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FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Frederick W. Faber

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
When'er we hear that glorious word!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!



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A LITTLE BOY'S FAITH

Once on a barren island a trio of shipwrecked passengers found refuge. They were two men and a little boy. The men were discouraged and in despair after waiting a number of days for some chance vessel to pick them up. The little fellow, a child of seven years, alone kept faith. He would pray daily that God would send them help. Had it not been for the child the men would have cast themselves into the sea to end their misery, but day after day the little fellow could say, "Wait, I will ask God again. He has so much to do that perhaps He has not had time to send anybody."

"But you have asked Him every day. He has not heard you or He would have helped us the first time you asked."

"It's not that," the child replied, with faith still undaunted. "He hears me every time."

"Then why do you continue to ask?"

"That He may know we are still here and waiting," was the ready reply.

God did not disappoint the little boy's faith, but brought them help and deliverance.

"That He may know we are still here and waiting!" How many souls despair and doubt God because the answer does not come as soon as we ask.

—Unknown.

Join The Church Family Plan

It is not a brilliant but well-used mind that succeeds in life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

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Fredricktown	152	162	158	165	158	163	157	150	168	165			
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Leadington	94	94	95	110	98	93	94	96	89	109	111	109	
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Farmington	46	52					54	53	56	51	66	57	55
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Southside			230	234	212	198		196	236	217	211		
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Richwoods	75	66	77	96	90	92	89	93	85	78	80	72	65
Neosho						51	45	43					
Mountain Grove						209							
Joplin							46	56	66	55	56		
Mill Creek							46	47	48				
Kirksville	99	95	100	98	114	100	108	104	116				
Grant Ave												55	
Hazel Creek										64	61	52	57

Please send us your average, too.

How Can These Things Be?

John 3:9-21

Rev. James Davis

Before concluding this series of messages on the New Birth it is necessary for us to consider the highly controversial subject of how can an individual be born again. What is God's plan of salvation? First, I wish to impress upon all that salvation and the new birth can be had by everyone. The Bible definitely declares a "who-soever will may come" type of salvation, Calvinism teaches a limited salvation only to the elect. But we, as Free Will Baptists believe that it is extensive to all people. Yes, all who believe may be saved.

In answer to Nicodemus' question (verse 9) "How can these things be?" Jesus answered in verse 14-16:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

God provided the plan. Christ paid the price. The Holy Spirit convicts the sinner of sin (the sin of unbelief) (John 16:9). The individual must believe in the plan and sacrifice.

By Blood

Now before we go too far, let us go back a moment. From the time of Adam's sin until Christ, the atonement for sin came only by the offering of a sacrifice, the shedding of blood. When God took animals, slew them, took their skins, and clothed Adam and Eve, it is also believed He shed the blood of those animals for the sins of Adam and Eve. Under the Law it was the same. On the great day of atonement, celebrated once a year, the high priest would sacrifice the goat, take the blood of the animal into the Holy of Holies and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat. Through this act, the sins of the people would be atoned for or covered. However, these Levitical sacrifices only covered the sins of Israel until, and in anticipation of, the cross. They did not "take away" (Heb. 10:4) those sins. All of the sacrifices that were made were "shadows," types, expressing the guilt and need of the offerer in reference to God, and all pointing to Christ and fulfilled in Him.

God then lovingly gave His Son to die on the cross as a reason for all. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness" for the salvation of

a rebellious people, so Christ was lifted up on the cross that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jno. 10:10). The sacrifice of Christ and the shedding of His blood is the only thing that really accomplishes salvation. Heb. 10:10 states:

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

I John 1-7 says:

"But if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

As Christ hung on the cross he actually took the sins of the world upon Himself and bare them in His body (Isa. 53:4-6; II Cor. 5:21) and suffered their punishment (Romans 6:23 with I Peter 3:18).

By Faith

If all of this is true then why is not everyone saved? The answer lies simply in the fact that man has a part in salvation also. His part is to believe all this.

God is not content with man thinking he is good and in need of nothing. Man needed a savior and God provided the Savior. God desires that man first realize his need of a savior. It is then necessary for man to believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is that Savior. (Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8, 9).

The sin that will consign unsaved men to hell is the sin of unbelief. It is not the sins of immorality, drunkenness or idolatry. Therefore, Jesus said:

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18)

But to have a mere mental faith in the fact of Jesus Christ will not save. To accept the historical fact that Jesus really lived, performed miracles, etc., and even to really believe that he can save from sin is still not enough. The faith that saves must be strong enough. The faith that saves must be strong enough to drive the individual to his knees and cause him to cry out, "God be merciful to me a sinner and save me for Christ's sake." This is then the next step, confession of his sin and his need to God (Rom. 10:13; Rcts 8:20-23). God then says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). To repent of sins is simply a turning from and forsaking of sins (Isa. 55:7). Through the new birth (the becoming a new creature in Christ) man is able to do this.

The Lord does the regenerating, but man, the sinner, must do the believing. So we close this series of messages with the question, have you believed on the Son of God? If you have not, then you have not been born again. If you do believe on him as your Saviour, Lord, and king, then you, too, have been made a new creature in Him.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1).

COMING OF CHRIST

Effects of Believing in His Return

If we believe in the coming of our Lord, we shall be—

1. **Pure in Heart.** For every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure (I John 3:3). Purity within essential to rightly see without.

2. **Resolution in Purpose.** We are exhorted to "gird up the loins of our minds, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that it to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:13). As the girdle braces up the body, so the truth of the Lord's coming will hold together in a resolute purpose, the mind of our determination.

3. **Sanctified in Life.** The reason why the Lord sanctifies and cleanses His Church now, is that He might "present it to Himself a glorious church". (Eph. 5:26, 27) The spotless garments of a sanctified life have a qualifying recognition in the glory of the future (Rev. 19:7, 21:2).

4. **Ardent in Love.** The reason why Paul served the Lord so faithfully was because he loved the Lord so devotedly (I Tim. 4:6-8).

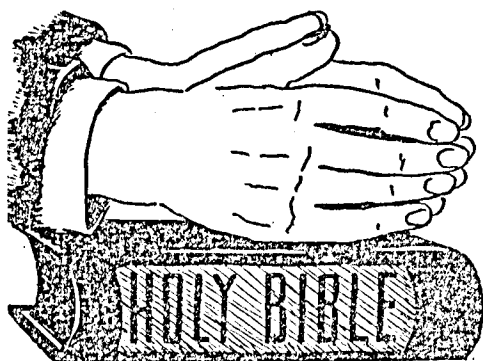
5. **Patient in Trial.** When James exhorted patience under persecution, and a steady persistence amid ridicule, he said: "Be patient, therefore, brethren unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ" (James 5:7,8).

6. **Expectant in Attitude.** Of the early Christians, it is said that they, waiting for the Son of God from heaven, and the outcome of knowing the grace of God is, we shall be looking for the Blessed Hope and the glorious appearing of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11-14; I Thess. 1:10).

7. **Faithful in Service.** Our Lord has bid us occupy till He come, and as we are faithful to Him in trading the pound of the Gospel, which He has committed to our trust, we shall be rewarded accordingly (Luke 19:12-26).

—Messenger

The Family Altar



OUR MOTTO:

- A Family Altar in Every Believer's Home.
A Private Altar in Every Believer's Heart.

Two men had gone from the old home place to make their own way in the world. Occasionally they went back to visit father and mother. Finally the parents died and the two sons wondered what they would do with the old home place. Finally one said to the other, "If you'll sell your interest to me, I will build a summer house and you can visit any time you want to." So one day they went with intention of tearing it down. One sat down in a chair and the other paced up and down in front of the old fire place. Finally one spoke and said, "Bob we are not going to tear it down. It is going to stand here." The other said, "That's strange! While walking up and down here I have the same thing in mind." He looked over and said, "There's the old chair father sat in when he read the Bible and we knelt down beside him to pray." Finally, after talking awhile, they knelt down by the side of the chair and were saved and went back home and used their riches for God. Not a shingle was touched. The old home stood there because of the family altar that was in it.

STORY-PERSON MATCH

Names of famous Bible stories are given in Column 1, and the names of people who figured importantly in these stories are given in Column 2. Match the person from Column 2 with the story description in Column 1. Keep score. Each correct answer gives you ten points.

Column 1

1. A Young Preacher
2. The Coat of Many Colors
3. Shipwrecked
4. The Valley of Dry Bones
5. The Good Shepherd
6. The Contest on Mt. Carmel
7. The Beautiful Queen

8. The Runaway Slave
9. Marching Around Jericho
10. Stronger Than A Lion

Column 2

- a. Onesimus
- b. Paul
- c. Ezekiel
- d. Joseph
- e. Elijah
- f. Esther
- g. Samson
- h. Jesus
- i. Timothy
- j. Joshua

By Ollie James Robertson
(Answers on page 16)

HELPS FOR BIBLE READING

The Bible is the message from God to man. II Tim. 3:14-17.

When in trouble or sorrow, read John 14:1-3, 27; Heb. 12:6-7; Psal. 46.

When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.

When you have the blues, read Psal. 91.

When God seems far away, read Psal. 139.

When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.

When in sickness, read James 5:14-15; Psalm 41:2-4.

When in danger, read Luke 8:22-25; Psalm 91.

When men fail you, read I Peter 5:7; Psalm 23.

