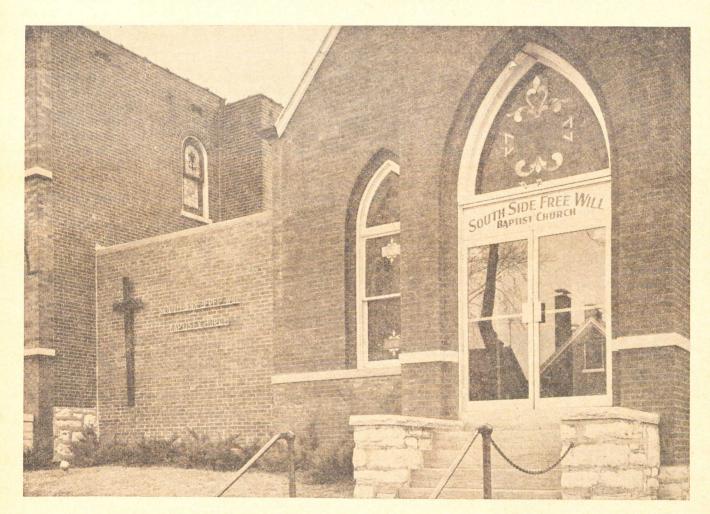


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## South Side Free Will Baptist Church

Mt. Pleasant St. at Michigan Ave. ST. LOUIS 11, MISSOURI

#### COVER STORY ....

Rev. T. C. Ferguson was a pioneer home missionary who came to the St. Louis area from Springfield, Missouri to help establish a Free Will Baptist church in this area. The organization became a reality in 1927. From this church have come the eight churches that are now located in the greater St. Louis area. In July, 1928, Reverend W. C. Hill was called as pastor of the new work. He also was a pioneer preacher in the St. Louis area. The church occupied a store building at 611 Rutger Street and later moved to 1301 Park.

It seems only proper and fitting that in January of 1944 that Reverend Harvey E. Hill, the son of the late Reverend W. C. Hill, led in the organization of a mission at 5418 Idaho. It, too, occupied a store building. Because of its location in the heart of the South St. Louis area the name South Side Free Will Baptist Mission was selected. One year later the group was organized into a full-fledged Free Will Baptist church.

Reverend Harvey E. Hill announced his call to preach while a member of the Third Church (this church was organized by his father). Almost immediately he was called to pastor the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church where he remained for slightly over one year when he became assured that God was calling him to open a mission in St. Louis. He picked up the mantle of his father and led in the organization of South Side Church.

#### THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

During the past month I have attended St. Louis District, St. Francis District, and First Mission quarterly meetings and worked in these various districts and Free Will Baptist churches. I find most of our people concerned about our whole denominational program, and willing to contribute. I visited our Pleasant Home Church south of Mt. Grove, which has been without a regular pastor for some time. This group loves the Lord and fills a great need in the community. I hope and pray some faithful minister will be led there soon. Also, I visited other churches in that section that received the cooperative program and indicated

On an extremely cold Saturday night in January of 1945 the Quarterly Meeting Board of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting met with the Mission at 5418 Idaho and organized the group into a church. Fifteen fruitful years have followed.

Rev. James A. Franklin followed Rev. Hill as pastor and served for two years. He was succeeded by Rev. W. A. Hales who served for one year. In July, 1957 Rev. Roger C. Reeds and his family moved to St. Louis to assume the pastorate. He was born right in the St. Louis area, was conwillingness to participate. They are already patronizing the Bible & Book Store. Truly we need to respond as the people of God did in Nehemiah's day. Let us rise up and build. "So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

The church bond sales for Missouri Free Will Baptist Headquarters and Book Store have passed the half way mark of an \$18,000 worth of bonds to be sold. Come in and see your book store and purchase or order your Bibles and other Christian supplies listed in our catalogue.

Since the National Sunday School, League, Master's Men, and Woman's Auxiliary departments each offer Free Will Baptist quarterlies, please order quarterlies through National Headquarters, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. I hope to be with each church as soon as possible.

verted at South Side Church, and announced his call to preach there, as have many more young men of the church. Rev. Reeds graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1955.

One of the signs of a healthy church is God's calling forth of its young people. This has certainly been true of South Side. Since its organization as a church more than twenty of its youth have answered the call to full-time Christian service. The church has recommended eight men for their first

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MISSUURIAN REACHES AFRICA

B. P. 20; Bouna Ivory Coast, Africa February 13, 1962

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

We are quite late in acknowledging gifts to our account for the month of December, but we trust you will understand that these past few weeks have been unusual ones for us. We left France the third of January and arrived in the Ivory Coast the 14th. Since then we have been trying to get settled in our new surroundings and at the same time we have, of necessity, begun our ministry among the Africans.

We arrived at Doropo in the midst of a meningitis epidemic, and although we came with few medicines and materials, the Lord has enabled us to minister during these past three weeks. The government doctors nearby and the nurse at Doropo have supplied some medicines and some days we have ministered to about 50 or more patients. It is marvelous how the Lord has blessed the efforts and we feel He has already given an opening for a ministry to these people — both a spiritual and medical ministry.

We do want to thank you for the gift that you have contributed to our account. We trust that you are praying for us too, during these busy days, for certainly our labor is but in vain if we do not have the blessing of the Lord upon us.

May the Lord bless you richly as you follow Him and labor in His vineyard.

> Sincerely in Christ Jesus, LaVerne D. Miley

I Cor. 15:58

#### **COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS**

#### for February, 1962

Received:	
Rock Chapel	\$ 21.53
Mtn. Valley	41.72
South Side	37.20
Monett First	81.02
Farmington	64.15
Beacon	66.46
Victory	53.56
Carterville	15.23
Fellowship	75.00
Pleasant Home	10.67
Skyline Armourdale	14.65
Merl's Chapel	26.93
New Hope	44.90
Mtn. Grove	200.00
Hickory Grove	23.40
Kirksville	30.00
Faith & Hope	22.80
Mill Creek Sunday School	11.67
Copper Mines	24.02
Grant Avenue	32.26
Mine LaMotte	9.05
St. Louis District Qt. Mtg	93.39
Thayer	33.90
Verdella	471.09
Beacon	76.94

Total Received ...... \$1581.54

#### **Disbursed**:

National Association of	
Free Will Baptists	\$948.92
State Promotional Department	316.30
Gem Fund	79.08
Youth Camp	79.08
General Fund	
Home Missions	47.46
Superannuation	15.81
Skyline Armourdale	

Total Disbursed ..... \$1581.54

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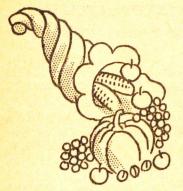
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#### THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

March, 1962





Rev. Stan Mooneyham Bible Conference

#### Speakers Announced Nashville, Tenn.—

The 19th annual Bible Conference will be held April 1-5 at Free Will Baptist Bible College. President L. C. Johnson announced that guest speakers will be Rev. John Gamble of Lynchburg, Virginia; and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Wheaton, Illinois.

