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Kirksville	\$120.00
South Side	45.30
Victory	83.75
Grant Ave.	49.49
Cuba Church, Cuba, Mo.	24.85
Verdella	308.51
Pleasant Home in Mission	
Association	26.84
Fellowship	75.00
Grant Ave.	38.20
Merl's Chapel	32.31
Hickory Grove	17.30
Farmington	62.57
Eureka Springs Church	17.04
Monett First	95.70
West Plains, Bethel Church ..	85.36
Oak Grove, in Cave Springs	
Association	5.00
Copper Mines	31.54
Hannon	30.00
Mine La Motte	11.22
Thayer	35.30
Total	\$1195.28

Disbursements:

Natl. Ass'n. of F. W. B.	\$657.40
Promotional Department	239.06
Mo. Home Missions	107.58
Mo. Superannuation	11.96
Gem	59.76
Youth Camp	59.76
General Fund	59.76
Total	\$1195.28

Missionary Uses Television
To Spread Gospel Message

San Salvador, El Salvador (MNS)
—By means of television and radio the Rev. Paul Finkenbinder, Assemblies of God missionary here, is reaching an estimated 40,000 persons with the Gospel message.

Well-known Bible stories are enacted and filmed for half-hour releases on television and distributed in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Chile, and the Dominican Republic. In many cities public television sets are placed in the town square for everyone to view.

As a follow-up of the broadcasts on radio and television, literature and special Bible correspondence courses are made available to those who write. Currently more than 600 persons are enrolled in Bible study courses.

THE PROMOTIONAL
SECRETARY'S CORNER

Harry H. Beatty
Promotional Secretary

Saturday November 3 I attended the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting held in the Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church. This Church has just finished a beautiful new sanctuary. This church and the majority of the other churches in this Quarterly Meeting support the Co-operative Plan of giving.

I presented the Co-operative Program during the Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting held in the Monett Free Will Baptist Church beginning on November 13, 1962. The Monett Church at this time was in a revival meeting. The Evangelists were four young Free Will Baptist Ministers. Wednesday night following the Quarterly Meeting, I held service with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church.

Thursday November 14th at the First Mission Quarterly Meeting I again explained the Co-operative Plan of giving. They also licensed three fine young men to preach the gospel. Some of the churches in this Quarterly Meeting support the whole Co-operative Plan of giving regularly.

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Bro. Beatty

Sunday morning November 25th I delivered a message in the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church on the subject of "Missions." This church supports missions very good. Sunday evening I presented the Co-operative Program and also preached the message at the Mt. Grove Free Will Baptist Church. This outstanding church supports the Co-operative Program plus other special denominational programs.

The following Series A Bonds are still available: \$250.00 bonds, numbers 40, 47, 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63 and 64; \$500.00 bonds, there is just one left number 59. Brethren, let us sell all of these before January 1, 1963.

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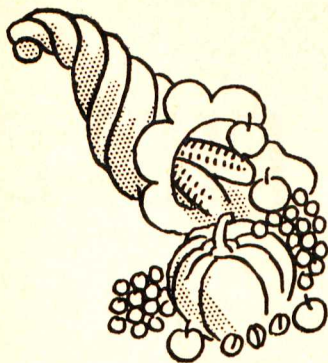
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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Revival At Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church

The Rev. Dale Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo., concluded a two and a half week revival at the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church near Tunas, Missouri. The Rev. Frank Linton is church pastor.

During the revival there were twenty one decisions for the Lord made and thirty five united with the church.

Gospel Music Program At Berkeley Church

A delightful program was held at the church on Sunday, December 2nd from 2 to 4 P. M., featuring Mr. Elsom Eldridge, a talented young organist. Other musical groups, singing groups and soloists were invited to participate in this Gospel Singing. This program was sponsored by the Junior G. T. A. and a love offering was taken to supplement the funds being raised for the 300 new Free Will Baptist Hymnals.

Revival At Union Light Church

We would like to report that the Lord has been blessing in the Union Light Church. During the first part of October we had a wonderful revival with the Reverend James Earl Raper as our Evangelist. We feel that God richly blessed each Christian, and His divine presence was at every service. There were 2 converted and 1 rededication.

New Mission

Rev. Jim McCully is now in a new mission work in Eureka Springs, Ark. The Lord is blessing in the work there in this town. Around the first of October they were averaging in the twenties. Also souls are being led to the Lord about every week. Please pray for this work.

Homecoming Day

On Sunday, October 7, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Festus, Missouri observed Homecoming Day. Featured in the morning services was the Victory Quartet of Granite City, Illinois. In the afternoon service, the Jubelaires Quartet was featured. A message was brought by the former pastors of the church.

We have been in our new building one year the last Sunday of September and have received many blessings during the year. Many souls have been saved and we have received several new members into our church.

When we entered our new building our Sunday School numbered in the 30's; now it numbers in the 70's. We are very thankful to the Lord for His many blessings. Pray for us that we may continue to do what the Lord would have us to do and that the church may continue to grow and work for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Change

The Rev. Elmer Turnbough has resigned the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Missouri to accept the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church near Sesser, Illinois. Bro. Turnbough will be leaving Missouri around the first of the year.

Evangelistic Paper

The Free Will Baptists now have an evangelistic paper edited by two of our full time evangelists; Rev. Bobby Jackson and Rev. Jack Paramore. This paper is published Bi-Monthly and the subscription rate is \$1.00 per year. I as Editor, of the Gem, endorse this paper as one that every Christian should have coming into their home. You may order the "Harvest" by writing to: Harvest; %Rev. Bobby Jackson; 2706 Memorial Drive; Greenville, North Carolina.

Quarterly Meeting

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Pleasant Ridge Church December 29-30. The first service will start on Saturday at 7:30 P. M. The Pleasant Ridge Church is located near Urbana, Missouri. The pastor of the host church is Rev. Len Gardener.

Ordination Service

The Lord has blessed the Southside F. W. B. Church in St. Louis again through an ordination service on Saturday evening, November 3rd. Four dedicated men of our church were ordained to the Deaconship. They were Brothers Lynn Frazier, Warren Livingston, Bill Graham and Sherdell Reeves. The two other men who compose our board of Deacons are Brothers Oscar Davis and Leroy Cummins. Thank God for dedicated Deacons!

Southside Master's Men

On the evening of November 17, 1962 the Master's Men and Women's Auxiliary sponsored a turkey and covered dish dinner. The ladies of the church prepared the food and some of the teenage girls served as waitresses. There were approximately 200 plates served. Thanks was given by Bro. MacFarland and all joined in a delicious meal.

Following the meal we went to the auditorium where there was a special singing by Brother Brown's Gospel Singers.

Both of the church auxiliaries were well pleased with the church's response to their earnest labors.

Revival Fires Burn

There have been fifty-one conversions through the efforts of the Lewis Avenue Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the last two months. There have also

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THE MISSION FIELD

860 S. W. 3rd St. Apt. 3
Miami 36, Fla.
Nov. 12, 1962.

Dear Bro. Hill:

I must apologize for my delay in writing you. You had written Melitino for an article to publish. Melitino turned the letter over to me, and I let the time go by, and didn't get the article written. I had to write for Contact, and I'm just not much good at writing articles.

