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Pictured here is the property owned by the National Association of Free Will Baptists which will be used as the building site for a new headquarters building. Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin points out to state promotional men the exact location of the building on the property. The new building will contain 14,500 square feet of floor space and will cost \$175,000.00. Construction is expected to begin as soon as loan arrangements can be completed. The occasion of the visit to the property was a two-day meeting of state promotional men in Nashville on February 13-14.

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MARCH COOPERATIVE RECEIPT	

Joplin	\$135.95
Macedonia, Indian Creek	256.95
Fellowship	75.00
Victory	66.95
South Side, St. Louis	49.80
Rock Chapel	21.41
Verdella	56.71
Jefferson City	5.90
Farmington	92.54
Parkview, Desloge	95.31
Hickory Grove	16.90
Union, or Gladden FWB League	35.00
Overland	109.75
Berkley	147.34
Hannon	20.87
Faith & Hope	13.00

Promotional Secretary Corner

Monett	89.59
Mine La Motte	11.25
Thayer	30.73
Cartersville	12.14
Aulsbury Chapel	80.60
Beacon	92.90
Kansas City Central	88.00
West Plains Bethel	48.00
Fredericktown	285.98

TOTAL \$1,938.57

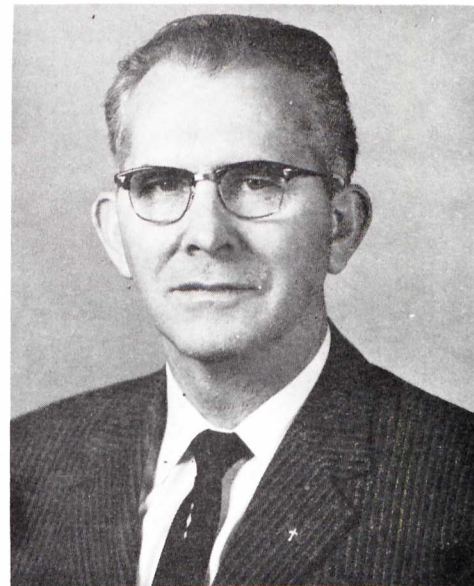
DISBURSED:

55% Nat'l Ass'n FWB	\$1,066.21
1% Mo. Superannuation	19.39
4% Mo. Youth Camp	77.55
4 1/2% Mo. Gem	87.24
7% General Fund	135.70
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	164.78
20% Promotional Dept.	387.71

TOTAL -\$1,938.57

The Liberty Quarterly Meeting convened with the Macedonia Church near Niangua February 29 with each of their churches represented. Pastor Rev. Self Jones delivered a real challenging, soul stirring sermon at the 11:00 a.m. service. Time was given for the Missouri promotional work during the afternoon session.

Sunday, March 1, we visited the Little Vine Free Will Baptist Church near Grove Springs, and participated with Pastor Bennett, Rev. Ford, and Rev. Climer in



Rev. Harry Beatty
Promotional Secretary

the preaching service. Sunday evening I was privileged to be with Evangelist Cliff Bowman in the Conway Mission and bring the evening message there. This mission is gradually growing and the interest is good.

Pastor Woodrow Matthews and Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown hosted the Greater Kansas City District Meeting March 6 and 7. Each of their churches represented with delegates present. Time was given for the Missouri Cooperative program, which most of these churches support regularly.

Saturday evening we journeyed to Olathe, Kansas with the Vernon Mason's family quartet to participate in the youth fellowship service held with the Timber To page 15

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MISSIONS

The Character of the CHURCH

BY J. REFORD WILSON

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Which came first, the Church or missions? Missions is not merely a department of the Church; it is the total ministry of the Church.

The Church grew out of missionary activity. Christ sent out the 12, then the 70 and then the 120.

Missions is both the vision and voice of the Church. "Without a vision, the people perish." "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields."

The voice of evangelicals must be amplified. It must be the voice of authority - "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." We know the truth in Jesus Christ, and under God we are bound to proclaim this message to others.

The confusion of the religious world is a result of turning from the authority of the inspired infallible Word of God and from the authority of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. "Thy Word is truth." "All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. The name of no other person, church, or religion can be substituted for salvation.

It is not difficult for most Free Will Baptists to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. It is hard, however, for some to believe that the heathen without the gospel are lost and on their way to hell.

Basic to the missionary outreach of the Church must be this Biblical basis that men without Christ are without hope.

Missions then become the passion and purpose of the Church.

Some churches under "promotion" supposedly become missionary. Someone said that our promotion surely paid off in 1963. We do not agree with this. We believe that missions are the divine work of God and that men and promotion are mere tools which God uses.

Some churches in a "heat" of passion supposedly become missionary. The people are easily moved by an emotional appeal to respond to a crisis. This does not stabilize a missionary program.

Some churches under persecution become missionary. Paul made havoc of the church and "they that were scattered

abroad were everywhere preaching the word."

Churches under power of the Holy Spirit are missionary. Holy Spirit power is the courage of the Christian to assail the strongholds of Satan. Who but the Spirit-filled Christian dare penetrate the jungles of paganism. The arm of flesh cannot lift the sword of the Spirit. Only a soldier fitted with the armor of God advances against the foe. The Holy Spirit bestows His gifts for specific task in the kingdom.

I am convinced that the growth of any church cannot be accurately measured by its building program or Sunday school attendance, but rather by its missionary activity.

Dr. Louis King tells of the missionary growth of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. "The essential distinction between the alliance and most missionary societies is that missions is not a subdivision of a denomination, a segment of its many activities. What Dr. A. B. Simpson established 75 years ago was not a mission divorced from the normal activity of a church, but a church which had within it the life and function of a mission. The alliance is convinced that missions is the chief end of the Church and, therefore, the chief and for which each alliance congregation exists. Indeed, money, churches, colleges, youth - all, everything is with a view of carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth. Out of a recent graduating class of 94 at one of its four colleges, 54 applied for overseas service. (From the years 1946-60, of 1,953 candidates who made formal application, 1,040 were appointed missionaries. They do have a rigorous screening processed.)

"The genius of the alliance is a program permeated with missions. Touch it anywhere and you feel the heart throb of missionary interest. The alliance has one missionary for every 80 church members because they keep the challenge of missions perpetually before their total constituency."

If Free Will Baptists had one missionary for every 160 church members we would have more than 1,050 missionaries. The potential outreach of Free Will Baptists

is tremendous. The Central church of Royal Oak, Michigan, with approximately 800 members gave more than \$20,000 in 1963 to foreign missions. This one church gave more than the 30,000 Free Will Baptists of Alabama and Arkansas combined or the states of Virginia and West Virginia combined or the states of Georgia, Florida, and Kentucky combined. In fact, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee are the only states which gave more than this one church. This one church in Michigan gave more than all the other churches in Michigan put together. It could be pointed out that in some of these other states one to six churches gave the larger portion of that received.

I recognize that no amount of money can save a soul, build a character, or evangelize a city, and yet it is a factor without which these things cannot be accomplished.

No one can read the first 16 chapters of the Book of Acts and overlook the importance of prayer in the missionary outreach of the Church. The spiritual strength of our missionary work cannot be sustained without systematic prayer support. Praying is the faith exercise of the soul. Satanic forces are thwarted by the force of prayer. King Hezekiah found in prayer physical healing and military victories.

I would like to know that we have prayer groups constantly praying for our missionary endeavors. God has marvelously answered prayer. Spiritual victories have been realized in the lives of missionaries and converts through prayer. Money for missionaries and projects has come in answer to prayer. The Church must know how to pray to expand its work.

