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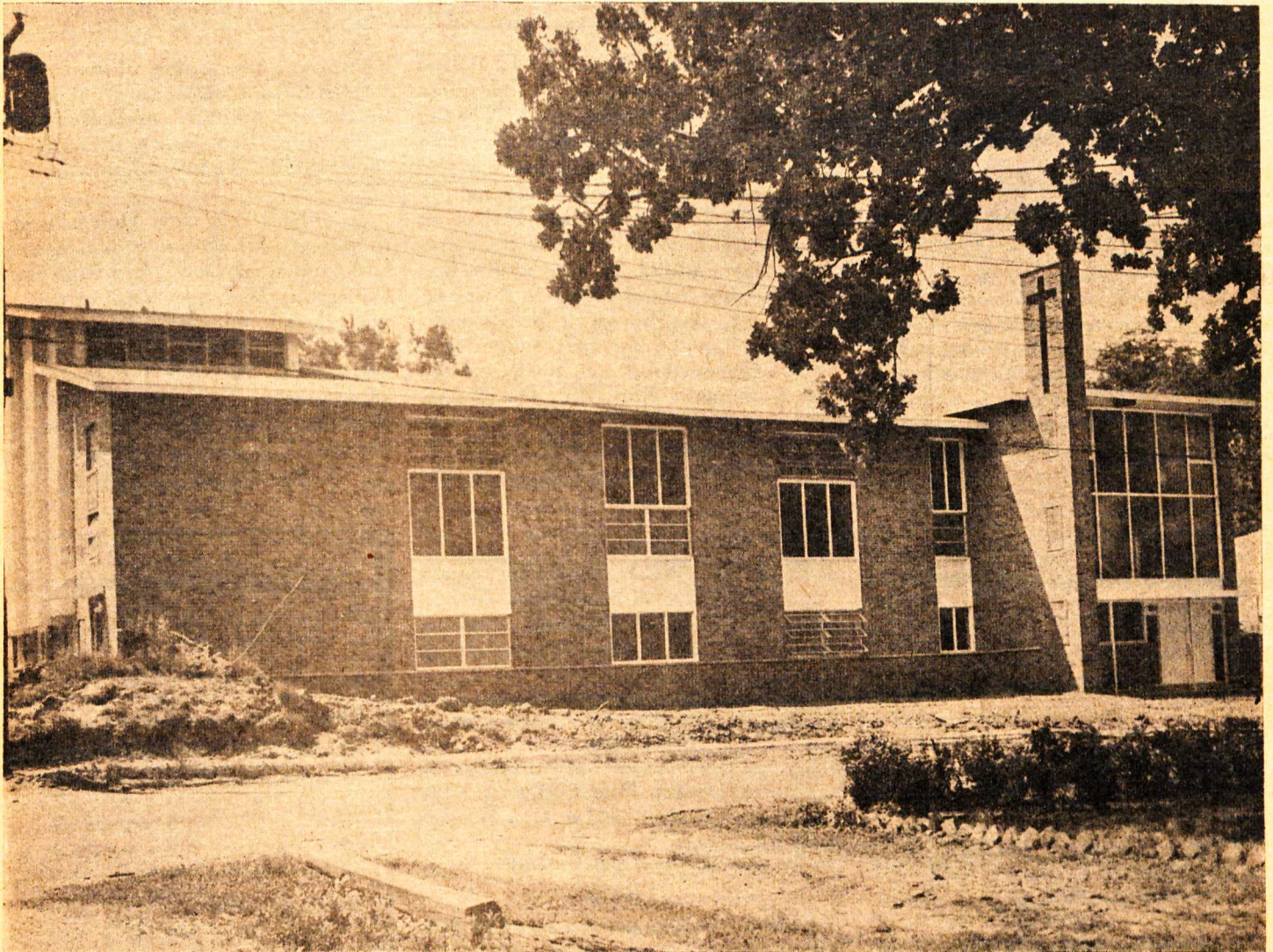
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Sermon of the Month

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Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church

8900 Springdale Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri

COVER STORY...

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley dates back to January 29, 1938, when a few people gathered together for Sunday School, which was needed very much in the neighborhood. We met in a community hall at 8912 Flavia, now known as Springdale Avenue in the south part of Berkeley. The community hall was called Hell's Half Acre and could only be rented on Sunday.

Howard Dobkins was superintendent of the first Sunday School, and Alma Henry, Lena Moore, Mildred Dobkins and Mrs. Parker were the first Sunday School teachers, Virginia Stone was the secretary. The Lord blessed in those few weeks and from the original group of thirty-one who gathered together on January 29, 1938, the organization of the Free Will Baptist Church took place on March 5, 1938 with seventeen charter members. Rev. Alva Gulley was the first pastor. We were still having services only on Sunday, when a good Catholic man next door bought the building and sold it to us for a church.

In July, 1941, Rev. John Johnston, now deceased, was called as pastor, and the Sunday School and church began to grow.

In July, 1943, Rev. William Baldwin was called as pastor and a few changes took place. The small rooms which were on the front were taken off, new windows were put in and the attendance in Sunday School was growing. Then along came the war and many of our boys had to go.

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings, Brethren:

For the month of June I have been in various parts of the state and attended different churches and Quarterly meetings. I attended the Kansas City Quarterly Meeting and found our churches there progressing. We have seen a mission work started in Belton, Missouri with Bro. Junior Ussery in charge. There is also a new work starting in Marshfield, Missouri with Bro. William Reeves as pastor. I was also the evangelist in a meeting at the Festus Free Will Baptist Church at Festus, Missouri and also for the Teen

Sessions of the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. We saw souls saved or rededicated in both meetings.

The Co-operative receipts for the past month were higher than they have been because more churches have given. Also there are a number of bonds still for sale. These are the ones left: \$500.—Numbers 41-43-46-53-56-50; \$250.—Numbers 33-40-42-44-45-47-49-50-52-54-55-57-58-60-61-63-64; \$100.—Numbers 17-19-24-25-27-28-30-31-34-35.

When purchasing bonds by mail, please give second choice of bond number. Brethren, let us move forward. Buy or sell as many as you can. Since I am planning on attending as many of the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings as possible, I will have to know the dates. Please keep me informed of them and the places of the meetings.

In July, 1945, Rev. O. T. Allred was called as pastor and the basement was started. In 1947, Rev. Charles Miller was called as pastor, the basement was finished and a furnace was put in and we were still growing.

In July, 1950, Rev. Bob Hill came as pastor. A choir loft was built and thirty feet added to the auditorium with Sunday School rooms in the basement. We, also, bought a lot for parking and bought the parsonage next door. Three young men answered the call to preach: Rev. Bill Turnbough, who was the first pastor of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood, now in Kansas; Rev. Lawrence

Thompson, first pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Salem, Missouri, now in Sessar, Illinois; and Rev. Jerry Thompson. Bro. Bob and family went to Nashville, Tennessee to attend college.

In July, 1953, Rev. Don Ellis came as pastor. He was a young man who had graduated from Free Will Baptist College in Nashville. During this time the educational unit was built.

In late September of 1955, the Rev. Harvey E. Hill left the pastorate in Elizabethton, Tennessee and moved to Berkeley to accept the pastorate of our church. The church then had suffered

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SERMON OF THE MONTH

Additions to the Christian Life

REV. A. L. McFARLAND

New Pastor: South Side Free Will Baptist Church

St. Louis, Missouri

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Peter 1:5-8

All of us are acquainted with the common law of addition. It's the act of adding together or increasing something by adding another to it.

The Apostle Peter in our text tells us that if we want to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, then we must "add to."

Notice in verse 1 that Peter is writing to "those that have obtained like precious faith through the righteousness of Jesus Christ." Faith is precious, is it not? Faith unites the unbeliever to God. Faith is what we all have exercised if we are a Christian. Faith is what we are all exercising now if we are maintaining a Christian character and living a Christian life. And faith; exercised and maintained daily, continually, on the part of the Christian, will ultimately win the victory for him or her.

