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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

Early in August, I attended one day of Liberty Association, held at Missouri Youth Campground. All churches represented by letter or delegates.

Central Western Association convened with Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown, all churches represented. While in this Association promoting the Cooperative Program.



Rev. Bud Hill, Editor 3100 Mt. Pleasant St. Louis

I held services with the Eldorado Springs, Oskaloosa and Greenfield

Indian Creek Association met with Neosho Church, August 6-8. Most of their churches represented with letter and delegates

Mission Association met with the Springfield Grant Aveune Church, August 8-9. All churches represented. Each Association mentioned gave time for the promotional work. I attended the closing day of our Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting, held at St. Louis South Side Church, with full delegation present.

August 19-22, Missouri State Association assembled with the Kirksville Church in North East Missouri Association. The Free Will Baptist League and Sunday School Workshop and Program, preceded the Woman's Auxiliary and State Association programs. There were good gospel messages delivered each worship hour throughout the entire meeting.

Special emphasis placed Missouri's Cooperative Plan of support, giving through the Missouri State Association. Of the 140 churches affiliated with Missouri State Association, 63 actively participated last year, 19 churches channeled their giving for the first time through this program.

Proposed Cooperative Budget adopted, for the next year, \$23,000.00, twenty three thousand dollars. To be allocated as follows:

Nat'l. Ass'n. of F. W. B.	55 %
Missouri Superannuation	1 %
Missouri Youth Camp	4 %
Gem	41/2 %
Mo. General Fund	7 %
Mo. Home Missions	81/2 %
Mo. Promotional Dept.	20 %

Several additional churches have already adopted this plan, this month.

Don't forget your Missouri Free Will Baptist Bookstore, when you need new Bibles, and other supplies. They are listed in the Bookstore Catalogue. Please keep me informed as to date and place of forthcoming Quarterly Meetings.

Harry Beatty, Promotional Field Worker

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Carterville	11.25
Oak Grove	5.00
St. Louis South Side	37.50
Kansas City Central (new)	30.00
Fellowship	75.00
Olivet	18.43
Beacon	62.68
Parkview	71.79
Verdella	400.47
Jefferson City	9.10
Old Flat, Eldorado Springs	7.35
Oskaloosa F. W. B.	21.40
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Woman's Auxiliary

SEND ALL AUXILIARY REPORTS
TO:

Mrs. Perry Davis Route 2 Joplin, Mo.

Dear Co-laborers in Christ:

This is the last time I will be editing the Woman's Auxiliary page. I have enjoyed it very much and especially want to thank you for your fine cooperation. My health is not very good and I feel that I should not take on this work this year. My interest is just as great in the work as ever and if there is anything I can do to help I would be very happy to do so. May God bless each one is my prayer.

A penny? A nickel? Pray what

do you say?

Can that be the price of a soul to-day?

If that is the price you'd be willing to pay

Come follow these souls on their downward way.

Here's one with a skin that is dark and black

He's burdened with hunger and lives in a shack,

Now, what would you pay to bring this soul back?

Here's one who is red on a jungle

His heart has a hatred for the face that is pale.

But eternal night will be filled with his wail.

You hold the price of his soul if you fail.

Here's one who is brown and his life is too.

And his soul is a color of deeper hue.

To save him, dear friend, O, what will you do?

The price of his soul is perhaps with

My friend, ask yourself what it's worth to be saved,

Turn the light of the cross on those things you have craved;

Then vision the souls now lying enslaved,

You surely will give and pray till they're saved.

From Southside, St. Louis

Our August meeting was a spiritual one and I'm sure everyone present received a blessing from attending. The business was taken care of in just a short while and also our offering was very good for the month of August. After the business session then came the spiritual part of the service.

The Program-Prayer Chairman planned a most enlightening and refreshing program, with the help of three ladies. The youth of the church were represented, and two of the ladies were auxiliary members. Program was entitled, "Let Your Light Shine," and we were given some examples of the lights which shine from day to day, not only on Sunday, but every day Christian woman. Does your light shine so that others may see the way?

To those who did not attend our meeting, you are missing a blessing, so make plans to come out on Family Night and attend our Woman's Auxiliary Meeting for the coming month.

-Joan Barr, President

From Flat River

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo., held their July meeting and the theme was, "The Beautiful Flower." The opening song was, "There Is A Name I Love To Hear," followed with Scripture reading, Rev. 3:5. Prayer by Lizzie Williams.

During the business session, a Nominating Committee of Jane Norris, Lizzie Pirtle and Edith Keeney was appointed. The Auxiliary had two cottage prayer meetings during the month of June and clothing was given in the name of the Auxiliary. A committee of Jean Blakeley, Marion Wil-

son and Frankie Eaton was appointed for the serving at the Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting.

The program was opened with the song, "Blessed Be The Name." The introduction was by Edith Keeney, and was given before the "Wall of Fame," which was outlined Scripture verses. Topics were given by Jean Blakeley, Alberta Davis and Jane Norris. The benediction was by Lizzie Pirtle. Cor. Sec., Jean Blakeley

From Flat River

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo., met Tuesday, August 6 in fellowship hall of the church with president, Genevieve White presiding. The opening song was "Jesus Calls Us" followed with Scripture reading, Daniel 12:3 and Matt. 5:14-16 by the President. Prayer was by Beulah Henson.

During the business session Secretary, Jean Blakeley and Treasurer, Frankie Eaton gave reports. A prayer meeting was planned for the near future

The program was "Arise, Shine!" with the introduction by Edith Keeney and topics, "You and Missions," "Home, A Mission Field," and "Wasted Years," by Beulah Henson, Marion Wilson and Alberta Dalton, respectively. The closing hymn was "I Surrender All," followed with the benediction by Alberta Dalton.

Cor. -Sec., Jean Blakeley

From Neosho, Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Neosho Church met Tuesday evening, August 20. Our President, June Duck, called the meeting to order. Prayer by Mary Powers. Roll call was answered with a Bible verse.

There were seven members and four guests. The program was, "Arise, Shine," with the following taking part; Virginia Pogue, Dorothy Childress and June Duck. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Cor. -Sec., Virginia Pogue

SERMON OF THE MONTH "ARE YOU THE BLESSED MAN?"

Are you happy? Is your life being blessed? Is God blessing you as much as He could? Ask yourself these questions. Examine your life and see if the Lord is blessing your life. If the answer is, "No, my life is not being blessed," why not?

I believe there is one of three reasons why a person's life is not being blessed. These three reasons are found in Psalm 1.

Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

This verse of Scripture tells us a person will be a blessed person if he does not do three things.

First, the psalmist tells us the person who walks in the counsel of the ungodly will not be blessed. To me the psalmist is referring to the sinner. We know a sinner cannot be happy. He cannot be blessed. The Bible reads in Isaiah 57:2, "There is no peace saith my God, to the wicked." The person outside of Christ is promised unrest and no peace. He is a miserable person. He has no hope. The Bible has promised him death because we know the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death . . . " With promises like these in the Bible we know a person without Christ cannot be happy. He cannot be blessed by the Lord.

Secondly, the psalmist tells us the person that stands in the way of sinners cannot be blessed. I believe this is referring to Christians, who by the way they live, keep others from Christ. Could this be the reason your life is not being blessed? Are you standing in the way of sinners? Can a person watch your life and see Christ in it? They should. Or does the way that you live cause sinners not to want anything to do with Christianity? When thinking of a person who stands in the way of sinners coming to Christ, reminds me of two types of Christians, who, in my opinion, are walking on dangerous ground.

