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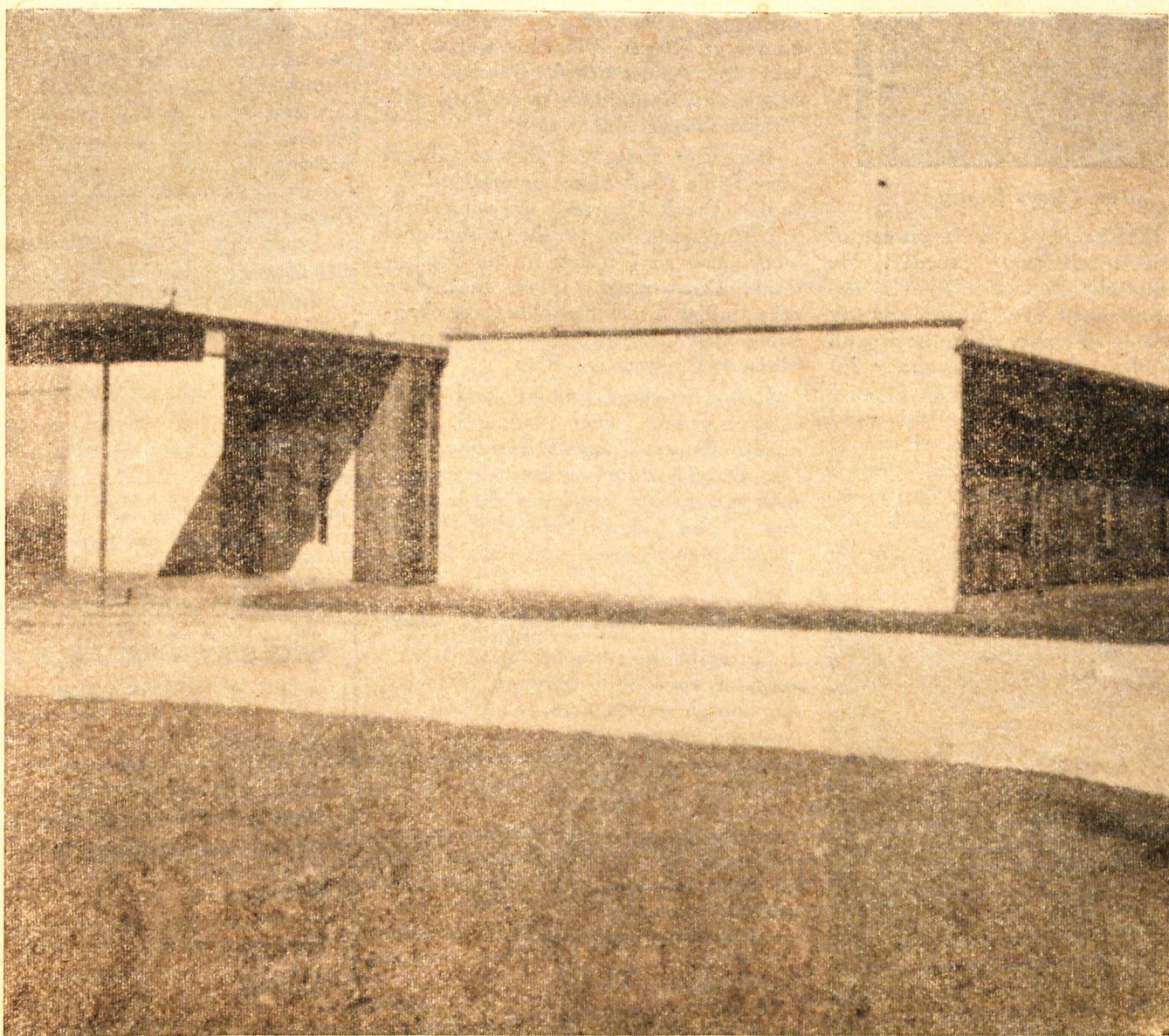
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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

Acts 18:22 refers to the beginning of Paul's third missionary journey. He saluted the church (vs. 23) — he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia — in order, strengthening all the disciples. As an ambassador for Christ, and Free Will Baptist Promotional Field Worker, I travel this good state of Missouri, likewise. Early in February, I visited the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting. This meeting was held with Desloge Church. We welcome their recently elected pastor,

Rev. Jess Webb and family from Illinois, to Missouri, and trust the Lord will give them a fruitful ministry here.

It was a pleasure to preach the dedicatory sermon for the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, dedicating their new Sunday School rooms. Rev. Milliard Ehrhardt is the pastor at Alton. Through the generosity of the membership of this church, which was organized seven years ago, we Free Will Baptists now have an outstanding witness in the county seat of Oregon County. Missouri State Home Mission Department helped start this church. In appreciation for this contribution, the Alton Church participates in Missouri Cooperative Plan of giving. Thus, in the world wide ministry of our Lord.

Sunday night, February 3, I was privileged to be with my former home church at Thayer. Plans are well under way for Associational, County wide Missionary Conference to be held with Thayer Church this month.

Blue Eye Free Will Baptist Church near Table Rock Lake, entertained the Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting Feb. 5th. They gave time for the promotional work, also an offering to the Promotional Department. Since that date other Indian Creek churches have channeled their Cooperative money through Missouri Cooperative Plan.

Pastor Frank Linton and Rock Chapel Church, near Norwood, were host to Mission Quarterly Meeting, Feb. 7th. Good harmonious business session, with six gospel messages during the day. The Cabool Free Will Baptist Church was received into their fellow-

ship, along with five ministers holding membership with Cabool Church. They granted time for the Cooperative program.

Closing the month I was with Fourth Free Will Baptist Church here in Maplewood. Our South Side revival started February 25th, with evangelist Jack Parmore bringing the gospel messages. Souls are being saved already in the meeting. Praise the Lord. Therefore, let us pray, give and go for the Lord. Please keep me informed, place and date of your Quarterly Meeting.

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COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

February, 1963

Cuba F. W. B. Ch., Cuba, Mo.	\$ 38.20
Pleasant Home, Mission Ass'n.	25.74
Fellowship	75.00
Farmington	63.44
Monett	92.48
Victory	68.12
Alton	10.00
Thayer	27.11
St. Louis, South Side	51.60
Mill Creek Sunday School (In Madison County)	14.12
Verdella	309.61
Copper Mines	27.60
Macedonia (Indian Creek Association)	129.79
Grant Ave., Springfield, Mo. ..	124.22
Mine La Motte	9.87
Hannon	25.00

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Rev. Bud Hill, Editor

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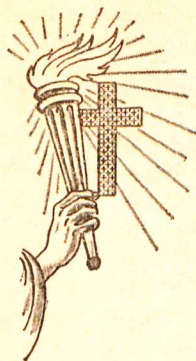
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Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Lester Jones

Dear Co-laborers:

In our imagination let us join the group of women at the crucifixion of Jesus. It was a cruel, gruesome, hideous sight to see the sinless Son of God die upon the cross of Calvary. These words must have rung in their ears for weeks afterwards, "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?" When He cried, "I thirst," their hearts must have been breaking because they could not minister to Him. But when they left the tomb where they had laid Him their hearts were set to do something for Him and that was to return and anoint His body. They wondered how they would get the huge stone rolled away; but to their amazement when they reached there it was already rolled away and the Son of God was risen. They did not have the opportunity to anoint the dead body but they had a greater opportunity and that was to take the message, "He is risen!" I hope you have taken a new look at Calvary. For when we have taken a look at Calvary and have followed and have seen the empty tomb we are ready to take the life-giving message, "He died for our sins and has risen for our justification." Our

NOTICE

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

MRS. LESTER JONES
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Woman's Auxiliary is a missionary service of the church and it is our blessed privilege to send the Gospel into all the world.

