church was revived and we all feel closer and stronger in the Lord. We know Bro. Reeves has sown good seed by preaching the gospel and there will be a reaping of precious souls in the near future.

Our Sunday school is doing good. Our average attendance is about 50 each quarter. Our church services are well attended each Sunday. Rev. Leslie Logsdon is our pastor. Rev. Logsdon and Sister Logsdon live in the community and are faithful to the cause of Christ. They are always willing to sacrifice to answer all calls for their

help to everyone who need it in any way. We thank God for sending them our way to help us in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The Ladies' Mission Society have been very faithful and have been working very hard to make money to re-seal our church.

As most of you older ones know, about 16 years ago the Lord called Bro. Ackerson and I here to work for Him. We and our two children were the only Free Will Baptist here. As Bro. Ackerson and I look back on these past 16 years and see how God has blessed our feeble efforts, it makes our hearts rejoice to overflowing. We thank God because He could use us and we thank Him for all who had any part in helping us to establish this work here. We give God all the glory and praise for everything. Praise His wonderful name. His blessings are too many to mention.

Still, there is so much to be done yet and such short time to do it in. There are still so many souls lost in darkness and despair, and they need the Saviour in their lives.

We need all the prayers of all of you for us and for our church.

I have been in very poor health for two years now. I desire the prayers of all that I will regain my health again.

Pray for us.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson

## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

Richton, Mississippi  
May 21, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

We would love to tell you of our revival, held at one of our missions, beginning May 10. At the close of the revival, on Friday night, May 15, we all met for service and to organize another new church. The meeting was in the home of Bro. R. C. Phillips. The church was organized with 12 members, two are candidates for baptism.

Names of the members are as follows: Bro. and Sis. R. C. Phillips, Bro. and Sis. Artis Malone, Bro. and Sis. C. D. Dunnun, Bro. and Sis. M. W. Mazingo, Bro. and Sis. Ramsy Braddock, Sis. Fannie Mills, Sis. Pollie Phillips.

The church clerk is Bro. C. D. Dunnun. The church treasurer is Bro. M. W. Mazingo. Deacons of the church are Bro. R. C. Phillips and Bro. Artis Malone. The building committee is Bro. R. C. Phillips, Bro. Artis Malone, Bro. C. D. Dunnun, Bro. M. W. Mazingo and Bro. Ramsy Braddock. Rev. J. T. Quick was elected pastor. The Sunday school was organized with Bro. Artis Malone as superintendent. The Bible class teacher is Bro. Lonnie Walley; the Junior class teacher is Sis. Rachel Walley; the Primary teacher will be Sis. Ida Dunnun, and the Card class teacher is Sis. Ruby Mazingo. Secretary-treasurer elected is Bro. Ramsy Braddock. An offering was received of \$4.71.

The name of the church is the County Line Free Will Baptist Church. We ask each one to pray for us as we work for the glory of God.

Yours in service,

Rev. J. T. Quick

## HEART-SEARCHING REVIVAL

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas is extremely happy to announce its recent revival held by Rev. C. B. Thompson, the church pastor. It is said by the oldest members to be the most soul stirring, heart warming revival the church has ever had. Visitors remarked that they hadn't heard such preaching since they were children. There were nine conversions and nine additions to the church during the two weeks. We cannot say that the revival is over though, because through Rev. Thompson, God has set the hearts of the people on fire and there are still souls being saved at almost every service.

Mrs. R. S. Guthrie

## WANTS A GOSPEL TENT

Dear Sirs:

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# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



## HAZEL-CREEK AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Northeast Missouri met Monday, May 11 with Dorothy Houston. There were six members, two visitors—Mrs. Grace Stafford and Mrs. Pearl Neff, two men and several children present.

The president directed the devotions with all singing "The Haven of Rest," followed by sentence prayers. The Scripture reading was from Psalm 119:16 and II Timothy 2:15.

Emma Van Laningham introduced the lesson, "The Light of Truth Shines on Education." Topics were given by Lizzie Filkins, Pearl Neff and Oletha Parsons. The reading chairman outlined the reading program.

Plans were made to finish a comforter to give to a family whose home was destroyed by fire.

A total of 839 Bible chapters, 28 calls and 15 cards were reported.

Dismissed with prayer by Dora Spenser.

## JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE

First F.W.B. Church  
Flat River, Missouri

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys and Gem Family:

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel..." The word 'mission' or 'missionary' should make saint and sinner stop and think as for eternity, Jesus being the first missionary. He was wonderful, kind and loving to the sick, the sin-sick, the poor and needy. These classes of people that Jesus was so interested in, too many times are not cared for or visited. Mission or auxiliary workers should be more like the Master, and not try to say when or where they should work.

Jesus went into the poorest and the humblest homes that could be found. How He watched for the home of the sin-sick. He was mocked and laughed about because He was determined to do the will of His heavenly Father.

In their last meeting the women of the church discussed the year book

study topic, "Christ, Our Teacher." The Scripture reading was Psalm 119:9-16, II Timothy 2:15. The introduction was by the program chairman. "The Bible, our text book," was given by Bessie Lincoln. "We are students," given by Edith Keeney. "Needed, trained workmen," given by Leila Taylor. A closing word from our pastor, Bro. John Rogers. He is a real man of God and preaches the old-time gospel way.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, sec'y.

## ILLINOIS AUXILIARIES INTO STATE CONVENTION

Women from both the Franklin and Freedom Auxiliary Conventions met April 16 at the Johnston City Church to organize a State Convention.