I give you a simple problem of algebra:
51 missionaries plus "X" = 100 missionaries
100 missionaries minus 51 missionaries = "X"

Does "X" = 49 missionaries? No, not to us. "X" = prayer. "Pray ye the Lord of harvest. . ."

About the author - - -

Rev. J. Reford Wilson is the General Director, Board of Foreign Missions.

April, 1964



THE MISSION FIELD



Lonnie Sparks



Anita Sparks

Dear Friends:

It is good to be able to greet you again from Ivory Coast. The shipping company changed our sailing date twice and the boat on which we were to sail three times; however, we finally sailed October 15, 1963. Along the way we stopped at six African ports before arriving at Abidjan. This made the trip all the more interesting. We arrived in Abidjan November 14 at 2 a.m. We were scheduled to arrive one week earlier, but when only twelve hours out of Abidjan, the Captain received orders to bypass Abidjan and proceed to Tema, Ghana. This disrupted our greeting party which was already in Abidjan, so they (The Jones and Palmers) had to return to their stations to await further word.

It is good to be here with the missionaries and Africans again. This is home to us. We were on the move a great deal in the States during the twenty months we were there, so we welcome a chance to stay in one area.

The work advances. Another village opened up in December. Over a dozen have prayed here at Goumere since we arrived. Two young men who are called to the ministry, along with two others who want to study, made it necessary to start a small Bible Institute on January 6, 1964 with Anita and myself as teachers. Pray for the students and teachers. Other missionary couples are badly needed here at Goumere. Village work among the Christians calls for a fulltime worker. The language work cannot easily be postponed. Then there are the many unreached villages without the message.

The way some of our young men take part in the service thrills us. One of our young preacher boys does a fine job already. The other night as we sat listening to him, I couldn't help but reminisce. Anita use to invite him to church when he would come to be doctored. Finally, one night he came and gave himself to the Lord. Since then, he has surely grown in the Lord. One of our secondary school boys exemplifies the Spirit's transforming power. One time on coming to prayer meeting several years ago, I found him there alone; however, we had it together. The faithfulness evident that night remains one of his best qualities today. One night in

the course of our conversation he said that the backs of his Bible were worn, but that the pages were still good. He received this Bible for learning twenty-five portions of Scripture. Then he said very convincingly: "I love my Bible." This gives us further proof that the Gospel in that Book is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Pray for these, as well as others, that God will keep their lives clean and pure so they can continue to be used among their own people.

We enjoy hearing from you but regret not being able to always answer each letter singularly, so please accept this as a personal letter from us. May God's richest blessings rest upon you throughout this coming year.

Yours in Christ for souls,

Lonnie, Anita and boys

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS - MISSOURI

FEBRUARY, 1964

Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley City, Mo.....	159.57
Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.....	3.00
Co-operative Plan of Support, Nashville, Tenn... 531.49	
Oak Grove Sunday School Class, Mtn. Grove, Mo. .	25.00
Hope Combs, Couch, Mo.	5.00
Overland Church	16.86
South Side Church	10.00
Grace Church, Arnold, Mo.	29.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	15.00
Dolly Pohnert, Houston, Mo.	5.00
Leona Holt, Martha Coffman, Oma Scott, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	3.00
Willow Springs Church, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	12.76
First Church, Joplin, Mo.	5.00
First Church, Fredericktown, Mo.	40.00
Mrs. Harold Wilfong, Esther, Mo.	10.00
Grant Ave. Church, Springfield, Mo.	1.50



Rev. C. Hannah (Missionaries to India)



Mrs. Hannah

Park View Church, Desloge, Mo.	40.00
Mr. Val Arnold, Florissant, Mo.	10.00
Beacon Church, Raytown, Mo.	11.03
Mr. John Schebaum, St. Louis, Mo.	30.00
New Rock Springs Church, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	16.00
Richwoods Church	13.00
Miss Pansy Smith, Fredericktown, Mo.	14.00
South Side Church	128.00
West Plains Church	18.52
First Church, Flat River, Mo.	16.90
Thayer Church	14.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre, Mo.	15.00
The J. A. Hoyts, Thayer, Mo.	15.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Festus, Mo.	6.00
Mr. Coy Rader, Niangua, Mo.	10.00
Nora Altis, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	1.00
The Clifford E. Altis', Independence, Mo.	30.00

\$1,260.63

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NATIONAL HOME MISSION GIVING FOR THE PAST MONTH FROM MISSOURI

RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1964:

Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville.....	1.00
Southside FWB Church	34.47
Marie Sutton, St. Louis	30.00
WNAC Hqts.	523.01
Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool	5.00
Co-op, Hqts.	293.24
Grant Ave. FWB Young Adult League, Springfield	5.00
Dolly Pohnert, Houston	5.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	20.00
Old Bethel FWB Church	50.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	122.26
Woman's Aux. of Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove....	3.00
Son Light Missionary Conf., Cabool	41.68
A Friend, Fredericktown	60.00
FWB Church, Farmington	138.50
First FWB Church, Monett.....	10.00
First FWB Church, Berkeley	20.43
Richwoods FWB Church	13.00
First FWB Youth Group, Kirksville	2.00
New Harmony Young People, Greentop	1.00
First FWB Church, Festus	4.00
First FWB League, Monett	4.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$1,386.59

IVORY COAST INSTITUTE MOVES AHEAD

GOUMERE, IVORY COAST - The Bible Institute begun here in January is developing well, according to Missionary Lonnie Sparks, who is in charge of this ministry.

Four students are enrolled. Three are preparing for preaching ministries. Training a strong national leadership is essential for development of a strong national church.

Students assist missionaries in village evangelism as a part of their training. At the present time, services are being maintained in nine villages weekly. On-the-job training is proving to be an effective part of the institute's overall teaching program.

April, 1964



Sunday School Congregation Quartet of the Bloss Mem. Ch.

DEDICATION SERVICE of BLOSS MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH March 1, 1964

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.....

The Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church was organized in March of 1961 with 24 charter members. The present membership is 72.

As a Home Missions effort, this church was sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The name of the church is given in memory of one of the denominations pioneer workers in Home Missions. The Rev. J. B. Bloss, now deceased. He wanted to see a Free Will Baptist Church in every major city, U.S.A. His vision is being fulfilled over and again each year by the Natl. Home Missions Program.

Having met in the Wilson Elementary School from the beginning, the church has had to make but one move from the school to the new church building.

Many have come and gone even in the short history of the church. Yet, the present accomplishment is evidence of what a small congregation can do if dependant upon the Lord. He can do wonders with dedication!

PERSONALITIES ON THE PROGRAM.....

Rev. Homer Willis, General Director of Home Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, headquarters-Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. J.B. Bloss, wife of the deceased in whose memory the church is named.

Mr. Charles Miller, the first contact made by the home missionary who came to start the church.

MEMBERS--UNIFIED CONSTRUCTION CORP....

PRAYER REQUESTS CONCERNING OUR MISSIONARIES

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Marie Hanna underwent surgery in a Nashville hospital March 17. She is recovering satisfactorily.

Ebenezer Dawson, 63, died March 12 following an extended illness. He was the father of Sandra Payne who is in language study with her husband in Switzerland.

Thieves broke into the Bobby Pooles' home in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, taking money and valuables worth \$180-200.

Bill Fulcher was ordered to bed by doctors while on a mission trip to Campinas, Brazil, from his base in Uruguay. Diagnosis: hepatitis. At latest report he is recovering satisfactorily.

