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#### THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Pastor John Long and Mine La Motte Church was host to Madison County Quarterly meeting, January 10 & 11. Each of their churches represented by letter and delegates. Rev. Bob Jones delivered the Friday evening message, and Rev. Ronnie Graham the noon message Saturday, with soul stirring services each time. Time was given during the afternoon session for our Missouri promotional program. I was also privileged to bring the 11 A.M. message Sunday.

Friday evening, January 24th St. Louis District Bible Bowl and Youth rally was held with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Bridgeton, Missouri. This was the final round in the Bible bowl contest. The trophy was won by the Trinity team.

Pastor Albert McFarland, South Side Free Will Baptist Church, hosted the St. Louis Quarterly Meeting Saturday, January 25th. Rev. R. B. Spurgeon delivered the principal sermon with each church represented and a large delegation.

Time was given for our Missouri State cooperative program with a unanimous decision to send all future cooperative monies to Missouri State Headquarters, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street.

Commendations to all Free Will Baptist participating in 1963 cooperative plan of giving through Missouri State Association which shows 10% increase over previous years. Our per cent going to seven phases of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, was \$11,665.12, which places MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION second to the top giver through this plan.

We also exceeded our 1963 suggested quota of \$7000. for National Home Missions, giving \$8,056.58. However we fell under the \$21,500. suggested quota for Foreign Missions, actually giving \$17,909.83; thus under \$3,590.17.

You will observe from January cooperative receipt report, we are entering 1964 with wonderful response. This is the best since the cooperative plan was adopted. Forty churches are contributing. I sincerely solicit the scores of un-committed churches in Missouri to adopt this good plan which is really a world wide ministry,

beginning with our local church.

Write for your 1964 Book Store catalogue, and remember your book store when ordering Bibles and supplies listed in it. We plan to have Scripture Press Vacation Bible School material this season.

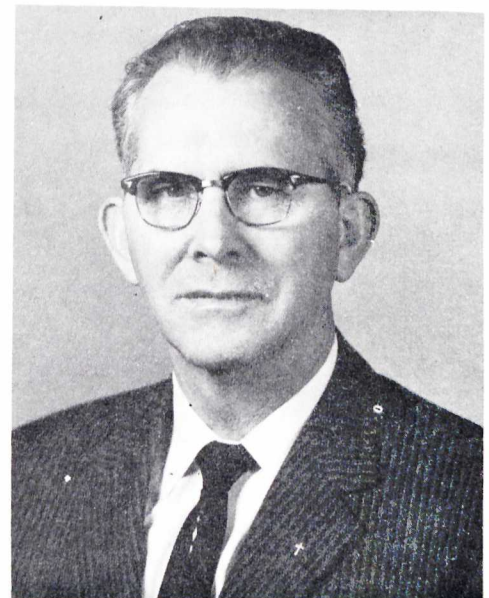
Harry H. Beatty

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#### JANUARY-COOPERATIVE RECEIPT JANUARY-COOPERATIVE RECEIPT

Fredericktown	\$288.35
Desloge	89.71
Copper Mines	32.32
Faith & Hope	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel	64.65
Hickory Grove	18.15
Beacon	92.46
Viburnum	93.46
Farmington	115.57
South Side St. Louis	51.60
Central Kansas City	81.00
Myrtle	85.77
Mt. Zion (Cuba)	50.00
Macedonia, Liberty Ass'n	50.00
West Plains	35.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Fellowship	75.00
Mill Creek	67.50
Mountain Grove	300.00
Rock Chapel	19.19
Carterville	12.89
Union Light	9.65
Thayer	39.51
Merl's Chapel	44.41
Kirksville	180.00
Jefferson City	8.69
Mountain Valley	43.92
St. Louis District Quarterly	237.71
Flat River First F.W.B. Ch.	227.58

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Rev. Harry Beatty  
Promotional Secretary



## REPORT FROM ALASKA

by Karen Terry  
Home Missionary-Summer Worker

Thurmon Murphy, Wallace Hayes, Dixie Myers, and I left Nashville by airplane at 12:25 P.M., flying 6,000 feet in the air, on June 1, 1963. We arrived in Anchorage, Alaska at 8:15 P.M. their time on June 1, 1963. The Whaleys and friends met us at the airport and after getting our luggage they drove us to their home. A reception party was awaiting us with cookies and punch. Shortly thereafter, we were shown to our rooms to get a good nights rest for Services the next morning.

The next morning we got up and went into the next room which was the church for Sunday School. (The parsonage is annexed to the Church building). I even sang in the choir which shocked my fellow travelers, but Millie insisted. Just before the message we were asked to give a personal testimony on our impression of Alaska when we first arrived. The Lord really blessed us throughout the service.

During the first week we were all there, Rev. Don White brought the messages in a Revival at the Church. He was with the Interdenominational World Literature Crusade. He has worked in Alaska for five years in trying to reach the people with the Gospel. He was a real inspiration to us throughout the week, through his sermons, and fellowship. Throughout the week we went from door to door inviting people to come to the services, and leaving brochures for those who weren't at home. We paired off in twos each time that we went out, and everytime I was paired off with Vernon. Well, I had nothing against Vernon, except at the time he had laringitis and I had to do all the talking. One good thing about it was that he was a good knocker, especially since it was so cold and damp outside. Rev. White also showed us films of his work in Latin America and each night we listened to a greeting from one of the pastors or laymen from Latin America to us.

Friday, June 6, 1963, Rev. White flew Dixie and I to Fairbanks, Alaska, in his airplane. We enjoyed seeing the beautiful scenery from the airplane, especially Mt. McKinley. The trip was wonderful smooth flying, except at Windy Pass.

There was no one to meet us at Fairbanks as Mrs. Godwin didn't know what time we would be here and we didn't know ourselves. After calling Mrs. Godwin and being assured that she was coming after us and that we wouldn't be stranded, Rev. White went back in order to get back in time for services that night. Within a few minutes Mrs. Godwin came with the sweet-

est little baby we ever saw. Dixie and I had a wonderful time playing with her and I think we spoiled her some.

We had 107 enrolled in our Vacation Bible School with an average of 80 in attendance. The Lord really blessed us tremendously as they had only 52 at the most last year. The Lord presented us with a bus and we hauled 60 pupils in it every day. We could not have had that many without it. We would have had to make at least 4 trips each with the 4 cars that we had for transportation. Besides the bus there were two cars picking up children. We were packed into the building like a can of sardines but we all learned some from God's word anyway. My intermediates met in the lobby of the building and had only sitting room and many interruptions because of the many doors to various rooms, but God saw us through it and blessed us to no end.

During the last two weeks of our stay there we conducted two Bible Clubs in the Godwin's home and Steadman's home. We planned some follow-up work but it was never carried out. Dixie and I were disappointed that we didn't get accomplished the work that we had planned to do, but we do pray that our efforts were not in vain.

On July 10, 1963 Thurmon and Wallace arrived in Fairbanks, tired and hungry from their 12 hour ride on the train from Anchorage. No real work was accomplished during their weekend stay except for some preaching and teaching in the church on one Sunday and Sunday night service. Dixie and I stayed with her Uncle Fred while the boys were at Godwins'.

During the same weekend, the Whaleys, all five of them, arrive for fellowship and Sunday services. A place for sleep was furnished for all of us by the people of the church. Bro. Whaley brought a good sermon the next morning, and following the service we had dinner at the church; thus, strengthening the bonds of fellowship among the church people. That night was College Night, with each former or present student giving their testimony; and concluding with a special in song by Millie and Vernon, and sermons from Thurmon and Wallace.

Car trouble on the way back to Anchorage caused a lot of disturbance - one ran out of gas and the other broke down, but we all arrived home safely by 6:00 A.M. Thus, the Lord is faithful who hath promised.

