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EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Gem Readers:

As you begin to read this issue of the "Gem", I am sure that you will notice that it is somewhat different from the past issues. The paper, type and pictures will look different. The reason for this is that we are changing Publishers. I hope each of you will bear with us for the next few months since it will take that long to iron out all of the wrinkles.

Let me hear from you concerning the change. I feel that we will be able to have a much better State Paper. We will be able to use more pictures and to change the lay-out around. I do want to hear how you like the change.

I would like to thank each one for electing me as Editor for another year. I know there were mistakes made but all of us are human and we make them, too. I am hoping that with a year behind me that I will be able to do better. With your prayers and support I know that I can.

I also wish to thank each of you for your articles and other materials that has been sent in each month. If we want to have a STATE paper, I need more articles about what is going on in our churches across the state. It takes your articles to make a great paper. Keep sending them in to the office.

Yours For Christ,
Rev. Bud Hill,
Editor

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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Aurora Free Will Baptist Church was host to Liberty Quarterly Meeting, with full delegation and good spiritual services through the day. They granted me time for the promotional program.

We enjoyed the privilege of sharing with Pastor Rev. Davie Combs, the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church and other pastors, in the dedication service Sunday, September 1 of their new fully equipped Sunday School Classrooms and Sanctuary. This was a high day when they burned the mortgage and dedicated both, debt free, to the Lord.

Laclede County Quarterly Meeting met with Pastor Rev. Bill Eden, and the Sunnyside Church September 28th. All churches represented, they also received another church into their number. They gave time for the Cooperative program, also an offering to the same.

Baily Chapel entertained the Niangua Fifth Sunday meeting. They, too, have a new church building, and used it for the first time in this service. They allowed time for the Cooperative program and Promotional work. They gave me the honor of being an honorary member, and bringing the message for the Communion and Washing of the Saints Feet service.

Missionary Herbert Waid brought the missionary message at 2 A.M. Special emphasis from Romans 10:14-15, "Hear, Preach and Send the Gospel to all men."

Pastor Elvin L. Sawyer began a revival Sunday night, with a fine young married couple saved at the altar in this first service.

Anticipated Cooperative receipts below monthly budget in September. Churches and Brethren, let's rally and meet this challenge! Hope to have the new Book

Store catalogues soon. Please write for yours.

Please keep me informed in advance, as to date and place of your Quarterly Meetings.

Promotional Field Worker
Rev. Harry Beatty

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 1963

Central Free Will Baptist	\$35.00
Kansas City, Mo. Fellowship	75.00
St. Louis, South Side	45.00
Hannon	20.00
Farmington	70.00
Victory	53.30
Monett	202.24
Parkview	77.86
Jefferson City First	8.50
Hickory Grove	34.63
Rock Chapel	24.81
Carterville	9.88
Springfield First F.W.B.	74.84
Pleasant Home	28.06
Leadington	48.00
Mine La Motte	10.61
Thayer	31.07
Copper Mines	41.03
Merl's Chapel	23.91
Alton	50.00
St. Louis Quarterly Meeting	143.72
Twin Oaks	100.00
Oskaloosa	64.00
Laclede Co. Quart. Meeting	16.89
Total	\$1288.35

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55 % Baptist Ass'n.	\$708.59
1 % Mo. Superannuation	12.88
4 % Mo. Youth Camp	51.53
4 1/2% Mo. Free-Will Gem	57.98
7 % General Fund	90.19
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	109.51
20 % Promotional Dept.	257.67
TOTAL	\$1288.35

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SERMON OF THE MONTH

ARE WE WILLING TO GO?

BY: REV. GROVER TERRY
Pastor of Ballew's Chapel
Grubbs, Arkansas

The book of Ruth suggests to us that God's redemptive plan is not a legal transaction as much as it is a love affair. It is not only the delivering from bondage of those caught in the slave market of sin; it is also a wooing and a winning by the Holy Spirit. This book also teaches us that true service is motivated not by a legal sense of obligation but by the compulsion of love.

In the second chapter and verse two, we notice this, "Let me now go to the field". Here is one of the characteristics of love, of service, and readiness. IT IS ACTIVE. Action is what counts for God.

It has been said that there are three kinds of Christian workers: (1) Canal barges that have to be dragged to work. Haven't you noticed some of the members that have to be dragged into everything that you get them to do? Do you think God likes that kind of member. NOTE I didn't call this kind of member a Christian. (2) Sailing ships, that do fairly good as long as the wind and the tide is with them but who sail away as soon as the sailing gets hard. These are the kind that the Apostle spoke of, here today and gone tomorrow, tossed to and fro anywhere to find someone that will give them praise, instead of giving it to God, where it belongs. (3) Ocean liners, who keep going regardless of the winds of adversity, because within them is a mighty furnace, glowing with the love and the pride in their work. Yes, this is the type that are serving the Lord because we love Him and want to do something for

the world that is lost in sin and doomed for a Devil's Hell. We have that love for all the world. Are we willing to go for the Lord? Do we love Him as Ruth did? This word "GO" fits in with woe, ho and lo. To give us the whole gospel in a capsule. (See Isaiah 3:11; 55:1; Matt. 28:19-20).

Ruth was not only active, but was also reliable in service (2:23). Her interest was not warm one day and cold the next. We have found that there are tired church members who will do a little if you stand around and beg them enough, or brag on them for nothing that they have done. Also there are retired church members, who thinks they have done their part already and it is time for others to be doing their part and all the time souls are dying and going into eternity with or without God in their life. Then there are also the rubber tired church members, who does real good till they hit a bump. As long as the road is smooth they can stay right in the seat, but I do mean the seat, for one bump and they are out. Then there are always the flat tire church members, who are punctured once and never get to a station to get refilled. But do you call this Christianity? Let's not get up and say we are Christians unless we are willing to go for the Lord.

Ruth was also humble in service (2:10). She was for the cause and not for self. True humility does not lie in thinking of oneself. It lies in not thinking of oneself at all. An old saint used to pray, "Lord,

make me humble; and when you do, don't let me know it, or I'll be proud of it". The Apostle Peter (1 Peter 5:5) tells us to be clothed with humility, but like any other clothing we must not be self conscious about it.

Ruth was refreshed during her service (2:14). We develop tension and find our Christianity a burden because we don't take time to eat. We try to give out without taking anything in. That is called Spiritual Malnutrition. Jesus said, "By me, if any man will enter in he shall be saved and shall go in and out". (John 10:9). What does he mean? Does he not imply that too many of his servants are spending time and energy going out without going in? We must take time to go in for worship and receive food for the soul, so we can be ready. As one once said, "In for worship, out for a walk; in for learning and out for living; in for guidance and out for obedience; in for training and out for testimony; in for meditation and out for manifestation; in reality to know Christ and out to make him known; if we had more restfulness in service, we should need less rest from service." If we were in line with these we could be in the services of the Lord more and be a greater blessing to the Lord and He would in return be a greater blessing to us as we go down life's way.

Finally, Ruth was satisfied (2:14-18). So shall we be, too. With Christ in the center of our desires for our life. The more we share Him with others, the more we shall have of Him to share.

