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Rev. Bud Hill

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Cave Springs Minister's Meeting, and Quarterly conference met with Myrtle Church, Friday January 5-6, the Myrtle Church under the leadership of their recently elected pastor, Rev. Dale Skiles is progressing and moving forward. The Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting always has good representation. During this meeting they made initial plans to cooperate in a Mission-



Bro. Beatty

ary Conference, using instructors, and speakers provided by our National Free Will Baptist Mission Departments. While in this area I was privileged to preach in Myrtle, Cotton Creek, Royal Oak, and West Plains Churches.

It is truly gratifying to see the fine young ministers answering the call to the gospel ministry in each association, and souls being saved regularly in response to the ministry of the gospel. January 11-12, I attended Madison County Quarterly Meeting, held with Copper Mines Church. This was a good meeting, in spite of the blizzard weather conditions. Sunday following the Quarterly Meeting, I held service with The Viburnum Church. This church is gradually growing under leadership of pastor Rev. S. A. Hand, they propose to adopt the entire cooperative program in the near future. Our Free Will Baptist Church was the first church to start, in the proposed town of Viburnum, other denominations have church buildings going up there now.

Our Missouri State Home Mission Department cooperated, and contributed to help get this work started.

Our St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting met with Grace Church, Arnold, Missouri January 25. A lively youth rally opened the way Friday night, for a harmonious session Saturday.

Sunday at 2:00 P. M. our district meeting along with other, Free Will Baptist leaders, assembled with the

Trinity Free Will Baptist (formerly Third Free Will Baptist) Church, that surrendered their location and property to the Missouri Highway Department. Now relocated in north west section of city, on McKelvey Road at Old St. Charles Road, Bridgeton, Missouri: There, we dedicated to the LORD, their beautiful new church.

Missouri Home Mission evangelist, Rev. James McAllister, and Missouri Home Mission Board organized Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, Missouri in January, therefore several ten dollar new church pledges have arrived here; keep them coming, I will forward them to the Home Mission Board. Incidentally, the new Olivet Church adopted the cooperative plan, giving tithes through Missouri State Cooperative, this, along with other additional churches, that channeled their money through Missouri Cooperative giving; made January receipts real good. Thanks to all concerned.

Missouri went over the top for missions in 1962.

National Home Missions quota \$6,500.00 amount given \$7,369.08 over (\$869.08); National Foreign Missions quota \$18,500.00 amount given \$19,482.37 over (\$982.37).

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Harry Beatty,

Promotional Secretary



THE MISSION FIELD

A MISSION FIELD—BRAZIL

The average picture of a mission field is quite different than can be given of our places of service here in the state of Sao Paulo. In the afternoons one can hear the nearby beating of drums and the blowing of horns making marching music. Mingled in with the music is the sounds of the mule and cart, motor scooter, the crying of tires and tooting of horn as the modern car turns the corner and also the playing of children. Most of these sounds are not strange to the ears of a person in a town in the United States for the marching music is played by the members of a crack Catholic high school band. Most of the cars are modern and are manufactured here in Brazil. The children . . . well, they are about the same anywhere. As a general rule they are friendly, intelligent and like to talk. The boys live to play . . . play football that is, which is really what we know as soccer.

Brazil—at least this section—is fastly becoming one of the modern nations. Another sound which comes to one's ears is the sound of the construction work. We were told that seven years ago there was not a skyscraper in the large modern city of Campinas and now the city is full of them. Also seven years ago here where we live was a farm but now almost as far as one can see are beautiful modern two-story houses. Modern buildings seem to be a characteristic of all the cities of Brazil. Cities are growing by leaps and bounds with new homes going up in every nook and corner. With these new homes come new families and an ever increasing population. This is where your missionaries come in. Being commissioned by the Lord and by our church to preach the Gospel to the people of Brazil where the possibilities are unlimited.

We don't want to paint the wrong picture for there is exactly the opposite of which we have described. There are families of 8, 10 or 12 who live in one room mud huts with barely enough food to exist. Any morning one can see boys, girls, women and even men searching for food put in the garbage. We have from one-half dozen to ten people come to our door each week asking for food. Our hearts go out for both the rich and the poor for they both are in need of our personal Saviour.

God is now pouring out His blessings upon the work in Brazil. His name is to be praised for the blessings each missionary receives constantly in his work. Winning the people to Christ is a slow process, but we are expecting to see many, many more come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Brazil is a mission field which is now open to the Gospel message. Help your missionaries accomplish more for Christ by keeping them before the throne of grace in prayer.

Rev. Bobby Poole

From Hawaii:

"The Lord has answered the prayers of the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Waipahu and the prayers of many other people who were praying with us for property.

Just recently the Lord gave us the property on which to build His church. We know the Lord never orders anything He cannot pay for. He has told our preacher, Mr. Sanders, to go to the mainland to get the money for His church.

Knowing this we want to thank you all very much for all you are giving. You will probably never know what this church has meant to so many people.

If it had not been for the Sanders and the Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church we probably would never have

done any more than go to church a couple of times a year. As it is now, with the Lord's help, the faith we have gained through our church will keep us from ever turning from the Lord. It has given us the desire to work for the Lord and not just watch others work. I could go on and on and on some more about the many blessings we have received from our church. May the Lord bless all of you as much and in as many ways as He has blessed us."

Jan Timmis

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"I thank the Lord that my daughter and I are saved. I didn't know what Christianity meant until I started going to the Free Will Baptist Church in Waipahu. Rev. Sanders and his family have been an inspiration to me. There would have been no purpose in life for me without their teaching.

Helen Baker

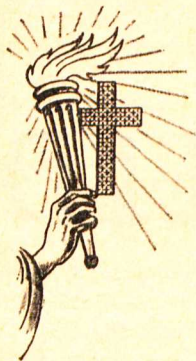
FACTS ABOUT THE ISLANDS

1. The Hawaiian Islands have a population of more than 600,000 people. It is estimated that the population breakdown of the different nationalities is as follows: Japanese—190,000; Hawaiian—12,000; part Hawaiian—98,000; Filipino—70,000; Chinese—40,000; Korean—8,000; Puerto Rican—8,000; Caucasian—198,000 (this number includes 40,000 servicemen and 58,000 of their dependents); other nationalities 7,000.

2. One-half of the Islands' population is under 24 years of age.

3. Because of the variety of nationalities there are a number of languages used; however, the English language is the common language used and understood by almost all of the inhabitants.

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Woman's Auxiliary

Editorially:

Jesus said, "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest?I say unto you lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Let us not say as we look on the fields in Uruguay that there is no hurry for the State project to be completed. Our State project is the buying of a plot of land in Uruguay to build a temporary church building. Our missionaries, the Bill Fulchers and Paul Robinsons are standing greatly in need of a place where the people can come together to worship. This land will cost seven hundred dollars (\$700). This amount can be raised by the giving of \$1.92 per capita Auxiliary member. May we look now and give; that long before four months have passed the project will be completed. Send your project money to: Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Missouri.

From Mountain Grove:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Willow Springs Church held their first meeting January 8, 1963, with fourteen present. Our new President, Dora Fry, presided. The meeting was opened by singing "Send The Light" with prayer by sister Ellen Middleton. Roll call was answered with Bible verses. Fern Hill and Deloris Phelps gave a very inspiring lesson on: "Beside All Waters." We were dismissed by our pastor, Rev. Leland Horton.

Letha Fry, Cor.-Sec.

Editors note: We are happy to hear about the organization of this new Auxiliary. This makes three that have been organized since the State meeting. We give all these new Auxiliaries a hearty welcome and may God bless you in your work for the Master.



