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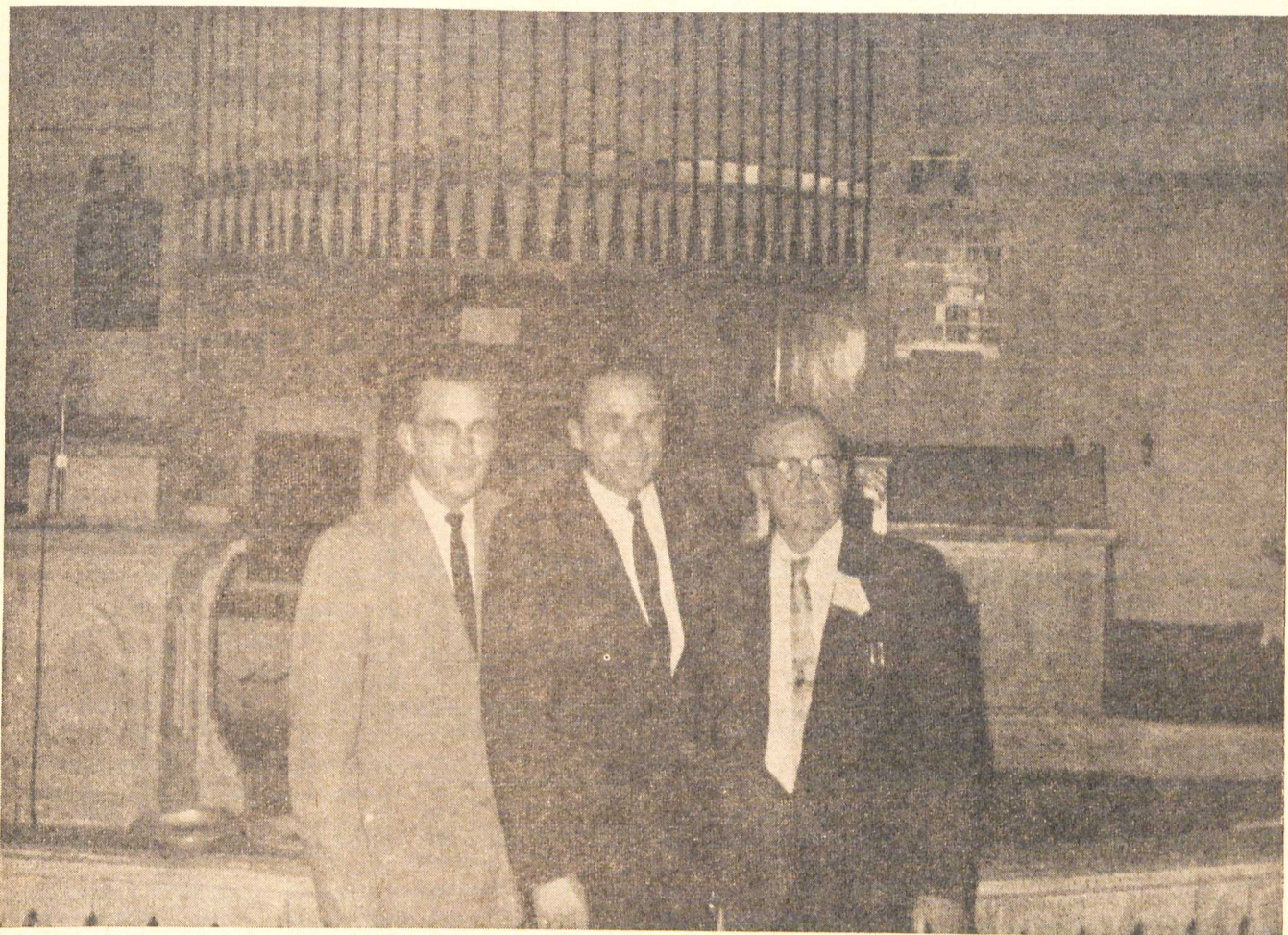
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## CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS

JULY 1962

Monett .....	\$ 80.30
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Oak Grove (bonds) .....	6.00
Copper Mines .....	48.13
Martin's Town .....	20.00
Cuba Church Cuba, Mo. ....	19.00
Carterville .....	15.56

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Promotional Department ....	339.19
Natl. Ass'n. of F. W. B. ....	\$1017.56
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Youth Camp .....	84.80
General Fund .....	84.80
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Superannuation .....	16.95
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Total Disbursements .....\$1695.93

THE PROMOTIONAL  
SECRETARY'S CORNER

During the month of July I was kept very busy by attending three Quarterly Meetings, One Yearly Meeting and the National Association held in Nashville, Tennessee. This was one of the best meetings on record.

We as Missourians have one item for which to praise the Lord. Last year we were the **top state** in giving to our National Co-operative Program. We gave \$10,152.30. We also stand among the top in giving to the other Departments of our National Work. The following is what we gave to each Department: Foreign Missions: \$19,978.77; Home Missions: \$5,842.74; Free Will Baptist Bible College: \$5,427.78. So we should praise the Lord and then go out and do better this coming year.

There are several good revivals in progress throughout the state with reports of souls being saved and Christians rededicating their lives for greater service for the Lord. Our State Home Mission Board is striving to start a new work in Rolla, Missouri. Let each of us get behind them and give them all the help that we can.

The following series A Church

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I hope to attend our Yearly Meetings and then the State Association at the Berkeley City Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. I will be having a book stand there at the Meeting and also I hope that each of you will come by and visit OUR Book Store located at 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street in South St. Louis. The phone number is PL. 2-6896.

## Attention All Youth Chairmen

On Wednesday morning, August 22, during the State Auxiliary Convention, time will be given for the state Y. P. A. and G. T. A. declamation contest. If you have any young people who plan to take part in this contest, please encourage them to be present. The winner of this contest will represent the state of Missouri in the National Declamation Contest next July in Detroit, Michigan.

We are also planning a special program for our young people during this Wednesday morning service, so encourage your young people to be present. Bring them and be present with them. Let's see which church can have the most young people present for this service.

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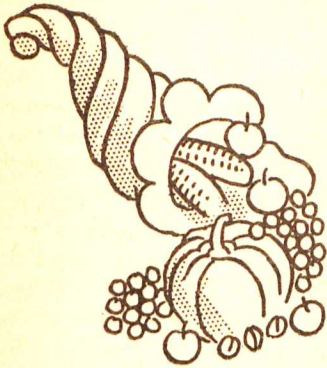
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# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



**Rev. Wm. Hill, Assistant Moderator**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

More than 2,000 Free Will Baptists converged in War Memorial Auditorium July 7, 1962 for the opening meeting of the 26th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Tabulation of delegates, ministers, and visitors showed that this was the best attended annual meeting in the association's history.

The Rev. Billy A. Melvin, executive secretary of the denomination, brought the key-note address emphasizing the necessity of accepting the authority of the Bible in practice as well as in theology.

General theme for the convention was "God's Word—Key to Spiritual Awakening."