All sessions will be held in Memorial Auditorium of the school with the first service to begin at 7:30 Sunday evening, April 1st. Three morning services and one night service will be held Monday through Wednesday with the final service at 11:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

Special Christian music will be furnished by the college choir, ensemble, male trio, and girls' trios from the college music department.

The Rev. Mr. Gamble is a full-time evangelist with more than twenty years experience working with various denominations.

A Free Will Baptist minister for approximately fifteen years, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham was former executive secretary of the National Association. He is director of information of the National Association of Evangelicals and

# GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

edits **United Evangelical Action**, the organization's official publication. Mr. Mooneyham is assistant moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Former students, ministers, and friends of the college are invited to attend this conference for a period of Bible preaching, evangelism, and Christian fellowship.

#### New Developments In League Literature

Nashville, Tenn.----

The National Free Will Baptist League Board is working with full force to provide the very best in training hour materials for the denomination. In order to meet the deadline for first quarter of 1962, we prepared the program book for the Junior League and secured some of the best materials on the market for the other Leagues.

Response from approximately 325 churches to our new program of literature has been a real challenge. This encouragement from our churches has thrust us to full steam ahead in our program of providing materials for all of our Leagues written by Free Will Baptists.

The addition for the second quarter of 1962 will be an adult program book which will give us two excellent program books written by Free Will Baptists. As funds are available and competent writers secured, we shall continue to build until we have complete program materials for each League at reasonable prices.

We appreciate the interest and enthusiasm which you expressed as you share with us in this new venture. We are confident that your support will make it possible for us to provide the literature needed for an effective training program in each of our churches.

#### National Family Week May 6-13, 1962

Chicago, Ill .---

National Family Week is sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. It is planned especially to help you bring in new families and to help all families in their Christian development.

This year's theme, "For Times Like These... the Family Needs the Bible," ties in with the Bible reading program sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, "Read Your Bible Through in 1962."

NSSA believes that Sunday School is a family affair and that every member of the family needs the Bible. The Bible is the greatest book in the world, but even so, it is the poorest taught in the world.

Family Week this year will give every church another opportunity to demonstrate to young and old that the Bible can be a fascinating book. Evengelicals believe the Bible is a direct revelation from God. Herein the will and work of God is revealed to man.

NSSA has prepared, as usual, special materials to aid the local church in observing Family Week. These include church bulletins, post cards, stationery, posters. A special idea book, How to Observe National Family Week, is twenty-five cents.

Special tracts are often used in special mailings or to hand out to church and Sunday School attenders.

Write NSSA, 175 North Franklin, Chicago 6, Illinois, for samples and materials.

#### Revived General Conference Meets

Greenville, N. C .---

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met Jan. 30, 1962, at Grace Original Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. There were more than 200 ministers, delegates and visitors present. The host pastor, Rashie Kennedy, served as Moderator, and Carey Watkins, of Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church, was the clerk.

The major emphasis was on preaching. Raymond Gaskins, pastor of Ayden Original Free Will Baptist Church, was the first speaker. "They call us new only because they have forgotten what the old was like," he said, referring to recent criticism by certain N. C. Connectional Free Will Baptist leaders. Gordon Sabastian, pastor of Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church at Hookerton, spoke on "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." "Fellowship with Freedom" was the topic of R. Eugene Waddell, pastor of the Garner Church. His message touched on the purpose of the Conference.

The General Conference was the oldest known body of organized Free Will Baptists. It was the "Mother Conference" of the Palmer movement and went out of existence in 1886 when a motion "that the conference be divided into two conferences" was passed. It was revived November 20, 1961, at Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church.

At the session, important actions included steps to organize a Woman's Auxiliary convention and the establishment of Union Meetings, to be held quarterly. A resolution was passed, calling on the National Association to refuse to seat those from N. C. who have not repudiated connectional church government.

Bill Gardner of Durham was in charge of the song service. He and the Musical Messengers of Greenville sang several times during the day.

Evangelist Bobby Jackson spoke on support of the national work. He urged all of the churches to support the work by sending their offerings directly to the denominational enterprises of their choice.

The next fellowship of these churches will be when the Union Meeting convenes at Fellowship Original Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, April 28, 1962.

#### Missourians Invited

#### **To Oklahoma Conference**

Tulsa, Okla.-

The second Annual Oklahoma Missionary Conference, sponsored by the First Mission Association, at the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, will be held March 25th through April 1st, 1962.

This will be the second such conference held at Lewis Avenue Church. We feel it will be even greater than the first, in that the twenty-nine churches of the First Mission Association have voted to sponsor the Conference.

#### Grand Rally

During this time the visiting missionary speakers will be in almost every church in the Association. There will be a "grand rally" on Sunday afternoon, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. At the rally each church will present the total of its offerings and pledges by an elected delegate from that church.

#### Speakers

**Christian Education** will be represented by Miss Laura Belle Barnard. Miss Barnard is a returned missionary from India, and is now an instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Home Missions will be represented by Dr. Homer Willis, Executive Director of the National Home Missions Board of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Foreign Missions will be represented by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr. The Willeys have returned from Cuba, after having been driven out by the Communists. They have recently been doing survey work in Costa Rica for a new mission work.

#### Out-of-state visitors welcome!

#### March 30-April 1

The Willeys will be here March 25-30 conducting services nightly. The concentrated effort will begin Friday night, with all the speakers present through Sunday. We are hoping that many people in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and throughout the state of Oklahoma will try to be in the Conference. Why not make it a week-end revival-vacation and plan to spend a couple of days in Tulsa at the Conference for a spiritual refreshing?

#### NSSA Mid-Winter Sunday School Convention Success

Chicago, Ill.-

Attendance from 21 states and 43 denominations brought registration to a grand total of 1,716 for NSSA's Midwinter Sunday School Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

The convention was something of an experiment, planned cooperatively by NSSA and the Sunday School committee of the Phoenix Evangelical Ministerial Association. The Reverend Marvin Galbreath, pastor of the First Free Methodist Church in Phoenix, was local chairman.

Cooperation from approximately 100 Phoenix area churches surprised even the Phoenix pastors and Sunday School leaders.

The Saturday prior to the convention the local committee sponsored a magnificent Sunday School parade with 85 units. Of special interest to the man on the street were the men's Bible classes who marched with Bible under arm. The parade was the first of its kind ever to be held in Phoenix and possibly Arizona, or even the Southwest. Much of the success for the parade was due to fine enthusiastic leadership of Captain Lincoln Upton of the Salvation Army.