First, there are Christians in our churches today if you put them in a

Psalm 1:1-6

By Rev. Bill VanWinkle

a young minister who is a member of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis.

group of non-believers, you could not tell them apart! Today, there are Christians in our churches that talk like the world, act like the world, and look like the world. But the Bible reads, in I John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." But still there are Christians, by the way they talk, by some of the places they attend, things they do, and the way they dress, show they still love the world. Not only is it dangerous for the Christian to do these things, but it may cost some sinner who is watching the Christian's life, his soul. My Christian brother, is that why your life is not being blessed? Some sinner is watching your life. Can he see Christ in it?

The second kind of Christian who stands in the way of sinners, is the self-centered Christian. The person who cares only for himself and not for others. There are Christians who have been saved, on their way to Heaven, and they are not interested in anyone else going. They want Heaven all for themselves. They don't have love or compassion in their hearts, for the lost. But Ezekiel 3:18 commands us to warn sinners. If we, as Christians, don't witness to them, we are standing in the way of sinners coming to Christ. Could this be the reason why you are not being blessed by the Lord?

Then thirdly, the psalmist tells us the person that sitteth in the seat of the scornful will not be blessed. I believe this is referring to people who mock or bring disgrace to God and His church. There are so many people that do this today.

There are Christians that find fault with the church, find fault with their brothers in Christ, and are continually finding fault. But the Bible says to love your brothers.

The unthankful person brings disgrace to God and his church. In I Timothy 6:8 we read, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." But we, as Christians, many times complain and gripe until we bring disgrace to God.

Then there are Christians today that try to tear down every good thing that is being done.

If you are not being blessed, the reason could be, that you are bringing disgrace to God and your church.

Thus far we have seen the actions of an unblessed man and reasons for not being blessed by the Lord. Now let us see the actions of the blessed man in Psalm 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

The blessed man loves God's law. He loves to read God's Word. He loves to obey God's law. He loves to pray. The blessed man has no time to do evil, but he is busy working for the Lord.

We have seen the actions of the blessed man and the unblessed man, so now let us look at the reward for each. There is an earthly and a heavenly reward for each.

In verse 3, we see the earthly reward for the blessed man. The verse reads, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." This says the blessed man is the person who loves to read his Bible, obeys God, and prays shall be as a tree planted by the river, which means he shall be a strong Christian. The Bible says he shall bring forth fruit; yes, he shall be a soul winner. And the verse goes on to say, "... whatsoever he doeth shall prosper;" which means, he will continue to work and grow in the Lord. This is a great reward and blessing to know. We can have the blessing of living a victorious life for Christ. We can have the blessing of winning others to Christ. And we can have the blessing of knowing if

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Letters from our Readers



First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley

Dear Bro. Hill and Many Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have written an article to the Gem and since I shall be leaving the State of Missouri, I felt like I would like to take this time to thank each of you for the many prayers offered up in my behalf during these past years and for the many hours of fellowship I have enjoyed with you. I have enjoyed immensely working with my fellow ministers in this great State and have certainly enjoyed working with the youth of our State as I served on the Missouri State Youth Camp Board for so many years. I am sure I will miss that more than anything else.

Eight years ago God led me to leave my pastorate in Elizabethton, Tenn., to come to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley. Here I found a people who loved the Lord and who were willing to do all they could to see their church grow. The church was at a low ebb running about 80 in Sunday School. They were having their worship services in an old building which at one time had been a tavern, but now had been enlarged and made into a building where they could worship God. It wasn't very attractive and was in bad shape, but I soon found that the members were people who would accomplish a lot if led properly. In just a short time many things were done to build up our church. Several new auxiliaries were added; such as, Master's Men, Y. P. A., Intermediate G. T. A., Junior G. T. A., Missionary

Midgets and others. Many new improvements were made with the church purchasing a bus, a new organ, a water cooler and several other needed things. Soon the Sunday School and church began to grow until plans were formulated for a new church building. With God in the lead and the members working so cooperatively with me, we began the construction of the beautiful new building pictured above. Our church has a seating capacity of nearly 600, with over 20 classrooms and it is one of the most beautiful buildings in our denomination. Since the building of this new sanctuary, our Sunday School attendance is averaging near the 300 mark, and approximately 260 people have united with our church, with scores being saved since I came here 8 years ago. But now after these 8 years as pastor and after all these things have been accomplished I have felt led of God to accept the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale, Florida and have now resigned to take over my duties there the first Sunday in October. The Rev. C. H. Burton has accepted the pastorate of our church here and will be moving to Berkeley about the same time.

I do ask your prayers as I go to my new work that God will bless our labor there as He has here. I will never forget the wonderful people at the Berkeley Church for no pastor could ever ask for anything better. You know we must not be selfish, but

pray the prayer, "Not my will but Thine be done" and that's what my wife and I have done, so we must let God's will be done and move to Florida. I will greatly miss all of you in the State and we would be happy for you to visit us at any time. Our new address will be 610 Poinsettia Rd., Auburndale, Fla. Above all, pray for us and some time we hope to be back in Missouri again.

> Yours for Christ. Rev. Harvey E. Hill

> > Atkins, Ark. August 14, 1963

Rev. Bud Hill 3100 Mt. Pleasant St. Louis, Mo. Dear Bro. Hill:

I'm sending you my new address for the Gem, as I sure want to continue receiving it.

My new address is: Rt. 2, Atkins, Arkansas. We have accepted the pastorate of the Union Grove F. W. B. Church at Atkins, Arkansas. It is a lovely rural church, with an attendance of 95 to 110 in Sunday School, and 110 to 125 for church attendance.

They have a beautiful three bedroom parsonage right beside the church.

Rev. & Mrs. Tommy Day

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

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Cave Springs Ass'n.	10.00
Rock Chapel	
Thayer	
Copper Mines	. 38.33
Macedonia, in Indian Creek	
Association	. 151.40
Mine La Motte	. 10.28
West Plains F. W. B.	
Beacon	81.07
St. Louis District	
Farmington	42.87
Total Received	\$1937.17
Disbursed:	
55% Nat'l. F. W. B. Ass'n.	\$1065.45

1% Mo. Superannuation ... 77.49 4% Youth Camp 87.18 4½ % Gem 7% General Fund 135.60

19.37

164.65 8½ % Mo. Home Missions 387.43 20% Promotional Dept.

Total Disbursed \$1937.17

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

A REPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

by Sue Mertz
A member of the Host Church,
Southside F. W. B. Church
in St. Louis, Mo.

This year's yearly meeting was held at our church on August 8-10, and I was one of many people who attended. I'm glad I did attend for it proved to be a blessing to me.

On August 8th, Rev. Bud Hill, the pastor of the Meramec Heights Church brought an inspiring message which made me and others stop and think, is God disgusted with us. It made me want to stop and take inventory of my life to see if God is pleased with me.

The following day was spent in taking care of God's business that was transacted. It seemed to show that the Spirit of God was with us, helping to make the right decisions. At the evening service we were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Missionary candidates to Alaska, with us. The Johnsons are two very dedicated people who really have a desire to see souls saved and are wanting to arrive in Alaska as soon as possible. Rev. Johnson brought a challenging message that night.

On Saturday, August 10th the business was completed. One item of business that interested me most was the one that had to do with the young people. They recommended that the Friday night service of every yearly meeting be designated as youth night. As a young person, I am happy to see that this recommendation was accepted and approved.