National Home Missions	145.17
State Home Missions	15.50
Student Loan Fund	20.70
Co-Laborer	37.86
Tithes	23.96

Meet Your State Officers:

Our officer for the month is Mrs. Doris Raper who was elected Youth Chairman in 1962. She is a native of Oklahoma but has been in Missouri the last few years. She was converted in a Youth Camp at the age of sixteen. She attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for two years where she met and later married the Rev. James Earl Raper. They live at Flat River where they serve the Fellowship Church. Mrs. Raper is the local Auxiliary president. She is also a Sunday School teacher, sings in a ladies' trio and directs the church choir. Between these jobs, with two active children and being a pastor's wife she manages to keep busy. We feel that Mrs. Raper is qualified to take care of this very important field of work. She has a love for youth and likes to work with them. Her favorite Scripture is Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer's Report:

In accord with the resolution passed at the 1962 Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the following is a report of the treasury for the months of September, October, November and December, 1962.

Amount of money on hand at the beginning of the 1962-63 convention year

Amounts Received:

Foreign Missions \$175.28

Total Receipts \$418.47

Total \$536.68

Checks issued for
the above items 394.51
Balance on hand Dec. 31,
1962 142.17

The amount listed above for Foreign Missions and National Home Missions includes amounts received for individual missionaries and projects and includes \$39.49 for our State project of land in Uruguay.

The above money has been received from three District Auxiliary Conventions and eight local Woman's Auxiliaries.

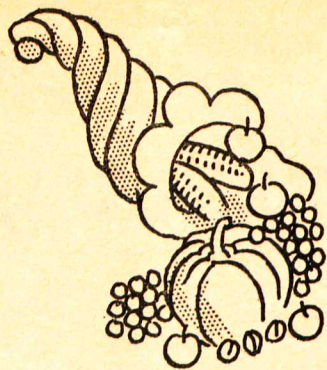
All of the Woman's Auxiliary money that is to be used in the State work or in the National work should be mailed to the State Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Missouri, with a letter or note stating where the money is to be used.

From Flat River:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, February 5th for their monthly meeting. The opening song was, "I Want To Be A Worker." Prayer was by Lizzie Williams, followed with the Scripture, Exodus 4:17 by president, Genevieve White.

During the business session the secretary and treasurer's reports were read.

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Missionary Church:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri has added the children of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, to their missionary giving. Besides paying the support of these two children, they are also paying the salary of Mrs. Glenda Fulcher.

Candle Light Service:

The League of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis presented a candle light service on January 6, 1963. This service was a real success with 57 in League which broke the record for attendance in League for a number of years. Bro. Pat Boyd, who is League Director, is doing a fine job building our League.

Victory Supper:

The Overland Free Will Baptist Church of Overland, Missouri had a victory supper February 16, 1963 to celebrate the selling of \$36,000.00 worth of church bonds which will be used to remodel the church and to help pay off other items. After the supper a wonderful evening of gospel singing by the Victory Quartet of Granite City, Illinois was enjoyed by all.

Sunday School Contest:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri and the Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan is competing against one another in seeing who can run the most in Sunday School from March 10th to April 14th. The pastors of these two churches are Rev. Harvey E. Hill and Rev. William J. Hill.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The St. Louis Minister's Association is sponsoring a Missionary Conference in the various churches in St. Louis, March 20th through Sunday — March 24th. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Night

Berkeley—Rev. Roy Thomas
Northside—Mrs. Roy Thomas
South Side—Rev. Homer Willis
Faith—Rev. Rufus Coffey

NOTICE

All material to be used in the Gem **must** be in by the 24th of the month.

Overland—Rev. Eddie Payne
Fourth—Rev. Dan Cronk

Thursday

Joint Conference at South Side —
Speakers: Rev. Rufus Coffey and Rev. Roy Thomas.

Friday

Joint Conference at Berkeley —
Speakers: Rev. Homer Willis and Rev. Dan Cronk.

Saturday

Richwood—Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas

Festus—Rev. Homer Willis

Grace—Rev. Dan Cronk

Meramec Heights—Rev. Rufus Coffey

Granite City—Rev. Eddie Payne

Sunday

Northside:

Morning—Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sharry

Evening—Rev. Eddie Payne

Berkeley:

Morning—Rev. Homer Willis

Evening—Rev. Earnie Deeds

South Side:

Morning—Rev. Roy Thomas

Evening—Rev. Rufus Coffey

Faith:

Morning—Rev. Eddie Payne

Evening—Rev. Robert Sharry

Grace:

Morning—Rev. Rufus Coffey

Evening—Mrs. Robert Sharry

Fourth:

Morning—Rev. Earnie Deeds

Evening—Rev. Roy Thomas

Overland:

Morning—Rev. Dan Cronk

Evening—Mrs. Roy Thomas

Trinity:

Morning—Open

Evening—Mrs. Roy Thomas

Meramec Heights:

Morning—Mrs. Roy Thomas

Evening—Rev. Homer Willis

First Free Will Baptist Church Of Springfield:

We are glad to report our Sunday School attendance averaged 133 for the month of January, despite the severe cold weather we had. We always have so many come in for the 11:00 o'clock services. In fact we are having to build more room and we have launched out in faith, believing that God will provide the needs to complete it. So as you, from other churches all over the country read this, please pray that God will provide all the needs to complete it this spring and it might be the means of many hungry souls coming in and finding Christ as their personal Saviour before it is too late.

This is no time for division and selfish desires in churches. Just pray that God will keep us in loving fellowship by His Spirit and we know that when this is true, God can work and none can hinder.

It has been proven to our church by the way God has blessed it and our beloved pastor, Rev. Henry Long, during the past year. We have had several people saved and restored and 49 additions to the church.

The fellowship meeting was held at our church Friday night, February 1st in which the church was crowded with attendance. There were seventeen ministers present from different denominations. Each one made a four minute talk and God blessed in a wondrous way.

* * * * *

Do you love the Lord?

Did you tell Him you did or did you show Him?

Do you think God keeps an attendance record in heaven?

How does your record look?

Out of the five regular services, how many did you attend?

Are there more Absent than Present?

Do you think God requires more of

one of His children than He does of another?

Do you pray for your missionaries on foreign fields?

Does righteous mean, doing right in the sight of God?

Are you doing right in the sight of God? ("The prayer of a righteous man availeth much.") James 5:16

Do your prayers help the missionary work or the work of your church?

Is this the reason souls are not saved?

Do you believe the Lord is coming soon?

If you were going to have guests, would you prepare for them?

Are you preparing for Christ?

If not, what excuse are you going to offer Him for unfaithfulness to His service? "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12

Would you say, "I became tired of serving? (Jesus may of said, "Yes, the cup was almost more than I could bear, the cross was heavy but you were lost, I must go on.")

One day Christ will say, "Where are your sheaves?" (You may say, "But Lord, they were all material, they perished.")

From a member of the First F. W. B. Church of Farmington, Mo.

THE American Bible Society has recently undertaken the regular, annual support of Bible translation, publication and distribution in 40 additional countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean area.

This expansion of its program was announced at a meeting of the Society's Advisory Council in New York on November 13th and 14th. The Council is composed of representatives of 56 denominations which support the Society. To include the new work, the Council approved a budget of \$5,382,000 for 1963, the highest ever adopted in the 146-year history of the Society. The amount to be raised from the churches is \$1,200,000, a hundred thousand dollars more than the goal for 1962.

Included in the total expenditures is \$500,000 which the Society hopes to raise through a World Advance Fund. The Society is placing this amount in the budget immediately, although the half-million dollars has not yet been raised. Society officials explained that the Scripture needs of the 40 additional countries is so urgent that the Society will work at a deficit in 1963, if necessary, rather than delay the work.

The first contribution, in the form of a \$10,000 check, was made at the meeting by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. Other denominational delegates pledged support to raise "funds for the forty."