But let's recall a passage from James 2:20. "But wilt thou know, O vain

man, that faith without works is dead?" Faith is taking God at His Word, and at the same time realizing that we have some obligations to fulfill. We read in the second chapter of James that we are to show our faith by our works. I fear that there are many today who are resting in a bare profession of faith. They have no works that testify to their salvation.

How many of us take pleasure in a dead body? A body that is void of life, a body that has ceased to perform, a body that has given up all of its natural function? A dead body has no life. A dead body does no good deeds. A dead body blesses no one. Then how can God take pleasure in a faith that is not lived out by good works?

And I am not preaching that we are saved by our works. I am preaching that if we are saved, it is by "grace through faith" (Ephesians 2:8, 9), but if we are saved, genuinely saved, really saved, then we will have some works to back up our profession, and if we don't have some works to back up our profession, then somebody should bury us because we are dead. Listen to Titus 3:8. "This is a faithful saying, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."

There are only 75 words in the New Testament that appear more than 200 times. Words like "and" and "the." Yet the word "faith" appears 490 times in the New Testament. It must be important. How we ought to pray along with the apostles in Luke 17:5, "Lord, increase our faith."

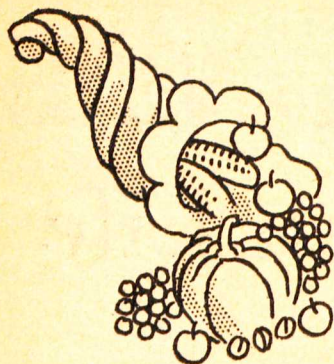
Why, beloved, God has given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness... pardon for our sin, adoption as God's children, possession of the Holy Spirit, an eternal inheritance. By God's will all who repent of their sin and receive Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour become partak-

ers of the divine nature of God. By His grace, God puts into us His nature. But we do not wholly operate upon God's gift, we have a part to do, too. God does plant within the Christian a new nature, but that nature is to be nurtured by the Christian himself. We hear a lot about folks backsliding from Christianity, but you never hear of a Christian simply sliding forward into success as a Christian. We've got to work at the job. We've got to be diligent, as Peter says. And here is where the common law of addition comes into view.

"Add to your faith virtue." To be a virtuous Christian means to "show some manly energy and some manly courage." The wise man in Proverbs 28:1 tells us that "the righteous are as bold as a lion." We've reached the day when Christians need to be Christians. We've reached the day when the Church needs to show some manly energy and some manly courage. And it takes courage to be a Christian.

Our Christian faith is not a religion of helpless husbands, weak wives, spineless spinsters, spunkless spectators, backward bachelors and useless youth. Our Christian faith is that which Jesus said that He would build, and the gates of hell could not prevail against it. A cowardly Christian who is afraid to profess the doctrines of the gospel, and practice the duties of the gospel, and live out the demands of the gospel

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

An Appeal for Information

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Board, Rev. O. T. Allred was appointed to secure all the information concerning the organization of the Missouri State Association as this year's session will be the 49th annual session. We want to set some definite goal of achievement for our Fiftieth Year.

If anyone has minutes of the first few State meetings, please send them to Rev. O. T. Allred, 904 Fifth St., Monett, Missouri. He will take what information that he can use and return the minutes to you.

A Successful Revival

The Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Valley Park recently closed a two-week revival meeting which was very successful. There were six conversions, thirteen rededications and five joining the church. The evangelist was Rev. Grover Pingleton, the pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba, Missouri. The pastor of the church is Rev. Bud Hill.

Union Light

Daily Vacation Bible School

We just closed our Daily Vacation Bible School at Union Light, June 9th. This was only the second school we had ever tried to have. There was an enrollment of 87 children with about 28 teachers and helpers. The Liberty Congregational Methodist Church came in with us. The theme for this year was, "My Bible and I." The children were very eager to learn more about the Word of God. And I do believe we all will love, cherish and read the Bible more than ever before.

Church Moves

The Westside Free Will Baptist Church which was formerly located in Wellston, Missouri has moved to 4910 North Broadway. The church is now known as the Northside Free Will Baptist Church. The pastor is Rev. Gene Davis.

Union Light Church Homecoming

The Union Light Church near Fredricktown, Missouri had their annual Homecoming June 10th. The guest speaker for the morning service was Rev. Albert Halbrook of Mine LaMotte, Missouri. The afternoon service consisted of singing by local groups.

COVER STORY . . .

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a financial setback and the attendance had dropped off until we were averaging only about 80 in Sunday School.

God certainly must have been in the leading of Rev. Hill our way, for almost at once, things began to improve. In a short period of time we were well on our way of getting out of the red, and attendance began to climb. Rev. Hill continued faithfully in his work for God at our church and things began to happen. New auxiliaries began to find their place in our church, organization of our whole church program was revised and remodeling and re-decorating began to take place.

Since Bro. Harvey Hill came to us almost 7 years ago, over 200 new members have been received into the church, with many accepting Christ as their Saviour, and many rededicating their lives to Him.

Our Sunday School has grown to approximately 225 average and with all other auxiliaries showing great improvement in number, spirituality and methods.

Much needed property has been purchased for more off-street parking and to make room for our beautiful new church sanctuary, which has now been completed.

Recently we moved into our new sanctuary which will seat 600 people and which has approximately 25 Sunday School class rooms. Dedication day was held on June 3, 1962 with many former pastors present, and almost 350 in Sunday School attendance and almost 500 for the afternoon dedication service. Rev. Billy Melvin, Na-

tional Executive Secretary of our denomination, brought the dedicatory message. Also many other ministers, and the Mayor of our City were present.

God has blessed us with a building which is valued at near \$200,000.00 and is one of the most beautiful buildings in our denomination.

Our pastor says none of this could have been accomplished without first; God's blessings upon us and then; the wonderful people who make up our church membership.

Hours upon hours of donated labor by our membership and the wonderful faithfulness and labor of our building committee has made this dream come true.

Our pastor has also stated that he feels the love, unity, and cooperation of all the members of the church, plus a most wonderful church board has caused God to shower His blessings upon us.

However, we feel we have just begun. A great challenge awaits us here in Berkeley and by God's help we hope to see our attendance doubled in a year or so. Please pray for us and our pastor as we begin new things for our blessed Redeemer; for we all realize that only through God's help and God's blessings can we really accomplish things for Him.

Mr. Lawrence Combs is now General Superintendent of our Sunday School; Mr. Jesse Hogan, assistant superintendent of our Sunday School; Mrs. Mildred Dobkins, superintendent of the Primary Department; Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, superintendent of the Junior Department; and Bro. Lonnie Skiles, General League Director.

Come visit us any time and remember the Missouri State Association meets at our church this year, August 21st through 23rd, 1962.

Come see us and our new building.

Yours For Christ,

Mrs. Mildred Dobkins

Charter Member of the Church

North Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptists

Organizational Session

RALEIGH, N. C.—The North Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptists organized June 26, 1962, purposed itself to turn from strife to a positive program of propagating the gospel around the world.

The key message delivered by Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, stated, "We are seeking a fellowship of brethren with a oneness of spirit which will eliminate friction from within and will provide a united effort for reaching our generation with the gospel message."

The association, meeting in an organizational session in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Raleigh registered 677 ministers, delegates, and visitors representing 8 conferences and associations from across the state. Churches officially representing accounted for more than 20,300 of the estimated 45,000 Free Will Baptists in North Carolina.

Formation of the new association was necessitated by the withdrawal of the North Carolina State Convention from the National Association of Free Will Baptists during March and the desire of numerous churches within the state to maintain its identification with the National Association and its world-wide ministry. The Rev. Wayne Smith, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield was elected moderator of the Association. He formerly held numerous positions in the North Carolina State Convention. The Rev. Milton Hollifield, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Swannanoa, was elected assistant moderator. Other officers elected were the Rev. Carey Watkins, pastor of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, clerk; the Rev. Wingate Hansley of Smithfield, treasurer.

An Executive Board was elected as follows: the Rev. Cecil Campbell of New Bern; the Rev. Sherman Branch of Marion; and the Rev. Eugene Waddell of Garner.