The message that morning was brought by Rev. Eugene Norris, followed by the final adjournment which ended the meeting for this year. Speaking in behalf of those who attended, I'd say it was a great success, thanks to all those who worked so faithfully. I'm sure that not only I, but everyone else enjoyed and apprecrated the warm hospitality that was shown by our church during the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

-Sue Mertz

"MY EARTHLY PARENTS"

I believe I have the most wonderful earthly parents that a child could ask for. I'm also very fortunate to have six adorable sisters.

I think my sisters would agree with me when I say, "Our parents have stood beside all seven of us since the day we were each born, and are still willing to help us through the rugged road of life, whenever we need them."

Ever since I can remember, Dad has pastored little country churches. Just recently he was the pastor of Hickory Grove F. W. B. Church at Harrisonville, Mo.; and, Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church at Plattesburg, Mo. He has pastored each church two Sundays out of each month.

I would like to tell you all what Sunday was like to my family.

Each Sunday morning we would all rise early; however, Dad was usually the first to rise. Once Dad woke up you just might as well get up and be prepared to stay up for the day. You couldn't possibly sleep through Dad's whistling and singing while he was in the shower.

After all the morning chores were done we'd all gather around the breakfast table. The "Blessing" was, and is not an unusual thing in my parent's home. So after the blessing was said, each of us girls talked about what we had done the night before, then the family discussed family problems. Soon it was time to prepare for church. On the first and third Sundays we went to Mt. Zion. On the second and fourth Sundays we went to Hickory Grove. My parents were very devoted to both churches.

After church services we'd go to one of the member's homes for the day. We'd always have a fabulous meal and a wonderful day of fellowship.

We'd hold church services again that night, then head back for Kansas City. All the way back home us girls would either sleep or sing. At times Dad would prefer that we slept so, of course, like most kids we'd sing.

My parents have had to—not really had to—but did without things just to let us kids have something we wanted, not something we needed, for we had all God promised us, just as each of you have.

My parents have been such a help and comfort to me, my sisters and others as well, that I couldn't begin to express my great love for them, and my deep appreciation for all they've done for me.

I would like for all of you to stop

and remember what your parents did for you throughout your life.

My parents are Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Cook. The Bible says, "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother."

—A devoted daughter

YOUTH'S IDEAS FOR LEAGUE

Editor's Note: This article was presented by Miss Everyll Hellard, First F. W. B. Church of Farmington, as part of a panel presented at the State Sunday School and League Convention, August 20, 1963, at Kirksville, Mo.

To begin with I would like to give you a Scripture to remind you that Jesus makes it plain to everyone that young people are just as important as adults. Matthew 18:6 says, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." If: adults do not realize the importance of young people, they may be drowned in the depth of the sea spiritually. I would like to give you some of the things that young people would want in a League.

Have a time when young people can iron out their problems, such as, whether going steady is right or wrong, or when you should first go steady, how to face the wrong crowd, or the evils of drinking. Maybe a discussion time could be given to this once a month or once a quarter.

Memory work is important, but it should be done correctly. Do not force too much work at one time. Remember, young people are in school and have plenty of studies in that field. If too much is forced on them they will drop the whole idea. People of today need to hide the Word of God in their hearts and I can think of no better time than while young.

Reading—not only the Bible, but from a selected list of good Christian books for teenagers should arouse interest. The League could have a contest seeing who could read the most books in a given length of time. I have selected a part of an experience told in the book Living with Parents to further express the need for reading.

"One year, a thirteen-year-old lad spent the summer with us on the farm. He was really a very bright boy, but was barely passing in school. My husband and I discovered he simply did not read. He had never learned to read. We spent the summer at it, much to his disgust at times, I fear. We had him read aloud to us, then discuss what he had read. He made remarkable progress. Next year, from high school, we had the report that he had his turn at being crossing patrol officer for the school because he had made good grades — an honor he'd wanted, but had until then been denied because his grades were not good enough.

Our next report was that he was making very nearly straight "A" grades. This spring he graduates from college. He is to have a year in graduate work; then he and his lovely wife go to Africa as missionaries. Had he not conquered that reading deficiency and then developed the new skill, I feel sure none of these things could have come to him."

Not only will reading be interesting, but it will discourage the reading of obscene material that is now on the market. If Timothy 2:15 encourages study, so the League cannot go wrong by encouraging reading. If the League can get their young people to read good literature their minds and ways will develop in the same way.

Be sure the League is organized. Nothing is more discouraging than something that is only half-way organ-

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EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

100 CHURCHES

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 Wiltong
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Myrtle	Rev. Dale Skiles
Kirksville	Rev. Leland Florton
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkelev	Rev. Harvey fill
Farmington	Rev. E. D. Hellard
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba
Old Bethel	Rev. Ronnie Graham
Mt. Zion Gower	Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side	Rev. Al McFarland
Thayer	Rev. W. H. Bostic
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Fredericktown	Rev. C. H. Burton
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Martinstown	Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon	Rev. Lester Nutting
First, Flat River	Rev. Gene Norris
Alton	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Trinity, St. Louis	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem	Rev. H. T. Dann
First. Waynesville	Rev. Marvin Allsman
Grace, Arnold	Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope	Rev. A. A. Hogue
First Church, Aurora	Rev. Edward Climer
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Faith	Rev. Bud Arnold
Jefferson City Church	Rev. Earl Irish
Mt. Zion. Thaver	Rev. Joe Sisk
Sunny View, Lebanon	Rev. Bill Eden
Mt. Zion, Cuba, Mo	Rev. Selph Jones
Willow Springs Woman	n's Auxiliary
Granby Church	Rev. O. T. Allred

Garneid	
Neosho	
Mine La Motte	
Union Light	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Fred Wynn
Fourth, St. Louis	
Twin Oaks	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Mill Creek	
Beacon	
First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
Merl's Chapel	Rev. Otho Boyd
Oskaloosa	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel	Rev. E. Jenson
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	Rev. Len Gardner
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave.	Rev. O. T. Dixon
Monett	Rev. Bud Hill
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. Dale Jones
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
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Festus	Rev. Chester Weir
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Macedonia Church	Rev. Selph Iones
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Hickory Grove	Rev. Ralph Cook
Northside	Roy Frank Giunta
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Royal Oak, Alton	13 A 77 377
Pleasant Ridge, Alton	Rev. A. I. Warren
Lead Hill, Mansfield	Rev. Chas. Findley
Viburnum Church	Rev. S. A. Hand

Garfield

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Reports from the State Meeting

THE GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board, recommend the following:

Item 1 that the body elect a steering committee to have charge of the planning for the National Association to be held in Kansas City in 1964. We further recommend that this committee be composed of five members consisting of: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Chairman; Rev. Glen Rehkop, Rev. Jim McAllister, State Moderator, State Assistant Moderator.

Item 2 that after hearing the first hand report of Bro. Don Jones concerning the Nogales, Ariz. Mission Inc., we recommend that our people withhold their support of this work under its present management.