We loved it at the Whaleys, and even I was tempted to stay for a year, with Millie pulling hard for me with her earnest prayers in regard to it. We were kept busy visiting, teaching in Bible Clubs, and filling in at various places. Dixie



# THE MISSION FIELD

and I especially enjoyed going with Mrs. Whaley on personal witnessing. Here is where real experience counts with real prayer and concern for their souls. My heart was stirred deeply as I watched Mrs. Whaley at work. She loves this work better than anything, but she has to do her chores and home; and oh the much needed answering of mail. What about the bills, feeding the family, teaching classes, preaching sermons, going on visitations, and oh, so many other things they do for God. Are we behind them in our prayers as we should be? **THE COST OF LIVING IS UNBELIEVING.**

The people in the church were very nice to us inviting us to dinners and showing their appreciation to us in many ways. We enjoyed the fellowship with them tremendously.

There is so much more I want to say, but I will give Dixie the rest of the space to tell you of the needs in Alaska and the great Challenge there for us all.

Karen Terry  
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# OUR



ELAINE JEFFREYS  
ANDREW

The first place we find in the scriptures about Andrew is in Mark 1:20. Andrew was sharing a home with his brother, Simon Peter, Peter's wife and her mother. Jesus and some of the apostles came to their home while Andrew was there. Peter's wife's mother was sick with a fever. Jesus took her by the hand, and lifted her, and immediately the fever left her. She rose up and ministered unto the multitude which had gathered when Jesus healed her.

In Mark 13:3, we find Andrew with Peter, James and John asking questions of Jesus near the temple. From this verse we find Andrew was probably apostle number four in order, after Peter, James, and John, the first three.

In John 1:35-42, we find John with another apostle stayed all night with Jesus. Andrew heard them talking and he knew it was Jesus. So he went and got his brother, Peter, and brought him also unto Jesus.

In John 1:43-44 we find that Phillip, another apostle, was of the same city as Andrew and Peter.

In John 12:20-22, Lazarus had died and Jesus had brought him back to life. Many people heard about it and had crowded close to Jesus in order to hear Him. Nearby were some people from Greece. They wished to see Jesus and they told Phillip, and Phillip told Andrew. They both went and told Jesus.

In Acts 1:13 we find Andrew in the upper room praying with the other apostles, after Jesus had gone to heaven.

By Elaine Jeffreys  
10 years old  
From the First Free Will Baptist Church  
of Monett, Missouri

## YOUTH

### OFFICERS ELECTED

The junior and teenage I.A.H. clubs held their regular meetings January 6 at the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

The meetings were opened with singing and several piano solos were given. Classes took their places.

Vice President Jerry Ussery took charge. Roll call was taken with Bible verses. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. We elected new officers for the following year. They are as follows: President Gene Crewse, Vice President Danny Landreth, Secretary Sharon Landreth, Treasurer Iretta Smith, Reporter Pat Middleton and Song Leader Rev. Tom Carlson.

The lesson on "Prayer" was given by Mrs. Deloris Phelps. We sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The story of the "Praying Hands" was told. Scriptures from the Bible were read.

We adjourned with chain prayer. We enjoyed refreshments served by Mrs. Deloris Phelps and Mrs. Olive Adamson. There were ten members present.

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### "THE LORD AND MYSELF" AS TOLD BY A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD

My personal experiences with the Lord have been great. During a revival meeting in the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church something inside was having a tug of war. One side was saying, "Karen, you know you should go and let God cleanse you," while the other side was saying, "Karen, you don't need to go to the altar, everything is o.k." Finally, the strings broke and I went right to the altar, now finding the Lord as my Saviour.

Now two years later nothing has changed with the Lord and me except my church. About four months ago our family moved to Crystal City. This was one of the greatest hardships to overcome, but I knew the Lord would help me over this hump, and He did. Now I am a member of the Festus Free Will Baptist Church, doing my best to help earn a home in eternity!

By Karen Smith  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Festus, Missouri

## SPEAKS

### THE YOUTH OF THE WILLOW SPRINGS F.W.B. CHURCH REPORTS

December 23rd on a snowy evening, the young people of the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church met for an old fashioned caroling. There were 26 young people and sponsors.

Four cars made up the caravan as 12 homes were visited. At each home Christmas carols were sung and everyone was wished a Merry Christmas. At several homes the juniors distributed fruit baskets. A gift of warm clothing was given to one needy gentleman.

The last stop was at Leo Hill's home for refreshments. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to a cold and hungry group.



PHILLIP

By Gary Jeffreys

### First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett

In Matthew 10:3, we find that Jesus was giving his apostles power against unclean spirits and the power to cast them out and also to heal the sick. Phillip was one of the apostles that was with Jesus.

In Luke 6:14, we find that Phillip was chosen one of the twelve.

In Acts 1:13, we see that Phillip and



the other apostles went to the upper room to pray. This was after Jesus had gone back to heaven.

In John 1:43, Jesus found Phillip and told him to follow him. In Acts 6:5, we see that Phillip was chosen one of the Deacons by the multitudes because of the apostles saying.

(This was given along with the article by Elaine Jeffreys in the opening assembly of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, the Sunday morning that the Sunday School lesson was about these two men. Both of these children are in the Junior Classes.)

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#### G.T.A.'S MEET

On January 21st, the G.T.A. Group of the Monett Church met at the Church for their second meeting of the month. The 16 present along with their sponsor, Sis. Roselee McCully and the pastor took a trip to the Armory in Monett. There they saw the wonderful display of army equipment dating back to the Spanish-American. This trip was enjoyed by all those that was at the meeting. The group then returned to the Church where the pastor, Rev. Bud Hill, gave a talk concerning the work of the Free Will Baptists in the Northeastern part of our states and the work in Canada.

Refreshments were served and after that the boys enjoyed a time of playing basketball and the girls played softball.

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#### ST. LOUIS DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

On January 24, 1964, the St. Louis District Youth Rally met for the finals of the Bible Bowl with three churches in the finals. They were: Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Southside Free Will Baptist Church and the Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church. The services were called to order by the Vice President of the Youth Rally, Miss D. Land. The Rev. A. L. McFarland led the congregation in singing a few choruses. Rev. R. B. Spurgeon then led the devotion. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Burton. The final rounds of the Bible Bowl then began with the teams of Southside and Trinity competing against one another. The answering of the questions began very slow with both teams real nervous; however, the answering of the questions begin to pick up and at the end of this round the score was: Trinity Church, 75; Southside Church, 65.

The next round found the Southside

Church going against the Meramec Heights Church. This round found the Southside Church coming out on top by the score of 55 to 30 for the Meramec Heights Church.

The final round of the Bible Bowl again found the Southside Church going against Trinity Church. At the end of the fifteen minute round the score was tied at 80-80. The Quiz Master, Rev. Al McFarland then started asking questions that the members of the panels had not only to answer the question but tell where it was found in the Bible. After the sixth question the team from Trinity answered it and was declared the winner. For their efforts they received a beautiful trophy. These first and second place teams have been invited to the National Association this coming year to show how the Bible Bowl works.

Each one of the young people that was in the Bible Bowl will receive a pin stating that they were in it.

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#### OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

##### "UNBELIEF"

The origin, and also the beginning of unbelief was in the Garden of Eden. The devil is the author of unbelief. He disputed God's word in conversation with Eve, and taught her unbelief.

It has been a great privilege of our young people to be brought up in Christian homes, and also to enjoy the fellowship we have in our church.

When I was nine years old, all of this helped me to realize how much I needed God. Even though I was raised in a Christian home, I didn't realize this until my Sunday School teacher passed away suddenly. Then I knew, that God had called her home, because her work here was finished. This made me think, where would I have been, if God had called me.

The devil is a very convincing teacher, and everyone that has unbelief, received it from him, either directly or indirectly. We are aware of the fact that the devil has succeeded in working his theories of unbelief into the lives of many people today, therefore we are again thankful for our teachings from people that do believe. The word of God teaches us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb. 13:8).

We live in such a fast world, and see so many people receiving from others, and from God, yet going on without ever returning thanks. Surely we can agree with the Psalmist when he said; "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." (Psalm 150:6). As we obey God's word, we prove our faith and our confidence in

Him, and He will give us blessings if we trust and believe. As Jesus said; "Because of your unbelief, for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." St. Matthew 17:20.