Mr. Melvin, called on delegates to accept the authority of the Word of God regarding world-wide evangelization. "It takes 60 Free Will Baptist churches or 5,000 members to support one missionary at our present

per capita rate of giving," he cited. The executive secretary offered this as proof that although the denomination claims a dogmatic stand for the authority of the Bible, it is yet to accept its authoritative commands to take the gospel to all nations.

"God's work is to be done in the power and might of the Holy Spirit," Mr. Melvin said in pointing to the need for accepting the authority of God's Word where God says, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit."

"What we do in essence is to proceed without God," he said. "We organize, appoint committees, plan our work, make our budgets, and hold our services apart from the direction of the Holy Spirit."

"Then we wonder why we are not seeing greater results."

Mr. Melvin told representatives of the denomination's 3,000 churches with a constituency of 200,000 that the Bible teaches that Christians should be "good stewards of our money."

He said Free Will Baptists contributed a total of \$413,127 last year for all NAFWB work. This was a per capita giving of \$2.06 for the 200,000 member denomination.

"How pitiful," he said. "This means that Mr. Average Free Will Baptist spent more for candy, chewing gum, soft drinks, cigarettes, and entertainment than he did for the spread of the gospel through national ministries.

"In comparison, the Free Methodists gave last year \$269.71 per member and the Wesleyan Methodists \$227.13 per member."

### Attention All Alumni of Free Will Baptist Bible College

Last year during the Missouri State Association a number of former stu-

dents and friends of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, in Nashville, Tennessee, met together for fellowship and food and discussed organizing an Alumni Chapter of the Bible College in the state of Missouri. Rev. Clarence Burton, Fredericktown, Mo., was elected President; Rev. Lester Jones, Vice-President; and Mrs. James Raper, secretary-treasurer.

These officers were charged with the responsibility of planning a meeting of the Bible College Alumni at the State meeting this year. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21 at a place to be announced later. At this time we will also have our evening meal together.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, member of the Bible College faculty, will be the guest speaker at this meeting. Make your plans to be present.

### New Officers Elected

New officers were elected at the St. Louis Quarterly Meeting July 21, 1962 when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri. The officers are: Rev. Floyd Arnold, Pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Moderator; Rev. Chesley R. Hill, Pastor of the Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Max Courtney, Pastor of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church, Clerk and Bro. Ned Templeton, Layman, Assistant Clerk.

### Missouri Youth Camp

The Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp met for its Pre-teens and Teens Sessions June 18-29. Over four hundred registered. This was one of the best attended camp sessions yet. There were many conversions and rededications. One Missouri Pastor said that this was the best camp session that we have ever had. The fellowship and spirituality were great.



# State Program Personalities



**Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator**

**Rev. O. T. Allred; Moderator of the Missouri State Association**

Bro. Allred was elected Moderator of the State association in 1945 while the Association was meeting in Greenfield, Missouri. This was the year that the State decided to build the State Youth Camp and over 2,000 dollars was raised. Before this time Bro. Allred served as Assistant Moderator for nine years. He has served faithfully as Moderator for seventeen years and has not missed a State Meeting since 1929. Bro. Allred, throughout his ministry, has been actively engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work.

**Rev. Lester Jones; Introductory Speaker. Tuesday night August 21, 1962**

Bro. Lester Jones has been preaching the Gospel for twenty-one years and during this time has pastored churches in the states of Tennessee, Alabama and Missouri. He attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee from 1948 to 1951. He also served as State Home Missionary in 1956-1957 during which five churches were organized. He is now serving as Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, Mo. Bro. Jones is a member of the State Home Mission Board and a member of the Executive Committee of the State General Board.

**Rev. O. T. Dixon; Assistant Moderator of the Missouri State Association**

Bro. Dixon was ordained in June, 1948 and received his B. A. Degree from The College of the Ozarks in

1953. He assumed the Pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville, Arkansas in 1951 and during this time conducted the radio broadcast "Meetin' Time." He also served as Moderator of the Arkansas State Association.

In 1955, Bro. Dixon assumed the Pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Mo.



**Rev. O. T. Dixon**

He now serves as: Assistant Moderator of the Missouri State Association; on Executive Board, General Board and various committees of the National Association; on Administrative Board of the NAE. He is also the writer of the Free Will Baptist "Young Adult" Sunday School Quarterly. Author of "Meeting Time in the Ozarks" and very active in evangelistic work.

**Rev. Glen Rehkop; Speaker 11:00 A. M. August 23, 1962**

Bro. Rehkop was born and reared in Southeast Missouri. He was called into the ministry in 1951, and has done pastoral work in Southeast Missouri, and is presently serving as pastor of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Avondale, Missouri which is located in Kansas City North, Missouri.

He is a member of the General Board and Executive Committee of the Missouri State Association. He serves as the assistant Moderator of the Central Western Missouri Association, and Moderator of the Greater Kansas City Area Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists. He has also done evangelistic work over the State.

**Rev. J. Reford Wilson: General Director Foreign Mission Department**

Bro. Wilson has pastored churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Michigan. He came as General Director of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Department from the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Holdenville, Oklahoma.

"Educationally, Mr. Wilson has studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is married to the former Jean Lane and both are natives of Oklahoma.

"The Wilsons have two children—Jonathan, ten years old and Rebecca, seven. In addition to his duties as General Director of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Wilson is the writer for the adult quarterly of the National Sunday School Board."



**Rev. Homer E. Willis: General Director Home Missions Department**

Homer E. Willis was born May 8, 1924 at Clintwood, Virginia. He was ordained to preach the gospel by the Dickinson County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists at Clinchco, Virginia on April 24, 1942. He married Miss Dorothea Mae Self of Owasso, Michigan, on September 10, 1943. They have three children.

Mr. Willis has been pastor of Free Will Baptist Churches in Kentucky, Michigan, and Tennessee. His ministry has taken him into all fifty states,

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Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Host Pastor

## Welcomes State Association

As Moderator of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting and as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, I want to invite each of you to attend the Missouri State Association and the State Sunday School and League Conventions, which will be held at our church August 20-23, 1962.

We will give you a cordial welcome and want you to make yourself at home while with us during these days of spiritual worship and fellowship. We will make every effort possible to show you that we are happy to have you with us.

We hope to be able to house many of you and to provide you with every convenience available. A list of better eating establishments, motels and maps of the city will be given to you upon request. We hope to have a staffed nursery during both day and night services.

We will be holding all services in our new church sanctuary which has a seating capacity of approximately 600 persons. There will be adequate rooms available for all boards and committees to meet. We are quite proud of our new church which is valued closely at \$200,000.00, and we want to share it with you during these days. Even though our landscaping and other minor details may not yet be completed when you arrive, you may still be able to praise God with us for what we think is one of

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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.



# SERMON OF THE MONTH

## If This is What it Means to be a Castaway

"...and they cast him out." John 9:34

Mrs. John Ackerson, Member of the  
Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church  
Richwoods, Mo.

