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PARABLE OF A PINE

A small evergreen tree grew near a mighty oak. Each spring viewed the oak passing through a two-week revival. All summer long the mighty oak flourished in the warm sunshine and gentle breezes. But soon the mighty oak became a victim of circumstances, the leaves changed color, dried up, and soon fell to the ground. The oak was barren during the trying months of winter. It waited for another revival.

The evergreen flourished during the revival period also, but retained its gains throughout the year. Circumstances were the same, but unlike the mighty oak, it retained its fresh and green appearance.

Some men are like the mighty oak, others are constant like the small evergreen. Some get their religion only during periods of revival and soon lose their freshness by continual testimony.

My prayer is: "Lord, may I live a big life in my little place." Most people live, die, and are buried by their troubles, but occasionally one finds a humble selfless soul who lives, loves, serves, dies and is remembered above his troubles. With you, is it buried or lived?

JUST FOR FUN

Reporter: "What is the professor's research work?"

Professor's Housekeeper: "It consists principally of hunting for his spectacles."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
Fredricktown	151	174	166	186	165			
Mt. Pisgah	41	42	48	56	52	50	52	51
Coppermines	93	101	104	105	107			
Fellowship, Flat River	200	199	192	204	198	184	192	178
Leadington	116	117	118		158	135	128	
Desloge		101	102		97	95		
Farmington	55	58	62	60	57	60	63	70
Fourth St. Louis	61	57	65		73	63	56	
Old Bethel	23	23	22					
Berkeley City	190	180	178	204	139	154	146	
Richwoods	65	65	65	67	70	67	61	71
Neosho	45	45	45	45	45	39		
Mtn. Grove	196	215	215	311	232	231		
Joplin				84	75			
Kirkville	90	114	93	116	116	115	102	
Grant Ave., Springfield					52	49	57	
Hazel Creek	57		51		45	51	52	
Cuba	32	30			55	45	49	
Bethel, West Plains	33	37						
Twin Oak	49	59	57	70	68	44	54	55

Please send us your average, too.

Baptismal Testimony of Two Converts

Following is the testimony of the first two people to be baptized in our work in Hokkaido, Japan. We have been working here for only nine months and are very thankful to the Lord for these two who are following Him in baptism. However, both of them had been interested in Christianity and made a study of Christianity before we came. So actually, we are reaping where someone else planted. Let me tell you a little about these men and also give you their baptismal service testimony. In translating their testimonies, as much as possible I have used their Japanese way of expressing their feelings; which makes it sound a little strange in some places. The baptismal service was held on June 30 in the Abashiri River near where it enters Abashiri Lake. It was a most beautiful setting for a baptismal service. It was the first time anyone had ever been baptized by immersion in this area so the event was well covered in the newspapers with a newspaper photographer attending the service. Actually we feared that it might be too cold for the service but that day was the first warm day that we have had this year. We are thankful that the Lord provided us with nice weather. It is difficult to practice immersion here because it is so cold. We plan to have another baptismal service in August.

Tetsuji Sato—Mr. Sato is 19 years old and is at the present time in school in Tokyo. While in Tokyo he is attending the meeting that we started while we were in language school. He is a fine young man and seems eager to serve the Lord. He is quite unusual in the fact that he is six feet tall; very rare among Japanese. This summer he is helping us in our evangelistic work here in Hokkaido. His college days are to be great days of temptation for him in the wicked city of Tokyo. Please pray for him that he will remain true to the Lord. The following is his testimony:

"I am the person that I am now through Jesus Christ in whom I believe firmly. I am living daily in the Lord. Since I believed in Jesus Christ I have had many joys, both great and small. My joy is in Him and His Word. I must continually give thanks to the Lord for everything. The fact that I can receive baptism is one of the greatest events of my life and will always be a memorial day to me. I don't remember exactly but I believe it was when I was in the second grade that I first stepped in-

side a church. But I'm sure I didn't understand who the Lord was then. I'm sure I was attracted to the church by the interesting stories and the pretty cards that they gave each of us. I attended that church for about four years. I am not sure but I think it was a catholic church. By the time I was in the 6th grade I had been taught about the Lord and began to believe in Him. I'm sure it was quite impossible for a sixth grader to understand all the teachings but I enjoyed attending church. Of course there was always the joy of receiving cards that drew me. When I entered Junior High School I stopped going to church; but I didn't forget the Lord Jesus. I was just too bashful to go to church. Of course I realize that my faith was too weak. It was when I was in Junior High School that I began thinking earnestly about the Lord. At this time I lived in the town of Iwamisawa. There I began going to the Presbyterian Church and of course there were many things that I did not understand but they gradually became clear to me. Now I have come to the place where I can believe the whole Bible. My daily life is in the Lord and in His strength I am going forward. In June 1956, when I was a senior in High School, I moved to Abashiri. In September I began going to the Free Will Baptist Church that was started by Rev. Wesley Calvery. Before Rev. Calvery came to Abashiri I had gone to the Abashiri Episcopal Church. After I began going to the Baptist Church my faith was greatly strengthened and I realized that without faith I could not be saved. I have very little power but I realize that as much as possible I should be a witness for Christ. I made my public decision for Christ in December 1956 at the Free Will Baptist Church. I made my decision to serve the Lord the rest of my life. I plan to serve the Lord with joy day by day. I earnestly believe in the truth of the Lord and that He is surely coming again."

Daniel Kimura—Mr. Kimura is 39 years old and is at present working as my full-time helper in our missionary work. He is invaluable because of his ability and wide experiences. He is an ardent student of the word and is continually growing in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Mr. Kimura has spent about three years in the prison here in Abashiri. It was while he was in prison that he was converted to Christianity and was truly born again. After getting out of prison he came to our church and expressed his desire to worship with us regularly. From that day forward

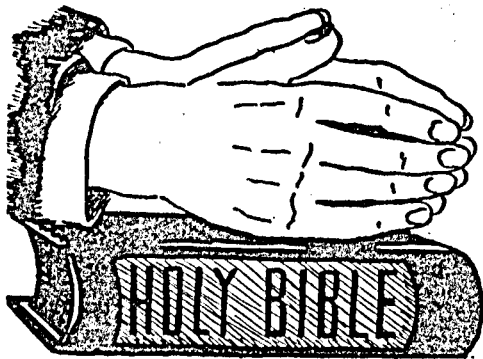
he has never failed to stop by on his way home from work and ask if there was some way he could help us. He has helped us in so many ways that I can not begin to mention them all. He felt that the Lord was leading him to give his full time to Him for service. After much prayer we decided to use him as a helper. That was several months ago. He has proven so useful that it seems we could not do without him. He is an ex-prisoner of Abashiri Prison but he is now a prisoner of the Lord Jesus. His life is a living witness of how God can make a sinful man into a new creature. It gives me great joy to be able to baptize such a truly converted man. Please pray for Daniel Kimura as he works for us day by day in spreading the gospel here in Japan. He has begun preaching simple sermons recently and is doing a wonderful job. The following is his testimony.

"At the close of the tragic World War II, on August 5, 1945, I could not decide my attitude toward society and life. I simply permitted myself to be carried along with the thinking of the people of that era. Several years before, with a great love in my heart for my country I dedicated my young life to my country. I went to an army school and prepared myself for service in the army. As you know, our training here was a one-sided thing. That is, we young people were living with a desire to give our lives for our country. For that purpose we were sent to the front lines. We went from North China to Singapore in the south fighting. In that way I gave my body and my life to Japan, my country. However, even though we gave all, the result was that we lost the war. We were very disturbed over the fact that we had to surrender "Unconditionally". It was the first time that Japan had suffered such a defeat. At the time I heard the news I was in an army camp in Mie Prefecture, Japan.

At this time, with only the qualifications of a soldier, I was suddenly thrown into the storm of life. We found ourselves living in a new age in the history of Japan. With the help of a friend I was to get a job working in a prison, but because of my military background I was refused. From that time on I began to live a carefree life, not caring what became of myself. My artist father provided me with finances sufficient but made no effort to teach me things religious. My experiences in the war was surely the spur that drove me away from God. Even though I was away from God I had a desire to

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The Family Altar



WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN HOME SHOULD HAVE A FAMILY ALTAR

1. Because it will send you forth to the daily task with cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God.
2. Because it will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected adversities and sometimes the blighted hopes that may fall to your lot.
3. Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you.
4. Because it will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.
5. Because it will resolve all the misunderstanding and relieve all the friction that sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life.
6. Because it will hold as nothing else the boys and girls when they have gone out from beneath the parental roof and so determine very largely the eternal salvation of your children.
7. Because it will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guests within the home.
8. Because it will enforce as nothing else can do the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew and stimulate the life of your church in its every activity.
9. Because it will furnish an example to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God.
10. Because the Word of God requires it and in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the Giver of all good and the source of all blessing.