A Board of Trustees was elected as follows: the Rev. W. L. Kell of Marion; the Rev. Billy Allen of Gas-

tonia; and the Rev. T. E. Woody, 86 year-old veteran minister of Burnsville.

A Board of Missions was elected as follows: the Rev. Norman Perkins; the Rev. Gordan Sabastian of Hookerton; the Rev. Seldom Bullard of Morehead City; the Rev. Frank McQuaiy of Rockingham; and the Rev. Rashie Kennedy of Greenville.

An Orphanage Board was elected as follows: Mr. Charles Springle of Beaufort; the Rev. Ralph Willis of Kannapolis; the Rev. Harold Pitts of Canton; the Rev. Raymond Gaskins of Ayden; and the Rev. LaRue Davis of Greenville.

A Board of Superannuation was elected as follows: the Rev. Conrad Williford of Durham; Mr. Owen Thomas of Smithfield; the Rev. Thurman Hall of La Grange; the Rev. Leroy Cuttler of Jackenville; and the Rev. Roy Duckett of Kannapolis.

The Rev. D. W. Alexander, one of the oldest Free Will Baptist ministers in the state and holder of all major offices of the North Carolina State Convention was elected moderator-of-the-day. While bringing an opening message, Mr. Alexander referred to the fact that he had held many "exalted" positions in the Free Will Baptist denomination, but added, "I think that this is the highlight of my experience." He referred to the organizational session as being "the most important meeting ever held among Free Will Baptists of North Carolina." The senior minister called on the association to pray diligently to know more about God and His will and that Christ might truly reign in individual hearts and in the association.

The association adopted the constitution and by-laws stating that "the purpose of this organization shall be the establishment and maintenance of a voluntary association of autonomous Original Free Will Baptist Church... (and) affiliation with the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists and cooperation in its world-wide ministry."


In his key note address, Doctor

Johnson emphasized the fact that "we are not here to settle petty differences between contending brethren. Neither are we here with a spirit of vindictiveness, nor a gloating pride, nor a spirit of 'I told you so.' But, we are here to promote a cause in which we believe and which has been challenged."

He stated that the association was seeking a climate in which to work that will best promote the cause of Christ. "We are contending for an organizational framework which will guarantee the greatest thrust towards world evangelism."

A record breaking Missionary Offering of \$7,200 was received in the Monday night rally. Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., veteran of 22 years of missionary activity in Cuba, spoke to the group. More than 50 young people responded to her appeal to dedicate themselves to the service of Christ.

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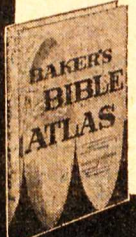
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Total Receipts \$1903.70

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"ADDITIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

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will be sorry some day. If we were as virtuous as God would have us to be, if we were exercising Christian courage as we should be, then the Church would be on the headlines of our newspapers instead of Communism and cutthroats.

Now, if you are a Christian, your backbone will stiffen in the face of opposition. You'll contend for the faith, you'll be a virtuous, energized, courageous Christian when the time comes to stand for Jesus Christ. So "add to your faith virtue." Say along with the Apostle Paul in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Say along with the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

And then "add to your virtue **knowl-
edge.**" What Peter means here is this, "experience some spiritual mental growth." The command to all Christians, especially young Christians, babes in Christ, is "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18) How do we experience this spiritual mental growth? By using the Word of God as He intended for us to use it.

When Jesus was experiencing His wilderness temptation (Matthew 4), He proved that the Word of God hidden deeply in the heart and mind is the best defense against any and all sin. He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Surely if there were more reading up on the Bible, there would be more measuring up to the Bible. If some Christians knew as little about their jobs as they do the Bible, they would have to be led to their work benches every morning. Do you want to be approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed? Then study the Bible. Would you like to please your Heavenly Father in everything that you do? Then live the Bible. Too many folks have tried, educationallywise, to master the Bible, when the thing that we need to do is let the teachings of the Bible master us. It isn't familiarity with the Bible that justifies us in the sight of God, it's a complete obedience to its teachings. There are some so-called Christian homes today with books on the shelves of their libraries that have no more business being there than a rattlesnake has crawling around on the floor. What we need to do is throw away the life, love, liberty and true romance

trash out of the magazine racks in our living room, wipe the dust off the Bible and fall in love with it. Then we can "add to our faith and virtue, knowledge."

And then comes "temperance."
"Add to your knowledge **temperance.**"

Now this is what we all need... control. Above all, be fully grown, able to control your passions. The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 9:25 says "every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." What does it mean to be temperate? It means, by the help of God to overcome that which is not good for your Christian life. When God saved us, He saved us from a lot, but He left with us one thing, our old fleshly nature, and our human desires are like a pack of wild horses, if we allow them to do so they will run away with us. A Christian can keep from doing wrong if he will just try.

Paul again speaks in I Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection." Paul meant, "I'm striving by the help of God to control my bodily passions."

Someone has said that we are living in a 3-D day, a 3-dimensional day... drunkenness, disease, and death. But I say that we're living in a 3-S day... sex, sensuality, and silliness. Our youth have gone sex wild, our adults have never put away childish things, and our earth as a whole has never grown up. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" How many of us have chased the Holy Spirit out of His dwelling place because of a sinful desire or passion? God help us to be temperate. God help us to "add to our faith, temperance."

Then, "add to your temperance **patience.**" Endure suffering as a Christian. Persevere to the end. The Bible teaches us that our faith will be tested. We have 3 great foes to face as Christians, 3 great foes to overcome. The world, the flesh, and the devil. The devil, of course, being the chief agent in testing our faith. But thank God, "where sin abounds, the grace of God does much more abound." "There is no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which ye are able to stand, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you might be able to bear it." BE PATIENT! What causes so many to fall by the way-side? Why do many begin right and then something happens to hinder their
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PROGRAM

Of the Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, to be held August 21-23, 1962 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 8900 Springdale Avenue, Berkeley, Missouri.

THEME: "Go and Tell."—Mark 5:19

CONVENTION OFFICERS

Rev. O. T. Allred—Monett, Mo., Moderator.

Rev. O. T. Dixon—Mtn. Grove, Mo., Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Roger Reeds—St. Louis, Mo., Clerk.

TUESDAY EVENING—AUGUST 21

7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Davie Combs.

7:45 P. M. Music.

8:00 P. M. Convening of the Session—Rev. Roger Reeds.

Welcome—Rev. Harvey Hill; Response—Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Moderator's Message—Rev. O. T. Allred.

Appointment of Committee on Committees.

Introductory Message—Rev. Lester Jones.

Topic: "In Jerusalem."

9:15 P. M. Dismissal.

10:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting—Rev. Woodrow Matthews in charge. (In Basement Hall)

WEDNESDAY MORNING—AUGUST 22

9:00 A. M. Devotional—Rev. Grover Terry.

Receive Letters and Seat Delegates.

Receive Letters from Corresponding Bodies.

Seat Corresponding Messengers.

Reading of the By-Laws.

Report of Committee on Committees.

9:55 A. M. Adjourn for Woman's Auxiliary Program.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—AUGUST 22

7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Cletus Nichols.

7:45 P. M. Music.

8:00 P. M. Message—Rev. Homer Willis.

Topic: "In Judea and Samaria."

9:15 P. M. Dismissal.

THURSDAY MORNING—AUGUST 23

9:00 A. M. Devotional—Rev. Roger Reeds.

9:15 A. M. Business Period.

Report of the Statistician—Miss Leona Thompson.

Report of the General Board and Executive Committee.

Report of the Youth Camp Board.

Report of the State Treasurer.

Report of the State Promotional Secretary.

Report of the Business Committee (Partial).

10:45 A. M. Recess from Business Period.

11:00 A. M. Message—Rev. Glen Rehkop.

12:00 Noon—Adjourn for Lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 23

1:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Tharold Edwards.

1:45 P. M. Business Period.

Report of the Business Committee. (Cont'd and completed)

Report of the Superannuation Board.