So let's live like every day was going to be the last one we will have to do what the Lord wants us to do, and when the day does come, we can hear Him say, "You were willing to go, now come up here to be with me forever."

THE MISSION FIELD



FRANKS; DEEDS ARRIVE IN BRAZIL

CAMPINAS, BRAZIL--The Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks and the Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds arrived here by plane on Wednesday afternoon, August 28.

Missionary Franks returns for his second term of service in South America's largest nation. He will work in Campinas as well as direct field activities in absence of Field Director Ken Eagleton who is in the states on furlough.

Mrs. Franks, a registered nurse, will enter language study and assist Eula Mae Martin, R.N., in the Free Will Baptist medical clinic operated in church here.

The Deedses will enter language study in preparation for general missionary service.

14th ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE SET OCTOBER 7-9

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Free Will Baptist Bible College will be host to the 14th Annual Missionary Conference to be held October 7-9. Sponsored jointly by the home and foreign mission boards of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the conference will open on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers appearing on the program are Dr. Luther T. Grubb, Rev. John Vick, Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin, Rev. Gordon Sebastian, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., Rev. Ken Eagleton, Rev. Carlisle Hanna, Rev. Herbert Waid and Miss Volena Wilson.

Pastors and laymen from across the denomination are invited to share in the conference.

SUCCESSFUL DVBS REPORTED

RIBEIRAO PRETO, BRAZIL--An average daily attendance of 46 children was recorded here during the first full-fledged daily vacation Bible school sponsored by the Free Will Baptist mission in Brazil.

When the big day finally arrived, 36 youngsters lined up to march into the rented meeting hall. The group grew each day to a daily high of 55 on the fourth day. Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole were assisted by missionaries of the United Missionary Church.

HAWAII LAND FUND GROWS

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE -- As of August 28, 1963, \$18,095.67 has been given toward the \$60,000 purchase price of land in Hawaii. \$3,000.00 of this was given in August. Director of the Hawaiian work, Luther Sanders, states that final payment will be due at the end of their calendar year.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS OFFERINGS FOR MISSOURI AUGUST 1963

W.N.A.C.	2.50
Ladies Aux. of Faith F.W.B. Church, Lemay	18.57
North Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	5.63
Missouri State Association	41.28
South Side F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	25.50
First F.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Shaner, Boone Terre	15.00
Rutha B. Altis, Independence	25.00
Co-op	195.24
Louis Willhite, St. Ann	2.00
Indian Creek Ass'n, Cassville	22.00
NE Mo. Woman's Aux., Greentop	4.00
First F.W.B. Church, Festus	2.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Richwoods F.W.B. Church	20.00
Willow Springs Woman's Aux., Mountain Grove	3.00
South Side F.W.B. Junior Dept. St. Louis	8.14
Central F.W.B. Church, Kansas City	28.85
Beacon F.W.B. Church, Raytown	7.70
Fourth F.W.B. V.B.S., St. Louis	21.75
Bessie Yeley Circle of First F.W.B. Church, Monett	5.00
Woman's Aux. First F.W.B. Church, Joplin	5.00
First F.W.B. League, Monett	4.00
Pearl R. Alexander, Monett	10.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church	5.00
Beacon G.T.A., Raytown	2.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	10.00
Farmington F.W.B. Church	70.00
Mrs. Vallie M. Grout, Independence	25.00
W.N.A.C., Hqts.	7.50
Martha Peterson, Overland	5.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$621.66



News From Hawaii

Dear Friends:

We arrived back in Hawaii on Monday, August 26, and were met at the airport by the church members and many of our friends who do not attend our church. The three of us were covered with beautiful floral leis until we could hardly find room for anymore. We had a feeling, I imagine, somewhat like Paul had on his return missionary trip; that is, a feeling that we were loved and needed by these (our) people.

Gus and Juanita Thompson were still here to greet us but left the next morning, Tuesday, August 27. They did a good job as summer missionaries.

While we were on the Mainland we were treated with the greatest of respect. To the many friends who kept us in your home, fed us, prayed with us, gave to our account or the land fund, furnished transportation, or spoke an encouraging word, we want to say "Thank you and God bless you." We wish it were possible to write all of you a personal letter, but we just don't have the time; therefore, we hope you will do us another favor by accepting this letter as a personal "thank you letter."

We thought it might be of interest to you to receive a report on our summer's itinerary: I left for the mainland on May 15 (Helen and Brenda left June 11). Counting from May 15 through August 25 is a total of 104 days and during the 104 days we conducted (or spoke) in 109 services. (The places where the three of us spoke in one service we count that as only one service.) We spoke at five State Meetings, eight District meetings, one State Woman's Auxiliary Camp, the National Association of Free Will Baptists and seventy-one individual churches in twelve states. We traveled over 25,000 miles.

Now that we are back in Hawaii we must depend upon each of you to keep this need before your church and conference. May-

be you can enlist others to join in this urgent need and buy at least one square foot of land in Hawaii. If you need more "deeds" you can write to the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, and they will send you as many as you need.

The three of us are well and in good health--a little tired but happy and blessed.

For Christ in Hawaii
The Sanders

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING MISSOURI August 1963

West Plains Y.P.A.	3.00
Thayer Church	22.00
Flat River First F.W.B. League	50.00
Rock Chapel F.W.B. Church	17.61
Merl's Chapel F.W.B. Church	21.41
Aulsbury Chapel	15.00
North Side F.W.B. Church	16.91
South Side F.W.B. Church	96.00
Virgil J. Bundy	100.00
Sun Light F.W.B. Church	32.82
Cooperative Plan	353.88
Henry Connelly	5.00
F.W.B. Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Martha Coffman	5.00
Central Western Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
Clifford E. Altis	25.00
Oak Grove S.S. Class	25.00
Park View F.W.B. Church	15.00
NE. Mo. Woman's Auxiliary	12.00
NE. Mo. Association	170.01
Pleasant Hill Church	6.00
F.W.B. Church, St. Louis	50.00
Trinity F.W.B. Church	20.00
Southside F.W.B. Church	203.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n	82.87
Beacon F.W.B. Church	4.00
F.W.B. Church of Berkeley	100.00
Willow Springs F.W.B. Church	12.44
Indian Creek Association	22.00

Grace F.W.B. Church	30.00
Festus F.W.B. Church	3.00
Y.P.A.-New Harmony	14.00
Richwoods F.W.B. Church	20.00
Beacon F.W.B. Church	18.00
First F.W.B. Church, Joplin	25.00
Lehman Riggs	10.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church	23.27
Aulsbury Chapel Church	15.00
Park View F.W.B. Church	25.00
New Hope F.W.B. Church	10.00
W.N.A.C.	72.01
Mrs. Gordon Combs	5.00
F.W.B. Church of Berkeley	133.00
James A. Hoyt	15.00
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MEETING THE CHALLENGE IN OLD MEXICO

Greetings to our many friends in America:

The third Convention of the Free Will Baptist in Old Mexico is already history, and we can say this was the very best, and we can say this was the very best, Thanks be unto the Lord our Heavenly Father from whom cometh all things. We know that many of you have been praying for our convention, because in some of your letters you told us so, we thank you sincerely, and report that God did answer all of our prayers.