When lonely or fearful, Matt. 6:25-34; 11:28-30.

When discouraged or tempted, read I Cor. 10:13; James 1:12; Isa. 40:28-31.

When you have sinned, I Jn. 1:8-9; Heb. 7:25; Psal. 51:1-12.

When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.

When your faith seems failing, Heb. 11; Psal. 34:17-22.

When you want courage, read II Cor. 12:9.

When looking for happiness, Colossians 3:1-17; Psalm 1.

When leaving home for travel, read Psalm 121.

If you are not a Christian, read John 3:16; Matt. 10:32-33; 22:35-40; 25:31-46; Rom. 10:9-13; Eph. 25:1-7.

A prayer for help, Mark 11:22-24; Luke 11:1-13; Psal. 25:1-7.

If you are a Christian soldier, I Tim. 6:12; II Tim. 2:3; Eph. 6:11-17.

You have divine Saviour, John 6:47.

Assurance of God's mercy, read John 5:24; Psal. 40:1-5.

Assurance of God's Protection, read Matt. 10:29-31; 28:20;

Rom. 8:31-39; Phil. 4:6, 19; Psal. 62; 139:1-12.

Some rules of conduct, Rom. 12:9-21; Jas. 1:19.

Rewards of a righteous life, read Matt. 5:1-12; 10:42; II Tim. 4:7-8; I Cor. 15:41-58.

WHAT'S IN YOUR HOUSE?

Dr. Campbell Morgan said, "Soon after I was married, my father came into my house and looked around. We showed him every room. Then he said to me, 'Your home is very nice, but no one, walking through it, would know whether you belonged to God or to the devil.' After my father left, I looked through the rooms again and I thought, 'He is quite right.' So my wife and I made up our minds straightway that there would be something in every room to show that we serve the Lord God."

In our homes there should be mottoes, pictures to show that we belong to God. In our homes there should be daily Bible reading and prayer. In our homes we should do what God wants us to do. We should talk about the things of God when we walk by the way, when we lie down and when we rise up.

—Selected.

WITH HIM

Crucified with Him—

Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14.

Dead with Him—

Rom. 6:8; II Tim. 2:11.

Buried with Him—

Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

Quickened with Him—

Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13.

Raised with Him—

Eph. 2:6.

Seated with Him—

Eph. 2:6.

Living with Him—

II Cor. 13:4; Rom. 6:8.

Laboring with Him—

I Cor. 3:9; 15:10.

Suffering with Him—

Rom. 8:17.

Glorified with Him—

Rom. 8:17.

Reigning with Him—

II Tim. 2:12; Rev. 20:6.

Coming with Him—

I Thess. 4:14.

—Messenger

Two successes I have never known: A Christian who did not tithe; and a Christian who gave more time to the radio and the newspaper than to the Bible and prayer. Success is giving God your very best.

The Soul's Anchor

Sophia Ackerson

Hebrews 6:19 "Which hope we have as an Anchor of the Soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil."

The Epistle of the Hebrews written presumably by the Apostle Paul is one of the most interesting and refreshing epistles of the New Testament. It throbs with hope. The most profound Bible Commentators describe it as by far the most important and useful of all the Apostolic writings. It fairly thunders forth sublime truths concerning the character and attributes of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It asserts that he is not only the Son of God, but also goes on to prove that he is higher in authority than the very angels, greater than the Prophet Moses, chief of Prophets, and infinitely above Aaron who stood head and shoulders above all.

Jesus is a priest of the highest order and that he is worthy of all praise. The sixth chapter of Hebrews exhorts us to be steadfast in the faith. He promises that, "God is not unrighteous" to forget our work and labor of love, God made a promise to Abraham saying, "Surely blessings I will bless thee", and "multiplying I will multiply thee". But this promise was not fulfilled immediately, neither did the fulfillment follow closely on the heels of the promise itself. Does God get in a hurry? Nay, but after He had patiently endured He obtained the promise.

If we have our souls anchored in this hope, we are just as secure and safe resting in his promise as was the accused Souls which fled to the city of refuge in the days of old.

Nothing can touch us or molest us, nothing can lay its destructive hand upon us, if we are "hid with Christ in God." Being conscious of such security, we cannot be deterred, discouraged or impeded on our march toward Zion.

Has there ever been a time when the human family has been so unnerved as it is today. The hand of fear seems to have gripped the hand of the entire earth and shaking it vigorously.

We earthlings have become afraid of everything around us. We fear war and all the results of woeful inventions, of monstrous weapons of warfare. After all these terrible things that seem to be taking hold of the people of the world it causes people even to fear one another.

The child of God has given a blessed anchor of hope that is carried by a boat of faith through the mists,

the clouds, and the fog of this world, beyond the veil into the heavenly, and knowing full well the anchor has bitten into the soil of heaven, so we may ride out the storms of this earthly voyage confident and serene as we go on about our tasks on this old ship of Zion.

We are just as safe aboard this pitching vessel with our Anchor of Hope thrown across the River of Jordan as though we had already reached Heaven. We must never lean over the sides of the ship to watch the leaping waves as they dash madly against each other, pitching their foam into the sky, neither must we count the blinding flashes of lightning or listen to the frightening thunder that rolls through the black sky.

Let the storm rage, we have a job to do aboard the vessel. We must perform our duty in spite of all hindrances and all opposing circumstances. What the anchor is to a ship, hope is to a life of a Christian. The Christian has found this to be true. Hope spurs the Christian on.

It is the hope of getting home that drives the weary traveler on. It is hope of victory that strengthens the arms of a fighting soldier. It is hope of reward that infuses energy into the tired body of the laborer, and by the same token it is eternal life with Christ our Savior and the redeemed through all ages that prods the Christian on.

It is hope that anchors the soul in time of mental distress. There is enough going on in the world today to drive the sanest person insane had he not anything which to calm his self. But there is an answer to all these awful things. Even now Jesus, the master, is standing at the very battlements of heaven stretching his nail scarred hands over the face of the globe crying, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

It is hope of deliverance that enables us to endure all these conflicts. We can expect trials and tribulation for the master said, we would have them. Jesus said, also, "In the world ye shall have tribulations but be of good cheer I have overcome the world," yet the same lips that said we would have tribulations also promised us grace to overcome and said, "my grace is sufficient for thee."

We all know full well that victory cannot be obtained without a battle being won. What have we to do but to hold fast to God's promises. We can not lose when the Lord is on our side. When we think the battle is lost heaven will provide reinforcements that will hurl the enemy into everlasting defeat.

This hope of attaining a home in heaven, of clasping our loved ones to our heart in loving embrace, of moving from this valley of tears to a rolling hill in glory, of leaving this crumbling tabernacle of flesh for a heavenly body, of being evicted from this old house by the cruel hand of death and being escorted down the streets of that celestial city by the Lord himself and directed to our mansion, this is well worth fighting for. This is enough to make us resist all evil with all our strength. We should be willing to pay any price to suffer anything and to make any and all sacrifices. If we suffer with him we will also reign with him.

Sometimes when we pass through the suburbs of a large city we see the homes of the wealthy, with all their ravishing beauty. Mansions all sprawled with well trimmed shrubbery, rolling lawn, flower gardens, sparkling fountains, large trees, sleek limousines, everything that goes to make up a wealthy estate of the supposed upper class. It makes us feel that maybe we have missed the mark. But the thought comes to me that these are living only for the present and maybe this is all they have. They are enjoying theirs now and some day they will all perish. We can hear Jesus say, "Lay not your treasures upon this earth but lay them up in Heaven."

We are wearing daily our garments of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall lovingly drape around our weary shoulders when we come off the field of conflict. As to the Christian's mansion it is already completed and awaiting our arrival. Because Jesus has gone to prepare one for all. So after all God's child is very rich. The Lord has prepared all things for those who love him. We should rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is our reward in heaven. These are glorious truths.

Let this old world roll on in its hellish course. let the demons have their jubilee, let the devils rant, and rage, and ravage all they will, let the scoffer mock on, let the scorner roll out his hateful lips at the trusting child of God. Our day is coming, victory is already ours, if we have our souls anchored in that Blessed Hope. We Will Praise His Name Forever.

The average church member doesn't know the first letter of the word "Sacrifice," and the average Christian can't spell it. It is a rare Christian who steps out into the great joy afforded only by sacrifice. They who love most live most.

From the Editor's Desk

A FAMILY ALTAR

"And he went on his journeys—unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. (Gen. 13:3-4)

In Genesis 12 we read about Abraham in Egypt. He had forsaken Canaan, God's appointed place for him, because of a famine. Trouble arose while there and Pharaoh sent him away, and he came to the place between Bethel and Hai where his tent had been in the beginning. Here was an altar which he had made at the first. Also notice Gen. 12:7-8 and you will feel that altars played an important part in Abraham's life. I like to think of these altars as family altars.

It is my firm belief that every Christian Home should have a family altar. At least why couldn't every Free Will Baptist home have one? I know that if a part of the family is Christian and a part is not, especially in reference to husband and wife, then there may be problems arise. But trust God to solve these problems.

Here are some advantages of a family altar:

1. It will increase the piety of your own life and home.
2. It will bind the family together with stronger bond.
3. It will strengthen your church and your service in her behalf.
4. It will create a lasting influence for your children.

We have not exhausted the advantages, but even one of these mentioned will justify a family altar.