The addition of the 40 countries will bring to a total of 104 the number in which the Society provides regular, annual support of Bible work. The additional work will be done in 25 countries in Africa, 6 in Asia and 9 in the Caribbean area. Some of the added countries are those where the American Bible Society is joining other national Bible societies in carrying on the work. Many "consist largely of peoples who are emerging from tribalism and colonialism and are as yet uncommitted in the struggle for their allegiance."

The African countries are Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Niger, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Nigeria, Dahomey, Togoland, Sierra Leone, Republic of Guinea, Portuguese Guinea, Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania, Mali and Spanish West Africa.

The Asian countries are Burma, Iran, Pakistan, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

The Latin American countries are Guadeloupe, Martinique, Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras, British Guiana, Trinidad and Barbados.

The Council reaffirmed the traditional policy of the denominations that churches, rather than government, provide Scriptures for the men and women of the armed forces and stipulated that a portion of the emergency fund be used to provide chaplains with sufficient added Scriptures to meet the demand, which now exceeds the supply.

In its official report, the Advisory Council noted that "when the Lord Jesus Christ said, 'Thy word is truth,' He gave the touchstone by which to test the conflicting claims of our age. As the church of the early centuries met the paganism of that era with the Word of God, so we must meet the

paganism of our day with the same inspired Word.

"In offering men the eternal Word of God," the Council declared, "we share with them the saving power which alone can redeem their lives and ours from destruction.

"The unfinished task of the church is to enable all men everywhere to hear and read the wonderful words of God in the tongues wherein they were born. The Bible may go where men cannot go, and may stay when men are forced to leave. The strategy of world evangelism in days like these must use the written word to make known the living Word.

"Increasing numbers of people, more and more of whom are able to read, are both the peril and the promise of the future. Appetites avid for material to read will be satisfied either with husks of half-truth and error, or with the Bread of Life. In this time of crisis, the God of truth calls us to make sure that providing the Word of Truth to all the world shall not be 'too little and too late.'"

Drama Presentation:

The Speech Department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be presenting the drama "Into Thy Kingdom" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, at the annual Bible Conference, April 7th-11th, on the college campus. Two performances are scheduled during the Conference, one on Sunday night, April 7th, the other on Tuesday night, April 9th.

Included in the cast is one Missouri student, Eugene Workman, from the Grant Avenue Church in Springfield, Missouri. Eugene, a Junior, is the son of Mrs. Zella Nevels, of Rogersville, Missouri. His role is that of Nicodemus, the secret follower of Christ. Eugene, on the Dean's Honor Roll for the first semester, is serving as Junior Class President this year and as the Director of Campus Leagues. He also appeared in the college production of "The Rock," presented in May of 1962. He was also associated with the Speech Department at Southwest Mo. State College before transferring to Nashville.

Also included in the cast are: Joe Jones, Alabama; Wanda Watson, North Carolina; Bill McCuin, Arkansas; Brenda Wiard, Georgia; Wayne Phillips, North Carolina; Bernadine Little, Virginia; and Bascomb Evans, S. Carolina.

The play is under the direction of Mr. Darrell Fulton, a former Bible College student, and Mrs. Laura Thigpen, Speech instructor.

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OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

SOME OF THE DUTIES OF CHRISTIANS

by Lillian Moore

Southside Free Will Baptist Church
St. Louis, Mo.

The duties of a Christian are many, but it will only be possible to discuss four in this limited space. The individual who goes under the name of Christian must be sure he is saved. How can he be sure? Here are a few of the guideposts to give the individual the assurance of his salvation. Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, . . ." Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

The Christian is expected to have fellowship with his fellow Christians. The Lord made the human race a sociable group of beings; therefore, fellowship is in God's plan for the Christian. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, . . ." The Christian has the opportunity for fellowship in the church services and other activities of the local church. Some Christian people seek fellowship outside the church in various groups. These groups may, or may not have proper goals, but the fact remains, they will not help the Christian to grow spiritually. Yes, these groups are necessary to our society, but they should not be the Christian's main source of fellowship, nor should they take the Christian's time away from his church activities. The Christian should be well informed about the activities of his community and country, but should not partake of the worldliness such as dances, movies and etc. II Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, . . ."

The Christian should study the Bible. II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Bible should be the guide of the Christian as well as the weapon. How can

an individual use his weapon or follow his guide if he is not well acquainted with them? It is impossible; therefore, it is good to have a systematic method of study. Here are a few tips for effective Bible study. A certain time should be set aside each day as Bible study time. Start the Bible study with a certain book of the Bible or a group of books such as "The General Epistles." Study a certain amount of chapters or verses each study period. Get a good text book to read as a reference book. As the Christian studies he should ask himself, "Who wrote this passage?" "To whom was it written?" "Why was it written?" "How does it apply to me individually?"

Last, but not least, the Christian should proclaim to others the gospel. Every Christian is to be a preacher or proclaimer. When someone leaves us in death; we will do our best to carry out his last wish. When Christ left us and ascended back to the Father, His last request was Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." If the Christian fails in this duty, no one else will do it for him.

Just a few of the Christian's duties have been presented, but there are others which must not be neglected. Some of these are: stewardship in every phase of life; prayer, partaking of the ordinances of the church, (Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet) and many others the Christian will learn as he studies the Bible.

Sharon Barker, First F. W. B
Church of Farmington, Mo.

Many times the schools that young people attend have dancing included in their extra-curricular activities and also a part of their physical education classes. It is said, concerning the latter, to be compulsory when asked why young people dance.

Dancing cannot be compulsory for a young Christian. Although it is much easier to go along with the crowd, it takes grace to stand up for what's right and to say I don't believe in dancing.

A person does what he or she wants to and a real Christian will not want

to dance. He who partakes in dancing can't help from feeling guilty and usually tries to justify himself by saying "I don't see anything wrong with it, do you?" And tries to find someone who will agree. He cannot have the satisfaction spiritually though, that a Christian has who abstains from these worldly pleasures.

A Christian cannot partake of these activities without damaging his testimony. Whether he realizes it or not his life is being watched by other young people and how he stands for God may show others their need of Christ as their personal Saviour.

We, as young people must take a strong stand for Christ for He said, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." I Peter 4:14

To Write A Speech!

Why should I spend so much of my time writing a speech for the Declamation Contest when I could do so many other things that I would enjoy much more? This was the question pondered by the members of the local Y. P. A. Then our sponsor said that anything we do for the Lord, to bring glory to His name is worth our time.

So I, along with several others, decided to begin immediately to write a declamation, to enter the contest with all the energy I could muster. For three weeks now, we have been digging into the subject of "Missions." Our church library is well equipped with books dealing with almost every phase of missions, home and foreign. As we carried home and read many of these books, we have received a very great blessing. We have pages and pages of notes already, and have hardly scratched the surface of the material before us.

With our growing interest in missions, we have written to several of our Free Will Baptist missionaries. We have received letters from the four corners of the world. Upon reading these letters, I cannot help but stop and pray for them and ask God to make me more aware of their needs, and of the blessings I have here.

Our regular Y. P. A. work causes us to be mission minded, but I think this is the greatest thing that has happened to me concerning the study of missions. At first I wondered what I would ever say to fill the allotted ten minutes for my declamation. Now as I look over my notes, I feel that if I could write a book or a whole volume of books, I could never tell the whole story of missions. I would like to take this opportunity to urge all Y. P. A. members everywhere to enter this contest. You will learn so much about missions, and God will bless you for your effort.

Written by Janell Milsap
Mtn. Grove, Missouri

"BE JOYFUL ALWAYS"

We, as Christian youth, should be the most joyful people on the earth. We have the most prized possession man could want — eternal life, given to us by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Psalms 100:1, 2 tells us "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." This means that all the people everywhere in the world should be joyful unto the Lord, and this includes us, the young people of America.