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The Testimony Story

of

Laercio Migvel Da Silva

BY BOBBY AYCOCK - BRAZIL

Laercio Miguel da Silva was born in Jaboticabal on October 8, 1936. His parents were spiritist and he began attending sessions as a child, but was never very much impressed or influenced by this religion.

He began drinking a lot at the age of 12 and even knew what it was to become drunk. At this time he was also a regular smoker.

At the age of 14 he left home and went to Campinas to live and work with one of his brothers. His brother was working in a tire recapping place and he (Laercio) worked there two years and then returned to Jaboticabal.

While in Jaboticabal he fulfilled his military obligations. After which he went back once more to Campinas to work. This time in another tire recapping place. His drinking became worse and worse and his morality was at a very low ebb. He was put in jail twice because of his drinking and conduct; once in Campinas and once in Jaboticabal. He in the meantime had taken up the habit of playing cards and gambling.

Laercio attended the spiritist sessions very little, but deep down inside he had a desire to be something. He had a desire to get out of that sorry life.

Before his conversion he never had been inside of an Evangelical church. He hated the churches and Christians as well. He and his friends threw stones at the church in Campinas on different occasions. He was invited to attend services several times, but he never went.

He always had difficulty in keeping a job. He worked at Swift plant in Campinas for seven months. Later worked as a brick layer's helper. His drinking continued to increase. He spent money that he needed for food to buy drink. He literally lost his health becoming sick in body and soul - a true prodigal.

On one occasion he thinks he was possessed with demons. He was in bed for three or four days. It all started with a noise that sounded to him like a Catholic procession carrying the Virgin Mary. He thought he saw a chain of fire. He later could see the devil personified on the roof throwing poison darts at him and later dust that fell all over him. He thought he was going crazy and that he was going to die. (This happened just two months

before his conversion.)

He began to think more about what might happen to him. He had a desire to stop drinking, but could not. He stopped one time, but after four days he started again as badly as ever. His life was terrible, but he yet wanted to trust in his own righteousness. He hadn't killed or robbed anyone.

On December 24, 1959 he was in a bar not too far from the church. He was drinking, but not drunk, he had his reasoning powers. He was planning to drink more with his friends later to celebrate Christmas. While he was in the bar the group from our church came to have a street service. A man in the bar said he was going to put an end to the street service. He left the bar and Laercio followed behind to see what would happen. The man in the end didn't do anything. Laercio stood by himself a little distance from the group. Joaquim, a young preacher boy from the church walked up to him and asked him to come closer. Laercio thought that he came to do something to him because he (Laercio) had done several things in the past to hinder the services, like shouting, and throwing stones. He went closer to attend the open air meeting, but with much shame. A little later his friends from the bar tried to get him to leave. The owner of the bar didn't want him to stay there and offered him beer if he would leave. Later his friends made fun of him and tried to get him to leave, but he said no and stayed for the service.

After the open air meeting he went with the people to the church to attend the service. He heard the singing and message. When the invitation was given at first he didn't respond, but later went to the front to make a decision. The preacher boy gave him a Bible after the service, talked and prayed with him. Laercio truly passed from death to life. He didn't go back to his drinking or smoking after his decision. He went home that night with the Bible under his arm and told his mother about his conversion. In three days his mother accepted Christ and also his daddy after three months. (His parents had moved to Campinas some time earlier.)

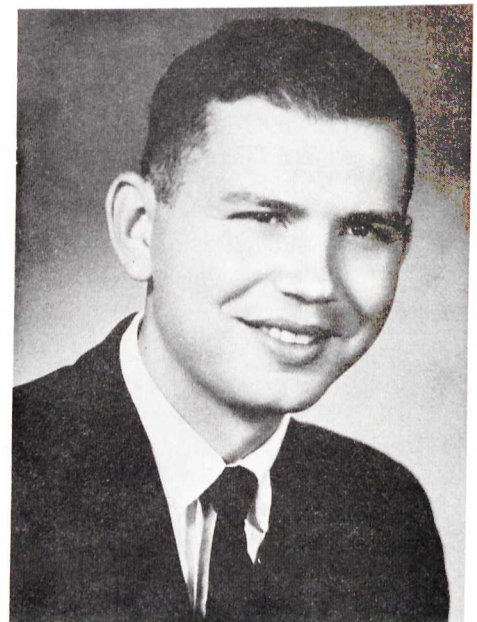
He began attending the services regularly. He had arranged for work at another recapping place before his conversion. After his conversion he went to see about

the job and it wasn't open anymore. He had a habit of cursing when things didn't go right, but this time he acted like a saved man. He then asked the Lord for work and work that would be such that he could attend the services at church. That same day he found work in a grocery store working regular hours.

He had a growing conviction that he ought to preach the Gospel. About the same time the missionaries opened a Bible Institute for the national workers. He began studying about three months after his conversion. He began preaching in street meetings a little while before he began studying. The Institute work began in March and he studied about six months. They stopped the Institute to begin construction on the church building. The building was far enough along that they had the first service on Christmas Eve night of 1960. The studies started back in February of 1961 in the church building. They continued until May of the same year at which time they had holidays. Laercio went to Jaboticabal to visit his parents, who some time before had gone back there.

Laercio discovered a great need there. His parents didn't have any church to attend and he also found other interested persons near his parents' house. He returned to Campinas and told Ken about the possibility. Ken took Laercio and two more national workers along with missionaries Dave Franks and Sam Wilkinson.

They began services in Laercio's house. There were about 15 people present for the first service. Laercio helped with



Rev. Bobby Aycock

About the author - - -

Rev. Bobby Aycock is a graduate of our Bible College, (1957) and has served as a missionary in the country of Brazil.

the work there for several months and then came back to Campinas and began working. Shortly afterwards Sammy and June Wilkinson went to Jaboticabal to help the national worker that had continued with the work.

Laercio decided to help us (Bobby and Sue) open up a new work in January, 1962. In the month of December, 1961, we surveyed several towns including Araras and Pirassununga. We finally decided on Araras and Pirassununga. We moved to Araras on January 3, 1961. We found a boarding house for Laercio where he has continued to stay.

Another worker moved to Pirassununga and we started helping him with the services there in February. This worker left after a few months. We have continued the services and Laercio preaches there on Sunday nights while we conduct the services in Araras. We all go over to Pirassununga for Sunday School at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Laercio stays for the night service and comes back to Araras by bus after the service.



Mrs. Sue Aycock ----- Brazil

PASTOR RESIGNS

Since coming to the State of Missouri I have met a number of laymen, deacons, and pastors, and I have enjoyed the fellowship with each one. And I have enjoyed being in the State meetings, Youth Camp work and also enjoyed working with the Home Mission Board of the state.

I have resigned as pastor of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church and will be moving to Russellville, Ark. April 1, to take up my new pastorate work. May the Lord continue to bless the good work that you are doing.

Rev. W. H. Bostic

From page 5

ITALIAN EVANGELICALS TEST ROME'S 'NEW FACE'

ROME, ITALY (MNS) - Since Evangelicals won cases related to public propagation of their faith before the Constitutional Court here two years ago there has been an increase in open air meetings. Students of Rome's Italian Bible Institute (Greater Europe Mission) have been preaching weekly in the main city squares without difficulty.

In February authorities of the Adriatic city of Foggia (population 150,000) were advised by the members of the Plymouth Brethren Assembly that students from the Italian Bible Institute would be preaching in several squares on three afternoons during an evangelistic campaign. Although no permission is needed, the police blandly denied them their Constitutional right and warned that any attempt to conduct the meeting would end in their arrest.