Services began at 10:00 o'clock with singing. The devotional was given by Miss Joyce McClerren. Rev. O. C. McClerren led in prayer. Welcome was given by Mrs. Altha Phelps. Response by Mrs. Eileen Hanna.

Mrs. Mae Williams took charge of the election of officers. Names of officers elected were: President, Mrs. Zola McClerren; 1st vice, Mrs. Emily Malone; 2nd vice, Mrs. Myrtle Jones; 3rd vice, Mrs. Floyd Hartley; 4th vice, Mrs. Mamie Edwards; 5th vice, Mrs. Eileen Hanna; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Talor; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Phipps; corresponding secretary, Miss Joyce McClerren.

After the election of officers Rev. Geraldine Lewis delivered a good message on the subject, "Purge ourself and be prepared in every good work."

Dinner was served in the church basement.

At 1:30 the meeting was called together with singing. A short business session was presided over by Mrs. Mae Williams. A solo was given by Rev. Claude Childers, and also one by his daughter Marybelle. The service was changed into a praise service, with Sis. Emily Malone in charge. Miss Betty Kinley gave two readings. A playlet was given by the Johnston City Church. The service closed with a song and prayer.

## MOTHERS DAY PROGRAM

Fellowship Auxiliary  
Flat River, Missouri

Greetings to our many friends everywhere:

Our Woman's Auxiliary met at the church April 30 for our all-day service. There were 16 members and five visitors present. The following program built around the Mothers Day theme, was rendered.

Song, "If I could Hear My Mother Pray Again." Prayer, Ida Wilfong. Song, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." Song, "A Song for Mother." Scripture, responsive reading Proverbs 31. Reading, "Mothers Day," Mildred Hilderbrand. Poem, "In Mother's Shoes," Edith Brooks. Prayer, Mrs. Hilderbrand. Introduction—"Mothers Day," Dorothy McCoy. "Love for Mother," Alberta Turley. Abraham Lincoln's Mother, Willa Mae Barker. "A Mother's Prayer," Marie Sherrill. "A Mother's Love," Ollie Smith. "Mother—A Teacher," Josie Johnson. Poem, "My Little Mother," Rena McCormack. Poem "To All Parents," Agnes Smith. Reading, "Held By His Hand," Della Gatz. Song, "Jesus Hold My Hand." Testimony service. Closing prayer. The afternoon was devoted to Bible study from Hebrews 12, led by Mildred Hilderbrand.

We had a lovely lunch at the noon hour, and a good fellowship. Then after the noon hour we all enjoyed our Bible study. Surely God is very good to us, and we do thank him from the depth of our hearts for the way he is blessing our church and leading us in His service.

We need your prayers that we will ever stay humble in His cause.

Mrs. Hilderbrand, cor. sec'y.

## ONE THING NEEDFUL

The severest condemnation which Louis XVI of France passed upon one of his chaplains was, "This preacher would have left nothing out of his sermon if he had happened to touch upon religion."



## OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA ORGANIZES NEW CHURCH

On February 20, the First Mission Association met in Bristow for their Quarterly Meeting. At the close of the meeting Rev. John H. West, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa; Rev. W. V. McPhail, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Cushing, and Rev. John B. Elliston of Bristow, were put on a committee to start a church in Okmulgee, a city of 20,000 and with no Free Will Baptist church.

On Monday, February 23, Rev. West, Rev. McPhail, Rev. Paul Pursell, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Bristow, and Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, pastor of the Turley Free Will Baptist Church, met in Okmulgee and rented a large business building located at 108 South Seminole Street for the purpose of starting a church.

Rev. John West and Rev. Paul Pursell held a two-weeks meeting, giving their time for the aim in organizing. On March 28, at the end of the revival, the church was organized with 13 members.

Rev. Harry E. Staires, pastor of the Lawnwood Church in Tulsa, and who is secretary-treasurer of the National Home Mission Board, had charge of the organization. Rev. W. H. Carter, retired minister of the First Mission Association, brought the organizational message.

We were very fortunate in having our brothers and sisters in Christ helping us so in the revival. Several ministers and their group took a night to have charge of the devotional period and provide special singing. This was truly a blessing to us and we want to thank each of them. Those having parts in the revival were: Rev. H. E. Staires, of Lawnwood in Tulsa, and his group; Rev. Paul Pursell and the Bristow group; Rev. John West and Tulsa First and a group of singers; Rev. W. V. McPhail and his group from Cushing; Rev. C. C. Hood and his people from the West Tulsa Church; Rev. Lonnie Hall from Liberty Church near Drumright; Rev. Dick Shade and his people from Blue Bell near Sapulpa; Rev. L. A. Yandell of the New Home Church in Tulsa and his group; Rev. W. E. Warner and his folk of Sapulpa First; Rev. Ed Wilson and his people of Henryetta; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Sulphur First, Rev.

Leonard Bean of Wetumpka, Rev. Tommie Roberts of Sapulpa, and Rev. W. H. Carter of Bristow.

Seven precious souls were saved in the revival. For the month of April we had an average of 23 in Sunday school. We now have 15 members.

Rev. John Elliston was elected as pastor, Mrs. Zola Phillips was elected secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Nimrod Riley was elected a deacon.

Our charter members are: Mrs. Elvin Penn and daughters Alveta and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Nimrod Riley, Mrs. George Brewer, Mrs. Kiefer, Mrs. Zola Phillips, Mr. Martin Miller, and Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston.