Well done is better than well said.
—Benjamin Franklin

"Praise Ye The Lord"

Wilba Sell
Stockton, Mo.

The Psalmist David said, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." (Psalm 150:6) "Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O My Soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being" (Psalm 146:1-2) "I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee" (Psalm 138:1). Truly I wish to praise my Lord with my whole heart. Recently God has been so near to me. He is real, I can feel Him in my heart. I feel led to write at this time of some of the wonderful things God has done for me. First of all, after a severe affliction of over three years, the Lord has wonderfully delivered me from my infirmities. I can testify to the world that the God I serve still heals to-day.

After God so lovingly lifted my afflictions, I was asked to help conduct a two weeks Bible School. Thanking God for the leadership of His spirit, which was present from the first day of the Bible School unto the last day. The first week of the Bible School was in all truth a revival. The Holy Spirit took over in such a way, that on some days there was scarcely time for classes. The third morning of the services, conviction gripped the hearts of the unsaved and as I gave the altar call, three young girls made their way to the altar and kneeling there they poured out their hearts to God in repentance with Godly sorrow. The spirit was so free and strong that saints of God cried, prayed and shouted the victory as three girls came through to a glorious salvation. The girls left for their homes that morning with the heavenly light of heart felt salvation on their faces and the joy bells ringing in their souls. The fourth morning as I again gave the altar call, one young girl came forward with tears of repentance streaming down her face. She kneeled down and there poured out her heart to God. She prayed through to a wonderful experience with the Lord. After God saved her, she carried at the altar, pouring her heart out to the Lord for unsaved friends.

The four souls that were saved during the Bible School was well worth all efforts of spending ten days in the services of God. I truly believe that the healing that God gave my body was for His glory. In other words that I might have physical strength to carry on during the Bible School. It seems to me that God only heals us to work for his glory. I surely

thank God for an enrollment of thirty-nine children with an average daily attendance of thirty. Again I say, "Praise Ye The Lord".

I want to praise God for saving my soul, for covering my sins by His blood. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, which sin is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1). God is blessing us with a growing Sunday School. The last few weeks we have seen our Sunday attendance rise from eighteen to twenty to near the forty mark. People every where today are hungry for the real things of God. But there are so many false prophets, false forms of religions, and shallow services that the world is spiritually starving to death. Because of spiritual malnutrition people are joining this and that, signing cards, putting their names on church books and even taking water baptism as a means of soul satisfaction. How sad that people are so mixed up. Only a born again experience will ever satisfy. Only salvation will ever plant our feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. Jesus is the satisfying portion. We need God called, spirit filled, men and women who are not afraid to proclaim the trusts of God's word. So many things are accepted as a substitute for salvation, but will not get us home to Heaven. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!" (Proverbs 14:12).

WHO WANTS A BIGGER RAT?

Once a professor announced that he had discovered a boom food. If fed to a rat, he said, the food would cause it to grow as big as a lion. But who wants a rat the size of a lion? A rat is bad enough the size it is. It carries disease; it destroys food, and it is vicious.

We have been trying to grow bigger men. We have educated them, improved their environment, given them leisure, added to their comforts, and done many things for their benefit. But their nature needs to be changed. To educate a rat-natured man only makes a more dangerous and undesirable citizen. Men must be changed into the likeness of Christ. Then they will change the world into a Christian order.

Christ is the light for our darkness. When He gets into the life of a man, that man becomes a new creature. When the changed man gets into the life of the world, the world becomes a changed place, one governed by the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ.

—C. H. Stauffacher

Does God Call a Woman to Preach?

Mrs. Roena Thomas

(Continued from Last Month)

But honestly, I did not see how there would ever be any place for me to preach. I felt that perhaps some people might come to hear me once through curiosity, but that would be about all. My faith was very weak in what God could do in helping open up a field of labor for me.

And yet, while God was revealing to me so many things I needed to know, I was given a desire to go preach to the different churches that I knew had not had a pastor for sometime. There were only a few members left at each place, and at one place, even the doors were off the hinges, and the house in bad condition.

Right here, let me say, that in less than twelve months, after I accepted my call I was chosen to pastor all three churches. And as one Boy preacher told me a year or so later, that right there, I had begun to carry some kindling to start afire in those churches again.

In time, God sent us evangelists for revivals and many souls were saved, and the churches were revived again. Two ministers came later from one of these churches, and are still very active Free Will Baptist preachers who have meant much to our association. They are Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys and Sister Lowell Martin. I don't mean to boast, only in the Lord, but I was so happy to feel that I could even be a kindling carrier for the Lord.

This all began back in 1931. Since then I have tried to fulfill my duties as God opened up a way for me. I've been busy and happy and had a full life, with my family of five children, besides my gospel ministry. But He had a field of labour, a place that he could use me, and He called me, even though I was a woman!

Have I been wrong? What do you think? Some, perhaps many, may tell you I have been in the wrong, but, if so, why did God deal with me as He did? For it was definitely not my choosing. I know it was God. I am sure He called me, and I know He also calls other women, whom He can use. So I would give a word of sincere warning to anyone who would discourage or hinder any young woman, who feels that God has called her. Be very careful, or you may find some day that you have been unconsciously fighting against God. "There is a way which

seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The apostle Paul thought he was right in persecuting the Christians in his day, but God showed him he was very wrong. I trust these words I have written, may help many, honest, sincere persons who may have the idea that no woman has a right to preach the gospel, to stop and think and do some praying about this in these last days we are living in.

I was licensed to preach the gospel by the Central Western Missouri Association in 1932 and ordained to the ministry in 1933. I would have had to preach God's word even if I had not been recognized by our Association and given my credentials. But it has been a great help to me to have the backing and recommendation of our group of churches behind me in my service for the Lord. So many will say we can let the woman do everything else in the church but never should we consent to let them preach, or be ordained to the ministry. It is all right for them to teach Sunday School classes, conduct Daily Vacation Bible School, be called of God to carry the gospel to the heathen in the capacity of Missionaries anything, but to be ordained to the ministry and sent out to carry the gospel here at home. Why are we so inconsistent? Some question us about it all by reminding us of the scripture in I Timothy 2:11-15. "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in child bearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." However, if we take this literally, how can a woman have any place whatsoever in the church and its work? Yet some will feel perfectly happy for the woman to fill all the responsible places and carry on the Lord's work in every way and yet when a woman says she is called to preach God's word a great many question it and some even dare to say "No, absolutely, no!" to ordaining, or even licensing a woman to preach.

What is ordination and licensing after all? To me it means dedicating or setting apart by the church for the work to which God has called the individual. But it is God who does the calling. The church does not call anyone to preach. Why then would any one church board refuse to ordain or recommend one whom God Himself would call? And who is any one to

say whom God would or should call. These things are very serious to me. We are treading on dangerous ground when we dare to lift our hand against God's anointed. I Chr. 16:22 and Psalms 105:15. And I want to tell you right here, that when I accepted the call of God and preached my first sermon, He gave me the text too. God poured out his Holy Spirit upon me in such a way that I could hardly stand the blessing and the anointing of the Spirit. It was so wonderful! Four weeks I was so filled with the Spirit of God and carried away that I could hardly eat any food. My husband would say to me, "You must eat or you will get sick". But I had bread that he knew not of, I was not hungry. This was a period of real fasting before God for me. Oh how marvelous! How He blessed me, and gave me the inspiration unto His Holy word. How I love to tell others in the pulpit or out, "I have good news". The gospel is good news and I wanted to tell it. After all Jesus had said "Go ye, and preach the gospel to every creature." I found I was so happy in doing the very thing I had dreaded and feared, and failed to do for thirteen years. Think what these thirteen years of my early life could have meant to the Lord, if I could have answered His call in early life and could have been encouraged instead of being taught that no woman should preach the gospel. Many souls would have been won to Him during those years, if I had not failed Him. When I did answer, I was handicapped in many ways and could not be my best for Him but He was gracious to me.

He gave me grace and physical strength to take care of my family of five children and the husband besides pastoring churches and being a full time minister for over fifteen years in our Central Western Association of Missouri. My husband stood by me and encouraged me in every way and stayed by the children when I had to be away. The children were glad their mother was and still is a preacher, I think.

I have seen my family all saved and be consecrated workers for the Lord. One daughter, Marie, is also a minister and one of the first graduates of our Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tenn. She was Clerk-Treasurer of the Missouri State Association for a number of years.

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The greatest victories of prayer are not accomplished when we are strong, but when we are weak. It is then that our insufficiency causes us to realize that we are under-girded by God.