"Not to be put off," reports an observer, "faculty members of the Bible Institute challenged the police to consult their local Bishop quickly, for, like it or not, the Vatican's seeming goodwill toward Protestants was going to be tested in the main square of the city. Even vehement threats from the provincial head of the government secret service did not turn back the determined group."

When a policeman came forward to demand that the Rev. Royal L. Peck, Director of the Institute, stop preaching and disband the meeting, Mr. Peck politely asked the officer to desist from interfering with a Constitutionally legal religious meeting, adding that he would be happy to answer for his actions later before the Chief Commissar. The officer stepped back into the crowd and the meeting continued for thirty-five minutes.

When the crowd disbanded Director Peck and another faculty member, Bernard Oxenham, were taken to police headquarters. After a quick inspection of their passports and residence permits the two men were released without charge.

FINANCIALLY - That God may raise up support to the field of Alaska to maintain the works and the missionaries on the field. Since funds are not appropriated for housing and for opening of works, we must utterly depend on the Lord to provide means to meet these obligations. Also, that God may open the financial doors for us to enter the many outlying villages with the Gospel by means of radio. This is a way whereby the most remote areas can be reached.

PHYSICALLY - Since the flu epidemic in the early winter there have been no acute illnesses except Brother Johnson recently encountered an attack of strep throat which kept him out of his pulpit for a few services. I have been unable to take the prescribed gall stone operation which continues to give chronic trouble however, in general, this is the time of year that everyone becomes "dragged out" and in need of a fresh dose of sunshine.

SPIRITUALLY - That we may be equipped spiritually to meet the challenges of the lost and the weak to whom the Lord would have us reach. Especially do we stand in need of wisdom and grace as we endeavor to enter this city of Fairbanks for Christ and Free Will Baptist.

Yours in the bonds of missions,

D. L. Whaley

April, 1964

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

SEND ALL ARTICLES TO

Mrs. Ted Davis

Rt. 2, Box 275C

Joplin, Missouri

Greetings:

Trust God richly blessed each and every auxiliary in a wonderful way during the past Easter season. Now our eyes look upon fields of labor in the National Family Month, and on into the V.B.S. and Youth Camp activities. May we truly work in a way that others can see that Christ is alive today!!!

In His service,

Mrs. Ted Davis

IT'S A POOR JOKE

When some woman blushes with embarrassment.

When some heart carries away an ache.
When something sacred is made to appear common.

When a man's weakness provides the cause for laughter.

When profanity is required to make it funny.

When a little child is brought to tears.
When everyone can't join in the laughter.

AUXILIARIES REPORTING FOR MARCH

Joplin, Mo., First Church
Monett, Mo., First Church
Lebanon, Mo., First Church
Flat River, First Church
Berkeley, First Church
Thayer, Mo.
Mt. Grove, Willow Springs Church
Flat River, Fellowship Church
Lebanon, Lynn Street Church

SOUTH SIDE F.W.B. CHURCH ST. LOUIS, MO.

The officer I would like to tell you about is our program prayer chairman, Betty Camp. You will never come to a meeting and get bored, because each month there is a different program. Each program is planned to draw every lady closer to the Lord.

We also give five dollars every month to a missionary.

Dee Stacy

Corresponding Secretary

Free Will Baptist Gem

WILLOW SPRINGS F.W.B. CHURCH MTN. GROVE, MO.

The Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday night, February 11, 1964 with eighteen members present. We are glad to have two new members, Eva Middleton and Gladys Van Doren. Our opening song, "Bring Them In" was led by Clara Peters then prayer by Joan Brandt.

A solo was rendered by Brenda Fry.

The scripture, Psalms 126, was read by our president, Gloria Carlson.

In the business session, a committee composed of Marie Micham, Ellen Middleton, Clara Peters, and Olva Fry were appointed to make the decisions about custom quilting.

After reports of officers the meeting was turned over to our program chairman, Fern Hill.

An interesting lesson on Here's How to Witness was given by Dora Fry, Evelyn Millsap, and Ellen Middleton. This was a challenge to us that we should be witnessing to those around us.

An object lesson was given by Cleo Chandler on any one, any time, any place, can come to Jesus but only one way, the way of the cross.

Prayer of dismissal by Marie Micham.

Cleo Chandler
Recording Secretary



1 COR. 3:9

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

STUDY

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Make plans NOW to attend the State Auxiliary Workshop, convening April 21, 1964, at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo. We would like to have every auxiliary in the state represented at this meeting. Ideas, methods, and spiritual emphasis will be given to help auxiliaries better accomplish their goal - "to help the church teach and support missions."

Mrs. J. E. Williams

State Study Course Chairman
Raytown, Mo.



"Sweetheart Banquet"

GREETINGS FROM THE GRANT AVENUE F.W.B. CHURCH

During the Christmas season we gave a basket of food to a needy family.

To begin the New Year we had a New Year's Eve service at the church. Mrs. Bill Hampton of Nashville gave a very interesting study course on Evangelism. A good program was rendered by other members. As the New Year came in we were gathered around the altar for prayer.

The Lord has truly blessed our church this year. We will be moving into our new auditorium this month.

Our auxiliary sponsored a "Sweetheart Banquet" for the teenagers of our church and their friends. Enclosed is a picture of some of the ladies that served on different committees for the banquet.

We are looking forward to the workshop to be held here at Grant Ave. Church in April. We hope to have a good attendance and invite all the auxiliary members to attend from all Missouri churches.

Dorcas Weisman
Corresponding Secretary

AUXILIARIES IN ACTION

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett have been busy with many projects this year.

In July seventeen ladies worked at the Bloodmobile and furnished cookies, juice, milk and coffee.

In August we sent \$10.00 to Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson.

We have sent baby clothes to the Missionary closet in Nashville and we also gave three baskets of groceries to needy families. In November we collected Christmas, birthday, and get-well cards

and sent them to the children's ward at the hospital in Mt. Vernon.

We have had two weeks of prayer. During the Thanksgiving week of prayer we were greatly blessed by a study course on prayer taught by Rev. Glenn Rehkop. The Christmas Week of Prayer was time of special blessing. We had as many as 20 during this week.

Just recently Mrs. Ted Davis taught a study course on stewardship which was well attended and a blessing to all.

We have an active MM and GTA. Recently we sponsored a Sweetheart Banquet for the GTA's. The women prepared and served a delicious meal and the young people of the church presented a program.

We have two active circles which meet once each month. They have had many activities this year, including sponsoring two students at Monterrey, Mexico; giving fruit plates, cookies, and candy to shut-ins; helping with church projects and giving to the Youth Camp project.

We are looking forward to the coming months as we will have our pre-Easter Week of Prayer and our Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet.

Mrs. Ed Jones
Corresponding Secretary

GIFTS TO MISSIONARY CLOSET

The Womans Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, March 3, in fellowship hall. The opening song was "He Keeps Me Singing," and prayer by Marion Wilson.

During the business the reports were read. A letter of thanks was related by Jane Norris, for the gifts sent to the Missionary Closet. The quarterly meeting was discussed. The pre-Easter prayer service was planned for Tuesday morning, March 24. Mildred Burcham was a new member. Genevieve White, president, directed the business session.

The program was "Prayer, Asking and Receiving..." and the introduction was by Edith Keeney. "Ask in Righteousness," was by Jean Blakeley; "Ask in Faith," by Jane Norris. The benediction was by Mildred Burcham.