For some families a family altar in the morning is more convenient, while for some a family altar in the evening is more convenient. At any rate get the family Bible and call the members of the family together, read some portion of the Scriptures, and then lift up your voice to God in prayer. So let us establish a family altar. Let this be our motto: **A Family Altar** in every Free Will Baptist Home.

NOTICE

Anyone having relatives or friends in Kansas City who you think would be interested in a Free Will Baptist Church please send their names and addresses to: Rev. Lester Jones, 4110 East Sixth St., Kansas City 24, Mo.

If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED West Plains, Mo.

On December 9th our State Home Mission Team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, began a two weeks meeting at 1016 Garfield Street in West Plains, Missouri. On Thursday, December 20, at 7:30 P. M. the following Free Will Baptist ministers met with the group to assist in the organization of the church: Elders Lester Jones, O. T. Dixon, Harry Beatty, Keith Johnson, Noah Miller, Sam Johnson, and Jesse Duncan.

The service was as follows: Congregational singing and prayer. Trio by Bro. and Sis. Jesse Duncan and Bro. Brown. An evangelistic message by Bro. Jones, using Romans 11:30-12, 2, for Scripture lesson. Rev. O. T. Dixon presided over the organization giving comments on the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church and called for the charter membership. Twenty-one responded. The Bible was presented by Bro. Keith Johnson and the Church Covenant by Bro. O. T. Dixon. The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Bro. Jones and were unanimously adopted. The consecration prayer was led by Bro. Miller with the church at the altar.

Officers elected: Rev. Keith Johnson, pastor, by acclamation; Treasurer—Ella James; Clerk—Mrs. James Dotson; Board of Trustees—Noah Miller (three years) T. J. Atkinson (two years) Eugene James, Ralph Fletchall, Howard Campbell, James Dotson and J. R. Walker.

Challenging remarks were made by the elected pastor.

Benediction by Sam Johnson.

—Reporter, Harry Beatty

WILLIAM S. THOMPSON

William S. Thompson, son of the late Isaac and Sarah Holt Thompson, was born at Youngstown, Sept., 28, 1900 and departed this life at a Kirksville hospital, 2:30 P. M., Dec., 20, 1956.

On Oct., 26, 1941, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Ethel Newcomer and to this union was born one son, Ernest Lee.

He is survived by his wife, son, Ernest Lee at home; three brothers, John Thompson, Greentop; Jake Thompson, New Bridge Oregon; Clifford Thompson, Prineville, Oregon; five sisters, Mrs. Homer (Francis) Stucker, Higgins, Texas; Mrs. Carl (Mary) Carnagey, New Bridge, Oregon; Mrs. Ender (Beulah) Anderson, New Bridge, Oregon; Mrs. Cecil

(Ethel) Pierson, Eugene, Oregon; and Mrs. Henry (Alta) Daniels, Sutherland, Oregon. Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by four brothers. Mr. Thompson lived on a farm north-east of Kirksville and was a member of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dee Riley Funeral Home, Dec., 22 at 2:00 P. M. by Rev. Wm. Buster, pastor of the Hazel Creek Union Church, assisted by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville. Interment was in the New Harmony Cemetery in Schuyler County, west of Greentop.

TWINS BORN TO LETTERMANS

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Letterman of 117 Elzora Street, Milton Free-water, Oregon (formerly of Missouri) are the proud parents of identical twin boys born on January 2, 1957 at the Walla Walla, Washington, General Hospital. The boys answer to the names Winston Kent and Timothy Linn, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 6 lbs. 10 oz. respectively. The Lettermans have two other boys, Keith age 9 and Kerry age 5.

The Lettermans are on the Home Mission field for Free Will Baptist and he is serving as pastor for the mission established there.

CHURCH MEMBER BEATITUDES

Blessed is he who will not strain at a drizzle or swallow a downpour.

Blessed is he who tries a little harder when all around say, "It can't be done."

Blessed is he who serves faithfully on a committee.

Blessed is the church official who is not pessimistic.

Blessed is he who loves his church before his business.

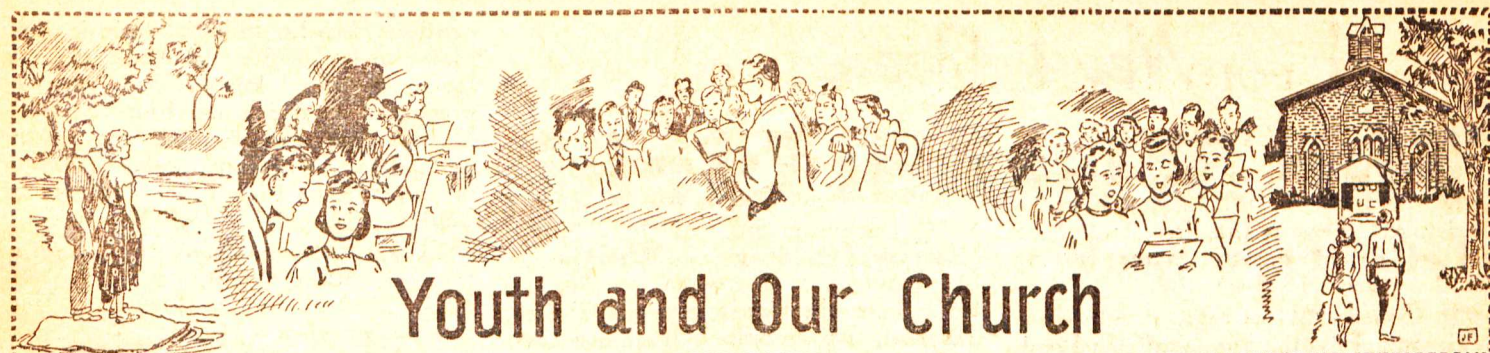
Blessed is he who can walk as fast to a religious service as to town.

Blessed is he who invites people to church and comes along himself.

Blessed are those who never gossip about the faults of the church, but work to make it better.

FORWARD!

Livingston's motto was: "Anywhere, provided it be forward." "Progress is the great law of life." The marks on the grave of a guide who died while climbing the Alps was: "He died climbing." On the tomb of a Christian astronomer were these words: (by his partner) "We have gazed too long at the stars together to be afraid of the night."



Youth and Our Church

NORTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE RALLY

On December 30, 1956, the Northeast Mo., League Rally met with the New Harmony Church for a very inspirational program. The congregation was led in two songs, "Victory In Jesus" and "I Know Whom I Have Believed" opened the services for the evening. Following the songs Bro. Dobbs led in prayer.

The President opened the business meeting with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by an appointed secretary. President Maggart appointed Wayne and Leroy Jackson as ushers to receive an offering of \$15.53 for the cabin fund. At the close of the business meeting Bro. Mike Fowler read the devotions using the text, John 3:16, 17, and Sister Alta Mikel led in prayer.

The following program was presented: The Hazel Creek Church, a song, "Deeper, Deeper", the Kirksville Church, the song "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone", the New Harmony Church, Young People Group sang the song, "He Gave Himself", and Richard Kelley sang "Roll your Burdens All on Him".

Following a brief period of congregational singing, the Kirksville Church presented a short play, "Youth Meets A Challenge". In conclusion of the program, little Miss Margie Mollcock sang "Keep the Bible in Your Heart" and "Faith, Hope and Charity".

Announcements were made and Bro. Kermit Crooks pronounced the benediction upon the League Rally Service.

—Shirley Houston, Secretary

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

I am sending you \$8.00 for Foreign Missions.

I got the label for a penny-a-meal jar from Rev. Riggs when he held a revival at Sandy City Church. We keep it on the table and we all help to fill it.

I am eleven years old. I am a Christian. I was saved at Bible School.

—Faye Russell



Jim McAllister

The above is the likeness of Jim McAllister, who is twenty years of age. Jim, on December 9, 1956, at an altar of prayer in the Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., surrendered his life to the Lord to preach. He has preached several times and will be licensed in the near future. He is married and now resides at 3820 Euclid, Kansas City, Mo.



Jack McAllister

The above is the likeness of Jack McAllister who is sixteen years of age. Jack answered his call to preach the gospel at last summer's Free Will Baptist Youth Camp session. He has been licensed and has preached several sermons. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo.

YOUTH SUNDAY AT BERKELEY

We are happy to report through the Youth section of the Gem paper again this month. Last Sunday was recognized as Youth Sunday at Berkeley Church with the young people in charge of the Sunday School and morning worship services. We were privileged to have as guest speaker, Miss Glenda Barks, from the Bible College. Miss Barks, a member of our church, was formerly president of our Crusaders For Christ. Other students from the Bible College who were guest speakers at our Church during the Christmas holidays were Rev. Bill Fulcher, Rev. Don Hill and Rev. Bean Dobbs.

On December 28th, the Crusaders For Christ held their New Year's turkey dinner with thirty-four present. The church dining room was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Speakers for the evening were Rev. Hill, Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. George Woods and Glenda Barks.

We pray that our program we have planned for the coming year will be pleasing to the Lord and help to build our Church in spirit and number. The Fourth Sunday of each month the crusaders with the Intermediates G.T.A.'s will be presenting a religious service at the Englewood Home for the aged. Pray that we may be able to spread a little sunshine in the hearts of these elderly people.

We would like to report our Intermediate and Junior G.T.A.'s, under the direction of Mrs. George Woods, Mrs. Hill, and Eudora Stephens, are doing a wonderful work this year.