Item 3 that the proposed allocations accepted by the General Board be accepted by the body.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, 1963 KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI PROPOSED BUDGET FOR COMING YEAR

AUGUST 1, 1963 - July 31, 1964

THIS YEAR'S CO-OPERATIVE GOAL:

55% Co-op.	Fund	Received	&	Disbursed	to	National	\$12,650.00
45% Co-op.	Fund	Received	&	Disbursed	to	State	\$10,350.00

TOTAL CO-OPERATIVE GOAL\$23,000.00

BREAKDOWN OF THE 45% STATE ALLOTMENT:

1. Promotional Department	20%
2. State Home Mission	81/2 %
3. General Fund	7%
4. Free Will Baptist Gem	41/2%
5. Youth Camp	4%
6. Superannuation	1%
7. Book Store	0%
8. Sunday School & League Board	0%
	45%

AN ITEMIZED PROPOSED BUDGET BY EACH BOARD

Promotional Department

Proposed Income:

Proposed Income:

	Co-operative Fund (20%) Contributions & Offerings		
		\$5146.73	\$5146.73
Disbur	sements:		
	Promotional Secretary's Salary		
2.	Travel Expense	900.00	
	·	\$4800.00	\$4800.0
	Total Profit		\$ 346.73

State Home Mission

	1. 2.	Co-operative Fund (8½%) Other	\$1955.00 2502.50
.Di	ahnra	ements:	\$4457.50 \$4457.50
- 151	1.	Loans	\$3000.00 500.00
	3.	Postage and Supplies	27.50

1.	Organizational	Work	***************************************	2382.97	
				\$5910.47 \$5910	4

Total Deficit	••••	\$1452.97

	General Fund		
Propos	ed Income:		- 449
1.	Co-operative Kund (701)	\$1610.00	
2.	Minute money from local Ass'ns	165.00	
3.	Offerings from churches	13.43	
		\$1788.43	\$1788.43
Disbur	sements:		
1.	General Bd. Travel Expense		
2.	Postage and Supplies	81.29	
3.	Programs and badges		
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6.	Utilities at Headquarters		
7.	Nat'l. Ass'n. Delegate fees		
8.	Sinking Fund, payments to retire	10100	
	bonds on headquarter's bldg	1512.00	
		\$2525.30	\$2525.30
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-	ed Income:	*****	80.50
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2.	Subscriptions	1700.00	
		\$2735.00	\$2735.00
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2.	Printing Expense		
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	Total Deficit		\$ 45.00
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Propose	ed Income:		<i>1</i> *
1.	Co-operative Fund (4%)	\$ 920.00	3
2.	Free Will Offerings	700.00	
3.	Registration of Campers	3200.00	
4.	Refreshment Stand	1200.00	
5.	Renting of Camp	320.00	
6.	Amount for Improvement	1000.00	, .
		\$7340.00	\$7340.00
Disburs	sements:		
1.	Utilities	\$ 465.00	100
2.	Groceries	1670.00	
3.	Supplies for Refreshment Stand	925.00	
4.	Insurance	425.00	
5. 6.	Kitchen Help (Cook & Helper)		
7.	Labor on Improvements	$300.00 \\ 250.00$	
8.	Labor—Preparing camp for session	250.00	
9.	Mileage, Board & Personnel	446.00	
10.	Paper plates, cups, etc.	210.00	
11.	Restroom supplies	58.00	
12.	Crier	79.00	
13.	Postage	30.00	

Postage Printing (programs, cards, etc.)

Locker rent

Amount paid caretaker during session,

(rented and regular)

Literature (Bible School, etc.)

Repairs and labor

19. Incidentals

20. Am't. to be paid on outstanding bills

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	e. Other Improvements		200.00			
	c. Classrooms added to back of Chapel d. Enclosure on West Side of pool		200.00 100.00			
	b. P. A. System		225.00			
21.	Improvements: a. Clearing for playground & cabins		125.00			
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REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Missions Committee, recommend:

- 1. That, whereas, both the National Foreign Mission Board and the National Home Missions Board have made available films, filmstrips, and slides of our mission works, we reemphasize the need for the use of these materials by our churches.
- 2. That our churches be more responsive to missionary itineraries through this coming year and take full advantage

- of every opportunity to become acquainted with our missionaries, fields, opportunities, and needs.
- 3. Since our co-operative giving does not cover all of the needs of our missionaries around the world, that special additional offerings to our State, National, and Foreign missions works be given frequently.
- 4. Since there is a need for urgency in the matter of land in Hawaii, that opportunity be given as this report is adopted, for individual and/or church committment for the purchase of said land.

Everett Hellard Teddy Davis Lester Jones Bob Wilfong

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

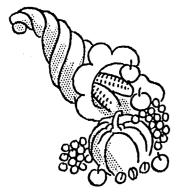
- 1. That we give a standing vote of appreciation to the North East Association for their fine hospitality in hosting this Fiftieth Anniversary session of the Missouri State Association, and to those who graciously have opened their homes to provide sleeping facilities for visiting ministers, delegates and their families.
- 2. Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Missouri State Association, pastors, and the host Association or churches in the area of the sitting of the sessions of our Missouri State Association, highly advertise and publicize each sitting of our Missouri State Association.
- 3. Be it resolved that all District Association letters to the Missouri State Association be in the hands of our Missouri State Association Clerk one week prior to the sitting of our Missouri State Association.
- 4. Inasmuch as the National Association of Free Will Baptists will convene in Kansas City, Missouri in July of 1964, be it resolved that our entire Missouri State Association co-operate in every way with the Steering Committee in entertaining this National meeting.
- 5. Whereas our total State program needs the support of all of our local churches, be it resolved that 100% of our churches generously support our State Co-operative plan of giving systematically.
- 6. Whereas proposals are presented and discussed in and through our State Government that definitely attack our religious convictions, be it resolved that our State Association elect a representative from our body to be present at such State legislative meetings with a statement from our State Association expressing our opposition to the passing of such proposals that would be contrary to our religious convictions.

Addition to Article 6:

We further recommend that Free Will Baptists throughout our State individually voice their opposition to their respective State representatives to the passing of such bills that would be detrimental to the cause of Christ.

- 7. Be it resolved that each standing board get into the hands of the Executive Committee a copy of their proposed budget on Monday before the State Association convenes on Tuesday.
- 8. Be it resolved that this body go on record as opposed to the proposed tax revision by our present administration.
- 9. Be it resolved that there be a general revision of our State Association programs to include those things that would be more conducive to create more spiritual services in our State Association.
- 10. Whereas questions have arisen relative to monies received into our State Promotional work, be it resolved that all monies earmarked Unified Fund, and Budget Fund, be deposited to the account of the Co-operative Fund.

Woodrow Matthews Frank Giunto Albert L. McFarland Gene Rogers W. H. Bostic



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

DEBT FREE IN SIXTY-THREE

"Debt Free in Sixty-Three" is the slogan adopted by the Bible College in announcing a campaign to raise funds to pay off all indebtedness against College properties by the end of the current year.

Director of Public Relations Paul J. Ketteman has challenged 300 pastors to lead their churches in a special offering before the end of 1963 with the objective of raising \$30,000 to put the Bible College Debt Free in 63.

New Church in Elgin, Ill.

Rev. Wm. Buster is attempting to start a Free Will Baptist Church in Elgin, Ill. He is requesting that any of our readers who know of any Free Will Baptist people living in this vicinity let him know. If you have any friends in that area also let him know. You may contact him by writing to: Rev. Wm. Buster, 519 Arlington Ave., Elgin, Ill.

Waids in Missouri

Rev. and Mrs. Pete Waid will have a number of services in some of our churches during the month of September. Some of the churches that they will be in are the following: September 24—Willow Springs Church located four miles north of Mtn. Grove: September 25—Oak Grove located six miles north of Norwood, Mo.; September 26-Mt. Valley Church located ten miles northeast of Mtn. Grove: September 27—Cabool; September 28 -Mt. Pisgah and September 29-Mountain Grove Church. Rev. and Mrs. Waid are home on furlough from the country of Japan.