We praise the Lord for sending us a grand pianist, Miss Janice Roberson, who is a music teacher here in Okmulgee, and for a good song director, Mrs. Ralph Conway. The Lord also added two members to our church this month, one of which is making a wonderful Sunday school superintendent.

Pray for us that we will grow and shine for Christ.

Rev John Elliston  
502 West 15th  
Okmulgee, Okla.

## JAPAN NEEDS CHRIST

Tokyo, Japan  
May 5, 1953

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings to all of you from Japan, the Islands that needs the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ taught more. I'm glad to know that the Maker of all things is my Lord. There are many people that know Christ, but not as Lord. He's my Lord!

The other day as I walked out the gate here at the base, my attention was attracted to an old man. As I looked at his tanned, wrinkled face I saw that it was very sad. I then realized he didn't know Christ. This man was serving a dead god, just a person from the past. It's wonderful to know that we serve a living God, a God ready to help us at any time. In John 15:7, we read, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Budda couldn't do that for the sad looking old man I saw, but if he knew the love of my Christ, I know

that sad look would change to a peaceful look. *Japan needs Christ!*

The week end of April 26, I went to Onomura, about 250 miles north of Tokyo, to visit some missionaries. There I saw several Christian Japanese. They had a smile and a satisfied look on their face. They had something to live for after accepting Christ as Lord. One of the prayer request of the missionaries is to pray for a couple that is to be married in the near future. When a couple marries in Japan, the wife becomes the slave to the mother-in-law. The couple are both Christians, but the mother-in-law isn't, so pray for them. Another request is for the salvation of the parents of the young Christians. Many times the parents will do drastic things to their children if they accept Christ. *Japan needs Christ.*

This past weekend some friends and myself went to Kamikura. Kamikura is the place where the large statue of Budda is located. It is as large and as tall as a two story building. Its eyes are about three feet wide. People from everywhere come to worship the Budda. *Japan needs Christ.*

I just wish that I was here as a missionary instead of being here as an Airman. Being in the services keeps me from doing the things I would like to do. My hands are tied, so to speak. Pray that God will send Free Will Baptist missionaries to Japan. I would like to see a Free Will Baptist work started here in Japan. God is able to supply if we ask, but we as Free Will Baptists don't ask, I'm afraid.

"I believe if the Free Will Baptists would pray more and give more for Foreign Missions, God would call many to Japan as missionaries. So let us look on the fields, for truly they are white already to harvest.

I would like to hear from any of you and answer any of your questions, if I'm able, about the work in Japan.

A2/c Billy Sherrill  
AF 17319940  
6003rd B.F.S.  
A.P.O. 226, c/o P.M.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Prayerfully yours,

Billy Sherrill

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## From The Editor's Desk



### CAMP SESSION EXPECTED TO BE THE LARGEST YET

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Missouri Free Will Baptists are busy making last minute preparations for the Seventh Annual Session of the Youth Encampment to be held at the Camp Grounds near Niangua, Missouri from June 21 to 27. Much planning and has been done through the year in anticipation of the largest session to date. But as is always the case, not all things can be accomplished so far ahead and there are many things to be done at the last minute.

Work is being pushed on the new chapel, and it is hoped that it will be entirely completed by session time. If it is completed and arranged, an attempt will be made to conduct all classes at the camp site. Previous to now the D.V.B.S. children were taken to the nearby Niangua F.W.B. Church. This has always presented problems of transportation and coordination. Also, this department is rapidly growing and it is ever a greater problem to hold class away from the camp. Even the new chapel will be used to its maximum capacity to accommodate these children at the camp.

Several new cabins are nearing completion, and should all be ready for use by session time. Some of these still need to be equipped with beds, wash stands, etc. Other cabins need additional equipment. If you can supply these or any items that can be used at the camp, please contact Bro. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri. One lady recently gave a gas range which is a welcome and useful gift indeed. We have need of a good public address system this year. Perhaps you could loan us one. Canned foodstuffs are needed in large quantities.

The supervisory staff has been selected and are outlining the courses and activities of the session. A few changes have been necessary due to illness of some originally selected. Beside those who have been contacted, we will need additional help, both in the class room and in a supervisory capacity. You are urged to come and

be prepared to help us conduct the best session yet.

We are encouraged this year that there are several children from states around Missouri who are interested in attending this session. We wish to encourage them to come and be with us. We do not know of a single dollar that was ever spent at the youth camp with a selfish view of restricting it to the use of Missouri youth only. Rather we of Missouri are humbly grateful that the history of the camp merits this interest and we extend a hearty invitation to be with us.

For those who may wonder how the camp operates and how to enroll we quote in part from the program folder.

*Who may attend?*

Any young person who is eager to become a better servant for his Lord. Any boy or girl who likes to play and work will feel at home at the encampment.

*What will we do?*

A regular course in practical Christian work, with special attention to the Bible Plan of Salvation, will be offered for students of 11 years and up. A D.V.B.S. will be conducted for those under 11 years of age. Much time will be spent in singing gospel choruses and hymns. Devotional periods and worship services will supplement regular class periods. Evangelistic services will be conducted each night and the Youth Choir will furnish the music.

*Will it all be study?*

No. Thirty minutes each morning and three hours each afternoon will be spent in supervised play.

*How much will it cost?*

One dollar per day plus one dollar registration fee which includes insurance to protect the applicant.

*What do I need to bring?*

Your toilet articles such as soap, tooth brush, towels, etc., a pillow, bed sheets and blankets, some old clothes

for play, a notebook and pencil for study work, and your Bible.