From the Editor's Desk

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The forty-fourth annual session of the Missouri State Association was royally entertained by the Monett Church and the sister churches of the Indian Creek Association. A word of appreciation is due also to all the Churches over the State that gave to the State Entertainment Fund.

The Association was one of harmonious fellowship and of marked progress. The messages presented a challenge to a united and a higher standard of Christian living. The work of the committees was prompted by deep thought and prayer.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Secretary, and Rev. Wm. Mishler, Promotional Secretary of the Sunday School Board, were well received, and proved a blessing to the Association.

The next State Association will convene at the Youth Camp in 1958.

NEW BRIGHT LIGHT CHURCH DEDICATED

By Virginia Syptak
Eagle Church Editor

If oaks could remember
—As surely oaks can.

How well they could speak
Of this effort of man.

Full branched oaks cluster around the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church in the Harvey Community, giving the new white building a nestled-in effect of peace brought by its closeness to nature.

The church building, the third one since 1886, was dedicated April 28. It is on a concrete slab 66 feet long and 50 feet wide. Exterior walls are of white asbestos slate shingles with ornamental grillework of black wrought iron.

The vestibule is paneled with antique—finished pine. Swinging doors lead to the sanctuary: fresh with new wood and paint. Pews and pulpit furnishings given by members of the church are of limed oak. Walls are of antique finished wainscoting and sheetrock and ceilings are of modern acoustical tile. Modern aluminum lights hang from the ceilings.

Floors are of tan rubber tile and the pulpit is covered with rose colored carpeting. A maroon velvet curtain divides the choir section from the pulpit.

Folding slab doors at the rear of the room close off class rooms which

also can also be opened for church services.

There are five class rooms in all, two restrooms and a bright gray and yellow kitchen. The nursery has a green carpet and blonde wood beds and play pens.

The church was organized in 1886 and first meetings were held under the huge oak trees which surround the new building. The village, which was settled by planters, was named for Col. Harvey Mitchell. Population was around 25 and the village began with one store. Harvey was situated between the first two Brazos County seats: first court being held under a cluster of trees at Ferguson Crossing and the first court house being at Boonville.

A. B. McSwain and M. G. Buchanan hauled materials for the first church from the East Texas saw mills by wagon to an acre plot of land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

The first building was razed in the 1900s and another one was built on the same plot. The Woodman Lodge of Harvey donated their hall to the church in 1946. This building was moved to a five-acre tract adjacent to the cemetery and remodeled into a parsonage. Members of the congregation contributed labor and money for this remodeling. In 1947 the pastor, the Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook and his family moved in.

During the church's 71 year history, it has been served by 18 pastors, the first of whom was the Rev. P. H. Adams. Rev. J. P. Brown was another of the early pastors. He helped to restore the building after it was blown off its foundations by a tornado.

The present pastor was called in August of 1945. He visited the community weekends for a year and a half before assuming full time duties. The church moved from half time services to full time services last October.

The first Vacation Bible school was held in 1947.

During the past three years the Sunday School enrollment has jumped from 40 to 70 and the Free Will Baptists Leagues have an enrollment of 30. The Woman's Auxiliary has an enrollment of 15.

During the time when the new building was under construction, the congregation met in the old school building which is now used as the Harvey Community Center.

The Rev. Charles Sapp, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of

Bryan, delivered the dedication service and special music was rendered by B. T. Giesenclag of Bryan. The Rev. H. R. Berry, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, led the benediction. C. F. Cole and N. C. Cole, longtime faithful members, were also on the program.

In the days when rural churches were closing their doors, the Bright Light Church had only five or six families, who clung to the church until the tide turned. Included in these faithful members are Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Goen, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Kan Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuschak and Mrs. T. H. Hyden.

The Bright Light Church is the only rural Free Will Baptist Church in Brazos County and one of the oldest Free Will Baptist churches in the State of Texas.

Are You Going To Heaven?

Rev. Frank Brosend

At the close of his sermon the preacher asked, "How many of you want to go to heaven?"

Everyone stood but one man. After the congregation was dismissed the minister hurried back to the man who did not stand up and asked, "Brother, don't you want to go to heaven?"

"Nope," was his reply.

"Why not?" the minister asked, agast. "Didn't you see everybody else standing?"

"Yep," was his answer, "and if them are all there, I don't want to be."

The minister scratched his head and began to study. How many of these people who stood were ready for heaven? Would they really enjoy it if they were there? How many of them are doing things now that would make them fit citizens of heaven? Here they worship God for an hour on Sunday. There they would be worshipping him all the time forever and forever. Then he remembered that Jesus found men saying, "Lord, Lord!" and doing not, and he said unto them, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Most people are surprised when God uses them, whereas they should repent when he doesn't use them.

In America one generation worries and fights to get money, the next generation worries and fights to spend it.



BERKELEY CRUSADERS

The Crusaders are enjoying wonderful blessing from the Lord in our weekly meetings. In our July meetings, we had a guest speaker, Rev. Bill Flucher, Mrs. Bill Flucher (Glenda Barks) both from the Bible College at Nashville and Bro. Elmer Snell, a deacon of our church. On Youth Sunday two from our group went forward and consecrated their lives to the Lord for special work.

Some of our group have had the wonderful opportunity of attending Youth Camp, Quarterly Meetings, Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, and our State Meeting this summer. We are thankful the Lord bestows such wonderful blessings to us as Christian Youth and feel it will be the means of enriching our young Christian's lives in helping us to better understand how to carry on church business for the Lord and help us to be of greater service to our Churches.

The proceeds from our pie supper was given to the building fund to replace new shingles on the church parsonage.

It was a real pleasure to publish our C.F.C. Messenger paper this month, as we had the opportunity of using the new Gestetner Duplicating Machine. This machine was purchased by the Masters' Men of the Church recently.

We would like to hear from other Youth Organizations through the Youth section of our Gem.

The Crusaders desire the prayers of Christian people everywhere that we may live true to our aim: "Building For Christ."

Dorothy Robertson, President
Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Sponsor.

MOUNTAIN GROVE Y. P. A.

The Y. P. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, Mo., held the first meeting of the year in the church basement, January 7, 1957 and elected officers for the new year as follows: President, Max Walker, Vice-President, Gene Workman, Sec. Betty Workman, Treasurer, Catherine Workman, Song Leader, Sharon

Shannon, Pianist, Dorris Sheppard, Mission Study Committee, Don Neulls, Gerald Neulls and Shirley Clark, Publicity Committee, Rex Walker, Gerald Neulls and Dale Altis, Recreation Committee, Sharon Shannon, Gene Workman.

Motion sustained to name the Auxiliary the "Lucy Wisheart Auxiliary" also to send our Missionary in Cuba, Miss Lucy a gift each month of the year. Thirteen members were present for the first meeting with nine members gained during this first half year.

Installation of officers held January 9, 1957. A skit "Bringing In The New" was presented to the church.

Two road signs were purchased for the church from the Home Mission Board. Also in response to a prayer request from Miss Lucy Wisheart, concerning a hospital for Cuba, ten dollars was sent to be applied to this cause.

The colored film "Sin and Shadow" a picture of Japanese work and need was sponsored from the college to the congregation. An offering was sent to the Bible College for use of the film.

This Y. P. A. meets regularly each second and fourth Monday nights of each month.

Mrs. W. K. Elliott, Sponsor

MY SAVIOUR

Tom Stewart

(Young Convert from Wellston Church)

He is a light to me along the way,
And prepareth a shade for me in the day.

He heareth me when I pray, for you see,
I can talk to Him that way.

He lives with me, both night and day,
But I have to be careful, or I'll drive Him away.

He teaches me the things I should say,
And the things I should do, if I travel His way.

He was long before me and prepared a way,
That I might dwell with him some future day.

God gave his son, for me that I might have life,
When all that I knew was envy and strife.

So as I travel this road, alone it may seem,
But I'm not alone, I have Jesus with me.

Do you know my Savior? He's Able you know,
To bear all your burdens, and welcome you home.

DETERMINATION

I am only one, but I am one;
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
What I can do I ought to do,
And What I ought to do
By God's grace I will do.

PULPIT TO PEW

By Jim Griffith

Four members of a Baptist church in Texas recently received suspended jail sentences for violating the peace of their church by talking while the services were going on.

This ought to be an arresting thought for all who whisper or talk in church after the service begins.

It cannot be denied that one rap of the judge's gavel is likely to halt more whispering in church than a hundred persistent preludes on the organ.

Just hearing some selected musical bars could never quiet an audience as quickly as the unpleasant prospect of looking through some unselected prison bars.