Mrs. Dale Blakeley
Corresponding Secretary

"A GIFT OF MONEY"

Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist of Lebanon, Mo. met March 10 with fifteen members present. Announcements were made that a study course on

auxiliary methods would be conducted Thursday, March 19, and that the pre-Easter prayer services would be held at the church starting March 23. A gift of money was sent to the home missionaries of Nebraska in honor of their new baby, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Perry. The personal service committee visited the Long's nursing home and distributed Free Will Baptist literature.

A very interesting lesson was given on "Prayer, Asking and Receiving."



OFFICERS OF THE INDIAN CREEK
DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
CONVENTION

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Mildred Hutchings, Mrs. Barbara Oxendine, Mrs. Edna Gentry, Mrs. Lucy Largent.

Back row: Miss Roselee McCully, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mrs. Joan Thomas, Mrs. Wilma Kirk.

FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

February 4, 1964 9:45 A.M.

President: Mrs. Barbara Oxendine
Theme: "Precious Trials", Job 23:10
Hymn Time
Prayer
Greetings from the President
Recognition of Auxiliaries, Ministers, and visitors.
Business Session
Special Music..... Neosho Church
Scripture Reading and Introduction
of Topics Roselee McCully
Topic 1: "Trials, a token of Value"
1 Peter 1:7 Monett
Topic 2: "Trials, a test of Genuineness"
James 1:2-3 Joplin
Topic 3: "Trials, a medium of Purification, Malachi 3:3
Topic 4: "Trials, a preparation for Service", II Cor. 12:10
Hymn
Benediction

NEW MEMBER

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the church March 10th for their regular monthly meeting.

We had seventeen members present and one new member.

An interesting lesson was given on prayer: "Asking and Receiving."

Ruby Brewer
Corresponding Secretary

EASTER ACTIVITIES ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First F.W.B. Church of Berkeley would like to report the March meeting. Fifteen members were present. Led in song by Sis. Barks. Prayer by Sis. Plummer.

This is the month for our pre-Easter services, which are planned by our program chairman, Sis. Jerry Plummer. The ladies are going to make place cards to be given to the old people's home for Easter, to be placed upon their plates Easter morn.

Our lesson for next month is "Volunteers for Jesus".

Ass't Corresponding
Secretary

SINGING AT NURSING HOME

Lynn Street Free Will Baptist Church Circle met February 24 in the home of Mrs. Dale Broyles, with 9 members and two visitors present.

Meeting was opened by singing "Will Jesus Find Us Watching". Prayer by Mrs. Jimmie Jones. Roll call was answered by Bible verses and poems.

Chaplain Mary Lowery read for the scripture lesson the 5th chapter of Peter, commenting on obedience and the need for all to be sober and watchful.

A number of sick calls had been made during the month.

Motion made, seconded and carried to meet at the Joe Osborn Nursing Home to have a Sunday afternoon sing on March 1.

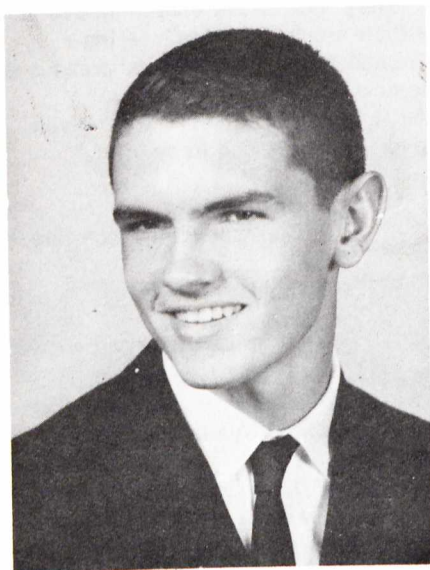
Two new members joined the Circle - Mrs. Jimmie Jones and Mrs. John Miller.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Lawrence Broyles on March 23.

The singing at the Nursing Home was enjoyed, not only by the patients, but also by those of us going. It seemed such a small thing for us to do and how they enjoyed listening and joining in singing the praises of our Savior.

April, 1964

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS



Norman Coker

OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

By Norman Coker
First Free Will Baptist Church
Monett, Mo.

Christians of today sometimes fail to understand the persecutions of earlier Christians. These saints and martyrs formed our religion and gave us a heritage of blood and tears.

Ever since Christ began his work on earth his followers have been persecuted and put to death. It is through these deaths that we can find a deeper appreciation for our freedom of worship. Today we do not realize the heartaches that come with serving God, because we do not sacrifice our lives as Steven, John, and many others. We do not know what it is to be thrown in jail for our professed faith in Christ. David faced the lions and God gave him victory. Today we could have the same type victories if we only had the faith of our forerunners.

Christians have inherited life eternal through Jesus Christ and a pride beyond compare. Both are meaningful in a full Christian life, a life based on persecutions and shame — our heritage.

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS THE CRUCIFIXION

What do you think of when you think of the Crucifixion? Do you just say it was something terrible? Sure, it was terrible but to me, you need more descriptive words than just "terrible". When I think of it, I can see Jesus carrying the rugged cross up the hill, the cross on which he Free Will Baptist Gem

knew he was to be crucified. And all of the people standing around mocking and jeering Jesus, the one to be crucified for their sins. Then, I can see them jamming the crown of thorns on Jesus' head, tearing his scalp, and making the blood stream down his face. Then taking a sword, they pierced his side, causing anguish and pain. Then, they laid him on the cross, and nailed the nails in his hands and his feet, and then raising the cross up slowly, so Jesus could feel the painful pull of it on his bleeding body.

Oh, yes, many of us are proud today and we mock Jesus just as they did then. We should be thankful for what Jesus did for us. He did this to forgive us of our sins. Yes, we should really be thankful for this, and we should live the life God wants us to, NOT the way we want to. God will forgive us of our sins if we repent, for when Jesus was hanging on the cross, he said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Connie Lynn Cook
Victory F.W.B.
Avondale, Mo.

YPA OF FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF JOPLIN, MO.

The YPA's of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Mo. have been active for five months. On February 8th we held our Sweetheart Banquet in the Coca-Cola Auditorium. Twenty four young people attended. The guests of honor were the Rev. Ted Davis and Mrs. Davis. Also present was their sponsor, Lucy Largent, and Wayne Largent. The YPA members presented corsages and boutonnieres to their guests and sponsors.

The Sweetheart Queen chosen was Bonita Short and her escort was Jim Hight.

The Womens Auxiliary prepared a buffet supper and those serving were Ruth Ann Rouch, Thelma Ford, and Diane Eaton.

YOUTH GROUPS

WEST PLAINS:

The Bethel YPA of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains was organized January 28, 1963. We elected officers and decided to hold our meetings on the first Monday night of every month.

In July, the YPA undertook the job of janitor for the church, for which our treasury is paid \$5.00 a week. We have divided the cleaning into parts which we

rotate every month.

At each meeting, we vote on a project for that month. In the past year we have had such projects as having a new sign painted for the church yard, having signs painted to put on streets near the church, and buying Christmas gifts for four children.

The YPA has also sponsored recreation for the young people's Sunday School classes, and we presented a play in our Christmas program.

There is an enrollment of 18 in our YPA and we have an average attendance of 11 at our meetings.

We sincerely hope that the YPA will help prepare us for the day when we, the young people, shall be the leaders of the church.

Catherine Henry
President Bethel YPA
West Plains, Mo.

THAYER:

The three youth groups of the Thayer Church met this month with good attendance in each group. YPA had eight members and two visitors present. Their personal service project for this year is to remember a shut-in each month with either fruit or flowers. Gay Combs is the sponsor.

The GTA program was given with nine members and three visitors present. They are sending twenty dollars for the purchase of land for a church in Hawaii. Jean Lau is the sponsor.

