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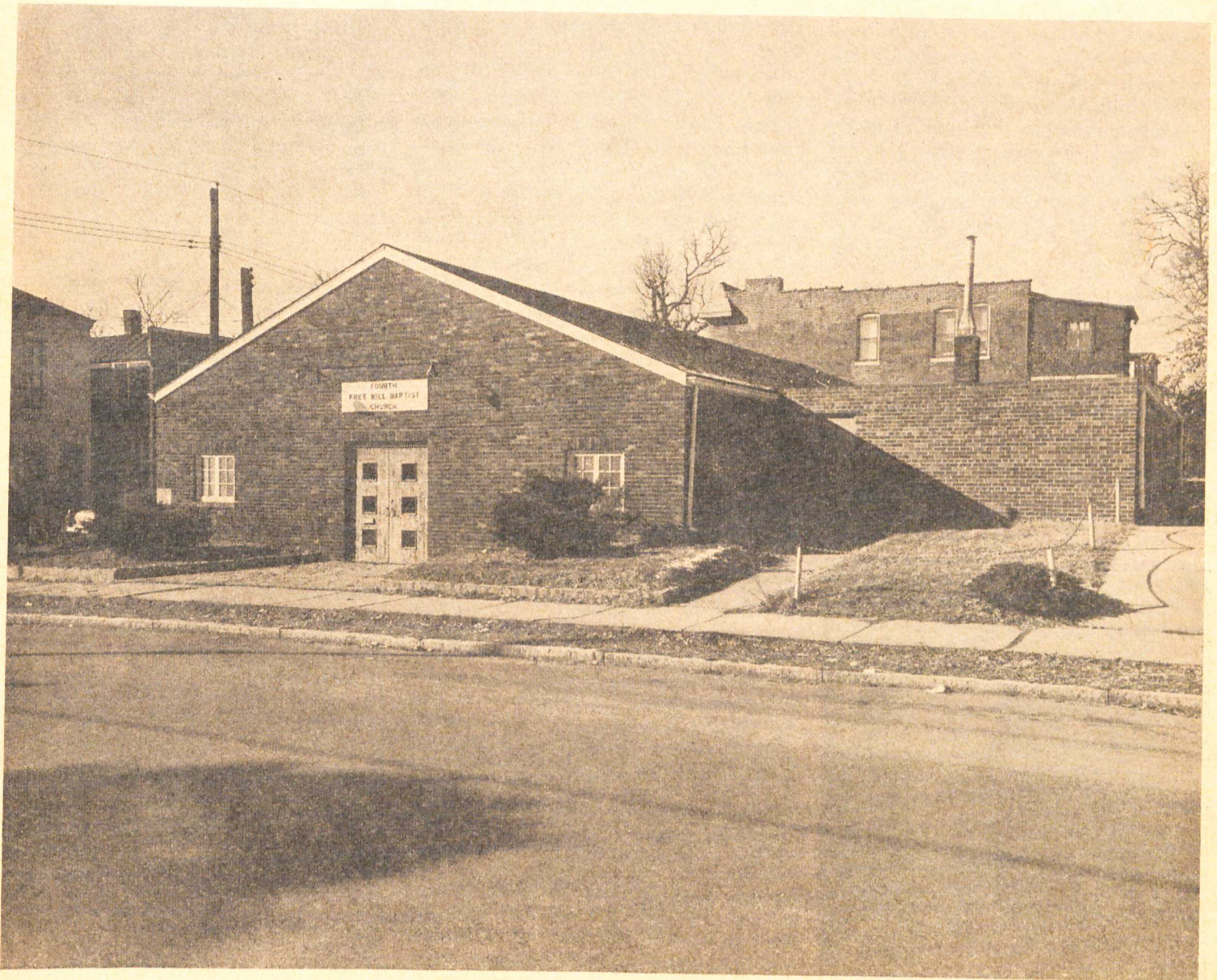
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Fourth Free Will Baptist Church

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## Cover Story . . .

Looking backward into my book of memories the leaves fall open to the spring of 1953, and I see the many good people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley City. At that time Rev. Bill Turnbough was a young licensed minister of the Berkeley Church. He felt a definite leading to start a Mission. When he found a vacant reconditioned store building that would substitute for a church he felt the Lord was definitely opening up the way. Thank God for the pastor of the Berkeley City Church, Rev. Robert Hill, who had enough faith in the Lord and the future of the Fourth Church that he was willing to take his car payment and make the first payment on the building at Vista and Newstead, where the Fourth Church had its beginning on March 8, 1953 with twenty-eight people present.

Going forward in this book of memories I find the church growing and prospering with souls being saved. Then came the time when men were sent out to view Canaan. Our Canaan was a church building. Our spies were much like those of old. A couple of the spies had faith in God and His leadership, but we had the other ten spies who felt the job was for giants and we should remain where we were. Like the Hebrew children of old, we, too, chose to remain in the wilderness.

It was several months later that Bro. Bill felt he should resign as pastor and in July, 1956, we called Bro. Elmer Turnbough to pastor the church.

I have always felt that following winter God poured out His wrath upon Fourth Church for failing to enter Canaan. A furnace that had worked perfectly the year before just couldn't seem to be fixed by expert repair men. One never knew what to expect—heat combined with smoke or no heat at all. Needless to say attendance and morale dropped to a low ebb and it seemed the Lord had forgotten us. I've heard the following year that same furnace worked all right.

The Lord opened up a way for us to purchase a building at 2150 Yale Ave., and He blessed us with glorious services and the salvation of many souls there. We were able to obtain a parsonage in the same block of the church.

Bro. Elmer resigned the church in November, 1960. Bro. Max Courtney was called to pastor our church in January, 1961.

By late summer 1961, we were once again on the threshold of advancement. Class rooms were filled to capacity and attendance was on the up-climb. Once again the Lord worked things out in His glorious way and we were able to sell our property at 2150 Yale Avenue and purchase a larger building at 2199 Forest Avenue.

## THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings to our Free Will Baptist family throughout Missouri, and the regions beyond. The winter weather has been severe, however, I have been able to reach most of the churches, where I have scheduled services. A number of churches have adopted the Co-operative Plan of Support in the past three months. This is a commendable move on the part of our Free Will people who are always ready to do for the Lord, when they are challenged and informed.

There is also a desire for revival among our churches, and reports of souls being saved in regular services. I hope to be with each church as soon as possible. Please keep me informed as to date and place of your quarterly meeting.

On December 10, 1961, we humbly dedicated our building to be used by God for His work. Rev. Roger Reeds challenged our hearts with his message of dedication.

—Mariam Willhite



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# SERMON OF THE MONTH

## THE RELEVANCY OF THE BIBLE TO THE WORLD TODAY

by

FRANK CROSSLEY MORGAN

There are those around us today who will contend with an attitude of infinite intellectual superiority that modern man has outgrown the Bible and that the Bible is entirely irrelevant to the problems of this modern age. It may well be that it was of such men that our Lord was thinking when He spoke of "these things" being "hidden from the wise and the understanding and revealed unto babes."

Never was the Bible more relevant than it is today. Never has the case for the Bible been as strong as it is today. The Bible and the Bible alone throws any reliable light on the state of the world as it is and offers the only trustworthy hope with regard to the future.