Still, when it comes to any kind of talking in church—whether it be in conference, debate, discussion or what have you—one can't help thinking that most churches would go over their budgets if all the members opened their pocketbooks as often as they opened their mouths.

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News From The Mission Field

From the Field

CONTRIBUTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I am enclosing a contribution to be used in Foreign Mission work. This is from Spring Dale Free Will Baptist Church.

G. L. Dulin

Emmaus Bible Institute
Vennes S. Lausanne
Switzerland
August 10, 1957

Dear Bro. Halbrook:

It was good to see you again at the National Association, and thank the Lord that we could again fellowship together, if it was only for a brief time. I appreciate your kindness to us in offering to write about our Missouri visit, in the Gem. Thank you again. Also let me think you for the gift the Missouri State Association sent in to our account. We are thankful that we have so many friends at home that are standing behind us in their prayers and in their financial support.

We sailed from New Your July 31 at noon and arrived at LaHavre, France on August 8th. The crossing was a wonderful experience, and the Lord was good to us in so many ways. The sea was calm all the way, the ship was excellent, with a splendid crew and the best of food. But better than that the Christian fellowship was grand. We met about 12 missionaries from such boards at the A. I. M. the S. I. M. the C. & M. Alliance, and the Methodist. We had services every night, studying the book of Ephesians. On Sunday morning a Rev. Herter from Philadelphia spoke for the Ship's Worship Service, and I spoke for the Sunday Night service. Certainly the Lord is good to us.

Lonnie Sparks met us at the dock and was a real blessing crossing France. We had about 12 bags, and with the three kids, and tickets to buy and meals, and customs officials, etc. we would have had quite a time. Lonnie speaks French quite well, and handled all the talking.

Please give our regards to all our friends in Missouri, and ask them to pray earnestly for us. We begin language studies immediately, and will be

in school six days a week for at least one year. Also ask them to write to us often at the above address. We'll try to be faithful in answering.

One other Favor. Would you please send us a copy of the Gem, at the above address. If you will, send the bill to the Mission Board, and they will take it from my next's month's pay. Thank you very much.

Yours in His Service
Daniel J. Merkh

EIGHTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

October 8-9, 1957

THEME: "... both in Jerusalem... and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Tuesday Evening—October

7:30—Congregational Singing—Mr. Ross Dowden

Scripture Reading & Prayer—Rev. Harvey Hill

7:50—Introducing the Conference Program and the Conference Personalities, Rev. Raymond Riggs

8:00—Special Music—Bible College Music Department

*Missionary Offering

8:15—The Message—The Impetus of Missions—Rev. Laverne D. Miley

Wednesday Morning—October 9

8:00—Prayer and Praise Service—led by Rev. Robert (Bob) Shockeey.

8:30—To His Glory, We Sing—Mr. Dowden.

Scripture reading and prayer —Rev. Mark M. Lewis.

8:45—The Ministry of Prayer in Missions—Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

9:15—Special Music—College Music Department.

9:20—Our Witness to Brazil—Rev. Dave Franks.

10:05—Congregation Songs — Mr. Dowden.

10:10—Our Witness to Alaska—Mrs. Lee Whaley.

10:55—Recess.

11:15—MORNING WORSHIP

Music—Arranged by Mr. Dowden. Presenting Speaker—Rev. Homer E. Willis.

Our witness to Mexico—Rev. James E. Timmons.

12:00—BENEDICTION.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Congregational Singing —Mr. Dowden.

Scripture Reading and Prayer.

1:45—The Message — Rev. Dave Franks.

2:10—Special Music.

2:15—Our Witness to Alaska (Continued)—Rev. Lee Whaley.

3:00—Benediction.

Wednesday Evening

(Commissioning Service)

7:30—Congregational Singing —Mr. Dowden.

Prayer.

Special Music.

Message: Rev. Joseph Ange.

The Charge: Rev. Homer Willis.

The Commissioning Prayer — Rev. Raymond Riggs.

We wish the missionaries well and bring our missionary offering.

Benediction.

*The undesignated missionary offering will be equally divided between Foreign and Home Missions.

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES:

Rev. Joseph Ange—Newest member of the Foreign Mission Board and Pastor of the Highland Park F. W. B. Church, Highland Park, Mich.

Ross Dowden — Director of the Music Department at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Eunice Edwards — Executive Secretary of the W. N. A. C.

Rev. Dave Franks — Missionary to Brazil.

Rev. Mark M. Lewis — Chairman, Foreign Mission Board and Pastor of First F. W. B. Church of Hazel Park, Mich.

Rev. Harvey Hill — Pastor, Berkeley City, Mo. F. W. B. Church, and member of the Home Mission Board.

Rev. LaVerne D. Miley — Former Dean of the Bible College and Medical Missionary Student.

Rev. Raymond Riggs — Promotional Secretary, National Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. Bob Shockeey — Pastor, Bethlehem F. W. B. Church and Bible College Student.

Rev. & Mrs. Lee Whaley — Former Pastor, Jacksonville, N. C. and missionaries to Alaska.

Rev. Homer E. Willis — Promotional Secretary, National Home Mission Board.

What do you mean when you sing: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord?"

To hate people only makes people hate you. To love people makes people love you for what you do.

Africa Helps Africa

Dear Friends:

It gives me real joy finally to write this letter. It has been on my heart for a long time now. I feel that the surrounding circumstances and events demand reporting to you.

Just now I am 45 miles away from the mission for a few days quarterly meeting at one of our outposts with some of the men. This out-station is in Zululand but just very near the border of Portuguese East Africa. It is very beautifully situated overlooking three large lakes to the south and west and the Indian ocean to the northeast. Our mission has born witness here for over 50 years but still it is a stronghold for Satan.

After our return from French West Africa last August we naturally reported what we had seen to the local churches here and our people were much impressed and their concern for the people of the Bondoukou Circle has been evident in their prayers and chats with us from time to time. Upon arrival here on last Thursday the local pastor suggested that an offering would be taken on Sunday to aid the Gospel endeavours in the Bondoukou Circle. I was very pleased and thankful to God for their vision. Between sessions on Saturday I managed to read some letters from overseas which had collected during my two weeks away from the mission just previous to this meeting. Among the letters was the F. W. Baptist. The cover of which carried the lovely photograph of the Sparks. I gave this to the pastor and it was used for fuel at the offering time. The people were delighted to see the picture and gave with glad hearts. Therefore I am enclosing a check to Bro. Riggs from them for \$6.10. This may look small when you look at it but it is a great deal to such a poor people. This amount represents about two months wages for one of their pastors. In the prayer of thanks for the offering one of the men thanked God for having opened their eyes to see the needs of someone beyond their own ranks.

In many ways this has been a most blessed week-end. Saturday morning during one of our discussions about a very needy part of our area about 90 miles to the south the desperate need of a work there was emphasized. A very able bodied deacon stood and with an unsteady voice stated his willingness to answer God's call to him in that area. He will have to begin there without Bible training but we have promised him release for Bible School within two years.

Saturday afternoon another evidence of the power of the Gospel was

evident when a man and wife about 40 years old with three children came to be married. They were joined by heathen rites years ago but now they are Christians and desire to be married in the church, where all Christians should be married.

I was unable to finish the letter at the meeting and am glad to add a little bit more news since returning home. Today is our prayer meeting and the people of the Bondoukou Circle were prayed for. The pastor told his congregation that the little church to the north had taken \$6.10 to help get the Gospel to the people so far away. He said, "I am ashamed that we haven't done something." He asked them to prepare their money and an offering will soon be taken here. I have wanted them to have a part and I am so glad that it has come without any suggestion from the missionary.

Days later, the offering has now been taken in the Mselenii Church and I add \$8.40 to the original \$6.10 from Enkovukeni Church.

May God continue His perfect work among these people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Harold J. Stevens

Tokyo, Japan
August 24, 1957

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We are enjoying our new house and Philip likes to play in the yard. It certainly makes it a lot easier having everything on one floor with no stairs to climb. Our house is further away from language school but I should be able to get to school from here in about forty minutes by electric train. The Fall term of school will start in about three weeks.

I had a very enjoyable trip to Hokkaido and a good visit with Wesley and Aileen. Of course, I would have enjoyed it more if Evelyn and Philip could have gone with me, but they can go next Spring when we plan to move. The tent meeting was going on in Abashiri when I got there and the next week it was in Bihoro. It was good to see the work that the Calvary's are doing—not only in Abashiri, but also in the other two towns where they have meetings once a week. We spent a little time looking over a few towns in that area where we might move to next Spring. There are so many places where there is no witness of any kind. Pray that the Lord might direct us to the place where He would have us live in Hokkaido. I believe I will like living in Hokkaido—it's so different in so many ways from this part of Japan. I made an attempt to preach in Japanese twice when I was there, but I

really wonder if the people understood very much of what I was trying to say. Wesley seems to be doing quite well in preaching in Japanese.