Missionary Midgets met after school February 11th with seven members; four new members joining and one visitor present. They enjoyed making valentines for their mothers during the handcraft time. Mary DePriest is the sponsor.

Each of the groups enjoyed refreshments served in the church kitchen.

MOUNTAIN GROVE:

The youth of the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church participated in Youth Week, March 26 to February 2.

The Willing Workers Class of the church sponsored a come-as-you-are party on Tuesday night. The young people were picked up in cars and taken to the church's social room for an evening of games and laughter. The evening came to an end after an object lesson and refreshments.

Under the direction of Dora Fry, Womens Auxiliary Youth Chairman, and Fern Fry, To page 16

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	Garfield.....	Rev. Howard Bowers
Amity	Rev. Gordon Heckendorn	Neosho	
Black Oak	Rev. Melvin Nelson	Mine La Motte	Rev. John Long
Lynn Street Church	Rev. Vinita Broyles	Union Light	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Leadington	Rev. Robert Wilfong	Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Copper Mines	Rev. Willard Darnell	Mt. Pisgah.....	
Myrtle	Rev. Dale Skiles	Fourth, St. Louis	
Kirksville	Rev. Leland Horton	Twin Oaks	Rev. Truman Huffman
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher	Victory	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Berkeley	Rev. C. H. Burton	Mill Creek	Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Farmington	Rev. E. D. Hellard	Beacon	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis	First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
Richwoods		Merl's Chapel	Rev. Otho Boyd
Old Bethel	Rev. Ronnie Graham	Oskaloosa	Rev. Ronald Clifford
Mt. Zion, Gower	Rev. Ralph Cook	Jones Chapel	Rev. Robt Duck
South Side	Rev. Al McFarland	Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	Rev. Len Gardner
Thayer		New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Carterville	Rev. Harry Sterling	Grant Ave.	Rev. O. T. Dixon
Fredericktown	Rev. Bob Jones	First, Monett.....	Rev. Bud Hill
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Robt. Williams	Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Martinstown	Rev. Kermit Crooks	Lebanon	Rev. Dale Jones
Hannon	Rev. Lester Nutting	Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
First, Flat River	Rev. Gene Norris	Liberty	Rev. Cleo Covington
Alton	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt	Desloge	Rev. Jesse Webb
Trinity, St. Louis	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon	Meremac Heights	Rev. Hugh Stodgsdill
Salem	Rev. H. T. Dann	Festus.....	Rev. Chester Weir
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye	Rev. Gary Terrell	Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. Owen Harvell
Grace, Arnold	Rev. John Land	Macedonia Church	Rev. Selph Jones
Faith & Hope	Rev. Bill Price	First Church, Greenfield	Rev. Lowell Martin
Joplin Church	Rev. Ted Davis	Hickory Grove	Rev. Ralph Cook
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long	Northside	Rev. Frank Giunta
Cabool Church,	Rev. Ray Middleton	Hazel Creek.....	Rev. Cletus Nichols
Jefferson City Church	Rev. Earl Irish	Cuba	Rev. G. J. Pingleton
Mt. Zion, Thayer	Rev. Joe Sisk	Marshfield Church	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Sunny View, Lebanon	Rev. Bill Eden	Pleasant Ridge, Alton	Rev. A. T. Warren
Mt. Zion, Cuba, Mo.	Rev. Selph Jones	Lead Hill, Mansfield	Rev. Chas. Findley
Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary		Viburnum Church.....	Rev. S. A. Hand
Granby Church	Rev. O. T. Allred	Central Church, Kansas City ..	Rev. James McAllister
Rock of Ages Church, Denver, Colo.	Rev. L. M. McGowen	Cedar Ridge	Rev. Maynard Moore

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS

KANSAS CITY, MO.--The local planning committee for the 28th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists met here on February 21, 1964 to hear progress reports from committee chairmen as follows: Prayer, O. T. Allred; Hospitality, James McAllister; Publicity, Woodrow Matthews; Registration, Mrs. Alice Dickey; Ushering, Clifford Altis; Auditorium, Glenn Rehkop.

Rev. Billy A. Melvin, executive secretary of the National Association, and Har-

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old Critcher, convention coordinator, both of Nashville, Tennessee, were present for the meeting.

Sessions will be held July 13-16, 1964 in the Municipal Auditorium. The Muehlebach Hotel and Towers will serve as headquarters hotel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS REPORT

The Adult Bible Classes of the Overland Free Will Baptist Church participated in a fellowship meeting and Christmas party and instead of exchanging gifts, a mis-

sionary offering was taken. These classes have been active in a missionary project in which they have given \$57.00 to Home Missions and \$50.000 to Foreign Missions and the next to Home Missions.

A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all those who attended. The Ladies Bible Class also gave a love offering of \$20.00 to two of their class members who had been sick. The teachers of these two classes are: Bro. Johnny Peterson, of the Men's Bible Class and Sis. Dottie Asher, of the Ladies Bible Class.

GLEANINGS

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Mill Creek Church had a rally day February 23 with all day services and special singing featuring the "Ozark Harmony Boys". We are having contests in our Sunday School and League in hopes of bringing more people to services.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The theme for the 28th Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptist which is to convene in The Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 14-15-16 will be "Fervent in Spirit, Serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11).

The speakers that will be featured at this convention will be Evangelist Jack Paramore of Greenville, North Carolina, Rev. Damon Dodd, pastor of the Horton Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. Kenneth Walker, pastor of the Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia and Dr. Robert A. Cook, President of King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York and President of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The speaker for the Pastor's Dinner will be Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, pastor of the



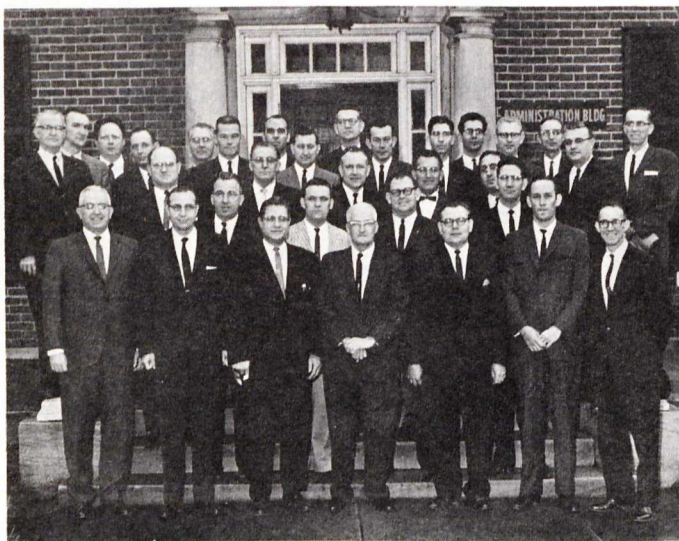
This picture was taken at morning service August 25 with over 200 present for church at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, West Plains, Mo. The two standing at the pulpit are pastor, Davie Combs and Sunday School superintendent, Clark Stephens.

First Presbyterian Church, in Schenectady, New York.

\$2,300 STILL OUTSTANDING ON PROPERTY

NASHVILLE, TENN. - A balance of \$2,300 is still outstanding on the property purchased here by the National Association of Free Will Baptists for the purpose of erecting a new headquarters building. The original purchase price of the 2.3 acre tract located on Murfreesboro Road was \$35,000. Association leaders are anxious to clear this indebtedness before construction begins.