Melitino is in poor health, and too, his English is not very good, and if he writes an article, I have to translate it. I have been quite busy, as I have charge of the correspondence for the Center, and keeping down all the things served etc.

Things are coming along pretty good here in Miami. Our church attendance is growing. We have to have services in a school building. Just Sunday School and morning services. We can't have them on Sunday nights. We have prayer meeting and Auxiliary in homes.

We have more help now as we have 3 Cuban pastors and families, here now, and they are beginning some services in other churches at a time when they will not conflict with other services. Also Bible study classes have been started. We hope to reach many more people for Christ in the days ahead.

The Center is getting along well. Crowds of Cubans have visited us taking away clothing and whatever we have to offer to them, that they can use personally or in their homes, for they need everything, not being able to bring more than a very few clothes with them, no matter how much they had in Cuba.

Now the weather is chilly and they are asking for warm clothing, blankets etc. It is a great undertaking but the Lord has blessed us with lots of donors

who have an interest in the welfare of these unfortunate people.

We are not only interested in their material needs, but also spiritual and we are able to minister to them in that capacity also.

We do covet your prayers as we continue to supply all these needs.

Yours in the Lord,
Bessie Yeley

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

October, 1962

Fellowship Church	\$135.00
Anonymous	5.00
Lester Barks	5.00
Jr. Dept. S. S. St. Louis	6.00
Mrs. Coy Rader	10.00
F. W. B. C., Fredericktown	40.00
Beulah Midgett	47.00
First Church, Joplin	30.00
Farmington Church	135.41
Grant Ave. League	10.00
South Side Church	196.20
Son Light Mission	21.25
G. T. A., Kirksville	5.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n.	24.54
Willow Springs Church	14.63
Berkeley Church	75.00
Mrs. Charles R. Smith	2.00
Oak Grove Church	15.00
Martha Coffman, Leona	
Holt, Oma Scott	3.00
Jones Chapel Church	15.25
Mill Creek League	15.00
Macedonia Church	15.00
Mrs. John F. Summers	6.00
Mr. Lehman R. Riggs	25.00
Paul J. Clay	5.00
Mrs. Stella Mowry	2.00
Mrs. Bob Lindsey	5.00
Mrs. Lockie Wonsetler	1.00
Nora Altis	2.00
Arthur Williams	1.00
Herman H. Miley	2.00
Hurryville Church	38.58
Mrs. Bill Medlin	1.00
Glen Black	41.00
First Church, Festus	3.00
E. E. Ellington	1.00

Ronald Clifford	4.00
Park View Church	30.00
Wolf Creek Church	5.00
Rev. Lewis Hall, Jr.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Boyd	5.00
Willmathsville Sunday School	8.75
Fourth Church, St. Louis	14.78
Beulah Midgett	48.00
Big Creek League	3.05
Beacon Church	18.00
Max Gregory	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barks	15.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	62.62
Eddie Altis	5.00
Fredericktown Church	40.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church	48.25
Verdella Church	14.00
W. N. A. C.	2.00

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James A. Britton, St. Louis	50.00
Junior G. T. A., St. Louis	3.00
Lindell Willhite, St. Louis	4.00
First Church, Fredericktown	20.00
New Rock Springs, Mtn. Grove	26.22
Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle	1.00
Farmington Church	58.03
South Side, St. Louis	39.90
Farmington Church	35.00
H. S. Vandivort, Cabool	20.00
Fourth Church, St. Louis	2.00
L. R. Riggs, Jennings	25.00
Zona Smith, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett	6.00
Hurryville Church, Farmington	15.00
Festus First Church	3.00
Grant Ave., Springfield	5.00
Fourth Church, St. Louis	14.78
First Church, Joplin	20.00
First Woman's Aux., Joplin	5.00
First Church Fredericktown	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chesley A. Hill, Lemay	40.00
Fourth Church, St. Louis	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Will Gates, Monett	20.00
Total Receipts	\$439.93

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& TERRY EAGLETON

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Mission Executives Retreat Features Church Growth Seminar

Winona Lake, Ind. (MNS)—Dr. Donald A. McCavran director of The Institute of Church Growth at Northwest Christian College (Eugene, Oregon) and author of **How Churches Grow** and **Bridges of God**, conducted a Seminar on Church Growth during the 11th Annual Mission Executive Retreat here October 1-5.

In two days of concentrated study representatives of more than fifty mission agencies were challenged to understand church growth and be prepared to enter those areas of the world and society which are showing the greatest response to the Gospel.

After discussing different types of church growth, e. g., growth of Christian families and growth caused by migration, Dr. McCavran pointed out that the only true church growth is that which occurs when converts are added to the church. This, he emphasized, is the New Testament pattern of growth—for the church to reach out and win the lost world to Christ.

In addition to the challenge to increased activity in evangelism the seminar provided practical information on how missions can study church growth and how they can undertake programs to stimulate solid church growth in the future.

The remaining three days of the Retreat were given to topics of vital interest to world missions today.

"Social Implications of the Gospel" was the topic of papers written by the Rev. J. Philip Hogan of the Assemblies of God and the Rev. Horace Fenton

of the Latin America Mission. Both pointed up the danger of over-involvement in social and political matters and also warned against the calloused indifference which sometimes overtakes churches.

Dr. Louis L. King of the Christian and Missionary Alliance discussed "Missionary Activities of the Younger Churches." He said he had found it very difficult to establish a basis upon which to do a scientific study of this topic. This particular paper was limited to what the writer termed "foreign missions of the younger churches" and dealt with work carried on outside the country of the church which supplies the personnel and the funds.

Dr. King's study revealed (1) there are 14 agencies in various countries which are active in sending out missionaries, (2) approximately 619 missionaries are being sent by "younger churches," and (3) the bulk of the sending agencies of younger churches are to be found in the Far East, but there are some notable examples also in Africa and South America. More extensive research was deemed necessary to determine what additional missionary activities may exist, especially in "home missions" as churches reach out to new tribal areas and other cultural groups within their own country.

Papers on "The Spiritual Caliber of Missionaries" were presented by Eric S. Fife of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and the Rev. Vernon Mortenson of TEAM. While the two speakers enumerated many aspects of the qualifications which enable missionaries to serve effectively, both emphasized the importance of the fruit

of the Spirit as described in Galatians 5:22-23.

Dealing with "The Church And Its Goals" Dr. Arthur Climenhaga, president of Messiah College (Grantham, Pa.), gave some striking definitions of the church and some succinct definitions of its goals. This paper was followed by an open forum in which all participants of the conference were able to discuss the theme.

In a "Study On Cooperation" the Rev. Dennis Clark of Evangelical Literature Overseas described the cooperation currently being exercised by evangelicals in various countries, especially in the Orient. His observations were based on his recent trip through the areas discussed.