When I say "the Bible" I do not mean merely the Sermon on the Mount. Neither do I mean merely an occasional favorite Psalm which is read before one goes to sleep at night, nor do I mean certain aspects of the prophetic teachings found within the Bible. I mean the whole Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, taken as the unique revelation of God to man and of His purposes with regard to this old world. In this connection let us look at three propositions: (1) The Bible alone accounts for and explains the present chaotic condition and state of the world. (2) The Bible and the Bible alone gives us strength to face the present chaotic situation. (3) The Bible and the Bible alone affords us any trustworthy hope with regard to the future.

### The Bible Alone Accounts for and Explains the Present Chaotic Situation

The question as to why things are as they are is a very real one. Critics of the Bible will say, "How do you account for it? After nearly two thousand years of the preaching of your gospel, which claims to be a unique way of salvation, how are wars such as we have been having possible?" Those who still ask such questions ask them because they have swallowed hook, line and sinker the modern idealistic, humanistic, evolutionary philosophy of life. One of the greatest tragedies of the last several decades of church history has been the manner in which this philosophy has been confused with the message of the Bible, the Word of God.

All too many men called to preach the Word of God have attempted to harmonize the evolutionary philosophy of life with the teaching of the Word.

They have spoken of themselves as theistic evolutionists. It has been supposed by them that the Bible teaches that as a result of evolutionary processes from age to age, men have become increasingly better men; Christians have become increasingly better Christians; and therefore, after two thousand years of the preaching of the gospel message, the world ought to be by now well-nigh perfect. For such a philosophy, wars of the magnitude of the last World War would be utterly impossible!

But the Bible teaches no such philosophy, nor can such a philosophy be harmonized with the teachings of the Word of God. The Bible would have us expect wars and rumors of wars, even unto the consummation of the age. The Bible teaches us that evil men will wax worse and worse, and that we must expect this. The Bible proclaims: "No peace, saith my God, to the wicked!"

Again, the Bible alone explains the genesis—the origin—of wars and of our present chaos. Are not all explanations utterly inadequate save that which is given us in the Word of God? Some try to explain international chaos in terms of some event, some treaty. Others explain everything in terms of economics. Still others try to explain everything politically. And some even try to explain in terms of particular men: Hitler, Stalin, Khrushchev.

If we but examine all these explanations with care, we must see that not one of them is adequate. There is something bigger behind wars and the chaotic state of affairs in the midst of which we find ourselves today. The Bible says that the cause of wars and chaos is sin. SIN! The cause is the ruptured relationship existing between man and his God. It is the alienation of mankind from God.

But the Bible goes even further than that. The Bible recognizes the cosmic conflict going on behind the scenes—between God and His angels and Satan and his spiritual hosts of wickedness. Modern man, from his imagined heights of intellectual superiority denies the existence of Satan and of those spiritual hosts of wickedness—and by those denials he has lost the key to an intelligent understanding of the present state of the world. Statesmen are not only up against such men as Khrushchev and Castro, but they are confronted by Satan and his hosts.

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"We have nearly reached the half-way point in our goal," says Rev. Harry Beatty as he surveyed the Bond Program of the State Association. This Bond Program, under the direction of Executive Church Bonds Inc., is being sponsored to pay for the purchase of the Book Store and Headquarters Building at 3100 Mt. Pleasant St. in St. Louis. A total of \$18,000.00 worth of bonds will be sold and the money will be used to pay for the building and its equipment. In addition the Book Store and State Offices on the first floor, the Promotional Secretary occupies living quarters on the second and third floors.

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### Former Missourian Weds

South Roxana, Ill.—

Rev. William Buster was married recently to the former Margrete Myers of Hartford, Illinois. The ceremony took place at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of South Roxana, Ill. Rev. Wallace Malone officiated. Rev. Buster is pastoring a church at Aurora, Ill. He and Mrs. Buster will make their home there.

**DEAR YOUTH SPONSOR**

Dr. Ted Engstrom, president of Youth For Christ, said, "Youth is at the controls of the future, and unless Jesus Christ is at the controls of today's youth the future is tragic to think about."

In these days of confusion, wars and rumors of wars, and sin on every hand, YOU, as Youth Sponsor, have a tremendous responsibility. "One of the greatest hindrances we have to our youth auxiliary work is a lack of vision of the needs, a vision of the souls of our young people, and a vision of their potential." Thus spoke Mrs. Helen Sanders, formerly of Missouri, now serving the Lord in Waipahu, Hawaii. And I say "Amen!" We want the very best for our children when it pertains to their education, clothes, food, friends, etc., but many Christian parents seem to forget that their main responsibility to their children is to

lead that child to the Lord Jesus Christ and teach him to serve Him.

We must see that our young people are given the right kind of teachings, are provided with the best kind of literature, are guided in their social lives during the formative years of their lives. Through our G. T. A.'s and Y. P. A.'s we can help provide these things for them.

In a few months the WNAC will be sponsoring declamation and essay contests all over the nation. Many young people will be encouraged to enter these contests. But many of us will be too busy with other "things" to encourage and prompt these young people to take part in these worthwhile projects.

It was a shame when the whole state of Missouri Free Will Baptists only had one contestant last year at the State Convention. There were no G. T. A. contestants at all. Someone failed somewhere. Was it you? Miss Betty Dunn, from the Central-Western Association, will represent the State of Missouri in the National Declamation Contest in July of this year. We thank God for the effort she has put forth, but wouldn't you like to see several contestants at our next state convention? How about one from your church or district?

Youth Chairmen, you hold the key. In the recent issue of the Co-Laborer magazine are some very good pointers on how to get started, or contact your District Youth Chairman. You may try and fail, but at least try, for His glory.

Mrs. James E. Raper  
State Youth Chairman

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# Sunday School

## Dept. Answers

## Your Questions

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We are able to make this announcement at this time due to the outstanding generosity of the Sunday School Board and the Executive Board of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists in presenting to us their entire literature operation. We are deeply indebted to our Oklahoma brethren; in fact, this deed of love has made it possible to provide our people with literature from the National Office many months earlier than could have been possible otherwise.

As you know, the National Sunday School Board had worked with the Free Will Baptist Press Board since January, 1960. At the National Association in Norfolk (July, 1961), the Press Board asked to be relieved from further commitments until Oct. 1, 1961. (See letter in lower right hand corner.) At that time, July 13, a check had been due us since July 1. This request by the Press Board was absolutely without precedent, as they were asking us to permit them to break contract. In all fairness, we had to decline this request. We repeatedly asked them to fulfill their part of the contract by issuing the past due check. As of this present date, they still have not paid us the July check or the October check. We feel that this flagrant action by the Press Board should be clearly understood by all our people. The Press Board has not lived up to their part of the contract. In all good faith, the Sunday School Board has cooperated with the Press Board.

After exhausting our efforts in trying to get the Press Board to honor the contract, we submitted the matter to the Executive Committee of the National Association (as provided in the contract). The Press Board was invited

to this hearing but did not send a single representative. The conclusion reached by the Executive Committee is stated as follows: "We recall that in good faith the Sunday School Board entered into this contract with the Press Board by a directive of the National Association. However, the cutting off of funds by the Press Board and failure to fulfill other agreements of the contract, form ample grounds for the Sunday School Board's decision. We do not feel that we can ask the Sunday School Board nor our people to continue to suffer the disruptive effects and crisis caused by the Press Board in their constant threat to withhold funds." So, because the Press Board refused to keep the contract, the Sun-

day School Board had no alternative except to terminate the contract. A proper notification was sent to the Press Board giving them, in all fairness, a 90-day's notice (which was up on January 12).