The Holy Spirit took the convention and lead it all the way, many were the manifestations of God's care for us, first every student came back filled with joy and with news of how the Lord had used them while away in their fields. The delegates, some were new, their churches elected them, because they wanted them to see and learn about our work. It was indeed a great thrill to see their faces as I went for them and met them at the station. I hired two model A's to help me take them to the school dormitories.

(The above is a small portion of a letter from Arturo and Janell, Missionaries to Old Mexico.)

Ambassadors for Christ in Alaska...

*Neither is there salvation in
any other:—Acts 4:12*

REV. AND MRS. CARL JOHNSON

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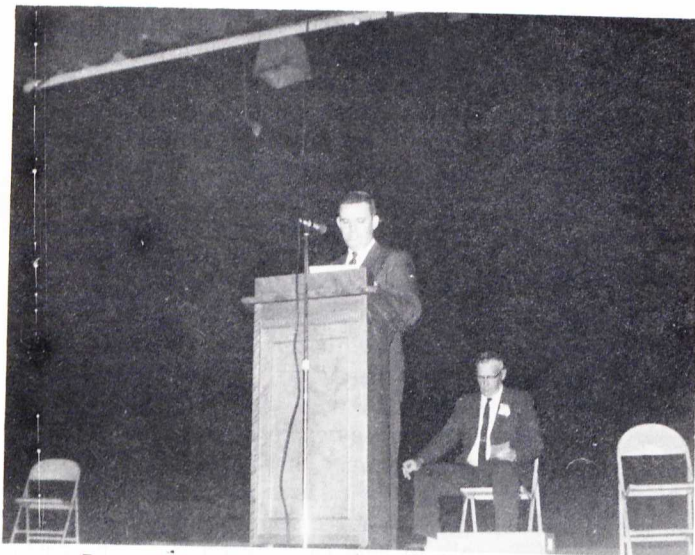
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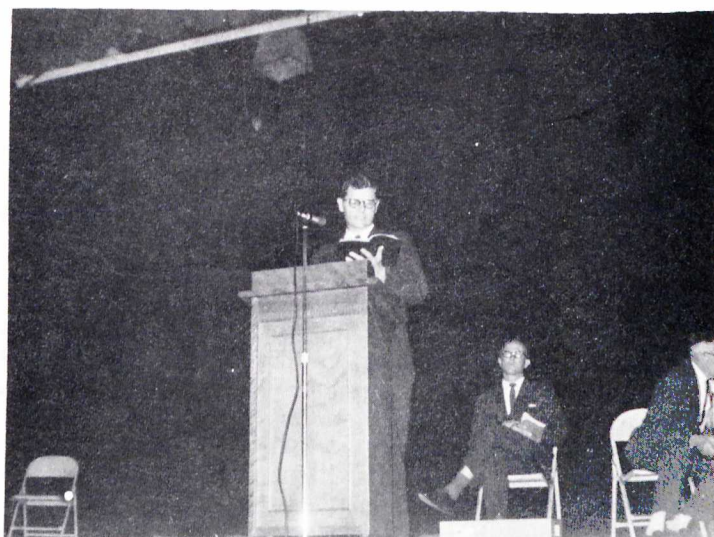
Officers for the coming year. Moderator: Rev. O. T. Allred; Ass't Moderator: Rev. O. T. Dixon; and Clerk: Rev. Bud Hill.



Rev. Clarence Burton leads the congregation in singing.



Rev. Bud Hill, Clerk reads an item of business.



A devotion by Rev. Robert Wilfrong.



The Moderator takes a vote.



A missionary challenge is given the delegates by Rev. Carl Johnson.

HISTORY OF TWO CHURCHES

RICHWOODS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

RICHWOODS, MISSOURI

By: Mrs. John Ackerson

On June 16, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. John Ackerson and two children, Della and Harold moved from Cantwell, Missouri to Richwoods to start a Free Will Baptist work for the Lord.

After fourteen months of continual and fruitful cottage prayer meetings the time seemed right for a revival meeting. So the Ackersons attended the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting when convened with the Desloge Free Will Baptist Church on August 3, 1938. There they contacted Rev. Albert Halbrook, a young minister from Leadington, Missouri to come and conduct a revival.

In the meantime, a slab harbor was built just in front of where the present church building stands for the purpose of holding services.

On August 22, 1938, Rev. Halbrook and his brother, Alvin, arrived. These two ministers and the Ackersons had prayer in their living room for a church to be organized.

God blessed and gave the assurance that night there would be a church.

Rev. Halbrook held a two weeks meeting. Then on September 4, a Free Will Baptist Sunday School was organized with 35 in attendance.

On September 5, 1938 the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church was organized by the St. Francis County Quarterly Board, consisting of Rev. James Miller, Rev. Sister Tommie Franklin and Deacon O. B. Womack.

The church began with 8 charter members: Bro. John Ackerson, Sis. Sophia Ackerson, Bro. Della Ackerson, Bro. Harold Ackerson, Bro. John Massengale, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Sis. Pearl Emily and Sis. Ada Meyers along with others who were faithful to the Lord and His church in attendance and service.

Bro. John Massengale, now gone to his Eternal reward and Bro. John Ackerson were ordained deacons. Rev. Albert Halbrook was called to Pastor and Sister Sophia Ackerson was elected as Clerk and Treasurer.

Services continued under the harbor until the last of October. Then were moved into Bro. and Sister Ackersons home until July 1939, when the church building was finished enough to begin services there.

The church began to grow rapidly the first two years with many sacrifices, hard

times and hard work.

There were many wonderful experiences and manifestations of God's love and power. Foreexample, in the month of January a young man was converted in the evening service and wanted to be baptized immediately so at 9:15 P.M. in mid-winter God's people gathered at the waters edge with a fire on the bank and shining car lights as this new Christian followed the Lord and Master in baptism.

By the power of God many have been saved, baptized, healed and greatly blessed down through these years.

In the past 25 years the church has been served by 12 pastors. They are: Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. Willard Halbrook now with his Lord, Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Albert Tucker, Rev. William Reeves, Rev. Ed Mercer, Rev. Roger Reeds, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Rev. Floyd Arnold, Rev. Bob Wright, Rev. Dale Skiles and Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, our present pastor.

There have been six deacons called to serve: John Ackerson, John Massengale (gone to be with the Lord), Woodrow Messex (now an ordained minister), Clarence Sohn, Anthony Much (gone to be with the Lord) and Dalie Schutte.

Twelve members have been called to be with the Lord.