Bible College Starts New Year

Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin its 22nd year in the training of Christian workers September 10 with an expected enrollment of approximately 250 students.

President L. C. Johnson said the Bible College is looking forward to a wonderful year as Christian young people from 22 states gather in Nashville. This year will be the first time for the school to use the new men's dormitory (formerly Belle Haven apartments purchased a year ago) to house approximately 70 men and the dormitory supervisor.

Lloyd Plunkett, 1960 graduate from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has been employed as men's dormitory supervisor, practical work department director, and director of the men's physical education program.

Family Night at Southside

On August 5th, our church had its family night. The number present in each group was as follows: 11 in the Junior Master's Men; 7 in the G. T. A.'s; 12 in the C. A.'s; 7 in the Masters Men, and 17 in the Women's Auxiliary. The total attendance was 54. Refreshments were served following the meeting by the Women's Auxiliary. Since our attendance wasn't too good this month, why not make a special effort to attend the next family night meeting which will be in September?

You'll not only boost our attendance, but also help your organization as well. See you at our next family night.

Sue Mertz, Reporter

From Mountain Grove

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Willow Springs Church met July 9 for the regular meeting. The President, Dora Fry presiding. Meeting was opened by singing, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus." The Scripture was taken from Revelation 3. Prayer by Sis. Joan Brandt. The roll call was answered with Bible verses. It was announced that we would have a study course Thursday night July 18 at the church. A wonderful program entitled, "The Beautiful Flower" was presented. We were dismissed in prayer by Sisters Gladys Watson and Lois Shannon.

Cor. -Sec., Letha Fry

From Cuba

The Woman's Auxiliary of Cuba Church met July 23 with twelve mem-

bers reporting at roll call. Meeting "Beautiful was opened with song, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," led by Sis. Lucille. We had an altar prayer and a special prayer for the sick led by Lorene Todd. Scripture was read from Revelation 3:5 by Sis. Jo. Sis. Ruth resigned as Recording Secretary and Sis. Geraldine was elected in her place. We decided to take pie or fruit to Bro. Hoyt McCann, each member taking turns in alphabetical order. Officers' reports were given, followed by the evening offering. The Rug Committee gave their report as follows: 1. To call Cardette's to come and measure for the rug. 2. See if we could get it on time payments. 3. If it costs too much that way we will try to borrow it from the church. 4. Each member will pay a dollar each month. The Program-Prayer Chairman took charge and gave the introduction to the lesson, "The Beautiful Flower,' after which she read a poem. Topics were given by Sis. Todd, Sis. Helen and Sis. Geraldine. Sis. Ellis asked the questions given in the lesson. "Are the heathen lost?" by Sis. Mable. "Is there another way for the heathen to be saved besides belief in Christ?" by Sis. Todd. "Will a God of love punish people who have had no opportunity to hear of Him?" by Sis. Jo. We had discussion and reading of many Scriptures on the questions. Sis. Ellis read a poem. Sis. Geraldine dismissed in prayer. Refreshments were served.

Cor. -Sec., Geraldine Dickens

Mill Creek, Mo. Contest

We had a Contest for five Sundays. The way the Contest was run was to average 70.

For 1st, 71; 2nd 68; 3rd, 63; 4th, 69; 5th 80.

And at end of the five Sundays, the Sunday School will go on a trip to Big Springs.

So it was decided on Saturday, the 27th we would go in the bus which we purchased recently.

We of the Mill Creek Church won

the League Banner from Aulsberry Chapel in Bonne Terre during the Sunday School Convention. We are proud of it.

Think of us in your prayers.

Pat Chapman, Reporter

NOTICE!

A reminder to send all State Auxiliary money to the State Treasurer: Miss Hazel Hutsell, 434 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo.

Woman's Quarterly Meeting

The St. Francois County Woman's Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists was held Tuesday evening, July 23 at the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at 6 o'clock.

The program for the evening was the installation of officers for the coming year. The organ prelude was by Wanda Ragsdale with hymns, "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus," and "Jesus Saves," led by the Rev. Jesse Webb, pastor of the Parkview Church. Prayer was by the Rev. Gene Norris, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River. The Rev. Bob Wilfong, pastor of the Leadington Church read the Scripture. The Rev. and Mrs. Everett Hellard of Farmington sang, "The Riches Of Love," with Mrs. Denman of Farmington at the piano.

Mrs. Bernice Dodd, retiring President, made the presentation of a beautiful corsage of orchid and white chrysanthemums to Mrs. Eunice Edwards of Nashville, Tennessee, installing officer.

The impressive candlelight service was very inspirational. Mrs. Gene Norris presided at the piano. The officers installed were: President, Hazel Morris of Parkview (who was unable to attend and Bernice Dodd stood in for her); Vice President, Elsie Gray of Farmington Church; Secretary-Treasurer, Jean Blakeley of First Church of Flat River; Program-Prayer Chairman, Jerry Wilfong of Leadington Church: Youth Chairman, Wanda Ragsdale of Fellowship Church of Flat River; Study Course Chairman, Eunice Edwards (Iva Thresher of Leadington stood in for her); Personal Service Chairman, Ava Hellard of Farmington Church. As each officer was presented her charge, she was presented a lighted candle before the

The Rev. Hellard sang, "It Pays To Serve Jesus," and the prayer of dedication was by Mrs. Eunice Edwards. The benediction was by the Rev. James F. Miller.

Sec. -Treas., Jean Blakeley

"Are You the Blessed Man?"

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we stay close to Christ, He will stay close to us.

In verse 4, we see the earthly reward for the ungodly or unblessed person. The verse reads, "The ungodly are not so: but are like chaff which the wind driveth away." This is a great contrast. Where the blessed man is strong the unblessed is weak. His character is compared to that of chaff in wind. The unblessed man is unstable and cannot be depended upon.

As earthly rewards are concerned the blessed man has joy and happiness, where the ungodly man is unhappy. It is impossible for a person whose character is so weak that it can be swayed back and forth to be happy.

In verses 5 and 6, we see the heavenly reward for both the blessed man and the unblessed man. They read, "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

First of all the blessed man, the psalmist tells us the Lord knows his ways. Not only does this verse say that the Lord knoweth the righteous man's way, but leaves the impression he is satisfied with his ways. He is happy about his life. Not only is the Lord happy for his ways, but for his reward he shall receive eternal life. The Bible says, "... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." What a promise! Before Jesus was to be betrayed in John 14:2, He promised His followers a place in Heaven. What a blessing to know! What hope!

Yes, there is hope for the righteous person, but what about the ungodly? The psalmist, in verse 5, told us the ungodly shall be separated from the godly, and not only from the godly, but from God. What a sad thought. There will be no more hope for him. All opportunities for salvation have passed.

In Hebrews 9:27, we read, "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." We know the Bible states, "The wages of sin is death." What a dark picture.

Let me ask you this question again. Are you the blessed man? If not,

why? Is it because you have never accepted Christ as your Saviour? Is it because you are standing in the way of sinners? Or is it because you are bringing disgrace or making mock of God and your church? If you are not being blessed by God, or if you are unhappy, examine your life and make things right with God.

YOUTH'S IDEAS FOR LEAGUE

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Show the teenagers you want to help them and that you, an adult, think highly of them. The newspapers have given the teenagers of today a bad name and they need to know you believe there is still a lot of good coming from their age group. So, do not be afraid to go out of your way to help them.