I spent two days while in Hokkaido visiting a National Park. I arrived at the Park in the late afternoon and the Hotels were just about full. There were a few rooms left but were too expensive for me. I walked around town and looked at some of the souvenir shops and while I was at one it started to rain. A clerk asked me where my Hotel was as she offered to let me use an umbrella. I said I didn't have one as yet so she talked with the man of the house and within an hour I was staying in a very nice room upstairs of the store. They fixed a Japanese style bed on the floor and I stayed there two nights free of charge. Since they wouldn't take any money I bought a few things for Philip and Evelyn (At a discount). We had good talks and I enjoyed having to use all Japanese as they couldn't understand English at all. I did my best to witness to them and that's when I realized how little of the Japanese language I know.

Yours in Christ
Fred and Evelyn Hersey

FUNDS FOR DAN MERKH

Dear Bro. Riggs:

You will find a money order in the amount of fourteen dollars and fifty cents as the offering of our first Vacation Bible School of our new church.

Since we are a new church, we thought it well to give our offering to our new mission work. We are asking that this offering be credited to Dan Merkh's account.

T. O. Terry

FUNDS FOR REV. WILLEY

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Will you find enclosed a check for \$16.35. This is an offering from the Smith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Rose, Oklahoma. We belong to the Grand River Association of the State of Oklahoma. We want this money to be sent to our missionary Bro. Willey who is in Cuba. We will thank you very much for this service.

H. S. Bell

OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed is a check for \$5.00 to be used for Foreign Missions. We do not request any special place to use it for we feel that you know where it is needed most. We will be sending more from time to time.

Mrs. Mable McLain, Treas.,

OFFICIAL LIST OF NATIONAL HOME MISSIONARIES

Birthdays, Fields of Service, and Addresses

ALASKA—

Anchorage

Rev. Lee D. Whaley—Nov. 7.
 Mrs. Ethel Whaley—Jan. 8.
 Vernon—Oct. 6.
 Rodney—Feb. 26.
 3801 Richland Ave. Nashville 5,
 Tennessee.
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NORTHWEST—

Washington—Oregon

Rev. J. J. Postlewaite—April 5.
 Mrs. Leah (Scott) Postlewaite—
 Oct. 25.
 Joseph Laverne—Dec. 22.
 Samuel—Jan. 14.
 Mary Susan—Sept. 14.
 645 Highline Drive, Wenatchee,
 Washington.
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SPANISH—

Mexico—Texas

Rev. James E. Timmons—May 1.
 Mrs. James E. Timmons—July 6.
 Beth—Jan. 28.
 Billy—Nov. 5.
 Ruth Ann—Oct. 1.
 103 Lanedo St., Laredo, Texas.
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SPANISH—

Nogales, Arizona—Mexico

Miss Bessie Yeley—Nov. 26.
 202 West Ft. Lowell Rd.
 Tucson, Arizona.
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SPANISH—

Mexico

Rev. Juan Lopez
 Mrs. Juan Lopez
 Logo del Pascuano
 1216 Oriente
 Col. Independencia
 Monterrey, N. L. Mexico
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SPANISH—

Floria (Cuban Missions)

Rev. N. Melitino Mantinez—Sept.
 15.
 Mrs. Sinadelia H. Mantinez, Sept.
 27.
 Joel—May 25.
 451 S. W. 6th Street
 Miami, Florida.
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TENNESSEE—

Clarksville

Rev. Paul Inbody—April 6.
 Mrs. Nina Helen Inbody—June 10.
 Marcia Lynn—Oct. 3.
 Paula Ann—April 7.
 Rt. 1, Pleasant View, Tennessee.



REV. & MRS. LEE D. WHALEY AND SONS, VERNON & RODNEY TO ALASKA

Rev. and Mrs. Lee D. Whaley, Jacksonville, North Carolina have been appointed as our first missionaries to Alaska. They will leave for the field as soon as support has been pledged. Rev. Whaley has been a successful pastor at Jacksonville for the past several years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whaley are graduates of Free Will Baptist College, and have attended other schools. Mrs. Whaley has taught in public schools for three years. Any church desiring them for a service should contact the National Home Mission office. Mr. Willis, promotional-secretary for the National Board of Home Missions, urges all our churches to send in regular support for the Alaskan Mission. The Whaley's are the parents of two boys, Vernon and Rodney.

GOD IS BLESSING

Dear Bro. Riggs:

At our April Quarterly Woman's Auxiliary Convention it was voted that we would receive an offering for Foreign Missions at each of our Quarterly Conventions.

I am enclosing a money order for the amount received at our July meeting. It isn't much but we hope that the amount will increase from time to time.

May God richly bless you in your work. Pray for our Convention. We have only been organized since Jan-

uary of this year, but God is blessing.

Jewell Dunbar

Opportunity and obligation are twins. When one works they both work, or they don't work at all.

How often it turns out that your really best friends are your most critical ones.

Are you confronted with a shadow? Then get out of the way.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

E. B. McDonald

Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin its sixteenth year September 4th with registration due to start at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

"Our enrollment this year will equal or exceed that of last year," Rev. Charles Thigpen, dean and registrar, announced. Last year's enrollment numbered 189, he said.

Two new faculty members will be added this year. Mrs. Louis Nicholas, who holds her B. A. degree from Hope College and her B. M. and M. M. degrees from the University of Michigan, will teach piano and organ.

Mrs. Charles Thigpen will return to the College Speech Department. Mrs. Thigpen taught at the Bible College 1948-1952. She holds her B. A. degree from Bob Jones University and has done graduate work at Winona Lake School of Theology.

Students will arrive on campus Tuesday, September 3. The dining hall will open at 6 P. M. The convocation service is scheduled for 9:00 A. M. September 4th and will have as special guests the pastors of Nashville Free Will Baptist churches.

Returning students will register September 4th while freshman students attend orientation activities. The freshmen will register September 5. Regular classes will begin September 6. Evening services will be held each night during registration week with a faculty reception Friday evening, September 6.

FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President

Construction began August 1, on the new Dining Hall and student Center at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and completion is expected about January 1, according to Dr. L. C. Johnson, College president. The new building is expected to be put into use at the beginning of the second semester.

Cardinal Contracting Company of Nashville was awarded the low bid of \$60,000. At present the excavation crew is almost through with its work.

The fire-proof structure will be of concrete block with red brick veneer and will adjoin the present auditorium built in 1951. The following units are included in the contract: dining hall 67 by 47, kitchen 39½ by 19, student lounge 54 by 39½ including entrance, and an extension to the auditorium 45 by 30 with a basement under this, 45 by 30. The total area will be approximately 8000 square feet.

The dining hall will accommodate up to 250 students per meal, which more than doubles the present dining hall capacity. The student lounge will be used for informal occasions and for students during the day. The kitchen will be outfitted with modern equipment.

The auditorium extension will provide more seating capacity and furnish rooms for the music department. The auditorium basement will house storage, wash rooms, and a heating room.

During the past year more than \$20,000 has been given on the Improvement Program. This made possible the purchase and payment of the Dunbar Building. The Improvement Program Fund now has several thousand dollars to start on the new project.

The Bible College appeals to our Free Will Baptist people to continue sending gifts to pay for the \$66,000. Dining Hall building. All the funds in the Improvement Program will be applied to the cost of the building, and a loan will be secured with a local bank to finance the balance.

President Johnson urges churches and individuals to make liberal donations so the lowest amount possible will have to be financed when settling with the contractor.

GREED AND STRIFE

Our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century, without coal fires until the 14th century, without buttered bread until the 15th century, without coffee, tea and soup until the 17th century, without pudding until the 18th century, without automobiles until the 19th century, without canned goods and airplanes until the 20th century. But in this year of 1956 we find many people spending the most of their time "scrambling" for these things. In this "mad-scramble" there is much fraud and great strife.

Some may think that if it were not for these modern things and gadgets that people would get on better, and have more harmony. But we find greed and strife before man was ever faced with the modern things of life.

In Genesis we have this record: "There was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle... and Abram said unto Lot, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren." The strife ended because Abram let Lot choose the whole fertile plain of the Jordan Valley for his cattle, while he accepted the poor highland for his

herd. God's man can always say, "If thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left."

Here was an opportunity for Abram to pile trouble on top of trouble by claiming his rights, but instead he trusted God and remembered that he was looking for a land where he could become a blessing. He was taking seriously God's admonition—"And thou shalt become a blessing." Basically, faith in God helped Abram make his choice and Lot's lack of faith in God caused him to put his faith in the fertile plains. Abram went to the poor highland which Lot left, but he had God on his side and peace in his soul. The things of Satan proved dead weight to Lot's soul and he lost his family and self respect.

