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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Nineteen of the Mission Quarterly Meeting Churches met with pastor, Ray Middleton, and the Cabool Free Will Baptist Church Thursday, November 7. Rev. Glen Murray brought the principle message with other sermonettes during the day. The evening service was given over to evangelist Max Courtney, which was the closing service of a successful revival, in which several souls were saved. Time was given during the business session for the cooperative program.

November 10, family began a one week vacation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While there we visited Lewis Avenue and Bartlesville Free Will Baptist Churches and Thayer and West Plains Churches on the way home. Sunday, November 24, I visited Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Yukon, Mo. and delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Sunday evening I was with Pastor Ervin Morton and the Houston church, also delivered the message there.

Pastor Henry Long and Springfield First Church took care of Liberty Quarterly Meeting November 30, good delegation. Rev. Robert Carlson, Rev. Dennis Bowman and Rev. Buren Jones delivered messages and time was given for our Promotional work also. Don't forget your book store when ordering Christmas Bibles.

Pastor Grover Pingleton and Cuba Free Will Baptist Church entertained the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting Friday, night, November 1st. Challenging message delivered by Rev. James Raper, and Mission Sermon by Rev. Everett Hilliard Saturday 11:00 a.m. Real good spiritual services and progressive business session. Time also given for our promotional program which is already sup-

ported by most of these churches. A bountiful dinner was served by the church at the Fairground Pavilion in Cuba City Park.

I was privileged to bring the Sunday a.m. sermon with a full house in attendance. Cuba Church fully participates in Mo. Cooperative Plan of giving.

Sunday night, November 3rd, I visited our Meramec Heights Church in Valley Park, near St. Louis and delivered the evening message. Rev. Hugh Stogsdill was elected pastor here recently.

Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting met with Pastor Otho Boyd and Merl's Chapel Church near Cassville Tuesday, November 5th, 9:30 a.m. Following the Auxiliary program, Pastor Boyd delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon, and Rev. Floyd Ferguson the evening message. Time was given to explain the 1963 allocation of the cooperative funds. Several purchased new Bibles from book store and the ladies of the church served a bountiful dinner.

NOVEMBER COOPERATIVE, 1963

Kansas City Central	\$107.00
Granby Free Will Baptist	13.20
Fellowship	75.00
Cartersville	15.87
Leadington	61.00
St. Louis South Side	39.60
West Plains	34.50
Farmington	89.52
Merl's Chapel	81.48
Beacon	86.37
Cuba	28.23
Hannon	18.00
Jefferson City, First	7.22
Desloge	76.93
Victory	76.97
Warren Livingston	15.00
Houston	100.00
Pleasant Home	24.15

Thayer	25.50
Flat River, First	253.92
Rock Chapel	17.82
Gladden F.W.B. League	50.00
Mine La Motte	8.52
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Copper Mines	28.98
Hickory Grove	16.12
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TOTAL	\$1,961.85

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F.W.B. 55%	1,079.00
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4% Mo. Youth Camp	78.48
4 1/2% Mo. Free Will Gem	88.29
7% General Fund	137.33
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	166.76
20% Mo. Promotional Dept.	392.37
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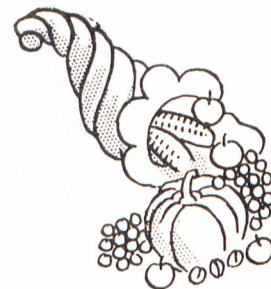


REV. HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



REPORT OF REVIVAL MEETINGS

Rev. O. T. Allred writes that we have just closed a two week meeting at the Granby Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, as our evangelist. God's Spirit was manifested in every service during the meeting. One man came to the altar and rededicated his life to God, besides the Church being greatly revived.

Then on Monday, November 11th, I went to Olatha, Kansas to begin a meeting with the Timberlane Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Earnest Bailey is the pastor of this comparatively new work. The attendance was small during the meeting but God gave some wonderful services. We saw four come to the altar and accept Christ as their Saviour and three united with the Church.

While there I had the privilege of attending the Northeast Kansas Quarterly Meeting. There I got to meet the pastors of the churches in this quarterly meeting and also some from the Wichita and Ulysses, Kansas area.

CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED AT SOUTH SIDE CHURCH

On November 3rd the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis held their annual election for church officers with the following being elected: Bro. Norman Tallent, Gen. S.S. Supt.; Bro. David Cummins, Jr. S. S. Dept. Supt.; Wm. Cruse, Assistant Supt. Jr. Dept. S.S.; Pearl Price, Sunday School Secretary; Bro. Leroy Cummins, Choir Director; Bro. Harold Baldwin, Assistant Choir Director; Musical Department, Sister Anna Mae McFarland, Sister Mable Sinko, Sister Erma Skiles, Lil Moore; Sister Thelma Cummins, Jr. S.S. Dept.; Pianist; Bro. Chesley Hill, Church Clerk; Bro. Wm. Cruse, Church Treasurer; Lilliam Moore, League Director; Bro. Arvel Skiles, Assistant League Director and Executive Board (lay member three year term); Bro. Paul Pratt, Trustee Board (five years); Sister Joyce Cruse, League Secretary and Treasurer.

The church also elected men to serve on their Executive Board for 1964. These men are as follows: Rev. Al McFarland,

Chairman, Bro. Norman Tallent, Bro. Chesley Hill, Bro. Wm. Cruse, Bro. Leroy Cummins, Bro. Ted Ricks, Bro. Gene Stacy, Bro. Fred Paul, and Bro. Arvel Skiles.

REVIVAL RESULTS FROM MONETT

Rev. Glen Rehkop conducted a revival meeting the last part of November at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett with four conversions. Due to the messages brought by Bro. Rehkop the church is in a real good spiritual condition. During the meeting Bro. Rehkop conducted a study course on prayer for the Woman's Auxiliary which was enjoyed by all. The pastor of this church is Rev. Bud Hill.

PRACTICAL WORK DEPARTMENT REPORTS

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - A total of ninety-one (91) persons made professions of faith in Christ during October, according to a report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College Practical Work Department. Lloyd Plunkett, director of the department, said that approximately 200 students delivered 257 sermons and devotions, taught 215 classes and dealt with 344 persons during October. Gospel tracts distributed numbered 3,227, Mr. Plunkett said.

NEWS FROM KANSAS CITY'S NEWEST CHURCH

October 14-20 was revival time at the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, with Rev. Glen Rehkop of Avondale, Missouri as evangelist. Seven persons made decisions for Christ, five obtaining salvation. The attendance was very good with several coming from Victory Free Will Baptist Church of Avondale, Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown, New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas and First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri.

The attendance in Sunday School reached 130 on October 27th and the average attendance for October was 102. This rapidly growing church was organized May 23rd of this year by the Missouri Home Mission Board. Rev. Jim McAllister is the founder and present pastor of the church. The church is located at 1112 E. 77th Street in Kansas City, Mo.

MASTER'S MEN REPORTS

The Master's Men group of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis recently elected officers for the coming year. The officers are: President, Ralph Mertz; Membership, Fred Paul; Activity,

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New Men's Dormitory at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Renamed "The Haven," this 42 room building was occupied at the start of this year's semester in September with 65 men placed there.