When socials are planned, be sure the publicity and the program are carried out to the fullest degree,

Young people will stand back at first to see how things are going to work out. Please do not be discouraged if your League starts off good and then drops. Make every program count and when the young people see everything is working out they will be back, but be sure to let them know their absence was missed.

Have a planned devotion time for the young people during the week. Few of them know how to find the most inspirational and helpful Scripture for their spiritual growth. In my opinion, this is one of the most important things the young people of today need.

Last, but not least, plan some type of study course, basically for the young people, two or three times each year. For example, a course on the doctrine of Free Will Baptist or on soul winning. These ase only a couple of the many courses young people would be interested in learning more about. Try to find one that will interest your young people.

With our League working for the youth, the youth will work for the League. Pray that our League will be successful in its attempt to train.

ALL articles must be in by the 24th of each month to get in the next month's Gem. They should be sent to:

> FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM 3100 MT. PLEASANT AVE. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



THE MISSION FIELD

FULCHER CAR

As many of you have perhaps read through the news release from our Foreign Missions Dept., Bro. and Sis. Bill Fulcher and family are desperately in need of a car in Urugay in order to fulfill their duties properly. After much prayer and thought the Berkeley Church is launching a "CAR FOR FUL-CHER FUND" which we hope will terminate in the purchasing of a new car which will cost approximately \$2,500.00. Our church has already sent \$100.00 to this fund to start it going with more to follow in the near future since we want to try to give at least \$500.00 within the next few months. We trust that the other churches in the great State of Missouri and throughout our Nation in our denomination will get behind us in this project and raise this \$2,500.00 just as quickly as possible. I feel that with a small contribution from every church and special gifts from the various auxiliaries, Sunday School classes and individuals that we can soon raise this amount. Most of the Fulchers' visitation is being done by walking or taxi cab at the present time. Please help us help them by sending a special contribution earmarked "FULCHER CAR" to the Foreign Missions Dept., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. I know that you will cooperate with us for I feel sure that you are all missionminded people. May God bless you in this endeavor.

Yours for Christ, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley.

THIRD CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN OLD MEXICO Meeting the Challenge in Old Mexico August, 1963

In a few days, we will be enjoying our Third ANNUAL CONVENTION of F. W. B. in Mexico. With much prayer and anticipation, we are looking forward to this great and meaningful event to all of us in this Country, which the Lord has given us for Christ. We

feel that as our people increase and learn of Christ our Saviour, that soon, if the Lord tarries all Mexico will hear the story of redemption.

We are indeed very thankful to the Lord and to all of our many and wonderful friends in America who together with us, have held untiring, the bloodstained banner, to this people and nation, who have been receptive, and we are sure that it has only been because the Lord has been mindful of His work and servants.

I know that many of you would like to be with us for our annual convention if you could so we are going to give you an outline of it now, if the Lord will approve our plans. The theme will be "SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS" Isaiah 32:20.

FRIDAY 30th of AUG. LADIES AUX. President, Jenell Villalobos. 7:00 REGISTER. 7:45 HYMN, "THE HARVEST" by Director: Bernardo Castillo. PRAYER: Eva Lopez de la Rosa. HYMN No. 56 "Oh, I Love to Walk With Jesus." WELCOME by Margarita B. de Espinoza. SPONSE by Carmela de Sotomayor. DEVOTION by Herlinda G. de Sanchez. REPORT GIVEN by Jenell Villalobos. SPECIAL HYMN by the Church Choir, number 62, "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go." INTRODUC-TION OF THE MESSENGER by Arturo Villalobos. **MESSENGER:** Rashie Kennedy, from Houston, Tex., Member of the Home Mission Board. MESSAGE: "SOWING IN THE HOME." ADJOURN TILL 9:30 A. M. SATURDAY.

Saturday 31 of August

PRESIDING: Arturo Villalobos, President of the Convention. 9:15 REGISTER. 9:45 A. M. HYMN No. 8 "SOWING" by Director; Bernardo Castillo. PRAYER by Jose Balderas, Pastor of the Potosi Church. WELCOME by Chuy Puente. RESPONSE by Lazaro de la Rosa, Pastor of the Rodriguez Church. DEVOTION by Cutberta Herrera, (Luke 10:1-16) Pastor of "El Canelito" N. L. Church.

Business Meeting

Receiving of the letters and seating of the delegates. Receiving of the RE-THE PROGRAM FROM COMMITTEE and dismissing of the Committee. ELECTION OF COM-MITTEES: RECESS. 11:00 A. M. HYMN No. 8 "SOWING." PRAYER by Sotero Mata, Justice of the Peace in Altamira, Tamps. SPECIAL HYMN No. 47, "Anywhere With Iesus." IN-TRODUCING OF THE MESSENGER by Arturo Villalobos. MESSENGER: Mark Vandivort. Field Director for the National Home Mission Board. MES-SAGE: "The Native Pastor Sowing in His Field." 12:00 A. M. DINNER SERVED IN THE DINING HALL OF THE SCHOOL.

Saturday Afternoon

1:30 HYMN (theme) No. 8 "SOWING." PRAYER by Julio Montes (Mayor of Potosi). DEVO-TION by Mauro Carreon, Pastor of Altamir, Tamps Church.

Business

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PROGRAM OF 1964. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS FOR 1964. APPOINTING OF PLACE FOR THE CONVENTION IN 1964. ADJOURN TILL EVENING SERVICE 7:00 P. M.

Saturday Evening

7:45 HYMN (theme) "SOWING" Director: Bernardo Castillo. PRAYER by Isaias Lugo, El Canelito N. L. SPECIAL HYMN by members of the Masters Men. REPORT OF THE H. P. E. M. (Men for the Master) by President, Javier Gallegos. SPECIAL HYMN by the church choir, No. 127, "The Call for Reapers." REPORT OF THE DORCAS SOCIETY by the President, Juana Lozano. SPECIAL HYMN by members of the Dorcas PRAYER by Camerino Society. Ortega, Altamira. INTRODUCING OF THE MESSENGER by Arturo

Villalobos. MESSENGER: Rev. Wade Jernigan, member of National Home Mission Board. MESSAGE: THEME, "THE SEED IN THE HANDS OF THE YOUTH." RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY.

Sunday, 1st of September

9:45 A. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL, Supt. Raul Ibarra N. 10:45 PREACH-ING SERVICE. MESSENGER: Rev. Guy Foster, pastor of the First Church in Johnson City, Tenn. MESSAGE:

"THE CHURCHES RE-(theme) SPONSIBILITY IN SOWING." 12:00 NOON, DINNER. FROM 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND GETTING. 7:45 EVANGELISTIC SERVICE AND ORDINATION OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

By this we have tried to at least give you an idea of what we will be doing during our Annual Convention, in which we shall miss all of you who

will not get to come. We trust that you will all be much in prayer for us and for those who are to come and speak to us.

In Christ, your Missionaries, Arturo and Jenell.