We, as youth, desire your prayers for our leaders that they may help up work together and accomplish those things which will enrich our Christian lives, and we may win others for Christ in this coming year.

—Virginia Eades, Sec.

Some people fight for glory; some people fight for gain; some people fight for life, but most people fight in vain.

News From The Mission Field

Letter From Sparks

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We praise God for our safe trip all the way to Switzerland. His hand was seen even in the smallest details concerning our travel connections. There were times when we were unduly concerned about our connections and baggage, but He already had a perfect plan of our trip made out.

We left New York City as scheduled. The sea was rough the 25th and the 26th, but we managed to keep from falling out of our bunks. Although we did not feel too good the first few days, the remainder of the journey was rather pleasant. After our arrival at Le Harve in the early Morning of the 29th, we boarded a train for Paris. This trip took three hours. We had about eight hours to spend in Paris before we could catch a through train to Lausanne. While walking about we happened to find the British and Foreign Bible Society. There was an English speaking lady there and she helped us make a few phone calls. She was very gracious and we felt that the Lord had led us there. We contacted Ron Hoyle, a classmate of Lonnie's at Columbia last year. He spent the remainder of the afternoon with us. He has been here for the past three months and knew his way around pretty well. At 8:55 P. M. we left for Lausanne and arrived at approximately 2:50 A. M. Since we had notified the school of the time we were to arrive, a Mr. Payne was waiting for us at the station. He is an American, but has been here for the past ten years doing missionary work and also teaching at the school.

We are glad to get settled again. Everything is strange and new but we know that this is God's place for us. Pray that we will be able to become accustomed to the different eating habits and customs.

We attended our first class in French today. It was quite interesting. We know that we have a long hard grind before us but the Lord is able.

May the Lord bless you in this year as you expand the Missionary Program. Our prayers will be with you.

Yours in Christ for Souls,
Lonnie and Anita Sparks

The Calverys Write

"We are planning a glorious Christmas with our people here. Very few of them are believers yet but some of them are very sincere and we enjoy working with them. I wouldn't be anywhere else this Christmas even if I had a chance. This is God's place for me now. The attendance on all of our meetings has picked up recently. We hope it is not because of the nearness of Christmas.

"Day before yesterday I had an experience that I would like to relate to you. I was riding the little train from Abashiri to Bihoro when I began a conversation with a young man sitting across from me. (He was 24 years old) He asked me who I was and I told him I was a missionary. When I asked him who he was he said "I am nobody". Then I told him surely you must be somebody. Then it was that he told me he was miserable and was going to commit suicide. I persuaded him to spend a few hours with me in Bihoro and during that time I told him of the Love of God. He said he had never thought about God and knew nothing about the Bible. It was the first time that he had heard the gospel message. He did not accept Christ (it is so hard for those who hear the first time to believe) but he promised me he would not take his own life and will think about becoming a Christian. He kept saying to me 'there is no hope', 'there is no hope'. I'm glad that in a small way I was able to tell him that there is hope, in Christ Jesus. Please pray for him. I may never see him again but I know that there must be many others around me here just like him. Why should I long to be somewhere else this Christmas with such people around me waiting for the good news of the gospel. Praise the Lord for His leading."

MY PRAYER

"Lord I know that I am not worthy to be called by Thy Name, but I do thank Thee for the privilege. Help me to live that my life will bring honor to Thee, and never reproach. Do whatever may be necessary in me that You may be able to do whatever is needed through me. I know that You are a great God, able to do mighty miracles. Do something tre-

mendous, Lord, and let it begin in me. I want to be all that the grace of God can make me. I know that I can do nothing of myself, it must be You that works in me and through me. Take my life, melt it, mold it, make it what you want it to be, not for any praise or glory that might come to me, but for Thy glory. Amen".

—E. R. B.

Tithes for Foreign Missions

Dear Bro. Riggs.

Enclosed is ten dollars for the Calverys in Japan. Also enclosed is a picture of the group of Juniors who with their Teacher, Mrs. Frances Rider have made this contribution. I started to send this gift for the Japanese field direct to the Calverys so as to include the picture which the youngsters wanted sent but decided that it should go through the board.

When we had our Missionary Conference here in Savannah the last of November we gave only a hundred dollars for Foreign Missions plus a small personal gift to Miss Wischart and Miss Wilson.

Foreign missions is the dearest thing to my heart and as an aftermath of our Missionary Conference, our church has voted to tithe our overall income to our own Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board to support our foreign missionaries on all our fields. This does not affect our giving to our Georgia Unified Program which supports the Co-operative program (Nationally) as well as the local state phases of our work. However our tithes will come out first of the overall income of the church to be sent in support of Foreign Missions.

Neither will this affect the pledge of over seven hundred dollars which our folks have made to the Bible College for this year.

With sincere gratefulness, we praise God for nine converts on the first Sunday of the new year, saved and added to the Church. We are sure that the blessings of God are upon any church or people who are missionary minded and are concerned about the souls of men more than any thing else.

We remember to pray for you personally in your place of responsibility. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours for a global witness,
Louis H. Moulton

God said, "My grace is sufficient for thee" but few of us have tried to find how great the supply really is.

NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD

"We hope to get another church started at Zillah, Washington before too long." (Missionary Postlewaite)

Note: Rev. and Mrs. Postlewaite have a new baby boy, Samuel, born January 14. Mr. Postlewaite also reports that they received many gifts for Christmas and thank their friends. Also he gives a good report from the church in Freewater, Oregon, where Rev. Letterman is now working.

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"We have organized a new church here with 24 members and have purchased a lot on 15th Street."

Rev. Wade Jerigan, Guymon, Okla.

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"We have organized a new church, Bethel, at West Plains, Missouri, with 21 members. One of the members is giving us a house to worship in free for the first year."

Rev. Harry Beaty, Thayer, Mo.

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"I am now pastoring the Mable Avenue Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina."

Rev. R. H. Jackson, Board member

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"Enclosed is a check for \$18.75 for National Home Missions from the State of South Carolina, sent through the Womans' Auxilliary State Convention."

Mrs. G. D. Jones, Pamplico, S. C.

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"We are sending our \$1.00 pledges, trusting that through these small gifts, some soul will be blessed for Christ".

Mr. and Mrs Sago, Arkansas

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"Enclosed is \$10.00 for the National Home Mission work".

A. Metcalf, Oregon.

COOK STOVE APOSTASY

The early church prayed in the Upper Room, the Twentieth Century church cooks in the Supper Room.

Today the Supper Room has taken the place of the Upper Room. Play has taken the place of Prayer, and Feasting the place of Fasting. There are more full Stomachs than there are Bended Knees and Broken Hearts. There is more fire in the Range in the Kitchen, than there is in the Pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen, it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the pulpit. Ice Cream chills the fervor of Spiritual Life.

The early Christians were not Cooking in the Supper Room in the day the Holy Ghost came, they were praying in the Upper Room; they were not Waiting on Tables, they

were Waiting on God; they were not Waiting for the fire from the stove but for the Fire from Above.

They were detained by the Command of God and not Entertained by the Cunning of Men. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, not stuffed with Stew or Roast.

Oh, I would like the Cooking Squad put out the praying Band; put in less Ham and Sham and more Heaven; less pie and more Piety; less use for the Cook Book and more use for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the Kitchen and build it on the Altar.

More Love and more Life; fewer Dinners and get after Sinners. Let us have a church full of Waiters on God, a church full of Servers, serving God and waiting for His Son from Heaven.

—Selected.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Dear Sirs:

The Southside Free Will Baptist Church here in Ft. Smith, Ark., has agreed to send our Fifth Sunday Sunday School collection to the work of Foreign Missions.

Enclosed is our Fifth Sunday collection for December 30, 1956 of \$4.08.

Please let me know by return mail if this is where we are to continue sending them. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Lavonne Cosper, Sec.-Treas.

Man has tried to find peace without giving God first place in his efforts for thousands of years without success. Why does he continue to follow the same course?

STATE QUOTA RECEIPTS FOR NATIONAL MISSIONS

For the Period Beginning Jan. 1, 1956 and Ending Dec. 31, 1956

State:	Quota	Received	Over	Under
Alabama	\$1,200.00	\$1,240.70	\$ 40.70	\$
Arizona	150.00	83.45		66.56
Arkansas	1,350.00	1,432.05	82.05	
California	1,500.00	367.76		1,132.24
Florida	1,200.00	1,535.90	335.90	
Georgia	1,700.00	1,227.94		472.06
Idaho	150.00			150.00
Illinois	1,500.00	1,127.77		372.23
Kansas	150.00	13.00		137.00
Kentucky	1,000.00	523.10		476.90
Louisiana	100.00			100.00
Maine	200.00	18.00		182.00
Michigan	3,000.00	1,451.01		1,548.99
Missouri	2,500.00	2,302.63		197.37
Mississippi	1,000.00	541.36		458.64
Nebraska	200.00	262.16	62.16	
New Mexico	100.00	35.09		64.91
North Carolina	3,000.00	2,972.20		27.50
Ohio	1,000.00	1,116.24	116.24	
Oklahoma	2,750.00	1,226.66		1,523.34
Oregon	100.00	59.80		40.20
South Carolina	1,350.00	1,005.45		344.55
Tennessee	2,500.00	2,773.08	273.08	
Texas	1,500.00	581.09		918.91
Virginia	1,200.00	806.63		393.37
West Virginia	1,200.00	264.15		935.85

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Congratulations to the six sttes which exceeded their quota.