Paper work is almost complete for a \$175,000 loan which will be used to build the 14,500 square foot building. Offices for the Association's Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and Executive departments, as well as conference rooms, a book store, storage and shipping space, will be provided. Occupancy of the new building is expected in nine to ten months.



Nineteen states were represented recently at a meeting called by Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin in behalf of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The two-day meeting, held February 13-14, was a time of sharing and planning for a greater extension of our witness at home and abroad. Those attending were: Front row (l. to r.) L. C. Johnson, N.R. Smith, George Waggoner, Homer Nelson, Homer Willis, Winston Lawless, Billy Samms; Second row: Paul Kettelman, Bud Hill, Bob Shockey, Earl Austin;

Third row: W. J. White, W. T. Roberts, Winston Lawless, Milton Hollifield, Wayne Smith, Mance Cason, Ted Greene; Fourth row: Bennie Turner, H. Z. Cox, Loyd Thomas, Lincoln Varney, W. F. Chapman, Harold Harrison, Samuel Johnson, Wayne Yarbrough; Fifth row: Herman Hersey, Harry Beatty, Billy A. Melvin, W. Stanley Mooneyham, Jerry Ballard and Reford Wilson. William E. Atkinson was present for the meeting but was not available at the time picture was made.

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FROM THE FIELD

BRIEF HISTORY

The following is a brief history of the Free Will Baptist Church in West Plains, Missouri.

In the fall of 1955 Rev. Noah Miller erected a building at 1016 N. Garfield where a group of Christian people began having services in the spring of 1956 and used it until February, 1958 when they moved into the present building.

On December 9, 1956 the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Team, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, began a two weeks revival. On Thursday, December 20, 1956 at 7:30 p.m. the following Free Will Baptist ministers met with the group to assist in the organization of the church: Rev. Lester Jones, O. T. Dixon, Harry Beatty, Keith Johnson, Noah Miller, Jesse Dunkin and Sam Johnson.

The services were as follows: Congregational singing and prayer, a trio by Bro. and Sister Jesse Dunkin and Bro. John Brown. An evangelistic message by Bro. Jones, using Romans 11:30, 12:2 for scripture lesson. Bro. O. T. Dixon presided over the organization giving comments on the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church, and called for the charter membership. Twenty-one responded. Seven more united before the charter was closed, making a total of twenty-eight charter members.

The Bible was presented by Bro. Keith Johnson and the church covenant by Bro. O. T. Dixon. The constitution and by laws were read by Bro. Jones and were adopted. The consecration prayer was led by Bro. Miller with the church assembled at the altar.

Bro. Keith Johnson from Alton, Mo., was called as pastor, and he served for two and one-half years. Rev. Davie Combs is our present pastor and has been for the past four years. The present deacons are Troy Sims, T. J. Adkisson, Eugene James and David Uhlmann. The Lord has richly blessed, and at present our church membership is 147.

Services at the church include: Sunday School at 9:55 o'clock, Preaching Services at 11:00 o'clock, Prayer Service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday Night Service at 7:00 p.m., Sunday Night Service broadcast over KWPM, West Plains, Mo. at 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary and YPA on the first Monday night of each month.

DEDICATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN WEST PLAINS, MO.

The Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains, Mo. had a special day September Page 13

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	175	181			
Leadington	49	50	49	58	57	52	56	74			
Farmington	82	89	99	114	109	105	100	110	122		
Liberty-Phillipsburg	82	74	75	73	77	73	50	66			
Berkeley City	228	243	283	282	307	300	289	292			
Richwoods	54	55	61	61	57	49	48	48			
Kirksville	62	68	78	78	74	70	75	85			
Grant Ave., Springfield	140	163	163	177	168		175	172			
Hazel Creek	54	55	59	59	52	40	50	51			
Mine La Motte	31	27	29	37	31	31	24	26			
First Ch. Flat River	109	111	121	125		115					
Overland Church		138	140	159		143	145	152			
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	348	339	357	337	324		319	327			
Desloge	104	106	105	104	110	103	98	110			
Thayer	108	101	98	93	100	93					
Grace, Arnold	111	144	143	165	139						
Mill Cr. Ch., Fredericktown	77	63	70	71		57	45	49			
Union Light	109	117	114	109	104	106	109	109			
First Church, Springfield	162		199		202	169					
Sunnyview Church						46	46	53			
Joplin	107	98	98	96							
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	24	29	32	34	34						
Central, Kansas City	59	63	65	102	84	75	79	81			
Hannon	66	62	62	58	61	47	54	58			
Mill Creek Church, Myrtle	75			67	74	67					
First Church, Monett	116	125	133	131	130	125	126	139	157		
Garfield-Couch	40	47	42	40	42	41	45	44			
Salem	32	46				29					
Victory	65	76	89	100	113						
First Church, Fredericktown		151	151	170	157	155	151				
Copper Mines	88	95	88	88	81	80	70	81			
Meramec Hqts., Valley Pk.		29	30	26	29	30	26				
Beacon Ch., K.C.			84	96	92	87	97				
Alton					95	85	98	98			
Twin Oaks Church							49	54			
West Plains							169	178			

1, 1963 to dedicate their \$25,000 church to the Lord, free of debt. The frame building, that is 32' x 76' plus eight classrooms, where an average of 200 people meet to worship the Lord each Sunday.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Harry Beatty of St. Louis, followed by the burning of the mortgage in a service conducted by the pastor, Davie Combs, with the past and present trustees T. J. Adkisson, Eugene James, Donnie Morris, Marvin Lewis, A. M. Sanders, Ernest Adkisson and James Dotson, taking part.

The service in the afternoon began with singing "In the House of the Lord", and prayer by Rev. Jesse Dunkin of Myrtle, Mo. The dedication message was delivered by Rev. Keith Johnson of Walnut Ridge, Ark. and the dedication prayer was offered by Rev. Noah Miller and Rev. Glenn Murray of West Plains, Mo. with the people gathered around the altar.

LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Announcement has been made by the National Home Missions Board that a "Loan Fund" has been established. Ear-marked gifts to this fund will be accumulated in the amount of \$10,000. Loans will then be made to qualified new churches on a limited scale while funds continue to build.

YOUTH CAMP LITERATURE AVAILABLE

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Youth Camp literature written and edited by Free Will Baptists is now being prepared for the 1964 season. Sample outlines of the courses available for Juniors, Junior Highs and Senior Highs may be secured by writing League Department, National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

SUNDAY

SCHOOL

DISCIPLINE

Someone has well said that Good Discipline is EARNED by the teacher, VOLUNTEERED by the pupil and ESSENTIAL to effective teaching.

I feel like that I would be safe in making this statement. Many of our Sunday School classes need more proper discipline. Webster says that to discipline is to "train to obedience or efficiency, or to regulate." Now, any teacher, in any Sunday School, must have good discipline to do good teaching. Therefore, that teacher must be a good disciplinarian. Of course this doesn't mean that you need to do a lot of "discipling" in the "chastisement" sense. The thing that many teachers would like to do is to turn some bottoms up and be sure not to "spare the rod." But this doesn't work, does it? Every teacher dislikes to do such a thing as this. Yet the teacher needs to maintain good discipline in his or her class, and to do this, he or she must maintain good discipline tactics.

Poor discipline is a SYMPTOM rather than a problem. Something is wrong with at least one of these three factors.

First - PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT. Could it be that the classroom is poorly ventilated? Is it crowded to the point that nobody can move? Are there too many pupils in the class? Is the age range too wide within the class? Does visible traffic outside or an unusual noise or interruptions of other natures distract?

Most of such difficulties can be overcome. A new seating arrangement often cuts off visible distractions. Four small classes make less noise than two large ones. Rules can be published against any interruptions of a class session.