REPORTS CONCERNING HAWAII

When I first learned of the Free Will Baptist work in Hawaii, I immediately thought of Mr. Sanders as a man who would be working in the vacation spot of the world. Rather than seeing a realistic picture of this mission field, I saw it as a place of pleasure and relaxation. I thought that our missionaries would live a life of ease and pleasure. However, since the time I first learned of our work here in Hawaii, I have read material which has changed my conception of this mission field considerably. Now I see Hawaii as a place inhabited by souls who are in spiritual darkness much darker than the darkness to which I had been accustomed in Nashville, my home town. I am certain that other Free Will Baptists have the same conception of the life of missionaries in Hawaii. If these people could come and follow the missionary as he performs his various duties, this conception would be changed. In addition to all the problems faced by our pastors on the mainland the missionary is faced with the problem of winning men to Christ who are sincerely religious and often of good moral standards, but who have little if any knowledge of Christ and who have no desire to know Him. In addition to the oriental religions in Hawaii there are strong and aggressive cults bidding for the souls of the men who live here.

Rev. Gustus M. Thompson, Interim Pastor

With so many religions in Hawaii, most people here respect anyone's religion and expect everyone to do the same. When a person is invited to attend church or to send his children to Vacation Bible School, he readily agrees and seems so happy to oblige. Yet, he doesn't usually mean what he promises. Satan has blinded them and only the Gospel of our Saviour will be able to awaken them to their need. Perhaps the greatest disappointment to us here is the indifference of those who are God's children. Christians who would not miss regular church services at home find the allure of natural and physical attractions so great that many never even discover we have a church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1963

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REPORTS CONCERNING HAWAII

(Continued from page 13) here. Some do find it and come a few times, but never regularly enough to be counted on. "You see, no one here knows me or sees me, so if I go somewhere else today no one will miss me," is an easy to follow Satan inspired philosophy for Sundays. We do thank God for those who are His children and who acknowledge His way in their lives no matter how much the indifference of others abounds. These can be counted on to help-until they are transferred elsewhere. Our progress as a church must be more with the local people. We feel that a beginning has been made with the Vacation Bible School this year in the new location. Several local families have sent their children and continue to send them to Sunday School and church. We have reached four or five families this way and are trying to interest the parents as well. Pray with us for these beginnings. God can work miracles with small things, you know. Pray much about the resistance of Satanempty promises and indifference of His children.

Juanita Barrow Thompson

Hawaii is often thought of as a playground rather than a mission field. Actually there are over 675,000 people on these islands. Of this number. approximately 10,000 reside in Waipahu. The Free Will Baptist Mission Church has a great opportunity in this town. By the grace of God we were able to locate the church in the midst of the fastest growing section of the town. The opportunities for service are great but the laborers are few. We need prayer support constantly to be aware of the many opportunities and to be mentally and physically alert. Even here, as anywhere else, those who labor must have your faithful prayer support, especially, in order that the Lord may have His way in our daily lives, and consequently have His work accomplished.

Harold Hashimoto, Dir. of Christian Education

As a concerned "outsider" looking into the work, my heart has been stirred by what the Lord has done for the Free Will Baptist Church. It is the only evangelical church within walking distance of all the people in this community. The property is a real gift of God! There are thousands of souls unreached for the Lord. Much has been done for the Lord, but there re-

mains so much to do that without the active support of Christians elsewhere, the work would be impossible. There is a great need for the people to possess the property—be debt free. Men and women are needed to expand and improve the facilities. Of primary importance is that the Christians here might be driven by the "Vision and Burden of the Lord" to go out and reach the Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos, Hawaiians, Caucasians, etc., for our Lord Jesus Christ. Won't you really pray and give to this end?

Mike Kaneshiro, Child Evangelism Fellowship

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

July, 1963

Pleasant Hill Church	\$ 9.00 135.00 3.00
Fredericktown Mr. Ard Hoyt Youth Groups, Kirksville Hazel Creek Union Church Ruth's Chapel Church	40.00 15.00 2.00 60.59 82.01
Celestia Hale Farmington F. W. B. Church South Side F. W. B. Church New Hope F. W. B. Church Grace F. W. B. Church Grace F. W. B. Church Grace F. W. B. Church	11.00 144.44 224.07 10.00 35.50 11.00
Cooperative Plan of Support North Side F. W. B. Church Martha Coffman, Leona Holt, Oma Scott	142.03 17.03 3.00 21.00
Rock Chapel's Mission Money Hope Combs Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Thomas Clifford Altis Meramec F. W. B. Church	18.72 5.00 10.00 50.00 4.00
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley Aulsbury Chapel Leadington F. W. B. Church Fellowship F. W. B. Church Union Light F. W. B. Church	7.36 25.00 15.75 25.00 61.06
Park View F. W. B. Church Lehman R. Riggs Oak Grove S. S. Class F. W. B. Church of Berkeley Garfield F. W. B. Church	37.90 5.00 20.00 90.00 31.49
Twin Oaks Church	50.00 12.00 20.00 44.77 10.00
Young Married's Class, Green top	100.00

Martinstown F. W. B. Church	15.00
Festus First F. W. B. Church	3.00
First F. W. B. Church, Joplin	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. Grover J. Pingle-	
ton	2.00
Park View F. W. B. Church	25.00
Kirksville F. W. B. Church	27.13
Trinity Baptist Church	70.00
Mrs. Welma Whitley	2.00
New Harmony Sunday School	25.13
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	20.65
W. N. A. C	161.87
Hope Combs	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Hoyt	15.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church	135.00
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Missouri National Home Mission Receipts for July, 1963

Receipts for July, 1963	
Woman's Aux. of F. W. B. Church, Monett\$	220.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church,	10.60
Springfield	40.60
Farmington F. W. B. Church	61.90
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	81.10
First F. W. B. Church,	20.00
	2.00
Finis Sorrell, Myrtle	6.24
Mo. State Assn., St. Louis	0.24
Copper Mines Woman's Aux., Fredericktown	5.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Aux.,	5 00
Springfield North Side F. W. B. Church,	5.00
North Side F. W. B. Church,	5.67
St. LouisGrant Ave. G. T. A.,	5.07
Springfield	5.00
Co-op	78.36
Meramec F. W. B. Church,	•
Valley Park	3.00
Valley Park	28.00
First F. W. B. Church,	
Berkeley City	24.10
Berkeley City Grant Ave. F. W. B. Adult	,
League, Springfield	15.00
W. F. Walker, Mountain	
Grove	25.00
Willow Springs Church,	22.22
Mountain Grove	23.22
Willow Springs Woman's	3.00
Aux., Mountain Grove Graysville F. W. B. Church,	5.00
Greentop	30.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00
Mrs Wayne Largent, Ioplin	5.00
Mrs. Wayne Largent, Joplin Festus First F. W. B. Church,	2,00
Festus	2.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mountain	
Grove	5.00
Martinstown F. W. B. Church,	15.00
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Worthington

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Echoes from the Past

EDITORS NOTE: These articles are taken from Vol. 6, No. 7, July, 1934 and from the Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist held at Hannon Church, October 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1915.

HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, From its First Session in 1914 to 1934. As taken from Proceedings of Annual Sessions.

Bro. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Missouri has been kind enough to furnish an Introduction and the First Session Proceedings.

(Continued from last month)

Northwest Missouri Letter

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist while in session with the Philadelphia Church near Pattonsburg, Missouri, November 25, 1914. Our Association convened this year with the Philadelphia Church and voted in favor of a State meeting, and desires membership in the same. Number of churches, 5; number of ministers, 6; most of our churches are without pastors at the present time; names of delegates: Rev. S. B. Lewis, Rev. W. H. McKown; deacons: William and George Jeffries.

(Signed) Jerry Ahart, Clerk of N. W. Mo. Ass'n.

Southeast Missouri Letter

Farmington, Mo., Nov. 21, 1914. The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist in conference assembled, November 6, 7, 1914, unanimously voted to be represented in the Free Will Baptist Convention to be held at Pattonsburg, Missouri, Wednesday before the fifth Sunday in Novemebr, 1914.