In St. John the ninth chapter an enlightening and revealing story of faith in Jesus Christ is revealed to us. It's cast consists of two principal individuals, Jesus and the Blind Man. The faith of the blind man grew from a conception of Jesus as a "mere man" to that of a "Man of God." This active faith catapulted him into the inevitable position of facing the Satanic thrusts of the Pharisees. He became a victim of a sorrowful situation. Once a fellow communicate with the Pharisees, he was now ex-communicated from their presence. His was not a singular position of wantedness, but it is the state of all true Soldiers of the Cross.

Many religious leaders have forgotten the cost of obtaining the Crown. They preach a rocking chair type of faith, not realizing that the faith that removes mountains never sat or rocked since its existence. Their gospel promises a life of ease, basking under shady green trees, plucking delicious ripe fruit without a price and encountering no evil. The Gospel of Calvary anathematizes this pie-in-the-sky paradox; promising conquest only to the courageous; a crown, only to the bearer of the Cross. Christ talks of the Christian "being hated," "taking up the Cross" and being put to death!

This once blind man was a forerunner of the great Soldiers of the

Cross. He could truly sing with the Poet of old, these words, "Must I be carried to the skies, on flowery beds of ease, While others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?"

This twice born again man joined the company of the courageous Saints who had paid the price.

Daniel, whose prayer life became an insult to his peers; Job, who suffered ridicule and pain, because of their faith in God! But surely every sore Job endured meant an extra star in his crown; every piece of land he lost on earth became an additional investment in real estate in heaven; for loss on earth means gain in heaven if it is for the Lord's sake. Their sufferings on earth meant a greater gain in things hereafter.

The Pharisees cast him out from the temple with their displeasure evident in their unsympathetic manner. The Bible states that upon being cast out he was found by a sympathetic Saviour. They threw him out of the temple but he was found by the Lord of the Temple. He was ex-communicated from the church but found Christ precious to his soul.

He was snubbed by the Scribes, but he received salvation from his blessed Saviour. His name was erased by the Scribes in the Synagogue but it was enrolled in the Book of Heaven.

These religious ranters chided him for his lack of knowledge about this Prophet sent from God. His answer was a simple, persuasive and undeniable "... One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." He admitted a vague knowledge of earthly things. There had been a time when

he had never seen the sun, moon and the stars. There were many unknown things on the earthly sphere; but now he could truly testify that he had been ushered into the unsearchable riches of Heaven.

He had been a beggar of alms, most surely a son of a poor man. In a brief moment of time he had become a son of God and an heir to a lot of wonderful promises. His larder at home may have been empty, but now he had access to the cattle on a thousand hills. He suffered the fate of many poor people—destitute and broke. He was like many so-called Christians, who if they don't have a dime in their pockets are broke materially and spiritually. He had a fleeting moment of faith laid up treasures in Heaven and became rich toward God.

Here was a man with his valuable vision impaired from birth, but "Jesus saw" and his feeble steps were numbered by the Son of God. His groping hands were beheld; his pleading situation "was heard" by Jesus.

Christ later admonishes that if God see's every little sparrow that falls, the grass that grows, and the idle lily; how much more does our Heavenly Father care for us? Marvel of marvels! Praise His Wonderful Name! Christ cares for every cast out dreg of Humanity. He came to save the lost.

May our faltering steps be quickened, may our impaired vision be restored. May we recognize every stripe as a star, our persecutions as our crowns, and our sorrows on earth as preludes of joy in Heaven.

For this is what it means to be a cast-a-way for God. Glory to His Name! Amen.

### Rev W. S. Mooneyham Speaks: NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

An official of the National Association of Free Will Baptists told some 2,500 members of the denomination assembled for a missionary rally during the 26th annual session that there is "an alarming similarity" between the "evils that toppled the Roman Empire" and conditions in America today.

The Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, assistant moderator of the body and director of information for the National Association of Evangelicals, Wheaton, Ill., listed five factors in the Roman decline that are characteristic in this country today. One, he said, was a decline in religion and a withholding of support from character-building institutions.

"The American Civil Liberties Union," he said, "has already served notice that it will use the Supreme Court ruling of a few days ago to strip every reference to God and every vestige of religion out of education and public life.

"And let me tell you that if the church is content to stay in the dry-dock and scrape the barnacles off the ship of state, instead of insisting on a place for its God at the helm and on the bridge, they may well be able to do it."

Another factor he mentioned was "higher and higher taxes until the load became unbearable." He added:

"Our demands for big government to take care of us have fostered the welfare state concept where the government takes it from you in taxes so they can give it back as economic assistance—with a sizable portion deducted for handling charges.

"Someone has said, 'We are trying to spend ourselves rich like an alcoholic trying to drink himself sober.'"

Mr. Mooneyham also listed the increase of sexual immorality and divorce, a "mad" desire for excitement, and "an increased political pressure for the machines of war while completely disregarding the destructive elements at work within the empire."

In a response to an invitation by Mr. Mooneyham to total dedication to Christ and complete surrender to God's will in the task of world evangelization, space in front of the War Memorial Auditorium platform and far back up each aisle was filled with laymen and ministers taking their stands for getting on with the job

God has given the association to do in spreading the gospel message.

The scene was described as "the greatest outpouring of the Spirit of God ever witnessed in an associational session," "an hour that will be felt around the world because of dedication commitments made," and the "greatest moment of spiritual victory in Free Will Baptist history."

### Free Will Baptists Support Prayer: NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

The National Association of Free Will Baptists in its concluding assembly of the 26th annual session July 11, 1962 voted its support of a constitutional amendment guaranteeing continuation of the historic American right of nonsectarian and voluntary religious practices in public schools.

The association said the recent Supreme Court ruling outlawing prescribed prayer in New York public schools had created "a climate of confusion and misunderstanding" regarding any public school prayer.

It said the decision also called into question other nonsectarian religious exercises—for example, Bible reading, baccalaureate services, and the Pledge of Allegiance using the words "under God."

The Association, meeting at War Memorial Auditorium, said it felt these practices do not violate the First Amendment when kept on a nonsectarian and voluntary basis.

"We believe that the surest way to preserve these rights for the majority of the people of this country is to amend the Constitution," an adopted resolution said.

The association also voted to commend Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, who dissented in the court's decision. The ruling was 6 to 1.

In another resolution, the association voted to "seek" a cordial Christian relationship with North Carolina Free Will Baptists not affiliated with the association but in sympathy with its ministry.

North Carolina Free Will Baptists, numbering about 45,000, have split over a church government controversy. The association hopes the 22,500 dissenters will "see fit" to re-establish affiliation.

The Association also voted to select the city for its 1964 meeting at the session next year. It had been recommended that the association meet in Nashville in 1964 and every other year afterwards. This was defeated.

The 1963 session will be held in Detroit's Cobo Hall.

In further action, the association: Adopted a 1963 budget of \$882,947.97—an increase of \$261,026.97.

Approved these Cooperative Plan allocations—foreign missions, 29 per cent; FWB Bible College, 21; executive department, 20; home missions, 16; League board, 10; retired ministers, 3; and stewardship, 1.