As you look over the order blank on page 16, you will be able to see that we are prepared to supply your Sunday School with a **complete** program of literature. We publish the Primary, Junior, Junior High, Young Adult and Adult Student's quarterlies, also teacher's quarterlies. These are all written and edited by Free Will Baptists. The contents of this literature is true to the Bible in every detail. We know you will be blessed by these

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE QUARTERLIES

Church and Sunday School Supplies - Bibles and Other Religious Books

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Ayden, North Carolina

### Resolution of Board of Directors of Free Will Baptist Press

Whereas because of situation which made it impractical for the National Sunday School Board of Free Will Baptist to fulfill the contract between the Free Will Baptist Press Board and said National Sunday School Board of Free Will Baptist for 18 months by not placing a Promotional Secretary-Editor on the field for Sunday School literature; and whereas a situation now exists which may vitally affect the operation of the Free Will Baptist Press; therefore

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press respectfully ask the National Sunday School Board of Free Will Baptist to reciprocate by relieving the Free Will Baptist Press Board from further commitments of the contract until after October 1, 1961.

R. N. Wimsatt - President  
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Caven Thomas - Secretary  
Hubert Burgess - Asst. Sec.  
S. A. Smith - member  
Daniel W. Hensley - member  
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### SATAN'S SCHOOL

"SUPPOSE that Satan should start a school system all over America. Suppose that in every city, town and village he would erect buildings suited for his purpose and start out to encourage crime, endorse sin, and teach lust. Suppose that he actually started out to show every boy how to be a criminal, how to crack safes, how to escape the police, how to steal money and get by.

"SUPPOSE that in the new schools, Satan would start in to break down the morals of girls and young women, teaching them to drink, smoke, luring them to night clubs, carousing and sex desire, breaking down their reserve of modesty, and leading thousands of our girls into lives of sin.

"SUPPOSE these schools of Satan would start out to mock the churches, to show the preachers all as a bunch of old-fogy fanatics, to encourage divorce, encourage liquor drinking, and to discourage work.

"SUPPOSE that Satan should start out through these schools to control the press with millions of dollars to be spent for advertising. Suppose that they would slyly obtain the endorsement of the best-known people. Suppose that the buildings would be beautifully equipped, that the most modern methods of entertaining and attracting and teaching young people would be secured, far in advance of the public school system, and methods, in its hold upon the youth of the land.

"SUPPOSE that the devil should make use of the most glamorous women, the most attractive men, and pay them fabulous salaries, to lead in the deliberate destruction of morals, the breakdown of character in the promoting of crime and godlessness.

"SUPPOSE that literally by the thousands, young people were turned to night clubs, to booze parlors, to infidelity.

"SUPPOSE that literally thousands of young men actually turned to crime from the explicit instructions taught them in these schools of Satan.

"SUPPOSE that literally thousands of girls became sexually delinquent, and showed it was because of the teaching they had received in Satan's schools.

"SUPPOSE that countless millions of American children became nervous, unstable, unadjusted to their surroundings, because of the strain of the frightful things confronting them in Satan's school.

"SUPPOSE that these schools of

Satan attained such popularity and power that they had seventy-seven million in attendance every week to spend at least two hours under Satan's direction. Suppose that twenty-eight million are adolescent young people, and that eleven million of them are not over thirteen years old.

"WHAT would you think of such schools of Satan? Would America allow it?

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—From The Raleigh Beacon

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

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publications we have provided for you. Other materials are available for Cradle Roll, Nursery, and Beginners.

Here are a few things you can do to undergird this literature program:

1. **Pray**—This is a spiritual endeavor and we desire an interest in your prayers. Brethren, please pray for us.

2. **Inform**—You can help us get the word out about our literature program.

3. **Support**—Please have your Sunday School receive a special offering for the National Sunday School Board. We are determined to pay every bill on time, but we have **no financial reserve**. We desperately need your help.

4. **Order**—Get your Sunday School to order all their literature and supplies from us. Order early. Remember! Postage is Free when cash accompanies your order.

### FROM HANNON:

The two circles of the Hannon Auxiliary met January 3rd at the church with fifteen members present. Meeting was called to order by Sis. Mable Blythe. Jean Crockett led us in singing "Another Year Is Dawning" and "I Surrender All." Sis. Olive Smith read the Scripture and led us in prayer.

The title of our lesson was, "Provision Means Pro-vision." The lesson, written by Sis. Edwards, urged us not to be afraid to let God work through us to further His work in the coming year. Topics were given by Sis. Bessie Bunton, Sis. Frankie Wade and Sis. Vera Hoover.

We each chose a missionary family to correspond with in the coming year. We were dismissed by Sis. Pearl Lewis. Following our meeting we enjoyed refreshments in the church annex.

## OBITUARY

### GOLDIE ELSEA OF NOVINGER DIES; WAS 86

Goldie M. Elsea, 86, of Novinger died in a Kirksville hospital Sunday morning, January 28th, at 9:15 a. m.

Born on April 16, 1875 at Eldon, Ia., she was the daughter of Randolph and Sarah Bailey. In 1898 in Wapello County, Ia., she was married to William Mack Elsea and to this marriage seven children were born.

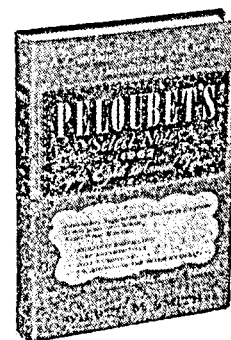
Surviving are two daughters, Mildred Elsea of Washington, D. C., and Flora Elsea of Waco, California; four sons, Marion Elsea of Detroit, Michigan; Roland K. Elsea of Novinger; Everett R. Elsea of 616 N. Franklin and Ray E. Elsea of Nashwauk, Minn.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Grace Waddill of Ottumwa, Ia., and Bernice Hatch of Miles City, Mont., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband who died on March 29, 1958, one infant son and one brother.

Mrs. Elsea came from Iowa to Connelville in 1904 where she and her husband operated a general store for several years. They later moved to Novinger where she had resided since.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Connelville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 30th at 2:00 o'clock in the Foster Memorial Home with the Rev. Lester Jones, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville officiating. Burial was in the Novinger Cemetery.



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## THE RELEVANCY OF THE BIBLE TO THE WORLD TODAY

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### The Bible Alone Gives Strength to Face Chaotic Conditions

Have you noticed how hopeless some people become in times of crisis? Some are afraid to think at all of their troubles; others become wishful thinkers. The vast majority of men and women who do think, but who do not accept the Bible are profound pessimists. Possibly the most pessimistic piece of writing I have ever read is the last thing that H. G. Wells ever wrote. He was an avowed atheist—all his hopes were rooted in the modern idealistic, humanistic, evolutionary philosophy of life. And then there came crashing across the world two great wars. Every hope he ever had was shattered. And the last thing he wrote was, "Mind at the End of its Tether."

Against that sort of thing there has been nothing which has so helped and sustained the people of God, and maintained their morale and strength in the midst of crises and chaos, as a vital belief in the Bible. The Bible helps people in their times of need by enabling them to take the long view. This Book always encourages us not to be influenced overmuch by what happens immediately. It tells us that it has seen the wicked flourish like the green bay tree. But it also tells us that if we but wait a while the wicked will vanish out of sight—forever.

The Bible also reminds us of the word of the Lord Jesus Christ, "He that exalteth himself shall be humbled." It gives us the long view, which saves us from becoming victims of fear and phobias created by temporary reverses. It assures us of the ultimate triumph of God. It even goes beyond that, to say that even should the worst come to the worst, all will still be well with those who know God and who are the called according to His purpose.