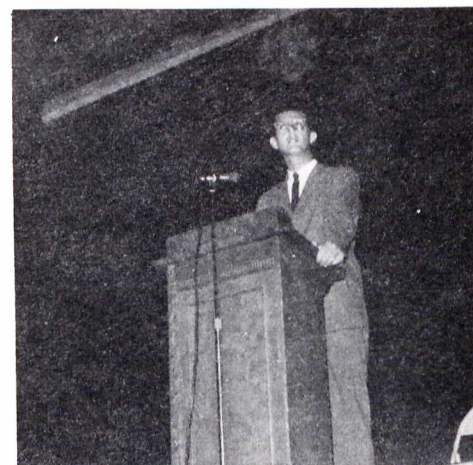
This is a very brief and incomplete record, for to write the full history of the church and all that happened in 25 years would fill a great book.

We thank God for our little church and know it was planted by the hand of God in this place to help send the Gospel to a lost world.

CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The first Sunday in March 1963 was an important day in Kansas City for Free Will Baptists. A group of people met in the home of Mr. Lee Sherrell and began a mission in the central district of Kansas City, Missouri. This group had Sunday School and then voted to contact Rev. James McAllister, Director of Missions for Missouri Free Will Baptists and see if he would come and organize the group and stay on as its pastor. He was contacted and accepted the challenge. A building



Rev. Jim McAllister

was rented (for \$150.00 per month) on Harrison Street. The building, which was just a 3 story house, was in a very bad location but served as both a meeting place for the church and also provided living quarters for the pastor and his family. The group grew and on May 20 began a revival with Rev. Woodrow Matthews as evangelist. On May 23rd the Missouri Home Mission Board was called in to formally organize the church. The church to be known as Central Free Will Baptist Church was organized with 26 charter members. Uniting were: Solomon and Mary Williams, Lee and Cleith Sherrell, John and Lora Banclift, James and Helen McAllister, Frank and Betty Custine, Glen and Kathryn Banclift, Kathryn and Maxine Van-Zandt, Dorothy Brown, Charles and Wanda Williams, Donnie Dunn, Cathy Barclift, Rita Custine, Chuck and Betty Woods, May Bailey, Yvonne Almera, Johnny Halbrook and Judy Sherrell. An advisory committee of 5 members was elected and Sister Katherine Barclift was elected as clerk treasurer. Rev. McAllister was elected Pastor. It was evident that a better location was needed. God led to the purchase of a lovely church on Highway 71 in the central part of metropolitan Kansas City. This church, located at 1112 East 77th was priced at \$35,000. but the church was able to purchase it for \$25,000. A friend of the pastor, Rev. Elmer Russell purchased the building and sold it to the church, a bond program to be launched to pay him. This church supports the Cooperative plan, has had a full time pastor from its beginning, supports our mission program, and is on a family plan for Gem. Our church has seating capacity for 200 with Sunday School space for the same. The opportunities are great. Brethren, pray for us.



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

REVIVAL AT JOPLIN

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri will begin a revival meeting October 28-November 9th. The evangelist will be Rev. E. C. Morris. The pastor of the Joplin church is the Rev. Teddy Davis.

NEW OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

The Overland Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis recently elected their church officers for the coming year. They are: S.S. Superintendent-Dick Koss; Ass't. Superintendent-Gerald Renner; General Secretary-Pauline Koss; Records clerk-Margaret Konersmann; Church Treasurer-Alice Stephens; Church Clerk-Melba Burch; Church Reporter-Laura Renner; Trustees-Delois Skaggs and Chalmer Duncan; Pianist-Zetta Hutson; Choir Director-Don Hutson; Ass't Pianist-Lee Evans; League Director-Jerry Rackley; Ass't Director-Clyde Wells; League Sec.-Mary Wells; Ushers-M. J. Ward, Herb Conway, John Liford, James Morton, Curt Stephens, Luther Chunn, Bobby Milligan. Deacon-Brother Dorman Luter was put on a six months trial.

MISSIONARIES HOLD SERVICES

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and family were at the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church August 30th and conducted the services. These services were enjoyed by all that were there. Supper was served in the basement of the church shortly before the evening service and the fellowship was enjoyed by all.

ASSUME NEW PASTORATE

The Rev. Robert Francis, a former Missourian, has assumed the pastorate of the Willoughby Free Will Baptist Church at Warren, Arkansas. Rev. Francis was pastoring at the Old Reyno Free Will Baptist Church at Reyno, Arkansas. Rev. Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis, members of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis County.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church just outside of Fredericktown, Missouri will observe their annual homecoming October 20th. Everyone is invited to come and worship with them that day.

REVIVAL AT BLUE EYE

A revival will begin at the Mt. Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Blue Eye, Missouri October 14th with Rev. Bud Hill pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri. The Pastor of the Mt. Olivet Church is Rev. Gary Terrell.

HOMECOMING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Festus, Missouri held their annual homecoming October 6, 1963 with the Victory Quartet of Granite City, Illinois being the feature singers. These services were enjoyed by all that attended. Rev. Chester Weir is the pastor.

HYMNAL TO BE AVAILABLE IN FALL

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--After more than a year of intense effort, the FREE WILL BAPTIST HYMN BOOK will be available this fall. The first denominational hymnal to be provided by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, this hymnal is expected to receive wide acceptance among Free Will Baptists.

Several churches have already placed standing orders for immediate shipment. Churches interested in securing copies of the new hymnal or in placing a standing order should write to Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

BIDS TO BE SECURED

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--In the immediate future bids will be taken on the construction of the new headquarters building for the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The proposed building has

approximately 14,500 square feet of floor space and will house all departments of National Association work except the Bible College. Property for the building has been purchased on Murfreesboro Road.

MASTER'S MEN MEET

The Master's Men of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri met September 5 for a regular meeting with several men of the church present. An outstanding spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed as the meeting progressed with president, Frannie Elliot, in charge.

Following the regular business meeting the men saw the film entitled, "Dedicated Men". The film presented a challenge to each man present. The men plan to participate in a visitation program for a coming revival which will begin October 21 with Rev. Luther Gibson of Tupelo, Mississippi as the evangelist.

At the August meeting the group sent a special offering of \$25.00 to the National Layman's Commission for the retirement of the debt of the commission.

STEWARDSHIP MATERIAL AVAILABLE

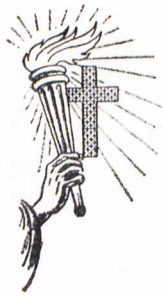
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE---Through the Stewardship Commission of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, stewardship materials are now ready for local church use. Sample packets were recently mailed to pastors.

The materials are designed to bring stewardship responsibilities into focus and to effectively present the church budget to the congregation. They are easily adapted to local situations.

The actual materials should be ordered through Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

NEW LEADER'S GUIDES

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--The National League Board adds four new guides this quarter for sponsors and league leaders which brings the total to eight-one for



Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Peggy Davis

Dear Co-laborers in Christ:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This is a new and strange experience for me to be editing the Auxiliary portion of the GEM. This offers a great challenge to me as another way of serving my Lord. Let us pray that this will be the motive for all our action throughout this coming year; not that I as your editor, or we as reporting auxiliaries would seek to promote or avenge our personal or selfish aims, but that we may dedicate these auxiliary pages to be used as a means of provoking us all into a greater and deeper service for the Lord.

We sincerely seek your co-operation, concern and earnest prayers as we endeavor to undertake this new task.