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Among new missions reported in December are: Haines City, Fla., Lake Charles, La., Cleveland, Tenn., Guymon, Okla., and others.

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Budget For 1957	\$46,400.00
State Quotas	\$31,600.00
Sale of Merchandise	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,800.00
	\$46,400.00

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(NOTE: Our department will receive 12½% of Co-operative funds.)

State quotas will remain the same for 1957.

CO-OPERATIVE PLAN OFFERINGS EXCEED GOAL NEARLY \$1,000

Nashville, Tenn.—The response to the Cooperative Plan of Support for 1956 exceeded both the goal which has been set and the hopes of denominational leaders, according to a late release from the Executive office.

The goal for the year—which was the first full year the Cooperative Plan has been in operation—was \$37,600 in undesignated funds. When the books were closed on December 31 the total undesignated offerings stood at \$38,588.78—nearly \$1,000 more than the amount needed to assure the budget of the Executive department which had been receiving 45 per cent of the funds.

The additional amount was not shared in by the Executive Department, but was allocated among the other seven agencies who receive money from the cooperative fund.

The undesignated offerings represented about 20 per cent of all giving for denominational causes for the year. Designated offerings pushed the total receipts up to \$43,000.

Because of new percentages of allocation the need for undesignated cooperative giving for 1957 will be \$58,000, an increase of nearly 65 per cent over last year. This will require average monthly receipts of \$4,800 in 1957 as compared with something over \$3,100 last year.

Undesignated cooperative offerings will be allocated as follows:

Foreign Missions, 27 per cent; Home Missions, 12.5 per cent; Radio-TV Board, 2 per cent; Executive department, 31 per cent; Bible College, 19 per cent; Superannuation, 4 per cent; League, 1 per cent; Sunday School Department, 3.5 per cent.

The Cooperative Plan of Support calls for each local church to give at least ten per cent of the church income to this fund for distribution among the eight departments named above. This may be sent through the state office or directly to the Executive Department, 3801 Richard Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. All offerings should be clearly marked "For Cooperative Plan."

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

Jan. 1, 1956—Dec. 31, 1956

Receipts:

Alabama	\$ 990.32
Arizona	202.11
Arkansas	3,001.09
California	3,311.64
Florida	1,777.62
Georgia	377.53
Illinois	1,507.70
Kentucky	518.10

Michigan	2,529.82
Mississippi	245.74
Missouri	8,483.22
Nebraska	48.84
New Mexico	307.59
North Carolina	2,267.33
Oklahoma	5,862.26
Oregon	22.50
South Carolina	18.30
Tennessee	3,370.02
Texas	2,746.13
Virginia	5,413.09

Total Receipts \$43,000.95

Designated receipts 4,412.17

Undesignated receipts .. 38,588.78

\$43,000.95

Disbursements:

Executive Department	\$17,384.40
Foreign Mission Board	10,398.52
Bible College	6,657.38
Home Mission Board	4,359.51
Superannuation Board	1,717.80
Sunday School Board	1,226.24
League Board	822.47
Radio-TV Board	434.63

Total Disbursements \$43,000.95

FIRST SUMMER SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3-21

A summer school will be offered in June 1957 for the first time as authorized by the college Board of Trustees. Dr. L. C. Johnson announced recently.

The session will be held June 3-21 and is arranged so that ministers who do not live within driving distance will be away from their pulpits only two Sundays.

For a number of years pastors, laymen, and students in other schools have been asking for a summer term at the Bible College. Judging from the number of inquires, the school should be well attended, the president said.

The three-week school will be directed by the college president. The four hours credit which may be earned may be applied toward any degree offered by the school. Two of these hours will be in Bible and the other two in church administration or doctrine. The courses will be selected by student demand from among the following: Pauline Writings, Johannine Writings, General Epistles, Free Will Baptist Doctrine, Pastoral Theology, The Church and Its Auxiliaries, and Sermon Building.

The college dormitories and dining hall will be available for the summer student. The cost will be as follows: room and board, \$35; registration fee \$5; Matriculation fee, \$5, and tuition, \$25.

The added session will provide an opportunity for ministers to take refresher courses and for laymen and Christian workers to gain a greater knowledge of the Word of God. In future years the summer school will probably be lengthened to more than three weeks, depending upon the needs of the students.

President Johnson expressed enthusiasm as saying, "I believe many of our pastors and even some of our former students will be interested in attending this summer session. We are expecting a good attendance this first year."

A registration blank may be secured by writing the college registrar.

—Contact

TO SHED LIGHT

A poor blind woman in Paris put twenty-seven francs into a missionary offering. This amount seemed high for a woman of her means, and it was suggested that she could not afford it. "Yes, Sir, I can. I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw workers, 'How much money do you spend in a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work?' They replied, 'Twenty-seven francs.'"

"So, I found that I save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to the dark heathen lands."

—Selected

THINK IT OVER

It is harvest time. The end of the Age, the last of the last days is harvest time. So said the prophets. It is time to turn from the plow and bring out the great combines and binders. The harvest won't wait, one thousand million souls have never heard.

For years many have thought that the work of evangelizing the world was only a side issue of the church, and to be carried on by a few consecrated women. That thought still prevails in many churches. They try to gather the best workers for their own church, not even willing for them to help begin a new church at home.

But Joel the prophet, seeing the urgency of these last days, cried, "Wake up the mighty men." Multitudes are in the valley of decision. Jesus sent out His disciples to deliver the captives, preach the gospel, and destroy the works of the devil. This is a man-sized job. All glory to the girls and women who are called, but where are our boys and men? Why aren't more of them called?—Think it over!

—Methodist Messenger

"Have A Tract Sir"

Bayless McDonald

(Every week students at Free Will Baptist Bible College win people to Christ in their practical work groups. They reported 720 decisions in the last four months of 1956.)

"Have a tract, sir," urged a voice at the workman's elbow as he hurried home through the Saturday traffic in uptown Nashville.

The man turned to look at the person addressing him. He saw an intelligent-looking young man, bare-headed, and neatly clothed holding out a tract in one hand and carrying a Bible in the other.

"What is it?" muttered the workman questioningly as he glanced at the piece of literature that was thrust into his hand.

"A gospel tract, sir," answered the Bible college student. "It tells you how to be saved. Are you a Christian, mister?"

Thus the contact is made and before long the unsaved man confessed Christ as his Saviour. Reading from the Bible the student showed the new convert what he must do to live a successful Christian life. The man was urged to unite with Bible-believing church.

Witnessing for Christ is a definite part of the training a student receives at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Each week every student must take part in some Christian service under the direction of the practical work department.

Kenneth Eagleton, senior from Forth Worth, Texas, completing his schooling in January, is the new director for the department. Mr. Eagleton said some 130 students have assignments divided into 15 groups and five child evangelism classes.

Other students have permanent work assignments as pastors, music directors, and teachers.

Two new features have been added this year, Mr. Eagleton explained. A group of six students conduct an evangelistic service at Nashville Rescue Mission one night each week. One student brings an evangelistic message while the others share in the musical program and personal work.

Another new assignment this year is an evangelistic service among military men at Stewart Air Force Base near Nashville. Military personnel have been very helpful in setting up this service.

Other regular assignments include church services conducted at the Veterans Hospital, juvenile home, nursing home, grammar and high schools, home for the blind, and tract distribution groups.

The Bible college believes the training a student receives in the practical work department is probably the most valuable he will receive while in school. The student becomes acquainted with various types of Christian work under a competent leader, learns to co-operate with others in group effort in winning the lost to Christ, and finds a practical outlet for preaching and soul winning methods learned in the class-room.

The student is put in actual contact with the unsaved, and his habits of soul-winning developed during his training will largely determine his interest in the lost in church work after graduation.

The student is given one-quarter hour credit each semester for his participation in practical work.

Usually the group rides to its assignment in the suburban station wagon carrying with them hymn books and a portable organ. Some groups conducting classes take flannel-graph material and lesson helps. Sometimes in large groups one or more student cars help transport the students.

One student testified that before coming to the Bible college he never made an effort to win souls to Christ. After a few weeks of practical work assignments, the work caught fire with him, and he has been reporting souls dealt with ever since.

Mr. Eagleton reported that 720 decisions for Christ were reported by students from September through December.

The full report follows:

Persons dealt with—2,202.

Total decisions—720.

Tracts distributed—24,712.

The practical work departments prints two gospel tracts: The Three R's of Salvation and What Must I do to be Saved? These are available to the public at 40c per hundred or \$3 per thousand. Write for them at the college address.

A typical practical work service begins with the leader, usually an upper classman, calling the group together for instructions and prayer. The group of eight or nine students travels in the station wagon to the appointed service. The portable organ is set up, song books are distributed to the audience, and the group leader invites all to take part in the service.

Following some hymns, prayers, and testimonies, the speaker brings a brief Bible message. He explains the way of salvation and closes with an invitation to accept Christ. Those responding are dealt with personally by the students who offer any help

and counsel the persons may need. The Group returns to school and is dismissed after prayer and plans for the next service.

—Contact

IS YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL WINNING SOULS?