With such confidence as the Bible affords, men and women can weather any storm and keep steady and calm when the hurricanes blow and the billows are rolling and the very foundations seem to be shaking.

### The Bible Alone Gives Any Trustworthy Hope for the Future

In the final analysis there are only three possible views of history. First

there is that view which is sometimes called the view of **contingency**. This view tells us that things happen anyhow, that events occur without any special rhyme or reason.

Then there is the view of **fatalism**—the doctrine of necessity. This view says that things must happen because they are guided and controlled by some dark, evil impersonal power-dominated fate. Oh, how many people become fatalists in their hours of crisis!

But thirdly there is the biblical view which is the doctrine of **certainty**. The Bible teaches that things do not just merely happen any old how, or haphazardly as the result of some contingency. Neither does the Bible suggest that this world is ordered by some dark, impersonal, hideous force.

The Bible tells us that this world is God's world—that even sinners are under the hand of God—that even Satan is not outside of God's control—that God permits certain things for the time being. But behind it all and over it all and beyond it all God has His plans.

According to the Bible there are three focal points in history: Creation, Incarnation, Consummation. And just as certainly as the first two have already taken place, even so the third will take place.

Chronology is not a matter of clocks. Neither is it a matter of calendars. Chronology is essentially a matter of moral conditions, according to the Bible. This Book is not interested in times and seasons. It is interested in the fact that God has His plans and God will work out His plans as He has always done in the past. Someone says, "How soon?" Our only reply is, "With Him a thousand years are as one day and one day as a thousand years." Yes, in His own good time God will act. And in spite of sin and evil and Satan and hell, the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

The question might well be asked, "What is the practical message of all this?"

Strange as it may seem this question was answered 319 years ago. In the year of our Lord 1643, the British parliament summoned an Assembly of godly and judicious divines, to meet in Westminster Abbey in order to consult and advise concerning matters of religion. That Assembly came to be

known as the Westminster Assembly and out of it came the well-known Westminster Confession of Faith. The answer to our present question was contained in the three foremost emphases laid down by that great Assembly: (1) The Sovereignty of God, (2) the supremacy of the Scripture, and (3) the liberty of conscience.

We need to get back to the position of that Assembly! We need to return to a recognition of and a reckoning with the supremacy of the Scriptures! We need to get back to the Bible—and by that I do not merely mean that we need to read it, study it, and teach it. These are tremendously important, of course. But we need to **live** it.

Merely to read the Bible is not enough.

Merely to study the Bible is not enough.

Merely to teach the Bible is not enough.

Men need the Bible not only in their heads but also in their hearts and in their wills. And when we do come to it, listen to it, let it talk to us, seek to live by it—what then does it teach us about these days in which we live? It teaches us that the great need of the hour is for the mighty Spirit of God: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord!"

Not by organizing, not by plans and multiplicity of programs and propositions, not by conferences and councils and conventions, but by the Spirit of God alone can men be convicted of their sins and brought back to God through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

The call to us, then, is not so much to **organize** (the Apostle Paul would say, "God forbid!") as it is to **agonize**: to wait upon God, to plead with Him for our sad world, to ask God with the old prophet Habakkuk to keep alive His works in the midst of the years and in tumult to remember mercy.

All of this must be within the frame of reference of the Bible as the supremely relevant thing. How shall I say it? I am inclined to put it into the words of the Psalmist of old: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

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# THE MISSION FIELD



**Rev. Jerry Ballard**

## 'Heartbeat' Wins National Award

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Most Improved Format Award for 1961 was presented to **Heartbeat** magazine, a publication of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, during the annual awards program of the Evangelical Press Association.

The announcement was made to some 150 editors representing various denominational and interdenominational periodicals in the membership of EPA, climaxing their three-day convention at the Kentwood Arms Hotel here in Springfield.

On hand to receive the award for **Heartbeat** was editor Jerry Ballard, promotional secretary for the board of foreign missions. It is the first national EPA award ever presented a Free Will Baptist publication.

His magazine, published by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, was named "Periodical of the Year" for 1961. Awards were also presented to leading magazines in six publication categories. There were more than 80 evangelical publications entered in the awards competition.

W. Stanley Mooneyham, assistant moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and editor of **United Evangelical Action**, was elected vice president of EPA for 1962. R. C. Cunningham of the **Evangel** was named president.

Larry Ward, editor of **World Vision Magazine** and EPA executive secretary, reported that the group's 173 member periodicals include publications of 41 denominations as well as many interdenominational bodies. Total circulation of all the EPA member periodicals, he said, exceeds 7,600,000.

## Wilson Named General Director

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Reford Wilson has been named the new general director of Free Will Baptist foreign missions to succeed the Rev. Rolla Smith. The announcement was made by the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Mr. Wilson, re-elected to his third term on the board last July, has been a member and recording secretary of the board for more than ten years. He resigned his position on the board in order to accept the post of general director.

Mr. Smith resigned as general director in order to return to the pastorate. He has accepted a call to the Donelson Church in suburban Nashville.

The 38-year old Mr. Wilson has pastored churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Michigan. He will move to Nashville in mid-February from the pastorate of the Holdenville, Oklahoma church where he has served the past two years.

Educationally, Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, and has studied at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.

He is married to the former Jean Lane. Both are natives of Oklahoma. The Wilsons have two children—Jono-

than, ten, and Rebecca, seven.

In addition to pastoral duties and service on the board, Mr. Wilson is a writer for the National Sunday School Board.

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

December, 1961

Zelien Altis .....	\$ 2.00
Anonymous .....	5.00
Missouri State Association ....	39.75
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	267.00
Jackie Sue Wantland .....	15.00
Cooperative Plan of Support ..	328.34
Fellowship F. W. B. Church ..	135.00
Adult League Class of First F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove .....	10.00
F. W. B. Church of Desloge ..	10.00
Twin Oaks Church .....	50.00
F. W. B. Church of Frederick- town .....	75.00
Sunday School of Oak Grove Church, Mountain Grove ..	15.00
Oma L. Scott .....	3.00
First F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove .....	42.00
Parkview F. W. B. Church ....	17.00
Willow Springs Church .....	11.58
First F. W. B. Church, Joplin ..	30.00
Wolf Creek Church .....	5.00
Victory F. W. B. Church ....	55.50
Beacon F. W. B. Church .....	26.28
K. C. Area Quarterly Meeting ..	75.11
Union Light F. W. B. Church ..	39.10
Fourth F. W. B. Church, Over- land .....	5.00
Mrs. John Summers .....	5.00
Grant Avenue F. W. B. League ..	10.00
Hurryville F. W. B. Church ..	7.80
Kirksville F. W. B. Church ....	17.50
Mrs. G. W. Hopper .....	5.00
B. A. & G. T. A.—First F. W. B. Church, Berkeley City .....	5.00
F. W. B. Church of Desloge ..	25.00
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley ..	75.00
Young Married People's Class, Greentop .....	100.00



Anonymous .....	20.00
Woman's Auxiliary—Berk-	
eley Church .....	15.00
Barbara Ann Cook .....	15.00
Mr. John D. Long .....	1.00
Macy Gregory .....	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel F. W. B. Ch. ....	86.50
Lone Star Sunday School ....	10.00
W. N. A. C. ....	36.88
Total .....	\$1701.34

### RECEIPTS FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MISSOURI

December, 1961

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists .....	\$ 51.07
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	49.13
Co-op Headquarters .....	161.18
First Church, Kansas City ....	40.63
Finis E. Sorrell, .....	1.00

H. S. Vandivort .....	20.00
Pleasant Hill Church .....	1.00
Bethel Church Ladies' Aux. ....	5.00
Rev. O. T. Allred .....	5.00
Victory F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary .....	7.09
F. W. Baptist's Northwest Missions .....	65.00
N. Rock Springs, F. W. B. C., ....	15.80
Mrs. G. W. Hopper .....	5.00
First Church, Berkeley City ....	15.00
Happy Ridge Woman's Aux. ....	5.00
Virgil J. Bundy .....	30.00

Total ..... \$476.90

### Cuban Christians Suffer New Blows

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—Cuban Christians, who have been feeling steadily increasing pressure from the Communist regime of Fidel Castro, were forbidden this year to celebrate

Christmas as a religious holiday. Instead they were encouraged to celebrate it as the "first socialist Christmas." The government doled out a small bonus in honor of the first Christmas under declared Communism.