Mrs. Lester Jones

Meet Your State Officers:

Our officer that we want you to get acquainted with this month is our State Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Hazel Hutsell. Miss Hutsell has been very active in Auxiliary work for a number of years and is a member of the Mountain Grove Auxiliary. We feel she is well qualified to serve as Secretary and Treasurer. We want you to remember her for you are to send all out going monies to her. It is only as you send your offerings to her that she is able to keep a record of them and have a full report of what Missouri has done in Auxiliary work. She has a great responsibility and I am sure she needs your prayers.

From Thayer:

The Auxiliary met December 11, with twelve members present. The President, Lorene Pohnert, read Psalm 149. Prayers by Ina Bennett and Maxine Bostic. Refreshments were served and also had an exchange of gifts.

The Auxiliary met January 8, with fifteen members present. Scripture Ecc. 11:1-6. A song "Bringing In The Sheaves." The business meeting was held and closed with prayer by Ina Bennett. Topics were given by Ina Bennett, Jean Lou, Charline James, Clarsa Allen and Essie Cross. Refreshments were served in the basement by the Master's Men.

Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

Installation Program At Fourth Church

The Fourth Church Auxiliary had their installation program on Dec. 3. Sis. Beatty read the charge and we pledged, by the help of God, to be better workers for Christ and further the aims of our Auxiliary. Refreshments were served after the program.

From Flat River:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. held their January meeting in fellowship hall of the church. The opening song was "Bringing in the Sheaves," followed with the Scripture reading by Genevieve White. Prayer was by Lizzie Pirtle.

During the business session the secretary and treasurer's report were read and approved. The group voted to send a home Mission offering. A letter was received from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage thanking the Auxiliary for the \$25 sent Christmas. The program of the Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting was read.

The solo, "Take My Hand," was sung by Marion Wilson. The program was "Beside All Waters," with topics by Edith Keeney, Oma Barker, Marion Wilson, Genevieve White, Lizzie Williams, Beulah Henson.

The benediction was by Lizzie Pirtle.

From Flat River:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. enjoyed their December meeting. The opening song was "He Keeps Me Singing," followed with the Scripture reading of Psalm 149 by Genevieve White. Prayer was offered by Jean Blakeley.

During the business session the reports were given. The group voted to send the Thanksgiving Offering and also voted to send \$25 to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Plans were made for the pre-Christmas week of prayer. Plans were also made to prepare fruit baskets for several persons.

The Program, "Music—A Universal Language" was enjoyed with topics by Oma Barker, Shirley Vineyard, Marion Wilson and Jean Blakeley. The group was dismissed with prayer.

Pre-Christmas week of prayer—

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River observed the Pre-Christmas week of prayer. The Monday service was held at the home of Mrs. Bessie Kirkpatrick.

Tuesday, the service was held at the Turpin Rest Home. Wednesday evening the service was held at the church. The Thursday service was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Miller of Route three, Farmington, the minister and wife adopted by the 1st Church Auxiliary.

The services were inspirational. Genevieve White is president of the Auxiliary and Marion Wilson and Edith Keeney were in charge of planning and presenting the programs.

From Hazel Creek:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Church met at the home of Wanda Riley on December 5 with eleven members and five children present. The Scripture was read by Lizzie Filkins and prayer by Lena Miley. The business session followed. An offering of \$6.99 was received. Plans were made for each member to take an orphan's name and get a Christmas gift to send to the Greeneville, Tennessee home. We sent \$4.80 to National Home Missions. The Treasurer, Miss Thompson, reported of having sent the tuition to the adopted Mexican girl and a committee was appointed to get her a Christmas gift. We fixed boxes of fruit, cookies and candy and took them

to shut-ins at Thanksgiving. We renewed the subscription to the Christian Life magazine to Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley. The monthly friendship card was signed, by all and presents were sent to the Laverne Miley family. We are preparing a box of clothing to send to the Cuban refugees.

Leona Thompson, Cor.-Sec.

From First Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City:

The Woman's Auxiliary met December 4 and was called to order by singing "Silent Night." Scripture was Psalm 149 and prayer by Alma Mason. Topics were given as follows: Topic I—Saxa Fielding; Topic II—Alma Mason; Topic III—Edna Carder; Topic IV—Vallie Grout; and Topic V—Ann Smicker. Prayer by Saxa Fielding. It was reported that the Thanksgiving offering was \$25 and is being sent to the migrants. A report was given by Ann Smicker on the Thanksgiving basket. It was given to the Helping Hand Institute. It was voted to take care of the Christmas basket as last year so all can have a chance to help. It was voted to set up a medicine cabinet at the church to collect medicine to be sent to the missionaries. Sis. Vallie Grout was appointed to mail the Christmas package to Ricardo Guzman. Motion made and seconded to have Christmas services on Tuesday and Wednesday nights before Christmas. Motion carried.

Dismissed by singing "Joy To The World."

Mrs. Wayne Smith, Cor.-Sec.

From Lebanon:

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church November 13 with 15 members present. The meeting began with a song: "Have Thine Own Way" and prayer was offered by Janell Walters. A request prayer was offered for the sick and for our missionaries in Cuba.

Scripture reading by the President: Acts 13:36-39. The lesson, "The Migrant Road" was presented by the following: Topic I—Freida Hayes; Topic II—Mary Lee Patton; Topic 3—Esther Sutton; Topic IV—Gladys Montgomery, and Topic 5—Marlyn Allen.

Our business meeting was held. Reports were given by all the officers. It was voted to have special prayer in homes of aged and shut-ins before Thanksgiving and to send fruit baskets to them for Christmas.

A poem "A Father's Prayer" was

read by Ruth Garrett. Dismissal prayer by Alpha Admire. Refreshments were served in the social room of the church.

Henrietta Garrett, Cor.-Sec.

From Thayer:

The Woman's Auxiliary met November 14 with 14 members and 1 visitor present. The meeting was opened by the President, Lorene Pohnert. The group sang "Send The Light." Prayer was by Elsie Worel. Reports were given by each officer. Minutes read by Louise Caldwell. The program was given by Phyllis Miller. Meeting closed with prayer by Nettie Bennett. Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer opened with Scripture II Cor. 2:14. Prayer by Jean Lau. The program was given by Jean Lau, Elsie Worel, Clara Allen, Lorene Pohnert and Helen Underwood. Closing prayer by Bro. Bostic. Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

From Arnold:

We, the Ladies Auxiliary of Grace F. W. B. Church of Arnold, feel that we have much to be thankful for. The Lord has blessed us, as a church and an Auxiliary, in so many ways that we couldn't possibly write them all. We started the new year off with election of officers as follows: Pres.—Norma Kennedy; V. Pres.—Wanda Huett; Youth Ch'm—Margie Lynch; Study Course—Dorothe Vannoy; Program-Prayer Ch'm—Kathleen LaBrot; Personal Service—Mary Askren; Rec.-Sec.—Eunice Land; Cor.-Sec.—Pearl Hill and Treas.—Betty Land. We had 12 members at the start of the Auxiliary year and now we have 17. Our projects for the last few months include the painting and cleaning of our new church, cottage prayer meetings and a love offering in November to the Children's Home in Tenn. At our last meeting we voted to call our Auxiliary "The Trula Cronk" Auxiliary. For our Dec. project we plan to send personal gifts to Mrs. Cronk for Christmas. Our Youth Chairman, Mrs. Lynch, recently organized a Y. P. A. We are thankful for the nice group of young people the Lord has blessed our church with. We had a study course on the Manual in Oct. with Mrs. Vannoy teaching. We had Pre-Thanksgiving services and we are now looking forward to our revival beginning next week. We desire your prayers as we work for the cause of Christ. —Pearl Hill, Cor.-Sec.

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SERMONS OF THE MONTH



Rev. Woodrow Matthews

The Temple of God

Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Pastor: of Beacon Free Will Baptist Church

Kansas City, Missouri

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." (I Cor. 3:16-17)

From the time of Solomon's reign as king of Israel to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A. D., the center of attraction to the Israelite was the Temple of God. The temple was a place where God dwelt in a more special manner. Not only was the visible symbol of his presence there, but the temple was also a place of communication of His love and grace.