Your Editor,
Mrs. Ted Davis

NEW OFFICERS OF WNAC

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--New officers of the WNAC and their addresses have been released by the WNAC office. They are: Mrs. Rufus Coffey, president, 3442 Woodrow, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. C. Alexander, vice-president, 1130 S. Kilbourne Road, Columbia, S.C.; Mrs. Gene Rogers, recording secretary, Box 464, Mountain Grove, Mo.; Mrs. John Grant, ass't recording secretary, 4901 Eighteenth Ave., Columbus,

Georgia; Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, youth chairman, 512 Achievement Drive, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Robert Hill, study course chairman, 5218 Monument Drive, Richmond, Virginia; Mrs. Ben Scott, stewardship-prayer chairman, Box 86, Pocahontas, Arkansas; Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, benevolence chairman, 1220 W. Montgomery, Midland, Texas; Mrs. Paul Pursell, executive secretary-treasurer, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

DELAYED BY SURGERY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Mrs. Paul Pursell, the newly elected Executive Secretary of the WNAC, suffered major surgery and has been delayed in assuming her duties. She is recuperating nicely and is expected to arrive in Nashville about September 27.

NATIONAL NEWS

Because of the new proposed youth program by our National Association of Free Will Baptists the Executive Committee of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention submit the following:

"The women are interested in the youth

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of our denomination. We have tried to demonstrate our interest in developing a youth program to meet the need when there was little else.

"We are interested in a program that will better do the job. It is not our purpose to set the policy of youth education in the denomination, but to serve in a woman's place as helpmeets and co-laborers to further the work of our youth by full co-operation with the National Association.

"It is not our desire to promote anything contrary to the overall youth program of Christ for our denomination, but to co-operate in the co-ordination by our overall youth program.

"Our National Sunday School and League Boards are directed by men. They have not excluded the women. They help write the literature on the National level. Locally, they teach in the Sunday Schools and are League sponsors. We do not believe we will be excluded here.

"The Executive Committee of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention is in favor of the youth program. We believe our women will take their rightful place as helpmeets to co-operate in the local church and with the National Association of Free Will Baptists."

Mrs. Rufus Coffee, President  
Mrs. Carroll Alexander, Vice-Pres.  
Mrs. Gene Rogers, Rec. Sec.  
Mrs. John Grant, Ass't Rec. Sec.  
Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Youth Chrm.  
Mrs. Robert Hill, Study Course Chrm.  
Mrs. Ben Scott, Stewardship-Prayer  
Chairman  
Mrs. E. E. Zoellers, Personal Service  
Chairman





#### STATE OFFICERS

President: L. Beatty; V. Pres.: Aua Hillard; Sec. & Treas.: Leona Thompson; Stewardship Chair.: Therald Edwards; Youth Chairman: Doris Roper; Study Course Chair.: Jean Williams; Corr. Sec.: Ruth Wilfong (Jerry Wilfong-stand in)

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION (July 1, 1962 to July 1, 1963)

Bal. brought forward July 1, 1962 \$138.29  
RECEIVED:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Foreign Missions           | \$419.32  |
| Nat'l F.M. project         | 62.18     |
| State F.M. project-Uruguay | 601.81    |
| State Home Missions        | 81.71     |
| National Home Missions     | 231.97    |
| CERF                       | 10.65     |
| Migrate Workers            | 5.00      |
| Student Loan Fund          | 50.16     |
| Co-Laborer                 | 160.66    |
| Tithes                     | 88.30     |
| WNAC                       | 8.35      |
| Youth Camp                 | 5.00      |
| Representation Dues        | 108.20    |
| Total Received             | \$1833.31 |

Receipts plus forward bal. \$1971.60

Disbursements 1771.86

Bal. brought frwd. 7/1/63 \$199.74

#### DISBURSED:

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|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Foreign Missions                         | 360.65 |
| Nat'l F.M. project                       | 62.18  |
| State F.M. project-Uruguay               | 601.81 |
| National Home Missions                   | 81.71  |
| Student Loan Fund                        | 50.16  |
| Co-Laborer                               | 160.66 |
| WNAC                                     | 8.35   |
| Representation Dues                      | 31.50  |
| State Ass'n for Minutes                  | 24.60  |
| CERF                                     | 10.65  |
| Youth Camp                               | 5.00   |
| Migrate Workers                          | 5.00   |
| Declamation Award-                       |        |
| Vivian Mason                             | 5.00   |
| Essay Award-Eva Sponslar                 | 5.00   |
| Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards<br>(honorarium) | 25.00  |

Rev. & Mrs. Dan Cronk  
(honorarium-including Frgn.  
Missions offering) 83.67  
Convention expense 9.86  
Supplies and postage 9.09  
Total disbursements \$1771.86  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Hazel Hutsell, Treasurer

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#### ATTENTION!!

"State Woman's Auxiliary Project" is to raise \$1,000.00 to help pay for the land in Hawaii. Please mail money for the project to: Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North Street, Mountain Grove, Missouri 65711.

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#### NATIONAL 2ND ESSAY

Eva Sponslas, Kirksville, Missouri

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#### "BEACON AUXILIARY"

The Woman's Auxiliary of Beacon Free Will Baptist Church met September 5 at the home of Sister Matthews. Ten members were present.

New officers are as follows: President, Greta Carter; V. Pres., Ruth Postlewait; Sec.-Treasurer, Louella Thomas; Program Prayer Chairman, Blanche Matthews; Personal Service Co-Chairman, Janice Huffman and Beulah Tate; Study Course Chairman, Jean Williams; Youth Chairman, LaRue Horn; Corresponding Secretary, Dixie Green.

Our project for this month is helping the Sanders in Hawaii in building the new church there.

Corresponding Secretary  
Dixie Green

#### WEST PLAINS AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the West Plains Church met August 5th with eight members present.

A study course on the duties of the Auxiliary officers was set for August 28.

Sister Combs read a letter she had received from the Billows. Sister Addie Adkinson gave an outline of Paul's first journey, in a story form.

Refreshments were served after the meeting to the ladies and Y.P.A. group.

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#### "CUBA (MO.) AUXILIARY"

At our meeting there were twelve members, one new member and four visitors which totaled seventeen present.

For a Study Course we are supposed to choose a person out of the Bible and read all the scriptures we can find on him or her. We then tell about the Bible Character and our study at our next meeting in September.

The program Chairman presented our program on "How bright is our light shining for Christ?"

Sister Althea and Sister Hayse are to bring refreshments to our next meeting, September 23.

Corresponding Secretary  
Geraldine Dickens

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#### RECORD CROWDS THROUG GRAHAM CRUSADE MEETING

The closing rally of the Billy Graham 25 day Southern California Crusade set an all-time record with a reported attendance of 134,254 persons filling the Memorial Coliseum and another 20,000 remaining outside the Coliseum to hear by loud speaker, a typically militant attack on national and personal evils prevalent today.