Second - THE CHILD. There may be some basic personality problem. Perhaps a physical disorder, or a difficult condition in the home that will cause a child's behavior to be disorderly. However, this is more the exception than the rule. He may be bored with the lesson or its presentation. Perhaps he feels insecure and wants some special attention. He may think that you don't like him and so he retaliates with his misbehavior. He may even be testing your leadership; so you must prove your own clear intention to lead him.

Call in this child's home and ask the Free Will Baptist Gem

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

By Rev. A. L. McFarland, Pastor
South Side Free Will Baptist
Church

co-operation of the parents. Describe the problem to them in a positive way, never criticizing the child. Say, "I don't seem to be able to reach or interest Jack in our class. I must be failing him in some way and I want to learn what it is. I hope you will help me." Most parents will appreciate such a spirit and will work with their child as well as you to correct his behavior pattern.

Third - YOU, THE TEACHER. Yes, really, it might be YOU. If so, be encouraged! You can do something to improve yourself - when you recognize your need and sincerely want to be effective in reaching your precious boys and girls for Christ. How can you cause your pupils to want to co-operate, listen, learn and grow? Here are some suggestions.

Pray that God will reach their hearts and wills, and that He will help them to be reverent and co-operative, and that He will help you to be a good teacher.

Love your pupils. Know them, appreciate and like them. Make them feel very important to you.

Get to Sunday School early enough to greet your first pupil. Guide him into some constructive activity immediately, thus stopping him from getting into some unnecessary mischievousness.

Go with your pupils to class. Never allow them to go ahead of you; never leave them alone unless they are trained to conduct a part of the session themselves.

Expect Attention and Co-operation. Your pupils will neither like nor respect you for being indulgent with them. Be firm, though fair and kind, and let it be understood that you will not tolerate their misbehavior. They'll love you for it.

Make a Good Application when it presents itself. On lessons on "Obedience", "service", "reverence", etc. Let your pupils discuss the seriousness of worship and Bible study, and of obedience and reverence. Let them suggest remedies for discipline offenses and pray about them. If they are challenged rightly your pupils can set higher standards for themselves then you would think to impose upon them.

Organize Your Class and develop pupil leadership. Appoint a sergeant-at-arms to help maintain class discipline.

Offer A Class Incentive such as a party, a group prize, etc. For maintaining a set standard, your pupils need to be rewarded. Issuing demerits or making black marks won't help, but a pat on the back will.

Ask the Counsel and Help of Some Successful Teacher. Put your pride in your pocket and invite this teacher to observe your teaching one Sunday. He or she can view your immediate situation objectively and may be able to detect your problem quickly, later on giving you some practical guidance on how you may overcome it.

Now, suppose some pupil in your class does not respond to the above methods. Or perhaps you have not yet had time to put into practice the suggested way of maintaining good discipline. Your pupil is refusing to co-operate. Should you use an emergency measure? By all means. Pre-arrange with your Superintendent or other leader in the Sunday School to take charge of any child you send to him. (Ask the pupil to take a book, paper or pencil to the Superintendent. This will avoid a refusal on the part of the pupil.) When class is over, go find that student and express your regret for having had to discipline him. Tell him that you'll be looking for him next Sunday morning - as a "helper" in your class.

Teacher Friend, You are God's Key to the hearts of your pupils... Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." John 15:16.

You are of great importance to:
GOD: You are His Ambassador... His Instrument... His Teacher... His Demonstration.

YOUR PUPIL: You are his Example... His Teacher... His Evangelist... His Guide... His Friend... His Counselor.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL: You are its voice to teach, evangelize, admonish and praise. You are its heart to love, its hands to write cards and letters, its feet to visit, and its knees for prayer.

YOUR COMMUNITY AND WORLD: You

are challenging and training its youth for Christian service and civic usefulness. You are fighting its enemy, sin. You are raising the standards of its citizenry. You are ministering to the heart, soul and body of its needy inhabitants.

God Bless The Faithful Sunday School Teacher.

Brother James Raper will be reporting for the May issue of the GEM.

CENTURY ATTENDANCE CLUB

NASHVILLE, TENN. - The League Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists announces a nation-wide attendance challenge for second quarter. All churches which increase their average attendance by twenty-five percent over the previous quarter will receive a certificate of achievement.

Churches which average one hundred or more in attendance during the quarter will receive a plaque giving them membership in the Century Attendance Club.

All awards are to be presented at the National Association session in July at Kansas City, Missouri.

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Lane Free Will Baptist Church, and I was privileged to bring the message in this service.

Sunday, March 8, Pastor O'Dell and Hickory Grove Church invited us to bring the message there. We witnessed souls saved in this service. They have recently built a new addition for Sunday School rooms to their church. Sunday night we visited Pastor Thompson and the Marshall Free Will Baptist. Their worship services are held in their recently constructed basement church, located at the intersection of Franklin and High Streets.

March 28th Laclede County Quarterly convened with Happy Hill Church near Lebanon with each of their churches represented. Jefferson City First Free Will Baptist Church affiliated with them at this session. As they move forward during the past three years, five new ministers have answered the call to the gospel ministry. Each of them delivered a sermon in this meeting. Time was granted for our Missouri Promotional work and some purchased Bibles and material from the Book Store display.

Niangua Association's Fifth Sunday services were held with the Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church in Buffalo March 29.

Bible subjects discussed and sermons delivered by ministers Slavins, Bliss, Moore, Gardner, Linton, Cline, and Beatty. We observed the communion in the closing service. Sunday night we enjoyed a time of good fellowship with Pastor Pingleton and Cuba Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba, Missouri and I was privileged to bring the evening message. One fine young man renewed his covenant with the Lord there at the altar; the Lord continues to save souls there and add to their number. Cuba Church contributes regularly to Missouri Cooperative fund, which is also true of each church organized in the past ten years by Missouri State Home Mission Department.

Sincerely, we invite every Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri to participate in this world-wide gospel ministry, Cooperatively.

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program-prayer chairman, the youth took charge of the prayer meeting service on Wednesday evening. Gary Wayne Fry led the prayer service on the theme of "My God and I". Topics were given by Sharon Landreth, Judy Davidson, Joyce Gray, and Bob Borden. Blanche Watson led the youth choir in a number of hymns.

Sunday morning the teenage choir sang for the opening of Sunday School. Each class, from the youngest to the oldest, was taught by the youth. Music was furnished for the worship service by the junior choir. Pastor Tom Carlson gave the devotional thoughts. Oliver Adamson directed the service and introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Gary Terrell. Bro. Terrell is a young minister and pastor of Olivet Free Will Baptist Church of Blue Eye, Mo. He challenged the youth to "Remember thy Creator."

YOUTH CAMP PROJECT OF THE MONTH

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Our Readers

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Brethren:

I am submitting this letter to the Gem to notify all ministers in the area of St. Louis that we have an active Minister's Alliance, which meets every first Saturday night at the different churches alphabetically. Our next meeting begins at the top of the list with Berkley, Mo., March 7, 1964, at 7 o'clock. Our programs have been most informative and many problems of our denomination have been discussed and understood better by all concerned. I'm sure you would enjoy our fellowship and help draw our churches together in one bond for Christ. Rev. Frank Gunita, pastor of the Northside Church is our president.

Corresponding Secretary

Virgel A. Maness

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have reached the amount that we needed for our project of the month. We now want enough money sent in to help put the fence around the rest of the swimming pool. Let us all help to make this a success. This happens to be one of the "Project '64" items.