The apostle Paul in his writings to the Corinthians sets forth some important teachings concerning the Temple of God in this, the dispensation of grace.

THE FACT

The believer is the Temple of God. The text gives a clear cut statement of this truth, thus affording the grounds for the belief of a positive salvation—an indwelling of the Holy Spirit. "Ye are the temple of God...." I believe in a religion with power! Power to redeem the souls of men, and to transform their lives.

In Solomon's temple the Glory of the Lord rested upon the mercy seat in the Holy of holies; today, the

heart of the Christian is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. In this day of apostasy and modernistic trend in religion, some may denounce this truth; but we who know Him, (Christ) and know our hearts to be the place of His habitation have no doubt concerning the reality of salvation and the power of His presence.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit affords invaluable blessings. "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (II Cor. 6:16) To have God walking with us, and in us, is a wonderful experience. In the book of Genesis we read where God walked with Adam and Eve prior to their transgression. It is also stated that "Enoch walked with God." Now as to what form God made Himself manifest to these in the past, it is not quite clear. His presence is that, which is important. The apostle Paul bears testimony to the abiding presence of the Lord. This blessing is not confined to those of the past, but is for men of this present age as well. If you are a Christian, you are the Temple of God.

CHRISTIAN DUTY

Inasmuch as the Christian is the temple of God, he is charged with the

responsibility of keeping the temple clean. (holy) "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." (v 17a)

The question of defilement is an age old question. Under the Law of Moses, there were certain ones which were forbidden to appear in the temple. The temple was to be kept holy; it was a place of worship. During His passion week, Christ entered the temple to find it being defiled. He took drastic measures to halt this sin, and to cleanse the sanctuary. It is the duty of the Christian to keep the temple of God clean. Perhaps at this point you raise the question, What is it that defiles the Temple? (the Christian) Pastors are constantly faced with this question and others. For example: Can a Christian ———? Is it wrong to ———? But what is Sin? Write in the blank your most besetting sin and you have some of the questions your pastor must deal with. As to the question of defilement, there are two ways which one may defile the Temple of God: (1) By allowing the unclean to enter. (2) By allowing other things to hinder the Holy Spirit in his life. Sin in every form pollutes and injures the soul. It defiles the temple. Christ cannot dwell with unholiness. Many church folk have thrown open the door of their

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A Message For Free Will

Baptist Women

By Sis. H. E. Mikel

Greentop, Mo.

As I was praying this morning at the nine o'clock hour of prayer God laid this message on my heart, and my thoughts turned to all the women in the different places of the world who were also praying at that hour. I feel sure that all women are praying for a revival... which is the greatest need that we have. God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

I thank God for women who are still living by the standards of God's Word: those who are living lives that are separated from the world, which according to the Word of God in II Corinthians 6:14-18 is required of All. In this Scripture God says, **"Come out from among them, and be ye separate says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."**

In this day of modern living the majority of women so let themselves become a part of the world that the name of womanhood is almost a disgrace to the human race, who are a part of God's master piece of creation. A few months ago my husband and I made a business trip to the State of Texas, as we traveled through the various cities my heart was so grieved as I saw women who were so clothed with the world, many of them hardly looked like human beings: I am sure they could not portray Christ. Perhaps many of them take their places in the house that is called by God's name on Sunday mornings and do that which Ezekiel 33:31 says, "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but will not

do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their hearts goeth after their covetousness."

God's Word teaches in I Timothy 2 that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, which becometh women professing godliness. When women professing godliness dress in shorts, garments pertaining to men's apparel, dresses which have no sleeves or backs, so short they are a disgrace, and so low in front that modest people are made to blush, I can't believe that God would put His approval on such garments as modest dress. When women professing godliness paint their lips and bedeck themselves with jewelry until they look like a Christmas tree do these things portray Christ in our lives? Were they made for the glorification of Christ?

Today people are not willing to come out from the world. We have brought the world into the church instead of the church being the means of people getting the world out of them and really living a Godly life. God teaches in His Word that we are a peculiar people, women, who adorn themselves in modest dress as the Bible teaches do look peculiar because the majority are dressing as the multitude in worldly apparel. God's Word teaches, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Are we going to give heed to the teachings of God's Word or follow the multitude to do evil?

Last week I had a young couple come to my home saying they wanted to give their lives to God so they could start a Christian home for soon they were to become husband and wife. It was a real blessing to instruct them in the Word of God and to bow with them as they asked God's forgiveness for their sins that their lives might be made spotless by the blood of Christ in the sight of God.

A few days later the couple returned with some questions and one question was what do you think of women painting their lips and wearing ear rings? The young lady was wearing both. I gave her the answer according to the honest convictions of my heart as I understand the teachings from God's Word, I said, "We have many girls and women who profess godliness that paint their lips and bedeck themselves with all sorts of jewelry, I can not partake of these things with a clear conscience toward God, my goal in life is to keep myself where I will not be ashamed to come face to face with God." Young people have a desire for godliness but the church has become so much like the world they are confused.

Women, let us not be so much a part of the world that our young people will be confused, let us be determined to so live by the Word of God that our lives will show our young people there is a difference in godliness and worldliness.

FACTS ABOUT THE ISLANDS

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4. Less than 6% of the Islanders so much as profess "Protestant Christianity." This includes all religious sects —of which the largest group is the Mormon church who spend more than one million dollars a year on their cause in the Islands.

5. According to a recent survey of the Islands more than 80,000 of the people were active Buddhists, with an additional large percentage who are members of Shinto shrines and others who had Buddhist and Shinto backgrounds. There are about 135 Oriental Shrines in the Islands.

6. According to a recent survey of the Islands about one third of the people are Roman Catholic.

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OUR YOUTH SPEAKS!

OUR GREAT CAPTAIN

By
Marilyn Wetzel
and
Dianne Sanders

(Young people from the Cave Springs Association, members of the Garfield F. W. B. Church.)

As two young ladies of a rural church, we would like to mention a few experiences of our past and some fears of the future.

Up to this time we have been sheltered by our parents and good people of our church and community. We have seen an old church building torn down and how the Lord richly blessed the whole community, both sinners and Christians, as they built a nice new building.

Although we had not committed any great sins, about four years ago, the Lord began speaking to our hearts wanting us to be saved. We rejected several times, but a great loss came to us making us realize our need for Christ as our personal Saviour. We had one of the best Sunday School teachers in the world, Sis. Hazel Bray. She was so patient as she worked with us, and how plain and simple she could explain how great the Master was to her and would be to us if we would accept Him. Our great loss was, though she was a young woman, a dread disease took her life. The next Sunday, after laying her to rest in the little cemetery behind our church, was different. Our pastor, Bro. Davie Combs, preached as usual and gave the invitation. How the Lord came down that day. It seemed we could hear our dear teacher calling us to accept Christ and take up some work she had to leave undone.

Since that day we have enjoyed our Christian living. Christ has helped us with many decisions already as to our friends and places of pleasure we should not go.

Now to get to the fears of the future we will soon face. This time next year we will be Seniors in High School getting ready to go out on our own. We already know that so many people get their lives so mixed up as they leave high school and try to fit themselves in this fast moving

world. We both want to further our education in some field after we graduate. We know there will be many temptations, failures, and disappointments, but we know also that we have our "Great Captain" to guide us as He says, "And lo I am with you always." (Matt. 28:20b)

St. Louis District Youth Rally:

The St. Louis District Youth Rally met at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church January 25, 1962 with a very good crowd. One of the reasons for such a turnout was the beginning of the "Bible Bowl." The "Bible Bowl" is patterned after the T. V. Show "College Bowl." The various churches in the St. Louis Quarterly Meeting chose a team of four to compete against one another. Questions were asked from the first four books of the New Testament. The winners of the first round were: Southside with 35 points over Berkeley with 25 points; Overland with 60 points over Faith with 30 points and Meramec Heights with 67 points over Grace with 65 points. The Fourth Church won by a bye.