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#### G.T.A. 1ST ESSAY

Steven Riley, Hazelcreek, Missouri



## OUR YOUTH SPEAKS



Linda Rogers

### "WHAT YOUTH CAMP MEANS TO ME"

My testimony of, "What Youth Camp Means To Me", can be summerized in three words - Fellowship and Spiritual Guidance. The dictionary gives a very complete, but concise definition of the word, fellowship. As it states: "Fellowship is companionship; fellowship is joint interest. These two definitions are exactly what I find to be prominent at Youth Camp. Companionship with teachers, ministers, sponsors, and other young people like myself. I feel that there is joint interest in activity, singing, worshipping, witnessing, and etc. Everywhere a person goes there is fellowship of one kind or another. We do get along in our small, smug world. But we don't know the meaning of true fellowship until we have experienced it at Youth Camp. Believe me, I say this sincerely and honestly from my own convictions.

The question comes to mind - "What has Youth Camp done for me?" As I quote the words of Peter, as stated in II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." I can say that I have grown in the grace of Jesus.

Each year, each day, each hour; from the time I was converted, to the present day, the Lord has given me a rich, complete life. He's led me on into paths of righteousness, He's kept my heart, my mind, my body clean and pure in order that I might glorify His precious name.

I started my long, narrow journey as a new convert; a Christian. Now I'm a servant and a worker for His kingdom. Yes, Youth Camp has done this for me. My faith is much larger than the mustard seed now. I can move more than the mountain...I can escape temptation with-

out scars. I'm a witness for God and I shall always praise Him for giving to me the wonderful power of witnessing. I recall the words of Jesus as he spoke to the disciples, which is recorded in 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 all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The Holy Ghost has possessed me.....now I'm a witness unto the whole world.

The next thought that enters my mind... is others. "What has it done for others?" It has done for others, what it has done for me. We came to Camp in the month of June, a whole year has lapsed before we return the following June. What happens to the new Christians during this time; that found Jesus, at the altar...in the chapel? Do they find it tough; a struggle to stay true? Of course they do! But we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us. Surely every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. If I were to take an inventory of everyone, who in their lifetime attended Youth Camp, I'm sure they all would share my views.

Only one more point I would like to make before concluding. I've mentioned: "What Youth Camp means to Me", "What it has done for me", and "What it has done for others", now I would like to point out,

"What it can do for you if you are not a Christian - if you haven't shared such fellowship as I have described, as can be found at Youth Camp, then, may I suggest that you make plans to attend next year's session. You will be amazed to discover a change in your actions and thoughts over such a short period of time.

In conclusion, I would like to instill in the minds of the readers, this thought:

Youth Camp is a reality, not a dream... it is both past and future...it is growing not shrinking...and it is living never dying!

By Linda Rogers  
Mine La Motte, Mo.

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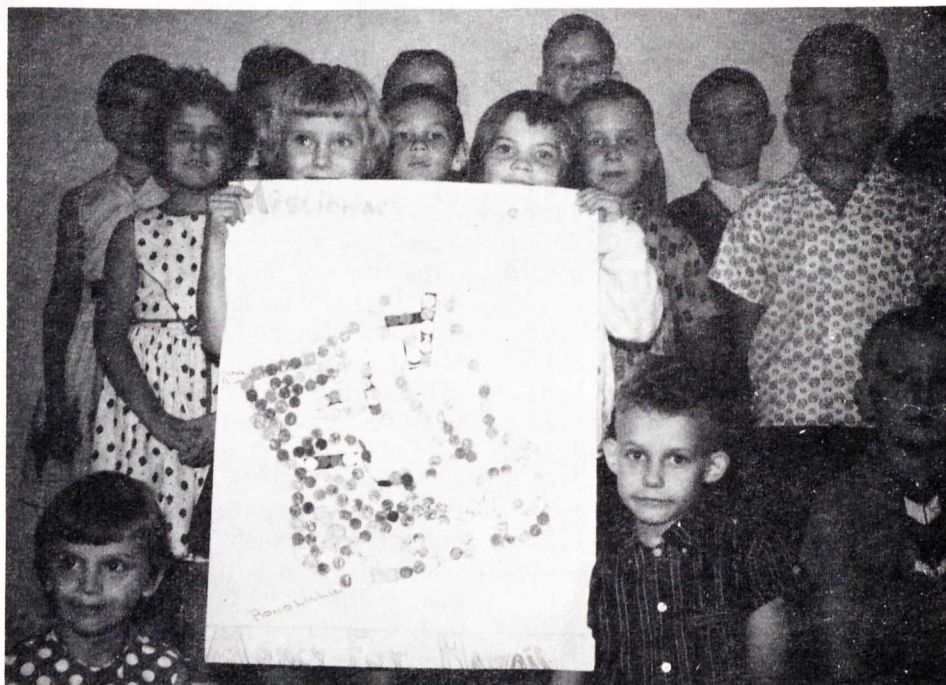
### FROM WEST PLAINS

The Y.P.A. of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met September 2. The meeting was called to order by the president, Catherine Henry. Scripture reading was from Psalms 32:1-8. Prayer was led by Juanita Henry. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The lesson, "Beware" was discussed by all. There were eleven members and our youth sponsor, Linda Riley, present.

We were dismissed by Alice James.

Games were played and refreshments served after the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary  
Venita Adkisson



The Missionary Midgets of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri have just completed a project for property in Hawaii. They drew a map of the Islands and then filled it in with coins of various kinds. At the close the grand total to be sent was \$13.38.



# Letters from our Readers

Richwoods, Missouri  
Sept. 9, 1963

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings to all our Christian friends in the name of our Blessed Lord, thanking and praising him for all his love and goodness to us.

The Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church celebrated it's 25th year on September 1, 1963 with all day services and home coming.

The day started with Sunday School beginning at 9:45 a.m. Our superintendent, Brother Clarence Sohn, in charge. The attendance, 75, and the lesson entitled, "Struggle and Victory" taken from Genesis 32:22-32.

The eleven o'clock service began with congregational singing, Sister Dorothy Cordia at the piano, Sister Elsie Schutte leading the singing. Rev. Gaylord Huckaba, our pastor, in charge of the devotional. After prayer, Bro. Edwin Hardy read letters from Rev. Albert Halbrook, first pastor of the church, now pastoring in West Virginia, and Rev. and Mrs. William Reeves, a former pastor, now caretakers of our Youth Camp at Niangua, Mo. These letters were sent with greetings and prayers wishing they could be with us on this day.

We were happy to have the Soul Winners Quartet with us. The service was turned over to them at this time.

David Wright, age 10, sang a solo, "I Saw A Man" and the quartet sang five special numbers, Brother Ned Templeton at the piano.

Rev. Bob Wright of East St. Louis, a former pastor, brought a very inspiring message from God's word from Luke 15: 13. His subject being "Traveling in a Far Country." This message was brought with the power of God and was very enlightening to each one who listened. Praise His name.

An altar call was given, we were dismissed with prayer and thanks for the noon meal the ladies had prepared. An hour of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

After the hour of fellowship all gathered back in the church for the evening service. Rev. Gaylord Huckaba in charge of the devotional.

More people came for the evening service and some from far away. The service began with congregational singing and

prayer.

A brief history of the church was read by Brother Edwin Hardy, written by Mrs. John Ackerson, a charter member.

