


FREE WILL BAPTIST

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Free Will
Baptists**

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

October 4-5th. Pastor Jesse Dunkin, and the Clifton Free Will Baptist Church was host to the Cave Springs Minister and Quarterly Meeting Conference with twenty-two churches represented. Gospel messages were delivered by Rev. Sam Johnson, Charley Gower, Dale Skiles, Lewis Stephens, Terry Forest, and Donnie Morris. Donnie was licensed in this session. Following the noon service each day, a bountiful dinner was served in their recently finished church basement. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative program, and several purchased new bibles from the book store display.

Sunday Oct. 6th, I was privileged to be with Pastor Sam Johnson, and the Smyrna Church, also to bring the 11 A.M. sermon. I enjoyed good fellowship and a congenial attitude toward future support of the Co-operative Plan. Sunday night Pastor Chas. Gower arranged combined service with Norman and Oak Grove, held at Oak Grove Church. I brought the message and received favorable response to the State Work.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting convened with Pastor Lloyd Durbin and the Mill Creek Church near Fredericktown, Friday night, October 11-12th with all churches represented, good spiritual services and harmonious session through entire meeting and with a good dinner served in the church basement at noon Saturday. Time was given for explanation of 1963 allocation of Missouri Cooperative fund; which the majority of these churches support already. We welcome Fredericktown's new pastor, Rev. Bobbie Jones and family into our state. May the Lord give them a fruitful ministry here.

Sunday, October 13th I visited Pastor Florence Long and the Marble Hill Church.

We had a good spiritual fellowship with them; preached the 11 A.M. sermon, promoted both the local and state work while there. Sunday P.M. I joined Rev. Ronnie Graham and Old Bethel in league and preaching service; soliciting, and encouraging them to support Co-operative work. The most encouraging thing happening in each Quarterly meeting in Missouri, is the good number of fine young ministers responding to God's Call; and taking up the work as pastors, evangelists and co-workers.

I am thankful for fifteen students from our state attending our Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tennessee, further preparing themselves for the gospel ministry.

October 25. St. Louis District Youth Rally and Bible Bowl held with the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood, preceding Quarterly Meeting held with the Salem Church at Salem, Missouri. Saturday, October 26 all churches represented by letter and delegates. Good harmonious session. Three young men licensed and one to be ordained this quarter to preach the gospel.

I was privileged to bring the missionary message for the Sunlight Missionary Conference at Cabool Church, October 27. Good response to Missouri Home Missions offering. Also privileged to be with Pastor Clyde Montgomery and the Oak Grove Church and bring the message and Sunday night with Pastor Tommy Carlson and Willow Springs Church and bring the message.

October Co-operative receipts were good. Brethren, let's rally and go over the top for the Lord.

New catalogues for 1964 are available. Please write for yours. Address all correspondence to 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis 11, Missouri

Harry Beatty

EDITOR'S NOTES

I am sorry for the delay in last months paper; however for the next few months it probably be late. So please bear with us as we try to improve our state paper. We would like for more of the churches to send in news concerning their churches. What they are doing and etc. If you do something of a special interest that you can send a picture concerning it, do so. I would like as many pictures as possible.

Let me hear from some of you concerning our new paper. How do you like it? Do you think it looks better than it did? Is there anything that you think might make it a better paper? Let me know what each of you think.

Yours for Christ,
Rev. Bud Hill,
Editor

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THE MISSION FIELD

MISSIONARIES TO THE FIELD

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks sailed on October 15 from New York City for the Bondoukou Circle in Ivory Coast, Africa, to begin their second term as missionaries. The Sparkses have been on furlough for the past nineteen months during which time Mr. Sparks engaged in deputation work as well as taking additional studies at Wycliffe Linguistic School and at the University of Michigan. The Sparkses will live at the Goumere station.

Missionaries Eddie and Sandra Payne will sail on October 23 from New York City for Switzerland for a one year study in language school before going to Africa. Upon the arrival of the Paynes in Africa the Free Will Baptist missionary force will include six couples.

ADJUSTMENT MADE IN CUBAN WORK

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--The Board of Home Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in joint session agreed that the Board of Foreign Missions undertake full responsibility for work among Cubans and other Spanish speaking peoples in Miami, Florida.

During recent months the boards have worked jointly in operation of Free Will Baptist Refugee Center in Miami while the Home Mission Board has continued sponsorship of the Spanish Free Will Baptist Church. The boards agreed that under the emergency circumstances existing it is in the best interests of the Spanish work in Miami that work be under auspices of only one board. In view of the fact the Mis-

sionaries Thomas and Mabel Willey of the foreign board are located in Miami, the home board acted to relinquish its responsibility in Miami to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The transition of responsibility will be completed by December 31.

APPROVED FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Louis and Florine Coscia were approved for missionary service in Brazil during the recent session of the Board of Foreign Missions in Nashville. They will begin itinerary in denominational churches immediately and will depart for language study in Campinas, Brazil, as soon as support is underwritten.

The Coscias presently reside in Memphis, Tennessee. They have both attended Free Will Baptist Bible College from which Florine was graduated with honors.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS IN BRAZIL

Los Angeles, Calif. (MNS)--More than 2,000 public decisions for Christ were registered in an eleven-day evangelistic crusade in Brazil, it was reported here by Dr. B. H. Pearson, president of World Gospel Crusades. Evangelist for the crusade was Dr. Torrey Johnson, and the featured soloist was Negro singer Jimmie McDonald.

For eight days every church in Pibeirao Preto, in the State of Sao Paulo, united for the crusade which was held nightly in a large basketball stadium. School meetings, park services, street meetings and plantation meetings were held during the day, reaching additional hearers. The vice-mayor of the city was among those making a public decision.

P.O. Box 1201
Waipahu, Hawaii
October, 1963

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners:

The LandFund is coming in slowly. We have received about one third of the \$60,000 which is needed by December 31 and there are only three more months to go. We have been blessed by many who have responded. Our good friends at Coffer's Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, have contributed \$115. A young lad at the National Association used the money he was saving to buy a BB gun to buy some land in Hawaii, a young lad in Kentucky who gets his spending money by mowing lawns went to his customers and collected for two weeks in advance in order to have money to buy land in Hawaii. A very dear friend in North Carolina who went to the beauty parlor each week has started fixing her own hair and putting that amount that she saves into the Hawaii Land Fund. One dear saint of God in Kentucky did not get to attend the National Association because she gave the money that she had saved for that purpose into the Hawaii Land Fund. These are only a few of the examples of the many friends who have given sacrificially to this urgent need.

In closing let me appoint you as a delegate to keep this urgent need before your church and its auxiliaries, your district and your state associations. You are very necessary to this cause--please help us to victory in 1963.

As we attain our goal and go on to victory our desire is that everyone "...may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it." Isaiah 41:20.

For Christ in Hawaii,
Luther, Helen, and Brenda Sanders

Alaska for Christ

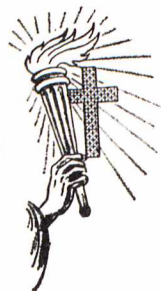
"Lift up your eyes,
and look on
the fields, for
they are white
already to harvest."

—John 4:35

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Vernon, and
Rodney Whaley



Woman's Auxiliary



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"HOME AND THANKSGIVING"

The previous winter had been very cold and hard and it had but only a few isolated memories that were cherishable by the small band of surviving families. The summer, however, had been prosperous and God had blessed their devoted efforts. The fruits of their labors had filled the common pantry and corn crib. These, our forefathers, were people who had sense enough to recognize that God was to be praised for their change in fortune, and that He was solely responsible. Oh, we would that their children were living by the same principles today.