This idea has caused our St. Louis young people to begin to study the Bible more than they ever have.

State Youth Rally in Mt. Grove:

The young people of the Mtn. Grove Church count it a privilege to have been the host church to the first State Youth Rally. We would like to thank everyone who came to be with us.

The program for the day was very good for all of us. We especially enjoyed the program presented by the students of the Bible College. The day and the efforts put forth were a blessing to us and to our church. We are looking forward to the next youth rally which we hope will be in the near future.

Glenda Hunt

Berkeley Y. P. A.:

We would like to report that the Y. P. A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley has been enjoying wonderful meetings.

On the first Monday night of each

month we conduct a Cottage Prayer Meeting in the homes of various members of the church. Many spiritual blessings are received and the presence of the Lord felt at the meetings as each young person testifies of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The Y. P. A. is sponsoring a youth revival this spring. The exact date will be announced at a later date. We ask that you begin **now** to help us pray that many souls might be saved; and we invite all, both young and old, to attend.

Cave Springs Association Youth Rally:

The Young People's Convention of the Cave Springs Association met with the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday, Dec. 30 at 1:30 P. M.

The service began with a congregational song "Victory in Jesus" led by Bro. Bob Dotson with Alice Jean James as pianist. Prayer led by Rev. E. E. Simpson, then in absence of the President, the Vice President Rev. Howard Bowers took charge of the service. An offering was taken to go in the treasury. There were four churches represented, each with a short program as follows: Alton Church with 20 young people and their leader Mrs. Leroy Chronister. Their program consisted of group singing, prayer by Rev. Terry Forest, Quartet, Solo and Duet numbers and short Sermonettes by Judy Bales, Carol Jean Chronister, Jimmy Spencer, Kay Warren, Wilma Spencer and Carol Fay Wright.

Pleasant Ridge Church near Alton with Dale Johnson as leader and 20 present. Their program consisted of women's Trio number, Scripture 1 John 1 read by Margaret Warren. Questions were asked from the 13th chapter of St. John followed by a Scripture scramble and history of man in the Bible with group answering who they were. Closed with a Sermonette by Barbara Johnson.

Mt. Zion Church near Thayer with 16 present and Bro. Howard Bowers as leader. Their program consisted of Solo by Betty Bowers and prayer by Marie Williams. Questions from the Bible were asked to the group, then

the 55th chapter of Isaiah was read. Quotation of verses from the Bible were given by each one then leader read a verse from the Bible and the group told where it was found. They closed with Scripture Psalm 116:12-14 and question to each of us what have I done for the Lord in 1962 and help us to do more in 1963.

West Plains Church with 12 young people and leader Albert Sanders sang two group numbers and prayer was led by Rev. Davie Combs. Sermonette was given by Alice Jean James, duet by Kathryn and Jaunita Henry and Quartet by Henry Sisters, Glendol Hicks and Danny James.

In a short business period Sec. Margaret Warren read the report of last meeting. Setting of place for next fifth Sunday Meeting will be at Mt. Zion Church, March 31, 1963 and minister chosen to bring the message was Rev. Arthur Warren. Rev. Bowers asked for a song by congregation follow with prayer by Rev. Millard Ehardt, then Rev. Bowers brought a message from the text Joel 3:14—Multitudes in the Valley of decision for the day of the Lord is near in the Valley of decision. Invitation song was sung and dismissed in prayer by Rev. Terry Forest.

The service was enjoyed by a large crowd from different churches.
Sent by Mrs. Davie Combs

Attention Sweethearts':

One of the hi-lites of the year for the teen-agers in our church is the annual Sweetheart banquet. This event is planned and sponsored by one of the circles of the Woman's Auxiliary, and is held on or near Valentine's Day.

The basement of the church is beautifully decorated according to the theme of the banquet. Last year the theme was "Love in Blossom" and I hear whispers that this year's theme is to be "Blue Hawaii." Everyone from age thirteen through high-school receive an invitation and may bring a guest. This is a time when the girls have a chance to get all dressed up in their prettiest party dresses, and the boys wear suits.

Our menu consists of such delicacies as smashed hearts (potatoes), broken hearts (green beans), hard hearts (rolls), etc. topped off with heartburn brew (pink punch). After our meal the adults give a program consisting of a humorous love skit, then our pastor gives the devotional for the evening.

We all go home with the thought that we had a good time and a wonderful fellowship.

Written by Glenda Hunt
Mt. Grove F. W. B. Church

In Appreciation!

Recently the pastor of our church, Rev. O. T. Dixon, resigned to answer his call to the Grant Avenue Church in Springfield. Rev. Dixon had been our pastor for seven years. During that time many things have been done for the Lord including adding a new auditorium to our church, paving the parking area, obtaining a bus for the use of the choir and youth activities, air conditioning the auditorium and educational building, and many other outstanding works.

Although Brother Dixon is no longer with us, he will be in our hearts for a long time. We are praying for his church. We feel sure that God will send us a new pastor who is a real man of God to lead our church.

Written by Jimmy Smith
Mt. Grove F. W. B. Church

By Donna Wischart
Mill Creek F. W. B. Church
Myrtle, Missouri

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Eccles. 9:10)

"I am but one, but I am one, I cannot do everything but I can do something; what I can do I ought to do; and by the grace of God I will do."

We as young Christians of today find ourselves outnumbered. It would be easy for us to become discouraged, because it seems there is so little we can do. But let us remember that Jesus used little things to accomplish miracles. When the disciples counted the crowd and complained that a few loaves were not enough to feed the multitude, Jesus said, "How many loaves have ye?" Don't look at the hillside—look at the basket. Don't count the crowd count the loaves.

God has given each of us a talent. If we dare to use the talent we have we find ourselves growing stronger physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. We give our life away and behold a richer life comes back to us. The more we pour out the more we find to pour. The more we share with others the more we have ourselves. The more we practice the principles of sharing, the more we find it

in the everyday contact of life. We have a race to run, a battle to fight, a victory to win, and a crown to gain. The crown does not come in the beginning or middle but at the end of the race.

Do you remember the story of the covered wagon crossing the plains to the golden west?

"The coward never started, the weak died on the way, only the strong came through.

We need not run this race alone for Jesus said, "... And lo I am with you alway, even until the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20)

"WHY WE SHOULDN'T SMOKE"

By Don Smith,

(Sophomore High School)

Beacon Church, Kansas City Kansas

We find in I Corinthians 6:19 "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" This verse, along with the things we learn in church and school should show most people the harm smoking can do. Since there is a possibility that smoking does cause lung cancer, it seems to me that people would do all they could to avoid getting this malignant disease.

Why do some people smoke? One reason probably would be to gain attention. Another is that some people think smoking is a way of looking grown-up. Both of these are poor reasons for endangering their health.

Smoking also hurts a Christians' influence with non-smokers. Too, the money wasted on smoking could be applied to reaching the lost for Christ.

Just these few reasons should be enough to convince a person that smoking can do only harm. I'm convinced! Are you?

Y. P. A. Active:

The Mtn. Grove Y. P. A. is enjoying a very active year under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Johnson.

We have centered much of our attention on the elderly members of our church. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons we took hot dinners to some that are shut-in. We enjoyed warm and wonderful fellowship with them. They seemed to enjoy very much our singing Christmas Carols and prayer together.

During the summer months we enjoyed outdoor activities, and finished
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Letters from our Readers



Fredericktown, Mo.
January 7, 1963

Dear Bro. Hill,

Greetings from the Twin Oak F. W. B. Church of Fredericktown. And may the Lord bless you in your work and supply every need.

