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GOOD BYE MISSOURI

For the past three years it has been my privilege to edit the Free Will Baptist Gem. I feel this is a great ministry. We now have nearly 1700 subscribers to our state paper and not all of them are Missourians. So to Free Will Baptists throughout the United States I would like to say Good Bye. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

As many of you know, I will become the General Director of the National Sunday School Department and in this capacity I will also edit our Sunday School literature. I would like to urge all of our churches to purchase their literature from our National Sunday School Department. If you order elsewhere (even from the so-called Free Will Baptist Press), you are pouring the profits down the drain as far as Free Will Baptists are concerned. So there is a way that I can continue to hear from you and that is as you place your orders with us. I assure you that the profits from this department (if any) will go back into the combined efforts of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Since we are congregationally governed, the Sunday School Department is really your department and we exist only to serve you and our churches.

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

During the past month I attended services in five different districts and held services in sixteen churches; ten of these are not directly on the Cooperative Plan of Support. Some of these churches made their first contribution to the cooperative plan and promotional department. There is a gradual increase in the number of churches supporting the cooperative program. There are several revival meetings in progress throughout the state, with reports of souls being saved in these meetings.

Brethren, let us join hands and move forward into the field already ripe to harvest. Please keep me informed as to date and place of your quarterly and yearly meetings.

When purchasing Bibles and supplies at the FREE WILL BAPTIST BOOK STORE for your church es, please pay through the church, thus it will be tax exempt. Otherwise, include 2% sales tax on individual purchases.

We still have available the following church building bonds, being sold to purchase book store and headquarters building: 6—\$500.00; 18—\$250.00 and 12—\$100.00 bonds.

These bonds bear 6% interest payable the first day of June and December. I hope to be with each church in the future. Pray for us in this great endeavor.

Will you let me continue to be your servant for Jesus' sake? I hope so.

Again, let me thank you for your support during the past years. Continue to support the work of our great Missouri State Association. I'm sure the Assistant Editor, Rev. Bud Hill, will do a tremendous job. He will edit the next two papers up until the time of the State Association and then a new editor will be named. It would be wise to

make Bro. Hill the editor. Pray for him and pray for me. I hope to see you at the National Association in Nashville. Drop by the Sunday School Department's Booth and let me show you our line of "Teach the Word" lesson materials. I'll be looking for you. God bless you.

In Him, Roger C. Reeds



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SERMON OF THE MONTH



HOME MISSIONS BASIC TO ALL WORK

by HOMER E. WILLIS

The churches of Canada and the United States have in recent years furnished much of the missionary personnel of the world. However, with each of these nations fast becoming "extreme mission fields" themselves we must now begin to think in serious terms of evangelism at home as a means of preserving that which we have been sending out. There are 314,000 churches of all denominations in America, with a survey showing that only 20% of these listed as evangelical. Therefore, at best we have only a small number of Bible preaching churches (one church out of five) in America to reach the ever increasing population-now at approximately 185 million in U.S.A. and 20 million in Canada. We must keep in mind that people of other nations are interested in "major mission fields of the world," but who is interested in "pagan" America.

Of 2,000 institutes of higher learning founded in America now only 50 to 75 of these make any pretense at being Christian. We have produced a generation of educated pagans in America.

In the United States, we have 5,500,000 Jews, more than any nation in the world; we have 19,000,000 Negroes, more than many of the new nations in Africa; we have 5,000,000 Indians, only 7% of whom are Protestants; we have 5,000,000 Mexicans, 1/4 of the total; and thousands of

other races. Of the Jews in America most have never heard the gospel one time. Many of the Negroes and Indians have never heard the gospel, and most of the Latin Americans are unreached by the Protestant Church.

Three of the large cities in the United States have approximately 50% "foreign born" population. Fifty-four per cent of the people of the State of Hawaii are Buddhist, and only three or four per cent are Protestant. Buddhism is gaining ground throughout the other states. The most elaborate churches being built in America today are those by Buddhists, Mohammedans, Mormons, Roman Catholics, and by those of other false religions. With 37% of the American people Roman Catholic there is a great opportunity for mission work among them here in our own land. Unless we work at home there will come a day when the freedom we now enjoy to preach will be taken from us. That day may be near at hand.

In America one half of the entire population lives in, or near, fourteen cities. We must evangelize in the large cities. In New York City there are more than 8,000,000 people. Of this number 3,000,000 are Jews; 2,000,000 are Negro; and at least 1,000,000 Puerto Ricans.

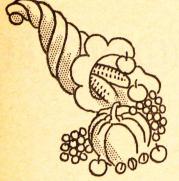
People are moving from rural areas to the cities. In 1865, five out of one hundred people in America lived in town. In 1818, fifty out of one hundred people lived in town. Today two out of three live in a large city.

In New York City last year 300 churches closed, in Chicago 150 churches closed, in Cleveland 110 closed. This is happening all over North America. The large cities are mission fields of unusual opportunity. New England is a great mission field with 80,000 souls, totally unreached with the gospel, in just one section. Yes, Home Missions, Evangelism, and Church Extension are basic to all our work as never before.

Two-thirds of all the people in the world belong to the colored race—one-third to the white race. Many of the colored races are living in America and waiting in America to hear the gospel. Too long we have called some "common and unclean." The Negro in America has now reached middle, and even top class status in some cases, but unreached with the gospel in most instances. At any given time there are thousands of migrants in America as well as thousands of foreign students in our colleges and universities. This is a mission field of no small proportion.

How can we say that all the world is pagan except the U. S. when there are 4,000,000 non-churched in one city, and only 10% Protestant in that same city, and possibly 2% of 8 million in that city born again. Also, we are

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

New Harmony Hosts Fifth Sunday Meeting

GREENTOP, Mo.—

The North East Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the New Harmony Church, April 29, 1962 with Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. The worship service was conducted by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. The service was opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Sis. Edith Whitworth and Rev. Mary Wellbaum. Sis. Gilliam read from Philippians 3:10 and spoke on the four phases of the Christian life. Following the message, the congregation sang an invitation hymn. Bro. Herman Miley dismissed us in prayer.

The afternoon sesson began by congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Cletus Nichols. After more singing Rev. Mary Wellbaum led the devotional. She read the 1st Psalm and used a portion of the 3rd verse, "and he shall be like a tree..." She compared a Christian to a live tree. Prayer by Bro. Howard McReynolds.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the workshop were read. Letters from Kirksville, Hazel Creek, New Harmony, and Low Ground Auxiliaries were read for informaton.