Coming together they eagerly united their prayers, explaining their thankful-

ness to God for all the good things He had done for them. "Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter's storms begin." Lifting high their voices, and higher yet their hearts and prayers, they were able to "raise the song of harvest home". Home to God, where all praise belongs.

Their homes and garner were filled for the coming winter; corn and beans in the pantry, potatoes in the cellar, dried meats in the smokehouse, hay and fodder in the barn and corn in the crib. They had not, however, gathered the most important harvest of all to be placed in the greatest storehouse. Praises, to God in Heaven.

They were faithful to this obligation because they were grateful in their hearts for God's goodness. We become unfaithful because of lost gratitude. Others of us annually become mechanically faithful without the slightest feeling of gratefulness, nor the least sound of praise, not a moments thought of prayer.

We are coming now again into the season of our annual pre-thanksgiving week of prayer. Let us, not mechanically, but with hearts filled with gratefulness to God, observe this time. Remember our offerings to the National Home Mission Department.

May your home, and mine, have a true thanksgiving spirit this year.

LEBANON, MISSOURI

An installation service was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church on October 2, and officers for the Woman's Auxiliary were installed.

The pastor, Rev. Dale Jones, was installing officer. As each officer was installed, she added a link to a chain, representing the unending love of Christ.

Officers for the coming year are: Freida Hays, president; Marilyn Allen, vice-president; Beth Florence, youth chairman; Elvis Braboy, study course chairman; Madeline Loney, prayer chairman; Farron Jones, personal service; Esthel Sutton, recording secretary; Gladys Montgomery, corresponding secretary; Sybil Agan, treasurer; Jean Bowman, midgits chairman; Dorothy Mosier, music director; Hazel Embry and Ila Garrett, refreshment committee.

It was voted to select a committee to look for and decide on a new glass door for the church. As a project for this year, the Auxiliary voted to work toward an air conditioning system for the church. Gifts for the Free Will Baptist orphanage will

be brought to the November meeting.

A study course of the Auxiliary Manual will be held at the home of Mrs. Elvis Braboy.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary met October 2 with Mrs. Hilda Nichals, with 10 members, 1 visitor, 4 children present.

There were 503 Bible chapters read, 24 sick calls, 9 cards sent. We voted to send \$20.00 to the Billows for the support of a student to their Bible institute. We also voted to buy material and make layette for the Provision closet in Nashville, Tenn.

The lesson of "The Story of Two Sisters" was given.

NORTH EAST MISSOURI WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The North East Missouri Woman's Auxiliary 5th Sunday Meeting met September 29 with the Hazel Creek Church after the regular services. A basket dinner was served to a large group.

Rev. Mildred Gilliam gave the devotional using Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, 12:1. Letters from Hazel Creek, New Harmony, and Kirksville Auxiliary were read for information.

The next meeting will be with the New Harmony Church. Announcement was made about the District Auxiliary Workshop, which was at the Hazel Creek Church October 17.

The program was given following the business. Mrs. Vivian James gave a reading entitled "Five Minutes After I Die". A play, "Crowns", was presented by the Kirksville Auxiliary. Hazel Creek boys' quartet sang, "We Will Rise and Shine". Rev. Leland Horton delivered the afternoon message using Genesis 13:14-18. Following the message the Kirksville Trio sang "Seeking The Lost".

Slides were shown of the Rev. LaVerne Miley and his work in the field of Africa.

FLAT RIVER

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met September 19, 1963 in the fellowship hall of the church for their All-Day service with 11 members and 3 visitors present.

We had our study by Mrs. Hilderbrand, our text was on "If You Were A Heathen", by Oswald J. Smith. This book is full of wonderful truths about our missionaries and their work in other parts of the world, and the needs of millions of people who have never heard the story of "Christ".

We were dismissed with prayer for the

noon hour and for lunch and fellowship. Pray for us that God will help us to live in His will and be a blessing to others.

NORTHSIDE, ST. LOUIS

Our ladies Auxiliary met Tuesday, September 17, at Northside Free Will Baptist Church.

We had a report from our committee taking care of the plans for our pie supper scheduled for October 19.

Our meeting was followed by our program which dealt with the Sparks family in Africa, who are doing wonderful work for the Lord. Refreshments were then served by our hostess, Vivien Miller.

GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Arnold, Mo. met Tuesday, September 17, in the fellowship hall of the church.

Plans are being made for an Enlistment Banquet to be held in October or November. We also plan to organize a G.T.A. and to make tray mats for hospitals in the very near future.

Hazel Hughes gave a flannelgraph of the "Sower", "Seed", "Soil". The program was truly a spiritual one.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

We met August 15 at the church for a lesson in the Co-Laborer; Arise, Shine!

On August 29 we met for study. II Tim. 2:15 tells us to "study to show thyself approved unto God...". We studied some chapters on Stewardship taught by sister Jerry Wilfong. It was a timely lesson, so many good thoughts were brought out and I am sure each one of us felt stronger in spirit after our study.

At a previous meeting we elected our officers for the following year: President, Allie Penrod; Vice-President, Ruby Boren; Sec.-Treas., Jerry Wilfong; Program Prayer, Maxine Clay; Study Course, Iva Treaster; Personal Service, Eunice Edwards; Corresponding Secretary, Anna Lincoln; Youth Chairman, Doris Milburn.

Our project for this year is helping to buy land in Hawaii for our Missionary work. Also our women are now making uniforms for members of the G.T.A.

We welcome Sister Eunice Edwards back home again. I am sure she needs no introduction to the W.N.A.C. We need her to labor with us.

Cor. Sec., Anna Lincoln

FLAT RIVER AUXILIARY

September 3rd the Woman's Auxiliary of

the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. met in the fellowship hall.

During the business session a report of a prayer service at the home of "Pa" Henson was given by personal service chairman, and a report of picnic sponsored by the St. Francois Co. Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting for teens was given by Youth Chairman.

Officers elected were: President, Genevieve White; Vice President, Jane Norris; Secretary, Jean Blakeley; Treasurer, Frankie Eaton; Personal Service Chairman, Marion Wilson; Program Prayer Chairman, Edith Keeney; Study Course Chairman, Lizzie Williams; Youth Chairman, Jean Blakeley.

A social for the G. T. A. and B. A. groups was planned.

The installation of the new officers for the Woman's Auxiliary and Y.P.A. is being planned.

Cor. Sec., Jean Blakeley

THAYER AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer F. W. B. Church met August 13 at the church with sixteen members and two new members making a total of eighteen members present.

The meeting was opened by Helen Underwood, president, reading scripture reading Daniel 12:3 and Matthew 5:14-16.

Refreshments were served in the church dining room by Gola Carrol, Maxine Bostic and Shirley Caldwell.

Cor. Sec., Roby Brewer

FIRST CHURCH KANSAS CITY AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the church September 3 for the regular meeting with eight members and two visitors present.

We voted to start a library for the Auxiliary.

Mr. Sapp and Mrs. Hill joined the Auxiliary, and we were dismissed by an altar prayer.

Cor. Sec., Lela Freeman

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NEWS FROM THAYER

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met October 1 with 14 members and one visitor present. The meeting opened by president Helen Underwood reading 1st Tim. 5:9-10. Prayer by Philis Miller. Song: Count Your Blessings. Officers reports were given. Minutes read by Charline Janes and approved. Business meeting was closed with prayer by Essie Crass. Topics were given by Nettie Bennet, Clara Allen. Meeting closed with prayer.

Ruby Brewer, Corres. Sec.