Bad weather and sickness have caused our attendance to drop. We are praying that it will rise again when the mumps, measles, and whooping cough have run their course and the weather opens up

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. James Dowd
S. S. Secretary

Ribeirao Preto, Sao Paulo
January 3, 1963

Dear Bud,

It was a pleasant surprise to receive your letter. We had read in the GEM about you becoming editor. We know it is a big job and pray that the Lord will bless you in the work.

We will try to help you out on some articles. Enclosed is one that we pray will give some ideas about the field of Brazil, at least where we are working as Free Will Baptists. Next month we plan to send one on more facts about Brazil and more in the future ones on the different works.

The Lord is blessing in our work for which we praise Him. He has been so very good to us during these two years in Brazil. We have unlimited opportunities to preach the Gospel. Do pray with us.

We guess you know about our little son, but if not, he was born on Nov. 18 and is doing real well. We named him Robert Craig. We pray we will be able to raise him to know and love the Lord.

This leaves all the missionaries here doing pretty well. There has been some sickness but in general our health has been good as a group. We trust that all is doing well in Missouri as well as in the other states.

Give your family our regards.

Yours in Christ's service
Bobby and Geneva Poole

FACTS ABOUT THE ISLANDS

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7. The area is well known for its resort area with many large hotels—which are temples in themselves built for the gods of pleasure and lust of the flesh.

(These facts go together to establish the truth that these islands have been too long neglected as one of the World's great mission fields.)

For more than three years your representatives for Christ in Hawaii have been using their inadequate living quarters for a church and educational building. They have made every effort to find property that is within their financial reach but since property sells at an average of from \$2 to \$4 per square foot they have been discouraged many times. They have corresponded with Senators, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commander of the 14th Naval District, the General Service Administration, many of the state and local officials, and almost all of the major real estate men of the Island of Oahu. They have made many personal contacts and numerous telephone conversations and always received the response, "We will keep you in mind, but now we can't help you."

Recently they located a place that is an ideal location for a church. It seems as if God were saving this location for them. They are able to buy this property for the unusual low price of 77c per square foot, but they need your help now. There is 77,778 square feet in this area and the total cost is \$60,000. Brother Sanders has the burden of raising \$50,000 within the next year. Please help relieve this pressing burden. Maybe some churches or individuals can borrow \$500 or \$1000 from a bank and send it to this urgently needed project.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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From Lebanon:

The Women of the First F. W. B. Church met Tuesday evening and organized an auxiliary. There were 14 members present. The meeting was called to order by the new president, Sister Farron Jones. Gladys Montgomery led in prayer. The devotional was given by Jean Bowman reading from St. John 14:1-4. The following officers were elected:

President—Farron Jones
Vice President—Dorothea Brawley
Secretary—Esther Sutton
Treasurer—Sybil Agan
Cor.-Sec.—Henrietta Garrett
Study Course Ch'm.—Joan Carlson
Personal Service—Dorothea Mosier
Youth Chairman—Friedia Hayes
Refreshment Committee—Hazel Embury and Gladys Montgomery
Pianist—Georgia Mays
Song Leader—Ruth Garrett

During the business meeting it was voted to have a chili supper at the church Nov. 9th. Oct. 24th a baby shower was planned for Joan Carlson following prayer meeting.

Our regular meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month at the church beginning at 7:30 and each member is greatly urged to come and bring a guest. Help us to carry on the work of the Lord. Meeting was dismissed by Dorothea Brawley. Refreshments were served in the church social room.

Henrietta Garrett, Cor.-Sec.

From Springfield:

The Ladies Aid of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday October 17, at the Youth Cottage to work on our projects of quilting and working on tea towels. We all took a covered dish and at noon surprised Mrs. Hattie Mace with a Birthday Luncheon at her home. We gave her and Mrs. Jessie Crowder hankies and cards. They sure were surprised. There were seventeen present and our pastor Rev. Henry Long. We all enjoyed it very much.

Myrtle Corbin, President

NOTICE

to

ALL CHURCH TREASURERS

Please make all checks to the
Cooperative Plan of Support Payable to:

Missouri State Association
Of Free Will Baptists
Thank You

From Kirksville:

The Auxiliary met December 6 with Dorothy Houston. There were 15 members, 3 visitors and 3 children present. The meeting was opened by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer and devotions were given by Alta Mikel. The business meeting was called to order by the President. There were 1799 Bible chapters read; 85 cards sent and 52 visits made. The introduction to the program "Music—A Universal Language" was given by the Program-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Harold Myers. Mrs. Myers also announced the dates for the Pre-Christmas week of Prayer. It was decided to visit a number of those who were shut in during our Week of Prayer. On Thursday there will be a prayer service at fellowship house with the Christmas dinner following and these homes will be visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. Forrest Hediger will write the missionary letter this month to the John Moelhmans in Panama. Thanksgiving baskets of fruit were taken to a number of shut-ins at Thanksgiving time. Also a basket of groceries was sent to a needy family. Individual gifts are being sent to the children at the Greenville, Tennessee Home for Christmas. Also a gift is being sent to our adopted Mexican boy for Christmas. An offering of \$17.51 was taken.

A fellowship supper and service following was held at fellowship house on New Year's Eve. The Auxiliary recently sent a box of cake mixes and puddings to Donald and Betty Jones at the Mission in Ariz. The meeting was closed with prayer by Carol Pinkerton. The hostess served lovely refreshments.

Ruth Jacobs, Cor.-Sec.

From Raytown:

The Beacon Auxiliary had their meeting on October 26 at the home of Mrs. Irene Searsy with eight members present. Mrs. Dorothy Turner became a member. A love offering of \$32.25 was given for our project.

We observed the pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer. The meetings were held during the day. An offering of \$17.25 was given for Home Missions.

Our November regular meeting was preceded by a luncheon at the home of Louella Thomas. We had 9 members and 1 visitor present. Our project was a \$10 offering to the American Bible Society to translate the Bible into different languages. We are planning to have the pre-Christmas Week of Prayer in our homes.

Sister Edwards spoke at our DIS-

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Victory, Kansas City	64	69	83									
Mt. Pisgah	72	70	84	77	67	84						
Copper Mines	103	101	94	85	87	79						
Fellowship, Flat River	197	188	187	188	204	194	179					
Leadington	40	44	52	47	44	59	49					
Farmington	93	88	81	97	86	93						
Fourth, St. Louis	66											
Mill Creek	55	56	53									
Berkeley City	213	226	264	262	243	246	230					
Richwoods	62	60	73	58	57	57						
Beacon	79	77	78	92	81		88					
Kirksville	86	82	68	83	84	83						
Grant Ave., Springfield ..		128	125	129	128	112						
Hazel Creek	58	57	57	63	65	62						
Twin Oak	63	57	59	65	56	43						
South Side Church	168	199	188	185								
New Hope, Kansas City	96	114	103									
Mine La Motte	34	31	26	28	31	30						
First Church Lebanon	76	70	92		66	66						
Overland Church	126	136		141	141							
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	338	335	335	335	342	335						
Myrtle	69	65	68		75							
Bethel, West Plains		130	157	155	153	162						
Desloge	111	116	112	112	103	110						
Thayer	110	104	118	110	102	108						
Meramec Heights	40	35	38	34	38	37	27					
Faith, Lemay	98	98	94	109	99	112	89					
Union Light	104	123	108	118	112	118	89					
First Church, Flat River ..	149		132	138								
Belton F. W. B. Mission ..	18	21										
Liberty, Phillipsburg		109										
New Home Church	65	49	62									
Grace-Arnold			102									
Hannon	52	56	57	55								
First Church Greenfield					18							
Olivet Church, Marshall					18	19	24					
Festus Chuurch				67	56	53						
Northside St. Louis						69	71					

TRICT MEETING IN Oct. She also taught a class on the Manual and Stewardship. Ruth Postlewaite, Cor.-Sec.