In order to break the Cuban Christmas tradition of preparing suckling pigs for a Christmas Eve feast, the government in special Christmas regulations prohibited the killing of suckling pigs, with a possible penalty of facing the firing squad.

An additional contributing factor to this forced austerity is a serious food shortage created by the inefficiency of the Communistic agricultural system.

Entry of all evangelical literature, including the Bible, is now prohibited. It has been reported that more than half the 700 major Protestant churches of Cuba are now closed.

## EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

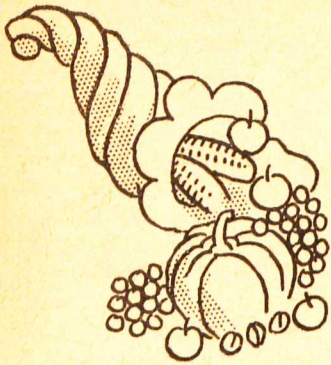
### OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

Fellowship .....	Rev. James Earl Raper
Amity .....	Rev. Robert Carlson
Black Oak .....	Rev. Wm. Reeves
New Lebanon .....	Rev. Ronald Clifford
Leadington .....	Rev. Jack McAllister
Copper Mines .....	Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle .....	Rev. Wayne Parsons
Kirksville .....	Rev. Lester Jones
Overland .....	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley .....	Rev. Harvey Hill
Joplin .....	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington .....	Rev. James Barker
Verdella .....	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods .....	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba
Old Bethel .....	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion .....	Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side .....	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer .....	Rev. W. H. Bostic
Carterville .....	Rev. Wm. Beazley
Fredericktown .....	Rev. C. H. Burton
Pleasant Grove .....	Rev. Tommy Carlson
Martinstown .....	Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon .....	Rev. Junior Ussery
First, Flat River .....	Rev. Dale Jones
Alton .....	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Third, St. Louis .....	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem .....	
First, Waynesville .....	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Grace, Arnold .....	Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope .....	Rev. A. A. Hogue
Skyline Armourdale .....	

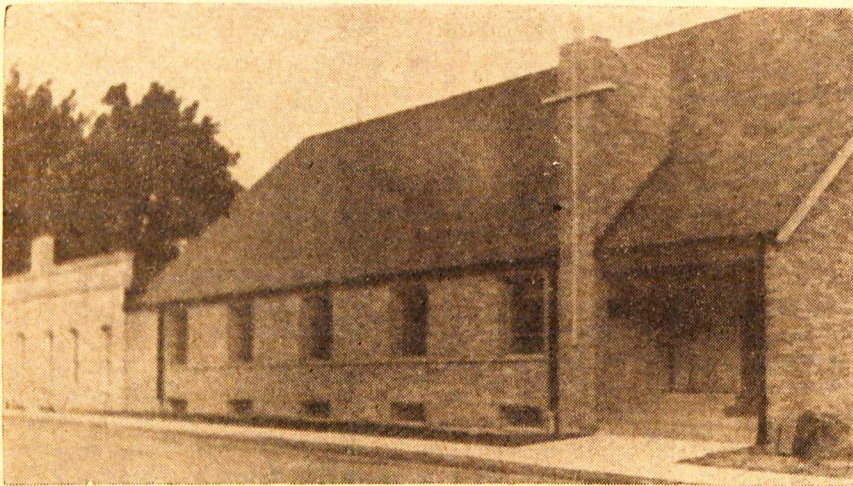
Springfield .....	Rev. Henry Long
Neosho .....	Rev. Robert Duck
Mine La Motte .....	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Union Light .....	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel .....	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah .....	Rev. Fred Wynn
Fourth, St. Louis .....	Rev. Max Courtney
Twin Oaks .....	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory .....	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Mill Creek .....	Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon .....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City .....	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope .....	Rev. James McAllister
Merl's Chapel .....	Rev. O. T. Allred
Oskaloosa .....	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel .....	Rev. Chas. Black
Pleasant Ridge .....	Rev. M. K. Cline
New Harmony .....	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave .....	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett .....	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel .....	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon .....	Rev. Cleo Covington
Mountain Valley .....	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty .....	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Desloge .....	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Meremac Heights .....	Rev. Bud Hill
Mendota Mission .....	Rev. Alta Mikel
Festus .....	Rev. Chester Weir
Little Vine Church .....	Rev. Robert Carlson
Pleasant Hill Church .....	Rev. J. W. King
Macedonia Church .....	Rev. Selph Jones
First Church, Greenfield .....	





# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUYS THIRD CHURCH**

St. Louis, Mo.—

Pictured above is the Third Free Will Baptist Church at 1330 Geyer Ave., in St. Louis which is to be razed to make way for a new expressway that will run through the city. The church has been at this location since its beginning over twenty-five years ago. Plans for relocation are indefinite at this time. Rev. Russel B. Spurgeon is the pastor.

### Supreme Court Rules

#### In Creech Case

Raleigh, N. C.—

The Supreme Court of North Carolina ruled that the trial judge had previously ruled in error in taking the property away from the majority group of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, N. C. Rev. Ronald Creech is the pastor of this group who was forced out of usage of their building under the ruling of a lower court when the minority group sued to obtain the building. The minority group known as the Teasley faction claims that Rev. Creech has led the majority group known as the James A. Miles faction astray. The Supreme Court also stated that the judge was out of his jurisdiction in deciding who could be or who could not be members of the church. The Miles faction will now get

to share the use of the building with the Teasley faction until the time of the jury trial. The jury will have to decide who is the true church. Rev. Creech is known throughout North Carolina for the strong stand he takes against worldliness. The Western Conference joined the law-suit with the Teasley faction and used as their chief weapon, affidavits that were signed by some fifty-two or three preachers. These affidavits swore that Free Will Baptists always have adhered to connectional church government. The North Carolina State Association has backed the Western Conference and as a result has come under strong fire from the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The National Association voted while in session last July to direct North Carolina to repudiate all forms of connectional church government. While individual churches have done so, it remains for the State Association to do so.

### North Missouri

#### Fifth Sunday Meeting

Kirkville, Mo.—

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the North East Missouri Association convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirkville on December 31st

at the Sunday School hour. The worship service opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Sis. Effa Dare. Rev. Cletus Nichols brought the morning message. He read from the first five verses of Jude. He then brought a wonderful message. The congregation sang one verse of "Just As I Am." The dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Howard Filkins.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session began by congregational singing led by Sis. Velma Wellman. Prayer was led by Bro. Ernest Thomas. In the absence of the President, Sis. Myrtle Jones, the Vice President, Sis. Mildred Gilliam read from Luke 13:6-9. After a short message the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Hazel Creek, New Harmony, Low Ground, and Kirkville Auxiliaries were read for information. Sis. Gilliam read a letter from the Alabama orphanage thanking the ladies for their Christmas gifts to the children.