Report of the Missions Committee.

Report of the Obituary Committee.

Report of the Placement Committee.

Report of the Temperance Committee.

Report of the Publications Committee.

Report of the State Sunday School and League Board.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

4:30 P. M.—Adjourn Business Period.

THURSDAY EVENING—AUGUST 23

7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Grover Pingleton.

7:45 P. M. Music.

8:00 P. M. Message—Rev. Reford Wilson.

Topic: "Unto the Uttermost Part."

9:15 P. M. Final Adjournment.



THE MODERATOR SPEAKS

As Moderator of the Missouri State Association and Chairman of the General Board, I would like to make this appeal to the ministers of our State concerning the selling of the remainder of the Headquarters and Book Store Bonds. There is still one-half of these bonds not sold. Many of us are depending upon Bro. Harry Beatty to do all of the selling. However, this is not entirely his job, but the job of each and every one of us.

While in St. Louis recently, Bro. Beatty informed me that only one minister in the state has gone out and sold some bonds. It is very needful that we sell the remainder of the bonds between now and the State Association. This can only be done if each minister would present this matter to the members of their churches. These bonds are a very good investment because of drawing six per cent interest payable semi-annually. One minister sold his banker a bond for his own personal investment. When bankers see in this a good investment, this should be proof that it is a sound business venture. If each pastor would sell just one bond in the next thirty days, all of the bonds would be sold by State Meeting.

Will you do your part to make this a success? I am not asking anyone to do something that I will not, and have not already done.

Rev. O. T. Allred



THE MISSION FIELD

THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL

A will is the basic instrument of any estate planning. Without a will, the individual loses all control over the distribution of his estate. The laws of intestacy determine the distribution of an estate in the absence of a will. It is only common sense for every individual—young and old—to see his lawyer about the drafting of a will.

It may be that by including Free Will Baptist Home Missions (National Board) in your will, you can satisfy more of your personal interests than would otherwise be possible. For further information on how to draft such a will write:

General Treasurer
National Home Missions Board
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee

URGENT NEED IN ALASKA

When you see this, please read carefully and then go to prayer. Brother Lee Whaley with his family, and Bro. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin are in Alaska as Free Will Baptist missionaries. They need funds for their accounts immediately. Search your heart and see if you can help.

—Home Missions Board

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Mountain Grove	30.00
South East Missouri	
F. W. B. Convention	25.00
Cooperative Plan of Support ..	363.87
Missionary Midgets,	
Kansas City	1.32

New Harmony Sunday School	35.89
Aileen Calvery Circle	10.00
Macedonia Sunday School ..	15.00
Sunday School Class, Berkeley	5.00
W. N. A. C.	99.16
Aulsbury Chapel Church	69.21
Free Will Baptist Church	40.00
Hazel Creek Union	64.72
Missouri State Association of	
Free Will Baptists	18.75
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church	10.00
Farmington F. W. B. Church ..	205.84
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	164.80
Fellowship F. W. B. Church ..	135.00
Wolf Creek F. W. B. Church	5.00
Parkview F. W. B. Church	48.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church	16.00
Willow Springs F. W. B. Ch.	12.82
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley	75.00
Meramec F. W. B. Church	13.86
First F. W. B. Church,	
Kansas City	42.00
Free Will Baptist Church,	
Fredericktown	40.00
First Free Will Baptist	
Woman's Auxiliary, Monett	20.41
First Free Will Baptist	
Woman's Aux., St. John ..	15.00
Oak Grove F. W. B.	
Sunday School Class	15.00
Beacon F. W. B. Church	10.00
Beacon F. W. B. Church	12.00
Oak Grove F. W. B.	
Sunday School Class	15.00
Total Receipts	\$3159.65

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS OFFERINGS

MISSOURI

May, 1962

First F. W. B. Church,	
Fredericktown	\$ 20.00
South Side F. W. B. Church,	
St. Louis	30.10
Farmington F. W. B. Church ..	88.20
Finis E. Sorrell	1.00
W. N. A. C. Headquarters	2.50
Co-op Headquarters	181.93
Mo. State Association of	
Free Will Baptists	6.25
H. S. Vandivort	20.00

New Harmony S. S., Greentop	59.82
Pauline Hughes, Farmington ..	1.00
Rutha Altis	14.00
Berkeley F. W. B. League,	
Berkeley	20.00
Virgil Wischart	10.00
Total Receipts	\$454.80

Christian and Missionary Alliance

Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Miami, Florida (MNS)—Meeting in its 75th Annual General Council, the Christian and Missionary Alliance laid plans for continued missionary advance by setting forth a program which will this year cost a record \$4,500,000—a 15% increase over last year. Today there are 860 Alliance missionaries, who serve in 24 fields and preach in 180 languages. They publish about 91,000,000 pieces of literature a year and conduct 162 radio broadcasts per week in 16 languages. The report of the Foreign Secretary, Rev. L. L. King, also showed that about 10,000 have been baptized in the overseas branches of the church during the past year.

Biblical University Alliances Meet In Brazil

Sao Paulo, Brazil (MNS)—Approximately one hundred students from Central and Southern Brazil met near here in April for the sixth National Camp of Biblical University Alliances.

The program for the gathering included Bible Studies by Professor Samuel Escobar of Cordoba, Argentina. Professor Ruth Siemens, national secretary of the organization presented practical suggestions for conducting an effective witness among university students.

During the gathering the university alliance represented organized themselves into the Alianza Biblica Universitaria (ABU), a national organization which will serve as coordinator for the 25 local groups. The Alianza is related to the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Communications and Evangelism In Latin America to be Subject of Meet

Lima, Peru (MNS)—The vacation center of Huampani (some 30 kilometers from here) will be the scene of a ten-day convocation of evangelical leaders from all over Spanish-speaking America from September 17-26, 1962. It is expected that between 300 and 400 will gather for the study on communications sponsored by LEAL and DIA, and studies on evangelism under the sponsorship of a committee of 22 outstanding leaders in evangelical endeavors, including 12 from Latin American countries, 8 from the United States and 2 from England.

The conference will discuss the effective use of literature, radio and a strong evangelistic program in challenging Latin America, under the theme: "The Good News Through New Media for the New World."

Three days will be given to each phase of communications with concentrated emphasis on immediate and future strategy. The first three days (September 17-19) of the closely coordinated conference will be under the leadership of LEAL (Literature Evangelica para American Latina), stressing know-how and development for the rapidly growing evangelical publishing concerns, and the multiplying bookstores and distribution outlets. DIA (Difusiones Inter-Americanas) will lead the studies in radio-television technique and its adaptability to Latin America, September 20-22. CLASE (Consulta Latino-Americana Sobre Evangelismo) will thoroughly discuss the current

need, opportunity, and means for evangelism in Latin America. Workers who attend will receive instruction in practical methods of evangelism which are already being used in other areas with the evident blessing of God. September 23-26 are the dates for CLASE.

In all departments of the conference speakers will be giving delegates practical ideas for the total mobilization of all communications media to make known the Gospel throughout each country. There will be panel sessions and discussion groups to provide for participation by the delegates. Exhibits will be provided by booksellers, radio stations, recording studios, film producers and others involved in the audio-visual field.