Sessions were held at the Phoenix Christian High School and Light and Life Elementary School Building. Both are located at 18th and Indian School Road.

The only disturbing element of the week was the unusual and unseasonal rain two of the three days. A large tent, 40' x 140', had been made ready for exhibitors; but because of the rain the tent had to be abandoned and the exhibits moved inside. All the men joined in and in a few hours exhibits were all reset inside the auditorium. Disappointing as this experience was, it served as an ice breaker.

Attendance throughout the three days held up well, closing with a record attendance Friday evening with NSSA's President, Dr. Lloyd Knox, bringing the challenge.

#### Sunday School Pins Awarded

Flat River, Mo .--

The annual presentation of attendance pins for the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri was made Sunday morning, February 11th. Cleo Black is Sunday School superintendent and was assisted by Dale Blakely.

Mrs. Dale Blakely was presented with a twenty-two year bar for twentytwo years of perfect Sunday School attendance. She is teacher of the Young People's Class.

Mrs. Bob Vineyard was presented her thirteenth year bar; Nancy Gammon 9th year bar; Grace Abernathy, 8th year bar, George Williams, Midge Wilson, 7th year bars; Genevieve White and Richard Honbeck, 6th year bars; Chris Pirtle, Bertha Hovis, Laura Roussin, Sharon Blakely, Bobby Wilson, Ronnie Wells, Marion Wilson, 5th year bars; Percy Gammon, Bessie Kirkpatrick, Hazel Scott, Dale Blakely, Brenda Horton, Joyce Horton, Mary Lee Gammon, Teri Vineyard, Margaret Horton, 4th year bars; Dale Jones, Percy Gammon, Lee Gammon, Milburn Horton, 3rd year bars; Percy Gammon, Goldie Black, Bobby Vineyard, Toni Blakely, Debbie Gammon, David Faircloth, Marybelle Gammon, Bobby Gammon, 2nd year wreaths: Neaulah Henson, Lizzie Williams, Melody Gammon, Anna Mae Faircloth, Elsie Gammon, 1st year pins.

## From the wires of Church Rews Service

#### 'Right to Work' Laws Involve Basic Moral Issues, Evangelical Leaders Say

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—A strong plea for the defense of individual human rights through the passage of legislation guaranteeing the right of an individual to hold a job without the necessity of joining a labor union has been made by two of the nation's leading evangelical ministers. Their views were expressed in a collection of essays on the subject which has just been published by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, a Baptist minister and editor of **Christianity Today** which has editorial offices here, stated that "to permit a man to work only if he joins some monopolistic and compulsory organization impedes the worker's personal freedom and interferes with his human right to work." He termed the mandatory requirement of union membership as a condition for eligibility to work as a "deplorable blow against the dignity of the worker and the dignity of work."

Dr. Henry defended the right of labor unions to organize for the betterment of conditions, but not as a weapon with which to "exact tribute" from the non-union man who does not wish to be organized. He concluded that "the right to work is a matter of social justice and of spiritual principle."

Rev. Albert J. Lindsey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Washington, called compulsory unionism "a form of slavery which is contrary to the Word of God and the best interest of all." He called for men to be free to join a union or not to join it on the same basis as the right to join a church or not to join it. "Anything more," he warned, "is a violation of man's personal rights and liberty."

Other contributors to this booklet included leading pastors and scholars from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups.

#### Christians In Nepal Released After Spending Year In Jail

LONDON, England (CNS)—Eight of nine Christians in the small, mountainous country of Nepal have been released from prison after having been held awaiting trial for a year. The release was granted late last year, but

word has just reached the headquarters of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union here.

The Nepali Christians had been charged with the violation of an ancient law which forbids the changing of religion. The principal religions of the country are Buddhism and Hinduism. The Christians were charged and held in prison awaiting their trial by the supreme court of the land. The trial was held last August, but it took the judges three months to reach a decision. The pastor of the group was the only one convicted. He was sentenced to six years in prison, but is expected to be released soon upon condition that he leave the country

While the Christians were in jail, fellow believers supplied them with extra food, washed their clothes and upheld them in prayer. During the imprisonment two couples who had recently been baptized decided to renounce their faith, but later revoked the recantation. Through this experience the Christian church has been greatly united in spirit and other prisoners were converted.

Christian missionary work in Nepal was begun only ten years ago. Before that the only means of evangelism was to reach Nepalese outside their own country. With the making of a new constitution in the country a measure of religious freedom has been granted, but mission leaders feel the government has placed restrictions like this as a means to discourage mass evangelism.

#### NAE Convention Will Feature Awards For Architecture, Sermons and Lay Service

WHEATON, Ill. (CNS) — Special awards in these areas — church architecture, sermons and lay service — will be made at the 20th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which meets April 10-12 in Denver, Colorado.

One of these will be in the field of church architecture in a contest sponsored jointly by NAE and Christian Life Magazine. This will be the third year for the Evangelical Church Plan Awards which attracts numerous entries from architects and church designers. The contest entries will be on exhibit after judging and awards will

be made for outstanding church designs. On the panel of judges will be Joseph Kimbel, president of Church Enterprises, South Bend, Indiana. Herbert E. Kyrk, home missions secretary for the Evangelical Free Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; W. Stanley Mooneyham, director of information for the NAE, Wheaton, Ill., and two architects yet to be named.

A "Layman of the Year" award will be made by the Evangelical Action commission of NAE to the layman who in their estimation has done the most for the evangelical movement during the year. Last year's winner — and first recipient of the award — was Kenneth S. Keyes, a realtor from Miami, Fla.

Three prizes totaling \$2,000 will be given in "The Bible in National Life Sermon Awards," a part of the NAE Bible emphasis program. These will be for sermons preached last December 10th when the program was launched on Universal Bible Sunday. First prize will be a two-weeks trip to the Holy Land, second prize will be 200 volumes of theological books, and the third prize will be a religious record library.

#### Mission Work In New Guinea Will Not Be Greatly Affected In Event of Indonesian Takeover

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CNS)—A leader of one of the largest Protestant mission agencies working in Dutch New Guinea does not expect that mission work there will be curtailed in the event of an Indonesian takeover of that territory.

"The most we could expect," said the Rev. Louis King, foreign secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, "is a continuation of the pattern that has developed in Indonesia under the Sukarno government. There we have exceedingly poor transportation by air and water and long waiting periods for visas." At present the CMA has 75 missionaries there and is planning to send more.

The nature of mission work may be changed by the possibility of a great rise in the cost of living as well as the discontinuance of air service to the interior, Mr. King commented. Presently the Missionary Aviation Fellowship supplies air transportation for missions working in the interior. The CMA had a similar service in Borneo but that was ordered discontinued after the Sukarno government took over.