Cheryl Wetzel and Sue Sisk  
Garfield Free Will Baptist Church  
Couch, Missouri

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#### EVER THE SAME

What would it be like to have a changeable Lord? When you think about scientific theories and how they change from year to year it makes us wonder. Think of the many different theories on how the earth was created and how life was started. The theories change many times and many new ones are started but never has God changed His mind about the creation.

Not too long ago the President was assassinated and the head of the government was changed. Jesus Christ was hung on the cross and arose and the Ruler of our lives didn't change. Also during the past holiday season the largest funeral home in Kirksville burned to the ground. A change was made. A difference is seen when one drives by where the home once stood. A difference is also seen when people give their hearts to the Lord, but the Lord hasn't changed the way of salvation or the possibilities of anyone being able to be saved.

Changes are made each day and some how the change is dealt with so as to carry on but what if the Ruler of the whole world would change. The home that has been prepared for us might be withheld or the plan of salvation changed.

Men may try to change God's Word but since our God is unchangeable, we know that the Word of God will always remain and that nothing can destroy it. We are told that Heaven and earth shall pass away but that God's Word will not. It is wonderful to know that our Saviour does not change and that he is the same yesterday, today and forever.

We are cautious about trusting people who are on one side one day and on the other the next. The Lord isn't that way. We don't have to be afraid to trust Him. Let's put our trust in an unchanging God so we will have faith and courage to do as He commands.

Because the Lord is unchangeable is an ample reason to say; not isn't He wonderful, but He is WONDERFUL!

Y.P.A. of First Free Will Baptist Church  
of Kirksville, Missouri



## QUARTERLY MEETING

FREDERICKTOWN, MO. - The 261st Session of The Madison County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Mine La Motte F.W.B. Church, Mine La Motte, Mo., January 10-11, 1964. The introductory message was delivered by the Rev. Bob Jones of the Fredericktown Church, and throughout his message he stressed the need and plea for a revival among the people of God. The entire Session of the Quarterly Meeting was filled with the presence of God and each one present seemed to have a zeal and challenge to do more for God in the new year of '64. The Quarterly Meeting did adopt a New Standard of Excellency for the ministers of the Quarterly Meeting. The new officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Moderator, Rev. John Long; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Geo. Hibbitts; Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. O. D. Matthews. The next session which will be in April will convene with the Oak Hill Church near Saco, Mo.

### \*\*\*\*\* ORDINATION SERVICE

Bro. Hugh Stogsdill, pastor of the Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church, was ordained by the ordaining committee, Sunday, December 29, 1963.

The ordaining committee consisted of Bro. Johnny Land; Bro. Harry Asher; Bro. Long; and Bro. Cantrell. Bro. Johnny Land, pastor of the Arnold Free Will Baptist Church, brought the ordination message.

Bro. Cantrell gave the charge to Bro. and Sister Stogsdill. Following this, Bro. and Sis. Stogsdill gathered at the altar along with the ordained ministers and deacons for the ordination prayer and the laying on of hands. Bro. Sam Waller lead in the ordination prayer.

When the prayer was concluded, Bro. and Sis. Stogsdill stood at the altar while everyone came up and shook their hands. "Amazing Grace" was sung while everyone was shaking hands.

This service was truly blessed and everyone attending received a blessing.

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### BOARDS APPROVE \$175,000 LOAN

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Six departments to be housed in the new Free Will Baptist Headquarters Building have received authorization from their boards to seek a \$175,000 loan for the construction of the building.

According to Billy A. Melvin, executive secretary of the association, bids have been received and construction will begin as soon as a loan commitment is secured. The building will have approximately

14,500 square feet of floor space and will be erected on a 2.3 acre site on Murfreesboro Road which has been purchased by the association.

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### LITERATURE CATALOG MAILED OUT

NASHVILLE, TEEN. - A 36 page catalog containing all the literature and supplies of the National Sunday School department has been mailed out to all customers. The catalog provides a ready reference of literature with a description of each item. Catalogs are free and will be mailed to anyone upon request.

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST HYMN BOOK AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 20

NASHVILLE, TENN. - The National Association of Free Will Baptists, through its appointed hymnal committee, will have available for delivery the new Free Will Baptist Hymn Book on February 20, 1964.

The new hymnal designed to serve Free Will Baptist Churches contains 415 hymns and 101 responsive readings. It is bound in a hard-back maroon cover.

essee and Virginia.

All funds given through the Cooperative Plan are disbursed monthly on a percentage basis to all National Association ministries. Approximately 13% of the denominational budget now comes through the Cooperative Plan.

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### NEW STUDENTS TO ENROLL

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Twelve additional full time students have been cleared to enroll at Free Will Baptist Bible College at the beginning of second semester, January 22, according to Dean Charles Thigpen. Others are expected to enroll in the evening school classes.

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### PICIRILLI EARNS PH. D. DEGREE

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Robert E. Picirilli, registrar at Free Will Baptist Bible College, was granted a Ph. D. degree in New Testament Text by Bob Jones University on September 1, 1963. Dr. Picirilli earned his B.A. degree at Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1953 and his M.A. degree from Bob Jones University in 1955. In addition to his duties as registrar, Dr. Picirilli teaches Greek and New Testament and serves as head of the language department at the college.

# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



### COOPERATIVE PLAN GIVING IS UP IN 1963

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Giving to denominational ministries through the Cooperative Plan of Support increased by \$5,997.04 in 1963 as compared to 1962. Total giving was \$63,072.56. In 1962 it was \$57,075.52.

Twelve states showed an increase in their giving through this plan. They are Alabama, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tenn-

### BOARD CONSIDERS YOUTH PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, TENN. - The National Free Will Baptist League Board met here on December 30-31, 1963 to discuss further the development of the youth program. All board members were present as well as representatives from the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and pastors of Free Will Baptist Churches. A full report of the board's planning at this time has been released for the February issue of Contact.



## \$105,955.92 FOR HOME MISSIONS IN 1963

NASHVILLE, TENN. - The following nine states exceeded their quotas in National Home Missions giving in 1963 - Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Tennessee led all states in total giving, with Oklahoma a close second. Total giving was \$105,955.92, which is an increase of \$13,351.03 over last year, but \$4,044.08 short of the budget. Nine states gave less for National Home Missions in 1963 than they gave in 1962.

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### PRAYER COMMITTEE

The Prayer Committee appointed by the Steering Committee for the National Association which is to meet in Kansas City in July, met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett January 23rd for their first meeting. Those present were: Rev. O. T. Allred, Pastor of the Granby Free Will Baptist Church, Chairman; Rev. Teddy Davis, Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin; Rev. O. T. Dixon, Pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield; and Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, proxy for Rev. Bud Hill. Also present were two members of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Bro. Lee Collins and Bro. Raymond Hampton. This committee discussed the matter of prayer requests concerning the National Association. More information concerning this meeting will be printed in a later issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Keep watching for them.

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### PROGRAM

OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF  
INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
When Convened With The  
Monett First Free Will Baptist Church  
February 4, 1964

Welcome: Monett  
Response: Granby  
Devotional: Sis. Opal Jeffreys  
Business: "A Look At God's Business"  
1. 'Foreign Missions', Bro. Wayne Largent; 2. 'Home Missions', Rev. Gary Terrell; 3. 'Sunday School & League', Rev. Robert Duck.

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## Election of Officers: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

Whereas, we the Indian Creek Association have been allocated \$150.00 of the \$1,500.00 which the Executive Committee of the General Board is asking the churches of the State of Missouri to raise toward the expense of entertaining the National Association this July when it convenes in Kansas City at the invitation of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We would like to take this means to ask each of our churches who will, to send a special offering with your letter to the Quarterly Meeting earmarked: National Association entertainment fund.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

### EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Song Service:

Special Music:

Evening Speaker: Rev. Ted Davis

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### REVIVAL AT JOPLIN CHURCH

We are beginning our Spring Revival March the first. Rev. R. Pixley, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Ark., is the Evangelist.