When we were sinners, our thoughts were evil. When we accepted Christ, we became new creatures. We were given new hearts so our minds should think only good and joyous thoughts. Always do all you can to help the cause of Christ. Don't let yourself be guilty of saying "I can't," or "I'm too busy," when someone asks you to do something for the Lord, but be happy you have the opportunity to spread His Word.

Remember, to be a good Christian you should spend much time in worship, and joy is one of the essential elements of worship.

By Jim Williams
Beacon Church

MAN FOR GOD

As tender little saplings grow
Beside the water deep,
You stand beside the edge of life
And wake from childish sleep,
To find yourself a man.
Lift up your branches to the light
Of hope and truth to come,
And build within your rigid bark
The Spirit's blessed home.
And learn to be a man.
Sink down your roots, my lad

Where living waters flow,
Accept the blood that washed your
soul
As white as drifted snow

For you a mortal man.
Then live your life to be a tree,
Thy branches laden down
With fruits of love and righteousness
And joy shall be your crown

Because you are a man.
Jane Johnson
Mt. Grove F. W. B. Church

OPERATION: Destination Unknown

The Mtn. Grove Church has no problem getting the teen-agers to church on Sunday nights. After League and church, we pile into the church bus and off we go to "Destination Unknown." This is just what its name suggests. The teens never know where they are going until we get there.

This project has proved to be a real blessing to us and to our sponsors as well. As we gather on the bus, with our guests, we begin our journey with prayer that the Lord will be in our midst and give us a fellowship worthy of His name. We sing as we go, and each wonders if it is his or her house to which we are going.

Our fellowship is sponsored and chaperoned by a committee consisting of the youth leaders of our church and our pastor. This committee is responsible for finding a place for us to go, and is in charge of arranging for refreshments. Many people have graci-

ously opened their homes to us, or have us use their back yards for weiner roasts during the summer.

Upon arriving at our "destination" our sponsors immediately begin well planned games. After a couple of games, we gather around the piano, or sit on the lawn around the fire, as the case may be, and sing our favorite choruses and hymns. The host and hostess are properly thanked and cheered for their hospitality and guests introduced and welcomed. Next comes the best part — food. During the summer months we have hot dogs, or maybe homemade ice cream and cake. In winter there is plenty of sandwiches, chips and cookies, and of course plenty of coke.

By the time the bus arrives back at the church, it is ten o'clock and our tired parents are there waiting to take us home. A lot of work for sponsors and parents? Yes of course, but the Lord has blessed our fun and fellowship. We hope to keep working as a group of Christian teen-agers to win others to the Lord.

Written by Joe Johnson
and Beverly Peterson

GOD'S PROMISES

by Jan Barnett
Beacon Church

The following poem points out some of God's Promises:

"God hath not promised —
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow —
Peace without pain.
"But God hath promised
Strength for the day
Rest for the labor,
Sight for the way.
Grace for the trials —
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love. . ."

God hasn't promised us peace without pain, especially to those who don't know Him as their personal Saviour. Those who have accepted Him as their Saviour have the assurance and knowledge that God will protect them at all times.

It is a good feeling to know God is there to turn to when we need Him, and we should always remember Him, even if we don't need special help.

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SERMONS OF THE MONTH

"And We Came To Kadesh-Barnea"

REV. HARRY ASHER, Pastor of
Overland F. W. B. Church

(Deuteronomy 1:19)

"And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Ka-desh-bar-ne-a."

God's people up to this point had obeyed and followed the advice of their leader, Moses. They had already escaped Egypt, passed through the Red Sea, etc. . . . And in the opening of the Book of Numbers they appear to be all ready to enter the Promised Land.

But Such Was Not the Case. . . .

In their wilderness journey they made seven distinct complaints:

- (1) Complained about the way.
- (2) Complained about the food.
- (3) Complained about the giants.
- (4) Complained about the desert.
- (5) Complained about the manna.
- (6) Complained about their leader.
- (7) Complained about divine judgments.

And the **climax** came at Kadesh-barnea.

Spies had been sent into the land of Canaan to search it out and then report back.

The Canaanites who possessed the land were the descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham. They spoke a Semitic (Jewish) language, and were called Phoenicians by the Greeks. Although they included seven distinct nations — Amorites, Hittites, Girgashites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites. In a more restricted sense the word is applied to the tribe which "Dwelt by the sea and the coast of Jordan." (Num. 13-29)

After forty days the spies that had been sent out returned to make their report.

They said to Moses and Aaron, "We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it." Upon a staff they had a cluster of grapes

that two men had to carry, also pomegranates, and figs.

BUT, we saw giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants, and we were as grasshoppers. . . .

And all the people began to cry out, "Why hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, were it not better for us to return to Egypt?" And they said, "Let us make a captain and return unto Egypt. . . ."

This Definite Act Of Rebellion Made God Almighty Angry

The Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people provoke me? And how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?"

The signs were many:

- (a) Deliverance from Egypt.
- (b) Crossing the Red Sea.
- (c) Journey through the Wilderness.
- (d) Water from the Rock.
- (e) Manna falling from Heaven.

All these signs and many more were signs to show them that God was with them. And God says, "**Why can't they believe me?**"

It seems to me that God's patience has finally worn out. This is what He said, "**I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them. . . .**"

And in the Bible we see that for thirty-eight years the unbelievers wandered in the desert until their carcasses fell in the wilderness.

Friends I personally believe the trouble that we are experiencing in America today stems from the fact that quite a number of years ago America came to **Kadesh-barnea** and decided to stay there instead of going on with God.

God said to the people, "**I will smite you.**" Friends, **God is displeased with America.**

- (a) World War One —
112,432 men and boys killed.
- (b) Total expenditures —
\$21,850 million.
- (c) The Great Depression.
- (d) World War Two —
322,188 killed, 700,000 wounded.
- (e) Korean War.

The question in all of our minds today is, "Will we have a thurmo-Nuclear war?" I am not here to tell you that this will happen, but I will say that it could happen.

The Federal Government recently has said that Cuba had enough long-range missile power to destroy one-third of the United States of America.

And it's no wonder "**that God's patience has worn out.** God has said, "**Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.**"

The average American goes **fishing, attends theaters, Sunday ball games, cuts the grass, washes the car, visits, watches television, or just stays at home and sleeps on Sunday!**

God has said, "**I beseech, you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world.**"

And we drink beer, whiskey and wine, smoke cancerous cigarettes, dress indecently, etc.

God has said, "**Deny yourself and pick up your cross and Follow me.**" We do not.

God has said, "**Pay tithes and worship me with your offerings.**" We do not. . . . (the majority doesn't.)

God has said, "**Pray without ceasing.**" We do not.

God has said, "**Go into all the world.**" And we won't go into our neighborhood, much less the world.

God has said, "**Be steadfast, unmoveable.**" And we are always backsliding.

Friends, this is "**Open Rebellion Against God Almighty.**"

My dear Christian friends, all over this great State of Missouri, **The Clock Is Ticking Towards the Showdown!**

The whole world is sitting on a **powder keg!**

We ought to be on our knees, crying out to God for a spiritual awakening among the **Free Will Baptists** and all other born-again Christians everywhere.

The Word of God says, "If my people which are called by my name, shall

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The Marks of Christ

REV. LLOYD DURBIN, Pastor of Mill Creek F. W. B. Church, Fredericktown, Mo.

Scripture: Galatians 6:17b

"For I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

When we picture the scene at Calvary, we can see how the world left its mark upon Christ. We see the wounds in His side; also the nail prints in his hands and feet; then there are the scratches and tears made by the crown of thorns so forcibly pushed upon His head.

We also can see how the world leaves its mark upon people, especially sinners who have drifted far into the mire of sin. We see drunkenness, immorality, hatred, deceitfulness, and all the many things which speak out to all who come in contact with these individuals that the mark of Satan is upon them.