Christian missions will also face the possibility of competition from Islam, Mr. King said, since that is the predominant religion in Indonesia. He also noted that the national Christian church raised up by the Dutch Reformed Mission in Indonesia will probably seek to control all Christian groups in New Guinea. The leaders of that group are presently taking active steps to bring their church to a place of dominance in the new territory, he said.

From a political and economic standpoint, Mr. King said he did not feel that a change of government would make a great deal of difference for the one million inhabitants of that country. There are no sizable cities, industry or other developments that made the Dutch holding in New Guinea very lucrative as a colonial possession.

### Federated Evangelical Campus Proposed to Strengthen Small Colleges

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)— The formation of a federated evangelical campus as a means of strengthening the educational efforts of small groups and denominations was suggested by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in the current issue of Christianity Today, the magazine of which he is editor.

Such an institution, he said, would coordinate the academic effort of a number of Christian colleges while at the same time enabling each to concentrate on its own specialities. Under this plan the cooperating schools would share stronger faculties as well as dormitories would be maintained separately.

A joint effort like this, Dr. Henry said, would help the evangelical movement to overcome much of its fragmentation and lift its academic achievement in the matter of accreditation. He suggested that not only small interdenominational schools, but also small denominational groups which cannot afford to own and operate a first class college might pool their resources.

As a possible location for a federated evangelical campus, he suggested that the 800-acre campus of Gordon College near Boston might be considered.

### 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 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:

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Fellowship Rev. James Earl Raper	
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Black Oak Rev. Wm. Reeves	j.
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KirksvilleRev. Lester Jones	;
Overland Rev. Harry Asher	•
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Third, St. Louis Rev. R. B. Spurgeon	1
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First, Waynesville	1
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Faith & Hope Rev. A. A. Hogue	
Skyline Armourdale Rev. Elmer Russell	

Springfield	
Neosho	
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Union Light	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah	
Fourth, St. Louis	Rev. Max Courtney
Twin Oaks	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory	
Mill Creek	
Beacon	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City	
New Hope	Rev. James McAllister
Merl's Chapel	
Oskaloosa	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel	
Pleasant Ridge	
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave	
Monett	
Aulsberry Chapel	
Lebanon	Rev. Cleo Covington
Mountain Valley	
Liberty	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Desloge	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Meremac Heights	
Mendota Mission	
Festus	Rev. Chester Weir
Little Vine Church	Rev. Robert Carlson
Pleasant Hill Church	
Macedonia Church	
First Church Crossfield	Nev. Selph Jones
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March, 1962



# THE MISSION FIELD

#### Pictorial Missionary Map Now Available

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A large pictorial map showing all Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries and their fields of service is now available from the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, according to an announcement by Jerry Ballard, promotional secretary.

The map measures 23 inches by 36 inches and is printed in an attractive two-color format. Mr. Ballard said that no charge is being made for the maps, although contributions to cover cost of production and mailing are appreciated.

Churches, Sunday Schools, and auxiliary groups may secure as many copies desired as long as the supply lasts. Requests should be sent to: Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

#### Works Begun

#### In Panama, Uruguay

PANAMA CITY, Panama — The John Moehlmans and Tom Willeys, Jr., have arrived in the heart of Central America, Panama, to begin a new mission work for Free Will Baptists.

The missionaries arrived in the country by auto the first of the month. Exact location of their work has not yet been determined.

The Paul Robinsons traveled to Panama with the Moehlmans and Willeys. They will proceed immediately to Montevideo, Uruguay, to begin a new work there. The Bill Fulchers, presently completing language study in San Juan, Costa Rica, will join them as soon as their papers are cleared by the Uruguan consulate.

#### Mileys, Palmers

#### Arrive On Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast—The Dr. LaVerne Mileys and the Lonnie Palmers arrived here last month en route to permanent assignments in the Bondoukou Circle.

The Palmers came from Switzerland where they had been studying French. The Mileys had been studying in Paris. Both families traveled to the Coast on the same ship.

The Mileys will institute a program of medical missions in the Circle. Dr. Miley is the first Free Will Baptist medical missionary in modern history.

The Palmers will work at Goumere while the Lonnie Sparks family are in the States on furlough.

#### HOME MISSIONS OFFERINGS MISSOURI

#### January, 1962

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Myrtle F. W. B. Church \$	5.00
Farmington F. W. B. Church	74.55
South Side F. W. B. Church	37.55
Johnnie J. Postlewaite	64.68
Co-op Headquarters	62.11
W. N. A. C. Headquarters	16.00
Mo. State Association of	
Free Will Baptists	105.67
Finis E. Sorrell	1.00
Mrs. Saxa Fielding	25.00
H. S. Vandivort	20.00
Woman's Auxiliary, First	
F. W. B. Church, Monett, Mo	9.50
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Ch.	19.91
New Harmony Sunday School	23.00
Southside F. W. B. League	15.00
Madison C. Quarterly Meeting	33.28
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Shaner	10.00
O. T. Allred	10.00
First F. W. B. League,	
Berkeley City	25.00
Richwoods F. W. B. Church	17.00
W. N. A. C. Headquarters	150.49
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Total ..... \$724.74

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS MISSOURI

#### January, 1962

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Oak Grove S. S. Class	15.00
Farmington F. W. B. Church	173.96
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First F. W. B. Ch., Flat River	2.00
Billy G. Sherrill	5.00
South Side F. W. B. Church	244.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church	135.00
F. W. B. Ch., Fredericktown	75.00

Liberty F. W. D. Church	51.75
Mrs. Woodrow Matthews	5.00
New Harmony Sunday School	34.52
Mo. State Association of	
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#### OVER THE WORLD

#### Overflow Crowds In Cali Climax Colombian Crusade

Cali, Colombia (MNS) — After a one-night unscheduled meeting in the Colombian capital of Bogota, Billy Graham was welcomed at the International Airport here and escorted by a 200-car motorcade to a reception at a downtown hotel.

Aiding significantly to the wide publicity which had been given the Cali meetings by local churches working together in preparation for the campaign was a front page article in **El Tiempo**, Bogota newspaper which was widely circulated throughout the republic. **El Tiempo** reported a press conference held by Graham during his brief visit to Bogota, giving objective coverage of the statements made by the evangelist. "The great objective of men should be to become reconciled with Christ," stated **El Tiempo** quoting Graham.