The Rev. Norman Cummings of Overseas Crusades had prepared a very fine paper on "What Constitutes A Missionary Call." He emphasized that all who go to the mission field should be assured of their call to the Lord's service but distinguished that from the action which sends a certain missionary to a specific area of the world, an act performed by the church or its agencies under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The Mission Executives Retreat is an annual event sponsored by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

Material presented at this year's Retreat will be available in a **Retreat Report** which may be ordered from EFMA, 1405 G St., N. W. Washington 5, D. C. Price \$1.00. Please order immediately to be sure that an adequate number of copies will be prepared.

SERMON OF THE MONTH

"Why Be In The Dark?"

REV. C. H. BURTON

PASTOR: FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

II Corinthians 4:3,4 "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

I saw him walking down the sidewalk. His steps were unsteady; his movements slow and he had a white cane in his hand. He came to an intersection and slowly stepped from the curb. He put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a whistle. The cane was held out as far as his long arm would reach and he began blowing the whistle. There was a momentary pause. Then he began walking across the street.

My heart went out in sympathy for this one who was blind. I wondered of the thoughts that could have been going through his mind. What if the manhole cover had not been put back in place? What if the man in the automobile doesn't see me as he drives out of the alley? What if the boy on the bicycle is looking across the street? Without eyes to see there is always that potential danger. To be blind is surely an unfortunate thing. But the Bible speaks of a greater blindness than this. The Bible speaks of a greater danger than the ones mentioned above.

The Bible states that the unbeliever is spiritually blind. This fact is stated in the text, II Cor. 4:3,4. Paul is saying the unbeliever has no spiritual understanding; no spiritual perception. Jesus said, of the Pharisees, who were unbelievers, that they were blind and leaders of the blind. (Matt. 15:14) Man resents being told that he is blind; that he is walking in the dark. Nevertheless it is true. While he is being guided by the so-called light of human wisdom and philosophy, these "lights" do vary, casting their con-

fusing shadows until man hardly knows where he is going nor the way he is taking.

Fallen man is in spiritual darkness. He may be intelligent, but he is incapable of discerning spiritual truths. Paul said, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor 2:14). We preach Christ, who said, "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12), and the unbeliever calls it "foolishness" (I Cor. 1:8). The man whose knowledge is limited to material universe cannot perceive spiritual truth.

A soul that is spiritually blind sees nothing desirable in those things that have become the source of joy and contentment to a saved man. When you speak to an unsaved man about going to a prayer meeting he will tell you that he "can't see it." Of course he cannot. He is blind. This is the reason an unsaved person will criticize the consecrated Christian for his regular church attendance, giving of the tithe and offering, and separation from worldliness. To the unbeliever the Gospel is veiled. Oftentimes physical vision is impaired by a cataract or veil drawn over the eye, by which the pupil, which is usually transparent, becomes colored and opaque. To those who are perishing, the Gospel is veiled. That veiling is the work of the prince of darkness who has "blinded the minds of them which believe not." Do not overlook the fact that the blindness is the result of unbelief, and the reason that men do not believe is that they do not want to believe. Satan cannot keep a man in the dark so long as that man will believe God.

But why are so many still in the dark after nineteen centuries of gospel preaching? Has the light failed to shine? Jesus answers these questions.

He said, "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). It seems strange that man should love darkness rather than light. And yet the light of the Gospel has been shining for almost two thousand years while multitudes remain in the dark. The mental and moral darkness of man permits him to continue blindly in sin. He knows his deeds are evil, but he loves them too well to part with them. The man who is stealing wants to keep on stealing. The man who is lying wants to keep on lying. The man who gets drunk wants to keep on getting drunk. The man who is committing adultery wants to keep on committing adultery. Then, there is the man, though not guilty of these sins, who is guilty of the sin that will also send his soul to Hell—the sin of unbelief. This sin is the basic motivating sin of all sins. I fear, that oftentimes, this man pulls his robe of self-righteousness around himself and thinks that his relationship with God is all right, because he doesn't lie, steal, get drunk and etc. The Bible teaches that this is a false garment; a sham hope. Jesus said, "He that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). So, all of these are in spiritual darkness; they are spiritually blind. Dear heart, the one who keeps man in spiritual darkness is the devil. At the cost of repetition I shall say again, the devil cannot keep a man in the dark if that man will say yes to the conviction of the Holy Spirit; yes I will believe; yes I will accept Christ as personal Saviour. This leads us to the way out of darkness.

The Bible teaches clearly just how the darkness may be banished from the mind and heart of man. There is

a Light, God's pure Light, the eternal Agent by which objects are made visible. That Light is none other than God's Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Of Him the Apostle John wrote, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9). Across forty centuries of human history, God saw the day coming when the darkened hearts and minds of men should have the "true Light." The incarnation of the Son of God was the coming of that Light. Relative to the birth of Jesus, Zacharias prophesied saying, "The dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 1:79). The aged Simeon gathered up the incarnate Light in his arms, blessed God and said, "Mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:28-32). Jesus has come to give light and life to all who would receive Him as Saviour. This is it. This is the way out of darkness—receive the One who said I am the Light. The condition is the same for all who will come. The condition is—"he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36).

Christ and Christ alone can cleanse and illumine the heart. Saving faith in the Son of God is the vital distinction between men. Some are children of the night, some of darkness, who bring forth the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:8-11), because their heart is darkened (Rom. 1:21). Our Lord calls His followers "the children of light," and all who have put saving faith in Him have the assurance of living eternally with Him in the city of light of which it is said: "And there shall be no night there" (Rev. 22:5). In that glad day we shall have finished forever with night. But until our Lord comes again, we who have been called out of darkness into His glorious light are to be "blameless and harmless" the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). Our Lord is light in Himself, but we shine only as we are transformed from darkness to light and are indwelt by Him. There can be no higher calling than this: "Let your light so shine before men,

that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

What about the one who refuses this light; the one who chooses to remain spiritually blind? If one rejects spiritual light in this life that one will be shut off from the light for all eternity. Since he chooses the darkness now, he will be cast into "the blackness of darkness forever" (Jude 13) even "into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 22:13). When anyone refuses to come to the light, he remains under the power of darkness forever.

The Bible states "behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). The Bible states, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Why not come out of the darkness today?

Sermon C. H. Burton—pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church Fredricktown, Mo.

Latin American Journalists Organize

Huampani, Peru (MNS)—A new organization on the evangelical scene is the Latin American Association of Journalists. Purpose of the new agency, formed September 26 by 51 journalists who were delegates to the Second Congress on Evangelical Communications here, is to encourage fellowship, promote cultural interests and improve professional ability.

Membership is open to all evangelicals working with the press (religious or secular)—writers, editors translators, photographers and artists.

Red Publications Cite

Poor Health of Chinese Students

Taipei, Taiwan (MNS)—According to the Communist magazine **China Youth**, students in mainland China are in very poor health. Its recently published commentary "Intellectual Growth And Physical Growth Must Be Taken Care Of At The Same Time" reveals that students have ruined their health by trying to satisfy the unreasonable demand of the Young Communist League for simultaneous work and study.