Among the many missionary leaders attending the joint conference will be Dr. Clarence Jones, leader in the World Conference on Missionary Radio and co-founder of the Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador; Mr. Harold Kregel of Spain, representing Literatura Evangelical Espanola; Professor Fernando Vangioni, evangelical leader from Argentina; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, Washington, D. C.; Rev. John Savage of the Evangelical Missionary Alliance of England; Rev. Ruben Lores, evangelist and pastor of the Templo Biblico, San Jose, Costa Rica; Dr. Kenneth Strachan, international coordinator of Evangelism in Depth and General Director of the Latin America Mission; Dr. Harold Street, Executive Secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas; Mr. William Moore, Executive Secretary of

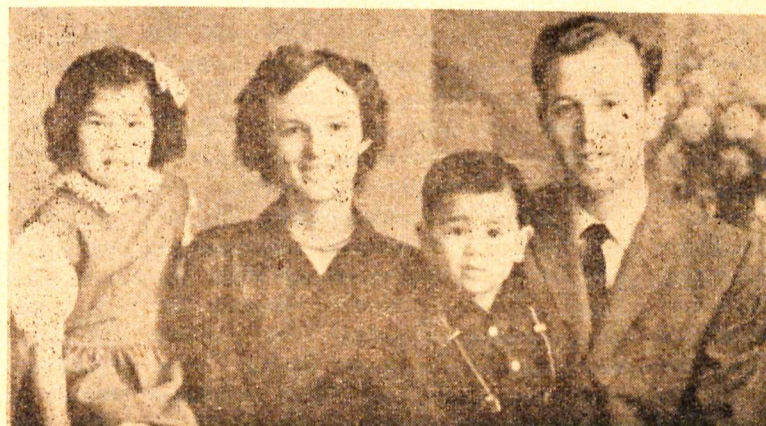
Christian Booksellers Association, Inc.; and Rev. J. Hubert Cook, President of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association.

LEAL and DIA have been operating as coordinating agencies for literature and radio-TV throughout most of the past decade. A great number of Christian publishers and bookstores, and radio stations and recording studios in Latin America are members of one of the organizations. The occasional gatherings of the members give growing strength to the cooperative ventures in broadcasting and literature.

With no attempt to form a new organization an informal committee has prepared the interdenominational consultation on evangelism for the study, investigation and inspiration of mass evangelism. The following are members of the Pro-CLASE Committee: Arturo Arana, Bolivia; George Constance, U.S.A.; Hubert Cook, U.S.A.; Eldon Durant, U.S.A.; Jose Fajardo, Colombia; Horace Fenton, U.S.A.; Israel Garcia, Puerto Rico; William Gillam, U.S.A.; Rafael Herrera, Guatemala; Ismael Higuera, Chile; Melvin Hodges, U.S.A.; Miguel Lecaro, Ecuador; Harold Legant, U.S.A.; Jose Liscano, Venezuela; Moises Lopez, Mexico; Ruben Lores, Costa Rica; Rodolfo Mejia, Nicaragua; Federico Munoz, Peru; John Savage, England; H. Sutton, England; Clyde Taylor, U.S.A.; Fernando Vangioni, Argentina.

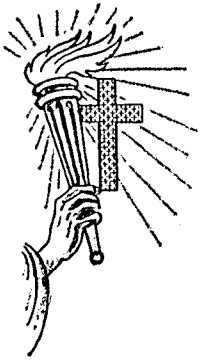
Additional information may be secured by writing: II Congreso, Apartado 3813, San Jose, Costa Rica or CLASE, Room 100, Western Union Building, Washington 5, D. C.

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Woman's Auxiliary

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, June 5th, in fellowship hall of the church with ten members in attendance. The opening song was "Bringing In the Sheaves," followed with prayer by Eileen Hard.

During the business session, the secretary's report was read and approved and the offering was taken.

The program was "God Answers Prayer!" and the introduction was by Edith Keeney. The setting of the program was highlighted with a large clock and as each gave their topic the hands of the clock were moved. Topic 1, "The Reason for Peter's Imprisonment," was given by Genevieve White; topic 2, "The Church at Prayer," by Lizzie Williams; topic 3, "God's Answer," by Pearl Gammon; topic 4, "God's Provision for Peter," by Alberta Davis; topic 5, "God's Ifs," by Marion Wilson.

The closing sentence prayer was by Jean Blakeley, Farron Jones, Marion Wilson and Edith Keeney.

Delicious refreshments of strawberries and ice cream were served by Pearl Gammon and Eileen Hard. Those in attendance were: Marion Wilson, Farron Jones, Pansy Keeney, Edith Keeney, Alberta Davis, Eileen Hard, Pearl Gammon, Genevieve White, Jean Blakeley and children, Sharon and Toni, and Lizzie Williams.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Flat River met at the church on Tuesday, June 5th for their Co-Labor study and to elect officers for the coming year. There were thirteen members and three children present. Service was opened by singing, "Bringing In the Sheaves." Prayer by Sis. Hilderbrand. Scripture, John 10:16; 14:12-14 was read by Sis. Edith Brooks and the program was then given. The title of the program was, "God Answers Prayer."

After the program, the election of officers was held with the following elected: President, Doris Raper; vice president, Rachel Milburn; secretary and treasurer, Alberta Turley; Youth chairman, Bernice Dodd; corresponding secretary, Minnie Burcham; Study Course chairman, Norma Williams; Prayer chairman, Edith Brooks; Personal Service chairman, Zelma Baker. The meeting was then dismissed in prayer by Sis. Ruth Wilfong. May God bless each of the new officers and may our Auxiliary go forward to glorify His name.

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church held their regular meeting Monday night, June 4th with eleven members and two visitors present. The president, Claudia Combs, opened the meeting by reading from John 14:12-14 and John 12:24-25. The opening song was sung and then we were led in prayer by Sis. Langel. The lesson, "God Answers Prayer," was given as a round table discussion and was enjoyed by all. The topics were given by the following: Sis. G. Stephens, Sis. Addie Adkisson, Sis. Langel, Sis. Betty Bell and Sis. C. Combs.

The business meeting was then held and some of the items discussed were concerning the sending of the young people to youth camp and also the Vacation Bible School which was to be held June 11-16. The officers for the coming year are: President, Claudia Combs; vice president, Ella James; recording secretary, Hattie Sims; corresponding secretary, Ruby Blankenship; assistant corresponding secretary, Sis. Lange; treasurer, Betty Bell; Personal Service chairman, Beulah Gilliam; assistant Personal Service chairman, Gracie Stephens; Study Course chairman, Effie Lou Moss; assistant Study Course chairman, Rachel Murray; G. T. A. leader, E. Adkisson; assistant G. T. A. leader, Norma Jean

Morris; Program Prayer chairman, Addie Adkisson; assistant Program Prayer chairman, L. Cline; chairman of Music, Louise Lewis. We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Addie Adkisson.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met June 4th in the home of Sis. Edna Carder. The meeting was called to order by singing, "Bringing In the Sheaves." The visitors were then welcomed by the president, Sis. Alma Mason. She then read from John 10:16; 14:12-14; Isaiah 21:11-12 and John 12:24-25 and made a few comments. Prayer by Sis. Alice Dickey. The topics were given by the following: Sis. Edna Carder, Sis. Fern Smith, Sis. Saxa Fielding, Sis. Alma Mason, and Sis. Ann Smicker. We were led in prayer by Sis. Saxa Fielding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A motion was to take the quilt pieces to Sis. Saxa Fielding, who has volunteered to piece the tops. These quilts will be sent to the Mexico-Arizona Mission at Nogales.

Sis. Fielding gave a report on benevolence work done during the year. The balance in the benevolence treasury was \$15.00. We were then led in prayer by Sis. Vallie Grant.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Sis. Edna Carder; vice president, Sis. Vallie Grant; Youth chairman, Sis. Emolene Moser; Study Course chairman, Sis. Alma Mason; Program Prayer chairman, Sis. Betty Hensley; Personal Service chairman, Sis. Saxa Fielding; secretary and treasurer, Sis. Fern Smith; assistant sec. -treas., Sis. Ann Smicker. Benediction by Sis. Ann Smicker.

FROM JOPLIN:

Nine members of the Joplin Woman's Auxiliary met at the church June 12th for their regular monthly meeting. It was opened by singing, "Bringing In the Sheaves." We were

then led in prayer by Barbara Oxendine, the acting president. Our president, Sis. Opal Williams was not with us due to the sickness of her husband. Our prayer was that God would thrust forth laborers into the vineyard. The Scripture reading was John 10:16; 14:12-14; Isaiah 21:11-12 and John 12:24-25. The topics were as follows: "The Reason for Peter's Imprisonment" by Ruth Roush; "The Church At Prayer" by Barbara Oxendine; "God's Provisions for Peter" by Desse Byrd; "God's Ifs" by Leota Hollingsworth.