LEADINGTON F.W.B. CHURCH GO-TELL AUXILIARY AWARDS September 15, 1963 7:30 P.M.

Piano Prelude-----Wanda Ragsdale
County Youth Chairman

"We've a Story To Tell"----- No. 197
Scripture-----Jean Blakely

County Secretary-Treasurer
Proverbs 2:1-6

Evening Offering

"I'll Go Where You Want Me No. 383
To Go"--G.T.A. Hymn

Charge of Ranks-----Jerry Wilfong
County Program Chairman

PRESENTATION OF RANKS

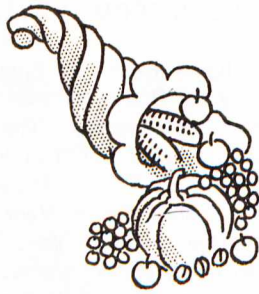
Doris Milburn--G.T.A. Sponsor

Prayer of Consecration-----Pastor
"Have Thine Own Way"-----No. 158
Benediction

ASSUMES DUTIES

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE--Mrs. Cleo Pursell, newly elected executive secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, has assumed her duties as of September 25th. Mrs. Pursell replaces Mrs. Eunice Edwards who served for seven years. The Pursells came to Nashville from Torrance, California, and reside at 413 Normandy Circle, Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE -- Several boxes of tupperware, towels and linens have been received recently for the Missionary Provision Closet. However, according to an announcement by Mrs. Cleo Pursell, executive secretary of WNAC, other articles are badly needed. Two missionary families have requested Melmac. Flatware and pressure cookers are also needed and may be obtained at reduced rates through WNAC.



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

SERVICE AT HOME FOR AGED

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River conduct a service the First Sunday of each month at the Thomas Dell Home for Aged in Farmington.

The October 6 program was by the members of the YPA. Poems were by Nancy Gammon, Rosie King and Joan Matthews. The scripture reading was by Tamera Burt with comments by the church pastor, the Rev. Gene Morris. The girls trio of Trudy Busenbark, Diana Honbeck and Marilyn Hard sang two songs. The quartet, Bob Vineyard and Mrs. Dale Blakeley along with two members of the YPA, Trudy Busenbark and Marilyn Hard sang three songs. Mrs. Bob Vineyard was the pianist.

The folks of the Home enjoyed the service and it was inspirational to the church folk attending.

FILM STRIP PREMIERED

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - A new 23 minute sound film strip titled "Unto the Uttermost" was premiered at the 14th annual missionary conference held here this month. Prepared by the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptist missions in Africa, India, Japan and Latin America.

The film strip is available from the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions on a free will offering basis or may be purchased outright through Free Will Baptist Book Store for \$7.95. Both addresses are 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

REVIVAL AT MONETT

The Rev. Glen Rehkop of Kansas City, Missouri is the evangelist at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri.

The revival began November 11 and will continue until the last part of the month. Rev. Bud Hill is the pastor.

MONETT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS CLASS MEETING

The Truth Seekers class of the First Baptist Church met October 24 for a fel-

lowship supper in the social hall of the church.

After the bountiful supper, which was enjoyed by all, the class gathered for the devotional period and business meeting. Joe Davis led the group in singing, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Rev. James McCully led in the opening prayer. For scripture reading Elmer Johnson read Psalm 133. Mrs. Lloyd Jeffreys, teacher of the class, read a poem, "The Church and the World," and also conducted the business meeting.

New officers were elected during the business session. Class officers are: Mrs. Junior McCracken, president; Mrs. Ralph Davis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Wayne Terrell, reporter. The class voted to have a fellowship meeting each month. Members also decided to redecorate their Sunday School class room. The ladies met on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 to begin the work. Following other business the meeting was dismissed in prayer led by Junior McCracken.

NEWS ITEMS LISTED

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - The National League Board has announced a new order blank which contains the latest prices and a list of more than twenty-five items which do not appear on the old order blanks. Old order blanks should be discarded. New blanks will be mailed in November to all those who order league literature. You may, however, write for your supply now and they will be mailed promptly.

WEEKEND REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River had a weekend revival September 28, 29 with the Rev. Jerry Norris of the Free Will Baptist Bible College as evangelist. The young people of the church sang in the choir Saturday evening.

The messages Sunday morning and evening were by the Rev. Norris. The services were inspirational. The Rev. Gene Norris is church pastor.

FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER DIES

Rev. Charles Miller of St. Louis, Missouri died October 17, 1963 at 5:00 a.m. Rev. Miller had been in ill health for a number of months. Our Christian

sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dorothy Miller and to the children, Stanley of St. Louis and Cecil of California. Funeral services were held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown with Rev. Bud Arnold officiating.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The St. Louis Quarterly Meeting was held October 26th at the Free Will Baptist Church in Salem, Missouri. This day of services was enjoyed by all. Rev. Bud Arnold is the moderator.

FREE WILL BAPTIST COUPLE OBSERVED GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pirtle of Flat River observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, October 6, with a reception in the fellowship hall of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River.

The Pirtles are parents of three children, Mrs. Elwood Pinkley of Viburnum, Charles Pirtle of Placentia, California, and Lawrence (deceased). They have ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Over four hundred friends and relatives visited during the reception. They were presented many beautiful gifts and were honored by receiving a telegram from former President Dwight Eisenhower of Gettysburg, Pa.

They were married October 11, 1913 in Fredericktown, Mo. by the Rev. J. W. Ross. They have resided most of their married life in the Lead Belt area and have operated a grocery store for over forty years.

They are faithful members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River and Mr. Pirtle has served as deacon and Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Pirtle is active in the Womans Auxiliary and other church work.

A poem "Golden Wedding" was printed in the church bulletin by the church pastor, the Rev. Gene Norris, in honor of the Pirtles.

SPECIAL OFFERING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri voted at their last business meeting to start giving \$10.00 a month to missions. This is above their Co-Operative giving. This money will be

designated to one of our Missionary Families each month.

NEW DEPARTMENTS ORGANIZED

Sunday, October 6, the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River was divided into departments. Each department met promptly at 10 o'clock and a devotional was enjoyed.

The leaders in the Cradle Roll, Beginner and Primary department were Marilyn Hard and Rosie King. Lucy Shaffer, Beulah Henson and Virginia Watkins are class teachers.

The leaders of the Junior and Junior

High Department are Trudy Busenbark and Diana Honbeck and class teachers are Mrs. Bob Wilson and Ben LaBrot.

The Senior department leaders are Shirley Maze, Sherdell Gammon and Joyce Horton. Mrs. Dale Blakeley is class teacher.

George Matthews is leader of the adult department. The class teachers are the Rev. Gene Norris, Walter Pirtle, Mrs. Floyd Scott, Mrs. Leslie White, Lee Gammon.

Cleo Black is Sunday School superintendent; Gordon Holmes is assistant superintendent and the Rev. Gene Norris is church pastor.

REVIVAL AT BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

The Mt. Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Blue Eye has just closed a wonderful revival meeting. The evangelist for the two week meeting was Rev. Bud Hill of Monett, Mo.

There were only two rededications and just one soul converted. Although the results seemed to be small it was well worth the effort. The church was revived by the Holy Spirit and by the soul searching gospel messages that Bro. Hill brought.

The church is looking forward to continued success in reaching lost men and women, boys and girls for the Lord.