THE

MISSION

FIELD

Dear Friends of Missions:

We want to thank you for your love gift of \$20.00 for the month of October. May God bless you as we labor together for the salvation of the lost in Old Mexico. Please send all offerings to National Home Missions, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Be sure to ear-mark, "Billows Acc't."

In Christ, Your Missionaries
Arturo y Jenell Villalobos

Mission Protestante
B.P. 20, Bouana
Ivory Coast, Africa
November 4, 1963

Dear friends,

The last time we wrote letters of appreciation for gifts sent to our account we were spending our vacation in Guinea. Three months have gone by since then and now we are back on our station, busy as usual. In addition to our heavy load of patients, sometimes 200 or more daily, we have had another problem. Rains in our area have been excessive the last few months and since the first of September our station has been practically isolated. The bridge south of us is completely washed away and the levee north of us was cut in two places. Thus we have been stranded.

However, on the 10th of October, a number of the men of Dorop pushed, pulled and carried our car across the water and we were able to make a trip to Abidjan for medicines and supplies. Since our return the rains have increased and once more we are practically isolated. Although we rarely see the face of another white person in our area, we have a time of worship and fellowship with the African Christians and, of course, our ever present Lord brings peace and comfort to our hearts.

During the past few months the Lord has continued to supply our financial needs through your gifts. We do thank Him for doing so and wish to express to you our appreciation for your interest in us and

Ambassadors for Christ in Brazil . . .

"Preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15b

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the work of the Lord here in Africa. We are looking forward to the day when additional laborers will join us and we can have a more effective witness among these who are in total darkness. The Lord has been good to give us 30 or so who have made professions of faith in Christ. Many of these are apparently progressing in their Christian lives. Yet there are literally thousands around us who remain in darkness. Do pray with us that our testimony and the message of salvation that we proclaim will be used by the Lord in bringing many from darkness to light.

Our children's Christmas vacation is to begin the first part of December. We are looking forward to having them with us again. Lynn has been away in school since March and Lynette and Larry since August. Of course, it isn't easy to be separated from them so much of the time, but we thank the Lord for providing good Christian schools which they may attend.

Again thank you for your support in gifts and prayers. May the Lord bless you richly and make you a blessing as you serve Him in the homeland.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
LaVerne D. Miley
Heb. 13:5b

Waipahu, Hawaii
November, 1963

Our Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your recent generous contribution to either our personal account or the Hawaii Land Fund. I am sorry to sound a discouraging note but the Land Fund is far behind the needs and our expectations. More of our people must act as you have acted to meet this crisis. We still need about \$40,000.00 between now and December 31. I don't need to tell you how much of a strain this project has been on Helen and me, but we are reminded daily that His grace is sufficient. When we meet with discouragements we try counting our blessings and even though we are under a constant strain and tremendous burden we are in good health and are very happy and have the assurance that God is bigger than any circumstances.

May God richly bless each of you during this Thanksgiving season because you are thankful. We thank God for you.

May we remind you again that your prayers are very necessary. "Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." II Corinthians 1:11.

Free Will Baptist Representatives
for Christ in Hawaii
Luther, Helen and Brenda Sanders

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS
OFFERINGS FOR MISSOURI
OCTOBER, 1963

Mt. Pisgah F.W.B. Church	\$ 5.00
South Side F.W.B. Church	45.50
First F.W.B. League, Monett	4.00
Mo. State Assn. of F.W.B.	105.00
Louis Willhite, St. Ann	3.00
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Young Adults League of Grant Ave., Springfield	10.00
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Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett	6.50
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Flat River First F.W.B. Church	30.00
Mrs. Roger Phillips, Liberal	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Fyr,	

Monett	10.00
First F.W.B. Youth Group, Kirksville	2.00
First F.W.B. Church, Festus	2.00
Missionary Midgets, Monett	13.50
Laura Belle Barnard Circle, Monett	5.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett	5.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mountain Grove	5.00
South Side F.W.B. Junior Dept.	8.05
New Harmony S.S.	24.92
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00

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EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN
OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS
100 CHURCHES

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

Fellowship	Rev. James Earl Raper
Amity	Rev. Gordon Heckendorn
Black Oak	Rev. Melvin Nelson
New Lebanon	Rev. Glen Jones
Leadington	Rev. Robert Wilfong
Copper Mines	Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle	Rev. Dale Skiles
Kirksville	Rev. Leland Horton
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. C. H. Burton
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. Harry Sterling
Fredericktown	Rev. Bob Jones
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Robt. Williams
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	
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Cabool Church, Cabool	Rev. Ray Middleton
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
Joplin's Woman's Auxiliary	

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	
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
Grant Ave.	Rev. O. T. Dixon
First, 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	Rev. Hugh Stodgsdill
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
Cuba	Rev. G. J. Pingleton
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
Cedar Ridge	Rev. Maynard Moore

SERMON OF THE MONTH

The Glorious Meaning Of Christmas

Rev. Gary Terrell, Pastor
Mt. Olivet Free Will Baptist Church
Blue Eye, Missouri

Luke 2:15

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2:15.

To God the Father, it meant the giving of His only begotten Son. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life." John 3:16. Yes, the meaning of Christmas meant the giving of God's only begotten Son. He gave His Son to live, die, and rise again so man could have everlasting life. What love, God has for this sinful creation of His! This Christmas let us remember the supreme Gift that God gave to man.

In this modern day of time, man has so commercialized Christmas that the day has completely lost its meaning to most people. Santa Claus has taken the place of Christ in many homes today. Parents, let us teach our children the true meaning of Christmas, so they may know the why of this glorious day.

To Christ, the Son, it meant leaving Heaven's glory to suffer and to die for sinful man. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:5-8. Christ left all, gave all, and suffered all for those he loved, the entire human race.

To the world, it meant that God had pro-

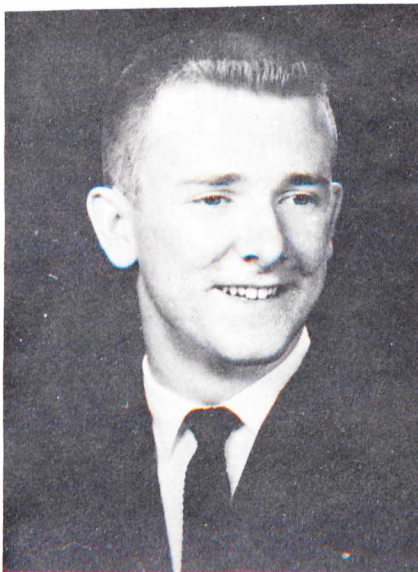
vided a Savior to take away their sins. "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53:6.

Let us imagine, just for a moment, what this world would be like without Christ. Think of how it was before Christ came to the world. People had to give sacrifices for their sins. A lot of laws and rituals had to be kept in order for them to be fit for the kingdom of heaven. No more do we have to sacrifice animals for our sins but we may go to Christ and he will give us that heart felt salvation.

If you are wondering what our world would be like, look at the places where Christ is not known. The dark places of Africa and South America, and also the Communist lands where people cannot worship Christ. Turmoil, chaos, and utter confusion reigns over man in these places. This would be exactly what our fond nation would be like without God.