"The health of many people has deteriorated," stated the editorial. "The demands placed upon them should therefore be changed accordingly. When students are taxed by

their studies the unnecessary consumption of physical strength should be reduced as much as possible so that these young people can be assured of necessary rest and sleep."

The Communist **Peking Daily** reported that over 7,000 college students from more than twenty colleges have been sent to communes throughout the countryside to help in the summer harvest. To work on farms has become a required course for all school students.

Quote

In an article entitled "How The Missionary Gets That Way" in **The Presbyterian Journal** of October 17, 1962, Dr. T. Watson Street says: "There appears to be a decline in the number of volunteers for service with major denominations in our land. I am told that last year there were more applicants for Peace Corps in the commonwealth of Virginia than the total missionary volunteers in all the churches of this country."

Gleaning

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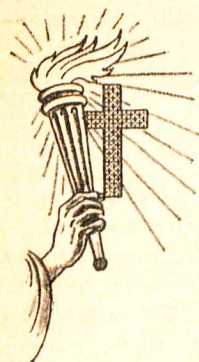
been over twenty people unite with the church in the same period.

The church has just adopted the annual budget of over \$25,000.00. Over twenty percent of this is designated for the world-wide cause of Christ. Much of this is earmarked for missions and Christian education, such as the thousand dollars for an acre of ground for Oklahoma Bible College and five hundred dollars for Nashville Bible College to be given in December of this year. The church conducted its annual stewardship campaign in November with a definite increase of tithers.

Our church recently conducted a revival meeting with Evangelist Jack Paramore in which 31 decisions were made for Christ. We highly recommend Bro. Paramore and his ministry.

The youth choir recently blessed the church with a Thanksgiving presentation under the direction of Helen Inbody. The adult choir will give a complete Christmas cantata of 64 pages, "Born a King." The adult choir is under the direction of Kenneth Beatty.

The Lewis Avenue Church is based on missions and geared to evangelism. Under this combination we are experiencing unusual growth and unity of purpose.



Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Lester Jones

Dear Women of our State:

As I sat meditating on what to write, this beautiful thought came to me: The star of Bethlehem still shines despite the darkness of our time; the threat of nuclear war, the threat from within and from without including the threat of crumbling from moral decay within our own prosperous nation. But we praise the Lord for the guiding light through the glory of His Word.

We trust we shall not be moved from our own steadfastness by the "commercializing" of the blessed season; but keep in mind the best Christmas gift we can give is to make it possible for someone to hear the Word of God.

As we view the fields of the world our hearts are overwhelmed. SOULS ARE LOST! What a terrible thing to be lost and without hope of eternal life. I would like to share with you the following poem that depicts to us the condition of a lost soul. I saw a dying tree. Some unseen force had sapped it of its life. Perhaps a boring mite or cancerous blight, had found its way into its vital core. Its boughs all stripped, its leaves all brown; its bark had peeled and scattered round. A

NOTICE

ALL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO:

MRS. LESTER JONES

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INSTEAD OF THE "GEM" OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS

PITEOUS SIGHT! I saw a dying soul. The unseen force of sin had sapped it of its life. Perhaps a boring mite or cancerous blight, had found its way into its vital core. Its heart was sad it sighed unrest. It could not stand the judgment test. A PITEOUS SIGHT!

Sometimes we are prone to say what little I can help does not matter. It is not a "drop in the bucket." Let us not be too sure that a "drop in the bucket" does not matter. It depends on what the "drop" is. One little drop of water falling into a bucket of acid may cause an explosion. A drop of germ culture would change the contents immediately. A bit of yeast put into the dough will leaven the whole lump. The little bit that we have to offer may not seem like much; but by our united efforts of praying, sending and doing we help to send the gospel into all the world.

TO ALL LOCAL TREASURERS:

Send all your Auxiliary money through our state treasurer. Be sure to designate where you want it to be used. Our district and state treasurers want to serve you effeciently and well and to place your offering where you want it to be used. But in order for them to do this you must ear mark your offerings so they will know. Send to: Hazel Hutsell: 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo.

MEET YOUR STATE OFFICERS:

We would like for you to meet our new President: Lucille Beatty. Per-

haps many of you already know her. Mrs. Beatty comes to us qualified by many years of Auxiliary work in the local Auxiliary and has served in the capacity of a State officer before. She has great interest in the work of the Auxiliary.

She and her husband reside in St. Louis where she is active in the South Side Auxiliary. Please pray for Mrs. Beatty and her LEADERSHIP. She has no work of magic to make the State Auxiliary a success but it all depends on you, a member of the local Auxiliary. Give her your support by praying for her.

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

The woman's Auxiliary met November 1 at the home of sister Alta Mikel. There were thirteen members and four visitors present. Carol Pinkerton became a member. A report of 1009 chapters read, 54 cards sent and 54 calls made. The Auxiliary sent 4 cards. Letters from our Missionaries, the Fulchers, the Calvarys and Donald and Betty Jones were read. The regular offering was \$16.71, the medical mission offering was \$2.50 and \$34.00 to the buliding fund was given.

Our Program-Prayer Chairman: Vivian Myers, gave out the assignments for the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer. We made plans to go to the Nursing Home for a service on November 13. The District Work Shop will be held at our church on Nov. 15. The next meeting will be at the home of Dorothy Houston.

FROM DESLOGE:

The Ladies Mission met at the church October 12 with 10 members present. Meeting was called to order by the president: Gladys Turnbough. Song: "He Makes Me Forget." Prayer by Hazel Morris. Each member answered the roll call with a scripture verse containing the name of a jewel. The 8th chapter of Romans was taught by our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Since October 3 we have mailed 22 packages to our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Ivory Coast, Africa. Also sent \$10.00 to the Pillows in Mexico. On October 10 we had our co-laborer study. Prayer by Mildred Miller and scripture by Gladys Turnbough. Prayer was then offered by Nellie Rasnic.

The theme "Enlistment for Missions." Introduction by the president. Topics were given by the following: Edna Moore, Hazel Morris and Sylvia Lix. We earnestly desire your prayers for our women's work here.

Hazel Morris, Cor.-Sec.

FROM MENDOTA MISSION:

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the fellowship house on September 11th. The morning was spent working on a comforter. A lunch was served at noon with the business meeting convening at 1:30. Our Vice-President: Roberta Haines was in charge. Roll call was answered by 9 members and 3 children. Our roll call next month will be answered with a verse on Faithfulness. Our members reported 282 Bible chapters read, 68 sick calls made and 20 cards sent. A program on prayer was presented by several of the members. Our closing song was "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand." We were dismissed in prayer by sister Arlene Clay. Wanda Weber, Sec.-Treas.

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Women's Auxiliary met October 1 with 9 members present. Service opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," prayer by Betty Bell. The scripture I Samuel 1:10-11 was read by sister Claudia Combs. After the business session sister Addie Atkinson presented the lesson. Topics were given by Beulah Gillion, Ella James, Locky Wonsetter, Betty Bell, Hattie Sims. Missionary letters were read by Gracie Stevens and Louise Lewis.