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:

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Mt. Zion Gower Rev. Ralph Cook
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First, Flat River Rev. Gene Norris
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First, Waynesville Rev. Marvin Allsman
Grace, Arnold Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope Rev. A. A. Hogue
First Church, Aurora
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
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye Rev. Gary Terrell

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
Jones Chapel Rev. E. Jenson
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana Rev. Len Gardner
New Harmony Rev. Mildred Gilliam
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SERMON

OF

THE

MONTH

REV. LEN GARDNER
PASTOR OF THE
PLEASANT RIDGE FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH OF URBANA, MISSOURI

THE DEVIL'S PAY DAY

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23.

When God placed man on this earth, He gave man a choice as to whether he would be obedient to God or to the Devil. The Lord said, "The laborer is worthy of his hire," so whichever we serve, the Lord or the Devil, we can expect to receive the wages of our labor.

Everyone wants to receive a fair return for his services, and it is only fair that they should. Even Peter said, "Lord, we have forsaken all and followed thee. What shall we have therefore?" The Lord did not rebuke Peter for this question, but answered him and told him what they would receive. It is a wise plan to stop and consider what the results will be before we enter anything. It is wise to consider what the end will be as well as what the beginning is. What wages shall we receive?

Let's consider now the wages promised for serving the Lord with those promised for serving the Devil. In our text we have the words, "For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." This is a good comparison of what we receive for serving the Lord and what we receive for serving the Devil, but this is not the only comparison we have given in the Bible. This shows us what we receive when we come to the end of life's way here on this earth, which is very important, but first I would like to compare some of the wages we receive while we live here on this earth.

First, let us look at some of the wages of sin. Let us look at what the Bible says about the wages for the sin of adultery. Proverbs 5:4 speaking of an adulterous woman says, "But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two edged sword. Her feet go down to death: her steps take hold on hell." So we see that the wages

for adultery are bitterness, misery, death, and hell.

Now let's look at the wages for the sin of drunkenness. Proverbs 23:32 says, "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:21 says, "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." Nahum 1:10 says, "While they are drunken as drunkards they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry." The wages of drunkenness is poverty, misery, death, and hell.

Now let's look at the wages for seeking worldly pleasures. Proverbs 14:13 says, "Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful, and the end of that mirth is heaviness." Proverbs 21:17 tells us that he that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man. Isaiah, speaking of the person given to pleasure, says in chapter 47, verse 9, "But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection, for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments." Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 5:6 that she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she yet liveth. The wages of seeking worldly pleasures are poverty, loss of children and loved ones, sorrow, death, and hell.

Now let's look at the wages for making money our god. 1 Timothy 6:9 says, "But they that will be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction, and perdition." Deuteronomy 8:13-14 tells us that riches turn the heart from God. Mark 4:19 tells us that the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and cause us to become unfruitful. In Jeremiah 17:11 we find that he that getteth riches and not by right shall leave them in the midst of his days and at his end shall be a fool.

Now let's look at the sin of disobeying God and rejecting Christ. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were driven from the

garden of Eden and were punished for their disobedience. The prophet of Judah disobeyed God and was slain. Lot's wife disobeyed God and was turned into a pillar of salt. Jonah disobeyed God and went down into the depths of the sea. Matthew 10:33 says, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father which is in heaven."

The Bible tells us that adulterers, drunkards, idolaters, coveters, extortioners, liars, thieves, disobedient, and unbelieving shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven. The wages of sin are bitterness, misery, poverty, sorrow, loss of children and loved ones (to the devil), death and hell. No wonder Moses chose to suffer afflictions with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Now let's look at the wages promised for serving God. Read the first Psalm and you will see that the man that serves God is promised blessing and that whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together for good to them that love God. Christ told Peter that everyone that hath forsaken houses or lands, or brethren or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife or children for my name sake shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matthew 19:29. God has all through the Bible promised good to those who serve and obey Him. In Galatians 6:22-23 we are told that "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." What more could we ask for than peace, joy, blessings, happiness, and love. These are the wages of a Christian, and then in addition to that, a gift or bonus which is eternal life. "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Think it over. "Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death." James 1:15. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve,.....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

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(Mission Field)

MISSIONARY TO BE RETIRED

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE --Miss Bessie Yeley, who has served for the past eight years under the Home Mission Board of the National Association will be retired as of December 31. Miss Yeley is presently living in Miami, Florida, where she has been ministering to the Cuban refugees. Prior to this she ministered on the border of Old Mexico for five years, in Cuba for twelve years and in Venezuela for eight years. Thus Miss Yeley will have completed twenty-eight years of service as a missionary.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS OFFERINGS FOR MISSOURI September, 1963

Beacon FWB Church	30.77
Leona M. Knapp, Raytown	7.70
James Barker, Farmington	15.00
South Side FWB Church	111.64
Fellowship FWB Church	31.00
Co-op, Hqts.	170.48
Rock Springs FWB Church	13.23
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church	25.00
North Side FWB Church	4.22
First FWB Church, Monett	4.00
Carl Johnson, itinerate	422.12
Finis Sorrell, Myrtle	2.00
South Side Jr. Dept., St. Louis	7.52
Festus First FWB Church	2.00
Oma L. Scott, Mt. Grove	5.00
Mt. Pisgah FWB Church	48.60
Willow Spgs. FWB Woman's Aux., Mt. Grove	5.00
Youth Group, First FWBC Kirksville	2.00
Jr. Girls SS Class&Jr. League Leadington	7.50
Leadington FWB Church	15.00
Laura Barnard Circle, Monett	5.00
Central FWBC, Kansas City	5.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Means, Willow Springs	5.00
Overland FWB Primary Girls SS	6.65
North Side FWB Church	30.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mt. Grove	5.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	7.04
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Cabool FWB Church	11.75
Victory FWB Beginners SS	10.60
Victory FWB Church	21.50
Friends	9.50
Woman's Aux. First FWB Monett	10.00
Central FWB Christian Youth Club, Kansas City	4.04
Mo. State Woman's Aux. Conv.	128.02
W.N.A.C. Hqts.	2.50
Mrs. W.F. Walker, Mt. Grove	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,266.38

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI September, 1963

West Plains FWB Church	\$19.16
Thayer FWB Church	19.00
South Side FWB Church	254.00
D.V.B.S., Greentops	14.43
Rock Springs FWB Church	11.32
Cooperative Plan of Support	308.98
Fellowship FWB Church	135.00
FWBC, Fredericktown	40.00
Oak Grove SS Class	25.00
Carolee Barton	5.00
Grace FWB Church	45.00
Victory FWB Church	10.50
North Side FWB Church	12.66
Parkview FWB Church	15.00
Pleasant Grove Church	17.55
Clyde Gross	38.00
Wilma Whitley	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Joplin	5.00
Willow Springs FWB Church	10.65
First FWB Church, Festus	3.00
FWB Church, Avondale	16.67
Valentine Arnold	10.00
Leadington FWB Church	19.50
Union Light Church	49.75
FWB Church, Berkeley	45.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	75.00
L. E. Means	2.00
Thomas Earnest	10.00
Six yr. old SS class, St. Louis	10.00
J. A. Hoyt	15.00
Myrtle FWB Church	28.04
Parkview FWB Church	25.00
Pleasant Hill Church	8.00
Grace FWB Church	11.00
VBS-First FWB Ch., Greenfield	9.56
Hazel Creek Union Church	60.08
W.N.A.C.	42.84
Hope Combs	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church	15.00
	\$1,448.69

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CONTACT INCREASED IN SIZE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - With the October, 1963 issue, CONTACT became a 28 page magazine. For ten years the magazine had been published as a 16 page monthly. In its new format, CONTACT will carry a two-color cover. Subscription prices are now \$2.00 per year for individual subscriptions, \$1.72 per year for the Church Family Plan and 15¢ per copy on the bundle plan. CONTACT is the official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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Thayer	40.57
Mill Creek Sunday School	15.18
Union Light	16.70
Alton	13.00
Carterville	14.86
Pleasant Hill	10.00
St. Louis District	129.69
Mine La Motte	11.08
Copper Mines	27.26
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2047.66

DISBURSED

55 % National F.W.B. Ass'n	126.21
20 % Mo. Promotional Dept.	409.53
8.5% Mo. Home Missions	174.05
7 % General Fund	143.35
4.5% Free Will Baptist Gem	92.14
4.0% Mo. Youth Camp	81.91
1.0% Mo. Superannuation	20.47
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$2047.66



Rev. O.T. Dixon gives to us a devotional thought at state meeting.