The next meeting will be with the Hazel Creek Church with Rev. Cletus Nichols to bring the 11:00 a.m. message with Rev. Alta Mikel as alternate. The program was as follows:

Duet: "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy"—Kirksville Church.

Some children gave Scripture verses they had memorized.

Neva Thomas gave a Bible quiz with the girls being the winner.

New Harmony gave a play, "The Right to Hope."

The poem, "Unawares" was read by Nellie Craig.

Solo—"Just A Closer Walk With Thee," by Alice Tanda.

Rev. Mary Wellbaum read the poem, "The Little Time I'm Here."

Two Filmstrips, "The Master Teach-

er" and "Who Else Is There" were shown.

The congregation sang, "I Want To Be A Worker."

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Milo James.—Leona Thompson, Reporter

Denver To Host National Sunday School Convention, Oct. 10-12, 1962 DENVER, Colo.—

Colorful Colorado's mile high capital city will host the nation's Sunday Schools this fall, October 10, 11, 12, at the 17th annual National Sunday School Convention.

The local sponsoring group is the Rocky Mountain Sunday School Association with Mr. Stan Noreen, chairman, and Mr. Lew Gras, co-chairman.

The convention begins just past noon Wednesday, October 10th, with a major meeting in the municipal auditorium followed by the first of more than 100 workshops which will be held each of the three days. The Denver Hilton will be headquarters hotel.

Leaders from more than 40 denominations work together in this major Christian education event besides a number of leaders from independent organizations and publishing houses.

Twenty national conventions have been held in the past 16 years, a feat unequalled by few if any national organizations, either Christian or secular.

These National Sunday School Conventions and their state and city counterparts have been an important factor in the Sunday School revival of the 50's. We are hoping to point the way for bigger and better Sunday Schools in the 60's.

National Sunday School Conventions have been held in the following cities: 1946, Chicago; 1947, Cincinnati; 1948, Denver; 1949, Oakland; 1950, Philadelphia; 1951, Detroit; 1952, Portland; 1953, Minneapolis; 1954, Indianapolis; 1955, Spokane and Providence; 1956, Chicago; 1957, Los Angeles and Grand Rapids; 1958, Des Moines; 1959, San Jose, Atlanta, and Columbus; 1960, St. Louis; 1961, Detroit.

Denver is one of three cities to have a national convention return. Although there is a great amount of work to be host to a convention, the cities that have had conventions are often among the first to issue an invitation.

The NSSA board of directors feels that each convention city must want the convention enough to make adequate preparation. This is basically two things: provide meeting place or places, and care for local advertising. All arrangements for the program, speakers, workshop leaders, etc., are the responsibility of the national office.

Few people realize the tremendous cost of a National Sunday School Convention. The local committee is asked to raise approximately 10 per cent of the amount for housing and publicity. Denominations and publishers donate the services of hundreds of persons involved in workshops and exhibits.

Detroit did the most outstanding job of any city to date, raising over \$12,000 in cash and pre-registered approximately 7,000 people. Three thousand others came from all over the U. S. and several foreign countries.

Denver is one of our nation's most beautiful cities, surrounded by many scenic points of interest. Estes Park is only a few miles south. Nearby Colorado Springs is headquarters of the new National Air Force Base. A parade is held each Saturday in good weather. If one is scheduled on Saturday, October 13, a chartered bus may be provided for delegates who wish to stay over for a few hours of sight-seeing.

Pre-registration fees coming in before September 30 are \$2.50. After October 1 or at convention the fee is \$3.00. Sunday Schools and churches registering 90 per cent of the Sunday School staff may register those individuals at \$2.00 each.

Make your plans now to be with us in Denver this fall.

For more information, write the National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin, Chicago 6, Illinois.

STATEMENT — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE National Association of Free Will Baptists

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The executive committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists said today that regardless of personal regrets, the action of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists to withdraw from the National Association of Free Will Baptists is recognized as one "that is well within the rights of the convention." The State Convention group has announced intention of setting up an entirely new denominational program.

The statement released by the association's executive secretary, the Rev. Billy A. Melvin, came as a result of action by the North Carolina State Convention on March 29 in which it voted to break relations with the national body. The break came as a result of disagreement among North Carolina Free Will Baptists regarding the denomination's form of church government. The controversy centered around a Durham, North Carolina, court case in which a minority group in the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church filed suit with the Western Conference of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina against the majority of the church. The suit was over property rights.

Officials of the state convention gave support to the local conference and minority group. The National Association supported the autonomy of the local church saying that the majority rules and no outside body has the authority to interfere with the internal affairs of a local church.

The national executive committee said, "We are willing to grant that there are those within the framework of North Carolina State Convention who now sincerely believe in this new 'connectional' form of church government, just as they have freely admitted that those within the National Association of Free Will Baptists believe in the governmental autonomy of each local church as taught in the treatise of the National Association.

"It would appear, then, since there is this basic disagreement on the form of church government, that those who

hold to 'connectional' church government within the state of North Carolina have probably chosen wisely in their decision to organize a new denomination, although we all desired that the North Carolina State Convention would continue in harmony with the Free Will Baptist denomination."

The committee said that it holds no ill will toward any brethren in the state and sincerely appreciated the fact that "they have indicated to us where they stand and the direction of their intentions." But, the committee urged the convention to recognize that every local church within the state has full right to determine for itself whether it will continue under a congregational form of church government or embrace a 'connectional' form of government." In reality, this would be a choice between retaining identity with the National Association of Free Will Baptists or becoming a part of the new denomination established by the North Carolina State Convention, the statement said.

The committee pledged support of the National Association to every Free Will Baptist church within the state of North Carolina which wishes to uphold the principle of congregational church government and continue in fellowship with the association in its world-wide program for the spread of the gospel.

"Because God has blessed and honored the ministry of our National Association, we are confident that a great number of our Free Will Baptist churches and pastors within the State of North Carolina will represent at the next session of our National Association in Nashville, Tennessee, July 10 to 12," the statement said. The committee assured churches and pastors that in keeping with the association's constitution and by-laws all delegates and ministers would be seated.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists also released a statement today "in view of the fact that the connectional group of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina has stated its intentions to set up a new missionary program and to invite missionaries now serving under the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board to come under their sponsorship."