In Paul's writing to the Galatians, we see that he testifies to the fact that he bears in his body the "marks of the Lord Jesus." (Text) We as Christians should have certain definite marks upon our lives that sets us apart from the world, marking us a **separate people**.

We should have the mark of love. I John 4:8, "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." Without the mark of love, we cannot fulfill the commandments of God. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, If ye have love one for another." We must have brotherly love, but also we need a great love for souls. Phillip joined himself to the chariot of the eunuch because he had a love for souls and a deep desire to see people accept the One he was serving. He taught from the Word of God, because he also loved to read, study and interpret from its pages. His is a mark of Jesus, and should be found in our body.

Secondly, we should have the mark of humility. (James 4:10) "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up." Humbleness is truly a mark of a consecrated Christian. The very act of keeping behind the cross is in no way easy by ourselves. The Scripture says in Proverbs 3:5 to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." We must learn to give God the right of way in our lives before we

can come to a place where God can really use us. We are sometimes prone to give someone or something credit for what God does, or try to take credit for some accomplishment ourselves. In Peter 5:5 we find we "should be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."

We also should have the mark of obedience. Christ gave us this example Himself when He spoke of the Father's will for His life. Jesus prayed for God's will to be carried out in His life, and His own will to be put aside. Then He obeyed, by going to the cross for the salvation of the lost. Peter, in the 5th chapter of Acts, made a statement that "we ought to obey God, rather than men." People are so often guilty of listening to what man has to say, rather than God; but a mark of Christ is to be obedient to the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells us to go and teach all nations — and in giving the Great Commandment, He said to start at Jerusalem. There are so many so close to our door that need Christ. If we are to reach these, they must be able to see the marks of Jesus in our lives. All marks of Christ are so important; forgiveness, faithfulness, and fruitfulness. We couldn't possibly cover them all in this message, but they are brought about by one thing — a true repentance and a believing faith in God. So let each of us be very sure the **mark we leave** in our walk through life is a **mark of Christ**. May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

AND WE CAME TO KADESH-BARNEA

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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." (II Chron. 7-14)

Our services today, and conventions, ought to be turned into solemn assemblies of **prayer**.

Remember this, a nation at war will tear from us our dearest sons and daughters, and then demand of us food from our tables, take our cars off the roads, limit our buying, and bring a thousand inconveniences into our lives.

Do we want to see the **Communitistic** forces marching down our streets with

fixed bayonets, taking our children from their mother's arms and bashing their little heads against the curbs of the streets? Do we want to hear the rattle of machine guns and see our sons and dads fall in the pool of their own blood? **Hear me today.... Is this what we want?**

Well if not, let's do something about it.


It's our **move**, we can have God's **wrath** or we can have His **mercy**.

"And we came to Kadesh-barnea."

Here is what we can do, (I John 1-9) "If we confess our sins, He is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness."

Won't you right at this moment bow your heads and confess your sins, then go to all your friends with this message of repentance?

If we will do this we can still have an **old-time, old-fashion, Holy Ghost, heaven sent, Devil stomping revival**.



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Letters from Our Readers

Dear Rev. Hill:

Writing poetry is my hobby and I would like to submit one which readers of the Gem may enjoy.

EXCUSES

I go to Sunday School, 'tis true.
I really do my part;
But I just quietly slip away,
'Ere worship services start.
Some folks, I'm sure, won't mind to stay;
They'll gladly keep their seat,
But I get hungry 'ere 'tis noon;
I must go home and eat.
I guess the preacher does feel bad,
To see me leave this way,
But someone else will take my place
And hear him preach and pray.
There are many places I must go
And friends to visit, too;
But I'll be in church next Sunday,
If there's nothing else to do.

Mrs. Alvin Highley
Box 364
Desloge, Mo.

P. S. I am a member of Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, in Desloge, Mo. I love my church and all the dear Christian friends there.

May God bless you is my prayer.

Huntsville, Texas, Rt. 3
February 12, 1963

Dear Bro. Hill:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour.

I am sending an article to be published in the Gem. I hope you will correct all mistakes for me and I will appreciate it. The reason I haven't written before now is because we both have been very ill and I am not well yet. Neither is my husband. We enjoy the Gem so much and couldn't do without it. God bless you with it and may you do a great work. When my subscription is up just notify me and I will renew it. With love and prayers.

Yours for Jesus,
Rev. and Sis. McAdams

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Letters from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and Mrs. Lester Jones, editor of the Auxiliary page in the Gem were read. The group voted to send \$5.00 to the Uruguay Fund.

The program "Women — Use What You Have in Your Hands," was enjoyed with topics by Lizzie Williams, Jean Blakeley and Beulah Henson. The bulletin board was highlighted with two "undecided" hands outlined with question marks and as each topic was given the suggested qualities were put on the board. The benediction was by Marion Wilson.

Jean Blakeley, Cor. -Sec.

From Kansas City:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Feb. 5th. Called to order by singing "I Want to Be A Worker." Prayer by Sis. Eula Howard. Scripture: Exodus 4:1-17. Topics were given by Vallie Grout, Alma Mason and Eula Howard. All gathered at the altar for prayer led by Sis. Alice Dickey and closed by Vallie Grout. Report was given that four Bibles had been given to children in our Sunday School who did not have Bibles. We voted to pay all in our treasury on the new chairs for the church. We also voted to continue the project of furnishing Bibles to those who do not have them during the month of February. Solo, "Known Only to Him" by Vivian Mason. Benediction by Edna Carder.

Fern Smith, Cor. -Sec.

From Leadington:

The Auxiliary met February 7th at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Wilfong. We opened the meeting by singing "I Want to Be A Worker" with prayer by Sis. Trixie Miller. There were seven members present. We voted to give the Fulchers, in Uruguay, aid in purchasing a place in which to worship. Bro. Wilfong gave the introduction to the lesson concerning the work of the Billows in Mexico. Sis. Iva Treaster, our president, added to the introduction by giving additional information. The topics were given by Jerry Wilfong, Anna Lincoln and Ruby Boren. We always learn from these lessons of our mission work and as the slogan goes, "When you know you care, and when you care you share." How true this is! When we understand we know how to pray and it gives us a burden and we

want to help them. Let us pray and give that the Gospel may go to the Mexicans, especially the women. We are beginning a study course, "The Bible Basis of Missions." We invite you to join us and please pray for us. Benediction was by Sis. Allie Penrod.

Anna Lincoln, Cor. -Sec.

From Thayer:

The Woman's Auxiliary met Feb. 12 for their regular meeting with twelve members present. The meeting was opened by Vice President, Helen Underwood. Prayer by Jean Lou. The Y. P. A., G. T. A., Master's Men and Woman's Auxiliary decided to send \$15.00 a month to Bro. Jerry Fields who is attending Bible College at Nashville. He is from our church. The lesson was given with topics by Ella Cross, Louise Caldwell and Ruby Brewer. The meeting closed with an altar prayer led by Clara Allen. Refreshments were served in the church dining room.

Ruby Brewer, Cor. -Sec.

From Victory Auxiliary, K. C., Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary met January 22nd with thirteen members and two visitors. The meeting was opened by our president, Evelyn Rehkop. Prayer by Freda Klingsmith and Scripture read by Fay Taylor. For our January project we will take up an offering to send money to Uruguay to help pay for land. We were dismissed by Fannie Painter. We extend a hearty invitation to all ladies in our community to come join our Auxiliary.

Dorothy Randleman, Cor. -Sec.

Our State Project:

Have you sent in your contribution to the State project to buy a plot of land in Uruguay?