Commended its Sunday School Board and League Board for the institution and development of quality literature programs and recommended Schools and Leagues order literature and supplies from the national offices located at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.

Withdrew endorsement of the Free Will Baptist, a publication of the unaffiliated North Carolina Convention which withdrew from the association earlier this year. Tar Heel representation is now through the North Carolina (Continued on page 11)

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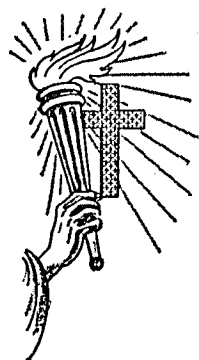
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# Woman's Auxiliary

## FROM DESLOGE:

The Ladies' Mission of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church held their regular monthly meeting at the church, July 16 at 7:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Mildred Miller. The opening song was "In the Garden" followed with prayer, led by Sis. Effie Matthews. The ten members answered the roll call with a Scripture verse containing the word "beware." The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

After our business meeting the program was turned over to the teacher, Sis. Pearl Sirclum and we studied from Romans 12:1-14. Sis. Edna Moore then gave a reading entitled, "We Pass But Once." We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Gladys Turnbough.

Our meeting was followed by a social hour with the games and prizes furnished by Hazel Winfred. Refreshments by Sis. Mildred Miller and Gladys Turnbough. Others present beside those mentioned above were Sisters Betty Neece, Mayme Harris, Sylvia Lix and Hazel Morris.

Hazel Morris, Cor.-Sec.

## FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church met at the church July 2, 1962 for their regular monthly meeting with ten members and two visitors present. The meeting was called to order by the acting president, Gracie Stevens. We opened by singing, "Bring Them In" and the scripture was taken from the book of Jonah. The minutes were read and accepted. We had one lady join the Auxiliary.

Our lesson was then presented. Those having topics were Sisters Claudie Combs, Rachel Murray, Beulah Gilliam, Louise Lewis, Betty Bell, Gracie Stevens, Louise Cline, and Hattie Simms. The lesson was enjoyed

by all present. We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Betty Bell.

Ruby Blankenship, Cor.-Sec.

## FROM JOPLIN:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Joplin Free Will Baptist Church met July 9 at the church with nine members and two visitors present. We were led in prayer by the Acting President, Mrs. Walter Eaton. The Scripture reading was Jonah 3:1-10. The opening song was, "Bring Them In." Because of the installation of new officers we had no topics for this meeting.

A special in song was given by Mrs. Bob Hunter, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." We dismissed with an altar prayer led by Sis. Gandy and Sis. Barbara Oxendine. We prayed that each Auxiliary member would endeavor to become better acquainted with the Word of God and be faithful in sharing it with others.

Mildred Hutchings, Cor.-Sec.

## FROM MOUNTAIN GROVE:

The Woman's Auxiliary met for regular meeting July 3, 1962. The main business of the meeting was to elect officers who will serve the coming year.

The newly elected officers are: President, Velma Elliot; Vice-President, Donna Wade; Study Course Chairman, Ruth Sheppard; Program Prayer Chairman, Eva Elliot; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Dowsey; Recording Secretary, Bonnie Maxwell; Social Chairmen, Ollie McCarty and Glenna Sanders; Treasurer, Hazel Hutsell; Personal Service Chairman, Artha Hutsell; YPA Sponsor, Laura Johnson; GTA Sponsor, Helen Wade; Song Leader, Albia Smith; Pianist, Helen Perkins. The Circle Chairmen are: Mary Martha Circle, Oma Scott; Leah Mae Circle, Bea Pettyjohn; Aileen Calvery Circle, Neva Raney; Emma Ruth Willey Circle, Bonnie Prock.

From church bulletin

## FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met July 10 for their regular monthly meeting with eleven members present. The service was opened by singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Sis. Clara Allen led us in prayer. Reports were read and received. We had our program which was "Some Seeds Fell." This was discussed by Sis. Phyllis Miller. The benediction was by Charline Janes.

Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

## FROM BERKELEY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley met June 19th for our regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President, Sis. Combs. The opening song was "Bringing in the Sheaves." Prayer was led by Sis. Forrester.

The minutes of our past meeting were read and approved. Reports were given by the various committees. We then elected a nominating committee to select candidates for the officers for the coming year. Those on this committee were Sis. Hogan, Sis. Western, Sis. Skiles and Sis. Johns.

Our lesson topics were presented by Sis. Hogan, Sis. Lewis, Sis. Combs, Sis. Stevens and Sis. Dobkins. Our Scripture was taken from John 14:12-13. We were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Young.

Mary Barker, Cor.-Sec.

## FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met at the Church on July 3, 1962, for our Co-Laborer Study, with 13 members and 4 children present. The devotional was led by our President, Sister Doris Raper. Hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung. Scripture Jonah 3:1-10, with prayer led by Sister Hilderbrand. Our business was opened



with the reading of our minutes by the Secretary Alberta Turley. Our missionary project for the coming year to help sponsor the Waid's in Japan by sending clothing was adopted. We also voted to send clothing to the "Cuban Emergency Relief Fund" in Miami, Florida. Hymn "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." The introduction to the program was given by Edith Brooks; the topics were as follows: "Behold, A Sower," by Rachel Milburn; "By the Wayside," by Zelma Baker; "Upon Stony Places," by Wanda Ragsdale; "Among Thorns" by Della Getz; "Into Good Ground," by Mary Lou Moss. Dismissed with prayer led by Sister Doris Raper. We then revealed our Sunshine Friends and exchanged gifts.

Minnie Burcham, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM MENDOTA:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Mendota Free Will Baptist Church met on June 25 with eleven members and fourteen children present. The morning was spent preparing clothing for a needy family. Lunch was served by our hostess Sis. Hazel Ewing.

The business session was started at 1:00 P. M. by our president, Sis. Leona Logsdon. There had been three hundred and twenty-four Bible chapters read, fifteen cards sent and eighty-eight sick calls made. The election of officers for the coming year was held and the following were elected: President, Leona Logsdon; Vice President, Roberta Haines; Secretary and Treasurer, Wanda Webber; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Alta Mikel; Study Course and Study prayer Chairman, Edith Crooks; Benevolent Chairman, Berneice Lowe; Program Chairman, Arlene Clay.

Our lesson, "God Answers Prayer" was discussed. Scripture lesson was from John 10:16; 14:12-14; 12:24-25 and Isaiah 21:11-12. Prayers by Edith Crooks, Alta Mikel and Hazel Ewing.

Our Auxiliary has helped the members to find a place to work in the vineyard of our Lord, for which, we thank our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Wanda Webber, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM LEBANON:

The Hanna Circle of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon met June 12th in the home of Mrs. Homer Mosier with seven members and one visitor present. The lesson was on

"Temptation" and the Scripture was taken from John 3rd chapter. Opening hymn was "Bringing in the Sheaves." Prayer by Hazel Embry. The Moral and Spiritual reforms was read by Henrietta Garrett. It was then voted to send twenty-five dollars to the Hannas stationed in India.