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS



Winners in the State Bible Drill Contest. Miss Wilfong, 1st place; Miss C. Tallent, 2nd place. Miss Wilfong is from the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church and Miss Tallent is from the Southside Free Will Baptist Church.

THE DIVINE CALL

By John S. Cuft

After I was saved on July 14, 1957, I had a real desire in my heart to tell others what God had done for me. As I went from church to church that summer with some preacher friends, I had many opportunities to give my testimony. During this time God began to deal with my heart about preaching. I wanted to preach, but I was just 16 years old, had only been saved a little over a month, and I was sure my parents would object strongly. With these three strikes against me, I began to pray and seek the will of God. The burden and desire to preach became increasingly greater. The fear of what people would say about a 16 year old boy preaching and not knowing for sure that God had called me to preach, made me keep the desire to myself.

Then one day near the last of September of the same year, I came home from school and Gordon Hart, a preacher from my home church was waiting to see me. We sat in his car and began to fellowship together. Then it happened, right out of the clear blue sky he popped the question.

"Will you preach for me Sunday?" The question shocked me speechless at first. Then I said, "Why, I'm no preacher." He laughed as he said, "I know that." But the doctor had told him not to preach because he had throat trouble, and all he wanted me to do was give my testimony and make a few comments. I don't know why I said yes, but I did.

As soon as Gordon left, I went to my

room, got down on my knees and told the Lord I would preach no matter what people said. I could never tell you the peace that came into my heart that day as I said yes to God. From that day forward I have never doubted that God called me to preach.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A HAY RIDE

On October 12 at the Hillcrest Ranch, the Christ Ambassadors of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri sponsored a hayride. The young people each had a marvelous time with lots of fun and eats. After returning from the ride, the young people enjoyed a time of games. Most of the young people said that this was the best hayride that they had ever had.

A CHRISTMAS FLOAT

The Senior Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri is planning on having a Christmas Float in the Christmas parade which will be held in Monett on November 30th. There will be five prizes given for the best floats.



ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

By Chesley A. Hill

Sponsor of the Young People's Group at Southside Church

Today the world is faced with one of the greatest problems it has ever known, namely Juvenile Delinquency. Actually most of us are taking the problem too lightly. In fact, some of us have not given in any consideration whatsoever. However, this problem is very serious. So serious that our government and governments throughout the world have appointed committees to study it and try to come up with a solution. Churches,

Civic organizations, and even Lodge groups are coming up with suggestions to cope with it, yet, no one has come up with a definite solution. I believe that there is an answer to the problem and that it can be found in the Word of God. One of the best of these is Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Following are several suggestions to combat Juvenile Delinquency:

1. Parents: Become a Christian yourself and take your child to church with you. Many parents send their children to Sunday school and never attend themselves. They either like to sleep late or let some silly excuse keep them away. Is it fair to expect your children to become Christians if you are not one yourself?

2. Training: Give them religious training. In this so called Atomic age, most of us are too busy to give our children the proper religious training. Truthfully, they are your responsibility and early religious training may make the difference in whether they spend eternity in heaven or hell. How much time do you give to your children for religious training? How much time do they spend to prepare for eternity? Practically none compared to the training they receive to prepare them for this earthly life. For example, a child spends approximately eight years in grammar school, four years in high school and we skimp and save to give him from four to eight years in college. This means that by the time he reaches the age of from twenty-two to twenty-six he has spent one third of his life preparing for the remaining two-thirds. On the other hand we can't give them a few hours of religious training each week to make them better citizens and to prepare them for eternity which has no end. How foolish can man be? In I John 2:17 we read "And the world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

3. Love: We can combat juvenile delinquency through love and attention to our children. Most people are too busy to give them the love and attention which they are seeking and they find it elsewhere. At a very early age our children approach us with their problems and most of us consider them as unimportant. They come to us because they love us and respect our advice and consider their problems worthy of our advice. Their problems may seem minor to us, but to them they are important and they get very little help

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YOUR STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE BOARD REPORTS

Greetings in the name of our lovely Lord Jesus Christ.

For some time now it has been the burden of your State Sunday School and League Board to secure this space in the GEM for some promotional ideas for Sunday School and League.

Since this is our first report, let me introduce to you our plans. Each month, one of the members of your State Sunday School and League Board will be writing for this space, introducing to you our plans, our ideas, and our hearts desire to see our Sunday Schools and Leagues reach the top.

The number one item of discussion at any gathering of Ministers or Christian workers is "how many are you running in Sunday School." This may well be our number one problem also...instead of "teaching" and "training" our children, and reaching them for Christ, we're just "running" them through.

Our Board is a service board, therefore we would like to serve you. Perhaps we can offer suggestions, or ideas, send you some literature prepared by our Board, or come into your area or your local church for Sunday School and League workshops. (This of course would be on a limited basis, since we are full time Pastors and men who have daily jobs to do.)

The ministry of the Sunday School and League are of utmost importance to our Church growth. Through the Sunday School and League, our young people are taught, trained, and trusted to assume their individual places in the Lord's work.

Contact our Board if we can be of service to you. Our Secretary-Treasurer is Brother Hubert Haral, Route 2, Cabool, Missouri.

Board Member
Rev. Albert L. McFarland

A PARABLE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

"What man of you having an hundred sheep if he loses one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, saying unto them, rejoice with me; for I have found

Sunday School



my sheep which was lost." (Luke 15:4-6).

HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH 99 PER CENT ATTENDANCE: He did not go about shouting, "What a remarkable showing, only one absent."

HE FELT PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ONE WHO WAS NOT THERE: He went after the missing sheep. He did not say, "It will probably come back."

HE DID NOT GIVE UP: He went until he found it. Hidden away in its own indifference the straying sheep needs the searching shepherd.

HE WAS NOT SATISFIED UNTIL IT WAS SAFE WITHIN THE FOLD: This is the ultimate endeavor of every true Sunday

School teacher.

HE WANTED OTHERS TO SHARE HIS INTEREST AND JOY: His friends and neighbors must have come to feel that to find a lost sheep was the most joyous and worthwhile work in the world.