From West Plains:

The Woman's Auxiliary met January 7th for the regular meeting. Prayer by Ella James. All were to remember Betty Bell who was to undergo surgery January 10th. A trio number by Ella James, Eudine Adkisson and Louise Louis. Our president, Claudia Combs, read Ecclesiastes 11:6. We voted to give \$25.00 to the piano fund and also to send \$5.00 to state project for buying land to erect a worship place in Uruguay. We voted to have a baked

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Little White Church

by Jean Blakeley

There is a little white country church, "standing as a light house, beaming its message to the world" and this church is the Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church.

This little mission was started by people of the Hurryville area that felt the need of a church and they labored spiritually and physically to see it grow. In 1954 the band of workers joined together and built a basement and in June 12, 1962 the work began on the new sanctuary. Mr and Mrs. Homer Cole donated the ground on which the church is built.

The charter members of the church are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Moyers and children, Carolyn, Linda, Alton and Charles, Jr., Mrs. Loretta Moyers, Mrs. Herbert Cole and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tesserau and Donna, Mrs. Alfred Wofford, Mrs. Grace Cole, Mrs. Eileen Cole and Gayland, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woffard, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Schnurr, Mrs. Maurita Watkins, and James E. Propst.

The new white frame building is furnished with natural oak furniture, including the pews, pulpit furniture and altar. The seating capacity is about 200. The beautiful light rose colored interior is highlighted with indirect lighting.

The little white church now has a membership of 53 and the Sunday School attendance for the past six months averaged 80. Floyd Pirtle, Henry Head, Charlie McMillian, Lawrence Berry and Hershal Moyers are the deacons. Glenwood Hargiss, Paul House, Lee Shannon and Melvin Ely are the trustees. Floyd Pirtle serves as Sunday School superintendent. The pianist is Ruth Moyers and Wanda Kluck is assistant pianist. Melvin Ely and Hershal Moyers are the song directors.

When the church was organized the Rev. Charles Moyers was pastor, assisted by the Rev. George Hibbitts. Two others, the Rev. Irvin Mills and the Rev. John Long have served as pastors. The Rev. Mills served as pastor for two and a half years and then was away for a while serving in another capacity and in July 1961, he returned to serve as church pastor, and is still pastor there.

The work on the new building was contracted by the Forsythes Lumber Company in Farmington. The women

of the church raised the money to have a 324 foot well dug to serve the church in their kitchen and other facilities.

These faithful members worshiped in the church basement for several years and the basement is completely finished and furnished. There are six Sunday School class rooms in the basement and a complete modern kitchen.

This church is the only church in Hurryville and there are over one hundred people, men, women and children in the area of the church.

The Hurryville Church is the newest Free Will Baptist church in Southeast Missouri and dedication service is planned for a future date. The church is a member of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists; Free Will Baptist Missouri State Association and the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The two oldest members of the church are Grandma Mosier and Henry Head. The youngest attending is the new baby Regina Kaye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Underwood.

Sunday morning the call to Sunday School rings out at 9:45. The morning worship service is at 11 o'clock and the evening worship service is at 7 o'clock. The mid-week prayer service is at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening and the church folk enjoy a Saturday evening prayer service at 7 o'clock.

Truly a lighthouse — the little white church — the Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church.

Dedication Service of Trinity Church

On January 27th, 1963, the first educational unit of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church was dedicated. The speaker for the dedication service was the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The church is located on a four acre plot of land at the corner of McKelvey and Old St. Charles Road in St. Louis County. The building has a sanctuary that seats 150, seven class rooms, pastor's study, and kitchen. Folding mahogany petitions allow additional seating in the sanctuary of another 100 people.

Future plans call for a second educational unit and then a larger sanctuary. When the church plant is completed it will house educational, recreational, and worship facilities for a congregation of 700 people at a cost of approximately \$250,000.00. The church also has a 5 room parsonage at 3824 Mid View Ave.

Trinity Church was formerly Third Church, located at Geyer and Dolman in St. Louis. The church was forced to relocate when the highway department took their property for right-of-way of a new expressway. Unable to acquire suitable property in the immediate area, the congregation felt that God was leading to begin a new work in one of the suburban areas. A merger of the members living in the heart of the city was effected with a sister church, the South Side Free Will Baptist Church, and the grave responsibility of beginning the new work was started by a small number of dedicated families.

The pastor of Trinity Church is Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

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Merl's Chapel	16.32
Beacon	83.01
Total	\$1191.23
Disbursed:	
Free Will Baptist	
National Association	\$655.18
Mo. Promotional Department	238.25
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THE MISSION FIELD

UNFORGETTABLE SUNDAY

Jackie Owens
Home Missionary to Canada

On Sunday morning, October 14, we arose as usual in preparation for Sunday School and worship. During this month we were really working on getting more in Sunday School. Our aim for this particular Sunday was 50. However, to our amazement the number attending came from a surprising score.

Just as Mr. Owens had announced the first opening hymn in Sunday School, we suddenly saw and heard one of the teen-agers rise while looking out the window saying, "All those people; all those poor people." Mr. Owens said, "Are they coming to Sunday School?" You see, we could not see what was taking place from the platform, so we thought it must be a real crowd of folks coming to church. However, when we saw others jump up and the confusion among them we came down from the platform and looked to see what was going on. To our horror, we discovered that a large potato truck had gone around a very sharp corner (the church sits right on this corner) and due to faulty brakes the truck had gotten out of control and had turned completely over, thrusting from its long body 49 people, who, by the way, were Miramac Indians.

After getting the little ones out of Sunday School and into some homes nearby, we walked up the road almost directly across from the church. Even before hardly stepping out of the church we could hear screeching and screaming and just general confusion everywhere. Among these 49 people, we discovered many children and young people. They had just ended a picking season of potatoes in Limestone, Maine, and were returning to their reservation near Oromocto, New Brunswick.

Among these children was an infant nine months old; the mother, after getting to her feet, discovered that her infant was gone and then one of the

ladies heard her screaming out something in her own language, which of course, she didn't understand. It seemed from out of nowhere a man appeared (her husband), and he began in a most excited manner to dig under mattresses, luggage, and clothes. After some frantic digging he pulled out this little nine month old baby girl. She didn't have a scratch or a bruise.

After some persuasion on the part of the church attenders, we got them all inside the church. These Indians were all Roman Catholics, so we had some difficulty in getting some of them to come into the church; but after a while they came in to get warm. The doctor and ambulance was called and after waiting about an hour they arrived. The nearest doctor is about 20 miles away. Upon his arrival, he examined each one. No one was critically hurt but 25 were hospitalized. The ladies served tea, doughnuts, and cookies. Water was also passed to each one.

We had opportunity to give out some literature to many showing how they could be saved. It is our prayer that each one read the literature and that this was a time when each would have a God-given opportunity to accept His Son. This was one Sunday that will not soon be forgotten by those at Hawkin's Corner.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Monterrey, N. L. Mexico
Apartado Postal 2094
February 9, 1963

Dear Bro. Hill:

Greetings in the lovely name of Christ the Lord. May His love be about you and all your family. We are very grateful to the Lord because we know that He has blessed you abundantly. Our prayer is that He shall continue to smile upon you.

I am so sorry that I had never an-

swered your so kind and friendly letter of September. During that month I was so very busy, and thought I would catch up, and I never did. It just kept getting worse and worse. We have no help other than what we train here, and that has been a full size job. School started right after your letter came, or that is, a large group of students came, and that brought us back, and we never caught up. Although I am thankful because this year, I had my wife and a former student who taught also. We like one more week for school to be out, it will be a relief, even though there will be about six ministerial students staying during the rest of the year, for special courses.

The Lord has been very good to us, Bro. Hill, in this land, we have been kept going ever since. We now have six churches, and we have started a new mission in Monterrey. Last night on prayer meeting night they had 56 souls crowded into the small lumber building we are renting. Our native pastor lives in a small room I have made of some blocks just placed one on top of the other. Bro. Antonio Lopez has his wife and small adopted child. He attends classes every day, and also takes care of the mission.