The election of the officers for the coming year was held and the following were elected. President, Dorothy Mosier; Vice President, Henrietta Garrett; Secretary and Treasurer, Esther Sutton; Committee Chairman, Sybil Agan; Chaplain, Gladys Montgomery; Pianist, Gergie Mays; Song Leader, Hazel Embry. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee was served by the hostess, Mrs. Dorothy Mosier.

Gladys Montgomery, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM MOUNTAIN GROVE:

The YPA installed the newly elected officers at the regular meeting, July 9, at 7:30 P. M. The group met in the fellowship hall in the basement of the church.

The newly elected officers are: President, Eddie McCarty; Vice-President, Patsy Elliot; Recording Secretary, Sue McCarty; Corresponding Secretary, Patty Clark; Treasurer, Lou Edwards; Program Prayer Chairman, Genelle Millsap; Missions Chairman, Glenda Hunt; Social Chairmen, Beverly Peterson and Carole Coats.

From Church Bulletin

#### FROM BERKELEY:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley met July 3rd for their monthly meeting with thirteen members present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Combs. Prayer by Sis. Ferguson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Committee reports were given and approved. A letter from the Fulchers was read to the group. They will soon begin their missionary work in Revera, Uruguay, S. A.

Officers were elected for the coming year. They are: President, Mrs. Plummer; Vice President, Mrs. Lewis; Assistant Vice President, Mrs. Combs; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Dobkins; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Wood; Benevolence Chairman, Mrs. Hill; Assistant Benevolence Chairman, Mrs. Western; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Skiles; Assistant Youth

Chairman, Mrs. Ferguson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Barker; Assistant Program and Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Young; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Wallace; Assistant Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Cantrell. We plan to have the installation service for the new officers very soon.

After the election of officers, we discussed plans for the Quarterly Meeting which was held at our church. We also discussed plans for the best way to send clothing to the Cuban Refugees in Florida. We have several articles of clothing which we will mail or send by someone who will be going down there in the near future.

The program topics were given by Sis. Plummer, Sis. Hogan, Sis. Barks, Sis. Skiles and Sis. Wallace. We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Wood.

Mary Barker, Cor.-Sec.

#### STATE PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

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Canada, Cuba, and Mexico. Since September 1956 he has been General Director and Treasurer for the Home Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists with office at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Reverend Willis is now a member of Horton Heights Church, Nashville, where he serves as chairman of the official board. He is a member of the Cumberland Association. He is a member of the Evangelism and Church Extension Board of the National Association of Evangelicals, a member of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, an honorary life member of the Gideons, and an active Kiwanian. He was listed in "Who's Who in Tennessee," in a recent edition.

He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1946 and has since attended other schools.

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# Sunday School and League News

## REPORT BLANK

### FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

For the year beginning August 1, 1961, and ending July 31, 1962

To the STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION at  
Berkeley City, August 20-21

#### GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Street or Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Church Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Street or Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Yearly Meeting Church Is In \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Quarterly Meeting Church Is In \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

General Superintendent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street or Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Is Sunday School Departmentalized? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many departments? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Classes in entire Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_

#### LEAGUE REPORT

General Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street or Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Leagues (How many classes?) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTION (Amount Enclosed) \$10.00 \$5.00 \$2.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS REPORT TO: James Earl Raper, 601 Buckley St., Flat River,  
Missouri.

NOTE: If any church fails to receive a report blank through mail, you  
can make a copy of this one to send the information to us.

#### REPORT BLANK

The enclosed report blank will give us a fairly good summary of our work over the state. Fill it out as accurately, and neatly as possible. The report is to cover the year beginning August 1, 1961, and ending July 31, 1962. Use the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope to return the report to me by August 15 if possible. If you cannot mail it to me before the State Association you may give it to me at the State Association. We want all of our churches to report.

#### CONTRIBUTION

Your contribution with this report is the only means of support this Board has on which to operate. We receive

no income from the Cooperative Program or any other agency. The work of the Sunday School and League Board can only advance as our gifts enable us to. We plan these programs depending on your contributions to meet the expense. I'm sure we can depend on you to do your best.

#### SWORD DRILL

Again this year we will have the Intermediate Sword Drill for ages 11-14 on Tuesday, August 21. We hope there will be several contestants this year. The first place winner will receive a \$25.00 savings bond, and the second place winner will receive a free week at Youth Camp in 1963 (valued at \$9.00). Each local League may have one person in the sword drill.

## The Missouri State Sunday School and League Convention

August 20-21, 1962

Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church

Greetings to Missouri Free Will Baptists

The Missouri State Sunday School and League Convention opens on Monday August 20, 1962, at 7:45 P. M. (Daylight Saving Time) at the Berkeley City Free Will Baptist Church, 8900 Springdale Avenue, Berkeley City, Missouri, with a message from God's Word.

On Tuesday, August 21, at 9:45 A. M. we have some down to earth workshops on Sunday School and League, plus several other features that will help you in your local Church. Every church should have as many of its members present as possible. We will complete our activities about 3:00 P. M. Tuesday afternoon.

#### INFORMATION NEEDED

We want to serve you in the best way possible, and the only way we can do it is for you to let us know what kind of help you need. Helpful programs can be planned better when we know what the need is.

When you send in your report blank why not write on the back of it, or on a separate piece of paper, the area in which you feel your Sunday School or League needs the most help.

By doing this you will be helping your Board decide on the type of program most needed, and this will be carefully considered in planning next year's program.



**Welcomes State Association**

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the most beautiful buildings in our denomination.

Upon closing, may I again emphasize that **we want you to come and be with us** for what we hope and pray will be the greatest Missouri State Association in the history of Free Will Baptists in the State of Missouri.

If in need of other information, please call Jackson 2-9996, or write Rev. Harvey E. Hill, 8914 Springdale, Berkeley 34, Missouri.

Will we see you August 20-23? We **hope** so and we will be looking for **Y-O-U**.

May God bless you.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

**F. W. B. SUPPORTS PRAYER:**

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Association, presently composed of one half of the state's Free Will Baptists, which was granted membership during this session.

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**Protestant Children Expelled From Public School in Colombia**

Silvania, Cundinamarca, Colombia (MNS)—On May 30, 1962 three children of Sr. Saul Varela were expelled from the public school here by an order signed by Father Gustavo Estrada, parish priest and president of the Board of Education, and by Sr. Jaime Camelo, District School Superintendent.

The expelled children are Oscar,

12 years old; Orlando, 8; and Milan, 7. They were enrolled in the 4th, 2nd and 1st grades respectively, where they have suffered frequent harassment because of their Protestant faith.

The order accuses the children of not attending the weekly flag-raising ceremony and the Mother's Day program. Actually, they were forbidden to attend mass, they had attended the required religious instruction courses three hours a week.

On June 4 a report of the expulsion of the Varela children, signed by the residents of the town, was delivered to Dr. Alberto Lleras-Camargo, President of Colombia. (The school involved is not one of those being built by Alliance for Progress funds.)

**EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN****OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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

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

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





# THE MISSION FIELD

## New Board Members Named NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

The Rev. Rolla Smith and the Rev. Lonnie DaVoult were elected to the board of foreign missions by the 26th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists here July 10-12.

Mr. Smith, a former board member and general director, was chosen to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Reford Wilson who resigned from the board to become general director. He pastors the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville.

Mr. DaVoult, pastor of the Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, was elected to a five-year term replacing the Rev. Raymond Riggs, "Mr. Foreign Missions" to Free Will Baptists for many years. Mr. DaVoult attended Oklahoma Baptist University and is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Mr. Riggs, an original incorporator of the board, was the first fulltime general director and is recognized as one of the outstanding missionary pastors in the denomination.

In other action, the association adopted a foreign missions budget for 1963 of \$274,518.29 compared with \$245,141.00 for 1962. A record offering for an association missionary service was received, \$3,002.17.

## Coffey Named to New Post NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

The Rev. Rufus Coffey, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, S. C., has been employed by the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board as director of conferences and itineraries. The newly-created position was demanded by the increasing number of missionaries and appointees on itinerary and the increasing demand for missionary conferences.

Mr. Coffey will move to Nashville and assume his new duties on October 15. Although never serving on the board, he has visited Latin American

fields and is recognized as an outstanding missionary pastor. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University.

In other board action, the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps received final approval for missionary aviation service in Central America. The Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Deeds were approved for service in Latin America.

Dear Friends:

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

We have just recently returned from a week-end missionary conference in western North Carolina. The results of this conference were most gratifying. During the three days of the conference we spoke in five different churches. The Lord truly blessed in each service as our people in this area saw anew the vision of lost souls. Other churches were ministered to by our director of foreign missions, Rev. Reford Wilson, and the Willeys, Sr.

The highlight of the conference for us was the presentation by Rev. Roy Rikard of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church of a check for \$2,500 to Rev. Reford Wilson for the purchase of our plane. Rejoice with us in the Lord for this provision. We are truly thankful, and we trust to purchase the plane before long to assist in my flight training.

As we rejoice in this wonderful answer to prayer, we are reminded that the time for our departure to the field isn't far in the future. It has been wonderful to see the Lord's hand at work during our time of preparation. It is indeed encouraging when we know folks are standing behind us with their prayers and support.

We anxiously await the time when we, too, shall go to "the regions beyond" to present Christ to those who are yet to hear the glorious news of redemption through Him who "loved us and gave himself for us."

Yours for Lost Souls  
Bill and Barbara Phipps

## National Home Mission Offerings

### MISSOURI—Receipts for June 1962

Rock Springs F. W. B. C.	
Mtn. Grove .....	\$ 21.99
South Side F. W. B. C.,	
St. Louis .....	18.10
Mo. State Assn., .....	6.07
First F. W. B. C.,	
Fredericktown .....	20.00
Co-op Hqts. ....	155.58
H. S. Vandivort, Cabool .....	20.00
Fourth F. W. B. C., St. Ann ..	8.13
Finis E. Sorrell, Thayer .....	1.00
Myrtle F. W. B. C. ....	5.00
First F. W. B. C., Monett ..	10.20
Johnnie Postlewaite .....	40.00
Willow Springs F. W. B.	
D. V. B. S., Mtn. Grove ....	21.00
A Friend, Webb City .....	7.00
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. C.,	
Mtn. Grove .....	29.13
WNAC .....	2.50
Richwoods F. W. B. Church ..	14.00
Merl's Chapel Church	
D. V. B. S., Cassville .....	12.00
Beacon F. W. B. C. Raytown	50.86
Mendota F. W. B. Mission, ....	50.00
Victory F. W. B. C. V. B. S. ..	14.54
Madison Co. Qtly. meeting ..	30.00
Mrs. Harold Wilfong, Esther,	1.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett ..	9.00
No. 1 F. W. B. Church	
of Christ, Huggins .....	8.80
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shanner,	
Bonne Terre .....	8.00
Total Receipts .....	\$563.90

## Protestant Missionary Giving Reached 170 Millions

Ridgefield Park, N. J. (MNS)—Contributions to Protestant foreign missionary endeavors totaled more than \$170,000,000 last year, according to data released here by the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association. The figures are presented by associational groupings as follows:

Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches .....	\$85,620,142.00
Evangelical Foreign Missions Associ-	



## Ambassadors for Christ in Latin America . . .

*"For we are labourers together  
with God." I Cor. 3:9a*

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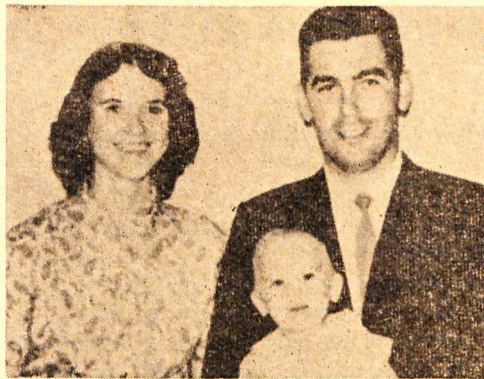
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ation ..... 31,883,858.00  
Interdenominational Foreign Mission  
Association ..... 20,232,943.00  
Associated Missions of the Interna-  
tional Council of Christian Churches ....  
3,823,840.00  
Total of unaffiliated missions .....  
\$31,535,559.00

Other data included in the **Missions Annual—1962** shows a total of more than 28,000 foreign missionaries sent out, divided into associational groupings as follows (figures used here exclude home staff and home missionaries):

Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, 8,869; Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, 6,932; Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, 5,976; Associated Missions of the International Council of Christian Churches, 864; Unaffiliated missions, 5,568.

Of the individual agencies listed, the Southern Baptist Convention shows the largest number of foreign missionaries (1,468) and the largest missionary budget (\$16,475,780). Next in line are the Seventh Day Adventists with 1,450 missionaries, Sudan Interior Mission—1,299; United Presbyterians—1,269; Methodist Church—1,146; and the Christian and Missionary Alliance—800.

(**Missions Annual—1962**, published by the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, 54 Bergen Ave., Ridgefield Park, N. J. \$1.00 postpaid.)

### Protestants Hopeful of Greater Freedom in Spain

Madrid, Spain (MNS)—Protestants here have expressed hope that the statements last month by Spain's Ambassador to the United States indicate

the beginning of greater freedom for them. Ambassador Antonio Garrigues was speaking to the National Press Club in Washington, D. C., when he declared on June 26 that "we are ready to give the Protestants the status they desire in Spain."

Protestants here who are currently having problems with the government will certainly welcome the promised "new status" if and when it comes.

As recently as June 6, 1962 a young army recruit, Jose Cabrera Romero, a Protestant Christian, was accused by his superiors of disobedience and placed in military prison. The disobedience was his refusal to attend Catholic religious ceremonies from which he had sought to be excused for conscience' sake. He was imprisoned by Military Judge Commandant Segismundo Diaz y Garcia Talavera at Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

Another recruit, Manuel Suarez Cela, is presently in prison at Escorial because he refused to kneel during Mass which was being said at the ceremony

pledging allegiance to the flag on May 31.