The Cali crusade was conducted without the handicap which has been experienced in Barranquilla when the mayor canceled the use of the stadium. In Cali, however, the stadium proved too small for the closing service, when about 10,000 persons jammed in before the authorities locked the gates to avoid further overcrowding. Other thousands stood outside and listened over loudspeakers to the simple Gospel message of the evangelist. So many people wanted to go forward to give themselves to Christ that there was no place to receive them. Finally Graham instructed the people how to receive Christ and asked them to do so right where they were. There were 1,800 decisions registered during the meetings in Cali.

#### 20th NAE Convention To Hear Graham

Wheaton, Ill. (MNS)—It has been announced here by Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the association's 20th annual convention meeting in Denver, Colorado, April 10-12. His topic will be "In God We Trust."

Other speakers to be featured will be Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, and Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc. Dr. Taylor will deal with the subject "The Evangelical Faces Nationalism" and Dr. Pierce will speak on "World Evangelical Evangelism."

In conjunction with the NAE convention, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association will hold its 17th annual convention. In addition to business sessions, EFMA will present a program of interest to the public.

A forum entitled "Growth Under Fire" will deal with Gospel advance under adverse conditions. Chairman of the forum will be Dr. Milton Baker, foreign secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Another public session will feature Rev. Frank Boyd of Central Bible Institute (Springfield, Mo.) and Dr. Merrill Tenney of Wheaton College. They will speak on "World Missions and the End of the Age."

More than 1,000 pastors, lay leaders and executives are expected to attend the over-all convention. Meeting at given times during the three-day convention will be the 17 NAE commissions and agencies in the fields of

social welfare, foreign missions, Christian education, chaplaincy, world relief, public affairs, and other church-related areas.

Other features of the convention program will include an analysis of the ecumenical movement by Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, a Presbyterian pastor from Schenectady, N. Y., and former president of NAE. Jim Vaus, a former wiretapper, will report on his youth work among the gangs of New York City.

#### King's College

#### **Names New President**

Briarcliff Manor, N. Y. (MNS) Dr. Robert A. Cook of Wheaton, Ill., has been named the second president of The King's College here. "Dr. Bob," age 49, succeeds the late Dr. Percy Crawford, founder and first president, who died October 31, 1960. For nine years Dr. Cook was president of Youth for Christ International, and for the past four years has been vice president of Scripture Press, Wheaton, Illinois. Currently he is first vice president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

#### More On Cuba

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—According to a reliable report here, inhuman means are being used to break the will of any who oppose the Communist regime. The treatment of a man who refused to belong to the Vigilance Committee is typical. He had refused participation in the committee, even though it was compulsory, because each person is required to take his turn at lecturing on the regime's program, indoctrinating others, and patrolling the block to keep watch on neighbors.

For his refusal this man was put, naked, into a cell with a fierce dog for two days, then removed to a damp, cold, windowless room for two more days without food. Next were days in a hot cell with bread and water, and finally a trip to the "Paredon" (wall of execution).

As he stood to die the young man was asked if he wanted to be shot facing the firing squad, facing the wall, or blindfolded. He answered, "I have nothing to fear. I will face death with my eyes open." The guns were fired, and fake bullets bounced off his body. This procedure of terror is designed to make men confess.

A Protestant pastor who is now in Miami reports that before he left Havana last year the government's feared and hated G-2 corps made life unbearable for him and his family.

"They would constantly call me on the telephone in the wee hours to insult me, threaten me, and order me to stop my anti-communist preaching," he said. Missionaries Attacked

#### In Paraguay

Springfield, Mo. (MNS) — Two Assemblies of God missionaries in South America escaped death recently when natives attacked their car with clubs in a remote area near Pirareta, Paraguay, according to reports received by the denomination's Foreign Missions Department here.

The Revs. Paul E. Hutsell and Raymond M. Stawinski, returning from a day of ministry 50 miles from their homes in Asuncion, had stopped to remove a log placed across the ox-trail leading to a highway. Before they were able to get out of the small car, one of the attackers began beating the windshield with a club. After they had broken the windshield, the headlights, the left door window, and had made dents in the car body, the four attackers fled.

The missionaries received multiple lacerations on the face, neck and hands but were not seriously injured.

#### Youth For Christ

#### To Dedicate New Headquarters

Wheaton, Ill. (MNS)—Dedication of the newly-occupied Youth for Christ International headquarters building on North Main Street will be held Monday evening, April 9th, according to an announcement here by Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, the organization's president. "This modest new building will allow us to continue to expand the worldwide evangelistic activities of Youth for Christ," said Dr. Engstrom in announcing the dedication.

#### Visas Required of All Persons Entering Congo

Brussels, Belgium (MNS)—All persons entering the Congo either for a brief visit or for residence must now secure visas before proceeding, reports Rev. Oscar Stenstrom, general secretary of the Brussels Bureau of Protestant Missions in the Congo. For some time it was possible to secure visas upon landing in the Congo, but this has been changed.

In the United States application forms and a list of requirements can be secured by writing to:

Republic of Congo

United Nations Delegation

145 East 49th St.

New York 17, N.Y.

In some areas of the world the visas are being issued by the Tunisian Embassy.



# Woman's Auxiliary

#### FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met Feb. 13th for its regular meeting with a good attendance. One visitor, 2 of our Y. P. A., and some of the G. T. A. girls were present. Our business meeting was called to order by our president, Lorene Pohnert. Opening song, 'Jesus Calls Us." Scripture lesson was taken from Luke 16:15. Prayer by Sis. Elsie Worel. Reports were given by the different officers of the Auxiliary. We are sorry to report we have lost one of our members, Sis. Minnie Brewer, who passed away February 16th. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Our business meeting was closed with a duet from two of our Y. P. A. girls, Linda Archer and Alice Sloan. Sis. Phylis Miller was in charge of the program and had a panel discussion on the lesson. Those taking part were Sis. Maxine Bostic, Sis. Helen Underwood, Sis. Lorene Pohnert, Sis. Nettie Bennett, Sis. Elsie Worel, and Sis. Clara Allen. The Woman's Quartet sang, "To the Work."

We were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Jean Lace. Refreshments of doughnuts, coffee, and pop were served in the basement to the Auxiliary and Master's Men by the ladies.

-Cor. -Sec., Nettie Bennett

#### FROM MENDOTA:

The Mendota Church has organized an Auxiliary. Our last meeting was February 12th. The business meeting opened at one o'clock with the president, Leona Logsdon presiding. Prayer by Arlene Clay and the Scripture by Leona Logsdon. Songs by the group. Roll call was answered by the title of your favorite hymn. There were eleven members, four children, and one visitor present. Several sick calls and sick cards were made since the January meeting. Our lesson, "Youth Participating," was given by several of the members.