Our kickoff dinner and meeting for our Bond program is to be the 10th of February. At the conclusion of the sale of our bonds we are going to go into a building program that will produce a new auditorium and classrooms for us on a new location in Joplin at the edge of a new housing development. We praise God for all of His blessings and covet your prayers in our behalf during this new undertaking.

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### MISSIONARY SERVICE

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett will have a missionary service March 7 & 8 with Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid. The Saturday night service will consist of slides of the work in Japan. Sunday morning Bro. Waid will be preaching. This Sunday also starts the March To Sunday School Campaign with a goal set of 200 on the last Sunday in March.

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### HELP WANTED!!

The state of California has sent a plea out for pastors and helpers. If any one is interested and would like more information, you may contact Rev. F. A. McCage, 237 South A. Street, Tulare, California.

## From The Bookshelf

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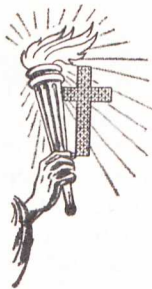
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Mrs. Peggy Davis

Dear Co-Laborer's In Christ:

Women, as we start another year of labor and service, let us claim this verse (Luke 1:37) "For with God nothing shall be impossible." May we, individually and collectively set our eyes on the goal and work to that end.

Trust that each Auxiliary had an increase during this month of January - which is our National Enlistment Month. Also, keep in mind that February is "Love Your Neighbor Month", and March is "Revival Crusade Month" with March 29 as Foreign Missions Sunday.

May God richly bless and keep each Auxiliary and her members.

Live For Self - You Live In Vain;  
Live For Christ - You Live Again!

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Peggy Davis

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## AUXILIARIES REPORTING JANUARY, 1964

Lebanon, Missouri - First Church  
First Church, Flat River, Mo.  
Thayer, Mo.  
Cuba, Mo.  
Parkview Church, Desloge, Mo.  
Mountain Grove, Mo.  
Kirksville, Mo.  
Willow Springs, Mt. Grove, Mo.  
Joplin, Mo.  
Lebanon, Mo. - Lynn Street Church

Surely we have more than 10 Auxiliaries in Missouri. Please send in your news!



## ATTENTION YOUTH WORKERS!

Recently I received a letter from a young person asking for information on the W.N.A.C. Essay Contest, and it brought to my attention the fact that time is soon running out!

Youth Sponsors, have you encouraged your youth to write an essay? I'll agree time is short, but most of us work under a time pressure anyway, so there is still time if the interest is great enough. The subject is "The Worth of A Family Altar" and more information and rules are given in the Y.P.A. and G.T.A. program books.

Please have the essays in to me by March 31st. The address is 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Mo.

May I remind you that at the State Auxiliary Meeting last summer it was decided to have the Declamation Contest run-off at the State Youth Camp in June. Definite days will be announced later.

First place winners from the Y.P.A. and G.T.A. will then be eligible to represent Missouri at the National Declamation Contest in July, which will be in Kansas City, Mo. this year.

If you need further information or have questions, please write me.

Claim the Lord's blessings as you labor for Him among our precious young people. Discouragements will come, but His grace is sufficient.

Doris Raper  
State Youth Chairman

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Connie Middleton, First F.W. Baptist Church, Mt. Grove, Mo. Contestant for the 1964 Declamation Contest run-off at the State Youth Camp in June.

## AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

### KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First F.W.B. Church have been real busy!

We observed the Thanksgiving Week of Prayer, also the Christmas Week of Prayer. We had good attendance and good services.

We gave a basket of food to a needy family.

We gave pillow cases and bed pads to the Nursing Home here in Kirksville, also enjoyed a wonderful service in the Nursing Home.

We made plans to work on clothes for the needy on the third Thursday of the month.

We sent Jerry and Carol Pinkerton \$10.00.

Evangelism is the topic for our next study course.

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## ENDS FIRST YEAR OF AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of Willow Springs Church of Mtn. Grove, Mo. report the close of their first year of service.

We wish to thank the officers for their hard work and faithfulness to their job to make it a very good year.

This has been a year of good fellowship of blessings and one of the greatest tragedies of our country made us see the need of prayer, too.

A letter from Leah Mae Postelwair was read expressing her thanks for a gift sent to her the past month.





Mrs. Lucille Beatty  
State Auxiliary President

### "OUR STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT OFFERS TWO-FOLD CHALLENGE"

1. For record attendance at the State Workshop this April:

The Workshop will be Tuesday, April 21, 1964, at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo. Rev. O. T. Dixon will be host pastor.

2. To meet the State Project.

The State project, of course, (as you know?) is to raise \$1,000.00 for the Land Rush in Hawaii. Our Hawaii Missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders.

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### HANNAS SENT CARD

The Auxiliary of the First F.W.B. Church received a Christmas card from the Hannas, who are on furlough from India. They are missionaries who have been sponsored by the Auxiliary for some time.

A committee was appointed to buy fruit baskets to take to shut-ins. It was also voted to give a food shower for a church family beset by illness.

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lynn Street F.W.B. Church reports new officers for the coming year:

President, Rev. Vinita Broyles; Vice President, Mrs. Elmer Hough; Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Dale Broyles; Assistant Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Ancil Marcum; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Lowery; Song Leader, Mrs. Hough; Committee Appointment, Mrs. Bonnie Archer.

### "QUEEN FOR A DAY"

The First Free Will Baptist Church Fellowship Hall of Mountain Grove, Missouri, was the setting in which Mrs. Edwin (Donna) Wade was crowned "Queen For A Day" at a specially planned event Monday evening, December 30, 1963.

Rev. and Mrs. Wade have accepted the pastorate of the Free Will Baptist Church in Vancouver, Washington, and will be moving there with their daughter, Joy, and son, Mike. The ladies of the church took this opportunity to crown Mrs. Wade as "Queen For A Day" and present her with many lovely gifts because of their love for her and for her faithfulness in working in the church and also in community projects.

Wanda Rogers was Mistress of Ceremonies. There were three fictitious contestants. Irene Akers played the part of Alley Oop and asked for an automatic toothbrush if she was elected queen. Norma Shannon played the part of Pearl Uproot and asked for a year's supply of Excedrin and Artha Hutsell played the part of Mattie Doolittle and asked for a barn for her cows if she was elected queen. Laura Johnson asked that if she was elected queen she would like to have Mrs. Wade crowned queen and stated many reasons for her wish. Mrs. Wade was then crowned queen, seated on a throne, and given the traditional bouquet of roses.

A white organdy apron with the names of each lady present stenciled on it was presented to Mrs. Wade also.

After the many gifts were opened, a poem, "This Path is Best for Thee" was read by Wanda Rogers and the closing prayer was by Velma Elliott. Refreshments were served by the Emma Ruth Willy Circle, of which Mrs. Wade is a member, to 42 guests. There were 25 ladies sending gifts but unable to attend.

The planning committee for the event was Wanda Rogers, Laura Johnson, and Irene Akers. Rev. Gene Rogers is Pastor of the church. Rev. Wade has been Educational Director of the Church for some time and was ordained in the ministry at special services December 31, 1963.

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### CONGRATULATIONS MRS. PAUL DICKENS

The Cuba Women's Auxiliary reports a New Arrival in the Paul Dickens family. The Lord has blessed them with another little son. This makes them two fine boys. Mrs. Paul Dickens is the Women's Auxiliary Secretary.

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### LAND PURCHASED FOR BRAZILIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

JABOTICABAL, BRAZIL - A 43-acre tract of land on the outskirts of this Brazilian town of 27,000 inhabitants has been purchased by the Free Will Baptist Mission in Brazil. It will be used for a proposed Bible institute.

Mission officials had been negotiating for the property for several weeks. It was previously used as a large farm.

The land was purchased for \$8,000. Payment is due January 31. A project to raise funds for institute land was initiated several months ago. More than \$7,000 is still needed. Funds should be clearly earmarked and forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Field Director Ken Eagleton, in states on furlough, will return to Brazil in the spring to complete final steps in development of institute program. The school, to be similar to a Bible college in principle, is scheduled to open in early 1965.