A petition to the government by 85 Protestants for permission to hold worship services in the Distrito Martimo del Grao has been refused on the grounds that there is a Protestant chapel open in the capital. This refusal was given in spite of the fact that the petition pointed out that the said chapel is seven kilometers away, making it impractical for them to worship there.

### Evangelical Free Church Plans University Center

Caracas, Venezuela (MNS)—The Evangelical Free Church has announced plans to initiate a work among university students here. Plans call for securing a center with sufficient space to rent rooms to students coming in from other parts of the country. Bible classes and personal counseling will provide opportunities to meet the spiritual needs of the students.

Named as director of the center is the Rev. Jose Liscano, an Evangelical Free pastor who was trained at Trinity Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

### New Bill Would Revise Marriage Law For Christians in India

New Delhi, India (MNS)—A new bill introduced into the Lok Sabha (Lower House) of the Indian Parliament would allow the marriage of two Christians to be performed either as a civil marriage before a Marriage Registrar or as a sacramental marriage conducted by ministers of churches recognized by the government.

The Parliament has already codified a Hindu law relating to marriage and divorce and placed on the Statute Book a Special Marriage Act which legalizes inter-religious and inter-caste marriages.

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## Letters from our Readers

Dear Bro. Hill:

We wish to report our revival at the Cuba Church near Grovesprings, Missouri conducted by Rev. Cliff Bowman and his Evangelistic Crusaders.

The revival began May 13th and closed May 28th. The Holy Spirit was definitely present at each service doing His work of reproving the world of sin of righteousness and judgment. Large crowds were in attendance. There were five souls saved and many rededications.

The evangelistic group consisted of Rev. Cliff Bowman and family and Bro. Barry Hampton and family. This group endeared themselves to our people and we sincerely recommend them to other churches where revival is desired.

Yours in Him,  
D. S. Jones

Dear Bro. Hill and Gem Readers:

Greetings from the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church. We are proud to report that we are still enjoying victory in Jesus. Though the weather is uncomfortably warm our attendance has held up real well. We are not fortunate enough to have a "cooled" church but after all, Jesus didn't have it so comfortable when He hung on the cross of Calvary for our sins, did He?

You know ladies, we like to fix light cooling meals for our family this hot weather, don't we? But here at Parkview we are served the same "menu" winter and summer. Sometimes they are so highly seasoned they are plumb upsetting to the system; but with a big dose of God's Grace we begin to digest the meal and realize just how much we were in need of it.

We appreciate our Pastor and I am sure that we showed it in the hundred percent vote he received for the coming year in our recent election.

We are glad to report a very good Daily Vacation Bible School this year with a two week average of ninety-eight. We are also looking forward to our coming revival starting September 17 with Rev. Bob Jones as our evangelist. Help us pray that this will be the most fruitful revival ever held in our church.

Pray that our church will be stirred out of its complacency. How many of us Christians will answer some day for our attitude of "as long as me and mine are saved. . ." or "they know where the church is and it is not my responsibility to invite them" or "I meant to call and invite them but I just didn't get around to it" or. . .oh so many OR'S, which add up to just plain neglect. . .None of which God will accept in the Judgment. Pray hard. We need it.

Christ's blessing on all,  
Hazel Morris

Dear Co-Worker:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord Jesus from the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church.

We come to you with rejoicing and thankful hearts for all the goodness of the Lord. He has been pouring out showers of blessings upon us.

During the year we had a special fund to send our children to the youth camp. When the time came we were able to send 15 and had some left over to give a love offering to the camp. These all reported a good time in the Lord. Some are making plans to go again next year.

On the 30th of June we held our annual Sunday School Picnic at Washington State Park, with about 50 attending. They all had a good time, worshipping the Lord, and playing games. A delicious meal was served at the noon hour. I know it is good for all to have fellowship with the brethren. The Lord always blesses His people when they meet together.

Our little church is doing good and every one is working and trying to hold up the blood stained Banner of Christ to the lost.

In these last days it is hard to get sinners to come to the house of God to listen to the gospel message. But we must keep working and praying with all our might to win the lost to Christ.

We thank God for all the faithful workers and our good pastor and his family. They have been faithful in coming from Berkeley, Mo., each weekend to work in our church.

Rev. Huckaba has been our pastor

for over a year. We love him and his wife, Jackie, and three little girls very much. We pray they will be with us for a long time.

We have had a lot of visitors coming to our church on Sunday. The Boy Scouts and their leaders from Jennings, Mo., visited on June 24. July 1, Rev. Lonnie Skiles and his brother, Ronnie, and girl friend visited us. Bro. Lonnie brought the morning and evening message.

We welcome all visitors and want them to feel at home.

I must close for now and we ask all to pray for us at Richwoods.

Yours in Christian Love  
Mrs. John Ackerson,  
Reporter

Dear Bro. Hill:

We are happy to report the results of our latest tent meeting held in Marshfield, Missouri.

It lasted for two weeks ending on June 16, 1962. The revival was well attended and several decisions were reported for the Lord.

On June 19, 1962, a Free Will Baptist Church was organized in Marshfield, Mo., in the home of Bro. and Sis. S. Rader. The following were present at this service: Rev. and Sis. F. D. Johnson, Rev. and Sis. D. S. Jones, Rev. Bill Reeves, Rev. and Sis. Robert Carlson, Bro. and Sis. Tate and children, Bro. and Sis. Atkinson, Bro. and Sis. Alexander, Bro. H. Stigall, Evangelist and Sis. Cliff Bowman and Bro. and Sis. Barry Hampton of the Evangelistic Crusaders.

Six persons presented themselves as members to organize which were Bro. and Sis. Tate, Bro. and Sis. Atkinson, and Bro. and Sis. S. Rader. Rev. Bill Reeves was called to pastor this new church and he accepted sincerely and wholeheartedly. Last Sunday, June 24, 1962, they had their first service with 27 in attendance.

We are very proud of this new Free Will Baptist work in Marshfield and are proud of the work they will do for the Lord. We know you will join us by remembering them in your prayers.

Our next meeting will begin on July 1, 1962, with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cuba, Missouri, and we feel the assurance in our hearts that the Lord will send a great revival. We trust that you will join with us in prayer for this revival and other coming revivals.

We move upon faith and still have some time open for revivals this sum-



mer. If anyone is interested in a tent revival or if any church is interested in a revival in your church, our mailing address is as follows.

The Evangelistic Crusaders  
Box 31  
Waynesville, Missouri

### Greetings From the Vandivorts in Twin Mountain, New Hampshire

July, 1962

Dear Friends in Christ:

Many of you will remember that two years ago Louise and I left Free Will Baptist Bible College and arrived in New Hampshire in June to serve as summer missionaries. You recall how that God led us to stay in New Hampshire to open a closed church in Twin Mountain.