The Foreign Mission Board said that it does not plan any alteration in its program because of the North Carolina situation "since the primary foreign missionary supporters of North Carolina are still behind the program."

The board also said that it would consider any solicitation of its mission-aries or missionary candidates "an irresponsible encroachment upon a work which God has given and approved for the National Association of Free Will Baptists." The board further said that it could see no necessity for any negotiation with the North Carolina mission board regarding release of missionaries or mission stations.

The foreign mission agency urged the North Carolina group to set up its program apart from any existing missionary program, saying that a missionary endeavor must have its own, unique place in God's program or otherwise has no justification for its existence.



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CAMP CRIER

Camp Time Almost Here

Once again the time for our youth camp sessions is almost here. On June 17th the boys and girls of the Pre-Teen group will be meeting for another session of fellowship and fun. There is no time for you to waste-it is time to get ready now. Bring your Bible, paper, pencils, bedding, towels, wash cloths, toilet articles, play clothes and clothes for the special services. A glad time is in store for all who attend this year's session. Pre-Teens please be present on June 17th and Teens on June 24th. We feel that this will be one of the greatest youth camp sessions that we have ever had. Don't Miss This Camp Time! We will be looking for YOU. Remember tuition for Pre-Teens is \$8.00 and Teens is \$9.00. This amount includes your insurance.

News From Camp

Several items of news have been received just recently from Rev. William Reeves. There will be 4 sessions of camp this year-2 of our own and 2 Missionary Baptist groups. The 4-H Club held their annual meeting on May 3rd at camp with Rev. Reeves bringing the message. Rev. and Mrs. Reeves are happy to announce the birth of a granddaughter, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard of St. Ann, Missouri. A new front porch has been added to the parsonage at camp which makes a great improvement.

Youth Camp New Regulations

- 1. The parents will be contacted before any child or person is put in a hospital for any reason except in an extreme emergency.
- 2. No group will be allowed to leave the Chapel for social gatherings until services in the Chapel are dismissed.
- 3. Your Youth Camp Board wishes to inform you that the camp insurance will not pay for chronic cases but only

for illnesses or injuries that originate in camp or in driving to and from camp at session time.

- 4. Free tuition will be given to only one sponsor for each group from each church and that person must be appointed or approved by the church.
- 5. Appropriate clothing for both play and church services will be required for those attending camp. No shorts or slacks will be permitted for the girls but only dresses, skirts and blouses may be worn in camp. Only regular trousers and jeans will be permitted for the boys.

Needed Articles For Camp

Several items needed this year for camp are as follows: dish cloths, large mixing spoons, shower curtains for restrooms, glasses, pre-teen playground equipment, bats and softballs for teen session or playground equipment of any kind. We hope that you, your auxiliary or your church will help us by making a contribution of these needed articles.

SUPERVISORY STAFF

Pre-Teen Session:

| Superintendent Rev. Tommy Day. |
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| Evangelist Rev. Clarence Burton. |
| Principal of Teaching Rev. R. B. Spurgeon |
| Playground Supt Rev. Max Courtney. |
| 1st Aid AttendantRev. Elmer Turnbough. |
| Cabin SponsorsRev. & Mrs. Grover Terry. |
| Lifeguard Incomplete. |
| Music Director Incomplete. |
| Pianist Incomplete. |
| Refreshment Stand Mrs. Bonnie |
| Deatherage. |
| Registrar Mrs. Freda Day. |

| Teen Session: |
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| Superintendent Rev. Harvey E. Hill. Evangelist Rev. Harry Beatty. Principal of Teaching Rev. James Earl |
| Raper. Playground Supt Rev. Max Courtney. 1st Aid Attendant Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Cabin Sponsors Rev. & Mrs. James McCully. |
| Lifeguard Rev. Bud Arnold |

| Music Director Rev. | Lonnie Skiles. |
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| Pianist | |
| Refreshment Stand | . Mrs. Bonnie |
| | Deatherage. |
| Registrar Mr | s. Freda Day. |

Volunteer Workers Needed

Much work needs to be done before camp time and we trust that some of you will be able to go to camp for a day or so and work to help us get our camp in shape. Bro. O. T. Allred and a group will be at camp June 12th to work and we trust that others will give of their time and effort too in getting our camp ready for the big day on June 17th.

We Are Sorry

The Youth Camp Board and many friends in our State are sorry to hear of the critical illness of one of our board members, the Rev. Paul Williams, who is in the Jane Shinn General Hospital in Webb City, Missouri. Word has just been received that he is some improved but will be in the hospital for several weeks yet. No visitors are allowed but cards and letters will be appreciated and especially your prayers. The Youth Camp Board appreciates Bro. Williams so much and his work with the board and our prayers are going up in his behalf. May God bless you, Bro. Williams, and help you soon recover from your illness.

Youth Camp Funds Low

Very few improvements could be made this year due to lack of finances. Your support is needed, both prayerfully and financially, in order to maintain our camp and also make progress. Why not show the Youth Camp Board that you haven't forgotten Youth Camp by sending an individual offering, auxiliary offering or a special offering from your church to Rev. William Reeves, Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri.

A PERSONAL INVITATION

As Moderator of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists, I am happy to extend to you this invitation to join us in Nashville on July 10-12 for the twenty-sixth session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. You will find our people anxious to receive you with warm, Christian hospitality.

Our State Association, which now has approximately 130 churches and 15,000 members, is eagerly looking forward to having you in the volunteer state for another session of the National Association. We have fond memories of your last visit with us in 1951.

We believe that you will find Nash-ville to be a friendly city. The facilities are excellent and reasonably priced. Here, in addition to several historic points of interest, is located Free Will Baptist Headquarters Building and Free Will Baptist Bible College. We feel that we are most fortunate to have these facilities, which serve all Free Will Baptists, within our state and we are sure that you will appreciate the opportunity of a personal visit.

Please accept our invitation to visit with us. Join the hundreds of Free Will Baptists who will be coming this way to share in the blessings of the Lord. We will seek faithfully to make your visit a joyful experience.

Robert C. Hill

Herbert Philbrick To Be Speaker For National Sunday School Convention, Denver, Colorado, Oct. 12, 1962 DENVER, Colo.—

"I know what the communists are out to do in the United States!" says Herbert A. Philbrick who for nine years worked with the communists while counter spying on them for the FBI. His testimony at the trial of the eleven top U. S. communists before Judge Harold Medina in 1949 cracked the communist defense and helped convict them of conspiring to overthrow the U. S. Government.