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Philippians 3:13-14 - "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Text: Joshua 3:4 - "Ye have not passed this way heretofore."

Another year is past and gone, opportunities and privileges unused are gone beyond recall. Penitential tears cannot bring back the misspent year. "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," For this I know that there is "MORE FOR '64" for those who love and serve the Lord. The gratitude for past mercies, the memories of God's Great Goodness, the experiences of His redeeming and sustaining grace, incites me to want to do "More for '64", and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." As a Christian, as a minister and pastor, as a church, and as a great denomination, let us resolve to do "MORE FOR '64", for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For our salvation is nearer, heaven is nearer, the reward of faithful service is nearer, and the goal is now at hand.

I. THE YEAR OF '64 WILL DISCOVER NEW DUTIES, NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, and thus requires our re-consecration to the service of Christ, in order that we may do "More for '64". There will be new demands for work, for workers, new opportunities and new responsibilities and the ardour and zeal of the past will only suffice but poorly for the labour for the future. All new ways always have new scenery, new possessions, and new responsibilities, and we know not what the year may bring forth, for "We have not passed this way heretofore," therefore we need a new and re-consecration in order that we may do "More for '64." He who "commits his way unto the Lord" will often be led to wonder at the strangeness of the path. There is no saying where the next steps will take him; they may lead into darkness quite beyond the power of human ken, and into depths where voices cannot be heard, and the only voice that reaches the ear will be the voice of Him who says "Take no thought for to-morrow," for "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Happy is he who can walk every step with his faith directed to a present God, and his eye look-

ing into that covenant which is "A lamp unto the feet and a light unto the path," And say, for me, I am going to do "More for '64."

II. THE YEAR OF '64 MAY BRING NEW PERPLEXITIES, Therefore we should seek afresh the Divine Guidance, "that ye may know the way by which we have not passed this way heretofore." Just as there will be new duties and new responsibilities, there will also be some new perplexities. Many in the year of '64 will suffer financially, socially, physically, and even spiritually. But this one thing I know, God will not allow us to suffer more than we are able to bear. God asks us to go nowhere, suffer nothing, and do nothing in which He is not willing to bear with us. If God be with us, that is salvation, the very rocks will have water for our thirst, the skies, manna for our hunger, the torrent, a path for our feet, and even the walled cities will fail to lend to our adversaries any sufficient defence, and we can say boldly as the Great Apostle Paul of Old, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," for "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Phil. 4:13; Rom. 8:28), therefore we are ready to do "More For '64".

III. THE YEAR OF '64 WILL BRING NEW TEMPTATIONS, and therefore it calls on us to "Watch and pray", lest we will fall into the hands of the prey. As we get older, we are apt to grow into a careless feeling of security. Men virtually say, "I have stood, I do stand, therefore I may grow careless and fall", if I fail to watch and pray. So I plead, that we all Watch and Pray, for "men ought always to pray, and not to faint". "Watch and pray that we enter not into temptation", that we may be able to do "More For '64".

IV. THE YEAR OF '64 MAY REVEAL A NEW LIFE AND A FRESH INHERITANCE, therefore we should be prepared. Our cold river may also have to be crossed, or it may be the glorious return of our Lord, but what ever it may

be, shall we find on the other side the New Jerusalem, and one of the many mansions ready for us? Shall we find waiting for us our loved ones who have already departed to be with Christ? Shall we hear the Saviour say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:21). Whether life or death, let us begin this year of '64 and live each day for the Lord, that our lives will be one continuous Prayer and Praise. Then when the morn of eternity dawns, and the shadows of earth flee away, we shall join in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb, and then who may mourn - May say, WE DID MORE FOR '64.

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## THE WAY TO REPENTANCE

By Rev. Hugh Stogsdill, Pastor  
Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church  
Kirkwood, Missouri

You might ask this question to many people. Are you a Christian? What kind of an answer will you get? Some might say I turned over a new leaf, others might say I joined this or that church or give some other reason. There must be a change of heart, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:5. There must be a complete forsaking of sin, forsake the world, turn toward the Lord Jesus Christ. Church membership cannot take you to heaven or any other way, "except ye repent". "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9. There is no other way of being truly saved, except by the grace of God, through faith and by the blood of Jesus. The blood is the atonement for our sins. Without the blood of Jesus we have nothing.

All sinners must have a sacrifice for sin. Remember Abraham when he was willing to offer his son, but God provided a ram for the sacrifice. There was a need

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of the shedding of blood even in the Old Testament. The blood is for the washing away of sin.

Jesus shed his blood that we might have life and have it more abundantly. There are many out in sin, when you reject Christ, what is the atonement or offering for your sins? Jesus is the only way. When you reject Jesus you are rejecting happiness, joy and peace that passeth all understanding. When you reject Jesus you reject the hope of going to heaven. If you reject Jesus, there is no hope for you, Jesus said, in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "Neither is there salvation in any other:

for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved". Acts 4:12. Jesus said, "I am

the way," there is no other way except by the way of Jesus. There are some in this world that are trying to get to heaven by their good works, self-righteousness or by joining some church. They may cheat or lie, but they will not succeed.

The only ones that will enter heaven are those that are honest to God and will truly confess their sins to him who died for us. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness", 1 John 1:9. "Except a man be

born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. After we have been born again, "born of the spirit" we are born into the family of God. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: Behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. We walk in the newness of life. Life is wonderful with Jesus.

Everyone has a free choice, to choose righteousness or evil. Man is a free moral agent. Through the fall of Adam we are sinners by nature. It's up to every person which way of life they choose, good or evil. You must make the decision every day that you live. It's up to you.

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A MESSAGE AND A CHALLENGE TO  
FREE WILL BAPTIST OF MISSOURI

For a number of years now we, of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, have been talking of a project for our youth. In our talk we have expressed a desire for a youth encampment. With this encampment to be a place for religious training, and recreation for the youth that we love so very much. I am overjoyed with the privilege to announce the beginning of such a vision being realized. However, I regret that all the people of the state were unable to be at the State Association on Sept. 13th, 1945. The reason for my regret is that you surely did miss a wonderful outpouring of the blessings of the Lord. I will be able to explain to you, through the Gem, the plan, but I will be utterly unable to explain to you what we experienced from the Lord on that day. By His presence being so visible we deem that His divine approval was stamped on the plan. The plan is as follows:

A recommendation was brought to the body by the business Committee, that the State Association elect a Committee of three to serve with the President of the State Sunday School Convention, and the President of the State League Convention thus forming a Committee of five to formulate plans for a youth encampment. That this committee be given the authority to purchase a site, construct buildings, hire instructors, and make every necessary

plan for the opening of the camp. The recommendations was passed unanimously NOT A VOTE WAS CAST AGAINST IT.

The committee that was elected consists of Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator of the State Association; Rev. Mark Lewis, President of the State Sunday School Convention; Rev. Kermit Esther, President of the State League Convention; Rev. C. B. Dees, Editor-Mgr. Free Will Baptist Gem; and Rev. Noel Greenway Pastor Carterville Free Will Baptist Church. This Committee was given, by vote of the body, the official title of, "Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment Board." Then amidst all the shouts, and praise of the delegated body to the Lord for His wonderful goodness; pledges for the support of the cause poured in. And amounted to well over \$2,000.00 with \$670.00 of this amount being given in before the session closed. It was stated by some one on the grounds that, "This is one of the very few times that I have seen Free Will Baptist shout while giving money." But, to you who did not see the expression of love for the youth, and hear the shouts, I repeat, "You missed a real blessing."

After all this, the Board met and organized with the following officers, Rev. O. T. Allred, Chairman; Rev. C. B. Dees, Assistant Chairman; Rev. Mark Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer. The Board decided that we would like very much to have all the pledges in our hands before March 1st, 1946. Then we can truly begin to do things for the Lord.