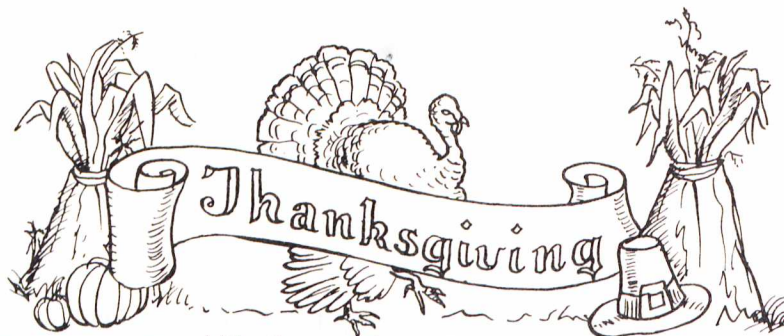
There are many lost sheep in our Sunday School! Many of them are straying because we have not cared enough to go out and find them and bring them in. Perhaps we tried for a little while but we grew weary and gave up. What do you think Jesus would have us do?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1963

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Copper Mines	61	75	82	95	84	83	88	95			
Fellowship, Flat River	179	178	192	214	201	191	183	179	175		
Leadington	49	54	61	62	55	53	49				
Farmington	75	87	87	93	81	74	82	89	99		
Mill Creek	52	49	71	82	68	64	77				
Berkeley City	230	241	366	343	268	256	228	243	234		
Richwoods	44	49	47	50	55	54	54				
Beacon	88	91	87	102	101	87	75	81			
Kirksville	62	66	65	79	78	62	62	68			
Grant Ave., Springfield	116	127	135	153	135	145	140	163	163		
Hazel Creek	39	48	56	61	63	56	54	55	59		
Mine La Motte	19	26	30	40	33	25	31	27	29		
First Ch. Flat River						119	109	111	121		
Overland Church	133	137		162	150			138	140		
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	304	317	357	385	357	316	348	339	357		
Bethel, West Plains	143	164	158	169	161	171	169	174	182		
Desloge	83	103	127	128	107	114	104	106	105		
Thayer	98	107	105	120	108	102	108	101			
Meramec Heights	27	27	32	29	38	32	34				
Faith, Lemay	89	96	102	106	92	85	84	87	89		
Union Light	89	103	103	117	111	116	109	117	114		
Olivet Church, Marshall	24	31	17	19	19	14					
First Church, Springfield	133	159	154	189	169	165	162				
Grace, Arnold	133	141		150	129	114					
Joplin	77	87	80	94	95	95	107				
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana		20	20	24	20	22	24	29			
Central, Kansas City			47	51	46		59	63	65		
Alton Church				96	96	75	98				
First Ch., Jefferson City					16	18	23	21			
Hannon							66	62	62		
Cabool						74	75				
First Church, Monett							116	125	133	131	
Garfield-Couch							40	47			
Salem							32	46			
Victory	57	74	79	78	72	76	65	76			



THANKSGIVING LIST

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

One evening, I visited with a friend and we talked of Thanksgiving. She had made a list of things that she was thankful for. I was curious to see what she had listed. So she read her list to me and talked of how important it was to her. I could see that what she said came straight from her heart. As I listened to her talk, I began to think of my life. She had something far better than I to be thankful for.

First, TRUTH - I asked myself how she could be thankful for truth. Well, we have the Bible which is the true word of God. And we have the privilege of reading the Bible every day, she explained.

HOME - "Well, who isn't thankful for home," I laughed. I'm thankful for my home and family she said, but I'm much more thankful for the home in heaven the Lord is preparing for me.

ALL - "How can anyone be thankful for just the word, All," I wondered. Then she explained that the Lord said, All can be saved. He didn't make any exceptions to color or race. All has the opportunity to come to Him.

NATION - "Sure, I'm thankful for my nation," I proudly exclaimed. In our nation, she said, we can go to church and Sunday School and not be afraid to worship and serve the Lord. We can listen to the Gospel messages our ministers bring and not the word of a dictator.

KING - "Now I know we do not have a King for a leader of our country." As she told me about her King and how thankful she is to be a "child of the King" and that He will reign forever, her face shone with love and praise. "Why, I never heard a King praised more than hers."

SAVIOUR - "I didn't know she knew anyone by that name." She explained how thankful she was for the Saviour who was born in an humble manger, died on the cross and rose the third day that we could be free from sin. "Well, I'd sure like to know him," I said.

GOD - Oh, she shouted, He is the same God today as He was yesterday and He will be the same throughout eternity. "Well, I thought, these three persons

sound like they are the same."

INVITATION - "Well, I supposed she had gotten an invitation to some big party she liked to remember." But she shook her head no, and told me how thankful she was that someone had given her the invitation to come to an old-fashioned altar and be born again and give her life to the Lord.

VICTORY - Oh, Praise the Lord for victory over sin and death through the Lord, she shouted again. "Well, this sounded like the greatest victory anyone had ever had," I said.

INCREASE - Did you know that only God can give the increase in whatever we plant in the land or in our spiritual life?, she went on to say. All we need do is plant and water, and God will do the rest. "Well, I had certainly never thought of it that way before."

NAME - "I've never regretted changing my name when I got married," I laughingly remarked. Oh, but I'm thankful that my name is written in God's Book of Life, she said. And He told me that "Whatever ye shall ask in my name, I will do." I know that He will, she went on, for I have tried it and He always answers.

GIFT - The last word on her list. I asked her if she was thankful for only one gift, when I knew she had received many gifts many times. Yes, she replied, the greatest gift of all - My Lord.

Well, I am going home and think over all that she has told me and see if I can be thankful for some of the same things she mentioned. I hope you have made your list and put the Lord at the top.



By: Mrs. O. Lombard

MY KITCHEN PRAYER

Dear Lord, As I go about my daily task,
I wish to thank Thee instead of ask;
I'm thankful for each cup of flour,
I'm glad for each pot and pan,
And as I bake and cook the best I can,
I know you're beside me each hour.
Thank you, Lord, for all you give me,
May it be a Blessing to Thee.

THE TWENTY-THIRD CHANNEL

The TV set is my shepherd. My spiritual growth shall want. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for it's name sake, because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good programs that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from the study of the Word of God. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend any of the evening services, and doing nothing in the Kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep viewing my TV as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. It's sound and it's pictures, they comfort me.

It preventeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God.

Surely, no good thing will come of my life, because my TV offereth me no good time to do God's Will, thus I will dwell in the place of the Devil and his angels forever.

Author Unknown

Sent in by Mrs. John Ackerson
Free Will Baptist Church
Richwoods, Missouri

HOME MISSION POEMS

Taken from Free Will Baptist Gem
Purdy, Missouri

Composed by Hattie Newman

In the cities, in the countries,
Where the people know not God;
We're going out to teach His precious
Word,
Where they think that worldly pleasure
Is all they need each day;
That is why we're out to labor for our
Lord.

O, I'll soon be with my, with my Savior,
In that happy heavenly home;
Even now the tho't, my soul, with rapture
thrills.
O, we want to take our loved ones
To that home beyond the skies,
Where we'll never more have to say
farewell.

We are called to carry a message
To the ones that're far away,
And our kindness we will show in every
home;

Just to tell them of a Savior, One
Who died to save them all;
That is why we all are laborers for God.

Many times we leave our homes
To carry a message full of love,
To ones that're sick and hungry: in dis-
tress;
And we tell them that our Lord
Is coming back to earth again,
He is ready now to help them and to
bless.

We will stand the trials and hardships
Just to tell the precious truth;
That the Gospel of our Savior doth con-
tain;
And if they will just obey them,
And be faithful to the end,
Up in heaven we will meet them all
again.

We should all be Mission workers,
For the time will soon arrive,
When our mission faithfully we have fin-
ished.
When our work on earth is ended,
And 'tis said of us, "Well done,"
O, we want to meet our Savior without
fail.

By Mother Fuller

I think God gives the Mission workers,
As through the land they go,
The most delightful mission here,
That any one can know.

We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And we'll be gathered home.

He wants us to help the poor;
Give love, and hope, and cheer,
To brighten up the shadows dark,
That so often gather here.

The clouds may hide the sunshine here,
Of heaven from our sight,
And life have much of sorrow now,
To mar the heart's delight.