At the close of the program we elected officers for the coming year: President, Mildred Hutchings; vice president, Doris Cantrell; Youth chairman, Mildred Gandy; Study Course chairman, Barbara Oxendine; Program chairman, Leota Hollingsworth; Benevolence chairman, Irene DeMasters; secretary and treasurer, Lucille Largent. We closed our meeting with an altar prayer. Pray for us that we might ever be strong and faithful in the Lord's work.

FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday, June 12th for their regular monthly meeting with thirteen members and four visitors present. The business meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Lorene Pohnert. Sis. Ina Bennett led the group in the singing and Sis. Maxine Bostic led in prayer. The Scripture was taken from John 10:16; 14:12-14; Isaiah 21:11-12 and John 12:24-25.

Reports were given by the different officers and old and new business was discussed. Officers for the next year were then elected: President, Lorene Pohnert; vice president, Helen Underwood; Youth chairman, Maxine Bostic; Study Course chairman, Jean Lau; Program Prayer chairman, Phyllis Miller; treasurer, Clara Allen; Personal Service chairman, Elsie Worel; corresponding secretary, Ruby Brewer; recording secretary, Charlene H. Janes; song leader, Nettie Bennett.

After the business meeting, Sis. Phyllis Miller led us in our program. A duet was given by Sis. Ina Bennett and Sis. Phyllis Miller. Topics were given by Sisters, Clara Allen, Lorene Pohnert, Ina Bennett and Elsie Worel. Our meeting was closed in prayer by Sis. Baker.

A wedding shower was given at the

close of the meeting for Victor and Dorothy Coble. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served in the basement by the ladies.

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary, Y. P. A., G. T. A. and the Missionary Midgets met at the church June 14 at 7:00 p. m. for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting began by singing, "Bringing In the Sheaves" and the Scripture readings were taken from John 10:16; 14:12-14 and Isaiah 21:11. Sis. Braxine Evans led in prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. We were dismissed into our various groups.

The Woman's Auxiliary answered their roll call with different Scriptures. We had twelve members present. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Jean Grissom; vice president, Mrs. Marilyn Boaz; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Delma Branson; Study Course chairman, Mrs. Georgia Glenn; Personal Service chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Patton; Program Prayer chairman, Mrs. Mildred Kensinger; Youth chairman, Mrs. Agnus Terry; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Braxine Evans; sponsor for the Missionary Midgets, Mrs. Orviall Heftner; G. T. A. sponsor, Mrs. Agnus Terry; Y. P. A. sponsor, Mrs. Beatrice Felts.

The Program Chairman took charge of the program. Those giving topics were: Mrs. Beatrice Felts, Mrs. Braxine Evans, Mrs. Elizabeth Patton, Mrs. Arvella Points and Mrs. Marilyn Boaz. The Auxiliary's project for the month of June was the sending of dish towels, dish rags and shower curtains to the Youth Camp. We were then dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Orviall Heftner and Mrs. Agnus Terry.

FROM HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS:

Dear Auxiliary Workers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour Jesus Christ. As the National Woman's Auxiliary is soon to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, I am making an appeal to you presidents to bring this Prayer and Fast Band up in the National Convention and insist that it be put up before the body. I may be too late to get this letter in the paper before the Convention meets, if so, when you do read it, every president put it before your local Auxiliary.

Here is the plan: The first Sunday in every month let each woman fast

for breakfast and give the price of it to this project. Then send the amount directly to the National Headquarters to be used where it is needed. Just think how much money would be coming into our National Headquarters if each Auxiliary would start this plan.

God gave me this plan and if you will try it, I feel that God will bless you for it. We need funds and this is a splendid method.

May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Vacation Bible School of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River closed Friday, June 15th after a two-week session. The school enjoyed a picnic at Desloge Park. Sunday evening the closing program was well attended with the background being a large open Bible, four feet by six feet. The church pastor, Rev. Dale Jones, served as director of the school.

The teachers this year were: Nursery, Lucy Shaffer and Alberta Davis; Beginner, Marion Wilson and Midge Wilson; Primary, Jean Blakeley, Trudy Busenbark, Diana Honbeck, and Marilyn Hard; Junior Boys, Rev. Dale Jones, Frankie Eaton and Anna Mae Faircloth; Junior Girls, Beulah Henson, Oma Barker, Laura Roussin, Goldie Black; Intermediate, Lizzie Williams and Farron Jones; Teens, Lee Gammon and Harold Hard. (The Teen Class met at night.) Shirley Vineyard was secretary and Marjorie Long was assistant secretary. The serving committee was Allie Thurman, Ann Wilson and Bessie Kirkpatrick.

During the Bible School the total enrollment was 102 and ten young people made their decision for Christ. The theme was, "My Bible and I."

100,000 Gospels Distributed In Colombia

Englewood, N. J. (MNS)—With the Pocket Testament League campaign only partially concluded 100,000 Gospels of John have been distributed in Colombia, South America, it was announced here by Mr. Alfred A. Kunz, the League's international director. In the city of Medellin, where fanatical opposition to the Gospel has often flared, the mayor granted permission to hold open-air meetings. Other meetings were held in universities, high schools, army barracks, and a naval base.

Funeral Services For Gussie Hamblin

Mrs. Gussie Hamblin of Flat River, member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River for over 40 years, died early Friday morning, June 15th, being 63 years, 1 month and 16 days of age. She was born April 30, 1889 at Fredericktown, daughter of Caroline Pruett of West Plains and the late George W. Pruett.

Her husband, George W. Hamblin preceded her in death in 1951. She was also preceded in death by her father, one brother and one sister. Those surviving are her mother, Caroline Pruett of West Plains; one daughter, Glenda Lee (Mrs. Clark Ray) of St. Louis; two sons, Paul Hamblin of Memphis, Tennessee and Lloyd Hamblin of Flat River; six grandchildren; two sisters, Miss Doshia Pruett of Fredericktown and Mrs. Minnie Smith of Doe Run; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hamblin were held Sunday, June 17th at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River with the church pastor, Rev. Dale Jones, officiating. Interment was in the Parkview Cemetery under the direction of Raymond Caldwell and Son Funeral Service.

Mrs. Hamblin was a very faithful member and worker in the First Church. She was a regular attendant for all services. She sang in the choir, has taught Sunday School, League, Bible School and was a member of the Ladies' Mission and the Woman's Auxiliary. She regularly attended the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, State Meetings and when possible, the National Association and usually served as a delegate.

Funeral Services For Emma Holland

Mrs. Emma Ida Holland of Saco died Tuesday, May 1 at the age of 83 years.

The deceased woman was born Oct. 13, 1878 in Doe Run to the late William and Sarah Brown. She was united in marriage to William Irvin McCutcheon in 1894 at Doe Run, and three children were born to this union. After her husband passed away, she re-married Thomas W. Holland in 1930 at Leadwood.

Survivors include: Two sons, Willard and Herbert McCutcheon of Fredericktown; one daughter, Mrs. Lottie Roberts of Houston, Missouri; and one sister, Mrs. Lillie Bone of Farmington.

Her husband, four brothers and one sister died earlier.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 3 at the Union Light Church with burial in the Union Light Cemetery, the Reverends J. D. Long and James Mills officiating.

The pallbearers were Orville May, Troy McCutcheon, George Sales, Jesse Sikes, Ralph D. McCutcheon and Joe Lenhard. Najim Funeral Home of Fredericktown was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Holland was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral Services For Lelia Taylor

Lelia I. Taylor of Flat River died at the Bonne Terre Hospital, May 12th. She was born in Zanesfield, Ohio, August 13, 1879, the daughter of the late Charles Scott and Margaret Jacobs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dave, and one daughter, Intha. Surviving are two sons, Cecil Taylor and Luke Taylor both of Flat River; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 14 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River with the church pastor, Rev. Dale Jones, officiating. Interment was in the Parkview Cemetery under the direction of the Murphy Sparks Funeral Service.

Mrs. Taylor was a faithful member of the First Free Will Baptist Church. She was also very faithful to her Sunday School class, the Naomi Class.