Dear brethren in conference assembled, while we are not prepared to send delegates, we send this letter of greeting, desiring to be received as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, which we learn is to be organized upon date stated above. We have six small church organizations, three fair church edifices, and a few true and tried Free Will Baptist.

As to statistical report, we have been unable to collect data to any certainty, but our number is not large. However our desires are large that the dear heavenly Father may get to

himself glory out of this effort to strengthen His cause, and our beloved Zion. Our desires are also larger that the Free Will Baptist may be enabled to institute a work that shall live as a monument to the blessed Gospel cause.

Dear brethren in Christ, and in conference assembled: We submit this brief letter, simply praying that much good may be accomplished because of this effort in behalf of the Free Will Baptist, and we ask your prayers, that our little quarterly meeting, which has received many a hard blow may yet live and prosper.

May we trust all to God, who will in His infinite mercy and goodness guide us all to His glory and praise.

Yours in Christ,

J. J. Wood, Q. M. Clerk.

P. S. Can we be of any further service? If so, let us hear from you.

Committees Appointed

Committees appointed by moderator, W. H. McKown, were as follows:

General Arrangement and By-Laws
—Elders T. C. Ferguson, W. H. McKown and C. E. Mann.

Business—Rev. B. S. Latimer, James Hardin and C. E. Mann.

Location—Sis. Lou Hardin, Sis. Dilley and Deacon George Jeffries.

Resolutions—Rev. G. S. Latimer, Deacon William Jeffries and Rev. C. E. Mann.

Pulpit Committee—William Jeffries, Robert Dilley and Sis. Ahart.

Pulpit committee reported Rev. G. S. Latimer to preach Friday night.

Committee on Location reported as follows:

Next session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists to be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hannon, Missouri, in Barton county, beginning Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock before the fifth Sunday in October, 1915.

Report of Business Committee:

We recommend that a corresponding messenger be elected to meet with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting next year. Motion carried and C. E. Mann was elected.

Art. 1. The clerk, or in his absence, the oldest minister present, calls the conference to order, and takes charge of the devotional services, and

if requested to do so, reads the Constitution and By-Laws.

Art. 2. Officers are elected as required by the Constitution, including the Executive Board.

Art. 3. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

Art. 4. Letters from the Associations, Yearly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings are received and considered, in connection with the report of the Executive Board.

Art. 5. Reports of delegates, corresponding messengers to other bodies, and corresponding messengers from other organizations called for.

Art. 6. Report of committees previously appointed, and unfinished business called for and considered.

Art. 7. Business suggested by the letters, or by members of the conference considered.

Art. 8. The moderator inquires whether there is any association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting not represented, and if not, why not? Or any association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting needing ministerial labor, and if so how it can be best supplied. If any association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting does not report action with reference to benevolent causes, and if not, why not?

Art. 9. When an association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting in good standing requests a letter to join another yearly meeting a letter of recommendation is given. But it is contrary to the usages of the denomination for an association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting to dissolve its connection with the State Conference without consent of said State Conference.

Art. 10. This Conference is regarded as in session during the meetings of business and worship throughout the entire session, and under the direction of the moderator and the clerk should keep a record of all the meetings of business and worship.

The report was received as a whole, then taken up, article by article, and adopted, after which the committee was discharged.

Motion and second that we suspend business until 7:30 p. m. Carried.

Prayer by Rev. G. S. Latimer. (Continued next month)

Officers and Board Members of the State Association

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Clerk	
Treasurer	

THE GENERAL BOARD

Cave Springs Association Rev. Davie Combs 1 Year	1964
Central Western Association Rev. Glen Rehkop 1 Year	1964
Indian Creek Association Rev. Robert Duck 1 Year	
Laclede County Association Rev. Bill Eden 1 Year	
Liberty Association Rev. Ronald Clifford 1 Year	
Mission Association Bro. Edwin Wade 2 Years	1965
Niangua Association Rev. Len Gardner 2 Years	
North East Mo. Association Bro. Howard Filkins 2 Years	
North West Mo. Association Bro. Milford House 2 Years	
Southeast Mo. Association Rev. R. B. Spurgeon 2 Years	1965

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like the names and addresses of each Chairman of the following Boards:

Home Missions Board
Youth Camp Board
Superannuation Board

Sunday School and League Board

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE GROUP

Well here it is the month of August, and summer vacation is two-thirds over. What have we done during this time which God has so graciously given us? Have we used our time for selfish gains only, or have we used it to glorify God? How much time has been spent in witnessing verbally to a friend or neighbor during these past two months? How much time has been spent in prayer for the lost as well as for others who have needs? How much time have we spent in reading God's Word, our spiritual These are all questions we food? need to ask ourselves to see if we are pleasing God.

You may be thinking, "All my time can't be spent in religious activity." It is true we can't read our Bible constantly etc., but it should have its place in our lives. It is necessary we

have time for our needs and for recreation, but it is equally important we have time alone with God. Let us make sure we have this time for God.

The C. A.'s have decided to adopt a plan of witnessing here at South Side. It is the same plan used by Child Evangelism International. Last Sunday the C. A.'s met at the church to complete the first step of the plan which is to make a survey of the area. We found many children who need the gospel. We must find a place where these children can gather. One lady we met suggested an old store building. Pray much about this.

After a meeting place is established we will meet once a week. The children will be told Bible stories with the aid of flannelgraph and object lessons. Pray that many will come to know Christ as their personal Saviour. (I extend a special plea, please pray for your C. A.'s for Satan is really working in our midst.)

After these children we witness to accept Christ as Saviour they will be easy to channel to our Sunday School.

This is a very worth while project, possibly other churches would like to have a project similar to this. It has worked very well in other parts of the country, and I believe it will work in Missouri if people will be willing to work diligently.

Lillian Moore, President

G. T. A. News From Leadington

"Christmas in August," was the title of the program given on August 16, 1963 at 7:30 p.m., by the G. T. A.'s of the Leadington F. W. Baptist Church at Leadington, Mo.

The sponsor of the group is Mrs. Doris Milburn. Pastor of the church is Rev. Bob Wilfong. We enjoyed a candlelight service, which was opened by prayer, followed by reading of appropriate Scripture for the occasion by Rev. Wilfong. This was followed by singing Christmas hymns, which was enjoyed by all

At the close of the service, refreshments were served by the G. T. A.'s.

The price required for admission was a child's toy. These toys will be sent to the children of our missionaries for Christmas.

We had a good attendance and all enjoyed the services very much, also, we appreciated the efforts put forth by the G. T. A.'s and their sponsor.

Missouri National Home Mission Receipts

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F. W. B. Church, Berkeley	3.63
Myrtle F. W. B. Junior S. S.	
Class, Myrtle	10.00
New Harmony S. S., Greentop	25.13
Woman's Aux., First F. W. B.	,
Church, Joplin	5.00
Kirksville F. W. B. Church,	-
Kirksville	6.63
Myrtle F. W. B. Church,	0,05
Myrtle	5.00
Southside F. W. B. V. B. S.,	3.00
St. Louis	35.53
Mendota F. W. B. Mission,	33.33
Greentop	30.00
	20.00
Total receipts	\$835 11

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Life in the Son	\$4.95
by Robert Shank	

Commentary on Whole Bible	\$8.95
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Matthew Henry's One Volume Commentary \$9.95