But if like faithful Christians here,
We workers do our part;
We'll bring a ray of brightness
To every shadowed heart.

Then we will live our mission here,
Of good deeds day by day,
And scatter joy and gladness here,
About us all the way.

We'll chase away life's shadows too,
With loving words and deeds,
And be true Mission workers here,
For which the world has need.

In all life's shady places then,
We'll shine as best we can,
And we will do the Mission work,
Sent down from God to man.

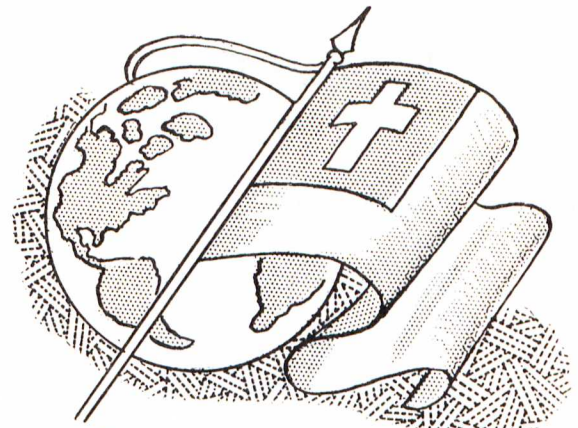
By Eld. A. B. Talbert

Do not wait until some deed of greatness
you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now be
true;
Work for Home Missions where you are.

Work for Home Missions where you are,
Work for Home Missions where you are;
One who needs assistance may glide
across the bar:
Work for Home Missions where you are.

Here for all your talents you may surely
find a need,
Here reflect the bright and morning star;
Even from your humble hand the bread of
life may feed,
Work for Home Missions where you are.

We are here to work with heart and soul,
One hundred thousand is our goal;
So toot your horn and set the pace,
We want no laggards in the race.



Oh, speed away, oh, speed away,
And work to boost the Mission work.
The race is on, the time has come;
Step on the gas and make her hum,
And ne'er forget where'er you roam,
That Mission work protects the home.

The power to act, the will to do,
Will put our cherished project through;
And with the effort nobly done,
The goal is reached; the prize is won.

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from us. After several unsuccessful at-
tempts they decide that father and mother
are not interested and seek advice else-
where and in most cases in the wrong
place.

4. Be a pal: Become a pal to your
children. Start at an early age by fishing
and hunting with them. Take an interest
in their hobbies. Attend sports events
with them. Make their interests your in-
terests, and above all attend church with
them.

5. Work: Give them a chance to work
in church. Most young people have an
abundance of energy which must be used.
Why not give them a chance to use it for
the Lord? A lot of oldtimers in the church
sort of resent this and do not want young
people to have any authority. Young
people are our future church. Therefore,
let's put them to work. If we do not,
Satan has an establishment on every cor-
ner beckoning to them.

6. Don't be a critic: Be a help, not a
critic. When a young person becomes a
Christian many of us are prone to criticize
them at each little mistake they make.
Let's remember that they are new born
babes in the Lord's work and need to be
taught to live for God. In a large majority
of cases they have not been raised in a
Christian home and need to be taught the
fundamentals of living a Christian life. A
child must learn to walk before he can
run. Let's not criticize, for criticism can
drive a young Christian away from the
Lord.

These are my suggestions to help com-
bat juvenile delinquency. What are yours?

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JUNE, 1934

MONETT LEAGUE REPORT

Mac Phillips, Reporter

Our league held our regular election of officers Sunday night, June 24th. Our present staff of officers were reelected for the next six months.

We are enjoying a real interest in our league.

We have a goodly number of older people who are taking great interest in the work and this makes it more interesting for all. We have two ministers of other denominations who are members of our league, and we appreciate their help very much.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to our next league rally which is to be held with our church the fifth Sunday in July.

REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE

Ruth Davis, Reporter

We are glad to report victory in our league work. We have a membership of about fifty with an average attendance of about forty.

Our new officers are as follows: President, Oleta Davis, Sec.-Treas., Rena Davis; Choir Leader, Ralph Davis; Pianist, Oleta Davis; Quiz Leaders, Katherine Brittenham and Philip Brittenham; Group Captains, Mary Henderson and Fern Davis; Reporter, Ruth Davis.

We are looking forward to the next league rally at Monett. We hope to see all the leagues present.

When you pray remember the Macedonia league workers.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI

Dear Editor of the Gem:

As I am sending in a new subscription, I will write a few lines.

As we look out this beautiful morning, we thank the Lord for the light of another day.

We have just attended our fifth Sunday meeting held at Norman church. A good delegation present. We had some fine preaching, and Sunday at 11:00 o'clock, Bro. Fred Dodson and Bro. Harry Beatty, two of our young ministers, preached. We thank God that He has sent them out to work in His vineyard; pray for them, that they may always be found faithful in discharging the duties they owe unto God.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. M. B. Cockman

AURORA, MISSOURI

We are glad to report another victory in Jesus' name, at our church here in Aurora.

Our meeting began April 8th and closed May 3rd. Elder Winford Davis was with us in this meeting and did all the preaching except when it was necessary for him to be away for his appointments at the churches where he is pastor.

This was another meeting where Christian people were made to shout God's praise, and sinners were made to tremble, because God's Spirit prevailed. Brother Davis preached the Word of God with great boldness and power in spite of the devil and all opposing powers, and strong men were broken down and wept and prayed their way to God. This meeting has been a great strength to the church, because the Christian people were revived and new recruits were added to our number.

We plan for baptizing May 20th.

Plans for the church building are being made and we expect to be busy getting material ready next week. Every one seems to be anxious to do their part in this work, and even outsiders are doing a wonderful part in helping us with the financial part; we sure appreciate it, and want to thank each one for what you have already done.

The women are making two quilts and embroidering in them the name of each person who gives ten cents or more to the new building of this new church. We welcome all contributions. These quilts are to be sold when finished. There is no gambling with it.

Eld. Noel Turner, 924 Rinker

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First well house at Youth Camp

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 21, 1934

The following is a brief report of our work since the organization of the Third Free Will Baptist church, May 4, 1933.

We organized with eleven charter members. We now have 66 members. Have dismissed three. Have had an increase of 58 during the year.

We organized our Sunday school with an enrollment of 31, and now have an average attendance of 75, with an enrollment of 109.

We have a splendid league and prayer meeting.

When we organized this work we did not have a dollar with which to pay expenses or purchase supplies. We borrowed 98 chairs and a few benches, and had the use of them until a short time ago. We made some good benches and returned the chairs. Some one gave us a piano; so we now own our own fixtures, and are practically out of debt. We value our property at \$150.00.

Sunday, May 20th, was a good day for us; we baptized four and received one into the fellowship of the church who had already been baptized. Saturday night we



Ball field at Youth Camp about the third or fourth year.

had two reclaimed.

We are expecting to begin a revival June 3rd. Bro. Mart Lewis, one of our splendid young preachers, will help us. We are expecting a great meeting.

Yours in the Master's cause,

Eld. W. C. Hill, Pastor
1133 S. 10th St.,
St. Louis, Mo.



Inside the Chapel at Youth Camp first year.

NIANGUA, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

If your life is unhappy and you are discouraged and feel that you have no friends; if the world looks blue to you and sickness may be your condition and you feel you no longer have anything to live for, but would rather die than to live; don't throw your life away, for there is hope for you. Jesus loves you and died on the cross for you and me. O, let him into your heart, for he wants to make you happy. I thank God that he ever hears and answers prayers and has made it so plain for us.