*When should I get there?*

Sunday, June 21 if you desire. Someone will be at the camp to care for you. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday. You should be there earlier than class time to be enrolled.

*How shall I enroll?*

It is advisable that you secure an application blank from Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Missouri fill it out and send it back to him with your \$1.00 registration fee so that he will have it before June 21. However you may wait until arrival at the camp and register then if you prefer.

*Statement of the Board—*

Parents may feel that proper care will be given all children who come to the camp. They will have strict supervision, good housing, and medical care if necessary. Any child who becomes ill or should need the care of his parents will be rushed to his home immediately.

Where possible we discourage the use of public conveyance to come to the camp. We like for the parents or the pastor to come with them. Thus they will know that the children have arrived safely, will be able to see the place where the children will be for the next few days, and will be able to carry a personal report back to the church from where the children come. Those coming from toward Springfield, follow Highway 66 to Marshfield, then the old Highway 66 (now a county highway) to Niangua Junction, then Webster County Highway M one mile east of Niangua to the Camp Site. Those coming from toward Lebanon may get on the old Highway 66 south of Conway and follow it to Niangua Junction, then to the camp as above. In the event you do elect to come by bus, try to schedule your terminal at Niangua Junction. If unable to do this, come to Marshfield, Missouri. Notify Bro. Reeves ahead of arrival if possible so he can have transportation waiting. Otherwise call him at Niangua and he will send transportation for you.

See you at the Youth Camp!



# New Week-Day Broadcast On Powerful Radio Station

Choice Time, Long Used by Another Popular Radio Preacher,  
Now Offered to Free Will Baptists of This Area; Will Be A  
Home Missionary Broadcast, Supporting the Work Everywhere

Just as we were "going to press" with the current issue of the Gem, we received communication that agreement had been reached whereby a Free Will Baptist Program will be initiated on June 15 over powerful Radio Station K.W.T.O. of Springfield, Missouri, and will be heard thereafter at 5:45 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Of course we are very happy to "hold the presses" in order to make the announcement.

Rev. Willard Day, D.D., will be the speaker on this program. Bro. Day is an experienced and successful radio speaker. Many of the readers from this four-state area have met Bro. Day, or have become acquainted with him through his radio ministry or through his column "Thought for the Week."



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Box 421  
Mountain Grove, Missouri

This is a "Home Missionary Broadcast," and will be designed to serve every phase of the work. It will be the responsibility of all to listen to, pray for, and support the program. Send your offerings and your announcements to Bro. Day at the above address. Indeed, it would be well to provide a nice sum to already be on hand for the expense of the broadcast, June 15, and regular support thereafter.

## BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

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## THE LEAGUE MONTHLY

The National League Board is undertaking a worthy work in interest of the Free Will Baptist League work. Each month there is being printed a Free Will Baptist monthly, a very interesting little news medium which, while it is still in its infancy, is filling a need in League work.

It now goes to about 170 subscribers in 14 states. It would be worth while for every League in every state to be a subscriber to it.

Information concerning this paper can be had by writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. C. F. Bowen, 518 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Bro. Ed Hobbs, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Odessa, conducted a revival for the First Church in Midland in April, which was a great success. Many souls found their way to the Lord, and there were several additions to the church.

Bro. Hobbs is a very forceful young minister. Although he is young in years and also in the ministry, he has the power of God that our old pioneer ministers had, the kind that causes sinners to see their guilt before God and want to turn to the Lord.

Pray for our church,  
Mrs. Giola M. Onley, reporter

## REBELS —

We can offer no greater opposition to God than to rebel against His will and refuse to be governed by His Word or led by His Spirit.



# THE YOUTH SECTION

## BIBLE QUIZ—Who Said ...

1. "Give me the portion of goods that falleth me." —
2. "Give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist." —
3. "Give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem," and then poured it on the ground? —
4. "Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled." —
5. "Give me understanding, and I shall keep the law." —
6. "Give me to drink (to a woman)." —
7. "Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost." —
8. "Give me a little book. And he said unto me, take it, and eat it." —
9. "My son, give me thine heart." —
10. "Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day."

a Caleb; b John; c Solomon; d Simon the Sorcerer; e David; f Jacob; g The Prodigal Son; h Daughter of Herodias (Salome); i David; j Jesus.

## BOTTLE SPIN

Let the group sit in a circle. The one who is IT spins a milk bottle and asks a Bible question at the same time. The person to whom the bottle points must answer the question correctly before the one who is IT counts ten. If he is able to answer the question, he is IT and spins the bottle the next time. If he fails to answer the question, he must sit inside the circle. There he remains until he is able to answer a question before the one in the circle is able to do so. When a person inside the circle answers a question, he exchanges places with the person who missed the question.

## DROP THE QUESTION

This is played like the familiar game "Drop the Handkerchief," but in this case a question written on a slip of paper is dropped with the handkerchief. The person who is standing in

front of the handkerchief must answer the question before the one who has dropped it completes his trip around the circle. If the question is not answered by that time, or if it is answered incorrectly, the player who has failed to answer the question must go into the center of the circle. He remains inside until he is able to answer a question that a player has failed to answer correctly.

If you wish, each question may be asked orally before the handkerchief is dropped. The player who answers a question correctly becomes the next one to drop the handkerchief.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ...

About the ten plagues of Egypt? Underline the correct answers, then check with the answers.