On Friday evening, October 12, in Denver Colorado, Mr. Philbrick will speak at the closing session of NSSA's 17th annual Sunday School Convention.

"Knowing how the communists operate," continued Mr. Philbrick in a recent interview, "as well as the techniques they use to spread their influence through the ranks of American citizenry, I want to warn that anyone, no matter how innocent, can unwittingly become a dupe of the communists. Quietly, imperceptibly, they infiltrate the most worthy organizations, involving innocent men and women in their schemes."

Unlike a great many Americans, Mr. Philbrick beat the communists at their own game before being caught in the great conspiracy. In 1940 he discovered that they had very quietly taken over the reins of a church young people's group he headed in suburban Boston, Massachusetts. Instead of resigning in the heat of his first anger, he went to the FBI for advice. They suggested he stay in and learn what the communists were going to do. After making the difficult decision to stay, Philbrick let himself apparently be argued over to the communist way of thinking, joined the Young Communist League in 1942 and two years later. he was invited to join the Party. After taking this fateful step, Philbrick gradually rose in the Party ranks until he was made a member of the Pro-4 group which masterminded communist strategy in the area.

As a member of the inner circle, Philbrick saw the communists trick innocent clergymen into signing petitions, circulate them among other reputable individuals who would add their names on the basis of the previous signers, and then alter the working of the petitions.

In his message, Philbrick will describe how he was innocently drawn into a communist front organization and how he saw other "fronts" set up, involving reputable and in nocent Americans. He tells how to distinguish between worthy groups and "fakes" and what to do when such a situation is detected.

"We must be careful, but not hysterical," says Mr. Philbrick. "We can be alerted to recognize the communists, and all of us can do our best to protect

ourselves and our neighbors from the insidious menace. But we must be careful," he emphasized, "to do so without ourselves harming in nocent persons."

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Important: All delegates representing a state, district association, or local church must present this form properly signed to be registered.



Moman's Auxiliary

FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met May 8th at 7:30 p. m. for its regular meeting with fourteen members present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Loren Pohnert, and the opening songs were "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Throw Out the Lifeline." Prayer was led by Sis. Elsie Worel and the Scripture read was Psalm 41:1-3.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Reports were given by each officer present. Sis. Phyllis Miller gave the introduction to the lesson and afterwards topics were given by Sis. Maxine Bostic, Sis. Jean Lau and Sis. Phyllis Miller. The program was closed with all the ladies joining in an altar prayer.

Nettie Bennett, Cor.-Sec.

FROM BERKELEY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley met May 1st for our regular monthly meeting. The president, Sis. Combs. called the meeting together and prayer was offered by Sis. Hogan. Our opening song was "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." We then discussed plans to send clothing to the Cuban refugees in Florida. We also plan to make hospital gowns and bandages to be sent to Bro. Miley in Africa. Our G. T. A. and Missionary Midgets will have charge of the Wednesday evening prayer meeting services May 9th, Some of the members of the Auxiliary have been spending a great deal of time with them in order to make the service a very good one. After discussing these various items our program was presented under the direction of our program chairman, Sis. Barks. The Scripture was taken from Psalm 41:1-3 and II Corinthians 8:1-5. The lesson topics were then given by various members. We were then dismissed with prayer by Sis. Lewis.

Mary Barker, Cor.-Sec.

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church held their regular monthly meeting at the church May 7th with ten members present. As our opening songs we sang, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray" and "Shake Hands With Mother," in memory of Mother's Day. Then we sang, "Bringing in the Sheaves" to correspond with our lesson which is on "Sowing." We then had prayer by Sis. Ruby Blankenship in memory of one of our dear friends and member of our auxiliary who passed away May 6th. Our president, Sis. Claudia Combs, read for our Scripture lesson from I Corinthians, 9th chapter. Prayer was led by Sis. Lewis. We then had our business meeting and voted to have our Vacation Bible School the last week in June. After our business meeting we discussed our lesson. At the close of the lesson we each were asked to write three questions and these were put in a box and drawn out by Sis. Hattie Sims. We then tried to answer the questions. Sis. Ella James answered most of them.

We are to have a study in Foreign Missions Monday night, May 14th. We were dismissed in prayer by Sister Eudian Adkinson.

Beulah Gilliam, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on May 10, 1962, for their all day service with eleven members, one visitor and one child present. The theme of the meeting was: "A Tribute to Mother." The devotion was led by our president, Bernice Dodd. Hymn, "My Mother's Bible." Prayer was led by Sis. Hilderbrand. Scripture was a responsive reading of Proverbs 31st chapter. Hymn, "My Mother's Prayer." The program was as follows: "The Pi on e er Mother," by Edith Brooks; Story: "My Message to Mother," Ratchel Milburn; Poem:

"Mother's" Minnie Burcham. Special number in song, "I Would Be True," Doris Raper; "As the Song of a Bird," Bernice Dodd; Poem: "Give Us Mothers," A. Turley; "We Praise our Mothers," by Sis. Hilderbrand. Dismissed with an altar prayer for our revival being by Jean Wilford and Doris Raper. After noon hour we met and had another song and prayer. We then had our study course and then Iva Treaster gave us a "Growing Up for God." We were then dismissed by Doris Raper.

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

On March 20, 1962 the Ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church met to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. The officers elected were as follows: President, Myrtle Corbin; Secretary, Eunice Hubbs; Treasurer, May Dell Farr. The first meeting was held March 27th with seventeen ladies present. Those joining our Woman's Auxiliary were: Anita Smith, Maydell Farr, Bertha Pendergrass, Lola Long, Mattie Tonnehill, Myrtle Corbin, Dollie Smits, Eunice Hubbs, Hety Gourley, Ila Edwards, Clarabel Lemons, Loletta Woods, Dorothy Johnson, Grace Duncan, Kathleen Kruger, Marie Broye and Bertha Wolf.

FROM MENDOTA:

The Mendota Mission held their meeting May 8th in the fellowship house, with lunch at the noon hour and the business meeting convened at one o'clock with the president, Leona Logsdon presiding.

The meeting was opened by singing, "Your Vessels Not a Few." Prayer by Edith March. Scripture reading was taken from Psalms and II Corinthians. The offering was taken and prayer by Wanda Webber. It was then voted to send clothing and ten dollars to the refugees from Cuba that are in Florida. Money also was taken from the treasury to buy some kitchen supplies.