From Berkeley:

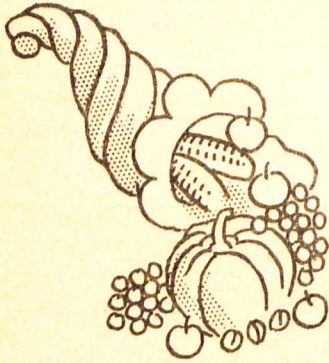
The Woman's Auxiliary met December 4th with 13 members present. The service was opened with singing and prayer by Sylvia Hill. In our business meeting we voted to send Glenda and Bill Fulcher, our missionaries, a Christmas offering. Also to visit the Pfeiffer Nursing Home Dec. 16 and each lady take a small gift to

them. Our ladies have made bandages and gowns for Dr. Miley. We took a fruit basket to one of our elderly men (Mr. Conder) of our church, Thanksgiving. He had the misfortune of losing his wife several months ago.

The Junior G. T. A's has taken the project of purchasing 300 hymnals for our church. Mrs. Bonnie Detherage is their sponsor.

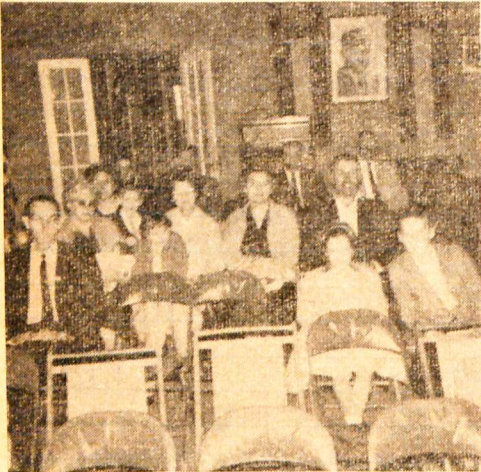
The program was about music and was enjoyed by all. Dismissed by Marie Woods.

Florence McCallister, Cor.-Sec.



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



New Work in Marshall, Mo.:

On Nov. 4 we conducted the first service in Marshall, Missouri. There were 18 in Sunday School and 20 in morning worship. On Dec. 2, the group was organized into a mission under the name of "Olivet Free Will Baptist Mission." The church will be organized January 10 by the Missouri Mission Board and will be known as the "Olivet Free Will Baptist Church of Marshall, Missouri.

During the eight weeks we have been conducting services here, the Lord has saved three precious souls. We request your prayers that we may continue in God's will and see this grow into a great church.

Cooperative giving Shows Substantial Increase:

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Cooperative receipts showed a substantial increase during 1962 according to Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Total receipts for 1962 were \$57,075.52. This compares to \$49,706.10 for 1961, an increase of \$7,369.42. Designated giving increased by approximately \$1,000. Total gifts, to all departments of national work, handled by the Executive department totaled \$62,826.81 in 1962 as compared to \$54,427.19 in 1961.

States showing an increase in their giving were Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington.

States showing a decrease in their giving were Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, New Mexico, and Texas.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS:

For January, 1963

Fredericktown	\$ 277.90
Aulsbury Chapel	89.85
Myrtle	88.05
South Side, St. Louis	66.30
Mill Creek	51.45
Victory	101.57
Olivet, (Marshall)	17.42
Pleasant Hill	15.00
Farmington	54.84
Beacon	90.51
Carterville	20.45
Hickory Grove	17.00
Union Light	7.45
Thayer	37.54
West Plains	76.74
Grant Avenue, Springfield, Mo.	35.10
First F. W. B. Church, Springfield, Mo.	90.00
Mountain Valley	56.46
Fellowship Flat River	75.00
Faith, & Hope	27.35
St. Louis Dist. Qtly. Meeting	392.78
Mine La Motte	12.88
Hannon	20.00
Copper Mines	34.77
Houston	97.35
Kirksville	60.00
Merls Chapel	26.12
Oak Grove (Bonds)	5.00
Carterville	10.27
Beacon	64.52
Olivet, (Marshall)	16.26
Total	\$2035.93

Disbursed:

F. W. B. Natl. Ass'n	\$1119.76
Mo. Promotional Department	407.18
Mo. Home Missions	183.23
Mo. Youth Camp	101.80
Gem	101.80

General Fund	101.80
Mo. Superannuation	20.36
Total	\$2035.93

139,784 SCRIPTURES TO CUBAN REFUGEES

During the first nine months of 1962, 139,784 Scriptures, at a cost of \$12,021.34, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society.

The Scriptures are distributed through 66 pastors of churches and directors of Refugee Centers in Miami. Where permission is granted, the Scriptures are also placed in clinics. In addition, special contacts are made with the Spanish-speaking pastors who conduct Spanish services. Scriptures also have been donated in an evangelistic campaign directed to the Cuban refugees by Cuban ministers of the Refugee Centers maintained by the Miami Protestant Churches.

Cubans arrive on our shores with little more than the clothes on their backs. Those who are forced to leave their Bible in Cuba are given complete Bibles; others receive a New Testament and are given the Bible on request or when they become church members.

American Bible Society Regional Secretary Dr. Steve P. Gaskins, who recently spent two days in Miami observing the pattern of Scripture distribution among the Cuban refugees, reports that all who minister to these unfortunate people express the conviction that the refugees are ready to receive the Scriptures, that the Scriptures must be made available and that the tragic experience these Cubans are undergoing makes the Scriptures inviting and acceptable.

The effort being made to distribute the Scriptures and the expense involved are also fully realized and appreciated.

The Cuban problem proves again that in times of political unrest the

demand for Scriptures increase dramatically. The reasonable assumption by all concerned is that the urgent need for Scriptures among the Cuban refugees in the Miami area will continue. The situation is an emergency, the service to these people is a venture of faith, and the American Bible Society has, accordingly, over-expanded its Scripture Donations budget to meet this urgent need.

Literature Sales Increase:

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sunday School literature sales for the first quarter 1963 have increased by nearly five thousand dollars over the previous quarter according to the Rever-

end Roger Reeds, General Director of the Sunday School department. By December 31, 1962, sales had pushed past the \$30,000 mark. The high set the previous quarter was just over \$25,000.

Free Will Baptists from over the denomination have responded enthusiastically to the literature program launched by the Sunday School department in February 1962.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting:

The 25th Session of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Coppermines Church January 11-12, 1963.

The introductory message was de-

livered by Rev. Ronnie Graham. His subject was "Fruit Bearing."

We were privileged to have Rev. Harry Beatty, the Promotional Secretary, who gave words of welcome.

The Saturday morning services was called to order by Rev. Clarence Burton, the Moderator. He also delivered the eleven o'clock message. His subject was "Four Ways to Progress" as given in Philippians.

The next Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Fredericktown Church with Rev. S. A. Hand as introductory speaker and the eleven o'clock service on Saturday morning by Rev. Ronnie Graham.

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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	Rev. Gordon Heckendorn
Black Oak	Rev. Melvin Nelson
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	
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. Bud Arnold
Marshfield	Rev. Wm. Reeves

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.	Rev. O. T. Dixon
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. Dale Jones
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. Cleo Covington
Desloge	
Meremac Heights	Rev. Bud Hill
Mendota Mission	Rev. Alta Mikel
Festus	Rev. Chester Weir
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
Olivet—Marshall	Rev. Jim McAllister

THE TEMPLE OF GOD

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heart to things which are unclean, while others have allowed things of material nature to hinder the Holy Spirit from working in their lives. Satan uses many cunning devices to persuade to sin. Here are a few of his tactics: If the Devil cannot make you bad, he will make you too busy for the Lord's work; If he cannot fill your heart with evil, he will fill it with excuse. If Satan cannot make you lie, (untruthful) he will entice you to lounge around home on Sunday morning until it is too late for Sunday School. Let us not be deceived by his cunningness, but let us ask God to help us keep our souls clean.

THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE

To defile the Temple of God in the days of Solomon was a serious crime, and carried with it a severe penalty. In the New Testament era it is none the less. Let no one think he shall escape the judgment of God. To defile the Temple of God is to invite the judgment of God against you. "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy...." At first it may bring the chastening hand of the Lord upon one's life; finally, it will bring eternal destruction. This is a horrible thing. Man cannot fully understand the extent of this penalty, but those who defile the Temple of God need not hope to escape.

Let every Christian seek to keep his life clean, and rejoice in the blessings of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, and the hope of eternal life. My prayer for those who are being deceived by the evil one is that they too, may allow Christ to live in their heart.

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

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the season with a hay ride and weiner roast.

Of course our first concern is our missionary work. We learn about our missionaries from our lessons and letters received from them. At present we are engaged in sending clothing to the Cuban refugees who are now in Florida and very much in need. This project is being carried out with the help of the Woman's Auxiliary.

All in all, we enjoy a good Christian fellowship that helps us to better enjoy our Christian life.

Eddie McCarty

Y. P. A. President

NOTICE

ALL MATERIAL TO BE
USED IN THE GEM MUST
BE IN BY THE 24TH OF
THE MONTH.

Kansas City Y. P. A.:

The Beacon Y. P. A. elected officers for the coming year at our January meeting. Don Smith is our new President, Jan Barnett is Vice President, Jim Williams is Secretary-Treasurer, and Pat Davis is study course Chairman. We are all going to try to write letters to our Foreign missionaries in the near future. We are also planning to have a District Youth Rally in the early spring. It will be at our church and we hope a large number of teenagers from the other churches in our Association will be present. Mrs. Roger Phillips, who is Youth Chairman for our Association, is in charge of the Rally.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

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Officers were elected for the Quarterly Meeting as follows:

Moderator, Rev. Willard Darnell; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Durbin; Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook. The Executive Board Rev. Albert Halbrook. Home Mission Board Member, Rev. Truman Huffman.

The pastor of the Coppermines Church is Rev. Willard Darnell.

Rev. Albert Halbrook, Clerk

Church Starts Radio Program:

The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church started a radio program on station W. G. N. U. Granite City, Ill., February 3, 1963. The program will start at 7:45 A. M. to 8:00 A. M. Please pray for this radio program that the Lord will bless it and through it many souls will be brought to Christ. The pastor of this outstanding church is Rev. Harvey E. Hill.

New Church in Arkansas:

The Mission in Eureka Springs, Ark. was organized into a Free Will Baptist Church October 27, 1962. Rev. O. T. Allred went down and spent four nights preaching on our Free Will Baptist Doctrine. On Saturday night the church was organized with eleven members with the charter being left open for thirty days. The Rev. James McCully was elected as pastor and

Sis. Lietha Hull as church clerk.

The organizing council was composed of Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Clarence Tice of the Old Mt. Zion Association in Arkansas and Rev. James McCully and Rev. O. T. Allred of the Indian Creek Association in Missouri.

From Leadington:

November, 1962. Three regular meetings were held with an average attendance of seven. A program on Home Missions entitled "The Migrant Road" was given, also a study course on the Manual of Methods, was completed.

In observance of the pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer, cottage prayer-meetings were held in five homes with an average attendance of seventeen. An offering of \$14.01 was received for National Home Missions. Plans for December include the Co-Laborer program on Dec. 13, observance of the pre-Christmas Week of Prayer with a program on Dec. 19th, and community mission activities for local needy families.

Treasurers report: Balance on hand—\$6.55. Total receipts \$29.32—Total \$35.87. Total expenditures—Literature for 1963—\$12.64, Co-Laborer offering—\$2.00; Home Missions—\$14.01; Foreign Missions—\$7.17. Total expenditures \$35.82. Balance on hand \$15.

Jerry Wilfong, Sec.-Treas.
Ann Lincoln, Cor.-Sec.

From West Plains:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel F. W. B. Church met December 3 with 11 members and 3 visitors present. We had one to join the Auxiliary. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ella James reading Psalm 149. Prayer was led by Addie Adkisson. We had a special song by Pat Lewis and Eudene Atkinson. Those having topics were: Betty Bell, Claudia Combs, Eudene Atkinson and Hattie Sims. We voted to send \$5 to Home Missions. We were dismissed in prayer by Gracie Stevens.

Ruby Blankenship, Cor.-Sec.
Officers of the Bethel Auxiliary, West Plains:

President—Claudia Combs, 319 E. 3rd St. West Plains; Vice President—Ella James; Rec.-Sec.—Hattie Sims; Cor.-Sec.—Ruby Blankenship; Treas.—Betty Bell; Personal Service Ch'm—Beulah Gilliam; Study Course Ch'm—Effie Lou Moss; Youth Ch'm—Eudene Adkinson; Program-Prayer Ch'm—Addie Atkinson.

Adult League Guide is Sell Out:

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The League Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists has announced that although they increased their printing order for the first quarter of 1963, they have sold out of the Adult League Guide. Sales were over 7,500 copies. The sell out was due to an increase of some 60 additional churches which did not order the previous quarter. A limited supply of Guides are available for all other Leagues.

Mr. Samuel Johnson, National League Director, states that "this response to our Adult League Guide, as well as the other publications in our League literature program, indicates that Free Will Baptists appreciate and desire the best literature available."

Writers of the League literature for first quarter of 1963 include the following Free Will Baptists—Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Mrs. Harold Critcher, Rev. Jerry Ballard, Rev. W. Stanley Moon-eyham, Mrs. Bobby Jackson, Mrs. Jack Paramore, and Mrs. Samuel Johnson.

Correspondence Courses to be Offered:

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A new series of correspondence courses will be offered to the denomination by Free Will Baptist Bible College later in the year, Dean Charles A. Thigpen has announced.

Designed to give assistance to the Christian layman to better understand the Bible and Christian truths as they are related to everyday living, the courses will be of practical nature rather than for college credit.

The courses will cover three areas: Bible Doctrine, Bible Survey (in three sections), and Christian Living. Writers will be faculty and staff members of the college including Dr. L. C. Johnson, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Rev. R. E. Picirilli, and Rev. Leroy Forrest.

The college will continue to offer the present program of correspondence courses for college credit.

New Layout Well Received:

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Letters commending the new layout in the Adult quarterly, published by the Sunday School department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, have been received.

Mr. D. R. Willingham of Owasso, Oklahoma, writes, "The new quarterly is a vast improvement in every way. The new layout is very good indeed."

Other comments were, "As for the new style of quarterly, I like it real well. I love to teach verse by verse," states Mr. Ned Templeton of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Clifford Dragoo of Long Lane, Missouri, writes, "I like it very much. It is a nice looking quarterly."

The design of the quarterly calls for the Scripture to appear in the left hand column and the comment in the column immediately to the right. Space is left for the student to write notes.

Some comment was received about the omission of the Daily Bible Readings from the quarterly and these will re-appear in future editions. The Daily Bible Readings will also become a part of **Depth**, the devotional guide of the denomination. In this manner, when a family has their daily devotions they will also be preparing for their Sunday School lesson.

Youth Camp Indebtedness Retired:

That's right, the Youth Camp is out of debt! At the last Youth Camp Board Meeting, Brother Reeves, the treasurer, said, "Fellows we are out of debt." We feel like saying, along with David, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The indebtedness has been retired because many of you have supported the Youth Camp through the Cooperative Plan and with special offerings. Let us continue to give the Youth Camp our moral, prayer and financial support. Free Will Baptists can be sure of this—the money that is given for this very important work is used wisely and discreetly for the specific benefit of those who attend Youth Camp.

Note Burning at Kirksville:

New Year's Eve was observed at the First Free Will Baptist Church. It began with a fellowship supper at 6:30 P. M. and followed with a service at the church. Bro. Jerry Pinkerton, a young minister of the church brought the evening message. Several churches from North-East Missouri Association were represented and participated in the program.