We are asking for pledges and donations from all who desire to be a part of this great work of saving our youth. We ask, especially, for the whole hearted support of Pastors, S. S. Superintendents, League Presidents, S. S. and League workers in General, and, to be sure, that field covers about all our church field; and surely we know that the Woman's Auxiliary will do its part for the cause. The time has come, "LET US RISE UP AND BUILD A YOUTH CAMP." Make all checks payable to Rev. Mark Lewis, and for your peace of mind I am to be bonded for the full amount of the money collected. Which bond will be announced in a later Statement to the Gem.

As for me, this move and plan is very close to my soul. I am well aware of the fact that our youth of today will be the church, and citizens of tomorrow, and I am persuaded to believe that, "As we train them today, they will live tomorrow." I can now just close my eyes and see your children, and my children sitting at the feet of some competent teachers, and instructors learning to serve the Lord; and to be big in soul, and turning out to be one of the most loyal generations of Free

Will Baptist that ever has existed. Won't you join in with us in our dreams by joining in with us in giving to this all worthy cause. Here is a suggestion: "If some of you happen to be behind in your giving to the Lord this would be a good place to get caught up. Just make your check or money order payable to Rev. Mark Lewis, put it in an envelope and address it Rev. Mark Lewis, then Pray God to lead the Board in its operation, and all will be well.

Now Christians, the message is, "WE HAVE STARTED."

The Challenge is, "WILL WE FINISH THAT WHICH WE HAVE STARTED."

The answer is, "BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE WILL."

Yours to serve,  
Rev. Mark Lewis  
Secy.-Treas.

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## SOME RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION By Rev. E. C. Morris

Since it will be sometime yet before the Minutes of the National Association will be out, and since many will not obtain a copy when they are distributed because of the limited supply, it is thought best to submit some of the most general recommendations and resolutions for publication in our Church papers, therefore, we are asking for space now in which to inform the readers of a partial report of the Resolution Committee herewith:

"It is called to our attention that some associations and other organizations constituting this body fail to send a proper letter. We urge that each delegate or representative here-after make diligent effort to obtain the letter from their respective bodies, so that the Clerk can make proper record of representation."

"We urge our churches everywhere to support all the institutions and program of this Association, and earnestly beg each pastor to acquaint himself with these, that he may properly present them to his churches."

"That, inasmuch as the Free Will Baptist Bible College is launching an expansion program, and which will require at least \$100,000 for its goal, we urgently recommend that each state and district association strive to attain the quota as has been recommended by the National Association, as soon as possible."

"In view of the many veterans who are now returning, and who will be returning for many months to come, resolved that each pastor in our Association be entreated to set up in each local church such organization as may be required to contact and draw into the church these veterans and give them all spiritual sustenances and comfort to the end that they shall be spiritually rehabilitated."



## EDITORIAL - YOUTH CAMP

The Missouri State Association was really a place of great rejoicing this year, the Auxiliary Convention Monday night and Tuesday morning was inspirational and a blessing. The League Convention began with morning worship at 11:00 A.M. and the afternoon session will not be forgotten for many years.

The topic for discussion was open and closed doors for Free Will Baptist Leaguers, and truly we saw a great door opened and we took advantage of it. For several years we have looked forward and hoped and planned for this youth camp to materialize and now our hopes and dreams are almost a reality.

The way it all came about surely was the handiwork of God who doeth all things well. Tuesday afternoon during the discussion of the topics the fervor of some of the people was stirred as was never before in regards to the youth camp, and the Bombarang was when a man said I'll pledge Fifty and I don't know what would have been the outcome of this service had we continued, but the suggestion was made that the League petition the State Association to buy or build a suitable camp ground, which suggestion was accepted by the League Convention, and the League continued with the remainder of the program.

After the close of the session a dear woman of God (Sis. Young) came to me and said we will give you enough ground to build a camp and maybe the timber to saw the lumber.

On Thursday when this matter came before the Association "WELL YOU OUGHT TO BEEN THERE" "YOU'D A SHOUTED GLORY," there was giving and pledging from all around and shouting and the tears of joy was really flowing, and in just a short time there was over \$2,400.00 raised for this camp, and also another man offered to give us a plot of ground for the camp. Say God can do great things with his children if they will only let Him have control of their lives, and by the help of God we plan to have a camp ready for a grand time in the Lord next year.

A Board was elected and instructed to buy or build and put into readiness a Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

Now listen you folks out there that wasn't at the Association, I know you want to have a part in this great movement of God's and you can do so by sending your contribution to Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043A Sidney Street, St. Louis, Mo. who is the Treasurer.

We as the Board solicit your prayers and your suggestions, we want this to be

carried on in a way that will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASS'N.

The Annual Meeting of the Northwest Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Hickory Grove church near Haddam, Kans. Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in August. Rev. T. C. Ferguson delivered the introductory sermon.

Rev. A. H. DeWeese was elected Moderator and Rev. Vernie Wellbaum Assistant Moderator. All business was transacted leaving ample time for a number of splendid sermons.

Ministers belonging to the Association are: A. R. DeWeese, Vernie Wellbaum, Mary Wellbaum, W. R. Rush, John D. McKown, Melba White, T. C. Ferguson, W. B. Fadley, G. S. Latimer, Vera Dawdy, Chas. S. Ballinger.

Churches comprising the Association are Carlow, Center Point, Hickory Grove, Mt. Zion, Philadelphia, Union Third Fork.

The next annual session will be held with the Mt. Zion church near Plattsburg, Missouri, August, 1946.

Send all articles to: Free Will Baptist Gem, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, by the 24th of each month to get in the next month's GEM.

## WHALEYS MOVE TO FAIRBANKS

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Announcement has been made by the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists that Reverend and Mrs. Lee Whaley have moved from Anchorage to Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Whaley will continue as director of the Alaskan work. Reverend Carl Johnson has assumed the responsibilities of the work in Anchorage.

## NOTICE

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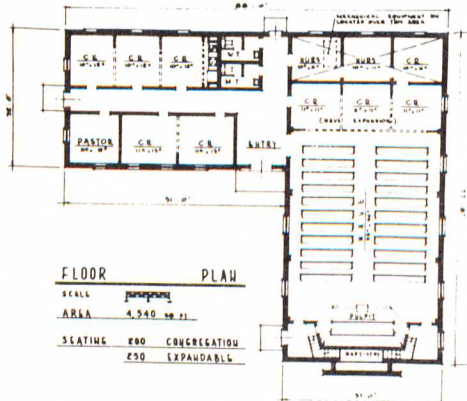
## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1963-64