Pastors know that the surest way to successful evangelism is to use the Sunday School for soul-winning.

Check To Win

It is well to make a check of the roll of those in the Junior, Junior High and Young People's classes and departments and see if there are any who have not accepted Christ as their Saviour. When this list is in the pastor's hands, he should call the workers of these departments together and get all to agree to try earnestly to win each unsaved members to Christ.

Visit To Win

One of the most successful ways to win the lost pupil to Christ is to make a personal visit to the home. There the Word of God can be read, questions can be answered, the plan of salvation can be explained simply, the love of Christ can be felt, prayer can be engaged in, and the Holy Spirit can work in their lives. Jesus used this method. It will be successful.

Use Classes To Win

Often all the lost members of a class can be dealt with as a group to good advantage. These could assemble in the home of the teacher or of the pastor. Or it might be better to have such members from one class each Sunday meet with the pastor in his study during the Sunday School hour. This plan has several advantages. In dealing with more than one at a time, they may be helpful to each other. It conserves time and makes it possible to reach a larger number.

Use Departments To Win

Many pastors make it a part of their regular ministry to go to the Junior and Junior High departments at least once each quarter and instruct the pupils concerning the way of eternal life. This affords the pastor unusual opportunities. Such meetings will help the workers to become soul-winners.

Use Worship Services To Win

The pastor can secure the cooperation of all officers and teachers in a united effort to get all persons enrolled in the Sunday School in the morning worship service each Sunday.

—Link

You are today, what you thought yesterday.

Woman's Auxiliary

ANNOUNCEMENT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. O. T. Dixon,
State Youth Chairman

Any declamation contestant from the State of Missouri wishing to enter the National Association contest must have their name submitted before June 1, 1957, to the State Youth Chairman, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

The rules for the contests are as follows:

1.. Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 are eligible who are members of the G.T.A. or B.A.

2. Boys and girls between the age of 14 and 19 are eligible who are members of the Y.P.A.

The oration should be on Missions and may or may not be original. Maximum time limit will be ten minutes and minimum time limit will be seven minutes. Five points will be deducted for allotted time.

Contestant will be judged on the following basis: Value of speech in teaching Missions, 50 per cent; poise 10 per cent; expression and interpretation 10 per cent; Memorization 15 per cent; and enunciation 15 per cent.

Please send your Declamation Contestants' name before June 1, 1957 to Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Chairman, Box 464, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

COPPERMINES AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Coppermines Church met the Third Thursday in November for its study course meeting. The subject of the study was "The Power In Missions". It was a Foreign mission study. Arrangements were made to conduct Pre-Thanksgiving prayer meetings.

The second Tuesday night in December the Auxiliary met for their program with study from the Auxiliary Year Book. The program theme was "We need Love for Such a Time as This." Marie Graham read a Christmas poem. Topics were given by Lillian Hovis, Phylis Hovis, and Ophelia Hovis. It was decided at this meeting to prepare two grocery baskets for those who are ill. Arrangements were made to conduct Pre-Christmas prayer meetings. The Auxiliary will meet again the second Tuesday in January.

—Lillian Hovis, Cor.

MOUNTAIN GROVE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri, held their regular business meeting in the church auditorium, January 1, at 7:30 P. M. Officers elected for the ensuing year are the following: President, Mrs. O. T. Dixon; Vice-President, Mrs. Monte Musser; Y. P. A. Leader, Mrs. Will Elliott, G.T.A. Leader, Mrs. Murray Raney; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Ray Elliott; Program Prayer Chairman; Mrs. Clifford Sheppard; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Lella Workman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Theodore McCarty; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Don McCarty; Treas. Mrs. Tom Sanders; Song Leader, Mrs. Monte Kemper; Hostess Committee Chairman, Mrs. Doh Perry.

HAZEL CREEK LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary met January 2, 1957 at the home of Mary Jane Zimmerman for an all day meeting with nine members, two visitors and two children present.

The business meeting was opened by singing, "Send The Light." Scripture reading by Mrs. John Wagner from Eph. 5:8-14 and Acts 26:18. Prayer by Mrs. Zimmerman. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Roll call was answered by a Scripture verse. A report of three hundred eighteen chapters read, seventeen cards sent, and seventy one sick calls was given. An offering of one dollar and twenty cents was received and ten dollars and thirty cents for dues received.

The lesson was "Send Out Thy Light to America." Those speaking on topics were Mrs. Grant, Zimmeron, Mrs. Mary Filkins, and Mrs. Dora Sponsler. A chain of prayers was offered in behalf of our coming revival meeting. After announcements, benediction was rendered by Mrs. John Wagner. The next meeting will convene with Mrs. Effie Buster.

—Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary met on Wednesday, January 9th. For opening hymn we sang, "Send The Light". Our scripture reading was read from Eph. 5:8-14 and Acts 26:18 by Mrs. Virginia Pogue. Our lesson subject was "Send Out Thy Light to America." Business was conducted by our president, Mrs.

Louis McCully. Closing song, "Bringing in the Sheaves". Benediction by Mrs. Dorothy Childress.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Louise McCully, Virginia Pogue, Wilma Pogue, Dorothy Davidson, Eva Lucas, Miss Mary Pogue, and Rev. James McCully.

—W. F. Childress, Cor.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY WORKSHOP DAY

The Auxiliaries of the Northeast Mo., Association met with the Kirksville Free Will Baptist Church in Fellowship House, Dec. 20, 1956 for the Workshop Day.

A period of devotions was rendered followed by a covered-dish luncheon. After the noon hour special prayer was offered for the sick. Mary Latimer sang some special numbers. After congregational singing and prayer the following program was conducted: Topic "Chosen to Bear Fruit", by Sis. Margie Sevits. Each gave a thought about how to make our prayer seasons more faithful. "Hindrances to Fruit Bearing", by Miss Mary Latimer. She also sang, "Nothing but Leaves For the Master." "Glorifying the Father Through the W.N.A.C. Goals for 1947" by Mrs. Blanche Matthews. "The Fruit of The Spirit" by Mildred Gilliam was given by flannelgraph.

The session was very inspiring. The next meeting will convene with the Lowground Church on the Third Thursday in March. Sis. Lillian Woods will be in charge of the program activities.

—Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

TENT FUND

My! How time flies. Here we are in the year 1957. It has been some time now since we voted at our State Auxiliary convention to accept our quota of \$200. toward the purchase of a tent to be used for Home Mission work. I know we have just been through a busy season of the year and our women have been occupied with many things both at home and in their church work. However, if your Auxiliary has not sent in its quota of sixty cents per member please do so as soon as possible. Let's make Missouri the first state to reach its quota.

Please send your money to the State Treasurer, Genelle Scott, Box 345, Fredericktown, Mo.

—Oletha Parsons, Cor.

LEADINGTON CHURCH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We are going forward in the work of the Lord. God has been very good to us. We couldn't begin to count His blessings.

We had an average attendance of thirty at our Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. Our offering for missions was thirty-dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$30.89) from our Pre-Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks' of prayer.

We have had four mission studies given by Bro. Davis. He used Bro. Dodd's book, "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends". We also had five stewardship lessons taught by Bro. Davis. The book "All of Mine For Him" by Dodd was used.

The officers for the New Year are as follows: President, Iva Treaster; Enlistment Chairman, Juanita Pryor; Youth Chairman, Ruby Campbell; Study Course Chairman, Freeda Pirtle; Program Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Davis; Personal Service Chairman, Norma Stephens; Secretary-Treasurer, Christine Pinkley, and Corresponding, Pearl Harper. Three new members have been added to our auxiliary.

On Thursday night, January 10, we had an installation service. Our opening song was "Send the Light", with prayer offered by Bro. Clay, and followed by the hymn, "Bring Them In". Our Scripture text was read by Bro. Ben Scott from Mark 2:1-12. Sis. Genelle Scott read from Matt. 16:13-19, before installing the new officers for their new work. The installation prayer was offered by Bro. Davis and the benediction for the service by Sis. Bernice Hargiss.

Our auxiliary met at the church, Thursday, January 24, for our monthly book study. The meeting was opened by the president with the group singing, "Send the Light". Prayer was offered by Sis. Anna Lincoln. "Bringing in the Sheaves" was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Davis as a special number. Our lesson subject was, "Send Out Thy Light to America." The first topic was given by Sis. Clay followed by Scripture reading from Eph. 5:8-14 and Acts 26:18, by Juanita Pryor. The second topic was by Sis. Anna Lincoln and the third topic by Sis. Ruby Campbell. We had eight members present and five children. Benediction by Bro. Davis.

—Pearl Harper, Cor.

Will your life's story when life is finished read: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith?" The apostle Paul's did. (II Timothy 4:7) Yours can.

A Lovely Christian

Dorcas (Acts 9:36-43)

We know very little about that woman save what is written in this chapter. But there is enough woven in the story to entitle her to a place among the great. The fundamental elements of a Christian life find a place in the records here.

Be Something:

Dorcas' name is suggestive of that. The Bible dictionary tells us the name was a nickname, meaning "that lovely thing". As a child she had probably behaved so discreetly that the neighbors called her "that lovely thing," and that name followed her through life. Our behaviour often becomes a synonym for ourselves. What does the name, "Judas" suggest? What does the name "Peter" suggest? What does the name "Thomas" suggest? One deed may mark a man for life. One speech may mark a man immortal.