The next meeting will be with the New Harmony Church with Rev. Mildred Gilliam to bring the 11:00 a. m. message. Rev. Alta Mikel is the alternate. A district workshop was scheduled on the fourth Thursday in March at the Low Ground Church.

The program for the afternoon was as follows:

Kendell and Wendell Sevits rendered two musical numbers, "Farther Along" and "Amazing Grace." Duet: "Cleanse Me" by Velma and Russel Wellman. Mrs. Hilda Nichols sang, "What Will You Do With Jesus?" A Quartet from Hazel Creek sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Maizie Sevits conducted a sword drill with the G. T. A. members. Joyce Thomas was the winner. The New Harmony Quartet sang, "He Tenderly Looked At Me." After a congregational song, Rev. Cletus Nichols dismissed us in prayer.

—Sec., Leona Thompson



**FROM LEBANON:**

The Ladies' Circle of the First Free Will Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Glen Agan Tuesday evening, January 16th. The vice president, Hazel Embry, presided over the meeting, which opened with the song, "What A Friend."

The Scripture lesson, Isaiah 12:1-6, was read and prayer was offered by Gladys Montgomery. In response to roll call, favorite Scripture passages were given. A poem, "The Opening Year," was given by Alpha Admire. "God's X-Ray," was read by Mrs. Montgomery. The report from the last meeting was given by Esther Sutton.

A much enjoyed feature of the evening was the receiving of a Christmas card from North India, from the Hanna family, with their family group picture. The circle enjoyed receiving it and was pleased to know that all is well with them. The members decided to sponsor the Hanna family another year as their missionaries. The Circle group also voted to give this group the name, "Hanna Missionary Circle" for this year.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Farris Garrett.

During the social hour, the hostess served gingerbread, topped with whipped cream and coffee to five members and one guest.

—Gladys Montgomery, Reporter

**FROM THAYER:**

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on Tuesday night, December 11 for their monthly meeting with seventeen members, one new member, and one visitor present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Lorene Pohnert. Group singing, "Joy to the World." Prayer by Sis. Bryan. Scripture from Isaiah 9:6-7.

Reports were given by different officers present. Old and new business was discussed. We were dismissed from business with prayer by Sis. Bostic. Introduction to the lesson was given by Sis. Phylis Miller. Topics were given by Sis. Nettie Bennett, Sis. Alice Gay Case, Sis. Clara Allen. We were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Elsie Warrel.

Our meeting for January 9, 1962, was held at the church with only ten members present due to the bad weather. Meeting was opened with prayer and by singing, "To the Work." Scripture lesson: Genesis 22:13 and John 8:56. Prayer by Sis. Clara Allen. Reports were given. A short business

session was held. Topics for the program were given by Sis. Jean Lou and Sis. Elsie Warrel. After the program a pink and blue shower was given Sis. Alice Gay Case. Refreshments were served by the Master's Men in the basement.—Cor.-Sec., Nettie Bennett

**Congo Independence Means New Tensions For Missionaries**

LEOPOLDVILLE, CONGO (CNS) —Missionaries who returned to take up their work in Congo following the violence which came with independence find themselves in different—and often difficult—situations, according to a missionary now teaching at the Congo Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Melvin J. Loewen, formerly with the Congo Inland Mission, said that even though material well-being can be reasonably assured for the missionary, spiritual and mental tensions have increased with the coming of independence.

In describing the changed conditions, he said, "The word 'independence' has lost its magic. In the 18 months since the old administrators left, political, military and economic upheavals have followed in regular succession." He gave credit to the United Nations for its economic help, but said that the country needs a spirit of national unity.

Against this background, Dr. Loewen said, missionaries who were invited to return and serve the church find themselves in a difficult situation. "The old palaver sessions (discussions of problems with Africans) which were always a common diet in missionary service have increased in their intensity," he commented. "Discontent is too quickly coupled with threats."

"The missionary would rather be a simple counselor and friend instead of taking positions of responsibility which inevitably lead to recriminations of partiality, mismanagement, political activity and negligence. The missionary is not without fault, but to be constantly reminded of one's shortcomings is as discouraging as the uncertainty of the political and military problems of the Congo.

"Having preached the Word in the Congo for over a generation, the missionary is torn between the counsel to shake the dust off his feet, or to claim with Paul, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

Despite these problems and uncertainties, he said, hundreds of Protestant missionaries and their families have

returned to the Congo. Because of continuing hostilities in some areas, however, it has been unwise to re-occupy them for missionary work.

**COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY, 1962****Received:**

Hickory Grove Church .....	\$ 15.86
Merl's Chapel Church .....	20.00
Skyline Armourdale Church ..	12.60
Bethel Church, West Plains ..	92.52
Hannon Church .....	20.00
Mill Creek .....	51.19
First Church, Flat River .....	321.99
Farmington Church .....	47.86
South Side Church, St. Louis ..	48.50
First Church, Fredericktown ..	288.29
Beacon Church, Kansas City ..	88.95
Victory Church, Kansas City ..	76.25
Fellowship Church .....	75.00
Aulsbury Chapel .....	89.60
Liberty Church .....	59.17
Hurryville Church .....	90.00
First Church, Monett .....	87.60
Twin Oaks Church .....	30.00
Carterville Church .....	23.00
Alton Church .....	9.00
Desloge Church .....	262.50
Hickory Grove Church .....	11.23
St. Louis District Qtly. Mtg. ..	182.40
Mine La Motte Church .....	5.47
Oak Grove Church .....	10.00
Thayer Church .....	34.49
Myrtle Church .....	9.32
Copper Mines Church .....	43.56
Grant Ave. Church .....	87.00
Hannon Church .....	20.00

Total Received ..... \$2213.35

**Disbursed:**

National Association of	
Free Will Baptists .....	\$1328.00
State Promotional Dept. ....	442.68
Free Will Baptist Gem Fund ..	110.67
Missouri State Youth Camp ..	110.67
General Fund .....	110.67
State Home Missions .....	66.40
Superannuation .....	22.13
Skyline Armourdale Mission ..	22.13

Total Disbursed ..... \$2213.35

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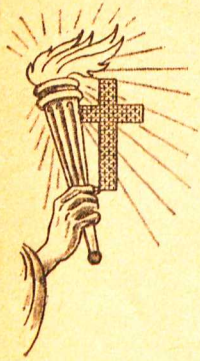
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# Woman's Auxiliary

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

The District Youth Rally, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliaries of the South East Missouri Yearly Meeting was held January 13th at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo. The program got off to a good start with choruses led by Larry Getz, with Sylvia Brooks at the piano. The welcome and Scripture reading was given by Alvin Sago. Karen Adams sang, "Your Life Can Be Beautiful." A quartet—Jane & Judy Bowman, Sherri Walton, and Shirley Daugherty sang, "You Can Have A Song In Your Heart In the Night." The gospel film, "Goal to Go," presented real life situations and problems that Christian teen-agers face today. The rally was a great success ending with fellowship, games and refreshments in the church basement.

Several inquiries have been made in regard to another rally in the near future. As yet expenses for this meeting have not been met. Many, many thanks to ALL who made the Youth Rally possible. A special thanks to the Youth who cooperated in giving of their time and talents.