Twelve pastors had been called to serve the church, and twelve deceased from the flock to be with the Lord.

Prayer was led at this time in memory of these who were gone to be with the Lord, followed with David Wright singing "When The Saints Go Marching In". Bro. Ned at the piano.

Our own quartet, Bro. Hardy, Bro. Nettles, Bro. Huckaba and Sister Nettles, sang three numbers. The twin girls of Mr. and Mrs. Don Woods of Desoto, Mo. sang, also Mr. L. M. Collins, a colored brother, of Fletcher, Mo. rendered a number, "Dry Bones" and he sang "Blessed Quietness" with the Soul Winners Quartet.

The Soul Winners Quartet was in charge again and sang several numbers. When Brother and Sister Barton from Illinois came in, they joined in with the Quartet and all sang.

Supper was served around 4:30 p.m. at the church and people began to go home praising and rejoicing in the Lord for a wonderful day in his service. "How pleasant and good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." It was a great day in the Lord.

The night service began at 7:30 p.m. with not as big a crowd, but the Lord was with us as He had been all day. Bro. Huckaba was in charge of the devotional with congregational singing led by Sister Elsie Schutte. More special numbers were rendered. Then Rev. Leslie Logsdon, a former pastor, of St. Louis had charge of the service. Special numbers were rendered by Bro. and Sister Logsdon and a testimony service was held, people testifying and the Lord blessing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ackerson, who had moved to Richwoods in 1937 to start the Free Will Baptist work for the Lord were called on to tell of some experience and to testify.

Bro. Logsdon brought a short message from the tenth chapter of Acts. All gathered in the altar for prayer, all rising with tears of happiness and rejoicing and shoutings and handshakes.

It was a wonderful day for our church in the Lord and all of you who did not attend missed a great blessing.

We thank God for all who have been so

faithful, all who helped in anyway to make the Lord's work a success in Richwoods. We thank all the twelve faithful pastors that worked and brought the gospel message. One pastor of the twelve, Rev. Willard Halbrook, has been called to be with the Lord, but his influence and all the good he did still lingers in our memory and we know he has received a crown of reward and we will meet again some day.

God bless you all, and God be with you till we meet again.

In Christian love,  
Mrs. John Ackerson

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FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST  
3rd and Van Buren  
Lebanon, Mo.

Sept. 20, 1963

Dear Brother Hill and Gem Readers:

I would like to let you know how the Lord is blessing us here at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon. We have just closed a very successful fellowship meeting in which we had special singing, and a message from one of our deacons each night.

During the past year we have received twenty-three new members. Some of these were saved at the church, with others moving their membership. On September 9th we purchased the property adjacent to the church. This land is 50 x 200 feet, with a house that we will use for Sunday School classrooms, and the rest

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REV. GENE ROGER SPEAKS



## THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

Does it seem like a dull topic? To some people it may. Although it shouldn't be, because we are speaking about the very "core" of the reason for Christ's existence. We know what the church stands for as well as its purpose. It is the temple of God for the redemption of souls.

The purpose is much more complex than this. Actually it has many responsibilities and functions as a complex organization. This is true, because when we speak of the church it includes or consists of the pastor and congregation, beliefs of the religious organization, and the buildings, too.

The members of the church have a common cause binding them together. This "cause" is essentially the "main" purpose of the church, and that being to make the church grow and prosper in all things spiritual. Therefore each and every member is directly responsible for the purpose of the church.

In the form of an analogy I offer up this small rule, "One for all and all for one." Each of us must assume a certain amount of spiritual responsibility for every other member of the church. Yet we see so many forget that duty. We, as members, have a duty to see that the spiritual need of everyone in the congregation is satisfied. We often leave this for the pastor, but it is our duty, too.

When there is a church with such union as "one for all and all for one", we then have a united church that is strong which will prosper and grow. The result of church growth is an increasing number of Christians. Why then do some churches stop growing? Because of lack of enthusiasm which leads to forgetfulness of one's church duties.

In conclusion I ask this. How many of us wake up on Sunday morning feeling as excited about spending the morning in church, as we did the previous day, Saturday, when we knew we were going fishing or even shopping in town?

By Robert Seabaugh  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Fredericktown, Missouri

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for parking. The church felt the Lord was leading in the sale of this much needed room, as we were given the first opportunity to buy. We want all of our people to pray for us as we follow the leadership of our great God.

I write these good things that you may rejoice with us. Paul said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of

our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours for Christ,

Dale Jones  
Box 292, Lebanon, Mo.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Jefferson City, Mo.

Sept. 23, 1963

Dear Rev. Hill, Brothers and  
Sisters in Christ,

We believe you would like to know that we, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Mo., had a week's revival in the month of August with Rev. Ray Middleton from Cabool, Mo. as our evangelist. God surely poured out His bless-

ings upon us and there were five souls gloriously saved.

Notice we have changed our mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting from Thursday to Wednesday night. If any of you should be in Jefferson City at any of our appointed times of worship, we welcome you to come and be with us.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones were among our visitors yesterday, Sunday, September 22. Bro. Jones brought the morning message and we enjoyed it; he and Sister Jones are a great inspiration to us.

We are not a large group, but we read from God's Holy Word, that where two or three are gathered together in My name I will be in their midst, and we believe that, because God is not slack concerning His promises.

Rev. Earl Irish, Pastor

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# Echoes from the Past

(Continued from last month)

## FRIDAY EVENING

House called to order by moderator and Scripture lesson, Rev. 22nd chapter, read by moderator. Prayer by Sis. Lou Hardin.

Minutes of previous meeting called for and read and approved. Report from committee on resolutions then called for. Report follows:

ART. 1. In view of the fact that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists has closed this their first session of The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; Therefore be it resolved, that we, on bended knees, return unto the Lord our thanks for His care and sustaining grace which He has shown unto His children, and also for the souls brought into His vineyard during the past year.

ART. 2. Resolved, That we extend unto the Nebraska Yearly Meeting our thanks for the interest they have manifested in us in sending Rev. G. S. Latimer to be with us, and to act as corresponding messenger from that body.

ART. 3. Resolved, That we recommend Rev. T. C. Ferguson and wife as evangelists for the Missouri State Conference of Free Will Baptists for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. Resolved, That we grant unto Bro. C. E. Mann the power to select an assistant corresponding messenger.

ART. 5. Resolved, That we extend unto this people our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality and interest shown unto the delegates and visiting brethren during the entire session of this Association.

The resolutions were taken up in their order and adopted. Motion made and seconded that the clerk write a copy of article two and send to William Fuller of Elk Creek, Nebraska, clerk of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Upon motion and second Rev. S. B. Lewis was elected assistant moderator.

Motion and second that we suspend business to call of moderator. Motion carried.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by moderator, clerk being present. After reading of Scripture lesson and prayer, the entire morning session was given to prayer and praise service until eleven o'clock, when the Gospel message was brought by Elders W. B. Fadley and W. H. McKown.

## SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

House called to order by assistant moderator, who read the first chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Latimer.