Everything else is unable to meet the needs of the world except Jesus. Mere philosophy, education, law, etc. are just not enough. The world needs Christ. If you don't have Him as your savior you need him, too! Even if you do know him as your Redeemer you still need Him to continue on in life.

What is the meaning to man? To man? To us it means that God offers eternal life as a free gift. "But as many as receive Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12. "For the wages



of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. As one example, we think of the woman of Samaria when Christ met her at the well. This woman came to the well seeking water to satisfy the thirst of her body. When she left the well she went away with rivers of living water springing up within her soul. She came to fill the physical needs but while she was there Christ gave to her the free gift of salvation. Read John 4:6-30 for the whole wonderful story.

To the saints in glory, it means bliss forevermore. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. Read also in connection with this: Phil. 1:21-23.

Yes! It means the hope of being with those loved ones gone before. We shall be able to see all the holy men of the Bible: the prophets, judges, kings, and apostles and all who have left this world behind and gone on to their reward. We shall even have the privilege of being with the angels of glory. Most of all, we shall be with Christ, our Savior, and all the Holy Trinity.

To the Spirit-filled church it must ever mean passion, perspective, sanctified vision, and undying love.

The shepherds told the glorious story that the angels had told them and they had seen with their own eyes, to everyone they saw.

The early church proclaimed it in its truth and purity to the world at that time.

The Christian martyrs died for this glorious meaning of Christmas. It must have had a deep meaning to those who were willing to give their lives for its cause. Today it should have just as much meaning to us as it did to those who died for it.

Unless Christ becomes an indwelling Presence, a divine and Christian incarnation, we do not yet know the real meaning of Christmas.

Do you know Christ as your Savior? If not, why not bow on your knees right now and accept him as your personal Savior. If you do you will know the real, glorious meaning of Christmas. Sinner and also Christian give your life completely to Christ this Christmas season; it will make this Christmas the best you have ever had.

CHRISTMAS IN CANADA

Canada is a very large country 3,845,-144 square miles and it's population approximately 20,000,000 and is a full member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Ontario and Quebec are the most thickly populated and the most highly industrialized. In 1951 the Roman Catholics had 43% of the population of Canada and today, 1963 they are well over the 50% mark. Quebec which is the second largest province is about 98% Roman Catholic French speaking. New Brunswick is nearly 50% French speaking and over 50% Roman Catholic.

Christmas in Canada is similar to that in the United States with Santa Claus, Christmas buying and selling, trees and lights and general revelry. There are very few who know the true spiritual meaning of Christmas. We always have a white Christmas in Canada and real cold weather along with it which adds to the beauty of the season. There are no fireworks here at Christmastime and this is something a North Carolinian would notice.

Last Christmas in our two mission churches we went about the task in preparing our first Christmas programs. Those who had parts did well considering this was their first Christmas play. Plans are being made to have a Christmas program at both churches this year. We try to use these special seasons of the year to reach many of the parents for Christ as many come to church only for special programs. We are also planning to take our young people Christmas carolling to the homes of shut-ins. Christmas Gospel Tracts will be given out also and this will be an opportunity for the young people to give of themselves in Christian service. Paul tells Timothy, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men" (1 Tim. 2:1). During the Christmas season, it is good to use the opportunity to give a gospel witness of our wonderful Lord. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14).

It is in God's plan to use His children to make petitions, prayers, and intercessions for all men. For those who we know personally and also for those who we have never met. God truly wants us to pray for those whom we can call by name, but He wants us also to pray for everyone. If you will make it a practice to pray for all men I am sure you will find

it a open door to witness for Christ. By praying daily for everyone you will find it easier to face them with a gospel witness.

"You know I have been praying for you and have been trusting that the Lord will soon save you." If people know we take and have a real concern for them and their eternal destiny they are more likely to respond to our witness. If you meet a stranger it will not be hard to witness if you have prayed that morning for him. Paul also tells Timothy that it is His will for men to pray without doubting. If we pray knowing that God wants these souls saved then we can witness trusting Christ to save them.

This is what we trust God will put in the hearts of our people this Christmas season. Only as we pray and witness will souls come to know the true meaning of Christmas.

Yes, we need new workers in Canada but the most effective laborers will be those who have been saved and called to His service from right here in Canada. We are praying that God will call out from among our Christians full-time Christian workers to serve Him here in their own country.

God has honored His Word over and over again to us. Wayne MacFarlane, a 17 year old teenager had just been saved after one and a half years of praying and witnessing to him. Wayne helped start the First Free Will Baptist League in Canada and God has done a wonderful work in his heart. Now that Wayne has Christ in his heart he will have for the first time the peace that Christ came into the world to bring.

Only as Christians are found faithful to Him and His Word will others in Canada have the chance to hear the wonderful story of love and learn the true meaning of Christmas by a personal experience of the new birth.

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First F.W.B. Church, Festus	15.00
Mrs. Rose Ann Gentry, Monett	50.00
Myrtle F.W.B. Church	5.00
Rock Springs F.W.B. Church	15.55

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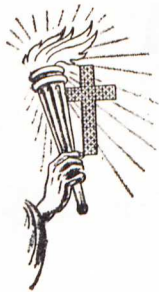
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October, 1963

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Cabool F.W.B. Church	30.00
Mt. Valley F.W.B. Church	50.00
Oak Grove Church	30.53
Willow Springs F.W.B. Church	90.67
Northeast Mo. Youth Rally	14.17
South Side F.W.B. Church	180.00
Oak Grove S.S. Class	25.00
Missouri State Association	19.00
Grace F.W.B. Church	16.00
Fourth F.W.B. Church	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bundy	130.00
Free Will Baptist Church	40.00
Mr. W. J. James	10.00
Park View F.W.B. Church	15.00
Lehman R. Riggs	5.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church	135.00
Adult Bible Class	50.00
Free Will Church	53.00
Rev. & Mrs. Grover J. Pingleton	6.00
Dolly Pohnert	5.00
Mrs. Earl Hull	5.00
Victory F.W.B. Church	18.75
Central Western Missouri Association	32.16
Anna Lincoln	1.00
North Side F.W.B. Church	18.46
Timberlane	15.00
Wilma Wittley	2.00
Mrs. Clobell Deeds	25.00
Mrs. Leona Thompson	3.00
Mrs. Ralph Shrum	1.00
Mrs. Floyd Luney	1.00
First F.W.B. Church	3.00
Jackie Wantland	15.00
Missionary Midgets	5.19
Lester Barks	10.00
Beacon F.W.B. Church	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Park View F.W.B. Church	25.00
Frank M. Spencer	5.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church	135.00
Pleasant Hill	14.72
Aulsbury Chapel F.W.B. Church	15.00
Mr. Donald Kelsey	24.93
Grace F.W.B. Church	30.00
G.T.A.'s Grant Avenue	1.50
Angelville Community Church	21.37
Myrtle F.W.B. Church	13.68
Hope Comps	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hoyt	15.00
Lehman R. Riggs	5.00
Free Will Baptist Church	105.00
	\$1,538.13

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Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Peggy Davis

SEND ALL ARTICLES TO

Mrs. Ted Davis

Rt. 2, Box 275C

Joplin, Missouri

the Y.P.A.'s of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church and they can tell you. On Halloween Eve the group, twenty-five strong, and their sponsors, Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Nichols and Mrs. Wendell Sevits, loaded into four cars and visited five shut-in homes. Boxes containing fruit, candy, cookies, and a Halloween tract supplied by the children were given to each shut-in. The children's "trick" was a service consisting of choruses, scripture verses, and prayer. The small children wore masks which amused the shut-ins. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," we found.