The Auxiliary will have a wedding shower for Ernestine Atkinson October 15th. We also voted to buy 2 tables to be used at the church. We planned

a baked food sale and bazaar before Christmas. There will be a study course at the church Monday night October 22nd. Ruby Blankenship, Cor.-Sec.

NOTICE

Another possible source of Medical Supplies of medicine for Dr. Miley is being investigated. Until you hear further, please DO NOT gather any more medicines.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

FROM SOUTH SIDE:

Officers of the South Side Auxiliary were elected as follows:

President—Lucille Beatty

Vice Pres.—Pearl Price

R. Secretary—Betty Sinko

Treasurer—Arleen Honey

Cor.-Sec.—Dee Stacy

Program Prayer Ch'm.—Joan Barr

Study Course Ch'm.—Euna Goings

Youth Chairman—Mae Hill

Personal Service Ch'm.—Virtess Kellerman
Dee Stacy, Cor.-Sec.

FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary met October 16 with 19 members present. Scripture reading I Samuel 1:10-11 by the President, Lorene Pohnert. Prayers were offered by Shirley Caldwell and Gay Combs. Topics were given by the following women: Gay Combs, Jean Lau and Elsie Worel. Refreshments were served in the church kitchen by Essie Cross, Norene Cross, Shirley Cardwell and Louise Cardwell.

Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

NORTH-EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT RALLY:

The fifth Sunday Rally of the District Convention met at the Martins-town Church. The devotions were brought by the President, Mrs. Lester Jones using Psalm 124:1, closing with a solo by Velma Wellman. Several numbers were rendered by the various Auxiliaries after which Rev. Albert McFarland, from the South Side church in St. Louis brought a soul stirring message against worldliness. The next Rally will go to New Harmony.

FROM FIRST CHURCH, KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Auxiliary met October 2 at the church. Prayer by sister Vallie Grout. Scripture from I Samuel 1:10-11. Topic I: Mrs. Alma Mason; Topic II: Fern Smith; Topic III: Ann Smicker. Alma Mason led in prayer. Meeting called to order by President.

Ann Smicker was elected Program-Prayer Chairman. We voted to have a pink and blue shower for Betty Hensley on October 19. We voted to send Ricardo Guzman, the boy sponsored by our church at the Arizona-Mexico Mission, a box for Christmas. We also voted to send a box to all the others at this mission. Benediction by sister Alice Dickey.

Fern Smith, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEADINGTON:

The woman's Auxiliary met at the church September 20th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Iva Treaster; Vice President, Allie Penrod; Study Course Chairman and Personal Service Chairman, Ruby Boren; Program Prayer and Youth Chairman, Ruby Campbell; Cor.-Sec., Anna Lincoln; Sec.-Treas., Jerry Wilfong.

We voted to send \$10.00 to the Student Loan fund at Free Will Baptist College. Pray for us and remember our missionaries everywhere.

Anna Lincoln, Cor.-Sec.

FROM CUBA:

The women of the Cuba church met and organized an Auxiliary with Mrs. Beatty doing the organizational work and explained the duties of each officer before they were elected. The following officers were elected: President, Sister Jo Pingleton; Vice Pres., Sister Goldie Richhart; Youth Chairman, Sister Lucille Blume; Study Course Chairman, Sister Creason; Program-Prayer Chairman, Sister Jewell Ellis; Personal Service Chairman, Sister Helen Brown; Recording Sec., Sister Ruth Bailey; Corresponding Sec., Sister Geraldine Dickens; Treasurer, Sister Mabel Kitchen. Sister Beatty explained where to get our literature and send the reports. An installation service followed with each officer sworn in and pledging to do her best in the job assigned. The service was dismissed by prayer.

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

The Auxiliary of the First F. W. B. Church met at fellowship house for an all day meeting on August 16. The President, Mrs. Jones, conducted an officers' clinic using the Standard of Achievement as a basis of study. After a carry-in dinner, a huge box of clothes was packed to send to Ari-

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A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year
from
Your Editor



Rev. Bud Hill



Mary, Celecia and Paul

and His Family

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zona-Mexico Missions including a comforter the Auxiliary had made. Some visitations in the community were also made.

On September 6 the Auxiliary met at the home of Esther Hedigar with 17 members and 4 visitors present. Letters from our missionaries, the Hannas, the Mileys and Mark Vandivorts were read and enjoyed by all. Also a letter from Miss Prinz, a missionary to South America was read. Effie Dare and Ruth Jacobs volunteered as home missionaries for the month to make visitations. There was an offering of

\$19.60 in the regular offering and \$6.00 to medical missions. Mrs. Jones volunteered to write the letter to the Fulchers in Uruguay. As September is student loan fund month an offering of \$30.00 was given for this.

On September 20 the Auxiliary met at fellowship house for an all day meeting. Our Study Course Chairman, Velma Wellman, taught a lesson on stewardship with class participation. After lunch some of the women worked on quilts while others cleaned the parsonage because the pastor's wife was in the hospital. The women of the church also took as a project the filling of the pastor's deep freeze.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Beacon Church Woman's Auxiliary had their first meeting of the year July 26 with the officers in charge: Blanche Matthews, President; Dixie Green, Vice President; Louella Thomas, Sec.-Treas.; Carmen Smith, Personal Service; La Rue Horn, Youth Chairman; Irene Searcy, Program-Prayer Chairman; Jean Williams, Study Course; Ruth Postlewaite, Cor.-Sec.

Our personal service for this month was giving food to a family. There were thirteen members present.

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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	
Black Oak	
New Lebanon	Rev. Glen Jones
Leadington	Rev. Robert Wilfong
Copper Mines	Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle	Rev. Dale Skiles
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. Lester Nutting
First, Flat River	
Alton	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Trinity, 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
Union	Rev. Ezra Butts
First Church, Aurora	Rev. Edward Climer
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Faith	Rev. But Arnold

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	
Merl's Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred
Oskaloosa	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel	
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. Len Gardner
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave.	
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. Dale Jones
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. Ronald Clifford
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
Hickory Grove	Rev. Ralph Cook
Northside	Rev. Frank Giunta
Hazel Creek	Rev. Cletus Nichols

(Editor's Note: If your Church has changed pastors please let me know.)

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

WHY I CAME TO BIBLE COLLEGE

By Jim Combs

September 1, 1957 was the greatest day of my life. It was then, at the age of nineteen, that I gave my life to the Lord.

I was in the Navy at the time and was home for the week-end. I went back to my ship a new person. My entire outlook on life had been changed.

Though only a babe in Christ, a daily reading of God's Word and prayer opened my eyes to the need of the world. The foreign countries which were once only seaports to me now became a burden to my heart. These were people laden with sin and looking for something, they seemed to know not what.

Many hours of meditation and soul-searching finally made me realize that God was calling me to preach. I responded to His call knowing that this would mean I would have to prepare myself for the ministry.