It was decided to have our meeting at the fellowship house and elect a hostess for each meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Our officers elected for the coming year are: Leona Logsdon, president; Roberta Haines, vice president; Edith Marsh, secretary and treasurer; Arlene Clay, Youth Chairman; Wanda Weber, Study Course and Study Prayer Chairman; Dorothy Van Blaircom, Program Chairman; Lucy Sleeth, Benevolence Chairman; Faye Perkins and Hazel Ewing, Personal Service Committee. We have 15 members. The Auxiliary is working on a quilt at the present time. Our next meeting will be on March 13th with Leona Logsdon as hostess. We were dismissed in prayer by Faye Perkins.

-Cor. -Sec., Edith March

#### FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met January 25th for study. The first study in the new year of our Co-Laborer was "Pre-Vision means Pro-Vision" and I must say that each publication of the Co-Laborer seems to improve over the last one. As we studied the first lesson I felt a deeper need of consecration for service. It is quite true that the field of Christian privileges remains unexplored.

There is so much for our women to do after we are spiritually equipped. Do we pray enough? I believe the answer is there. Read James 5:16.

The topics of the lesson were: 1. The Field of Creativity; 2. The Field of Opportunity; 3. The Field of Christian Privileges; 4. Pre-vision Means Pro-vision. May I quote a few lines from the last topic: "Even as Abraham of old walked a new road of complete abandonment to the will of God, we too, must walk that selfsame road, that is, if we ever expect to win the world to Christ.'

Our lesson for February 1st was a Youth Program which also was very good. Some of the women met Feb. 15th with the Woman's Auxiliary of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church

to prepare hospital equipment for Dr. LaVerne Miley who is stationed in Africa.

Other churches represented were: First Church, Flat River and the Fellowship Church.

As we worked, my heart was thrilled with the thoughts of the good that would be accomplished with the use of each article that was made. As Dr. Miley attends each dark skinned native whose blood God has made the same as all nations, may he avail himself of the opportunity to tell them of Jesus who died that they might have eternal life. Let us pray for all of our missionaries.

-Cor. -Sec., Anna Lincoln

#### FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary meeting was held February 13th at the church at 7:30 p.m. Eight members, 2 men and 1 child were present. The opening song was, "What A Friend" by Lola Long. Prayer by Dorothy Johnson. Lena Cheek acted as president in the absence of Blossom Agee. Topics were read by Loletta Woods, Grace Duncan, Bertha Wolf and Bro. Long. Discussed by all present. A poem, "The World Is Mine" was given by Grace Duncan. All reported visits to the sick for the past month.

All gathered around the altar for dismissal prayer by Marvin Woods. We are glad to report our Sunday School attendance up to 148 Sunday, after so much sickness. Mrs. Maynard Moore, Mrs. Mattie George, Mrs. Myrtle Lindsey, Mrs. Enola Baker, and Mr. Edd Guinn are home from the hospital.

February 6th, a wedding shower was given in the home of Ruth Coday for Paul Long, the youngest son of our pastor, Rev. & Mrs. Henry Long. It was the largest shower in the history of our church with over 100 people present. All kinds of gifts were received and deeply appreciated by Paul and his bride to be, Miss Jan Douglas.

-Cor. -Sec., Bertha Wolf

March, 1962

#### FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains met at the church Monday night, February 5th for their regular monthly meeting with 12 ladies and 3 G. T. A. girls present. The opening songs were, "Bringing In the Sheaves," and "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" The president, Claudia Combs, read the Scripture. Louise Lewis led in prayer. We had a special song, "How Great Thou Art" by two G. T. A. girls, Alice Jean James and Veneta Adkisson. They were accompanied at the piano by Patsy Bell. A poem, "Things I Wanted," was given by a G. T. A. girl and Sis. Combs led in prayer.

A round table discussion on the lesson was next in order with the young people participating. Sis. Hattie Sims led the discussion. Everyone enjoyed the lesson very much. The G. T. A. Girls are doing fine in their work, their leader being Ella James.

The business meeting was held and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. Addie Adkisson led the dismissal prayer.

#### FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th for their regular meeting. The meeting was opened with the song, "Jesus Calls Us," and prayer by Oma Barker. The Scripture reading was given by Farron Jones.

During the business session various items were discussed including the Work Day, February 15th at the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, and the World Day of Prayer, March 9th at the First Free Will Baptist Church.

The program was "Youth Participating," and was in the form of a panel discussion with Jean Blakeley, Farron Jones, Marion Wilson, Pansy Keeney, Lizzie Williams, Edith Keeney and Oma Barker participating. The program was interesting and inspirational. Lizzie Williams gave the closing prayer.

#### FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Y. P. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met Sunday afternoon, January 28th in the fellowship hall of the church. The president, Trudy Busenbark, led the devotional. The program was opened with a song and prayer by June Matthews. The Scripture, Colossians 2:6-12, was read by Trudy Busenbark.

The rank of Apprentice was discussed during the business session. The group planned to send an offering to the Free Will Baptist missionaries in Alaska to be used toward the purchase of an airplane.

The program was "Keeper of the Be's" with topic 1, "Be Ye Transformed" by Midge Wilson; topic 2, "Be Ye Steadfast" by Joan Matthews; topic 3, "Be Ye Doers" by Rosie King.

#### FROM COPPER MINES:

The ladies of the Copper Mines Auxiliary met at the home of Sis. Marie Graham Tuesday evening Feb. 13th for their program study. There were eight members present. Opening remarks by president, Sis. Esther Hovis, followed by singing of songs, "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" and "God Can Do Anything But Fail." Prayer by Marguerite Darnell. Scripture lesson by the president. Business session was held with report slips filled out.

Plans were made to give a needy family food and clothing. Our lesson was "Youth Participating" with topics given by Lillian Hovis, Esther Hovis, Marie Graham, Marguerite Darnell, Bessie Underwood and Dorothy Hovis.

Benediction-The Lord's Prayer.

The Woman's Auxiliary has organized a Youth Auxiliary with 11 members present at our first meeting. Pray for us that more young people will become interested in the Lord's work.

-Cor. -Sec., Dorothy Hovis



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## HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

#### Adapted from an article by Alfred E. Street

#### Should I Do Missionary Work?

"But I'm not a missionary," you object, "how can I do missionary work?" Look for a moment at Luke 10:2. Christ gave us the command to pray for **laborers** for the harvest fields. These laborers can be divided into two classes. There are the missionaries who teach and preach the Word. There are also the intercessors who give their time and strength to intercessory prayer.

Though you may not be a "preaching" missionary, you can be an intercessory foreign missionary. As such, you are a laborer who is not on the foreign field. You will set yourself apart to pray for the definite details of foreign missionary work. Your engagement is as real as an appointment by a foreign mission board, but your work has some peculiarities. It is done in the realm of the heavenlies instead of among visible men. You face no restrictions on your work. Age, training, location, health - none of these limit your activities. Neither time nor space inhibit your work.