|                             | July | August | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Fellowship, Flat River      | 183  | 179    | 175   | 175  | 178  | 176  | 179  | 178  | 192   | 214   | 201 |
| Leadington                  | 49   | 50     | 49    | 58   | 57   | 52   | 49   | 54   | 61    | 62    | 55  |
| Farmington                  | 82   | 89     | 99    | 114  | 109  | 105  | 75   | 87   | 87    | 93    | 81  |
| Liberty-Phillipsburg        | 82   | 74     | 75    | 73   | 77   |      |      |      |       | 97    | 81  |
| Berkeley City               | 228  | 243    | 283   | 282  | 307  | 300  | 230  | 241  | 366   | 343   | 268 |
| Richwoods                   | 54   | 55     | 61    |      | 57   |      | 44   | 49   | 47    | 50    | 55  |
| Kirksville                  | 62   | 68     | 78    | 78   | 74   | 70   | 62   | 66   | 65    | 79    | 78  |
| Grant Ave., Springfield     | 140  | 163    | 163   | 177  | 168  |      | 116  | 127  | 135   | 153   | 135 |
| Hazel Creek                 | 54   | 55     | 59    | 59   | 52   |      | 39   | 48   | 56    | 61    | 63  |
| Mine La Motte               | 31   | 27     | 29    | 37   | 31   | 31   | 19   | 26   | 30    | 40    | 33  |
| First Ch. Flat River        | 109  | 111    | 121   | 125  |      | 115  |      |      |       |       |     |
| Overland Church             |      | 138    | 140   | 159  |      | 143  | 133  | 137  |       | 162   | 150 |
| First Ch., Mtn. Grove       | 348  | 339    | 357   | 337  | 324  |      | 304  | 317  | 357   | 385   | 357 |
| Desloge                     | 104  | 106    | 105   | 104  | 110  | 103  | 83   | 103  | 127   | 128   | 107 |
| Thayer                      | 108  | 101    | 98    | 93   | 100  | 93   | 98   | 107  | 105   | 120   | 108 |
| Grace, Arnold               | 111  | 144    | 143   | 165  | 139  |      |      |      |       |       |     |
| Faith, Lemay                | 84   | 87     | 89    | 97   |      |      | 89   | 96   | 102   | 106   | 92  |
| Union Light                 | 109  | 117    | 114   | 109  | 104  | 106  | 89   | 103  | 103   | 117   | 111 |
| First Church, Springfield   | 162  |        | 199   |      | 202  | 169  | 133  | 159  | 154   | 189   | 169 |
| Sunnyview Church            |      |        |       |      |      | 46   |      |      |       |       |     |
| Joplin                      | 107  | 98     | 98    | 96   |      |      | 77   | 87   | 80    | 94    | 95  |
| Pleasant Ridge, Urbana      | 24   | 29     | 32    | 34   | 34   |      |      | 20   | 20    | 24    | 20  |
| Central, Kansas City        | 59   | 63     | 65    | 102  | 84   | 75   |      |      | 47    | 51    | 46  |
| Hannon                      | 66   | 62     | 62    | 58   |      | 47   |      |      |       |       |     |
| Mill Creek Church, Myrtle   | 75   |        |       | 67   | 74   | 67   |      |      |       |       |     |
| First Church, Monett        | 116  | 125    | 133   | 131  | 130  | 125  | 126  |      |       |       |     |
| Garfield-Couch              | 40   | 47     | 42    | 40   | 42   | 41   |      |      |       |       |     |
| Salem                       | 32   | 46     |       |      |      | 29   |      |      |       |       |     |
| Victory                     | 65   | 76     | 89    | 100  | 113  |      | 57   | 74   | 79    | 78    | 72  |
| First Church, Fredericktown |      | 151    | 151   | 170  | 157  | 155  |      |      |       |       |     |



# Do You Need Church Plans Or Financing?

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Executive Church Bonds, Inc., also has a plan whereby these churches can be financed. A \$25,000 building can be financed for as little as \$125.00 per month the first year, while a \$40,000 building can be financed for as little as \$200.00 per month the first year. Financing is arranged through the issue of first mortgage church bonds which pay 6% interest. Write today and let us tell you how we can assist your church building program.

## CONTACT

**EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS, INC.**  
3801 RICHLAND AVENUE  
NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE

## Letters from Our Readers

Lebanon, Missouri  
January 17, 1964

Dear Bro. Bud,

I, Carl Eden, have been elected by our little church, Sunnyview, at Lebanon, Missouri to keep you and the "Gem" readers informed of what we do from time to time for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We feel that we have started the new year of with a big bang. We have the Sunday School pen-giving system in our church and we are very proud to announce that out of an average of about 45 we have twenty one-year pens given out for perfect attendance. At the end of '63 the one's receiving pens were Carl Eden, Ramona Eden, Michael Eden, Kathy Eden, our pastor, Rev. Bill Eden, Mary Eden, Diana Eden, Ivan Eden, Terica Starnes, Rita Rogers, Danny Starnes, Donald Rogers, Jolene Rubles, Jeanie Rogers, Opel Rubles, Effie Peterson, Floyd Peterson, Altie Starnes, Bill Rubles and Sylvia Rogers.

We had a very successful New Year's Eve service with a lot of good singing, preaching and praying with several from other churches locally participating.

Here is a small poem I wrote myself I would like to pass along to you and the "Gem" readers:

### MY GOD

My God is real, this I know  
Because one day he told me so.  
He said your neighbor you must love,  
If you expect to reap your reward above.  
My ten commandments you must keep,  
And not always be a straying sheep.  
If you'll live for me each day,  
I'll send a light to guide the way.  
You'll pay your tithes and do your part,  
Then the blessings soon will start.  
But if you fail the light to see,  
You'll live in Hell for an eternity.

Pray for your brother in Christ,

Carl D. Eden  
292 S. Park Manor  
Lebanon, Missouri

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### FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

DECEMBER, 1963

South Side FWB Church 137.00

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Farmington FWB Church           | 18.39 |
| First FWB Church, Monett        | 10.00 |
| Myrtle FWB Church               | 16.32 |
| Reverend & Mrs. G. J. Pingleton | 6.00  |
| FWB Church, Berkeley            | 11.76 |
| FWB Church, Festus              | 3.00  |
| James C. Hoyt                   | 15.00 |
| Geneva Barks                    | 25.00 |
| First FWB Church, Fredericktown | 40.00 |
| Missouri FWB Church             | 40.72 |
| Oma L. Scott                    | 3.00  |
| Willow Springs FWB Church       | 11.06 |
| Oak Grove S.S. Class            | 20.00 |
| Mrs. Lee Bunton                 | 50.00 |
| Park View FWB Church            | 5.00  |
| Hope Combs                      | 5.00  |
| Macedonia Sunday School         | 5.00  |
| Pleasant Hill FWB Church        | 6.00  |
| Earnest Thomas                  | 20.00 |
| Woman's Auxiliary, St. Louis    | 10.00 |
| Park View FWB Church            | 15.00 |
| Earl Gohn                       | 10.00 |
| Woman's Auxiliary, Joplin       | 5.00  |
| New Rock Springs Church         | 13.65 |
| Pleasant Grove Church           | 19.84 |
| Virgil Bandy                    | 75.00 |
| Missionary Midgets, Raytown     | 2.61  |
| FWB Church, Berkeley            | 90.00 |
| Anna Lincoln                    | 1.00  |
| Park View FWB Church            | 25.00 |
| Myrtle FWB Church               | 18.89 |
| First FWB Church, Kirksville    | 10.00 |
| North Side FWB Church           | 12.69 |
| First FWB Church of Kansas City | 11.00 |
| Aulsbury Chapel Church          | 15.00 |

\$782.93

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### MISSOURI

### RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER

|                                                |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| South Side FWBC                                | 39.00 |
| South Side FWBC Junior Dept.                   | 4.40  |
| New Prospect S.S.                              | 31.50 |
| FWB Ladies Aux., Viburnum                      | 13.28 |
| Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool                      | 5.00  |
| First FWB Church, Festus                       | 2.00  |
| First FWB Church, Monett                       | 20.00 |
| Fourth FWB Church G. T. A.                     | 5.00  |
| Grace FWB Woman's Aux., Arnold                 | 11.90 |
| Overland FWB Church                            | 33.68 |
| Myrtle FWB Church                              | 24.28 |
| Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Means, Willow Springs         | 3.00  |
| Laura Belle Barnard Circle, Monett             | 5.00  |
| First FWB League, Monett                       | 4.00  |
| Grant Ave. FWB Young Adult League, Springfield | 5.00  |
| Belton FWB Mission                             | 20.00 |
| First FWB Church, Fredericktown                | 20.00 |
| First FWB Church YPA, Joplin                   | 5.00  |
| Mrs. O. H. Stephens,                           |       |



# PROJECT OF THE MONTH

## YOUTH CAMP PROJECT

Starting this month the "Gem" will be sponsoring a "Youth Camp Project of the Month". These projects will be small ones which most of us fail to notice. Each month we would like for churches, youth groups, leagues, Sunday School classes or anyone that wants, to help with these projects. This month we are using as our project the building of a new back stop for the new softball field. This field is being built behind the dining hall and chapel. The cost of this project will

run around \$50.00. Let us get together and help to put this project over. Send your monies to Rev. Bill Reeves, Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, Mo. Ear mark the money as such: "Gem Project of the month; Back stop."

If we receive more than the money needed for this project we will apply the remaining part to the next month's project.

Each month we will be printing the names of those who gave to these projects. Let us help to improve our State Camp.

