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Interior view of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church
in Springfield, Missouri. (Story Inside)

Promotional Secretary Corner

The Cave Springs Minister's Conference and Quarterly Meeting convened April 3 and 4 with Pastor Milliard Ehrhardt and the Alton Church. Each of the twenty-two churches were represented with delegates. Several young ministers have been ordained in the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting of which some were used during the regular preaching service hour. Time was given for our Missouri Co-Operative Program to which thirty percent of their churches contribute monthly. April 7 this entire association was saddened by the sudden death of one of our leading ministers and pastor, Rev. Arthur Warren.

Pastor George Hibbits and the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly Meeting April 10 and 11. I was privileged to bring the morning message on Saturday, also time was given for the promotional work in this session. Most of these churches support the co-operative program regularly.

It was a blessing to me to be with Pastor Darnell and the Copper Mines church again April 12 and deliver the morning sermon there.

Friday, April 17, we honored the funeral request of the family of Mrs. Elfie Huff and conducted the service at the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, assisted by Pastor Milliard Ehrhardt.

Sunday, April 19, Pastor Middleton and the Cabool church invited us to bring the morning message there. We enjoyed this privilege to worship with them again.

The regional Sunday School Training Work Shops, conducted by the National Sunday School and League Departments, were held with the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church April 23 through April 25, followed by the St. Louis District Quarterly Conference Saturday afternoon. These sessions were real beneficial; however, the attendance was smaller than we anticipated.

Please place your orders for the Scripture Press Vacation Bible School materials early. Also other Christian literature and Bibles available through your Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store; as listed in 1964 Book Store catalogue.

April Co-operative receipts real good, two churches gave for the first time this year, making a total of thirty four contributing in April. Commendations to each church and may the Lord richly bless each of you as you participate in this ministry of His word, "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Designated funds for National Association Entertainment Fund received to this date, May 1, 1964 - \$385.82.

Harry Beatty

CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPT APRIL, 1964

Old Flat Sunday School	\$ 5.00
Oskaloosa	17.93
South Side FWB, St. Louis	52.80
Overland	160.00
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Farmington	131.00
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Rev. Harry Beatty
Promotional Secretary

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Richwoods	73.92
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Mt. Grove	300.00
Berkeley	206.67
Mt. Valley	40.74
Thayer	42.04
Union Light	15.05
Alton	18.00
Hickory Grove	17.48
Merl's Chapel	45.47
New Harmony Sunday School	41.31
Hannon	22.12
Fellowship	150.00
Twin Oaks	69.30
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SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION

ACTS 6

By the late Rev. Arthur Warren
Alton, Missouri

From the very beginning, Christianity has been a long, fight. On one side we find the Holy Spirit and the church. On the other side we find Satan and all his forces of which he has many.

In the fourth chapter of Acts we find Satan's work beginning. There we see persecution aimed at the early church but the Apostles stood their ground. Here we find God coming to their rescue and delivering them and letting the work of the church go on.

Then in the fifth chapter we again see Satan working through Ananias and Sapphira. He caused them to lie to the Holy Spirit and death came upon them. This caused fear to fall upon the people and many believed. After this the Apostles suffered and were beaten for preaching the gospel but they continued proclaiming the gospel stronger than ever. The Devil saw that after each persecution the church was stronger than before. This is also true of Christians today. When we suffer for the cause of Christ we grow stronger in His grace. Now the Devil is not only evil but he is cunning and very wise. In this case, he decides to attack from the inside. He usually starts a campaign of lies and faultfinding.

Today it also works the same. It is the inside which we have to fear because no one from the outside is going to persecute us. No one is going to shoot us for going to church and worshipping God but we must look out for the Devil who is likely to start on the inside. This is the reason we need to watch and pray always.

One of the disgraces of Christianity today is the splitting up of churches. When this happens people are hurt, people quit the church, friends are divided and the young people of that generation are lost in the service of Christ. There is no need for any church to have these quarrels. They are never based on the doctrine of faith. Most of them are caused from gossip and misunderstanding. Things such as this would never happen if we would pray in all of our conferences and let the Lord lead in everything. When Christians begin quarreling among themselves, the Devil sits back and laughs. Yes, the Devil wants the whole world to be in an uproar but if we march forward for God the Devil begins to tremble and then he runs away.