Funeral Services For Charles Womack

Charles R. Womack of Rivermines died Sunday, June 10th at his residence, being 68 years, 8 months and 29 days of age. He was the son of Robert Womack and Eveline (Mayberry) Womack, born September 11, 1893 at Mine LaMotte, Mo.

He is survived by his wife, Emma (Wampler) Womack of Rivermines, three daughters, Bernice (Mrs. Buford Bennett) of St. Louis; Linda (Mrs. Homber Pratte) of Bonne Terre and Jean (Mrs. Wyeth Maze) of Rivermines and five grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River. The funeral was June 13 at two o'clock at the church with the church pastor, Rev. Dale Jones, officiating. Interment was in the Hillview Memorial Gardens under the direction of Murphy Sparks Funeral Service.

World Evangelical Fellowship Moves Headquarters to London

Hong Kong (MNS)—During its recent meeting here the general council of the World Evangelical Fellowship took action to move its headquarters from the United States to London, England. At the same time plans were laid for the immediate establishment of a regional office in Asia. Prospects for opening regional offices in Latin America and Africa were discussed.

The Reverend Gilbert W. Kirby, general secretary of the Evangelical Alliance of England was chosen to direct the London office. He succeeds the Reverend Fred Ferris of Muscatine, Iowa. The WEF general council is made up of delegates representing the fellowships and associations of evangelicals in various countries of the world. The 27 delegates to the Hong Kong council meeting came from twelve different countries. Other fellowships were unable to send delegates.

The new Asia office will seek to encourage and extend fellowship and cooperative efforts among evangelicals. So far this work has largely been carried on through the efforts of individuals committed to the objectives of the WEF," said Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association of Washington, D. C. who served as a delegate from the United States.

Elected as president of the World Evangelical Fellowship was Dr. Everett A. Cattell, president of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, while the Reverend I. Ben Wati of India was elected vice president. The new treasurer of the organization is Mr. W. O. Rottschäfer, a layman from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Other members of the executive committee are: Mr. B. E. Fernando of Ceylon, Dr. Rene Pache of Switzerland, Dr. James Dickson of Taiwan, and the Reverend John Savage of England. Chairmen of the WEF commissions are as follows: Commission on Spiritual Ministry, Dr. Timothy Dzaio, Hong Kong; Commission on Religious Liberty, the Reverend Gilbert Kirby, England; Commission on Missions, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, U.S.A.; Commission on Literature, the Reverend Harold Street, U.S.A.; Commission on Communications, Dr. Robert Bowman, Philippines; and Commission on Youth, Dr. Stacey Woods, U.S.A. and Switzerland.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO COME TO OUR CHURCH....

Would You Like to Know Why?

It isn't just to acquaint you with a new circle of friends. You could make more acquaintances in other churches larger than ours. Perhaps you have more friends now than time to visit them.

It isn't just to make you happy. Perhaps you are sure that you would feel happier for a few hours extra sleep Sunday morning, plus a hearty unhurried breakfast.

Neither is it just to add to the size of our church. We want to grow, but the reason we want to grow isn't first to help ourselves or to help you. Our purpose is greater than that.

We'd like you to come to our church to worship God. Of course in these days of vague words, that sentence could mean almost anything. But after all, the key to worship of God isn't our idea of the kind of worship God should have, but rather correct information as to the kind of worship God wants and will accept. And where may we get such information? In Christianity there is the answer to that question. We may learn what to believe about God and how to worship and obey Him from the Bible.

In our church we are concerned to worship God as He has commanded. The Bible makes it plain that we cannot come before God in our own right, because we are sinful men, and have disobeyed His commandments. But the Bible also makes plain that God has wrought in history a great program of salvation by which sinners are forgiven and again brought into communion with Him. That program is centered on the work of Jesus the Son of God, who was born of the virgin Mary in order that He might become our representative before God in living for us and bearing in His death the punishment for our sin. Jesus declared, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

In our worship of God, therefore, we come through Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And we come giving careful attention to the Word of God. We believe we must first hear what God says to us before we pray to Him. Since the Gospel is the good news of certain facts of history we want to learn about those facts, and their bearing on us. And since the Bible is God's complete record of these facts and their meaning, we have preached from our pulpit only the Bible.

We want you to come along with us to learn about God from His Word so that we may worship and serve Him together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1961-62

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
First Church, Springfield ...												
Victory, Kansas City	59	72			77	70	62	85	85	79	73	
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	201
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		
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	67
Hannon	50	48	49	60		52						
Joplin							78	94	75	89	78	
Kirksville	82	89	84	91	95	80	63	82	86	91	85	
Grant Ave., Springfield ...	121	104	135	138	123	109	108	126	124	143	121	131
Hazel Creek	48	54	49	56	52	47	35	53	52			
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				
Mine La Motte	32	24	24	28	25	32	16	28	34	38	31	
First Church, Waynesville									32			
First Church, Kansas City	54	60	57	62								
First Church, Lebanon	59	55	57	64	58	57	58	73	74	77		
Overland Church	110	115	121	134	127	120	88	139	140	155		
Neosho							64	60				
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	75
Festus	39	46	45	38	52	47						
Bethel, West Plains	147	138	143	138	128	120	108	128	138	153	145	
Desloge	110	108	130	131	133	120	102	122	114	122	121	112
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	161	164	169	168	162	163	133	166	166	180	165	
Thayer	85	99	93	102	108	118	85	117	115	122	108	
Meramec Heights			29	30	31	29	27	28	35	40		
Skyline Armourdale Ch. ...	67	70	78	68	70		70	88	107			
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Letters from the Readers

Niangua, Mo.
June 8, 1962

Dear Bro. Hill:

I would like to report on the Liberty Quarterly Meeting, which convened with the Little Vine F. W. B. Church June 2, 1962. There were 9 or 10 ministers present. Rev. Jimmy Odell was given a license to preach and Rev. Bob Linville was ordained. There was complete cooperation from all present, which made it one of the best quarterly meetings I have attended for a very long time. I was inspired to write a poem about the meeting that very afternoon; and a few days before that, I composed another poem I would like to pass along, in hopes that it would be a benefit to someone. Our family enjoys the Gem very much, keep it coming. Here are my poems:

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"QUARTERLY MEETING UNITY" LITTLE VINE CHURCH

Money could not buy, the blessings
I've received,
At our quarterly-meeting, what a
unity we weaved!
All the business was carried on, in a
Christian way,
And the ministers, who preached,
gave us food for thought, today.
They told us how to live, and be a
guiding light,
And if we heed their teachings,
our candles will be bright;
So, in this year 1962, June the
second day,
Let's remember our Creator, let's
teach and hope and pray.
May we, who've gathered here, in
such unity,
Continue on that path, that leads
to eternity;
Show the world that you are heaven-
ward bound,
And in God's favor, let us always
be found.

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"A STUMBLINGBLOCK OR A A STEPPING STONE?"

We travel this road of life here but
once,
We make our opportunities, as we
go along;
As we carve our name in the span
of time,
Are we a stumblingblock, or a
stepping stone?

Do we practice what we preach each
day?

Show our erring brother, the
bright and shining way?

Do we tell them of Christ, who for
their sins atoned?

Are we a stumblingblock, or a
stepping stone?

Take heed, my brother, someone is
watching you,

Many will try to do the same
things that you do;

You are sure to reap all the seeds
that you have sown;

Don't be a stumblingblock, just
be a stepping stone.

Mrs. Charley Mackie

R. R. 1. Niangua, Mo.

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Dear Friends In Christ:

Now that the rainy season is here the
underbrush and grass grow so quickly
and in such abundance that some of the
roads are almost hidden. With the
rains come the mosquitoes, tsetse flies,
snakes, and other pests. Today, about
noon, we killed a spitting cobra in the
front yard and the other day a small,
poisonous snake beside the house. We
suppose that you think that we are
afraid to step out of the house, but it
really isn't as dangerous as it sounds.
You just have to watch where you are
going.