Bible School teachers were appointed for the Bible School starting June 4th. They are: Arlen Clay, Intermediates; Leona Logsdon, Juniors; Alta Mikels, Primaries; Edith Crooks, Beginners. The helpers are Wanda Webber, Bernice Lowe and Hazel Ewing. After the business meeting, work on the church and fellowship house was done. Our next meeting in June will be after the Bible School classes and the roll call will be answered by using a verse of Scripture containing the word sin. We were dismissed in prayer by Leona Logsdon and Hazel Ewing.

Edith March, Cor.-Sec.

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Church of Springfield met at 7:30 p. m., April 3rd with 12 members and 4 children present. The meeting was opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Blessed Jesus Loves You Too." Scripture lesson was taken from the Book of Haggai and read by Lena Cheek. Prayer by Anita Smith. The topics were given by Bertha Wolf, Anita Smith, Lena Cheek and Lolitta Woods, followed by open discussion by the group. Secretary's report read by Myrtle Corbin. We voted to pay twenty-five dollars on the pre-Easter revival to be held by Bro. Celo Covington of Waynesville, Mo. Our closing song was, "O How I Love Jesus" and prayer by Dollie Smith and Lola Long.

Berta Wolf, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, May 1st in fellowship hall of the church. The opening songs were, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The Scripture reading was by the president, Farron Jones, followed with prayer by Lizzie Pirtle. The room was decorated with a large globe, on which were placed black flags on the countries that are dominated by Communism.

During the business session the reports were given. The study course on evangelism, "The Romance of Winning Children" was announced. The group voted to donate money on postage toward mailing hospital supplies to the Free Will Baptist Hospital in Africa; send money to the W. N. A. C.; prepare box to be sent to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage.

The program, "Blessed Are Ye that Sow Beside All Waters." The opening was a poem by Marion Wilson. The introduction was given by Edith Keeney. Topic 1, Sowing was given by Lillie Smith: topic 2, "Sowing All the Time" by Hazel Scott; topic 3, "Sowing Everywhere" by Genevieve White; topic 4, "The Rewards" by Oma Barker. The benediction was by Beulah Henson.

Those in attendance were Farron Jones, Lillie Smith, Beulah Henson, Edith Keeney, Pansy Keeney, Lizzie Pirtle, Marion Wilson, Hazel Scott, Genevieve White, Oma Barker and Jean Blakeley.

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Church of Springfield met at 7:30 p. m., May 1st with 10 members and one child present. The meeting was called to order by singing, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Where He Leads Me," led by Lola Long with Hedy Gourley at the piano. Prayer by Grace Duncan. Scripture was taken from Psalm 4:1-3 and II Corinthians 8:1-5. Topics were given by Grace Duncan, Lorene Leegan, Hedy Gourley and Myrtle Corbin. A reading, Golden Keys" was read by Bertha Wolf. Secretary and Treasurer's reports given and approved. Everyone gathered in the altar for closing hymn and dismissed in prayer by Lena Cheek.

Bertha Wolf, Cor.-Sec.

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

The Y. P. A. and the G. T. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville continue to meet regularly each Wednesday evening with Mrs. Bernice Thompson as G. T. A. sponsor and Rev. Lester Jones as Y. P. A. sponsor. They have adopted a missionary a month and support missions regularly. They join with all the Youth of Northeast Missouri Association in the project of sending the Miley children a gift for their birthdays. They also have a Youth Rally on Saturday night before each fifth Sunday. They enjoy the youth films that have been shown.

The G. T. A.s are enjoying some new flannelgraph lessons given by their sponsor and the Y. P. A.s enjoy the "question box." They put the questions in and the sponsor answers them as they are drawn out. This has proven very beneficial to help them

with the many problems that confront the youth of today.

A special prayer meeting was held at the church on Friday night, May 11th. This was the same night as the Junior High dance which is held annually. The G. T. A.s had a special prayer service for Mrs. Jones on her birthday and presented her with a gift. The Y. P. A.s surprised the pastor with a birthday cake on the night of our regular social at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hiatt. The entire group is beginning a special prayer meeting service each Monday evening following youth meeting to pray specifically for the Northeast Missouri Associational meeting which will meet at our church in July. Rev. Stanley Mooneyham will be the speaker throughout the Association.

FROM LEBANON:

The Hanna Circle met in the home of Mrs. Henrietta Garrett on April 10th, with seven members present.

Following the opening hymn, "Christ Arose," prayer was offered by Dorothy Mosier. The Scripture lesson for the evening was Mark 16, read by Sybil Agan. "Life Begins at Easter" was given by Esther Sutton.

A make-it and take-it sale was much enjoyed.

The meeting closed with prayer by Gladys Montgomery.

During the social hour, refreshments of cake and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Agan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Embry, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mosier, Mrs. Media Stevens, Mrs. Esther Sutton and the hostess and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Farris Garrett.



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Colombia May Refuse School Aid On Non-Discrimination Issue

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Washington, D. C. (MNS) - Conflicting reports from Washington and Bogota raise serious questions in the Alliance for Progress aid to Colombian schools. An article in The Washington Post, May 13, 1962 reports, "A United States Embassy spokesman denied last night that the United States ever intended to demand guarantees against religious discrimination as a condition for aid to Colombia. Reports that such a clause was to be included in a U.S. loan agreement caused widespread indignation here. The government (of Colombia) declared yesterday that it would refuse aid on such terms. U.S. Ambassador Fulton Freeman and American aid officials here conferred yesterday with Education Minister Jaime Posada about the report. Colombia is predominantly Roman Catholic, and Protestant missionaries in this country have frequently complained of persecution."

This directly contradicts earlier reports which originated in Washington and were given prominence in the Colombian press.

"Responding to the pressure of Protestants in the U. S., clauses against religious discrimination will be included in all future agreements between the Alliance for Progress and the government of Colombia," reported El Tiempo, Colombia's leading newspaper, in an article published May 9 in Bogota. "This was indicated by North American authorities in the program."

The article further stated: "Teaching in the public schools of Colombia has traditionally been under control of Catholic priests.

"In spite of the fact that the Colombian Constitution declares that 'no person will be molested for reason of his religious beliefs, nor obligated to profess doctrines or observe practices which are contrary to his conscience,' Protestants have reported that their children in public schools are obligated to receive Catholic instruction and attend mass....