I wish you could come over some time, and bring your camera, I am sure you would enjoy yourself, and it would be real nice to see you again. Bro. Wade Jernigan was here and other fellows, also the pastor of Santa Paula, California was here, and a couple of young ladies from Florida.

I am expecting a group from Florence, Alabama, Willie Justice's church, they are to come and sing in our revival meeting which we will have at the First Church, and perhaps we will be able to go to the other churches, if they are able to stay.

We have a wonderful church started in the State of Tamaulipas, that is the next State South of Monterrey, Altamira. This work tends to be a real one.

Two years ago I visited this place and while there in a few nights service we led the former Mayor of the City to Christ, Bro. Mata, then this past year, in another service, we led the Mayor that is now in office, and his wife to Christ. I visited them last month, and we purchased a lot for the church building. For the moment we have a thatch roof arbor and we have added some on to it, because the crowds are getting larger every week. We are planning a revival meeting there soon.

We had our yearly Association in September and the Lord has indeed blessed the Mexican work. Last year, the Association adopted the plan of every church tithing into the treasury, and this was the tenth per cent of all offerings. Then each Fifth Sunday's offering would go in its entirety into the same fund. I am sure that this year they will either adopt to help the school or hire a full time Missions Director. There are many States without a single Christian in it, and we have 35,000,000 souls in this land.

I am wishing you, Bro. Hill, all sorts of blessings in your work.

Arturo

FREE WILL BAPTIST PASTOR VISITS MONTERREY

The Rev. Rogers, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist in Sta. Paula, Calif., came to Old Mexico on a mission for his church and Jesus; several people of California felt led to help out with the needs of the students in the Bible Institute of Monterrey. They made a drive for used clothing and school material and sent Bro. Rogers and Bro. Henthorn to deliver them. This love and kindness could only come from a group of Christian people who love and

know that missions is God's purpose for His church in the world.

Bro. Rogers and Bro. Henthorn arrived in Laredo, Texas, where I met them and drove their car into Monterrey. The trip was a wonderful trip, even though I knew they were tired from driving all those miles. We enjoyed a wonderful fellowship.

We were indeed glad to see Bro. Henthorn for we knew him many years ago, and we enjoyed talking about old times, and the people in California whom we met so many years ago.

We are indeed very thankful to these people who have contributed to this need, their help will enable us to help our students. Many of our students come to us very poor in clothing; so we feel that as we help them, they not only learn to become clean, but also learn that there are those in another country who are interested in them.

"I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

These Christian messengers I am sure experienced these saying of the Lord, during their visit to our country and place of service, the Lord indeed blessed our hearts and lives, and even before they left, heaven began to demonstrate God's love and promises to these people.

Bro. Rogers and Bro. Henthorn gave the students some of the gifts they had brought for them, and I am sure that you can see the happy moment which we enjoyed at the church. Our students are very grateful people; since they have known that many people are in

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Urgent Prayer Requests

February, 1963

P. O. Box 85

Millville, New Brunswick
Canada

Prayer requests for Reverend and Mrs. Mack C. Owens and their work in New Brunswick, Canada.

1. Pray that God will give physical and spiritual strength to bear the burden of the cold climate.

2. Pray for the two mission churches, Hawkin's Corner and Cloverdale.

3. Pray for the new converts, that they might grow and be strong witnesses.

4. Pray for those who have not as yet been saved, but are attending services regularly.

5. Pray for the young people of both churches.

6. Pray for the two Vacation Bible Schools which are being planned for both churches.

7. Pray that God will lead someone to New Brunswick to help the Owens' in these two Bible Schools.

8. Pray that the financial need will be supplied for these Bible Schools.

9. Pray that God will supply adequate transportation for the mission work in New Brunswick, Canada. (A car-type bus is needed to transport children to Sunday School, and would be used in other phases of mission work.)

10. Pray for Brenda Owens, the youngest daughter of the Owens' who has a physical defected foot. She will soon be seeing a bone specialist in Fredericton, New Brunswick.



REV. & MRS.
ARTHUR BILLOWS
OUR MISSIONARIES
TO OLD MEXICO



Missouri Home Missions

There are approximately 130 Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Missouri. Of this number about 35 are within the city limits of some city. During the past 5 years several of our country churches have died and have not been replaced by city churches.

Home Missions in Missouri has been neglected for several years by our State Association, its leaders and its people. We have failed to realize that people are just as lost in Columbia, Missouri as they are in Denver, Colorado or in Brazil. Last August your Home Mission Board decided to make an effort to get a mission program underway. Realizing that funds were inadequate they desired to do as much as possible with the money available. The Board was advised to try Seymour, Missouri, as a possible site for a church. This proved to be a mistake. The people in that city are filled with animosity toward Free Will Baptists. This caused by years of feuding and fussing among the preachers and churches in that area.

In November, the Jim McAllister's were employed to start a church in Marshall, Missouri. Marshall is a city of 10,000 people in central Missouri, 90 miles from any Free Will Baptist church. A city in an area forever left out of our plans as Free Will Baptists. A hall was rented and services began. The average Sunday School attendance was 18 in November, 19 in December, 24 in January and 31 in February.

The amazing part of all this is that attendance actually grew during this cold winter (coldest in several decades) when most churches were experiencing a decline in attendance. On January 10, the church was organized with 16 charter members. This church, though small, is doing what many of our larger churches in Missouri do not do. Support the cooperative plan. 3 lovely lots have been purchased by the church (on the installment plan) on the north side of town, a beautiful residential area. They have hopes to very soon start a building program. This church will be the springboard into the many other cities in Central Missouri. The McAllisters are through in Marshall. A pastor, Rev. James Elmore of Slocumb, Alabama has been called to serve this congregation.

Someone said, "A mission program is pre-mature in missions." 2000 years

ago Jesus said it wasn't. As many of our country churches face the inevitable, that of closing the doors because their congregations have moved away. May we as a state face our responsibility better than we have in the past. What is our responsibility? A church in every city and if this cannot be accomplished, at least a church in every county. The Missouri Missions Department is in the process of starting missions in other cities. If they receive adequate funds they will be able soon to start churches in many other cities across our state. God help us to act as quick as we talk!

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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food sale January 19th and to have a pink and blue shower for Patricia Saylor and Wanda Brewer January 21st. We voted to have a study course on Youth Auxiliary and organized a Y. P. A. There were ten members and three visitors present. Patricia Saylor joined the Auxiliary. We were dismissed by Effie Lou Moss.

Ruby Blankenship, Cor.-Sec.

Lebanon Missouri:

The Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met January 8th with eighteen members and eight guests present. Meeting was called to order by Sis. Farron Jones. Prayer by Bro. O. T. Dixon. The devotional was given by Bro. Dixon. Committee reports that a package was sent to our orphanage at Nashville and also fruit baskets to our aged and shut-in church members. The topics were given and a good program was enjoyed by all present. Our guests besides Bro. and Sis. Dixon were: Bro. and Sis. Herse Smith from Mountain Grove, Mrs. Bonnie Rogers and Debbie, F. C. Garrett and our pastor, Bro. Dale Jones. Sis. Dixon conducted an installation service of our officers. Each officer sworn in and pledging to do her best in the assigned job. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Smith. Everyone enjoyed an hour of fellowship in church dining room.

Henrietta Garrett, Cor. -Sec.

Tips For Enlistment Chairmen:

"Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go." Isaiah 48:17

I believe that the key to successful enlistment is most certainly set forth in the foregoing Scripture. The most im-

portant "tip" anyone could possibly give for enlistment chairmen would be to approach "the Lord thy Redeemer," let Him "teach you" and let Him "lead you." Many things can be accomplished with the Lord leading the way while within ourselves we can do nothing.