We have no need to worry about
physical or spiritual dangers as long as
we walk with the Lord Jesus, and such
trivial things as insects and the weather
are no cause to complain to each other
or to Him.

Now for the good news. By the time
you receive this letter we will be the
parents of another child. Dr. Miley
has already come down from Doropo
and is waiting to perform the delivery.
We had thought to wait until after its
birth to tell you, but everything seems
to be perfectly normal.

Our Christian work is going along
normally except that for the last three
weeks Lonnie hasn't been staying away
from home at night.

Some of the problems we have here
are not known in the States. For ex-
ample, in one village where we had
preached about three times there had
been four confessions of faith. The

fourth time we went, there were about
six more who wanted to become Chris-
tians. In telling them how to be saved
we told them they had to repent of
their sins, and we began to name some
of these sins. When we named drink-
ing, fornication, adultery, stealing, ly-
ing, smoking, etc., they were ready to
repent of these things, but when we
told them that those who had more
than one wife had to let all but the
first one go, three of the men who had
more than one wife said it was too
hard and left.

Naming these sins is much more
necessary here than in the States. In
the States these sin are often only
spectator sports, but here they are part
of an open every day life. There it is
of the heart; here it is accepted action.
These people have never heard what
God requires of His people until we
tell them. We feel sorry for those who
have lived as polygamists for several
years and find it too hard to change
now, but we cannot change God's
Word for anyone.

Pray for us as we continue to teach
the Word of God that we might have
the guidance and power of the Holy
Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Lonnie and Bernice Palmer

Missionaries Abducted by Communists In Viet Nam

Saigon, Viet Nam (MNS)—On the
evening of May 30 an armed Com-
munist guerrilla band attacked a lepro-
sarium in a remote region 150 miles
northeast of Saigon and kidnapped
three American missionaries. The
Christian and Missionary Alliance lep-
rosarium was located 14 kilometers
from the town of Ban Me Thuot and
was served by a staff which included
12 Americans.

The three missionaries abducted by
the Communists were the Rev. A. E.
Mitchell of Bly, Oregon; Mr. Daniel
Gerber of Pennsylvania; and a woman,
Dr. E. A. Vietti of Houston, Texas.
The nine other Americans at the lepro-
sarium, including four women nurses
and Mr. Mitchell's wife, were not
molested. Mrs. Mitchell and the chil-
dren escaped to the town of Ban Me
Thuot, eight miles away, and gave the
alarm.

Units of the Viet Nameese army were
sent to look for the kidnapers. The
Rev. T. G. Mangham, Jr., director of
the Christian and Missionary Alliance
work in Viet Nam, said the Communist
Viet Cong attacked the camp in
strength, stealing food and supplies.

Colombian Schools

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—Press reports, which late last month declared that guarantees of non-discrimination had been written into the aid contract for Colombian school funds, have been denied by official sources here and in Bogota. The official denial claimed the reports were inaccurate and their source unidentified.

The fact remains that Dr. Jaime Posada, Colombia's Minister of Education, confirmed in writing to the United States Ambassador in Bogota that the provisions of the Colombian Constitution guaranteeing 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," are in force with regard to the schools built with funds offered by the Alliance for Progress. Dr. Posada further confirmed that the Constitution provides free access to schools and educational centers by Protestant students.

The guarantees have been offered on the basis of the Colombian Constitution and not on the basis of stipulations in the contract for aid. These guarantees have not been affected by the denials of the Colombian government and the U. S. Embassy regarding the newspaper articles.

In view of the confusion created by the press, the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia, which represents virtually all Protestant bodies in that

country, issued an official statement to the public, in which it approved in principal the Alliance for Progress aid to Colombian schools. The statement then called on the Colombian government to guarantee Constitutional freedom for Protestant children, not only in the new schools built with aid funds, but in existing schools as well. The CEDEC release reminded the Colombian public that during its 100 years in that land, Protestantism had taken a keen interest in education, and had in spite of considerable opposition developed private schools which have an enrollment of 11,373 students—this in spite of the fact that during the last 15 years more than 200 Protestant schools have been forced to close by government discrimination.

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"ADDITIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

(Continued from page 6)

Christian living? Why is it that many who once believed, now have committed apostasy, and no longer admit fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Church? The answer is they have not "added patience."

Then, "add to your patience godliness."

You know, when a fellow starts a building and he gets it up so far he begins to get anxious to finish it, and right there, 9 times out of 10 is where he makes most of his mistakes in his building. The same applies to the Christian building. When we get to godliness, there is where many Christians balk. You see, the thing that Peter is saying is "add to your patience **worship**, add to your patience **service**, and add to your patience **reverence**." But too many of us really don't worship, and too many of us really don't serve. And far too many of us are not reverent toward God anymore. Godliness implies being God-like. What do you think that God would do concerning the worship services of the church? I believe that every time the doors were opened for worship, God would be there. And what would God do if there needed to be a service rendered for the church and for the cause of Christ? I believe that God would pitch in and get the job done. Jesus said, "even as the Father hath sent me, even so I send you." We're to add to our patience, godliness, worship, service and reverence. We are to be God-like in our Christian experience.

Then, Peter says, "add to your godliness **brotherly kindness**." Remember Christ's new commandment that he gave to us in John 13:34, "that ye love one another, as I have also loved you." Jesus commands us that we have a tender compassion and affection for our fellow Christian. Why? Because we are all children of the same Heavenly Father. We are all servants of the same Lord and Master. We are all members of the same family. We are all travellers to the same heavenly city, the new Jerusalem. And we are all heirs to the same inheritance, eternal life.

Brotherly kindness is the mark of discipleship! In the 13th chapter of John's gospel we find the account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. He comes to Simon Peter and Peter says, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus answered him and said, "Peter, if I wash thee not, thou hast no part

with me." Now Jesus took particular delight in doing something good for His disciples, and so must we! "Add brotherly kindness," and take particular delight in loving your fellow Christian with a pure heart, doing something good for him.

Finally, old wise Peter, knowing that love is one of the greatest characteristics of the Christian life, says, "add love." Add to your brotherly kindness **charity**." Beloved, God has made of one blood all nations, and the children of men are all partakers of the same human nature. Sure we have different colored skins. There's the white man, the yellow man, the brown man, the black man, and the red man, but if you were to line them up and split their finger with a pen-knife, each one of them would bleed the same kind of rich, red, life-giving blood. They're all liable to the same afflictions. They're all recipients of the gospel of grace if they would only receive it... yet I know of people who literally hate the black man, the Jew, the Russian. What saith the Word of God? "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

The Bible says that Jesus Christ was slain, yet He redeemed men to God by His blood, out of every kindred, out of every tongue, out of every people, and out of every nation. What was it that Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13? "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. Though I can prophesy, and understand all mysteries, and have all faith, if I lack love I am nothing."

The very best way that I know of to hold the flag of Christianity high, and to enlarge the kingdom of Christ is for every believer to perform these duties that Peter enjoins us to perform. "Add to your faith virtue, and to your virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity."

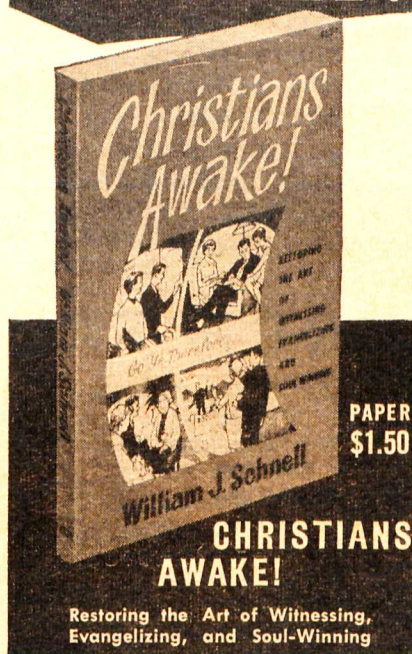
There are 3 distinct and conclusive reasons as to why every believer should perform these duties.

1. In verse 8... "That ye neither be barren nor unfruitful in the service of Christ."

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