"Protestant groups in Washington became interested in this matter (the aid to Colombian schools) and began to pressure the offices of the Alliance for Progress, asking for a statement of policy. The result was a decision to include a clause 'against discrimination' in all agreements which are signed between the program and the Ministry of Education of Colombia. The only agreement which has been signed up to now is for a total of \$3,770,000 and does not contain the clause."

Among the pressures which have been exercised here in Washington was a visit in early April to the Agency for International Development (AID) by Wade T. Coggins of the National Association of Evangelicals and Dr. Stanley Lowell of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, during which they requested that specific guarantees be written into the AID agreement.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, wrote the Agency for International Development indicating his conviction that the agreement should provide at least these minimum guarantees:

"That non-Catholic children shall be freely admitted to the schools.

"That no non-Catholic child shall be required to take religious (Catholic) instruction in the schools."

"That non-Catholic children will not be required to attend mass on any occasion.

"That non-Catholic children will not in any other way be molested because of their religious beliefs.

"That no one will be refused entrance to Normal Schools because of religious affiliation or lack of it.

"That non-Catholic graduates of Normal School will be given equal opportunity to become teachers and secure tenure in the public school system."

On April 18, Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, Associate Director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, appeared before Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to give testimony relating to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1962. Dr. Lowell expressed a conviction that funds dispersed under the Foreign Assistance Act should not give aid "on terms which violate fundamental principles and traditions of the American people."

"We want to hold up for scrutiny," he said, "one of the programs being carried out by AID and the Ministry of Education of Colombia under an agreement dated December 12, 1961 and scheduled to run through June 30, 1964. This is only a tiny segment of the aid program even in Colombia, but it is a salient matter for freedom loving people in both countries."

In his testimony Dr. Lowell pointed out the existence of Catholic control over education in Colombia and the discrimination against non-Catholics in the school system.

"Here then, we have a weird anomaly," observed Dr. Lowell. "Protestants are being taxed to build schools from which Protestant children are barred. It seems evident to us that aid agreements of this kind should contain stipulations which carefully safeguard those free principles without which the United States loses its meaning among nations."

A brief article on the front page of El Tiempo on April 26 mentioned the fact that Christianity Today (April 27, 1962) had spoken out on the Colombian school issue. "An influential Protestant publication censures the help being given through the Alliance for Progress by the United States to the public school system of Colombia which is in the hands of the Catholic Church," reported El Tiempo. A brief summary followed of the objections which had been raised by Christianity Today.

Meanwhile, the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia reports the closing of a Protestant school in Colombia on March 12, 1962. Stating that he "must prohibit every form of Protestant educational work," the Police Inspector of Puerto Ospina, Putumayo closed the primary school in nearby Montepa—the only school serving a vast region.

The teacher of the one-room school and the owner of the house in which it met were taken by police escort to the office of the Inspector, Sr. Arcadio Ortega, where they were served with written orders to close the school at once. The first order, directed to the house owner, said:

"Resolution No. 1, March 12, 1962. Whereas a Protestant school is functioning in the house of Sr. Octavio Bastidas, in Montepa... and Whereas, according to the Treaty on Missions between the Holy See and Colombia, education must be directed and oriented by the Catholic Missions, without interference from any other denomination...

"It is hereby ordered... that Sr. Octavio Bastidas immediately close the school which has been functioning in his house. Penalty for non-compliance will be two hundred pesos or arrest."

The second order, directed to the school teacher, said:

"Resolution No. 2, March 12, 1962. Whereas, Sr. Pablo Quiroz is teaching a school in Montepa... and said school is Protestant in nature, and therefore absolutely prohibited in Mission Territories; and Whereas, the legally constituted authorities are obligated by all possible means to prohibit every form of Protestant educational work.

"It is therefore ordered... to inform Sr. Pablo Quiroz that within 24 hours he is to close the establishment, and that he is not to exercise the office of teacher in said school. Penalty for non-compliance will be a fine of two hundred pesos or arrest..."

The school was closed at the request of Msgr. Placido Crous-Solichs, a Spanish Capuchin monk, Vicar Apostolic Sibundoy, who is directly under the Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide.

Government statistics indicate that of the 5,720 children of primary school age in Putumayo Territory, only 2,303 (approximately 40 per cent) are enrolled in classes. There are no school facilities for the others. The nearest school to Montepa is at Puerto Ospina, two hours by canoe down the Putumayo River.

On March 31 the Protestant school located in the town of Nueva Estacion (Municipality of Ayapel), Department of Cordoba, was closed by order of the Mayor of Ayapel. His Resolution of March 31, 1962 closing the school cited Circular No. 310-R of 1954 as

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The historic city of Nashville, located in mid-Tennessee hardly more than two day's drive from the majority of Free Will Baptists, will be the convention city for this year's session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This twenty-sixth session will be held exactly 235 years since the organization of the first General Conference of Free Will Baptists in the United States. It is fitting that on this occasion we convene in Nashvillesite of the organizational meeting of our present day National Association in 1935, home of Free Will Baptist Headquarters Building, and Free Will Baptist College.

Realizing the power of God's Word and sensing the need of a spiritual awakening in our midst today, the program emphasis will be developed around the general theme "God's Word—Key to Spiritual Awakening."



Rev. Billy A. Melvin

The Reverend Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association, will bring the keynote message. His message on Tuesday evening will be "God's Word—Our Rule of Faith and Practice." Special music as well as lively congregational singing will be a feature of this service.

On Wednesday morning the National Association will have the opportun-

ity to share with Free Will Baptist Bible College in the celebration of their twentieth anniversary year. Faculty and students will participate in this service developed around the theme "God's Word—Declared by Dedicated Men."

The service on Wednesday night will bring a missionary emphasis. Returned missionaries and missionary appointees will be introduced during this service. The Reverend W. Stanley Mooneyham, assistant moderator



Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham

of the National Association and editor of Action magazine, will be the speaker for this hour. His message will be "God's Word—The Hope of the World."

"God's Word—Sure Guide for the Future" will be the message on Thursday morning by the Reverend Winford Floyd of Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Special features of the convention will be a pastor's dinner on Tuesday evening, an early morning prayer service on Wednesday, visits to Free Will Baptist Bible College and the Headquarters Building, and the annual laymen's breakfast on Thursday.

All services and business sessions will be held in the War Memorial auditorium. The Hermitage Hotel has been designated as the headquarters hotel. The association will open on Tuesday night, July 10, at 7:30 p. m.

It will be preceded by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention which will open on Monday night, July 9th, National Association sessions will continue through Thursday afternoon, July 12th.