Earlier in the year we all climbed into Bro. Ted Sevits' big farm truck and called upon other young people we hoped would come to our services. Some joined the group as we went along, making a total of thirty-five at the journey's end. Did you hear us singing as we rode along? When the visiting was over we stopped at the home of our Youth Chairman, Mrs. Wendell Sevits for a watermelon treat.

PLAN AHEAD

Women - remember we are planning a State Workshop in April, 1964, at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

More detailed plans will be given at a later date.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI G.T.A.'S

The G.T.A. groups of the N.E. Mo. Association met at the home of their District Youth Chairman, Mrs. Wendell Sevits. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thomas accompanied the visiting groups. The evening was spent making medical envelopes for the Miley's and trimming old greeting cards for our missionaries in Brazil to give to children. 561 envelopes were made. Did

the boys ever make them fast! The boys shelled popcorn and then swept up the spills. Two brave boys volunteered to pop a large pan full. Someone said they would like to have a movie of the making envelopes for the Miley's to see, but we all agreed that one of the two boys popping corn would be the best. What fun we all had! We sang choruses and each gave a scripture verse and a Bible question. After a skill game we ate popcorn, fudge and apples. Who says boys and girls aren't willing to work for the Lord? We are?

ATTENTION

Keep in mind our State Project, \$1,000 for Hawaii - send all money to Miss Hazel Hutsell; 5304 W. N. St; Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

LEBANON, MO. - Sixteen members with five visitors were present for the regular meeting.

Monthly program was presented as a symposium.

A special offering was taken to send to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home as a Christmas gift and amounted to \$14.50.

The auxiliary voted to buy a new glass door for the church.

The Thanksgiving week of prayer service was observed.

GRANT AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

We have just closed our Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer, with each service held in the homes of ladies.

We have our Pre-Christmas week of prayer planned for December 9-13.

We have sent in our offering for the Hawaii Fund.

The Sanders' and Johnston's were a real blessing to our church.

We hope to hold our first service in our new building on Christmas Sunday.

WEST PLAINS

The Woman's Auxiliary met for the monthly program with 15 present. We received three new members.

Secret pal names were revealed and names were exchanged for another year.

We voted to send \$5.00 for State Missions.

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Dear Co-laborers in Christ:

May God richly bless and inspire our auxiliary work during this season.

Please remember our week of prayer, the date is December 16-20 and our offerings go to our State Mission Department.

Women, let us start planning for our "Enlistment Month", January, 1964.

As a whole state auxiliary work let us realize the need of the hour, and truly praise God for the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

In His service,
Mrs. Peggy Davis

CO-LABORER RELEASED

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Our sincere thanks to the many auxiliaries who have already mailed their 1964 Co-Laborer order. If your auxiliary has not yet placed one we ask the secretary to do so at her earliest convenience. If there are changes in address, number of magazines or secretaries, please indicate on the new subscription. Your cooperation in this matter will greatly assist us in getting Co-Laborer to you promptly.

"TRICK OR TREAT IN REVERSE"

"Trick or Treat in Reverse." What's that? "Truckload Witnessing." What's that? Ask the M.M.'s, G.T.A.'s and

The Greatest Of These Is Love

Mrs. John Ackerson, Member of the
Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church
Richwoods, Missouri

I Cor. 13:13 - "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Love or charity is one of the highest towers above all other Christian graces. It is the most God-like - "For God is Love." Also, it is the true mark of a consecrated Christian. "For by this shall all men know ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another."

When charity is mentioned most people think of it only in doing good deeds for the sick or clothing the naked and feeding the hungry. It means so much more than this.

To be worthy our gifts must be prompted by the Spirit of true love. Surely we have learned the gift without the giver is bare, because "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When friendship becomes only a one way street for personal gain it is not worthy of its name. When it is only a pawn placed on an auction block to be sold to the highest bidder, it has become a cheap commodity whose value has been determined by selfishness.

The power of speech is a mighty force and can pierce clear through. But unless it is backed with a personality warmed with love and sincerity, "It has become as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." It profit us nothing. It is meaningless.

Many politicians in major cities have placed Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets on doorsteps of the poor families, of course using this as a direct way of bartering votes, but found out to their own dismay that benevolence is good, but not apart from love. Giving when given for a selfish desire "Profiteth us nothing."

Love is helpful and beautiful. It is always interested in the affairs of others. It works constantly to conquer the spirit of envy and strife and jealousy which seem to seek the downfall of many people.

Self praise and self seekers have no place in the program of love. True love places us under the mighty hand of God and even causes us to humble ourselves to our fellowmen.

Love is true and courteous and will never of its own volition harm anyone. It will never parade another's shame or rejoice when one goes wrong. Love rejoices only in righteousness and truth. Love excludes evil things or prevents them from falling on us. Love believes in all that is good. True love will not harbor a grudge or hold

ill will against another. Love forgives and forgets forever. True love will endure for righteousness sake even unto death. This kind of love will sacrifice and go the second mile. That is, love is a grace we cannot hide. Neither can we imitate or counterfeit it. It is pure and real and never dies.

Love, along with faith and hope, is an abiding place, as Paul said, "The greatest of these is love." But this world is so scarce of love we hardly know it exists sometimes.

We are made to wonder sometimes why Paul listed love the greatest of these three, but we can quickly understand that faith without love is imperfect, because it may be the cold thinking of the mind and hope without the Christian love may be self-centered and can destroy. But true faith and hope find their completeness in the perfect love of God.

"God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son ---." If we believe this truth and accept it we can survive through time and eternity with the "Blessed Assurance" that Jesus is mine and he will guide us with his love and keep us and sustain us.

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths it's flow
May richer, fuller be.

More love, O Christ to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Let us all pray, to enter back into our first love so it can be spread all over the world.

Amen.

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BERKELEY CITY, ST. LOUIS

The Woman's Auxiliary met October 1st with 14 members present.

We are still praying and trusting to meet our goal for the Fulcher's car, our missionaries to Central America.

FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH

The Women's Auxiliary met at the church on Thursday, November 21, 1963 for our Pre-Thanksgiving service, the theme being "Withhold not thine hand". The scripture was Psalm 103.

Song, "Count Your Blessings."

Reading, "In Everything" by Norma Ruth Williams.

Topic, "Specially Selected, Tenderly

JOHN LISBURN ACKERSON

John Lisburn Ackerson was born March 13, 1906 to Daley and Sarah Ackerson at Old Mines, Missouri. Deceased November 13, 1963 at the age of 57 years, 8 months.

Brother John was united in marriage with Sophia DeClue on June 23, 1924. To this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Della Roach of Cantwell, Missouri and one son, Harold of St. Clair, Missouri.