Both the missionary and the intercessor are essential to the work, but the intercessor is at the very root of all harvest success. His faithfulness largely determines the success of all others.

#### The Need for Intercessory Missionaries

1. Missionary activity is a spiritual war. It is between the forces of Christ and those of Satan. It is not men trying to reform and civilize men. This war is waged for the possession of individual souls. In this combat, you as an intercessory missionary, will strike at the very heart of Satan's kingdom and forces.

2. Prayer based on God's Word is the only weapon man can use to touch the invisible foe. Moses, upheld by Aaron and Hur, gave the victory by supplication to those fighting Amalek. Jesus did not call upon the twelve legions of angels, but upon His disciples to watch with Him in prayer while He fought the invisible foe. In this He has shown the way. Even now it is by intercession that He continues the war.

3. The missionary on the field cannot do his work alone. When Moses' arms fell, the forces of Amalek prevailed. Similarly, when you as an intercessor fail, the enemy is triumphant on the mission field today. The enemy is strong. The blackness of darkness broods over those lands, a stifling, choking power of death.

Missionaries are the spearhead forces and they need you to pray definitely for them. This need is urgent. Missionaries stand in a dangerous place, for there are more deaths on the firing line than in the quiet of the home. If you leave a missionary without sufficient aid in prayer he suffers, limps, stumbles. Meanwhile, men perish.

#### Through Prayer You, As An Intercessory Missionary Can—

1. Enlist other intercessors to help in this war.

2. Help secure enough missionaries and money to really accomplish the task.

3. Send suitable men as missionaries and prevent the unsuitable from making the mistake of going. Such mistakes cost many lives and thousands of dollars. They can be prevented by the Lord of the harvest only when He is asked to prevent them. Even Christ Himself prayed all night before He chose the first 12 missionaries.

4. Help solve difficult problems of general missionary policy.

5. Aid in the salvation of individuals who are prayed for by name.

6. Give spiritual support to national Christians and leaders.

7. Cause revivals to spring up on the foreign fields.

8. Cause fresh fillings of the Holy Spirit to be given to over-burdened missionaries.

9. Maintain the health and strength of missionaries under the severe strain of their physical and social surroundings.

10. Cheer lonely missionaries until their usefulness is many times multiplied.

#### How to Do Work As An Intercessory Missionary

1. Decide that this intercession is to be a regular, binding duty. Remember, "We have not because we ask not."

2. Select fixed days, hours, times and make them take precedence, as far as possible, over all other engagements. 3. Begin humbly, letting experience enlarge and guide. Make your beginning prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray."

4. Form the habit of letting God impress upon you the things for which to pray. He will do it.

5. Ask the Lord to direct you to the missionaries and fields which are to be your specific responsibility. Pray for them by name.

6. Write to missionaries telling them you are praying for the specific requests in their prayer letters. Let them know that you will be glad to intercede for other matters if they will let you know about them.

7. Pray for every need or condition you learn about.

8. Not many words are needed, but much time must be spent in waiting upon Him, the very silence calling for His will to be done. Silence enables one to draw very near to God. "We know not how to pray as we ought," and must let "the Spirit Himself make intercession."

9. Study and practice the art of praying until you are expert at it. The Bible furnishes its laws and examples, which can only be worked out by practice, just like any other art. 10. Exercise faith.

#### Warnings For Intercessors

You may be tempted to feel that by doing this work you are conferring a favor on someone. Not at all. The unspeakable favor is granted you of sharing the burden of intercession daily carried by the risen Christ.

When you are beginning as an intercessory missionary, you need to consider yourself as a beginner with much to learn.

When details of mission work begin to come to your knowledge, be exceedingly careful how you judge, condemn or decide in matters that you have never met and that have puzzled the wisest men for many decades. No war is sweet or gentle, but you are now fighting Satan enthroned among men. He is the most unscrupulous and terrible of enemies. When matters utterly unexpected and discouraging a r is e, Satan will try to turn you away in disgust. Remember that the worse the troubles the greater is the need for your prayers.

Many, many times you will be tempted to give it all up as useless, for every possible form of deception will be practiced by Satan to stop your intercession. If he can stop you, his victory is assured. There are alarmingly few intercessors.

Be ready to toil on patiently without apparent results. Time is required for them to show.

Woe be to anyone who tries to become an intercessory missionary while the Lord is calling him to go in person. In Matthew 7:23 Christ calls such, "ye that work iniquity" for although they had been eminently successful workers, what they did was not the will of God for them.

#### **General Truths**

1. Every Christian should do some work as an intercessory missionary, but there are some at home whom the Lord calls in a special way to give themselves to prayer for the salvation of the nations. On the other hand, many are needed to teach, preach, exhort, write and arouse all Christians to their sense of responsibility toward the lost. But let us remember that such work is only indirect and must never be substituted for the more direct work of prayer. Any work that is visible appeals to our pride and is more attractive than the lonely toil of intercession.

2. Circumstances which may prevent you from going to the foreign field have no bearing on whether the Lord wants you to take your place in the vital but difficult work of intercession.

3. It is unjust to send a man into the deadly blackness of heathenism without giving your life in intercession for him while he gives his life for the heathen.

4. Beware of ever urging anyone to go as a missionary. The Holy Spirit only can do that with safety. We should urge that one set his will as flint that he is going to "do the will of my father in heaven," and that he then pray, "Lord, send forth laborers." Then, if the Lord really wants him in foreign fields, it is only a matter of time when it will be made so plain that there is no room for doubt.

The missionary leaves by taking ship; as an intercessor you leave by shutting the door of your closet. Attendance at church meetings and conventions become a selfish indulgence when it leads to the neglect of the hard work God wants you to do. Will you be an intercessory foreign missionary?

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## Dear Brother Reeds . . .

#### Dear Bro. Reeds:

Greetings in the name of Christ, from the State of Iowa, and the Riverview Free Will Baptist Church.

The Lord has richly blessed us, since our church was organized in June of last year. Our charter membership was 20, and our average attendance in Sunday School was 30. Through the guidance of Christ, we have seen our church membership grow to 61, and our average attendance in Sunday School to 95.

This past winter here in Bettendorf has been quite a severe one, with snow accumulating to above normal depths and temperatures dipping to a below zero reading. I think this winter has been a test for the people of the Riverview Free Will Baptist Church. I am happy to report that they passed the test with flying colors. Our average attendance never dropped below 70 all winter long, and this month, our attendance is back up to 95.