Many have already made plans to attend this association. Every church should insist that their pastor attend and should arrange to help with his expenses. The business of the denomination is the business of every pastor and delegate. Churches should also take advantage of the opportunity of having their own personal delegates at the convention. The attached form is provided to designate your delegate.

Above all—pray for the spiritual success of this meeting! Pray specifically that our chosen theme will become a glorious reality in our midst.

A WORD TO OUR PASTORS

Our pastor's dinner is set for Tuesday evening, July 10, at five o'clock. Wives are invited. This dinner will be served in the dinning hall of Free Will Baptist Bible College with Dr. George Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, as speaker. His address is titled "Evangelicals and the Ecumenical Movement. You will not want to miss this timely address and the wonderful fellowship which this dinner affords. Tickets are available at \$1.50 per plate from the Executive Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Order your tickets early. There is space for only 250 people.

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Dear Brother Reeds . . .



Rev. Eustace Riggs

Dear Bro. Reeds:

It was good to see you at the Bible Conference. I really enjoyed the conference and thought it was a good one.

I appreciate the good work you are doing at South Side Church and also on the GEM.

I'd appreciate it a lot if you would publish my summer schedule of revivals in the GEM. The Lord has been very good to me and I'm thankful for the souls who have come to the Lord during the revivals I've been in. I do have some time open in the fall and winter months and have some revival calls still pending. I would appreciate very much the prayers of the Christian readers of the GEM, that I might be used to the fulness of God's will in winning souls during these last days of gleaning before the end of the harvest.

Thanks a lot.

Yours and His for service, Eustace A. Riggs

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Aug. 13th-18th—Martin Hill F. W. B. Church, Boonville, Miss.

Aug. 19th - 25th — Dovertown F. W. B. Church, Cordova, Alabama. Aug. 26th-Sept. 2nd—Ariton, Alabama F. W. B. Church.

Dear Brother Reeds:

I'm a minister from the West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists. I recently moved to the city of Lompoc, California in hope of starting a Free Will Baptist Mission.

I would appreciate it very much if you would print an ad in the Gem encouraging anyone with friends or relatives in this area who have been affiliated with Free Will Baptists to please send me their names and addresses and I will contact them. We also request an interest in the prayers of the Christians of our country.

I would be grateful if you would enter a subscription to the Gem for men and send me the bill.

> Thanking you kindly, J. B. Ledbetter Rt. 1, Box 84B Lompoc, California

Editor
The Free Will Baptist Gem
3100 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Missouri
Dear Sirs:

We are interested in contacting Free Will Baptists living in the Lake Charles, Louisiana area.

Send names and addresses to the church and we will be happy to return your stamps.

This is the only Free Will Baptist Church in Southwestern Louisiana and we wish to serve Christ and our denomination to the maximum of our abilities. We enjoy the Free Will Best Gem and hope any Missouri Free Baptist living in or visiting this are will visit us.

Yours in Christ, Earl Simpson, Ing Pastor

Dear Brother Reeds:

We are looking forward to out vival and the dedication of our of church here at the First Free Will be tist Church of Berkeley. The ladist our church have been having be sales and rummage sales in the dot to raise money for the carpet for new building. Plans are being not to purchase the carpet and have laid before the dedication service.

Mary Barker

Free Will Baptist Gem 3120 Mt. Pleasant St. Louis 11, Missouri Dear Bro. Reeds:

Greetings in the name of our worderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Control

On March 3, 1962, Rev. & M. Cliff Bowman and son; and Bro. & Barry Hampton and daughter, met gether and organized ourselves an evangelistic team under the Evangelistic Crusaders. Bro. Bowwill be the Evangelist, Bro. Hampton will lead the song service, and Hampton will be the pianist. We purposed in our heart to go interfield wherever the Lord in His of nance shall call.

We have purchased a revival and up to this time have five meting scheduled for the summer month of the first one began April 22, 1962, the courthouse lawn in Wayness Mo., and ran for ten consequently. The Rev. O. T. Dixon the evangelist at this meeting. We wonderful time in the Lord with total of 33 decisions reported.

Our next revival will be near of Springs, Mo., beginning on May 1962. We covet your prayers a go into this work for the Lord.

Yours in Christ, The Evangelist Crusaders Report

Johnson Is Evangelist In West Plains Revival WEST PLAINS, Mo.—

Rev. Finis Johnson was the evillist in a ten-day revival meeting at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church West Plains. Two souls were save the meeting. Rev. Davie Combs spastor.

OBITUARY

Lola M. Botkin was born Nov. 8, 1870 near Carlyle, Ill. She departed this life January 6, 1962 at her home in Carterville, Missouri at the age of 91 years, 1 month and 28 days. She became a Christian at the age of 14 years. She came to Joplin, Missouri in 1894 and united with the Free Will Baptist church in 1896. This was a little mission known as "The Sheep Shed."

She was united in marriage to James A. Botkin February 11, 1900, who Preceded her in death July, 1943. Mr. Botkin was a deacon in the Carterville Free Will Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Mrs. Botkin resided in Carterville since 1923, coming here from Granby. Missouri. She was a faithful servant of the Lord and always willing to do anything she could to help promote His work. She is deeply missed by her church, as another pew has been emptied.

She had been ill and bedfast for one Year before her passing away, but she Was very patient and always had an encouraging word for those who came to visit with her.

She leaves to mourn her passing, step-granddaughters, 2 step-grandsons, 13 step-great grandchildren and 22 step-great-great-grandchildren. Also several neices and nephews.

THE MISSION FIELD

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the basis for the action. (Circular 310-R was an executive order of former dictator Rojas Pinilla.) Nineteen children were enrolled in the school which Derated under the auspices of the atin American Mission.