In 1936 under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, he brought his family to this community from Desloge, Missouri to begin a new work in the salvation of souls unto the Lord. After much prayer, hardship and labor this Free Will Baptist Church was established. Through the 25 year history of this organization the Ackersons have been found faithful always in the Lord's work, forsaking self, considerate of others, desiring first and always to see men born into eternity and God's name glorified.

Along with his beloved wife and children, his passing is mourned by his son-in-law, Raymond Roach, and daughter-in-law, Betty Ackerson, three grandchildren, Raedella and George Roach and Rickey Ackerson, one brother, Leo Ackerson of DeSota, Missouri, two sisters, Mary Ann Ackerson and Mrs. Ava Johnson of Old Mines, Missouri, and other relatives and many friends of the Richwoods and surrounding communities.

Fed" by Goldia Kellerman.

Poem, "Give Thanks", by Minnie Burcham.

Topic, "Preserved In Freshness", by Mrs. Alberta Turley.

Reading, "Thanksgiving Spirit", by Bernice Dodd.

Topic, "Inspected and Graded", by Edith Brooks.

Song, "Help Somebody Today".

Reading, "Stevie Learns", by Mrs. Hilderbrand.

Special song by Doris Raper and Norma Williams.

Reading, "Let's Be Thankful", by Doris Raper.

A special offering for missionary was taken in the amount of \$7.00. A praise service was held by all on what they had to be thankful for. Dismissed for noon hour by Sister Zelma Baker.

Minnie Burcham

Corresponding Secretary

NEOSHO

The Neosho Woman's Auxiliary reports their monthly meeting with six members in attendance.

They have just finished their week of prayer for Thanksgiving, with good attendance and spirit.

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

MISSOURI STUDENTS THIS YEAR AT OUR BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE

Missouri students registered for fall semester-Vernon Maggart, junior, Kirksville; Shirley Walker, freshman, Mountain Grove; Everyl Hellard, freshman, Farmington; Billy Van Winkle, sophomore, St. Louis; Carolyn Clark, freshman, Mountain Grove; James Honey, freshman, St. Louis; Jerry Pinkerton, freshman, Kirksville; Donovan Maxwell, freshman, Cabool; Eugene Workman, senior, Rogersville; Wally Price, Lemay; Bonnie Stephens, freshman, St. Louis; Benjamin Vandivort, freshman, Cabool; Jack Stallings, sophomore, Kansas City; Jim Lauthern, junior, Kansas City.

***** YOUTH RALLY

The youth rally of the St. Louis District was held on October 26th at Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. The results of the Bible Bowl are as follows: First Round: South Side 70, Fourth 60. Second Round: Trinity 120, Grace 60. Third Round: Trinity 62, Meramac 35.

***** JUNIOR PRAYER MEETING

The Junior Prayer Meeting of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church had their annual election of officers for the coming year November 6th and the following persons were elected: Moderator-Denny McFarland; Sec.-Treasurer-Randy McFarland; Song Leader-Sharon Paul; Ushers-Janet and Tommy Barr; Beacon Reporter-Tommy Barr.

***** THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Missionary Midgets of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, met at the Church November 26th for the purpose of delivering fruit baskets to some of the shut-ins of the community. This was enjoyed by all of the members.

***** G.T.A.'S MEET

The G.T.A. group of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett met November 27 for their regular meeting with 14 members present. During this meeting, their pastor, Rev. Bud Hill gave them a talk concerning the Free Will Baptist Work in Hawaii. This talk was enjoyed by all present. After the talk those present enjoyed a time of refreshments and a time of games on the Parsonage grounds. This group meets twice a month.

MISSOURI GIRL IN PLAY AT FWBBC

"They That Sit In Darkness", a Christmas play by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, has been chosen for presentation by the Free Will Baptist Bible College on December 8.

Appearing as Rebecca will be Bonnie Stephens of Overland, Missouri. Bonnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stephens, is a freshman at the Bible college.

The play, directed by Mr. Darrell Fulton, concerns the affect Christ's birth had on the people of Bethlehem, as well as those who traveled to his birth place.

Also in the cast are: Claudia Saratowski, Elizabeth Lamm, Neil Hearn, Jimmie Ferrell, Wayne Phillips, Larry Inscoe, and Louise Mitchell, all from North Carolina; Sharon Newsome and Bonnie Belcher from Michigan; Jane Halliburton, Betty Halliburton, and Ray Lee from Oklahoma; Joe Jones and Terry Lambert of Alabama; Bernadene Little and Robert Bryan, Virginia; Blaine Etterling and Thurman Murphy from Ohio; and Bill McCuin of Arkansas.

Eugene Workman, a senior, is working on the publicity committee. Eugene is from the Grant Avenue Church in Springfield, Missouri.

G.T.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Junior G.T.A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, 8900 Springdale, elected their new officers for the coming year. They are as follows: President-Gary Dodson; Vice President and Membership Chairman-Ronnie Hovis; Secretary-Dana Deatherage; Prayer Chairman-Dennis Phillips; Personal Service Chairman-Debbie Dyson; Song Leader-Marilyn Combs; Recreation Chairman-Russell Pearce.

This group of children are always busy doing the Lord's work. They plan to make up a fruit basket and take to an elderly member of our Church for Thanksgiving. They are selling Christmas cards to raise funds which will be sent to our missionaries. At Christmas they will each bring a gift and we will go to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and present them to the children there. This group also takes monthly tours to places of interest throughout the St. Louis Area and they also took a trip to Springfield, Illinois. The Jr. G.T.A. meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month so their parents may attend Prayer Meeting at the same time.

Mrs. Charles Deatherage, Sponsor

THE EFFECT OF COMMUNISM

Norman Coker, First F.W.B.C.
Monett, Missouri

As you sit in your home and enjoy many of the pleasures of life with your family, you sometimes think that there can be no trouble in the world, but yet here is that knowledge of trouble and fear of things beyond your understanding. People all over the world want peace as you have it, but some have been deceived into believing that they are pursuing freedom and peace without actually finding it in their way. Such is the problem in Russia.

The problem is one which cannot be corrected without effort, lots of effort, on the part of free people all over the world. The Russian people believe they are hunting for true happiness and peace, but we know that the Communist bloc is very great and lasting at deception. The Communist nation is a very strong and powerful nation, and that is a fact that we cannot tip from our thoughts. The Russian nation is afraid of war but sometimes it looks as if they would consider some competitive battling with the United States and Great Britain and other Great powers.

Although the Communists are afraid of war, they are actually fighting one of the worst wars in history, the "cold war". If a nuclear war should break out there is no telling who would win, but whoever won would have control of a death-filled and devastated land and world. The Russians know as well as the free world that a nuclear war would be a true disaster. A nuclear war has not yet been started to this time and we hope one will never be started but we are now fighting a psychological and mental war in which Russia is the offensive. Russia and its filthy propaganda slowly creep into the minds of people and make them feel as though the perfect way to peace is through Communism.

This idea of perfect peace has always been a dream of people all over the world and it has never been successfully attained. In the years to come, world peace will not be found. If you do not believe this, look in your Bible; it tells you. It looks as though we will just have to let the world go by and not give a thought about it, but this is one attitude patriotic Americans cannot take. We must fight for our freedom and the freedom of all without Communist rule and not give in to the terrible grasp of Communism. The terrible effect which Communism has had on other nations cannot happen to this country; or all our forefathers and all that the Constitution declares will be lost.