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Mtn. Grove                      | 3.00  |
| Sherdell Reeves, Lemay          | 10.00 |
| Mrs. A. E. Fyr, Monett          | 10.00 |
| First FWB Church of Kansas City | 54.21 |

|                                         |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| Hannon Auxiliary, Liberal               | 21.00 |
| Park View FWB Church                    | 12.00 |
| First FWB Youth Group, Kirksville       | 2.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Thomas, Kirksville | 5.00  |
| Berkeley FWB Ladies Aux.                | 21.79 |
| R. M. Shaner, Bonne Terre               | 5.00  |
| Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove          | 3.00  |

|                                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| Marie Hanna Aux., Trinity Church, Bridgeton | 15.00 |
| Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville                 | 1.00  |
| Kirksville FWB Church                       | 22.00 |
| First FWB Woman's Aux., Joplin              | 40.00 |
| Central FWB Woman's Aux., Kansas City       | 6.61  |
| Virgil Bandy, Yukon                         | 50.00 |
| New Harmony Young People's                  |       |

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Class, Greentop               | 1.00   |
| Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett     | 5.00   |
| Mary Gregory, Hartville       | 5.00   |
| Louis Willhite, St. Ann       | 2.00   |
| Farmington FWB Church         | 77.00  |
| North Side FWB Church         | 64.23  |
| First FWB Church, Kansas City | 11.00  |
| Myrtle FWB Church             | 5.00   |
| H. E. Mikel, Greentop         | 25.00  |
| Oak Grove Church, Cabool      | 13.00  |
| W.N.A.C., Hqts.               | 160.56 |
| First FWB Church, Berkeley    | 47.72  |

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|----------------|----------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$950.16 |
|----------------|----------|

## BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

National Association Free Will Baptists  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

February 1, 1964

Dear Fellow Ministers:

For many years we have felt the need for some type of "loan fund" from which churches could borrow money for emergency needs. The demand for such loans is especially great among new churches in new places. Your Home Mission Board has discussed this time and time again and now a "loan account" has been established.

This account has been set up with faith that many churches and individuals will make sizeable gifts to get it "off the ground." Three gifts have been received for this account, so you see we are starting at the bottom but this is a beginning. When \$10,000 is accumulated, we would be able to start making loans.

I feel the Lord's leadership in this endeavor, and I am convinced it will have His blessing. This may become one of our greatest arms of church extension.

You are a man of business ability, and you have a burning desire to see Free Will Baptist churches all over North America. Your comments on this plan will be appreciated, and I am sure your ideas will help us do a more effective job.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I wish we had a place where we could borrow money for a new church like other

denominations have"? Hundreds have made the above statement to me. Now, brother, let's do something to make it possible to have this loan fund.

Maybe you, your church, or a layman in your church could be among the first to contribute to this fund. The enclosed envelope and check book is for your convenience.

A dollar once given to this loan fund will never stop working for the Lord through missionary activity and church extension.

Yours to serve,  
NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD  
Homer E. Willis

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|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Oskaloosa                    | 33.00             |
| Victory                      | 75.24             |
| Overland                     | 323.00            |
| Pleasant Home                | 16.09             |
| Hannon                       | 19.20             |
| Monett                       | 79.65             |
| Alton                        | 14.00             |
| Springfield First F.W.B. Ch. | 43.75             |
| Mine la Motte                | 17.27             |
| Copper Mines                 | 35.00             |
| Old Flat Sunday School       | 5.00              |
| West Plains                  | 30.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$3,125.53</b> |

## DISBURSED:

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 55% Nat'l Ass'n F.W.B. | 1,719.04          |
| 1% Mo. Superannuation  | 31.25             |
| 4% Mo. Youth Camp      | 125.02            |
| 4 1/2% Mo. F.W.B. Gem  | 140.65            |
| 7% General Fund        | 218.80            |
| 8 1/2% Mo. Missions    | 265.67            |
| 20% Promotional Dept.  | 625.10            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$3,125.53</b> |



## MEETING THE CHALLENGE

JANUARY, 1964

Dear Friends:

Greetings once again in the lovely name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We trust this new year shall bring many blessings to you.

First we want to thank each of you who have so wonderfully responded to the need for the school property. As of January 1, we have received \$905.25. We feel by January 31 the other \$700.00 will have come in. May God richly bless each of you who have perhaps sacrificed for this need.

Now we want to tell you something of the plans for development. As we told you last month the land cost is \$3,200.00. We have the property we now use for the boys dormitories up for sale. When we sell this property we will finish paying off the land. Now what we need is buildings. Our plans for this year are to build cabins for dormitories. We plan to build 4 cabins for the girls and 4 for the boys. 6 students will sleep in one cabin. This will give us space for 48 students. We also plan to build a kitchen, dining hall, class rooms, an office and a small house. The house is for the couple who will be in charge of the students. Of course we will have to expand each year, these are the bare necessities. We can build a cabin for \$300.00. Now if you, your church, association or state meeting would like to take this as a project we will name the cabin any name you choose. For instance the North Belmont church in North Carolina have sent \$325.00 for a cabin. They want it named the NORTH BELMONT CABIN. This cabin will serve two purposes. We will use during school for the students, then in the summer when any one from North Belmont comes for vacation they will have their cabin to stay in. Although you need not feel you must send \$300.00 to have a part in this need, any amount will be appreciated. Every dollar helps, there are many buildings needed besides the cabins.

The total cost for the above mentioned buildings will be \$5,000.00. Our Mexican convention has put \$500.00 toward the building program. All the students (boys) are staying during the summer months to work. They will receive no pay, only their food and what used clothing we can give them. Also many of the men from the farms have offered to come in and donate from one to three weeks of work. They have no money, but they can work.

We ask you to earnestly pray about what

you can do to help with the buildings. We must have everything ready by September when school begins. As we mentioned above we are selling the property we now use for the school, NOT THE W.N.A.C. BUILDING. The small property we bought when we first come here. Those of you who have visited here know which one it is.

We will have our first graduation service February 21. We have 7 students who have completed 3 years of training. Our first year we had 8 students, we still have 7 of them with us. We praise the Lord for these fine young men and women who have been so eager to study and prepare themselves to take the message to others. It has been a struggle for all of us. The school has come a long way in these last 3 years. We are looking forward to even greater things in the years ahead, when we will have proper facilities to take care of the students, more trained teachers, and more experience. Remember the students in prayer as each of them go to tell others the good news.

To each of you who sent cards of greeting during the holidays "THANKS". It is impossible for us to write each of you personally, but we do appreciate your kind words of encouragement. We also use the cards during Vacation Bible school with plaster paris to make pictures for the children.

This year brings more work for us than any year since we have been here. In closing we ask you to remember us in prayer, that God will give us physical strength. Our bodies are tired and sometimes it seems we can't take on another thing to do, but the buildings must be built, and to save money Arthur will have

to do the construction. That is be in charge, and do the finish work. We surely do need your prayers.

May God bless you as you pray and give to the above mentioned needs. Send your offerings to "National Home Missions, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Be sure to earmark BILLOWS SCHOOL FUND.

Your Missionaries In Mexico,

Arthur, Jenell & Family

Please send all correspondence to the following:  
Missouri State Free Will Baptist Headquarters,  
% Free Will Baptist Gem,  
3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis 11, Missouri

### GIVE GOD YOUR HEART

I gave my heart to God one day  
And love walks with me along the way,  
When once I lived in constant fear,  
I now have peace since He is near.

He took my heart so sinful and black,  
Painted it white, then put it back,  
He filled it with love inside and out  
Trimmed it with faith where once was doubt.

"Follow me and I will make you mine,  
Blessings untold will be thine."  
These are the words He printed there  
Since I gave Him the burden to bear.

Won't you give Him your heart today?  
Let Him fill it and trim it His way?  
Then you, too, can be a valentine  
In God's great heaven so divine.

By Oneida Lombard

## Officers and Board Members of the State Association

### OFFICERS

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

### THE GENERAL BOARD

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