Final report of Pulpit Committee called

for. Report as follows: Rev. G. S. Latimer to preach Saturday night and Sunday night; Rev. C. E. Mann Sunday at 11 o'clock. Report received and committee discharged.

Motion and second that we adjourn sine die. Motion carried.

C. E. Mann, clerk.

## F.W.B. LEAGUE REPORTS

From the July, 1934 issue of the Gem

## NEW HARMONY LEAGUE REPORT

Esther Peterson, Reporter

I will again try and write to our paper, the Gem. I am still trying to live for Jesus, and I just want to live closer to Him each day, I enjoy the league work so much.

Our new Harmony league went to the Lowground church Sunday evening, June the 3rd. We had our league lesson, then gave a short program. Brother Perkins gave a very interesting talk on league work.

As Lowground had no league, Brother Sam Marcum, myself, and my brother Glen went over Thursday evening June 7th, and organized a league with twelve members.

Officers elected were: Miss Bessie Fowler, President; Mrs. Myrtle Hatfield, Vice President; Miss Glatha Kelley, Secretary-Treas.; Miss Mabel Hatfield, Group Captain; Miss Pansy Mills, Quiz Leader.

I'm praying that we can organize other leagues and I ask an interest in all your prayers, that I may do more for Jesus.

## CARTERVILLE LEAGUE REPORT

Opal Boyd, Secretary

I will now try and send a report of our

Carterville league.

Our new officers are as follows: President, Marion Johnson; Vice President, Lloyd Johnson; Sec.-Treas., Opal Boyd; Choir Leader, Lloyd Johnson; Pianist, Bertha Johnson; Quiz Leader, Hollis Johnson; Group Captains, Helen Strech and Leonard Siler; Junior Sponsor, Leta Johnson.

Each old and new officer gave a short talk at the business meeting, and all take very much interest in their new office. We are very thankful for the old people of our league, for they are a great help to us. The total membership of our senior class is thirty-nine, and all are on the firing line for God.

Pray for us, that our league may continue in the good work.

We will expect to meet a number of you at our next league rally the fifth Sunday in July at Monett, Mo.

Our good pastor, Elder Cecil Campbell, will preach the morning sermon.



Rev. A. L. McFarland looks for an Amen during the State Meeting.

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

### OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. O. T. Dixon, Springfield, Mo.  
Clerk ..... Rev. C. R. (Bud) Hill, Monett, Mo.  
Treasurer ..... Rev. Harry Beatty, St. Louis, Mo.

### 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  | 1964 |
| Laclede County Association .....  | Rev. Bill Eden .....       | 1 Year  | 1964 |
| Liberty Association .....         | Rev. Ronald Clifford ..... | 1 Year  | 1964 |
| Mission Association .....         | Bro. Edwin Wade .....      | 2 Years | 1965 |
| Niangua Association .....         | Rev. Len Gardner .....     | 2 Years | 1965 |
| North East Mo. Association .....  | Bro. Howard Filkins .....  | 2 Years | 1965 |
| North West Mo. Association .....  | Bro. Milford House .....   | 2 Years | 1965 |
| Southeast Mo. Association .....   | Rev. R. B. Spurgeon .....  | 2 Years | 1965 |



## MY ALPHABET

- A - Attend Sunday School and Church regular.
- B - Be more considerate of Christian friends and neighbors.
- C - Call on absent members.
- D - Devote a part of my time to the Lord each day.
- E - Exercise my freedom of religion.
- F - Fight for my church and what it stands for and help make it grow.
- G - Give thanks to God for daily blessings.
- H - Help a faltering brother and bring him back into the fold.
- I - Invite more sinners to attend church.
- J - Join in church activities and become more active.
- K - Keep in mind the teachings of Jesus.
- L - Live my Christian life each day so no one will doubt me.
- M - Make a resolution to be a better member of my church.
- N - Noble is the man who lives for Christ.
- O - Offer a helping hand to missionaries in their work.

- P - Pray for the lost and for the drawing closer of each member of church.
- Q - Quiet my unrest and help to calm others. Refrain from anger.
- R - Read the church covenant and try to better understand it.
- S - Send gospel to all the world.
- T - Testify at every opportunity and not be ashamed of the Lord.
- U - Unite together and build a stronger church.
- V - Vanquish the thoughts of those who seek to oppress us.
- W - Wrong doings help no one - do good to all.
- X - X represents an unknown quantity of blessings in store for all
- Y - Yield to the will of the Lord and follow in His steps.
- Z - Zeal is a wonderful trait - be zealous in all church activities.

By Mrs. Oneida Lombard, Member  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Monett, Missouri

## 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  
Leadinton ..... Rev. Robert Wilfong  
Copper Mines ..... Rev. Willard Darnell  
Myrtle ..... Rev. Dale Skiles  
Kirksville ..... Rev. Leland Horton  
Overland ..... Rev. Harry Asher  
Berkeley ..... Rev. Harvey Hill  
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  
Carterville ..... Rev. Wm. Beazley  
Fredericktown ..... Rev. C. H. Burton  
Pleasant Grove .....  
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, Thayer ..... Rev. Joe Sisk  
Sunny View, Lebanon ..... Rev. Bill Eden  
Mt. Zion, Cuba, Mo. .... Rev. Selph Jones  
Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary .....  
Granby Church ..... Rev. O. T. Allred

Cuba ..... Rev. G. J. Pingleton  
Garfield ..... Rev. Howard Bowers  
Neosho ..... Rev. Robert Duck  
Mine La Motte ..... Rev. John Long  
Union Light ..... Rev. O. D. Matthews  
Bethel ..... Rev. Davie Combs  
Mt. Pisgah ..... Rev. Fred Wynn  
Fourth, St. Louis ..... Rev. Max Courtney  
Twin Oaks ..... Rev. Truman Huffman  
Victory ..... Rev. Glen Rehkop  
Mill Creek ..... Rev. Lloyd Durbin  
Beacon ..... Rev. Woodrow Matthews  
First, Kansas City ..... Rev. Alice Dickey  
Merl's Chapel ..... Rev. Otho Boyd  
Oskaloosa ..... Rev. O. J. Mackey  
Jones Chapel ..... Rev. E. Jensen  
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  
Liberty ..... Rev. Cleo Covington  
Desloge ..... Rev. Jesse Webb  
Meremac Heights .....  
Festus ..... Rev. Chester Weir  
Pleasant Hill Church ..... Rev. J. W. King  
Macedonia Church ..... Rev. Selph Jones  
First Church, Greenfield ..... Rev. Lowell Martin  
Hickory Grove ..... Rev. Ralph Cook  
Northside ..... Rev. Frank Giunta  
Hazel Creek ..... Rev. Cletus Nichols  
Olivet—Marshall ..... Rev. James Elmore  
Marshfield Church ..... Rev. Wm. Reeves  
Pleasant Ridge, Alton ..... Rev. A. T. Warren  
Lead Hill, Mansfield ..... Rev. Chas. Findley  
Viburnum Church ..... Rev. S. A. Hand  
Central Church, Kansas City . Rev. James McAllister