Back of whatever a man does is the man himself. The man should be greater than anything he has or anything he can do. The teacher should be greater as a man than he is a teacher. A man should be greater than any book he can write, or any song he can sing, or any invention he can produce.

Believe Something:

Dorcas was a disciple of Jesus. A disciple means a learner, a follower. She was not afraid nor ashamed for the world to know that she accepted Jesus as her Lord, and it was not popular then to be a disciple of Jesus.

She was a woman of convictions. It was at a time when weaklings were not found in the ranks of the disciples of Jesus. It took the courage of martyrs to be true disciples then.

Those early Christians knew what they believed and why they believed it. The world is always ready to pay respect to one who believes something and who has convictions on vital matters.

See Something:

Dorcas saw an opportunity on the very street where she lived to immortalize herself and her Lord. Many of us think the opportunities for greatness are better away from home, but she gave herself where she lived.

The man who can see the unseen is the man who will succeed. The junk man gathers up the discarded things others cast away and makes his living out of them. He lives on what others see no value in.

The artist is the man who can see the painting before it is put on the canvas. The architect is the man who

can visualize the structure before one nail is driven.

The world needs men who can see the unseen. These are the men who make leaders.

Do Something:

Dorcas was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. Many people probably were full of good ideas, good notions, and good resolutions; but they never carried them out. But this woman fulfilled her purposes.

There are plenty of opportunities for men to do worth-while things. The calls are many, the fields are wide and inviting, the needs are tremendous. The world is waiting for men who are willing to accomplish something.

Leave Something:

The streets were lined with weeping people when Peter came to preach Dorcas' funeral, and each one had a garment holding it up saying, "Look what she left me."

What are you leaving the world by which to be remembered? It may not be worldly goods. It may be a good name, it may be a good influence in the community where you live, it may be a high ideal.

Some live as ships that pass through the water. They are no sooner gone than the last trace of their presence vanishes, or like birds in the air that do not leave one evidence of having been there.

To live a life is better than making a living. Life is not measured by years. Some men live more in one year than others do in ten years.

—Messenger.

SAVED THROUGH GRACE

When Gypsy Smith was holding a testimony meeting at one time, a man got up and said, "I have spent twenty years in prison for murder, but God has saved me." Another said, "I have been a drunkard for twenty years and God saved me." Another said, "I have been a coiner of counterfeit money, and the Lord has saved me." Then Gypsy Smith said, "Men, listen, God has done wonders for you, but don't forget He did more for this Gypsy boy than all of you put together. He saved me before I got there."

—Sunday School Banner

A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER

Put any burden on me, only sustain me; send me anywhere, only go with me; sever any tie but the one that binds me to Thy service and to Thy heart.

—Titus Coan, Missionary to Hawaiian Islands

News From Our Churches

FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River had a wonderful program on Sunday night before Christmas sponsored by the Sunday School. The Sunday School also gave Christmas treats of oranges and candy to those in attendance. Albert Stroup is Sunday School superintendent.

The league of the church sponsored the New Year's watch service on New Year's eve. A very interesting and inspirational program was given. Dale Blakeley is league director.

Rev. Homer Willis was the evangelist for a two week revival at our church. During the revival there were three persons saved and four added to the church. Rev. H. C. Beasley is pastor.

—Mrs. Dale Blakeley, Cor.

MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH

Immediately after the church bought hardwood furniture for the church we started praying about an organ. The Lord has heard our prayers and last Wednesday night, January 2, the church voted unanimously to buy the first organ for the church. Already it has meant so much to the people of the church and the many friends who come to worship with us. Also new university bugle speakers have been installed on top of the church and services are broadcast each Sunday over them.

The morning messages are all taped and carried to the sick and shut-ins. At one place no less than eighteen to twenty gather to hear the tape each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 O'clock.

Othel T. Dixon, Pastor.

REVIVAL AT GRANT AVE. CHURCH

Springfield, Mo.

We are glad to report a very successful revival here in our new church which began Dec. 3rd, and closed Dec. 15th. There were seven souls blessed and fourteen additions to our church which brings our total membership to forty-four.

We feel God blessed in a great way by sending Rev. Dale Jones, of Lebanon, Mo., as evangelist and Rev. Selp Jones, of Aldrich, Mo., who so wonderfully directed our choir with co-operation from our Pastor, Rev. Lester Hilton. God blessed us with large crowds even through the real winter weather.

We want to thank all who came from other churches to help us, and the members of our church who so faithfully attended each service. May

Gods' richest blessings be upon each one is our prayer.

—Charlene Whittaker, Church Clerk.

THIRD CHURCH ST. LOUIS, MO.

1330 Geyer Ave.

The Lord has surely been blessing our church. Our new building is almost finished on the outside and we are about ready to start inside. The weather has been in our favor. We give thanks to the Lord for that.

Rev. John Rogers, our pastor, conducted a week revival at Salem. There were six souls saved and two were saved the next week. Bro. Rogers has been sick but the Lord has blessed and he is working as hard as ever to see souls saved and our new building completed.

Rev. Bob Frances was called to preach and he and his wife are leaving in January to attend College. We will miss them but are praying God will always be their will.

The young people of our church have been having services at the Koch Hospital. They went there for Christmas carolling.

May the Lord bless and watch over our Young People of our churches.

—Mary Regh, Cor.

HAZEL CREEK CHURCH

We were happy to have our newly ordained minister, Rev. Dean Dobbs of the Free Will Baptist College, with us the fifth Sunday night. He brought us a very inspiring message.

We are looking forward to our revival meeting beginning January 28, with Rev. Floyd Hartley of Scheller, Illinois, as the evangelist. We ask an interest in all your prayers that many souls may find Christ in this revival.

Our Sunday School average for the month of December was fifty-two. The average was down because of bad roads and weather. There has been sickness and a death of one of our members, Mr. Will Thompson.

Leona Thompson, Cor.

HURRYVILLE CHURCH

We haven't reported for some time so we will try to report some of our activities. How wonderful the Lord has blessed us here at Hurryville! We have had twenty-three conversions since our beginning in January 1956.

The Union Building in which we started had been closed for several months. Our opening service enrolled thirty-two for our first service. Natur-

ally, we were thrilled beyond words. At the close of our message that day we asked those who wished for our Prayers and to our surprise there were seven mothers and fathers who lifted their hands in requesting prayer. Thank God every one of them have been led to God.

These twenty-three that have been saved have all been saved in our regular services except five. There were some saved in their homes, on their jobs, and some were saved in revivals. All for which we thank the Lord. We have made seven trips to the river for baptismal services.

In June an unsaved man gave us an acre of land to build on. He has accepted the Lord since. In August excavation was started, and rush we did, with one of the finest men the Free Will Baptist organization has on its church roll, Uncle Frank Johnson of the Fellowship Church, as our supervisor of construction. Then, by God's wonderful grace, people worked long and hard to make it possible for our first service on Sunday, Oct., 28th. We had our record attendance of seventy in our basement with an all day service.

On December 22nd, we met together for the exchanging of gifts. It was well attended and was a happy occasion to some who had never before been in any form of Church activities. There were several unsaved present whose children attended our Sunday School.

May I pay tribute to one of God's Ministers, Rev. George Hibbits of Fredricktown, Mo., who inspires us and encourages us on. Had it not been for Rev. Hibbits we definitely would not have been able to have gone forth with this work. Thank God for such men who work so feverently for souls. This church will never be able to pay the debt it owes Rev. Hibbits and his family. May God richly bless them in their ministry.

Please pray that our church may continue to be a soul saving station. We are also available for evangelistic services if God would be pleased. We would be glad to go where God in his will may lead. So if you are in need of evangelistic services we can be reached at the address below.

Yours for Christ and His cause.
Pray for us.

Rev. Charles Moyers,
Rt. 2, Farmington, Mo.
Phone: Flat River,
G. E. 1—0249

MARBLE HILL CHURCH

This is our first report to the **Gem** for quite sometime. We are few in number, but we are endeavoring to move forward for Christ. We have enjoyed some good regular services. Also, a Union Thanksgiving service was held at our church. An offering was taken for the American Bible Society. A New Years' Watch service was observed which was edifying to all who attended.

In addition to the services at our church we endeavor to "go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." Our Sunday School Superintendent, Alfred Winchester, visits the county jail every Sunday morning and distributes Sunday School leaflets. Our pastor preaches at the same place once a month. Another one of our Free Will Baptist preachers, Rev. Florence Long, who attends the church has results in winning individuals in their home to Christ.

The Intermediate Sunday School class has taken special offerings to redecorate their Sunday School room.

Our church voted to tithe their income to the Co-operative fund. Pray for our Church that it may remain loyal to God.

LIBERTY S. S. CONVENTION

A group of our young folks from the Old Liberty Church Sunday School attended the Liberty Sunday School Convention at Niangua, Jan. 13th, and united with this convention. The next Sunday School convention will convene with the Liberty Church.

The Sunday School from The Grant St. F. W. B. Church of Springfield also attended this convention and united with it. Rev. Hilton is pastor of the Springfield Church.

—Vada Reeves, Cor.

BUTTERFLIES AND BUMBLEBEES

Fletcher Spruce

According to the theory of aerodynamics the butterfly should be able to fly as fast as the bumblebee, and the bumblebee cannot fly at all! The butterfly has a small, light body and a large wingspread; while the bumblebee has a stubby, short body, heavy, and awkward in design, with practically no wingspread at all. Yet the bumblebee is not acquainted with the laws of the theory of aerodynamics, so in his ignorance he goes ahead and flies anyway—and fast!