God has given us two wonderful years here in the beautiful White Mountains. Among other blessings God has blessed our home with two fine sons, Andrew Mark born February 22, 1961 and Philip John born May 31, 1962. We have been very healthy with the exception of Louise who has had to undergo serious surgery involving major repair work after Philip was born. She is now home from the hospital and we are trusting that the surgery has corrected the serious complications which occurred after childbirth.

One of our parishoners has provided a home for us in one of the most beautiful valleys in the North Country which affords a magnificent view of Mt. Washington and other mountains of the Presidential Range. The provision of our present home (a comfortable apartment) was in direct answer to prayer as we had arrived at the place where it was getting very difficult to meet the expenses involved in maintaining our previous home. Summer time here is cool and comfortable—some times a little too cool as most of the gardens suffered some frost damage on July 4th.

God has blessed our church with knowledge of Jesus Christ during the past year. In comparing records with July 1, a year ago (in parenthesis) we truly realize that we have much for which to be thankful: Sunday School (18) 42; Worship (29) 60; League (8) 14; Evening Worship (23) 52; Midweek Service (16) 32.

Among our new members is a young Christian family who is helping very much in the leadership of the church. The husband serves as music director. We are very proud of our

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
First Church, Springfield												
Victory, Kansas City .....	62	85	85	79	73							
Mt. Pisgah .....												
Copper Mines .....	57	92	87	87	89							
Fellowship, Flat River ....	165	192	209	209	195	201						
Leadington .....	39	45	38	43	39							
Farmington .....	74	92		96	97	86						
Fourth, St. Louis .....	72	79	86	74								
Mill Creek .....	29	46	48									
Berkeley City .....	185	212	202	254	216	237	213					
Richwoods .....	40	61	53	60	62	67						
Hannon .....												
Joplin .....	78	94	75	89	78	74						
Kirksville .....	63	82	86	91	85							
Grant Ave., Springfield ..	108	126	124	143	121	131						
Hazel Creek .....	35	53	52									
Twin Oak .....	43	53	58	60	59							
South Side Church .....	110						168					
New Hope, Kansas City	78	95										
Mine La Motte .....	16	28	34	38	31	43						
First Church, Waynesville			32									
First Church Kansas City												
First Church Lebanon ....	58	73	74	77	83	67						
Overland Church .....	88	139	140	155								
Neosho .....	64	60										
First Ch., Mtn. Grove ....	245	298	296	364	329	307						
Myrtle .....	41	63	58	63	62	75						
Festus .....												
Bethel, West Plains .....	108	128	138	153	145	136						
Desloge .....	102	122	114	122	121	112						
First Ch., Fredericktown	133	166	166	180	165							
Thayer .....	85	117	115	122	108							
Meramec Heights .....	27	28	35	40	34	39						
Skyline Armourdale Ch.	70	88	107									
First Church Monett .....	108	120	123	123	118							
Faith, Lemay .....	70	95	113	113	107	104						

Editors note: This is just a small portion of our churches. If your church's average is not here, how about sending it in next month. Let us make this a complete list.

#### 25 voice youth choir.

At the date of this writing our V. B. S. is in progress with 60 students and staff. This number presents a challenge with the problem of inadequate facilities. God has supplied us with nine staff members from our own congregation to conduct the Bible School.

Among our many prayer requests are some that we would especially

like you to remember: 1. A greater gospel witness in the Northeast; Berlin, New Hampshire, one of the largest towns in this area presents a challenge for a French speaking gospel witness. 2. Pray that there will be a greater response to the gospel by the men of this area. 3. Pray for a greater dedication among Christians.

Yours in His Faithfulness,  
The Vandivorts



**Membership Grows**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

The National Association of Free Will Baptists voted to grant membership to four state associations and five churches located in areas without state organizations. War Memorial Auditorium was the site of the three-day 26th annual session.

The North Carolina Association was received into the national body. The formerly affiliated North Carolina State Convention withdrew from the national organization by vote at a special called session on March 9, and resultantly the North Carolina Association was formed by approximately one-half of the state's Free Will Baptists who desired to maintain affiliation with the national association and its world-wide ministry.

The issue at stake was what group controls a local church—the majority of its members or a higher body in the denomination. The controversy erupted in early 1961 when 52 North Carolina ministers signed affidavits supporting an attempt by a district body to designate a minority faction in a local church as the true church and enter lawsuit with the minority element for control of church property.

The church involved in the court action over its property was the Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C. Decision by the court was in favor of majority retaining its property.

The North Carolina State Convention sided with the minority element. Supporters of the majority said action by the district body denied local church autonomy. And the national association sided with the church majority at its 1961 annual session in Norfolk, Va., requesting the state convention to repudiate "connectional government" and reaffirm its belief in the historic Baptist form of church government generally known as congregational.

The convention refused and ultimately withdrew. The North Carolina Association was formed June 26 by those in the state supporting local church autonomy. The group petitioned the national association for membership and was received with less than a half dozen dissenting votes.

A resolution adopted later in the session expressed the desire of the association to maintain a "cordial Christian relationship" with brethren in North Carolina presently unaffiliated with the national body and stressed

"the sincere desire that they see fit" to return to the association.

Other associations granted membership were the Northeastern Association composed of churches in Maine and New Hampshire, the Kansas State Association, and the First Mexican Association which is the first body outside of the United States to be granted full membership into the national association. Constitutional changes were adopted to make this action possible.

Churches received into the body from areas without state bodies were the Fairbanks, Alaska, Church; First Church, Buhl, Idaho; First Church, Denver, Colo.; Riverview Church, Bettendorf, Iowa; and First Church, Vancouver, Wash.

**Burundi Celebrates Independence**

Usumbura, Burundi (MNS)—Independence came to Burundi (formerly the Urundi section of Ruanda-Urundi) on July 1, and the occasion was publicly observed with dignity and restraint through the country. An official Protestant Independence Day service was held at the Free Methodist Church here with representatives from many churches and a number of high government officials attended.

Pastor Matayo Myiruko, superintendent of the Kibuye District, presided at the service, and Mr. Randall Brown, principal of the Kibimba Training School, spoke.

"For us who love this beautiful country of Urundi, for us who love the Barundi and who work for them, to be here on this historic day of the independence of Urundi is indeed a rare privilege. We share with you your joy and happiness," said Mr. Brown. After explaining the transforming power of the Gospel he concluded his remarks saying, "We, as evangelical Christians, will do our part to support this country, to educate its children, to care for its sick, to help it go forward in the path of progress. In these days of transition and great possibilities, in these first days of independence, may God bless you, may God guide you and grant you the ability to make it possible to live and work together in peace and dignity."

Almost everyone here seems aware that many large problems loom ahead for this small country, but there are many reasons for optimism. There is a notable absence of grand illusions of what independence would bring. There seems to be no idea that this was go-

ing to do away with work or make everybody rich. On the contrary, underlying the festivities there is a strong current of seriousness and a determination to meet the difficulties constructively.



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