In viewing the whole problem the Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals meeting at enver, Colorado, April 10-12, passed the following resolution:

"While we would laud the lofty deals of our President in launching the Alliance for Progress' with our Latin American neighbors, we would em-Phasize that since the support for this Program is coming from the taxpayers of a country that does have separation of church and state as well as religious freedom, there should be written into all such agreements a basic clause that would prohibit discrimination and ould guarantee religious freedom."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1961—62

| | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May | June |
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| First Church, Springfield | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Victory, Kansas City | 59 | 72 | | | 77 | 70 | 63 | | | | | |
| Mt. Pisgah | 78 | 66 | | 73 | 63 | | | - | | | - | |
| Copper Mines | 101 | 85 | 91 | 90 | 83 | 81 | 57 | 92 | 87 | 87 | 89 | |
| Fellowship, Flat River | 193 | 203 | 209 | 205 | 192 | 168 | 165 | 192 | 209 | 209 | 195 | |
| Leadington | 68 | 69 | 59 | 63 | 53 | 46 | 39 | 45 | 38 | 43 | 39 | |
| Farmington | 86 | 90 | 87 | 86 | 82 | 85 | 74 | 92 | | 96 | 97 | |
| Fourth, St. Louis | 43 | 66 | 58 | 63 | 79 | 63 | 72 | 79 | 86 | 74 | 1 | |
| Mill Creek | - | 42 | 43 | 42 | 41 | 39 | 29 | 46 | 48 | | | |
| Berkeley City | 201 | 217 | 221 | 225 | 225 | 196 | 185 | 212 | 202 | 254 | | |
| Richwoods | 65 | 62 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 45 | 40 | 61 | 53 | 60 | 62 | |
| Hannon | 50 | 48 | 49 | 60 | | 52 | | | | | | |
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| Kirksville | 82 | 89 | 84 | 91 | 95 | 80 | 63 | 82 | 86 | 91 | 1 | |
| Grant Ave., Springfield | 121 | 104 | 135 | 138 | 123 | 109 | 108 | 126 | 124 | 143 | | |
| Hazel Creek | 48 | 54 | 49 | 56 | 52 | 47 | 35 | 53 | 52 | | 1 | |
| Twin Oak | 56 | 53 | 54 | 56 | 60 | 54 | 43 | 53 | 58 | 60 | 59 | |
| South Side Church | 144 | 147 | 142 | | | | 110 | | | | | |
| New Hope, Kansas City | 91 | 103 | 90 | 110 | 104 | 87 | 78 | 95 | | | | 1 |
| Mine La Motte | 32 | 24 | 24 | 28 | 25 | 32 | 16 | 28 | 34 | 38 | 1000 | |
| First Church, Waynesville | | 1 | | | | | | | 32 | US | | |
| First Church, Kansas City . | 54 | 60 | 57 | 62 | | | | | | 1. 24 | | |
| First Church, Lebanon | 59 | 55 | 57 | 64 | 58 | 57 | 58 | 73 | 74 | 77 | | |
| Overland Church | 110 | 1115 | 121 | 134 | 127 | 120 | 88 | 1139 | 1140 | 155 | | |
| Neosho | | | | | | 1 | 64 | 60 | | 150 | | |
| First Ch., Mtn. Grove | 309 | 331 | 318 | 304 | 292 | 299 | 245 | 298 | 296 | 364 | | |
| Myrtle | 51 | 51 | 58 | 53 | 60 | 61 | 41 | 63 | 58 | 63 | 62 | |
| Festus | 39 | | | | 52 | | | | 5.75 | | Lune's | |
| Bethel, West Plains | 147 | 138 | 143 | 138 | 128 | 120 | 108 | 128 | 138 | 153 | | |
| Desloge | 110 | 108 | 130 | 131 | 133 | 120 | 102 | 122 | 1114 | 122 | - | |
| First Ch., Fredericktown | 161 | 164 | 169 | 168 | 162 | 163 | 133 | 166 | 166 | 180 | 165 | |
| Thayer | 85 | 99 | | 102 | 108 | 1118 | 85 | 1117 | 1115 | | 1 | |
| Meramec Heights | | | 29 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 35 | 40 | | |
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| First Church, Monett | | | | 1118 | 112 | 1115 | 108 | 120 | 123 | 123 | | |
| Faith, Lemay | 62 | 73 | 77 | 78 | 72 | 69 | 70 | 95 | 113 | 113 | | |

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HOME MISSIONS BASIC TO ALL WORK

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reminded that at least 3,000,000 in that city have not even heard the gospel one time.

Let's face it. Home Missions is not attractive to some people. We have no pictures of naked natives and hungry children. We have no halos or furloughs in our program. Also, let's face it-we could have no missionaries in the other parts of the world if we did not have home bases. We could not have institutes of learning, orphanages, or any other work without local churches. Just as the pastor is God's key man on earth, so is the local church God's headquarters here on earth. My belief is that the Home Missions program is vital and basic to all our work. New churches started by the Home Mission Board and home missionaries are fast becoming our best sources of finance for a world-wide program of evangelism and are furnishing new man power for the kingdom work. Check your reports. See what the new churches in Washington, Colorado, Iowa, Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Washington, D. C., and the others are doing in this respect.

With 25% of all the people who were ever in this world now living, our day carries greater responsibility than ever before. . . With more foreign born among us than ever before (102 different language groups in Chicago alone), with more influence and power used by the Roman Catholic Church, with modernism and liberalism continuing its inroads, with communism increasing, with America slipping faster into heathenism we must promote more evangelistic efforts, establish more churches, go into more benighted areas, and extend our Bible believing churches into all the cities of America. Go, my friend, go! If the board can send you, well. If not, go anyway! Time is not waiting! America is a mission field! We need more churches. You can start a church with twelve tithers. What if you do have to work forty hours per week. Others have and are. Go where there are people, not just the nice places. Preach the gospel pure and simple. The average man only understands 850 words-a college graduate should understand 1800 words, speak to the average. Depend more on agonizing than organizing. Remember also that socializing is not evangelizing. Find God's will. Hurry. Get to the field and stay there. Communities are changing overnight. We need to start churches everywhere. Yes, where there are Catholics. Yes, where there are Jews. Yes, in poor communities. The Puerto Rican moves in—the Negro moves out. But all need the gospel. One out of every three families will move this year. Most of them to a city or to a larger city than the one where they now live.

More strong local churches are the greatest need today in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We have a weak home front trying to support a world-wide ministry. Let's face it, the home missions and church extension work is basic and vital. According to history, the Apostle Paul started 187 churches. What will you do? Where are you giving your money? Your dollar given for National Home Missions will yield future dollars for all the work.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep."

Frost

HOTELS AND MOTELS

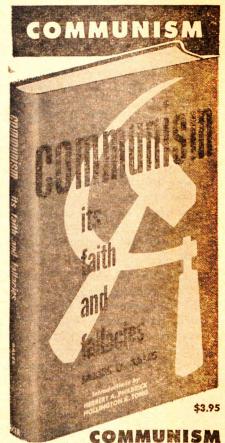
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