There are bumblebee saints. They do not know it is "Impossible" to build a boy class of a certain age and under certain conditions, so they go ahead and build it. And the expert believers (?) stand around and say it can't be done. But it is!

There are butterfly saints too. They have the wingspread, the beauty, the talent and the ability. They even have the "know how" to do the job. They are trained and capable. They have the opportunities and the backing. But they don't get results. They just flit around and look lovely and make a splendid impression but nothing happens.

Why the difference in the results? It is not the training but the aiming. Ever been hit by a butterfly? If you have it was an accident on the part of the insect. And maybe you don't know it. But if you have ever been hit by a bumblebee, it was no accident. He aimed at you. And you knew it! He put some energy behind his aim, and got results. Remember? So can we!

NOT BARABBAS, BUT THIS MAN!

A well-known Jewish merchant had a warm-hearted Christian friend. Often the two would meet together at lunch time and talk things over. The Christian frankly stated the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jewish merchant listened respectfully, but never made any comment. The Jewish friend was taken seriously ill. Word came to the Christian that he was dying, and could not last long. Finally the doctor allowed the Christian to go to the bedside of the dying Jew. He promised not to talk to him. He knelt at the bedside, took his friend's poor, thin hand in his own, and prayed silently. Suddenly a change came to the sick man! His eyes opened! He turned to his friend and looked kindly upon him. Then his lips parted, and he said, just before he slipped into eternity, "Not Barabbas, but this Man—Jesus!"

The Christian, in previous conversations, had spoken to his Jewish friend of how the Jews of old had chosen Barabbas and rejected Jesus.

—Gospel Herald.

NORTHEAST MO.. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the New Harmony Church, December 30, 1956 with Sunday School at 10:00 O'clock.

The morning worship service opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Corey and Rev. Dobbs. Rev. William Buster delivered the inspiring morning message reading from the Scripture lesson Heb. 2:8-10 and I Peter 1:13-17. Text: I Peter 1:17b, "..... pass the time of your so-journing here in fear." Benediction by Bro. Heman Miley. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Kermitt Crooks. The President, Rev. Alta Mickel read for Scripture lesson, St. Luke 14:15-18 and after her message read the poem, "Another Year". The Lord's prayer was offered in unison.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek and New Harmony Auxiliary were read and an oral report of Kirksville Auxiliary was given by Elfa Dare.

The program for the afternoon was as follows: A quartett number, "Something Got Hold Of Me" by Kirkpatrick family; reading, "All Through the Week" by Kay Wagnor; Solo, "The Lord is Counting on You." by Mariorie Mollitt; reading, "The Faithful One" by Monia Chresman. Reading, "The Old Stingy Woman," Mildred Gilliam; solo, "Silent Night," Fern Dobbs. After congregational singing a praise service was conducted. Play by Hazel Creek Auxiliary entitled "Silver Shackles." Miss Shirley Houston directed the Youth Choir in singing three songs. Mrs. Mazie Sevits conducted a Bible quizz for the Juniors.

At the close of the program the Executive Board ordained Rev. Dean Dobbs for the ministry. Bro. Herman Meley read for a Scripture lesson, I Peter, 5. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. William Buster. The charge to Rev. Dobbs was delivered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews and the charge to Church and Association by Rev. Wm. Buster. The hand of Fellowship was given to Rev. Dean Dobbs.

Benediction by Rev. Elza Garlock.

—Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

LIBERTY CHURCH ORGANIZES MISSION SOCIETY

The Old Liberty Church, near Seymour, Mo., met Jan. 16 at the home of Rev. Mrs. Mary Wester and organized a mission society. They will quilt, tack comforts, etc., to help finance the project of repairing the exterior of their building. When the weather is warmer a study course from the Woman's Auxiliary Manual will be planned.

Officers elected were as follows: President—Mrs. Janie Carpenter; Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. Dickson; Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. Mary Wester; Reporting Sec.—Vada Reeves.

Pray for us that we may do a good work for the cause of Christ and learn more of God's word, and thus create a greater love between our fellow workers in our churches.

—Vada Reeves, Cor.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

November, December, 1956

Co-Operative Fund:

Received:

Monett Church	\$ 112.33
Fredericktown Church	140.62
Leadington Church	60.40
Mill Creek Church	44.39
Farmington Church	98.93
Wellston Church	109.00
Fellowship Church	276.77
Southside Church	150.00
Carterville Church	10.06
Richwoods Church	105.55
Fourth Church	61.00
Mtn. Grove Church	120.00
Hannon S. S.	20.33
First, Springfield	63.18
Neosho Church	29.28
Mine La Motte Church	14.87
Martinstown Church	30.00
Myrtle Church	15.00
Copper Mines Church	50.00
Grant Ave. Church	38.31
Berkeley Church	50.00
Lebanon Church	10.00
Faith and Hope Church	5.45
Thayer Church	44.87
Merls Chapel Church	40.03

Total Received \$1700.37

Disbursed as Follows:

National Co-Operative

Fund	\$1190.26
State General Fund	85.01
State Home Mission	289.06
Free Will Baptist Gem	127.53
State Superannuation	8.51

Total Disbursed \$1700.37

Foreign Missions:

Fellowship Church	\$ 50.00
Union Light Church	33.75
F.W.B. by E. O. Williams ..	36.80
Wolf Creek Church	5.00

Total Received \$ 125.55

Total Disbursed \$ 125.55

Missions:

Fredericktown Church	\$ 41.87
Rock Chapel Church	44.77
Old Chapel Church	45.00
Joplin Church	14.17

Total Received \$ 145.81

Total Disbursed \$ 145.81

Foreign Missions \$ 102.06

National Home Missions .. \$ 43.75

Total Disbursed \$ 145.81

Robert Wilfong Fund:

Fellowship Church	\$ 50.00
Total Received	\$ 50.00
Total Disbursed	\$ 50.00

Hanna Fund:

Leadington Church	\$ 880.00
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Total Received 880.00

Total Disbursed 880.00

National Home Missions:

Southside Church	\$ 15.00
Leadington Church	8.93

Total Received \$ 23.93

Total Disbursed \$ 23.93

Youth Camp:

First Church Greenfield \$ 50.00

Total Received \$ 50.00

Total Disbursed \$ 50.00

Tennessee Orphanage:

Hazel Creek S. S.	\$ 13.10
Walnut Grove Church	10.00

Total Received \$ 23.10

Total Disbursed \$ 23.10

Gem:

Subscriptions	\$ 168.54
Supplies	\$ 27.60

Total Received \$ 196.14

Signed, Rev. Albert Halbrook,
Clerk-Treasurer.NORTHEAST MISSOURI
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The N. E. Mo. Quarterly Conference convened on Saturday afternoon before the Fifth Sunday with the New Harmony Church.

The theme for the afternoon was Stewardship. The following program was rendered: The Stewardship of Time, by Rev. Alta Mikel. The Stewardship of Talent by Rev. Orville Dobbs. The Stewardship of Our Means by Rev. Wm. Buster.

Benediction.

A BASKET OF BEANS

Rowland Hill, a famous preacher, was going down a street, when he saw a drove of pigs following a man.

"This," said Hill, "excited my curiosity so much that I determined to follow. I did so; and to my great surprise I saw them follow him to the slaughter-house. I said to the man, 'My friend, how did you induce the pigs to follow you here?'"

"He replied, 'I had a basket of beans under my arm, and I dropped a few as I came along, and so they followed me.'"

"And so it is," added Hill, "that Satan has the basket of beans under his arm; and he drops them as he goes along, and what multitudes he induces to follow him to an everlasting slaughter-house!"

Are you one who is being led by him?

—Selected

HONOR ROLL

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity	Rev. Don Rogers
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
Cedar Ridge	Rev. Cleo Covington
New Labanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. James Davis
Coppermines	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Myrtle	Rev. Russell Spurgeon
Kirksville ..	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. Otto Mackey
Richwoods	Rev. Leslie Logsdon
Old Bethel	Rev. Dale Statler
Mt. Zion	Rev. O. T. Allred
Southside	Rev. W. A. Hales
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredricktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Cuba	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Mountain View	Rev. Ben Pixley
Hannon Church	Rev. Harry Sterling
Marble Hill	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Good Neighbor Family	Oreg. Co.
Mine La Motte	
Blue Eye	Rev. O. T. Allred
Union Light	Rev. Cecil Sheppard
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson

Most Christians' lives seem to indicate they misinterpret the Scripture which says, "Many are called, but few are chosen," and make it read, "Many are called, but most are frozen."

The trouble with most people is that they live in the basement of life. God made a place upstairs for us to live in. Why not move?

ANSWERS TO STORY- PERSON
MATCH

(Questions on page 4)

- 1-i. (I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:6)
- 2-d. (Gen. 37:3)
- 3-b. (Acts 27:40-44)
- 4-c. (Ezek. 37:1)
- 5-h. (John 10:7-14)
- 6-e. (I Kings 18:22-40)
- 7-f. (Esth. 2:17)
- 8-a. (Philem. 10)
- 9-j. (Josh. 6:16)
- 10-g. (Judg. 14:5, 6)