—Mrs. Harold Wilfong,

District Youth Chairman

## FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met at the church, Monday, January 1st at 7:30 for our regular meeting. The opening song by all was "Bring Them In" and the president, Claudia Combs, read Genesis 22:15 and the 8th chapter of St. John. We were led in prayer by Rachell Murray. Two special songs were rendered by Eudean Addikisson, Ernestine Addikisson and Louise Lewis. Topic I: "The Field of Creativity" was given by Mrs. Cliff. Topic II: "The Field of Opportunity," by Addie Addikisson. Topic III: "The Field of Christian Privileges," by Rachell Murray. Topic IV: "Pre-vision Means Provision," by Gracie Stevens. This was a good lesson and well discussed. There

were 12 members and 3 visitors present. In our business meeting we voted to order books for the Y. P. A. Effie James is their leader. We also have quilted several quilts and sent a box of clothing to the children's home for Christmas. We were dismissed in prayer by Ella James.

—Cor. -Sec., Beaulah Gilliam

## FROM LEBANON:

The Lucy Wisehart Circle of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon met in the home of Mrs. Jim Hays, Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p. m. The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." A short business meeting followed with officers being elected for the coming year. They are: President, Miss Dorothy Brawley; vice president, Miss Peggy Sutton; sec. -treas., Marilyn Allen; song leader, Jean Mosier; reporter, Frieda Hays; chaplain, Glenda Agan; program chairman, Donna Sutton.

The Circle will have a make-it-take-it sale on February 8th. The next meeting will be in the home of Miss Glenda Agan. Prayer was offered by Miss Peggy Sutton and the hostess served refreshments with Miss Sutton assisting.

—Frieda Hays, Reporter

## FROM DESLOGE:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge enjoyed a turkey and ham supper in the church basement Dec. 17. The table was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme. There was also a Christmas tree and gifts were exchanged. Sandra Morris and Edna Moore were in charge of decorations. Rev. Elmer Turnbough, church pastor, asked the blessing upon the food.

At 7:00 p. m. the ladies held their regular meeting in the church auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mildred Miller. Opening song, "O Come All Ye Faithful." Prayer by Gladys Turnbough.

Scripture: Luke 2:21. Prayer by Nellie Rasnic. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Nellie Rasnic.

The introduction to the program was given by Mildred Miller. Topic I: "The Blue of the Heavens"—Ava McFarland. Topic II: "The Royal Purple of the Eternal I AM"—Gladys Turnbough. Topic III: "The Scarlet of the Supreme Sacrifice"—Sandra Morris.

Song, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem," by Nellie Rasnic, Sandra Morris, Ava McFarland, and Hazel Morris. Song by the group, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Reading by Minnie Hunt. Song, "To Us A Child Is Born," by Mildred Miller, Gladys Turnbough, and Ava McFarland. Piano solo, "Silver Bells" by Edna Moore. Closing song by group, "Silent Night." Benediction by Bill Morris.

On Friday, January 12th, the ladies met for their January meeting. The opening song was, "To the Work." Prayer by Ava McFarland. President, Mildred Miller read Genesis 22:13 and John 8:56. Seven answered the roll call with Scripture verses containing the word "beginning." Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president gave the introduction to the lesson. Topic I: "The Field of Creativity"—Hazel Morris. Topic II: "The Field of Opportunity"—Nellie Rasnic. Topic III: "The Field of Christian Privileges"—Ava McFarland. Topic IV: "Pre-vision Means Pro-vision"—Gladys Turnbough. We were dismissed in prayer by Gladys Turnbough. Refreshments and games in the basement. The games and the prizes were furnished by Hazel Morris. Refreshments by Edna Moore and Esther Skaggs.

—Cor. -Sec., Hazel Morris

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

Fellowship Auxiliary held their pre-Christmas season of prayer Dec. 11-15 at the church. The theme for the week



was, "Abounding In Every Good Work." Scripture: II Cor. 8:7. Prayer by Mary Ross, Norma Williams and Della Getz. Hymns were sung. Edith Brooks was in charge of the programs. Monday's theme: "Abounding In Faith." Tuesday's theme: "Abounding In Utterance." Wednesday's theme: "Abounding In Knowledge." Thursday's theme: "Abounding In Diligence." Friday's theme: "Abounding In Love." Each lady that had a topic did real well and everyone received a blessing.

The Auxiliary met on December 12 for their year book study with eleven members and two children present. After singing, "Joy to the World," prayer was led by Della Getz. Bernice Dodd presided over the business period. Edith Brooks read Isaiah 9:6-7. Song, "Silent Night." Theme: "It's Christmas!" The three topics were given by Mrs. Hildebrand, Zelma Baker and Norma Williams. Dismissed by Minnie Burcham.

—Della Getz, Cor. -Sec.

#### FROM KANSAS CITY:

First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met January 2nd. Opened by singing, "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never." Sis. Alma Mason read from Gen. 22:13 and John 8:56 and gave the introduction. Topics were as follows: Topic I—Sis. Fern Smith; Topic II—Sis. Emoline Moser; Topic III—Sis. Saxa Fielding; Topic IV—Sis. Alice Dickey. Closed with prayer by each lady attending. Sis. Emoline Moser gave a study on the Y. P. A. manual.

—Cor. -Sec., Allene Painter

#### FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri held their meeting Tuesday evening, January 2nd at 7:30 at the church. The theme was "Pre-vision Means Pro-vision."

The meeting was called to order by the president, Farron Jones, followed with the song, "I Gave My Life for Thee," and the Scripture reading, Genesis 22:13 and John 8:56. Gussie Hamblin led in prayer.

The topics were: "The Field of Creativity" by Marion Wilson; "The Field of Opportunity," by Pansy Keeney; "The Field of Christian Privileges," by Gussie Hamblin; "Pre-vision Means Pro-vision," by Genevieve White. Edith Keeney gave the introduction and the benediction was by Pansy Keeney.



## CHOICE SELECTIONS FOR EASTER!

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CONTENTS: *O Angel of the Garden, Christ the Unique, Palm Sunday Shouts, Bought with a Price, Through the Torn Veil of His Flesh, She Who Was First at the Tomb, The Unrecognized Christ, The Gardens of Sin and Grace.*

**NEW!**

Dr. Todd is the worthy successor to Clarence E. Macartney in Philadelphia. \$1.50

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## Dear Brother Reeds . . .

Dear Brother Reeds:

Here it is another year that the Lord has let us live. Let us thank Him for it all. I do enjoy reading the Gem very much. A lot of people have been called out of this world and when we hear what percentage of these are Christians it makes us realize how we are failing to do our duty for our Saviour.

When I read about some of the good Christians I have met at the State Associations in years gone by it does my heart good to see where they are growing and going forward in the Lord's work.

In the last Gem as I looked on the picture of Dr. Laverne Miley and his family it seems but just a short time when I met him at Monett, Missouri at a State Convention. He was just a lad. There are many more that I have met and cherish them in my heart for the work they are doing. I thank God for the good strong men and women in the Lord's work yet today. I must close and thank you for the good work you are doing and the nice work you are doing for and in the Gem. I am enclosing a check for another year.

As ever, your brother in Christ,  
Tony Davis, Iantha, Mo.

Dear Brother Reeds:

I wish to report on the Laymen's Day held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri on Nov. 26, 1961. The choir for the morning worship service was made up of the men of the church and the speakers for the morning were: Bro. Orlie Phillips and Bro. Gilbert Fortney. The day was very successful and we hope to continue it in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Master's Men

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Monett, Mo.