I would have been back in sin today if I had not walked in the light of God. Dear readers, there is where many make their mistake, too many are led by the voice of man. They want their own way and, if they have their own way, they will go back into sin again; for God's ways are not our ways. We must obey God and walk in the light as he is in the light, and we will have a glorious time with Jesus.

Now, as I bring this letter to a close, this is my prayer, that God will bless His Holy Book to His glory and the salvation of souls and the sanctifying of believers.

Now, dear readers, may God bless all who read the Gem, and I hope I may meet each one of you at the right hand of God.

Mona Johns

PLAD, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I will attempt to write a few lines this evening. I have received my paper and am always glad to get it, I never stop till I read it through. I like the good letters and sermons it has each time.

I have just returned home from our Ben-

ton Branch church, where I am pastor. We had all day services there yesterday, and remembered our Lord in the breaking of bread and drinking the wine, and washing the saints' feet, and the Lord sure was there in mighty power. Elder John Koch was with us and preached two soul-stirring messages for us, which we sure did enjoy. May the Lord bless Brother Koch. We need more men and women in the field today like Bro. Koch, that will preach the real Gospel and not sugarcoat it, for that is what it takes to convince the sinner.

I will close for this time asking that one and all remember me in your prayers.

Yours for the cause,

Elder Arthur Bailey

BLUE EYE, MO., May 17, 1934

Dear Mission Workers:

Here we are again, with three months gone by, and we are still working for our dear Master. We had a mission program Saturday, May 13. The Mission ladies were dressed in their white uniforms, and they sang this song:

"Have thine own way, Lord,
Have thine own way
With the Home Mission work,
We do pray."

After our program, our pastor, Bro. Winford Davis, took a vote as to whether we would remain divided or come together again as two circles, North and South. So we still have two circles, the young ladies' circle and the old ladies' circle.

We had Mothers' Day program Sunday, with dinner on the ground, a day spent in God's service. The work is still moving for God here at Blue Eye. God is a friend that never forgets us, if we remember Him. Friends here on earth may turn and forget us, but God will not turn us away when we come to Him in the right way.

I want to say just a few words about our Sunday school. We have six teachers, the attendance is very good, with lots of children, but not so many of the old folks, yet a few never fail. Mission mothers, here is a chance to do what many mothers and fathers are failing to do, attend Sunday school. If I fail to go to Sunday school on Sunday, the week seems long and it don't seem like Sunday ever comes. I love Sunday school best of all: for there I study and learn more about my dear Master, and His words that I need to know.

Alice Taylor

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

After reading the Gem, we find that mission work is still growing and new mission circles are being organized. We are thankful for mission workers, for we love



Part of the Playground at Youth Camp the first year

the work.

Looking over the records we find that our mission circle was organized May 12, 1929, by our pastor, Bro. Winford Davis. I am glad to report that we are still working for the cause of our Christ, and today we can see a greater need for mission workers, as we look forward to a more definite aim in our work, put forth greater efforts to reach out and help lead the lost to Christ. If we be the cause of one person giving his life to Jesus it would be worth every effort we have ever put forth.

We have set aside the last Friday in each month to visit the sick and pray with the unsaved. Next Friday we are going to visit a dear old sister who has been a shut-in for many years.

We have helped in different ways those that were in need, and helped to finance our church. We paid our pastor about \$80.00 and paid \$26.00 on the lino-type, and financed our church as follows: Paid \$104.00 on piano, steps for church \$17.00, material for seats \$26.00, and helped on church debt \$56.43.

May God bless each one and send us more workers for the fields are white and ready to harvest, and the laborers are few.

Yours for Jesus,
Mrs. Artie Butler



Another part of the Playground the first year at Youth Camp

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

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EXETER, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been quite a while since I have written, but I always enjoy reading the Gem. I thought Bro. Brown wrote such a good article, also Mrs. Asberry Davis, but I love to read them all.

I haven't forgotten my God, how can I, when He has been so good to me? and not for me only, but for all who will only remember Him, and thank Him for His blessings. Count your blessings, name them one by one, and see what the Lord has done. One of the great blessings to me is Jesus saving us and sparing our lives. He saved me when I was a mere girl, 13 years old, blessed me then and many times since. He is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

We are in church service somewhere every Sunday. It doesn't seem like Sunday unless we go to the house of the Lord to worship on the Lord's Day. I have sent some appointments here and there and I want you to know that I haven't forgotten my Master's work. You know I think that one thing that is wrong with the world today is, that people have forgotten God.

It is raining this afternoon and I just wonder how many people are thanking God for the good rain. You know Jesus loves to make people happy. We read after Him

in the good Book, that when He went to the home of Mary and Martha their Brother Lazarus was dead; and He said "Lazarus, come forth;" and when he came forth, this home was made happy. Some day all those that are asleep in Jesus will come forth and many a one will be happy. Blessed are they that have a part in the first resurrection, and "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." Christian friends, let's go a little farther, for "Some Day I'm Going Higher," when Jesus is through with me here below. I love to go home and pray like I used to with mother and father, brothers and sisters, and I feel that I owe them something for teaching me about the loving Master. May Jesus bless them, and may their days be many.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Merl Wright

MONTHLY REPORT

By Elder O. T. Allred, State Sec'y

At our League Rally at N.W. Picher, Oklahoma, the fifth Sunday in April, seven of the leagues of Indian Creek Association were present: namely, Macedonia, Monett, Aurora, Jones Chapel, Carterville, South Picher and N.W. Picher (Blue Front), together with the Endeavor at Fairview, Kans. and some representatives from other young people's Christian organizations.

A splendid program was rendered.

Elder W. K. Weston, our associational president, not being able to attend, our worthy vice president, Elder J. B. Rollins, had charge of the program.

Our next rally will be held with the Monett church the fifth Sunday in July.

S.E. MO. LEAGUE CONVENTION

Raymond La Brot, Secretary

Dear Brother Allred:

I am sending you a report of our last League Convention of S.E. Mo., which convened with the Wotham church. Five of our leagues of this association were present, while two of our leagues have drawn off from this association. We report a good time and a fair attendance of 150 present.

We had a number of songs from each league, and several topics, with good speakers, business transactions and election of officers.

We still retain Bro. Lund as president, Bro. Howard Jarvis as vice president, Bro. Raymond La Brot as Sec.-Treasurer of S. E. Mo. Association.

Our contest was taken care of, Flat River, Desloge, and Wortham being winners of a blue ribbon for having a 100% league.

We are proud of the work of our association, and glad to give a summary of some of their work, such as making sick calls, visiting the sick with a bouquet of flowers, Bible reading, and many other good things that I will not take time to mention.

Flat River league made 693 sick calls for January, February and March, read 4873 chapters of the Bible.

Desloge made 868 sick calls, read 2731 chapters of the Bible.

Wortham made 65 sick calls, read 1007 chapters of the Bible.

Leadington had a 90% league, made 536 sick calls, read 11,827 chapters.

St. Louis league had a 75% league, made 327 sick calls, read 1990 chapters.

Total sick calls for the quarter were 2489; total chapters of the Bible read for quarter, 22,428.

Raymond La Brot, Reporter

MONETT LEAGUE REPORT

Mae Phillips, Reporter

We wish to report that our league is still progressing.

After the lesson on last Sunday night our young captains, Bro. Weston and Sister Ricketts, chose up for the beginning of a new contest.

Several new members came in and we thank God for them, and hope and pray that we may be a real blessing to each other.

We read the good reports in the May issue of the Gem and it really does our hearts good to hear of the wonderful work for the Master in other places.

We earnestly desire an interest in your prayers, that our league may grow and always be found faithful to God.