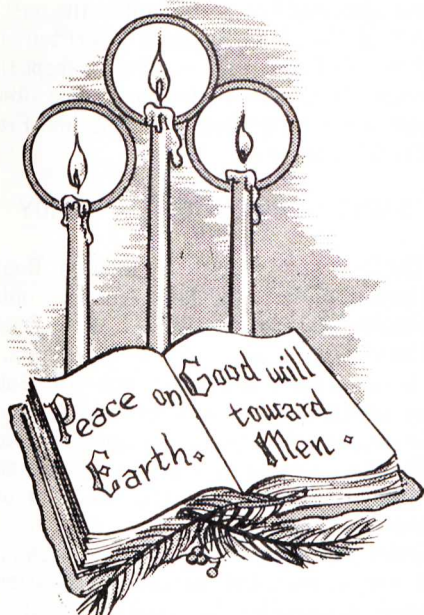
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year
From
Your Editor
and His Family



TREASURER'S THREE MONTH REPORT - AUGUST-OCTOBER, 1963

CHURCH	Cooperative Fund	Mo. Missouri Missions	Mo. Promotional Department	Mo. Youth Camp	Mo. General Fund	Foreign Mission	National Home Missions	Tenn. Orph.
Alton	63.00		80.00					
Aulsbury Chapel	70.25							
Beacon	319.79							
Carterville	51.86							
Cave Springs Association	10.00							
Central Western Association				2.00	38.20			
Kansas City Central Free Will Church	212.00				20.85			
Cuba	28.23							
Desloge	316.79							
Farmington	299.77							
Fellowship Flat River	300.00							
Flat River First	479.56							
Fredericktown	286.40						30.00	
Grant Avenue, Springfield	351.33							57.28
Granby	13.20							
Hannon	117.08							
Hickory Grove	50.75							
Houston	100.00							
Jefferson City	33.48							
Joplin	46.70							
Laclede County Quarterly Meeting	20.64					29.50		
Leadington	109.00				5.00			
Macedonia of Indian Creek Ass'n.	151.40							
Merl's Chapel	105.39							
Mill Creek Church & Sunday School	81.03	14.14						
Mine La Motte	40.49							
Monett	202.24							
Mt. Grove	300.00							
Mt. Valley	33.50					75.00	85.00	
Myrtle	91.07							
Mission Association								
Missouri Auxiliary: Woman's		5.00			25.00			
Niangua Quarterly Meeting					30.00			
N.E. Missouri Association					10.00			
Oak Grove (Bonds)	11.00				10.27			
Old Flat	7.35							
Olivett	36.03							
Oskaloosa	85.40							
Pleasant Hill	10.00							
Pleasant Home	52.21							
Rock Chapel	91.98							
Springfield First F.W.B.	74.84							
St. Louis South Side F.W.B.	167.10							
Thayer	122.92							
Twin Oak	100.00					81.00		
Union Chapel F.W.B. League	50.00							
Union Light	16.70							
Verdella	400.47	25.77						
Viburnum	52.10							
Victory	271.49							
West Plains	185.50	55.18	20.00			58.18		
St. Louis Dist. (5 churches giving - Faith, Berkley, Festus, Overland and Richwoods)	1,064.39							
Warren, Livingston	15.00							
Hazel Creek		3.61		3.61	3.61			
Mt. Grove Auxiliary							20.00	
Indian Creek Association					25.00			
Liberty Association					25.00			
N.W. Mo. & N.W. Kansas Ass'n.					5.00			
Copper Mines	135.60							
TOTAL	\$7,235.03	\$103.70	\$100.00	\$5.61	\$197.93	\$243.68	\$135.00	\$57.28

Received and disbursed as designated by the churches.



MY CHRISTMAS STORY

There is a story that is hundreds of years old, yet, it never grows old. The more I read it, the more I love it and the greater it's meaning. I'd like to tell it to you in my simple way. Just settle back in your chair and close your eyes. Picture each thing in your mind as it happened. Imagine you are standing on a hill, high above a valley where nestles the "Little Town of Bethlehem". "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" that the "First Noel" was heard. You just stand there in the "Silent Night" and feel the wonder of such a "Holy Night". Everything is so quiet and still. Then suddenly a light so bright, the whole hillside is illuminated. You look up and there is the "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" brighter than all the other stars in the heaven. You hear heavenly music. Yes, it is the "Angels From The Realms of Glory" singing "Joy To The World", the Lord is come. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" they marvel at the Star and are fearful, for they know something strange and amazing has happened. There goes three travelers on the road below. Why, it's the "Three Kings of Orient". "Hark, the Herald Angels" must have told them the wonderful news of a babe "Away In A Manger". The Star has led them to this place from afar. They are carrying precious gifts for the "Little Jesus Boy". Can't you just see the barn and the manger and the warm hay? Even the animals are quiet. Look at the tender face of Mary and Joseph as they behold this Holy Child. Oh, I wish I could really have been there and touched His little hand. For a baby's hands are so precious and tender. Everytime "I Hear The Bells on Christmas Day", they say to me, "O, Come All Ye Faithful O, Come, Let Us Adore Him". Then I know that I was there that night our Saviour

was born.

If you can't buy a gift for all your friends,
just give them the Lord--The most Precious
gift of all.

Oneida Lombard
First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett



I KNEW A MAN

I knew a man a few years ago
Who when old Satan called he would surly
go.
He drank, He swore and always in a fight,
He went to beer joints and taverns almost
every night.
He sure worked for the Devil and just
wasted his life.
And if you don't believe me, just ask his
wife.

Now this man that I once knew,
Tells how he threw off the old robe and put
on the new.
Of how Jesus saved his soul and lifted him
out of sin,
How he opened the door of his heart and
Jesus came in.
Now he is in Church every Sunday morn-
ing and night,
And Jesus brightens his life like a bright
shining light.

By a Brother in Christ,
Lee Johnson, Member
Granby FWBC
Granby, Missouri



WHY?

Thou givest me so much, Dear Lord,
Of life and happiness -
A home and friendly faces,
Good food and warmth and dress;
Deep sleep at night and work to do,
Dark, quiet rain and peaceful hours;
A heart to feel compassion's tears,
A soul to know Thy powers.

Thou knowest that my feet delay,
My ears are ever slow,
To catch the rhythm of Thy way,
Why dost Thou bless me so?
What love and patience Thou dost have!
What mercy Thou dost surely show
Unto a soul so frail as I,
Why dost Thou bless me so?

By Margaret Banks
501 So. Park
Member of the Old Flat Free Will Baptist
Church
Marshal & Park, El Dorado Springs, Mo.



THE FIRST NOEL

It came upon a midnight clear
A baby was born so Holy and dear,
That Angels from the realms of Glory
Sang out with this wonderful story.

While shepherds watched their flocks by
night,
They kneeled with fear at the radiant
light,
The Angel said-"Joy to the world"-Good
will to men
Fear not, A Saviour is come to save you
from sin.