Abram was attracted by well watered plains and loved comfort and ease as much as Lot did, but he let God choose his portion for him, and was later to receive God's blessings.

This is heavenly wisdom and is a victory that faith in God produces. Faith sets up an altar for God where self, desires and will can be sacrificed. This brings contentment with what God gives.

When the day of reckoning came, Lot fled to the mountains and found the highlands, best, after all. If we spend more time in the service of God it will "whet" our spiritual appetites and we will find that we can get on without spending the most of our time scrambling and striving for the things of this world, which pass out of existence with time.

—Arkansas Baptist

Garbage Can Churches

There are, I suppose, almost endless ways by which we make an impression on others. A visitor to the United States from hungry, impoverished part of the Orient was asked to give his principal impression of this country of the Stars and Stripes. His terse answer: "The size of your garbage cans!"

Recently, I was conducted through a church building that is nearing completion in a mid-western state. It will cost a million and a half dollars. Its elaborate dancing studio made more of an impression on me than its worship room — though I refrain from telling you what kind of impression it was.

—Paul S. Rees in **Christian: Commit Yourself!** (The Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Woman's Auxiliary

STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's State Auxiliary Convention was a blessing to all who attended. We had a greater number of Auxiliaries reporting this year than ever before. Also in the past year there have been four new auxiliaries organized. We pray that in the coming year we may see even greater progress.

Your state officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Mrs. Lester Jones, Kansas City.

Vice President—Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove.

Recording Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Genella Scott, Fredericktown.

Assistant Sec.—Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop.

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Thayer.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Agnes Smith, Flat River.

Stewardship Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Reva Prinz, Kansas City.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Mildred Kensingler, Springfield.

Corresponding Sec.—Mrs. Oletha Parsons, St. Louis.

Following is the report of the resolutions committee which was adopted item by item at the convention.

We recommend that:

1. We pay 5c per mile to the officers for travel expense to the workshops, and that we pay \$10.00 to the visiting speakers.

2. The State Convention furnish badges for the National Convention in 1958.

3. Inasmuch as the W.N.A.C. has recommended that a State or District Meeting of all Youth Auxiliaries, called Youth Auxiliary Fellowship, be held sometime during the year, we recommend that such a meeting be held at our State Youth Camp grounds with plans to be worked out by the State and District (or local) Youth Chairman.

4. Inasmuch as the W.N.A.C. has adopted the project of raising \$10,000 to be used to establish a mission station in Africa, we recommend that our State Association accept our allocation of \$1,000 which is approximately \$2.35 per member.

5. That all Auxiliaries adhere more closely to the adopted plan of work in the meeting of the Standard, sending same to the State Convention to be displayed and judged by the credentials committee and that this con-

vention present to the A-1 Aux. a book for church libraries or study classes.

6. That item number 4 of last years business committees report be added to the By-laws of our State Constitution. (That each Auxiliary tithe its income into their respective district treasury and the district convention tithe into the State Auxiliary treasury and that the money be used for promotional enterprises.)

7. That we pay our proportionate cost of the minute.

8. That we give an honorarium of \$10.00 each to our State President and Secretary.

9. That this convention pay the actual expense of each winner of the Declamation Contest To the National Convention.

10. That this body finance the entertainment of the National and State Auxiliary Officers with a breakfast or luncheon sometime during the 1958 W.N.A.C. Session and that the executive committee be responsible for final arrangements.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary meets every Tuesday evening with our different studies. Our Mission study was "Go Tell Thy Friends". Our Stewardship study was "All of Mine For Him". The study from our Manual of Methods was very enlightening, explaining the duties of each officer in her department. Our pastor, Rev. Davis, is teaching our studies which has been of great value to us. He is teaching on Prayer.

July 2, marked the beginning of our new year. Our meeting was opened with singing, "Send The Light". Prayer by Mrs. Ruby Campbell. Hymn "Bring Them In". Scripture reading from Psalm 31:19, 34:5 by Mrs. Davis. Our program chairman, Mrs. Davis introduced our year book. Topics were given by Freda Pirtle, Christine Pinkley, Dotty Joe Hargiss, and Bernice Hargess. Mrs. Davis gave a reading entitled "The Bible and The Careless Roads." The Nominating Committee selected for the coming year were: Ruby Campbell, Bernice Hargiss and Freda Pirtle.

The meeting of July 9th was opened by singing. Prayer by Christine Pinkley and Ruby Campbell. Scripture reading James 5:16, and Heb. 11:6. The Nominating Committees report read and accepted. President, Iva Theaster; Enlistment Chairman,

Freda Pirtle; Youth Chairman, Ruby Campbell; Program Prayer Chairman, Beulah Clay; Study Course Chairman, Bernice Hargiss; Personal Service, Norma Stephens; Corresponding Secretary, Iola Underwood; Song Leader, Betty Joe Hargiss; Secretary and Treasurer, Christine Pinkley.

Our average attendance is from ten to twelve. Our offering received the last week of each month will be sent for Missions. Our study on Prayer, which will be concluded next meeting, has proved to be a blessing to our Auxiliary.

—Lola Underwood, Cor.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Northeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary convention assembled in conference, July 28, at the Hazel Creek Church. The session began by congregational singing. Prayer by Effie Buster. Following another hymn the president, Sis. Alta Mikel, read for scripture lesson Romans 12:1-2. After the message the minutes were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek, New Harmony, and Kirksville Auxiliaries were read for information.

The officers for the year are as follows: President—Mildred Gilliam; Vice-President—Elfa Dare; Youth Chairman—Maizie Sevits; Study Course Chairman—Fern Kelsey; Stewardship and Prayer—Edith Whitworth; Sec.-Treas.—Leona Thompson.

The Business Committees report was read and adopted. Obituary report read and request complied with. Rev. Woodrow Matthews led in prayer. The Treasurers report was read and accepted.

The program was as follows: "Hide Thou Me" by Velma Williams and Lillian Wood; reading, Uarilia Fowler; duet, "How Much He Cared for Me," by Arlene Clay and Moni Chrisman; reading, "The Cross", by Lillian Wood. Maize Sevits conducted a sword drill for the Juniors.

—Sec.-Treas., Leona Thompson

SPRINGFIELD WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Our Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday evening at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield with twenty-one members present and also two children.

The meeting opened by singing,

"Send the Light" and "Please Mention My Name". Singing directed by Maxine Smith. Scripture Luke 10:1-12 by the president, Juanita Highfill. Prayer By Maxine Smith. Secretary's report read by Catherin Draper. Each member answered roll call with scripture verse.

The Auxiliary voted to send fifty dollars to Cleo Covington to help on the church he is organizing in Waynesville, Missouri.

Lucy Roy was in charge of the program. "Send Out Thy Light to Thy Prayer Warriors." Topics were given by Jessie Crowder, Aubrey Reeves, and Lois Chrome and were discussed by group.

We gave a grocery shower to our pastor, Bro. Long and family. We are happy to report Bro. Long was able to be in our services and to preach his first message since his illness. An offering of one hundred and eighty dollars and fifty cents was also given. Our Auxiliary has received one hundred and seven dollars from the sale of key rings and bracelets with the ten commandments on them.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Prayer Meeting

We note in the Free Will Echo that Mrs. Prayer Meeting is dead. In the belief that friends of the deceased might be interested, we reprint the death notice:

"Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church, on Worldly Ave. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and Bible study, soon growing into worldwide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous Church family.

"For the past several years Sister Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquires concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusements.

"Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A post mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food coupled with the lack of faith, heartfelt religion and general support,

were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power.

"In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, save the third Wednesday night of each month, when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the men's handball team."

KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Kirksville Auxiliary met August 1, at the home of Mrs. Grace Lawson with twelve members, four visitors and eleven children present. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour. The meeting was called to order by singing, "Did You Think To Pray?". Prayer by Stella Gates. Rev. Woodrow Matthews read Luke 10:2; 11:9 for scripture lesson. After the business session prayer was offered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Lola Matthews. The program was given from the theme, "Send out Thy Light to thy Prayer Warriors". Topics were given by Bernice Thomas, Stella Gates, and Alma Scrivins. A poem was read by Velma Wellman. Benediction by Grace Lawson.

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The project of the Kirksville Woman's Auxiliary was a service in the Nursing Home No. 3, on August 15. Six members met at the Fellowship House. The meeting opened with singing. Scripture reading Luke 6. After prayer a study of the manual was given and a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour. A two o'clock service was held at the Nursing Home with five members present and seventeen patients of the home. An inspiring message was given on "Christ Is Precious" by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. The closing hymn, "The Way of The Cross Leads Home". Benediction by Bernice Thomas.