1. The water of the rivers were turned into (wine - blood - oil).
2. The land of Egypt was covered with (turtles - crocodiles - frogs).
3. The dust of the land became (fleas - lice - ladybugs).
4. The houses were filled with swarms of (mosquitoes - gnats - flies).
5. The Lord sent a murrin, which was a disease upon all of the (firstborn - women - animals).
6. All of the Egyptians broke out with (rash - hives - boils).
7. To destroy the cattle and crops, God sent from heaven (fire and brimstone - fire and hail - fire and dust).
8. The face of the earth was covered with (crickets - locusts - grasshoppers).
9. For three days there was over the land, thick (fog - darkness - smoke).
10. The final plague was the death of (the king - the magician - the firstborn).

## BROAD JUMP

This contest may be on an individual basis or by teams. A starting place is marked on the floor, and each time a person answers a Bible question correctly, the marker is moved forward one foot. For each miss the marker is

moved back one foot. The team or individual who "jumps" the greatest distance is the champion.

## HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

How do you spend your time, brother? Are you seeking the wealth of this earth?

Huge farms, and homesteads and more acres,

Then boasting how much you are worth?

Tho' in your name is the deed and the title,

And you've spent millions this land to possess,

You still have nothing to glory of, brother,

It isn't yours, you'll have to confess.

Come now, let us reason together, Turn to verse one of Psalm twenty-four:

The earth is the Lord's, He doth tell us And then let us hear Him some more—"Every beast of the forest is mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills," Saith He in verse ten of Psalm fifty. He even owns the rocks and the rills. Turn to Haggai two, and verse eight—He holds all the wealth in His hand, The silver and gold are all His, All the treasurers of our beautiful land.

How do you spend your time, brother? Seeking pleasures this world offers you?

Do you just eat, drink and make merry Laugh and jesting all your days thru? Tho' this seems to you the right path-way,

With never a worry, sorrow or fret, I have some news to tell you, my brother,

For you have a lot to learn yet.

Turn to First John, verse fifteen, Read in the Bible what God has to say, Love not the world, nor the things therein,

For these things shall soon pass away. He that loves pleasure shall be a poor man,

In Proverbs twenty-one, seventeen, it is said.

And they that liveth in pleasure,



As in His Word, are spiritually dead.  
You'll find more pleasure in serving  
God

Than in anything else here below;  
And thus, you are laying up treasures  
Which eternally in heaven shall glow.

Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam  
Greentop, Missouri

## DID YOU GET THE ANSWERS?

*Answers to Quiz "What Do You Know?"*  
1. blood; 2. frogs; 3. lice; 4. flies; 5. animals; 6. boils; 7. fire and hail; 8. grasshoppers; 9. darkness; 10. first-born.

*Answers to Bible Quiz, "Who Said—"*  
1. (g) The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:12; 2. (h) Daughter of Herodias (Salome) Mark 6:25; 3. (e) David II Samuel 23:15; 4. (f) Jacob, Gen. 29:21; 5. (i) David, Psalm 119:34; 6. (j) Jesus in John 4:7; 7. (d) Simon the Sorcerer, Acts 8:19; 8. (b) John, Rev. 10:9; 9. (c) Solomon, Proverbs 23:26; 10. (a) Caleb, Josh. 14:12.

## CENTER ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA MEETS

The Center Association of Free Will Baptist met with the church in Calway, California, May 14-16, 1953. All seven churches were represented. Rev. O. H. Doss, moderator, presided with Rev. Lester Davis as his assistant. Sis. Gladys Massingale was clerk-treasurer, with Sis. Joan Hupp as her assistant.

Service opened with singing, "Lord, Build Me A Cabin," "I'm A Millionaire," and "I Just Steal Away and Pray," directed by Bro. Rush. Welcome by Rev. O. H. Doss. United prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Waltman, after which the congregation sang, "Glory for Me," and "Come Thou Fount." Prayer by Rev. Bill Johnson. Two very beautiful hymns, "I Am His and He is Mine," and "God Put A Rainbow In the Clouds," by the Miller quartet. "When the Ransomed Reach Home," and "Everything Has Been Made Right," by the Reynolds quartet from Kerman, California.

The introductory speaker was Rev. Winston Lawless from Selma, using for his text, Hebrews 12:1; subject,

"Lay aside our besetting sin." A wonderful message. The service adjourned with prayer by Rev. Arthur Yandell, to meet the following morning.

On Friday morning, the association opened its second day by singing, "He Keeps Me Singing," and "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord in Thee," directed by Rev. Lloyd Talley, with Sis. Harold Talley at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Earl Jansen. Welcome by host pastor, Rev. Lester Davis, with the response by Rev. P. E. Lambert. Scripture lesson, the book of Philemon, by Rev. A. E. Woolery. Reading the letters and seating the delegates, with an old-time handshake while singing, "I'll Live in Glory." Prayer by Rev. G. M. Condley. Rev. Burl True was the Friday morning speaker, reading Gal. 2:20; subject, "Crucified with Christ." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. E. Bridges.

The evening service was opened with singing, "I'll Fly Away," and "Lord, Build Me A Cabin," directed by Rev. Henry Scroggins, with Sis. Talley at the piano. Scripture reading, Hebrews 12:1-6 by Rev. Robert Groves. The business session was very interesting and spiritual all way through. Rev. Herman Hupp delivered a wonderful message on "What is sin?" Rev. Winston Lawless gave a very interesting talk on "How we can improve our Sunday school." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. G. B. Ramsey.