As we look forward toward spring, we are looking forward to bigger and better things for the Riverview Free Will Baptist Church through the leadership of the Lord. We have already purchased a 2-acre piece of ground, upon which we faithfully intend to erect a new church in the spring. Rev. Robert Hill from Nashville, Tennessee, will be here in March to help us to get started on our Bond Program. The estimated cost of our building is \$50,000, so we desire the prayers of Free Will Baptists everywhere that God will provide.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the churches and all the individuals who sent donations to us for our building fund. I would also like to thank all those who wrote numerous letters of encouragement. May the Lord richly bless you for your concern.

Our spring revival begins the 16th of April with Rev. Johnny Land of St. Louis as our evangelist. Then, our National Home Mission Board, consisting of the Revs. Homer E. Willis, Harvey E. Hill, Harry Stairs, Wade Jernigan and Rashie Kennedy, will hold their annual meeting here, the 1st through the 3rd of May. We desire your prayers in behalf of both these meetings. I certainly do enjoy our Free Will Baptist Gem, Bro. Reeds, and think you are doing a marvelous job as Editor. Keep up the good work, and may God bless you in your efforts.

Yours In Christ,

Rev. Dale Skiles, Pastor

Dear Bro. Reeds:

This letter is sent to you as a report on what Missouri has done up until now on our Bible College Anniversary Campaign. As of February 10th, the cash receipts from Missouri have been \$160, and commitments by individuals and churches to be paid have amounted to \$20. We appreciate every gift from wherever it comes, but we thought you would be interested in Missouri's response.

At the ten o'clock service at Bible Conference on April 5, we plan to list each state and its gifts. I know that Missouri will want to make a respectable showing at that time.

If you have already taken this matter up with your church but have not let us know your plans, we would like to hear from you so that Missouri's total can be correctly reported. If you have not taken any definite action, may I prayerfully solicit your cooperation in making an investment in the preaching of the gospel around the world through Free Will Baptist Bible College. Your help will mean much at this time.

Yours In Christ,

L. C. Johnson, President

Dear Bro. Reeds:

In the name of the Lord we greet you from Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge, Missouri. It seems our report is the same every month... Progress. We are more than happy to report it and we know all of you Godserving people rejoice with us.

Since our last writing we have added three new class rooms to our Sunday School Department. That speaks for itself. Sunday Schools all over our land today have so much to compete with unless our leaders of our churches wake up and get busy, there will be young people by the thousands "twisting" right into hell. Then we have the space age confronting us. And it is fascinating to our young people. But a stirred up, dedicated, working church can get these young people on the right kind of "rocket." A glory bound one, fired with the fuel of the Holy Spirit, that will launch them into God's eternal kingdom. Young people are basically good, and we have a tremendous responsibility toward them.

We are sorry to report that one of the ministers of our church, Sis. Effie Matthews, had the misfortune to fall and break an arm and a leg. Also, Mrs. Nell Stegall has been a hospital patient for several weeks with a heart condition. Many others of our number have been very sick, some having surgery. We ask all to pray with us that we may see all these back with us soon.

On March 5th our pastor began a revival at the Hurryville Church. Our pastor is Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Rev. Irvin Mills is the pastor of the Hurryville Church. We are earnestly praying God will richly reward them with newborn souls. We have been in a series of cottage prayer meetings here at our church, and God has really blessed them. It seems there is such a closeness in cottage prayer meetings. Just like a big family reunion where all are Christians and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. That is the kind ours have been. On Saturday night, February 24th, we had an ordination service at our church. One of the outstanding young men of our church, Bro. Charles Miller was ordained as a deacon. Bro. Miller and his wife have been members of our church for several years. They have two small children. Bro. Miller is also our choir director.

We request the prayers of all for the continued indwelling of the Holy Spirit with us here at Parkview.

-Hazel Morris, Church Reporter

#### FROM DESLOGE:

Thursday, February 15th the Ladies' Mission of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge were host to a work day at the church. Ladies from the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Parkview Free Will Baptist Church and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River were in attendance.

The ladies made supplies for the Free Will Baptist Medical Station in Africa which will open in April. The missionaries there are Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley. They made triangular bandages, slings, abdominal binders, "T" bandages, roller bandages, bedpan covers, baby's night gowns, tray cloths, patient gowns, sterilizing covers, glove cases, sheets, draw sheets, operating towels, caps, masks and surgical sponges.

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The Ladies' Mission of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge met Friday evening, February 9th at the church.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Nellie Rasnic and Scripture reading by the president. The minutes were read and received.

The program was a panel discussion on "Youth Participating," and those participating were Edna Moore, Mildred Miller, Mamie Harris, Nellie Rasnic, Hazel Morris, Sandy Morris and Betty Neece. The benediction was by Mildred Miller.

Esther Skaggs, though unable to attend, provided the games and prizes. The refreshments were served by Hazel Morris and Sandy Morris.

#### COVER STORY ....

(Continued from page 2) year's license to preach the gospel. Of the eighteen, eight are successful pastors, one is a college professor, and the others are either in training or in service elsewhere. Only a few have ended as casualties in the Lord's service. Here is a list of those who have been recommended for license in the order in which they were called:

\*Rev. Robert C. Hill, Randall Thomason, \*William Hill, Roger C. Reeds, John Vick, \*Donald Hill, John Purdom, Jack Randall, Chesley R. Hill, Wally Price, Verlon Sinko, Harry Asher, Hazel Barton, Dean Burpo, Fred Harris, Floyd Arnold, Donald Dungan, Eddie Cook, John Gibbs, Harold Curtis, and Jim Honey.

\*These three young men are the sons of Mr. Lester Hill, current Chairman of our Board of Deacons.

In addition to these that are on the list above Miss Lillian Moore has answered the call to be a Foreign Missionary and is in training at Free Will Baptist Bible College. We praise God for His blessings in calling forth our youth and we pray that He will call many more into His service.

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	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		i					
Copper Mines	101	85		90	83	81	57	<u> </u>		·		
Fellowship, Flat River	193	203	209	205	192	168	165	192				
Leadington	68		59	63	53	46	39	45		····		
Farmington	86	90	87	86	82	85	74					
Fourth, St. Louis	43	66	58	63	79	63	72	79				
Mill Creek		42	43	42	41	39						
Berkeley City	201	217	221	225	225	196	185	212				<u> </u>
Kichwoods	65		64		66		40	61		1	1	
Hannon	50	48	49	60		52					<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joplin							·					<u>'</u>
Kirksville	82	89	84	91	95	80	63					
Grant Ave., Springfield	121	104	135	138	123	109	108				1	
Hazel Creek	48	54	49	56	52	,						) <b>!</b> ]
Twin Oak	56	53	54	56	60	54					1	<u>   </u>
South Side Church	144	147	142				110			<u> </u>  .	1	
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First Church, Lebanon	59	55	57	64	58	57	58		<u> </u>	1	1	<u></u>
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