The church has finished paying off the indebtedness on the church property and a special feature of the service was the burning of the note. The pastor, the Rev. Lester Jones held the container while Harold Myers and

Forrest Hediger proceeded with the note burning ceremony. A dedicatory prayer was offered by Bro. A. E. Dare, who was one of the first Trustees of the church.

Kirksville, Master's Men:

A chapter of Master's Men was organized at the Kirksville Church on Jan 8 with eleven charter members. The officers elected are as follows: President—Jerry Pinkerton; Membership V. President—Harold Myers; Program V. President—Brice Riley; Activities V. President—Ernest Thomas; Chorister—Howard Filkins; Secretary-Treasurer—Russell Wellman. Others who became members were: Forrest Hediger, Jim Pope, Loyd Cory, A. E. Dare and the Pastor, Rev. Jones.

Missionaries in Northeast Missouri:

Brother Lonnie Sparks and family, our missionaries to Africa, were at the Hazel Creek F. W. B. Church for one service the week before Christmas.

Brotherhood for Church Extension:

The Missouri State Home Mission Board started a Brotherhood for Church Extension Club in 1961. The response to this has been encouraging. If you want to be a direct partner in State Home Missions write to: Brotherhood For Church Extension, 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis 11, Mo. and you will be sent a membership card. By this you promise to pay ten dollars for every new church organized by the State Home Mission Board; not to exceed two in any one year. Are you this much interested in seeing new F. W. B. churches organized in our state? Then may we hear from you? Missouri Home Missions need your help.

Master's Men Organized at Cuba:

The men of the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church met in a special meeting Saturday night January 5th for the purpose of organizing a Master's Men. Rev. Grover Pingleton is the pastor.

A warm fellowship was enjoyed and the following men were elected officers for the coming year. President, Ed Varney; Program Vice-President, Paul Dickens; Activities Vice-President, Mike Creason; Membership Vice-President, Jack Todd; Chorister, Russel Ellis; Secretary-Treasurer, Bud Blume.

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THE MISSION FIELD

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Missouri:

South Side Church	25.50
Dolly Pohnert, Houston	5.00
Co-op, Hqts	257.93
First Church Fredericktown ..	20.00
Mo. State Ass'n. of F. W. B. ..	6.09
First Woman's., Aux., Joplin ..	5.00
Pauline Means, Willow Springs ..	3.00
John J. Postlewaite	252.00
(From Missouri)	4.00
Lindell W. Willhite, St. Louis ..	5.00
Morris Greenhaw,	5.00
Farmington	5.70
New Harmony Mission	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Shaner	2.00
Bonne Terre	187.00
Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle	5.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove	25.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove	4.80
Woman's Aux., First Church ..	6.00
Kansas City	13.50
Woman's Aux., Greentop ..	1.00
Louis Willhite, St. Ann	20.00
Son Light Mission Conference ..	1.00
Yukon	20.00
Nora Altis, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Mendota Mission	20.00
Herbert Dublin, Lebanon ..	1.00
H. S. Vandivort, Cabool ..	20.00
Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville ..	1.00
Rock Springs Church	16.46
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monnett ..	10.00
Festus First Church	3.00
Rev. L. A. Ferguson,	5.00
Fredericktown	5.00
Grant Ave. Auxiliary	1.00
Ervin Moody, Jr., Mansfield ..	5.00
Woman's Aux., West Plains ..	5.00
Zona Smith, Mtn. Grove	7.90
South Side Church	80.00
James A. Britton, Lemay	15.00
Rev. Tharold Edwards,	5.00
Springfield	93.77
Myrtle Church	60.00
First Church & Woman's ..	5.00
Auxiliary, Monett	5.00
Virgil & Cleo Bundy, Yukon ..	43.95
Berkeley Church	41.05
A Friend, Hartville	5.00
W. N. A. C., Hqts.	
Myrtle Church	
Elaine Skiles, Thayer	
Total	\$1302.65

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS**MISSOURI**

December, 1962

Cooperative Plan	\$ 515.86
South Side Church	122.00
Anonymous	5.00
Grant Avenue League	10.00
Oak Grove S. S. Class	15.00
Fellowship Church	135.00

Berkeley Church	75.00
Fredericktown Church	40.00
Willow Springs Church	12.17
Mo. State Association	18.27
Pleasant Grove Church	47.25
Parkview Church	30.00
Sunday School, Buffalo	10.00
Y. P. A., Fourth Church	5.00
Leona Holt, Martha Coff- ..	3.00
man, Oma L. Scott	5.00
Rev. Woodrow Matthews ..	1.00
Mrs. Charles Lee Deatherage ..	1.00
Herbert Dublin	4.00
Festus Church	5.00
Mrs. John F. Summers	2.00
Macy Gregory	5.00
Six Year Old Girls S. S.	5.00
Class, St. Louis	5.00
G. T. A. Beacon Church	50.00
Beulah Midgett	20.00
Rev. & Mrs. Tharold Edwards ..	25.00
Geneva Barks	20.00
Parkview Church	5.00
Wolf Creek Church	16.00
Beacon Church	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks	13.00
Valentine W. Arnold	6.37
Myrtle Church	42.05
Hazel Creek Church	72.40
Aulsbury Chapel Church	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Bundy	27.00
Beulah Midgett	5.00
Anonymous	35.00
Trinity Church	45.61
W. N. A. C.	
Total	1513.98

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

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New Church Organized:

On Jan. 10 the Mission Board of Missouri Free Will Baptists met with a congregation in Marshall, Missouri and formally organized the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church. This group had its first service Nov. 4, 1962 and was started by Rev. James McAllister under the auspices of the Mission Board. Sixteen people united with the church as charter members. Officers elected were: Clerk-Treas. Emma Stovall; Advisory Committee: James Stovall, John McAllister and Jack Owens; Trustees: Bill Swanigan, John McAllister, and James Stovall; Sunday School Superintendent: Bill Swanigan. This church adopted the cooperative plan of support and the Every Member plan of subscription to the Gem. Board members present were Rev. Tommy Day of Monett, Rev. Lester Jones of Kirksville, and Rev. W. H. Bostic of Thayer. Other ministers present were State Moderator O. T.

Allred; Woodrow Matthews and Glen Rehkop. Rev. James McAllister presented the Covenant and Rev. Allred challenged the church to work and pray for the glory of God. This group requests the prayers of God's people.

Minister's Meeting:

The St. Louis District Free Will Baptist Ministerial Alliance met at the Berkeley Church on Friday evening, January 4, 1963. The following ministers were present to represent their churches:

Berkeley—Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Bob Hesselmeyer and Rev. Lonnie Skiles.

Southside—Rev. Al McFarland.

Fourth—Rev. Max Courtney.

Faith—Rev. Floyd Arnold.

Richwoods—Rev. Gaylord Huckaba.

Arnold—Rev. Johnny Land.

Northside—Rev. Frank Junta and Rev. H. T. Dana.

Trinity—Rev. R. B. Spurgeon.

Festus—Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

The following ministers were elected as officers for the Alliance for 1963:

President—Rev. Frank Junta.

Vice President—Rev. Bob Hesselmeyer.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Max Courtney.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Lonnie Skiles.

My express job as corresponding secretary is to keep the GEM informed of the activities carried on by the Ministerial Alliance. The establishment of this job only goes to indicate the importance placed upon the GEM by the ministers of the St. Louis District.

The idea of a city-wide revival, to be supported jointly by all the Free Will Baptist Churches in the area, was discussed. More on this later. The ministers also expressed great interest in a joint missionary conference to be held in the near future.

The meeting was closed with prayer and refreshments and a fellowship hour followed.

The Ministerial Alliance will meet regularly on the first Friday evening of each month. All ministers in the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting are urged to attend. Reverend R. B. Spurgeon is scheduled to bring a class on homiletics at the February meeting.

Yours In Christ
Lonnie Skiles
Cor.-Sec.