Friday night service opened with singing, "Wonderful Words of Life," "Death Will Never Knock at Heaven's Door," Jesus, Hold My Hand," "Victory in Jesus," and "I'm A Millionaire," directed by Bro. Tommy Montgomery, with Sis. June Rollen at the piano. A united prayer by Rev. P. E. Lambert. Two beautiful hymns, "Looking for A City," and "Go Down to the Jordan," were sung by the Kerman quartet. Duet, "It's An Unfriendly World," by Sis. Margie Winters and Sis. Ella Mae Hupp. Solo, "My God is Real," by Bro. Tommy Montgomery. "I'll Meet You in the Morning," by the Kerman quartet. Devotional service led by Rev. Lennie McAlister, "I Can Tell You the Time," by the Calway ladies quartet. Prayer by Rev. Ray Morris. Rev. Earl Jensen was the Friday night speaker; Scripture, Eph. 1:15; I Tim. 2:5; subject, "The way to God." The altar song was, "He Reaches the Shadows." A handshake song, "I'll Live On." Dismissed by Rev. Smithy.

Saturday morning, May 16, services opened with singing, "The Old Ship of Zion," and "Sweet Bye and Bye," directed by Sis. Margie Winters. Prayer by Earl McCullum. Scripture reading, II Tim. 1:1-8, by Bro. Little. Congregation sang, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," and "No Disappointment in Heaven." Prayer by Rev. J. E. Bridges. Memorial message by Rev. O. H. Doss; Scripture, I Thess. 4:13-18; II Cor. 2:1. This indeed was a wonderful message. Dismissed by Bro. Martin.

Euna Ramsey, reporter  
1404 Tucker Street  
Selma, California

## CAN HOLD FEW REVIVALS

2609 Richland Avenue  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Hello. How are you? O.K. I hope. Even though I may now be classified as a Tennessean, I'm still concerned about the Gem. I've been trying to promote some interest in my church about the Gem. I hope that in the very near future I can send in some subs.

I was wondering if my church, being in Tennessee, would qualify to have their Sunday school average published, or does that just include the Free Will Baptists of Missouri? (Please send us your average attendance, and all other church news of interest. Ed.)

Our church has been growing and at present we are adding a few more Sunday school class rooms. They are badly needed. In the near future I'm going to write a brief history of our church and send it along with our cut. I'd be glad if you publish it.

It won't be long until school is out for the summer months. Several of the churches have questioned me about revival meetings, and I will be available for a few. As I am pastoring I won't be able to accept too many. But if you have space you might say something about it.

My wife and I will be in Missouri on the 26th of April. I am to preach at the Mountain Grove church on that date in the absence of Bro. Willard Day. It will be good to get our feet back on Missouri terrain.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Roger C. Reeds



## IN THE DEFENSE OF GOD AND OUR COUNTRY



**Clifford Alvin Reed**

Corporal Clifford Alvin Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reed, was born September 20, 1929, at Flat River, Missouri. He died Saturday, April 11, 1953 in Germany, where he was with the U. S. Army occupational forces.

He was converted early in life and became a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, later transferring his membership to the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis. He was a member of that church at the time of his death.

He joined the U.S. Army in October 1950 and has spent the past two years in Germany. He was performing his duty with the armed forces when he was accidentally killed.

Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Billy, of the home and eight sisters: Mrs. Fred Since, Flat River; Mrs. Jack Devine, Amarillo, Texas; Mrs. Marvin Swearingen, Arcadia, Missouri; Mrs. Meredith Stephens, Flat River; Mrs. Leslie Jones, St. Louis; Mrs. Earnest Chamberlin, St. Louis; Mrs. Don Hawkins, St. Louis; Mrs. Thomas Ferguson, St. Louis. One sister, Melba, preceded him in death in 1942. Another sister died in infancy. Besides his immediate family he will be sadly missed by a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Corporal Reed were conducted at the Fellowship Free

Will Baptist Church of Flat River on May 8 by Rev. Ben Scott, assisted by Rev. Rolla Smith. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, with graveside services by the V.F.W. of Flat River.

## TWO NEW MINISTERS FROM TEXAS CHURCH

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas is very proud of its two young men who have answered the call to the ministry. We were privileged to have Kenneth Eagleton visit us from college and deliver a heart-stirring message last month. Kenneth entered the Free Will Baptist Bible College in January.

Lewis Bernecker is a young man who has more recently answered the call. He preached his first sermon April 26 to a full house. There were two conversions and four rededications. Bro. Bernecker has a wife and two small children, Sherry Ann, five, and Valerie Linn, two. He plans to enter training for the ministry at an early date.

Both young men are very promising Free Will Baptist ministers and we request that each of you join us in prayer for them.

Mrs. R. S. Guthrie

## LOUISIANA CHURCHES MEET

Mer Rouge, Louisiana  
May 1, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

The Free Will Baptists of Louisiana enjoyed a wonderful day April 26 at the Corlin Ferry Church near Lake Providence, singing praises unto the Lord and feasting on the gospel.

The Daugett quartet of Arkansas was a blessing to us in song, and we hope to have them with us again.

Rev. J. E. White, our pastor, stirred our hearts to overflowing with a message on the kingdom; reading from Dan. 2:44; Heb. 12:28 and Col. 1:13. Praise the Lord, I wish Bro. White had used an hour instead of thirty minutes.

We spread an old fashioned dinner at the noon hour. The taking up of the fragments made me think of the twelve baskets-full.

We are sorry that Rev. J. T. Quick,

of Mississippi, couldn't be with us. We were looking forward to meeting him, and hope that he can be with us at a later date.