We Three Kings of Orient traveled there
With gifts so precious and so rare,
We followed the star thru cold and danger
To find this babe Away in a Manger.

O, Silent Night--O, Holy Night,
What joy to see this wondrous sight,
The Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shown
down,
Around His place like a brilliant crown.

Hark, The Herald Angels sing,
Around this glorious King,
Born long ago--He lives today
With peace in our heart, He'll ever stay.
Oneida Lombard--

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

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

Sunday School



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE BOARD

MEMBERS

This Board is elected by the State Association to promote the work of the Sunday School and League in Missouri. There are three ministers and two laymen, making a total of five men serving on the Board. They are Rev. Albert McFarland, Southside Church, St. Louis, Rev. Jesse Webb, Parkview Church, Desloge, Rev. James Raper, Fellowship Church, Flat River, Mr. Hubert Harral, First Church, Mountain Grove, Mr. Lawrence Combs, Berkeley City Church, Berkeley City.

PURPOSE

Our responsibility is not one of authority or policy making; rather, we are a service board endeavoring to help where we can in promoting Sunday School and League work. The main efforts of promotion in the past have centered in Sunday School Conventions conducted annually just prior to the State Association. However, this will only reach a small part of our people, so we are studying other ways our assistance may reach more of our people by bringing things to your attention through correspondence, and GEM articles. You are invited to write us for the limited assistance we can offer.

FINANCE

The work of the Board is financed only by the contributions mailed in each year with your annual Sunday School and League reports. We have no other source of income; therefore, we are grateful for any gift you send in with your annual report. Make it generous because our work can only expand as you make it possible with your gifts.

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

There have been many times every Pastor has strained his brain and hunted high and low for something to use on certain occasions. I would appreciate it if any of you have ideas, plays for any occasion, contest, games, and promotional ideas you have used in your church, if you would send me copies of these or tell where they could be found and we will pass it along to our readers through this column. Please share your ideas.

Listed below are a few things I have used

and will be glad to share them with you. Any of these you may have by writing and requesting them by name or the number beside them. There are only a few copies of these so the offer is good only as long as the supply last. They are free and postage paid.

1. "Sunday School Lesson Preparation"-This gives suggestions on sources of lesson material, instructional aids, and how to present your material to the class.
2. "Missionary Education In The Sunday School"-Ideas are given on how to promote missionary activity and support through the Sunday School.
3. "Age Group Characteristics"-This is a must for every teacher. Here are 18 pages, put out by Scripture Press, dealing with every age telling how to work with them.
4. "Fifty Suggestions About The Discipline of Children"-These are good for home and church use. This is a problem we will always have with us. These suggestions help along the way.
5. "How To Use Questions In Teaching"-Here are some pointers on the use and characteristics of good questions, and how to use them. Questions should be worth asking. We use to say, "A silly question gets a silly answer." Think about it.
6. "A Musical Story"-This may be used in League or Youth Meetings. Everyone present participates. You will enjoy this one.
7. "A Boy For Sale"-This is a dramatic presentation using 5 people. An excellent opener for League.
8. "My Bible"-A playlet using 8 people and tells how the average Bible is treated from one Sunday to the next.

If you will carefully consider the use of these materials I shall be glad to mail them to you.

Next month you will hear from another member of the board, Brother Hubert Harral, who serves as secretary and treasurer if the board.

Written by: James Earl Raper
601 Buckley St.
Flat River, Mo. 63601

NEW SERIES FOR PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY LEAGUERS

The Story Hour literature which will consist of Leader's Guide, Individual Activity Book and Visual aid material is to be used in all preschool age groups beginning first quarter of 1964. This is a change and improvement on what has previously been available for this age group.

Primary leaguers will also enjoy a new series of literature beginning with the first quarter of 1964. The leader's guide, flannelgraph material and the individual activity book will be considerably improved

from what has been provided in the past.

All of the above material is written and edited by Free Will Baptists except the visual aids. Order all your league literature and supplies from your National Free Will Baptist League Board.

FIRST QUARTER DEPTH READY

The first quarter, 1964, issue of Depth is now ready for shipment. You may order in quantity from the National League Board at twenty cents per copy. Depth is a daily devotional guide written by Free Will Baptist pastors, missionaries and laymen. The suggested scripture passage correlates with the Sunday school lesson and the prayer requests reflect the needs of our denomination.

Order for every family in the church and for use in hospital and home visitation. Space is provided for your church stamp on the back.

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MISSOURI STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

Missouri students on the mid-semester Honor Roll at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee are: Jack Stallings, sophomore, Kansas City, and Shirley Walker, freshman, Mountain Grove.

YOUTH REVIVAL

The Verdella YPA reports a wonderful Youth Revival during the week of October 28th with Rev. Jim McAllister of Kansas City as the Evangelist. The YPA sponsored the revival and took charge of the services each evening. During the meeting there were six conversions and one rededication. Refreshments were served the last night after services in the Church Annex in appreciation of everyone helping to make the week such a success. The Verdella YPA has sixteen members. The sponsor of this fine group is Mrs. Roger Phillips.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Young People's Group of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church met for their regular November meeting to elect officers for the coming year. Those elected are as follows: Sponsors-Ches and Mae Hill; Treas. and Bus. Mgr.-Ches Hill; President-Carl Purdom; Vice Pres.-Larry Pratt; Secretary-Maxie Hurt; Song Leader-Sue Mertz; Program and Prayer Chairman-Lillian Moore; Publishers; Harold Kellerman and Tommy Barr; Sports Editor-Harold Kellerman; General News Reporter-Joyce Cruse; Sunday School Reporter-Sue Mertz; Auxiliary Reporter-Irma Skiles.

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William Cruse; Secretary-Treasurer, Arvil Skiles; Program Chairman, Harold Baldwin; Reporter, Kenny Camp.

Pray for our group that it may grow in the way the Lord would have us to and that we would see souls saved because of the effort put forth by each member.

DEBT FREE IN '63

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Early responses to the campaign to make the Bible College Debt Free in '63 have been encouraging, according to Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, director of public relations. Churches are called upon to give a special offering for the Bible College building fund before the end of 1963, he said. A total of \$30,000 is being sought in this campaign to pay all indebtedness against college properties. A campaign poster has been mailed to approximately 3,000 pastors to help publicize the campaign.

HOME MISSION CLUB

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St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting

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ADDRESS

Home Mission Secretary

Dear Bro. Bud and Readers,

The above card is a copy of the membership card in the Home Mission Club adapted by the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting in an effort to advance Home Missions in our district.

This is the way the club works. \$2.00 is payed as a membership fee. This money is to be used in the organization of new missions in the St. Louis District. When a new mission is organized, and approved by the St. Louis District quarterly Meeting, each member of the club will be billed for an additional \$2.00. This will be used in the organization of another mission, etc. with the understanding that no member of the club will be asked to pay more than \$4.00 per year.

I am writing this article with the hope that our people will read it, see the need, and respond to it. Much work could be done at this time if sufficient funds were available.

The board has been working hard to carry out the responsibility placed on them as they were elected by the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting. With your help the job can be done. Unless our people respond the efforts will end in failure and souls will perish that might have been saved if the need was met.