Dear Brother Reeds:

I am happy to say that I believe everyone present at the Watch Service at Meremac Heights Free Will Baptist Church received a blessing. We enjoyed the messages delivered by two young ministers—Bro. Tommy Peterson and Bro. James Honey. We are grateful to all the visitors who came our way and for the many special numbers in song. We thank God for His blessings. May we do more for the Lord in 1962.

Mary Lou Lynch, S. S. Sec.

Dear Brother Reeds:

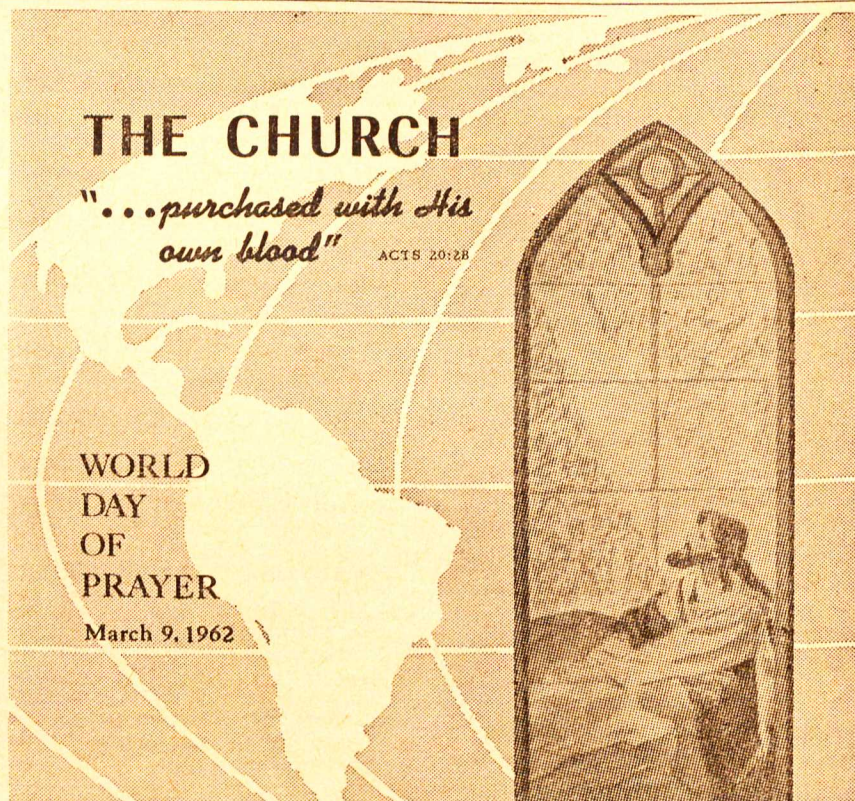
We missed visiting with you last month, but with so many activities around Christmas, time just slipped away from us. The Lord is still blessing us in so many ways here at Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge. Since our last writing we have had ten to unite with our church. On Sunday, Dec. 10th, a very cold Sunday night, I might add, our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, baptized eight from our church at the river. Oh yes, there were comments. Predictions from colds to pneumonia. We were a "crazy bunch of people" to some. But thank the Lord when God's Spirit is kindled and burning brightly in our lives, He will take care of us and see us through.

1961 was a good year for our church. We had our sorrows, but God takes care of those, too, if we have

our trust in Him. We saw growth through membership for which we are truly grateful. But without spiritual growth we have nothing. We are thanking God for both in this past year. We sing, "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and we pray, "Show me Lord what you would have me do," and then we say, "If there's anything I can do just let me know"—then when we are confronted with the answer to these we say, "Mr. & Mrs. Somebody Else can do them much better than us so we just let them do it." Following this line of "doing" we can become spiritual midgets.

Pray for us at Parkview that we can grow to spiritual giants in 1962. When that happens we can certainly bring the lost to Christ! Pray for our pastor and his family as they work so faithfully with us here. We still have several of our number out sick. We ask you to pray with us that we can see them all back with us in this coming year. God's blessings on you and yours.

Hazel Morris, Church Reporter



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**FROM FLAT RIVER:**

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri had a pre-Christmas week of prayer. The first meeting was Monday evening at the church with the Y. P. A. girls as guests. The topic, "Abounding In Faith," was given by Anna Mae Faircloth.

Tuesday morning, the ladies went to the Turpin Rest Home and had their program. The topic, "Abounding In Utterance," was given by Faron Jones. The service was enjoyed by all attending.

Wednesday evening, the service was included with the prayer meeting service. The topic, "Abounding in Knowledge," and the church pastor, Rev. Dale Jones was in charge.

The program for Thursday was, "Abounding In Diligence," with the topic being given by Marion Wilson. The group conducted morning prayer meeting at 10:00 a. m. at the home of M. A. "Pa" Henson. Mr. Henson is in his 80's and is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church. When he was able, he was a faithful worker in the church.

The program Friday was, "Abounding In Love" and was given by Jean Blakeley. The service was held from 10 o'clock until 11 o'clock at the church.

All of the services included a session of prayer and songs.

Monday evening, December 18th at 8 o'clock there was a joint installation service for the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Y. P. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri in the church auditorium. The theme was, "His Witness Around the World." The church pastor, Rev. Dale Jones was the installing officer.

A table was centered with a globe of the world and a large candle. On either side of the table were candelabra with a candle for each officer. The officers for the organizations are the Auxiliary and Y. P. A., respectively, presidents, Faron Jones, Trudy Busenbark; vice president, Eileen Hard and Diana Honbeck; secretary treasurer, Oma Barker and Midge Wilson; corresponding secretary (Auxiliary) Jean Blakeley; study course chairman, (Auxiliary) Genevieve White; program chairman, Edith Keeney and Rosie King; missions chairman (Y. P. A.) June Matthews; personal service chairman, Marion Wilson and Nancy Thurman.

The ceremony was beautiful and inspirational.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1961—62**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
First Church, Springfield ..												
Victory, Kansas City .....	59	72			77	70	63					
Mt. Pisgah .....	78	66		73	63							
Copper Mines .....	101	85	91									
Fellowship, Flat River .....	193	203	209	205	192	168	165					
Leadington .....	68	69	59	63	53	46						
Farmington .....	86	90	87	86	82	85	74					
Fourth, St. Louis .....	43	66	58	63	79							
Mill Creek .....		42	43									
Berkeley City .....	201	217	221	225	225	196	185					
Richwoods .....	65	62	64	65	66							
Hannon .....	50	48	49	60		52						
Joplin .....												
Kirksville .....	82	89	84	91								
Grant Ave., Springfield ...	121	104	135	138	123	109	108					
Hazel Creek .....	48	54	49	56	52							
Twin Oak .....	56	53	54	56	60	54						
South Side Church .....	144	147	142				110					
New Hope, Kansas City ...	91	103	90	110	104							
Mine La Motte .....	32	24	24	28	25	32						
First Church, Waynesville												
First Church, Kansas City .	54	60	57	62								
First Church, Lebanon .....	59	55	57	64	58	57	58					
Overland Church .....	110	115										
Third Church, St. Louis ....												
First Ch., Mtn. Grove ....	309	331	318	304								
Myrtle .....	51	51	58	53	60							
Festus .....	39	46	45	38	52	47						
Bethel, West Plains .....	147	138	143	138	128	120	108					
Desloge .....	110	108	130	131	133	120						
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	161	164	169	168								
Thayer .....	85	99	93	102	108	118	85					
Meramec Heights .....			29	30	31	29						
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