I had heard of F. W. B. B. C., but had never before been interested. My father, a Free Will Baptist preacher, sent me a catalogue from the college while I was out on a cruise.

I opened it eagerly and began to read. As I read through the catalogue I seemed to sense a voice saying, "this is the way, walk ye in it."

I came to the Bible College the same year that I got out of the Navy. After having been here several years, I can now see how the Lord was leading me here.

I came because I knew that to be a preacher meant that I needed to study. But greater than anything else I came because I felt God leading me here.

These years at school have been the happiest of my life. I have been able to learn many things about the Christian life since I've been here. I thank God for directing me to this thoroughly "Christian" college.

Youth Rally Meets:

On October 26th The St. Louis District Free Will Baptist Youth Rally was held at The Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. Officers for the coming year were elected. They are the following:

President—Larry Hill, Berkeley
Vice President—Bonnie Stevens
Secretary-Treasurer—Linda Plummer

Chorister—James Mullen.

A good attendance was enjoyed and great interest was shown.

Southside Young People Elect Officers:

At our regular October Meeting new officers for our C. A. were elected. They are: President, Lillian Moore; Vice-President, Carl Purdom; Secretary, Mexie Hurt; Business Manager and Treasurer, Chesley Hill; Sponsors, Chesley and Mae Hill; Chorister, Tommy Barr; Social Committee, Sharon Paul, Charlotte Tallent, Harold Kellerman, Larry Pratt, Sue Mertz and Cheryl Burns. Officers of "The Beacon" are: Editor, Lillian Moore; Assistant Editor, Mexie Hurt; Publishers, Harold Kellerman and Tommy Barr; Reporters: General News Reporter, Sharon Paul; Sunday School Classes Reporter, Sue Mertz; Sunday School Officers Reporter, Joyce Cruse; Sports Reporter, Harold Kellerman; Kiddie Korner, Lillian Moore.

Bible College Reports:

The midsemester honor roll at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee lists the name of one Missouri student. This is Eugene Workman, from the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield.

Eugene is a junior. He transferred to the Bible College last year from Southwest Missouri State College at Springfield. Eugene is Jr. class president and director of the Campus League.

State-Wide Youth Rally:

The young people of our state will have opportunity to display their talent at a state wide youth rally Friday, December 28, at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Mountain Grove.

Afternoon and evening services will be held. Registration will begin at 12:30 p. m. The afternoon services will include a devotional, testimonies, and a workshop with special speakers, and a talent-fun time. Special music, readings, skits and plays will be presented by young people from the churches all over the state.

The evening service, beginning at 7:30 p. m., will include a film strip

about the Bible College and a message by a special youth speaker.

All young people and youth directors are urged to come and be a part of this day of Christian fellowship.

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August meeting was held in the home of Carmen Smith with 9 members and 3 visitors present. Sherry Smith and Grace Venable became members. Our project was an offering of \$13.45 for Alaskan Missions. The G. T. A. sent \$4.00. We voted to buy paint for the Beginner's room. We had a study course September 18 on prayer. We have a Missionary Midget Auxiliary now with 8 members. Dixie Green is their sponsor.

Ruth Postlewaite, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Auxiliary met Sept. 20 to elect officers. The following were elected: President, Iva Treaster; Vice President, Allie Penrod; Study Course and Personal Service, Ruby Boren; Program-Prayer and Youth Chairman, Ruby Campbell; Cor.-Sec., Anna Lincoln; Sec.-Treas., Jerry Wilfong. We voted to send \$10.00 to the Student Loan Fund in Nashville, Tenn. Pray for us and remember our missionaries everywhere.

Anna Lincoln, Cor.-Sec.

TIPS TO PRESIDENTS

Lucille Beatty

Let all things be done decently and in order. (1 Cor. 14:40)

In giving "tips to presidents" one of the first recommendations that I would offer is to keep our business sessions orderly. Much of this responsibility rests upon the president. She, being in charge of the business sessions, will be better able to conduct an orderly session, if she has taken time for **Prayer plus preparation**. Preparation can be successfully achieved through frequent executive committee meetings. Much time can be saved by discussing resolutions and items of business beforehand, thus, being prepared to present business to the auxiliary in an orderly manner. Jesus gave us an example of efficient organization when He recruited twelve men and trained them

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Christmas Thoughts

NO ROOM

By Chesley A. Hill

Layman from the Southside Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Almost two thousand years ago there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed and Joseph went up from Galilee to Jerusalem to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was **no room** for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7)

Let us picture in our minds, Joseph and Mary going from inn to inn and house to house and inquiring for a room and receiving the same answer everywhere. **No room. No room.**

These words still ring out throughout the world. **No room** for Christ in our hearts. **No room** for Christ in our homes. **No room** for Christ in our government. Even December 25th, the day we celebrate as the birthday of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ has become so commercialized that we have **no room** for Christ in Christmas.

Our lust for money, power and things of the world have hardened our hearts until there is **no room** for Christ. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21. Homes are broken up, children are homeless and hungry because there is **no room** for Christ. Because of this crime is rampant everywhere and juvenile delinquency is increasing at an alarming pace. Nations are crying, peace, peace, peace, but leaving Christ out of their plans for peace.

When are we going to wake up to the fact that there can be no peace until we make **room** for Christ in our hearts, in our homes and in our government?

As our first move let us make **room** for Christ in our hearts and thus help to put Christ back into Christmas.

THE GIFTS OF GOD

Rev. Roger Reeds

(National Sunday School Director Nashville, Tennessee.)

Throughout America, homes are adorned with a gaily decorated Christmas tree. It may be a Canadian spruce or a Novia Scotia poplar. It may even be artificial. No one is quite sure of the origin of the use of a tree at Christmas and the idea didn't really catch on until the 1800s. The placing of lights on the tree (originally candles) is that of religious symbolism. Under the trees are placed brightly wrapped gifts. There is a train for Junior, a doll for Susan, a dress for Mother, and a pair of slippers for Dad. What would Christmas be without its tree and gifts?

God also has His Christmas Tree. It is not a gaily decorated tree such as we find in the average American home, but an ugly unattractive tree shaped in the form of a Cross. It is not decorated with tinsel draped over it or bright lights strung around it, but with the broken, bruised body of God's Son. The tree is stained with the bright red blood that flows from the wounds inflicted upon the body of the Saviour of the World.

Under the tree, at the feet of Jesus, you will find several of the most priceless gifts in all the world. They are: I. The Gift of Grace. Eph., 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

II. The Gift of Righteousness. Rom. 5:17, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign by one, Jesus Christ."

III. The Gift of Eternal Life. Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life."

WHAT DAY?

Was our Lord really born on the twenty-fifth of December? Scriptures do not date his birth so exactly that we can be absolutely sure of the day. There is every reason, however, to believe that December 25th is the

exact day for the following reason: In the year 125 A. D., the Bishop of Caesarea, a city not far from Jerusalem and a place redolent of early Christian tradition, issued the order that the birth of our Lord was to be observed on the twenty-fifth of December no matter on what day of the week it should fall. Now in the year 125, there were probably thousands of people still living who had met the original disciples of our Lord and talked with them. Quite likely, therefore, the bishop based his demand on a well-authenticated tradition that our Lord was born on the twenty-fifth of December.