The board members are: Bro. Floyd Hesselmeier, Chairman of the Board; Bro. Dick Koss, Secretary-Treasurer; Bro. Pat Boyd, Member of the Board; Pinkney Askren, Member of the Board.

If any should wish to join the club you may do so by sending your \$2.00 to Dick Koss, 10563 Homestead Avenue, Overland, Mo.

We will try to keep you informed through our state paper each month as to the progress, and starting next month a list of all the members will be printed. Also a list of the churches that have given to the St. Louis District Home Missions.

Thank you for your time and your prayers and offerings.

Bro. Pat Boyd,
Corresponding Secretary

RELEASE DATE NEAR FOR NEW HYMNAL

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - After more than a year of work by a special committee composed of I. L. Stanley, Don Clark,

Robert Picirilli, Henry Melvin and Billy A. Melvin, the Free Will Baptist Hymn Book will soon be ready for distribution. This new hymnal, designed for use in Free Will Baptist Churches, contains 450 hymns and 101 selected scripture portions for responsive and unison readings. The hymns and readings are indexed alphabetically and are also listed under an exhaustive cross reference.

BIDS OPENED NOVEMBER 21

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Architectural drawings have been completed on the new headquarters building to be erected to house the several departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. These plans have now been released for bids and the bid opening was held November 21. The proposed building contains 14,500 square feet of floor space and is to be erected on a 4.3 acre site located on Murfreesboro Road near Nashville's new jet-age airport. \$4,000 is yet to be raised to clear the indebtedness on this property.

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	88		
Fellowship, Flat River	179	178	192	214	201	191	183	179	175	175	
Leadington	49	54	61	62	55	53	49		49	58	
Farmington	75	87	87	93	81	74	82	89	99	114	
Mill Creek	52	49	71	82	68	64	77				
Berkeley City	230	241	366	343	268	256	228	243	283	282	
Richwoods	44	49	47	50	55	54	54	55	61		
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	177	
Hazel Creek	39	48	56	61	63	56	54	55	59		
Mine La Motte	19	26	30	40	33	25	31	27	29	37	
First Ch. Flat River						119	109	111	121	125	
Overland Church	133	137		162	150			138	140	159	
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	304	317	357	385	357	316	348	339	357	337	
Bethel, West Plains	143	164	158	169	161	171	169	174	182		
Desloge	83	103	127	128	107	114	104	106	105	104	
Thayer	98	107	105	120	108	102	108	101	98		
Meramec Heights	27	27	32	29	38	32	34				
Faith, Lemay	89	96	102	106	92	85	84	87	89	97	
Union Light	89	103	103	117	111	116	109	117	114	109	
Olivet Church, Marshall	24	31	17	19	19	14					
First Church, Springfield	133	159	154	189	169	165	162		199		
Twin Oak Church	49	61	60	70	55	66	58	56	55		
Joplin	77	87	80	94	95	95	107	98	98	96	
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana		20	20	24	20	22	24	29			
Central, Kansas City			47	51	46		59	63	65	102	
Alton Church				96	96	75	98	94	96	108	
First Ch., Jefferson City					16	18	23	21			
Hannon							66	62	62	58	
Cabool						74	75				
First Church, Monett							116	125	133	131	130
Garfield-Couch							40	47	42	40	
Salem							32	46			
Victory	57	74	79	78	72	76	65	76			
First Church, Fredericktown								151	151	151	
Northside Church										97	

Letters from our Readers

Dear Bro. Bud and Gem Readers:

I received my Gem paper two days ago and was so glad to see the improvement in the printing. It is just wonderful.

In His Service,
Rev. Mack Owens
Missionary to Canada

Dear Bud,

We were so glad to get our new Gem. I like the printing and paper and the new arrangements so much better. You are doing a good job and hope you will be our Editor for a long time. God Bless You in the Lords work always.

Sister Ackerson

Casilla de Correo
Rivera, Uruguay
November 8, 1963

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Editor
St. Louis, Missouri

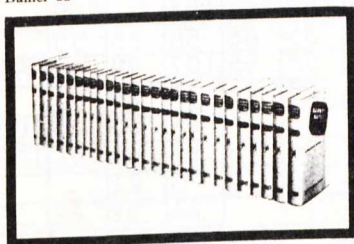
Dear Bro. Bud,

Trust this finds all there going real well, and the Lord really blessing in your work. Appreciate the good work you are doing with the GEM. We always enjoy receiving our copy. We missed out on several months after we moved from Costa Rica on down to Uruguay. But were real glad when it started coming in again. You have our prayers there.

In Christ,
The Fulchers

INDIVIDUAL VOLUMES

Gen. I (Leupold)	Min. Pro. I (Pusey)
Gen. II (Leupold)	Min. Pro. II (Pusey)
Exod.-Ruth (Fuller)	Matthew-Mark
1 Sam.-Esth. (Fuller)	Luke-John
Job I	Acts
Job II	Romans
Psalms I	1 Cor.-Gal.
Psalms II	Eph.-Col.
Psalms III	Thess.-Philem.
Prov.-Ezek. (Fuller)	Hebrews
Isaiah I	James-Jude
Isaiah II	Revelation
Daniel I	
Daniel II	



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Dear Women of Missouri,

We greet each one of you in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that each of you are receiving many blessings from the Lord, both in your individual lives, and in your auxiliaries. We praise the Lord for the faithful women of our denomination who are doing so much for the cause of missions. And we especially thank Him for you there in Missouri. We appreciate your prayers and concern for our work here in Uruguay.

The four of us are getting along very well. The boys are both growing so fast. We certainly praise the Lord for His watch care over us, and for the way He has so wonderfully supplied all our needs since we have been on the field.

Our work here in Uruguay is coming along very well. We recently have received many blessings from the Lord. We just completed a week's revival with Bro. Bobby Aycock from Brazil doing the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed in each service. The building was packed full each night with crowds ranging from 90 to 150. And there were decisions for Christ each night. The total number of persons saved was 48. Many of those who were saved were adult men and teenage boys. Many of them were prominent men of the community. We can see a real change in their lives, and they are continuing on, faithful, and with a real interest in the church. We would appreciate your continued prayers for us as we continue to teach these new converts, and also try to win others to the Lord.

We especially want to thank the State

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

Home Missions Board

Youth Camp Board

Superannuation Board

Sunday School and League Board

Woman's Auxiliary Convention for raising the money during this year for the Land Loan Fund. We know that the Lord is going to bless each of you who had a part in this project. Land is expensive here in Uruguay, and the people with whom we are working are very poor. And so this loan will be a great help to them. Many of the people are beginning to see the need of having their own building to worship in. We have just been renting an old abandoned store building. So now that they have a real interest in doing something for the Lord, we are trusting that soon we will be able to find a suitable site to buy and build a church. Some of the men have mentioned materials they would be able to donate, and their time in building the church. So please continue to pray for the leadership of the Lord concerning this.

May the Lord richly bless each of you is our prayer. And may He bless each of you dear women all over the state who have had a part in the Uruguay Land Loan Fund. Continue to pray for us here. We shall be praying for your work there back home.

Yours in Christ,

Bill and Glenda Fulcher
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