On May 14, the Free Will Baptist of Louisiana will meet with the Sardis Church near Oak Grove, Louisiana for the purpose of a Quarterly Meeting for the four Free Will Baptist churches of Louisiana: Corlin Ferry, Olive Dale, Mounds and Sardis. Pray for us that God will be with us and bless us in the up-building of His cause in Louisiana.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Following are Sunday School average attendances for April:

Monett .....	90
Berkeley .....	152
South Side (St. Louis) .....	148
Happy Hill (Laclede Co.) .....	39
Third St. Louis .....	112
Wolf Creek .....	43
Fredericktown .....	192
Jones Chapel .....	45
Fellowship (Flat River) .....	156
Black Oak .....	27
Pocahontas, Arkansas .....	166
Fourth St. Louis .....	38
Cabool .....	46
Marble Hill .....	34

## REVIVAL CRUSADE

This is a special invitation to ministers and Christian workers to attend Revival Crusade, sponsored by the F.W.B. Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. The speaker will be Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. There will be two services daily, June 7-14, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan.

Arrangements have been made to provide for free lodging for out-of-state guests (with the exception of meals). If you plan to attend, please notify Rev. William Mishler, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee at the above church address.

Rev. William Mishler



## SWIFT PREPARATION IS NECESSARY FOR CAMP SESSION

The time is rapidly approaching for the 1953 session of the Missouri State Youth Encampment. We are looking forward to the largest enrollment in the history of the camp.

This year we plan to have all classes, including the vacation Bible School, on the Youth Camp ground. Heretofore the Niangua Church has been used to accomodate the Vacation Bible School. A new 40 x 60 tabernacle makes it possible for all the groups to have their classes on the camp ground. In addition to the new tabernacle five new cabins are under construction: the Berkeley church is building two, the Mountain Grove Church one, the Third Church of St. Louis one, and the local association one. Those having cabins that are not supplied with mattresses should supply them if at all possible. Bro. Reeves has stated that he doesn't believe any straw will be available for bedding this year.

Another need at the camp is new plates. Bro. Reeves can buy some plastic plates for \$3.12 per dozen. If several churches would buy a dozen each, this need could easily be met. If you desire to help in this way, send your money to Bro. Reeves, earmarked for this purpose.

A good number of our churches are supporting the Youth Camp regularly through the State Co-Operative Plan. Many, however, are not, and we urge you to send a special offering to help defray the expense of this year's session. Of course those who give regularly are not exempt from sending a special offering, but we especially urge those churches who do not. Also we sincerely ask that all will pray very earnestly for the success of the encampment this year.

See program for dates and information.

Rolla D. Smith

## REV. MARK M. LEWIS IN ILLINOIS REVIVAL

May 20, 1953

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Editor:

From Ina Free Will Baptist Church, Ina, Illinois.

Our revival was a wonderful success. We had Rev. Mark M. Lewis of

Hazel Park, Michigan, as our evangelist. We had 10 precious souls find the Lord, and the church was set afire for God. The prayer meeting shows just how much good a revival does. We thank the Lord for men like Bro. Lewis.

Our church is sure growing. We have added a new oil furnace, a 48-inch exhaust fan, and repainted the church inside, and have ordered the paint for the outside. We are praising the Lord for it all. We have about 140 in Sunday school each Sunday. Bro. Carl V. Williams is our pastor. He also has been called for the coming year.

Remember us in your prayers that we may all be better soul winners for our Lord.

Robert Laur, Clerk

## HANNA'S ACCOUNT IN RED

Due to unexpected and unforeseen transportation costs in shipping missionary equipment of Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna to India, their account with the Foreign Mission Board is \$655.30 in arrears.

All of their bills have been paid from the general fund but we are in dire need of the money being replaced. Do something "extra" now for the Hanna Fund. It will certainly be appreciated.

Send all contributions to your state treasurer, or to Board of Foreign Missions, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,  
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

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## A NEW PASTOR SOON FOR ST. LOUIS CHURCH

South Side Church  
3124 Mt. Pleasant

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a line to say St. Louis has just completed an outstanding revival with the Billy Graham team, with many souls being saved. I'm sure it has helped the Christians as well as the sinners. One Saturday night was young peoples night, and over 1,000

young people dedicated their lives to Christ.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill and family, from Elizabethton, Tennessee, were home to officiate at the wedding of Freida Headrick and Albert Britton on May 15. Both are wonderful Christian people. Best of luck and a happy married life to them.

About the first week of June, Rev. James Franklin will be at South Side. We are looking forward to his coming.

Remember all of us in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Loy Smith, supply pastor  
Olive M. Reeds, cor. secretary

## AROUND AND ABOUT

By L. E. C.

I want to say "Amen" to all that has been said about the new Bible and more, to say what we need is for the people to have a change of heart, get the dust off of the Bible and read it more. Enclosed is two dollars for my sub.

—Tony Davis, Missouri

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I am sending one dollar and fifty cents for my Gem renewal. May God bless the office staff.

—Mrs. Viola Farmer, Missouri

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I am sorry I let my subscription expire. I can't tell how many years I have taken it. I am getting old and really enjoy the paper very much.

—Mrs. M. L. Mangham, Okla.

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Thanks very much for the renewal for you and your mother, and for the offering to the work, Ralph and Iva Hartfield of California.

L.E.C.

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Our revival meeting and the D.V.B.S. are to be conducted together at the Merl's Chapel Church, with Rev. Bill Hill as evangelist, beginning June 8.

—Rev. O. T. Allred, Pastor

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Sunday morning church services are being broadcast from the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett each Sunday from eleven to twelve o'clock, 990 on your dial.

—Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, Pastor



# MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1953

## MISSIONS FUND

Rock Chapel .....	\$ 98.35
Old Bethel .....	30.68
New Harmony Sunday School ..	81.97
Pleasant Ridge .....	11.53
First Flat River .....	140.02
Golden Oak .....	17.55
Twin Oak .....	7.00
Carterville .....	8.33
Monett .....	5.45
Jewell .....	18.00
Macedonia .....	33.94
Mims. A. L. DeWeese, Easton ..	6.00
Green Grove .....	14.35
Amity .....	12.00
Mission Association	
By Kenneth Turner .....	125.00
Total .....	\$610.17

## FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Aulsbury Chapel .....	\$ 36.64
Independence .....	25.46
Black Oak .....	21.99
James C. Pyle, Lockwood .....	5.00
Niangua Woman's Auxiliary ...	5.00
Fellowship .....	124.10
Wolf Creek .....	15.00
Southwest Missouri .....	314.53
St. Louis 3rd (M. Hanna) ....	105.00
Union Light Sunday School ..	54.10
Verdella .....	114.40
Copper Mines Sunday School ..	16.52
Hartville .....	18.95
Fredericktown .....	134.20
Berkeley (Estonio Garcia) ....	40.00
Jones Chapel .....	10.00
A/3c & Mrs. Kenneth Popejoy,	
Niangua .....	15.00
New Harmony Auxiliary .....	2.76
Desloge Mission .....	7.50
Mrs. Sherman Harper, Greenfield	5.00
Monett (Cuban) .....	30.00
Mrms. Dee York, Rantole, Ill...	27.00
Lowground .....	8.35
Total .....	\$1,136.50

## STATE COOPERATIVE FUND

First Flat River .....	\$196.65
Mine LaMotte .....	60.33
Merl's Chapel .....	64.40
Carterville .....	27.30
Hazel Creek Union .....	124.37
Wagoner .....	50.74
Hickory Grove .....	61.74
Leadington .....	88.53
Richwoods .....	21.18
Fellowship .....	305.94

Myrtle .....	28.96
Black Oak .....	2.00
Southside .....	135.00
St. Louis 3rd .....	63.69
Fredericktown .....	192.53
Sublette .....	35.65
Verdella .....	34.26
Mountain Valley .....	29.00
Hannon .....	34.90
Mt. Pisgah .....	14.00
Number 1 Church .....	26.68
Shibley's Point .....	51.45
Golden Gate .....	77.89
Mrms. A. T. Lawson, Brashear	10.00
Mountain Grove .....	20.00
Desloge .....	49.11
Golden Oak .....	8.00
Salem .....	13.00
Oak Grove .....	8.00
Copper Mines .....	26.13
Central Western Missouri Fifth	
Sunday Meeting .....	27.00
Total .....	\$1,888.43

## TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Primary Department, Hazel	
Creek Union Sunday School ..	\$12.64
Copper Mines League .....	10.00
Total .....	\$22.64

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS FUND

Monett .....	\$4.91
MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS	
Monett .....	\$4.89

## SUPERANNUATION FUND

Black Oak .....	\$3.00
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## CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Green Grove Mission .....	\$ 4.60
Monett Woman's Auxiliary ....	12.75
Total .....	\$17.35

## YOUTH CAMP FUND

First Flat River .....	\$25.00
Hickory Grove .....	25.00
Union Light .....	25.00
Jones' Chapel .....	10.00
Total .....	\$85.00

Grand total of all receipts for  
Quarter period .....

By Marie Hyatt,  
Clerk-Treasurer

Editor's Note: The Quarterly Report for the last quarter of 1952 as appeared in the February, 1953 issue of the Gem lists \$19.26 by Mrs. Edith Whitworth, Novinger, Missouri for foreign missions. Sis. Whitworth wishes to correct this as being from the Lowground Church.

# REPORTS FINE REVIVAL AT ASHLEY CHURCH

April 30, 1953

We have had a fine revival meeting here in southern Wright County, Missouri. It was held at the Ashley Free Will Baptist Church, beginning on Easter Sunday night and continuing three weeks, closing Saturday night, April 25.

The preaching was done by Eld. Dale Jones and the regular pastor, Eld. O. L. Allen. The attendance and interest was very inspiring, the building crowded to capacity many nights. What a rich harvest was granted us: twenty-four making the good confession. About two-thirds were new converts and the rest came to renew their allegiance to the Lord. Besides this, the uplift in the hearts of the Christians who took part in making preparation for, and in the carrying out of this effort to win sinners to repentance, is beyond our power to estimate.

Members of neighboring churches helped by their presence and also by assisting in the singing, so that the choir service was quite impressive. Several special songs were given, too, by individuals and by groups, adding greatly to the spiritual atmosphere.

Ashley church is about 3½ miles northeast of Mansfield and about 3 miles from Macomb, on the Frisco railroad.

Last fall, starting October 5, Bro. Allen, Bro. Jones, and Eld. Claude Smith conducted a very good tent meeting near Macomb, which we think helped to prepare the ground for the success of this meeting. The weather was unfavorable part of the time and forced them to close the meeting sooner than they wished, as it got too cold to ask people to come to the tent. However, attendance was good throughout and results were gratifying. They are planning on holding another tent meeting sometime in June.

The interest manifested in the meeting just closed held to the last. In fact, the largest crowd of all came on the last night. As both preachers had duties imperatively calling them elsewhere, they had to say good-bye.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell

God deserves more than the skimmed milk from the cream of your earnings.