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for three years. He then gave them hard work to do and high goals to achieve.

In the committee meetings is a good place to lay plans for the year and discuss ways to achieve the goals set. I would suggest at least quarterly executive committee meetings.

The president must see that all her officers understand their departments of work and know their responsibilities. Patience and tact are inestimable in encouraging and assisting her auxiliary members in attaining the goals set. It is necessary that the president keep herself informed in God's word, in every phase of the auxiliary work, in missions and parliamentary procedure. Learning more about the Missionary program of the church is part of the church woman's educational development. Doing something about helping missions is the result of understanding the needs. Wherever women exist, group meetings exist. Whatever motivates the meeting, women of similar taste will find time to meet and talk.

If we are to increase our development of the W. A., our presidents must be interested, informative, and inspirational.

Let us pray for one another that our work will continue to grow and bless our churches and our committees.

In traveling about I am finding that some of our auxiliaries do not understand the financial department of our work. For a bit of information let me say that all money should be channeled through our state secretary and treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutsell, Mountain

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Letters from our Readers

Harrisonville, Mo.
November 11, 1962

Free Will Baptist Gem,
St. Louis, Missouri.
Dear Bro. Bud,

We have just finished a revival at the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Harrisonville, Mo. Rev. Glenn Rehkop of Kansas City held our revival with God backing him all the way, with soul stirring messages. There were five conversions, with seven additions to the church.

Our church also belongs to the Family Plan for the Gem. I want to add another name to our list of thirty two members who are getting the Gem.

I have enjoyed my paper again, used to take it but had lost track of it when it jumped around. I hope to see this little piece about our revival in a paper soon.

Mrs. Vern R. Jones,
R. R. 3,
Harrisonville, Mo.

Hickory Grove Church Clerk.

Webb City, Mo.
Nov. 20, 1962

Dear Brother Hill:

I am enclosing a copy of a poem I wrote many years ago which I would like to have printed in the Dec. issue of the Gem.

Yours Truly,
Robert L. Nutting

THE KING OF THE JEWS By Robert L. Nutting

There was a man of humble birth
Who sought not wealth nor fame;
Who for the good he did on earth
Did gain a matchless Name.

I say, though humble was his birth,
He was born beneath a star
Which led three wise men from the east
To Bethlehem afar.

They brought to him their choicest gifts,
And did his praises sing;
For he who in a manger lay
Was born to be a king.

God's chosen race were slaves to sin;
His will they would not do
Until He had to punish them
Because they were untrue.

Their foes came with pomp and power
And overcame their land
Till they who had in freedom lived
Became a captive band.

Some into exile had to go,
While those who stayed at home
Were subject to a foreign power,
And tribute paid to Rome.

Now Israel's prophets had foretold
And people looked to see
A Saviour and Deliverer,
A King to set them free.

But when He came to Bethlehem,
Of humble birth and low,
They did not recognize their King—
To Him they would not go.

He said to them who followed Him,
"My kingdom is within,
And all who will believe in me
I'll make them free from sin.

I am the way, the truth, the life,
Your Saviour and your friend;
I'll give salvation unto all
Who serve me to the end."

The Jews looked for a temporal king
Who free from Rome would be.
They crucified their Christ who came
From sin to set them free.

Oh! Israel, once great and grand,
Could not see 'twas so,
That only sin did cause your fall?
'Twas sin that brought them low.

And, sinner, can't you also see
That sin will cause your fall?
But God in mercy sent His Son
To bleed and die for all.

Make Him your King. Give Him a throne
Within your heart and life,
And He will bring to you sweet peace
In place of sinful strife.

Then when your work on earth is done
And you your cross lay down,
Your Lord and King will welcome you
And give to you your crown.

With loved ones who have gone before
And friends whom you have known
You'll sing God's praise forevermore
Around the great white throne.

You'll have no sin, no pain, no death,
No sorrow and no strife,
But joy and peace will be your part
Throughout an endless life.

Dear Gem Readers,

The Meramec Heights Church recently had a two weeks revival meeting with Rev. N. F. Byrd of Lakeland, Fla., as evangelist.

We enjoyed God sent spirit filled messages each night. One lady was saved at her home and two people rededicated their lives to God in a service at church. We pray much will be accomplished yet for the Lord because of efforts put forth at these services.

It burdens our hearts to see how hardened and unconcerned hearts have become. Some people seemingly take no thought about where their soul will be in eternity.

We want to thank all the singers and everyone who came from other churches to be with us in these services.

This summer I attended The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lakeland, where Bro. Byrd serves as pastor and I recommend it to anyone visiting there in the future.

We desire that you continue to pray for us at Meramec Heights, that not our will but God's will be done.

Mary Lou Lynch, Reporter

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Grove, Missouri. Much of our giving is being sent direct to National Headquarters and by-passing the state treasurer, therefore we do not have an accurate record of our state work. You may send all your money to Miss Hutsell with a note telling her what portion goes where and she will send it as you direct but you will receive credit for it in the state of Missouri. Some are confusing the co-laborer offering with the tithe. The co-laborer offering goes through the state treasurer into the national and is there allocated thus: 1/3 to W. N. A. C. for promotional work, the remaining 2/3's as follows: Foreign Missions 50%, National Home Missions 20%, Bible College 30%.

The only money retained in the state treasury for promotional work is the tithe and half of the convention dues (ten-cents per member yearly). This is used for convention speakers.

Declamation and Essay gifts, Declamation Contestant expense to Na-
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tional convention, printing expense of minutes and programs, etc. Please, please start sending your money, (regardless of whether it is pre-season of prayer offerings, orphanages, college, students loan fund, tithe, or etc.) through the state treasurer—Miss Hazel Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Mo.

NOTICE!! Auxiliary Women

Recently I have made contact with the executive committee of the State Woman's Auxiliary and have received enthusiastic response regarding a national project for the state of Missouri.

The project is concerning our mission field in Uruguay. Our missionaries, Paul Robinson and Bill Fulcher are in urgent need of money to purchase a lot of ground and erect a temporary place for worship.

The following quotations are taken from a letter written by Bro. Robinson to the Rev. Reford Wilson, director of Foreign Missions which was sent on to the Women of Missouri for consideration.

"Presently, we are renting a small house for our services. It isn't adequate as it is so small. We are paying \$6.00 per month rent. With the above mentioned property we could build something which would serve as a temporary worship place and later a permanent place for educational purposes. We are now having classes for believers each Thursday afternoon. To say that it is hard is an understatement. The Lord is blessing our work and we praise Him for it. To date there have been 17 professions of faith. We have some fine bright boys and girls who faithfully come to each service and our prayer is that we can train them so that in the days that lie ahead they will be able to reach their own people."