—Mrs. Earnest Thomas, Cor.

BAPTISIMAL TESTIMONY

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know what truth was so I began making a search for real truth. It was at this time that I began a study of the beautifully worded books of Mr. Taniguchi, the founder of the religious sect "House of Spiritual Growth". However, I was not satisfied with his teachings. As before, I was staggering and depending on my own reason. Then I came to the place where I asked myself, "Is it not possible for man to escape from himself?"

However, our Lord did not forsake me. On June 6, 1955, I recognized the true God as the God of my heart.

That night I unconditionally surrendered to Him. I gave my all to Him and prayed, "Lord, use me in any way." In this spirit I prayed until dawn. I had a new feeling of humility in my heart and I realized that everyone has a cross that he must bear. My feeling of half-doubt and half-belief was all taken away from me. From that day forward everything I saw in nature showed forth the truth of a living God. The reality of my new spiritual heart was that I had strong courage and hope that I had never had before. It seems to me that man could not live in this sinful and cruel world without the help of God. When I look back over my life I am very ashamed of myself. However, the fact that I know God is greater than all the experiences that I have had in my drama filled life. Not only did Jesus bear the cross but He died and rose again. With this baptismal service I have died to the old man and am taking part in a new life in Christ. Now that I am a new man I am entering a new life. Believing in the atonement of Jesus for sin; in the love of God as shown by Jesus; from my heart, I confess that Jesus is my Saviour. On my baptismal day I give this testimony in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Seek Ye First

Rev. Frank Brosend

What to look for is often a question. Jesus found men and women hunting for food, property, money, position and many other things. His care was not about the things, but about people. They misunderstood the fundamentals of human welfare.

In Matt. 6:33 he says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you." His values were different from the common standards of worth. His objectives were not for temporal things first. He assured his followers that their temporal needs would be supplied as they attained spiritual accomplishments.

A man who had attended church many years loyally and had helped in many good causes was stricken with cancer. Did he moan and lament? No. "I am not smitten for destruction. God is calling me to himself to give me heaven," were his words.

Yes, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

I can't enjoy earth's luxuries while hundreds of millions have never heard the Gospel. Can you?

News From Our Churches

ST. LOUIS CHURCHES ORGANIZE CONFERENCE

The St. Louis district quarterly meeting was organized July 20 and received into membership the Free Will Baptist churches in the St. Louis area. Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Harvey E. Hill, moderator; Rev. John Rogers, assistant moderator; Rev. Elmer Turnbough, clerk, and Mrs. Kathy Knott, assistant clerk. Named to the Executive Board were Harry Asher, Floyd Cantrell, Roger Reeds, William Hughes, and Floyd Arnold.

ORGANIZATION OF OAK GROVE CHURCH

The organization of a Free Will Baptist Church, about fifteen miles southeast of Neosho, was perfected July 26, 1957, at the close of a tent revival in which two were saved and two rededicated. Rev. James McCully of Monett, Mo. was the evangelist and Rev. Archie Burress, Liberal, Missouri, Rt. 2, pastor.

Rev. Burress and Rev. Rocky Williams had spent about two years laboring here. Five revivals had been held previous to this organization. Twenty-one charter members were recorded and average of forty were in Sunday School.

A Free Will Baptist Church had previously existed here, but had disbanded. A rock building was built in 1937, but had been taken over in 1942 by Camp Crowder. The Indian Creek Association repurchased the building from the government.

The Executive Board, Rev. C. M. Hatfield, Rev. Harry Sterling, and Rev. O. T. Allred, proxy for Rev. Paul Williams, perfected the organization.

—Rev. Archie Burress, Cor.

CAMERON, OKLAHOMA

It has been a long time since we have written to the paper.

My husband and I have been in the Lord's work in this vicinity for over fifty-five years, but for ten years we have been unable to be out due to ill health.

I want to say to the people of God as long as you are able to go, don't neglect and forget the ones who are unable to be out. They need your company to cheer them along through their helpless days of life. I feel that it is our duty as long as God gives us the health to go. Let the younger people be more mindful of their duty. We are denied of the privilege of at-

tending church, but a few times in ten years.

I ask the prayers of the Gem family that we may meet all our loved ones on the other shore. Also, we would like to hear from our friends.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. Esper Easton

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist, which is composed of Twenty-five churches, met in its 64th annual session on August 8-10 at the Berkeley City Church in Berkeley City.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Ben Scott, pastor of Fredericktown Church, who challenged the Christian to put his all into the service of the Lord.

On Friday morning the body elected Rev. Rolla Smith of the Fellowship church, of Flat River as Moderator and Rev. Harvey Hill, pastor of Berkeley City Church, as Assistant Moderator, and Rev. Albert Halbrook as Clerk-Treasurer.

The eleven o'clock message on Friday was delivered by Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of Copper Mines Church, who called for the Christians to work in unity.

The message on Friday evening was delivered by Rev. Lawrence Thompson, pastor of the Salem Church, who reminded us forcibly that the coming of Christ draweth near.

The Saturday morning message was delivered by Rev. Roger Reeds, pastor of Southside Church, who recently returned from a pastorate in North Carolina. Rev. Reeds spoke on the "Wonderful, Wonderful Christ", and made us to appreciate Him more.

Items that should be called to attention to our Southeast Missouri members are:

Item 1 that called for the churches of Southeast Missouri to support the Co-operative Program as approved by the National Association which calls for 10 percent of our income of our church to be sent to that fund.

Item 2 which suggested a special offering to the Bible College at Nashville, earmarked for the improvement program.

Item 3 called for the churches to give their whole hearted support to the Missouri Youth Camp, and that each Church give a special offering between August 9th and January 1, 1958.

The body called for full co-operation from Southeast Missouri members in assisting Missouri State Association entertaining the National Association in 1958 in St. Louis. The body made a good start by voting one hundred fifty dollars from Yearly Meeting Funds for that purpose.

Other worthy recommendations were made by various committees.

The Berkeley City Church and other St. Louis Churches were given a standing vote of thanks for their efficient manner in entertaining this session.

We are thankful for the young people who attended our Yearly Meeting. Two of our young people served as organist and pianist, Geneva Barks and Sandy Cantrell, respectively. Other young people served as registrars.

The next session in 1958 is to convene in Madison Co. with Rev. Glen Rehkop as introductory speaker and Roger Reeds, alternate.

The enrollment for this session was twenty-eight ministers, one hundred and nineteen visitors, sixty-five delegates and nineteen deacons with a total of two-hundred thirty one.

MT. PISGAH CHURCH

A revival was conducted at the Mt. Pisgah Church with four professions, three baptized, and seven additions to the church. Our pastor is Ezra Butts and the evangelist was Carl Postlewait. Both are men of God. The church was built up and strengthened.

—J. A. Odeb, Cor.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

The Hazel Creek Church was host to the Northeast Missouri local association. Rev. Kermit Crooks brought the introductory message on Thursday night. Other ministers delivering messages through out the association were Rev. Mildred Gilliam, Wm. Buster, Rev. J. E. Carey, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Dean Dobbs and Rev. Keith Phipps. Sis. Mona Chrisman was licensed to preach the gospel and on Sunday afternoon Rev. Keith Phipps was ordained to preach the Gospel.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

Today is all you have. Better invest it for God and others.

The normal state of a Christian is to be abnormally sold out to God.

McADAMS TOUR NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful and victorious Christ.

It has been sometime since we last wrote and many things have come to pass during that time.

The Lord led us early in the spring to take a missionary journey in the State of North Carolina, something like Paul of old. We wanted to visit the churches where we had meetings and had pastored some years ago; and see how they were coming along. We found many of the Churches that we visited with splendid young men from our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee as their pastor. Most of these fine pastors had a wonderful building program in progress, some with new churches, and parsonages, and some educational buildings. All were doing a marvelous work and, too, the spiritual side was good in most places.

As we journeyed we found many of our old pastors that we knew in other days such as Rev. J. C. Griffin, D. W. Alexander, M. E. Goodwin, J. C. Moye and Walter Nabes, who celebrated his 92nd birthday. I find I can't mention them all, for we found too many.

It was our privilege to visit the State Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, which met with our Shady Grove Church near Dunn, North Carolina. Here we met a number of our preachers such as Bro. L. R. Ennis, J. W. Alford, L. E. Ballard, James Evans and many others.

We think of the men and women that have been true to the orphanage and Woman's work; such as mother Lupton, Sister Griffin, Sister Woodward, Sister Ballard and Sister Moye. We can not mention all, but you are just as dear to Jesus, as the ones I have mentioned. The Convention was a grand success. Our women in North Carolina are making progress in their work.