There are some things we can be assured the Lord would want us to do. First we can be sure He would want our life to reflect His life. In order to do this we must commune with Him. How can we be like Him if we spend very little time with Him? By spending ample time with Him our life will show forth His love for all mankind and also our love for Him and others. We will then be in a position to enlist others for Him and for our Auxiliary.

By studying the "Guide Book" He has given us we learn His methods of enlistment and can be sure of pleasing Him. The "Gospels" set forth His great program of enlistment. By studying them we learn two things in particular that apply to our women of today. (1) Jesus always took time for personal contact with those He was seeking to enlist no matter how full His schedule. We can be sure He was just as busy as our women who are serving as enlistment chairmen and on enlistment committees today, but Jesus always took time for the personal contact which was so important. Would Zaccheus have come down from the tree and accepted Jesus if He had merely looked up and said, "It's a beautiful day, Zaccheus" and passed on by? But we read that He said to him, "Zaccheus, make haste, and come down: for today I must abide at thy house." Just how much time do we spend today trying to enlist souls for Christ? Those who are unenlisted must be enlisted. It may mean more praying, reading the Word more and taking time we feel is hard to spare making personal contacts, but whatever it is let's work for the advancement of His cause.

Oletha Parsons

Do You Hear the Voice of a Crying Child?

Perhaps we could hear one many times if we could get our own appetites stilled long enough. Perhaps we could hear voices crying for bread to sustain the natural body and millions crying for the Bread of Life (the Word of God).

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terested in their lives for Christ, they have given themselves without reservation in their studies, many of them would like to continue all the year in school, but this would be very expensive.

Bro. Rogers and Bro. Henthorn were privileged to go with me to Altamira, Tamps., a Sea Coast City where we have our newest church. The Altamira group has just purchased a lot for their building, and they are growing by leaps and bounds. This country is a very beautiful country, it is a tropical land, and there are many things to behold, many people live in these parts because they can live with so much more ease, since the food is found anywhere in the fields.

We are indeed very thankful to all of you who this year have done so much to help us carry out our school year. This school year has been the best one we have had since we started our training program. From several States of America help has come, and we have been encouraged and blessed indeed, by your kindness as you write us, as you have sent us greetings on our birthdays, and our children's. May the Lord always give unto you His love and many times a hundred fold.

We are thankful to the Lord, because we are sure that native training is and has been all along, God's plan for the salvation of other nations. The Apostle so believed it, as he left the churches in the native's hands, and later encouraged them and directed them.

Jesus broke the bread, blessed it, but gave it to the disciples, for them to give it to the people, "Give ye them to eat," is none other than, "the go ye." We think of Joseph as his father sent him to see about his brothers. He didn't say, "I don't know the way," or "it is too far." But he went even when there were multiplied dangers, beasts who were wild, thieves, and dangerous roads, etc. His brothers abused him, but he never murmured, the king's wife accused him, but he never tried to prove his innocence. The prison partner forgot him, but he never reproached him, and so, we know that this is the only way of victory. Real victory.

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS
MISSOURI

January, 1963

Oak Grove S. S. Class \$ 15.00
Robert L. Nutting 20.00
F. W. B. Ch., Fredericktown .. 40.00

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	178				
Leadington	40	44	52	47	44	59	49	54				
Farmington	93	88	81	97	86	93	75	87				
Mill Creek	55	56	53	54	58	56						
Berkeley City	213	226	264	262	243	246	230	241				
Richwoods	62	60	73	58	57	57	44	49				
Beacon	79	77	78	92	81		88					
Kirksville	86	82	68	83	84	83						
Grant Ave., Springfield ..		128	125	129	128	112	98					
Hazel Creek	58	57	57	63	65	62	39					
Twin Oak	63	57	59	65	56	43						
South Side Church	168	199	188	185	183	183	162	191				
New Hope, Kansas City ..	96	114	103	105	96	93	88					
Mine La Motte	34	31	26	28	31	30	19					
First Church Lebanon	76	70	92		66	66						
Overland Church	126	136	133	141	141	138	133	137				
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	338	335	335	335	342	335						
Myrtle	69	65	68	81	75	76	69					
Bethel, West Plains		130	157	155	153	162						
Desloge	111	116	112	112	103	110	83	103				
Thayer	110	104	118	110	102	108	98					
Meramec Heights	40	35	38	34	38	37	27	27				
Faith, Lemay	98	98	94	109	99	112	89	96				
Union Light	104	123	108	118	112	118	89					
First Church, Flat River ..	149		132	138								
Liberty, Phillipsburg		109	68	68	68							
Hannon	52	56	57	55								
First Church Greenfield ..					18							
Olivet Church, Marshall ..					18	19	24	31				
Festus Chuurch				67	56	53						
Northside St. Louis						69	71					
First Church, Springfield ..								133				

New Harmony Sunday School	62.54	Edith McCormack	2.00
New Harmony Mission	6.22	Mary E. Harris	2.00
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley	75.00	Parkview F. W. B. Church	25.00
Leona Holt, Martha Coffman ..	3.00	Missionary Midgets, K. C., ..	3.23
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	163.60	Louis Willhite	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee W. Lewis	15.00	Beacon F. W. B. Church	8.00
Missouri State Association	17.68	Richwoods F. W. B. Church ..	20.00
Park View F. W. B. Ch.,	30.00	Oak Grove S. S. Class	15.00
Garfield Sunday School	32.13	Mrs. Leonard Glenn	20.00
F. W. B. Ch., Farmington	151.05	Aulsburg Chapel Church	59.52
Mildred Dobkins	21.50	Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church	23.47
Grant Avenue F. W. B. Ch.	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Thomas ..	10.00
Union Light F. W. B. Church ..	32.50	Trinity F. W. B. Church	35.00
Willow Springs Church	13.14		
Hazel Creek F. W. B. Church ..	82.55	Total	\$1150.13
Fellowship F. W. B. Church	135.00		(Continued on page 16)

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HOME MISSION**COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS**

Receipts for January, 1963:

R. L. Nutting, Webb City	\$ 15.00
First F. W. B. Church,	
Fredericktown	20.00
First F. W. B. Ch., Monett ..	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Shaner,	
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Desloge	7.00
Missouri State Association of	
F. W. B., St. Louis	55.90
H. S. Vandivort, Cabool	20.00
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F. W. B. Ch., Farmington	64.74
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Mtn. Grove	5.00
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Woman's Aux. of First	
F. W. B. Ch., Berkeley	8.00
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Ch.,	
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Springfield	5.00
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Richwoods F. W. B. Church ..	20.00
Mrs. A. E. Fyr, Monett	10.00

Total Receipts \$509.83

Board of Home Missions
3801 Richland Avenue
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February 10, 1963

Dear Friends:

This letter is not a plea for money. It is a token of my appreciation for what you have already given for the National Home Missionary work. You have helped send and you have helped keep our missionaries on the field, and we are grateful to you.

We need money, but above that we need and solicit your prayers.

Sincerely and earnestly,
Homer E. Willis
General Director

PRAYER LIST**HOME MISSIONARIES—WORKERS****Alaska:**

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, Director
Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin

Four additional summer workers have been appointed.

Another full time couple is planning to go soon, the Lord willing.

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Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders, Director

Rev. and Mrs. Gus Thompson—appointed for the summer.

Mexico:

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows, Director
Five full time National Workers

Two additional summer workers have been appointed.

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Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens, Director

One summer worker appointed.

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Betty Jones, a missionary at Arizona-Mexico Missions in Nogales, Arizona says she would feel guilty to take more than one sandwich for lunch to school where there are 60 little Mexican children who have no more than a crust of bread or a tortilla for lunch. This mission can no longer give these little ones a free lunch because the kitchen has been closed by government regulations. Funds have not been available to rebuild this kitchen. Direct your prayers and support to:

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