We are asking our women to rally immediately to this urgent need. We are setting our goal for \$700.00. The number of auxiliaries reporting in July of 1962 was 14, number of members 366. To get an idea of the proportionate amount to send in, we can divide \$700.00 by 366 which will amount to \$1.92, per member. If every woman will give this small amount through her auxiliary to be mailed to our state treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Mo., for this cause, I'm sure this can soon be purchased and we will all receive a

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Victory, Kansas City	62	85	85	79	73		64	69	83			
Mt. Pisgah	44	73	70	78	70	60	72	70	84			
Copper Mines	57	92	87	87	89	89	103	101				
Fellowship, Flat River	165	192	209	209	195	201	197	188	187	188	204	
Leadington	39	45	38	43	39	42	40	44	52	47	44	
Farmington	74	92		96	97	86	93	88	81	97	86	
Fourth, St. Louis	72	79	86	74	73	77	66					
Mill Creek	29	46	48	53	55	43	55	56	53			
Berkeley City	185	212	202	254	216	237	213	226	264	262	243	
Richwoods	40	61	53	60	62	67	62	60	73	58	57	
Beacon							79	77	78	92		
Joplin	78	94	75	89	78	74	89					
Kirkville	63	82	86	91	85	81	86	82	68	83		
Grant Ave., Springfield ..	108	126	124	143	121	131		128	125	129		
Hazel Creek	35	53	52	47	55	58	58					
Twin Oak	43	53	58	60	59	56	63	57	59	65		
South Side Church	110	131	126	147	137	138	168	199	188	185		
New Hope, Kansas City	78	95	107	139	93	97	96	114	103			
Mine La Motte	16	28	34	38	31	43	34	31	26	28		
First Church, Waynesville			32									
First Church Lebanon	58	73	74	77	83	67	76	70	92			
Overland Church	88	139	140	155	150	138	126	136		141	141	
Neosho	64	60										
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	245	298	296	364	329	307	338	335	335			
Myrtle	41	63	58	63	62	75	69	65	68			
Bethel, West Plains	108	128	138	153	145	136		130	157	155		
Desloge	102	122	114	122	121	112	111	116	112	112	103	
First Ch., Fredericktown	133	166	166	180	165							
Thayer	85	117	115	122	108	109	110	104	118	110		
Meramec Heights	27	28	35	40	34	39	40	35	38	34	38	
Skyline Armourdale Ch.	70	88	107									
First Church Monett	108	120	123	123	118							
Faith, Lemay	70	95	113	113	107	104	98	98	94	109		
Union Light							104	123	108	118		
First Church, Flat River ..							149		132	138		
Belton F. W. B. Mission ..					17	18	18	21				
Liberty, Phillipsburg							109					
New Home Church	50	57	53	60	53	67	65	49	62			
Grace-Arnold									102			
Hannon	47	48	55	63	60	54	52	56	57	55		

blessing. Mrs. Fulcher is one of our own Missouri girls from Berkeley City Church so let's sacrifice a little if necessary, through this holiday season and help our own missionaries to promote the gospel in Uruguay.

Lucille Beatty

FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on Sept. 11th with Vice President, Helen Underwood in charge.

There were 13 members present. The opening song "Did You Think To Pray?" Prayer by Louise Caldwell. Another prayer was led by Elsie Worl.

Our lesson was on prayer. It was given by Phyllis Miller. By the method she used of asking questions everyone took part and was enjoyed by all. A special song was sung by Phyllis Miller and Ina Bennett. Refreshments were served in the basement.

Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

J. H. PETERSON, 87 YEARS OLD, IS DEAD HERE

Lifelong resident of Greentop area, prominent farmer

John H. Peterson, Sr., 87, died in a Kirksville hospital Saturday night at 7:45. He had been in declining health for the past several months and entered the hospital Wednesday.

He was born Dec. 12, 1874 in Greentop, the son of Gustav Malcolm and Olena Sophia (Swanson) Peterson. On January 23, 1896 he married Maude McElhinney at Queen City. She preceded him in death Aug. 26, 1956.

Surviving are six sons, Ivan M., Kirksville, Route 2, Earl L., Greentop, Lee H., Ferguson, Mo., John M., Greentop, Cecil A., Kirksville and Rev Monte R. Peterson, Belton, Mo., one daughter, Mrs. Boyd (Lola) Filkins, Route 2, Kirksville; four sisters, Mrs. Alva Hayes, Massena, Ia., Miss Ida R. Peterson, Greentop, Mrs. Oscar Lay, Kirksville, and Mrs. W. O. Roberts, Kirksville.

Also surviving are 21 grand-children, 36 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers.

Mr. Peterson was a lifelong resident and farmer of the Greentop community where he had lived until March of this year when he moved to Kirksville to make his home with his son, Cecil.

He was a member of New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church west of Greentop.

Funeral services were held at Methodist Church in Greentop, Oct. 15, 1962 at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Leland Burris and Rev. Cletus Nichols. Music was furnished by Richard, Rex and Blake Talbert accompanied by Mrs. Elfa Talbert.

OBITUARY

Joseph Kindrick Stephens passed to his heavenly reward Oct. 8, 1962. He was born Aug. 3, 1870 at Ooltewah, Tennessee. As a small child he came from Tennessee to McDonald Co., Mo. and spent most of the remainder of his life near Stockton, Mo.

His mother and Baptist minister father taught him of Christ early in life. After his conversion he became a charter member of the Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church in Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Bap-

tists. In the year 1930 he was ordained a deacon in the church and served faithfully for 32 years.

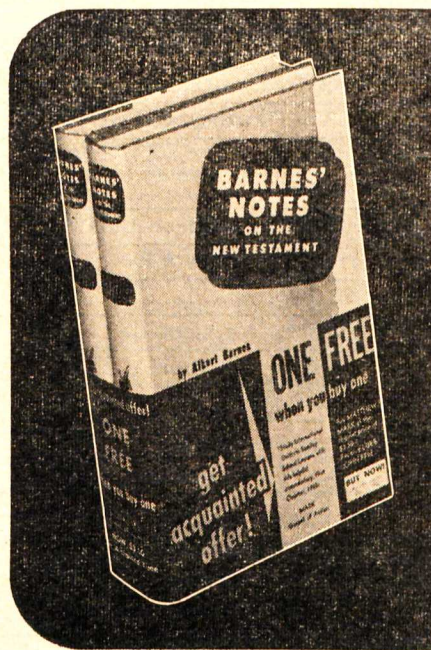
He was married to Emma Jane Jones and to this union one daughter and one son were born. His wife passed away in 1919.

He leaves his daughter Mrs. Novella Barton of Stockton and son Paul of Porterville, California, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, other relatives, and a host of friends.

Last rites were conducted in Canton Chapel Stockton, Oct. 10, 1962 by Rev. Alice Dickey.

His passing will leave a vacant place in this world especially among Free Will Baptists. In a 40 year period he only missed two state meetings, and attended most local and national meetings.

His youngest great grandchild, and only great grandson Mark Lewis Rhoades was born the same day that Bro. Stephens passed away.



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