We, also, visited the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden and found Bro. Fast doing a great improvement in the last thirty eight years since we first visited the Press. We missed dear Bro. Dunn, who used to meet us with a smile, but is still living and we thank God for him.

We visited thirty-seven churches and had twenty-seven conversions and some glorious services in most all the churches. We want to name one church that never got tired of us; might have been more, but Bro. Thomas Beaman's Church in Kinston never wanted us to pass without a service. Bro. Beaman is a long standing friend of many years. We

had a real revival at the Bethel Church in one day. Twelve, I think, accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

Now this brings us down to the closing part of our journey. We left Bethel in Kinston after a farewell service and started for home. We made a few stops on our way to Texas. We will mention two with Bros. Hilburn and Coffey. One Sunday morning we were with Bro. Hilburn and his church, near Florence, South Carolina, and that night in Darlington, with Bro. Coffey's Church. Both were wonderful services. God bless them, their fellowship was sweet and we praise God for such fine men. Their rewards will be great in yonders bright Heaven of rest.

God bless all that reads this, and pray for us to have many more such hours.

Yours for Jesus,
Bro. and Sis. McAdams

BAPTISM PLEASES GOD

Woodrow Stanley

We are far below Christ but God so loved us that he sent him down to redeem us through a plain ordinary way, and he worked so well at it that God permitted heaven to open up and to hear the sound of God's voice say that he was well pleased.

Jesus, being the lawmaker of all times, wanted a seal of good faith to follow belief and repentance. John didn't call upon him for proof of repentance. John, recognizing his Christianity before God and the world, pleased God so much. Jesus, knowing that God was pleased, began his complete teaching. I find all through the Bible that Jesus taught a united joint of love by being Christian brothers, and it pleased God to know that joint was made through his Son. It was made through faith, repentance and baptism. I do not wish to argue the possible or impossible things of God, such as to say that one can or cannot be saved without baptism, for it is not for me to judge. I do find many people that are better satisfied after being baptized.

Unless you are equally grateful for obligations and opportunities, you are living out of the will of God.

Christian: Look on past failures only as God's signposts pointing to a better tomorrow.

"In hell he lifted up his eyes." From where will your eyes be lifted?

HONOR ROLL

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity	Rev. Don Rogers
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Labanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. James Davis
Coppermines	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Myrtle	Rev. Bud Hill
Kirkville ..	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Wellston	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
First Church, Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Third Ch., St. Louis	Rev. John Rogers
Hazel Creek	
Union	Rev. W. M. Buster
Verdella	Rev. Archie Bures
Richwoods	Rev. Floyd Arnold
Old Bethel	Rev. Dale Statler
Mt. Zion	Rev. O. T. Allred
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredricktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Mountain View	Rev. Leslie Peterman
Hannon Church	Rev. Harry Sterling
Marble Hill	Rev. Florence Long
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Good Neighbor Family	Oreg. Co.
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Blue Eye	Rev. O. T. Allred
Union Light	Rev. Cecil Sheppard
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Cedar Ridge	Rev. Cleo Covington
Neosho	Rev. James McCully
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Ezra Butts
Victory Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. B. Spurgeon
Rock Chapel	
Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Beacon Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. Lester Jones
First Church (K. C.)	Rev. Alice Dickey
Meryls Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred

You say you can't do anything. Why? Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

If you wait until tomorrow to consecrate your life to Christ, you wait at least one day too long.

The man who sows seeds of kindness enjoys a perpetual harvest.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION OFFICE

The Board of Home Missions has recently approved Rev. and Mrs. Lee D. Whaley, Jacksonville, North Carolina as missionaries to Alaska. The Whaley's are now in itinerary work to raise their support. Any church desiring their services should contact the National office.

Miss Bessie Yeley has been transferred from the Spanish Mission at Laradeo, Texas to Nagales, Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Inbody has been approved as missionaries, beginning October 15th. This will make 15 full time Home Missionary workers. We must have continued prayer support to carry on.

Our offerings were low for July. Please include National Home Missions in your new church budget. November will be National Home Mission Month. Begin now to plan great things in your state. The annual missionary conference will be October 8-10 at the Bible College in Nashville.

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Letters

"Our State Association in its regular session, which has just closed, voted to send \$50.00 for National Home Missions."

—Rev. Nelson, Ohio.

"We have just closed a V. B. School. I am enclosing \$10.00 for Home Missions."

—Rev. S. Letterman, Oregon.

"I am 84 years old... I am one hundred percent for you, and all of God's work. I get \$12.50 a month. I am enclosing one dollar."

—Rev. James A. Collins, North Carolina.

"You will find five dollars enclosed for Home Missions, give Oklahoma credit."

—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sparks.

"Find enclosed \$2.00 to help pay on Oklahoma's quota for Home Missions". Yours for Christ,

—Mrs. C. C. Cooper.

"Please apply this \$3.00 to the Kansas quota."

—W. Howdenshell, Wichita.

"The Saline Home Mission Board will pay the rent for the new church at Camden for, the next three months".

—Lewis Barker, Arkansas.

"Enclosed is \$12.00 from the Young Peoples class at Ruth's Chapel. We realize the need is great, and we pray the Lord will bless greatly in this work."

—M. C. Perry, Teacher-North Carolina.

"Enclosed find a check for \$4.50 from the Eastside Sunday School of Pensacola. We trust it will help to further the cause of Christ".

—Mrs. Cook, Florida.

"Enclosed is \$2.00 from the Trinity Temple".

—Rev. Bingham, Oklahoma.

"Enclosed is three dollars from the Junior Class of the Barnes Hill Church".

—Mrs. Bernie Eason, Teacher-North Carolina.

"Enclosed find one dollar from Mt. Carmel Auxiliary."

—Mrs. Bernard, Illinois.

"Enclosed you will find a check for \$15.00 for your tract fund."

—Mrs. Mary A. Welch, Cofers Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Enclosed is \$6.00 from Salem church."

—Mrs. Morris, Florida.

"The enclosed is an offering for National Home Missions".

—Mrs. Walter Baily, Huntington, West Virginia.

"Please send me fifty bulletins each week. We have a wonderful new work here."

—Rev. Henry Hagans, Grifton, North Carolina.

"We are so happy about the advance of the Home Mission Department, and we are remembering you in our prayers."

—Rev. Wilson, Detroit, Michigan.

"Enclosed is my offering of one dollar for Home Missions."

—Paul Willis, Nashville, Tenn.

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—Schedule For Services—

Rev. H. E. Willis

August 11-17, Beech Springs Church—Near Tupelo, Mississippi.

August 21, State Auxiliary Convention—Ashland City, Tennessee.

August 26-30, Peach Creek Church—Peach Creek, West Virginia.

Sept. 1-11, Cramerton Church—Cramerton, North Carolina.

Sept. 15-22, Tifton Mission—Tifton, Georgia.

Sept. 27-28, Mt. Moriah Association—Alabama.

October 1-6, Forest Grove—Knoxville, Tennessee.

Nov. 3-10, Kannapolis Church—Rev. Paul Jenkins, North Carolina.

Nov. 11-17, Jacksonville Church—Rev. Bias, Florida.

Nov. 18-23, First Church—Miami, Florida.

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Please Note: All gifts and offerings from your church which you intend to go for the National Home Mission

Work, should be clearly marked **National Home Missions**. Any money given for Home Missions should be properly receipted. If you do not receive an official receipt, please write us.

TEN RULES FOR CONVERTING NOBODY

Charles Finney

1. Let your supreme motive be popularity rather than salvation.

2. Study to please your congregation rather than to please God.

3. Take up popular, passing, and sensational themes to draw the crowd, and avoid essential doctrines of salvation.

4. Denounce sin in the abstract, but pass lightly over sins that prevail in your congregation.

5. If asked, "Is it wrong to dance, play cards, or attend the theatre?" answer very pleasantly, "Oh, that is a matter for private judgment. It is not for me to say you shall or shall not."

6. Preach on the loveliness of virtue and the glory of Heaven, but not on the sinfulness of sin and the terrors of Hell.

7. Reprove the sins of the absent, but make those who are present pleased with themselves, so that they will enjoy the sermon and not go away with their feelings hurt.

8. Make the impression on worldly church members that God is too good to send anyone to Hell, even if there is a Hell.

9. Preach the universal Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man so as to show that no second birth is really needed.

10. Do not rebuke the worldliness of the church, but fall in with the amusement policy. Instead of meeting for prayer, let the people "sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play."

Another, once speaking under inspiration of the Holy Spirit once said: "Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 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 their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Even a fool can pass for a sage, if he holds his tongue.