Now returning to the scripture, we find that the number of believers has greatly multiplied. There are two groups in the church. They are the Jews and Greeks. Each member contributed into the treasure as much as he was able in order to help those who were in need. This money was then divided so that no one would lack anything but the church had become so large that this had become a big task. The Greeks felt that their widows were not getting a fair share so they began

to complain. It would not do for the church to split up over the disagreement. Oh sure, the Devil would have been proud for this to happen, however, the Apostles would not allow that so they had a conference and brought up the matter.

This is where we get the title of our message, "Spiritual Organization." Peter was moderator and he presented the problem. "Brethren," he probably said, "here is the trouble. Some of our Greek brethren have made complaints. They say their widows are neglected. I have investigated this matter and find their complaints to be justified. Now of course no one meant to do this but we have been busy preaching, teaching and baptizing new converts and this matter has gotten out of hand. What do you think we ought to do about it?"

I can imagine that John stood up and said, "Brethren, I am sorry this has come up but we will have to do something about it or we will split up the church."

One of the others getting up said, "There are two sources for us to take. We are either to be preachers of the gospel or welfare workers. You remember that the Lord told us to preach. This we ought to give our time. Let the church elect someone else for this."

One of the others probably said, "This is a good plan. I believe it will solve the problem. I make a motion that we ask the church to select seven good, wise, spiritual, and faithful men to look after this work."

One of the others probably seconded the motion and Peter was instructed to take it to the church in conference.

This is the New Testament method every church should use. The pastor and deacons or committees pray over certain matters, discuss them, decide what is best for the church and then bring the recommendation to the church. Every member has a right to discuss the matter and a right to vote on it.

We notice here that the Apostles put the gospel first. They said it was all right to feed poor people but the most important part of the church is to preach the gospel. If some of our churches would realize this, their pastors would have more time to study God's Word.

The church was then called into conference and Peter told the problem to the people. He said, "It is not right that we preachers should give up the most important in order to serve tables, so you pick out seven good men to look after this."

We read next that the saying pleased the multitude. I want you to see the beauty of this. If it had been brought first to an open meeting, all kinds of accusations would have been made and someone would have gotten angry.

The word "deacon" was not used here but I believe they were deacons for they are mentioned later on. There is no place other than the sixth chapter of Acts where we are told that such men were appointed so we have a right to believe that these seven men were the first deacons.

The kind of men chosen were to be chosen men of the church. They were to be consecrated men, full of the Holy Ghost, sound in scripture, and loyal. They were to be loyal

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MAY

CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Let us keep in mind that May is "Christian Home Month". May Christ truly be the head of all of our homes. A family that prays together --- stays together!

To all of the State Officers, may I say "thank you" for a job well done. I've attended several workshops in different states, but our workshop last month was one of the best organized and planned I've attended for a long time. Mrs. Williams did an outstanding job.

Rev. O. T. Dixon delivered a wonderful message at the eleven o'clock hour. The Spirit of God was truly present throughout the whole day.

The Grant Avenue Church was a most gracious host. Rev. and Mrs. Dixon made everyone feel so welcome.

We praise God for the wonderful attendance and interest. We rejoiced at the opportunity of having our workshop in the beautiful new church. We are already looking forward to return in August for our State Meeting.

COPPER MINES F.W.B. CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary met at various homes for their pre-Easter services. The Lord blessed with good attendance each night.

Devotion and special music was enjoyed by everyone each night.

Rev. Mack Owens, our missionary to Canada, was with our church on March 22nd. We certainly enjoyed Rev. Owens and his family.

Bessie Underwood
Cor. Sec.

Freewill Baptist Gem

The Woman's Auxiliary met March 10, 1964 at the church. Meeting was called together by our Vice President, Ruby Montgomery.

After a short business meeting, the program chairman took charge. The program presented was "Prayer - Asking and Receiving," taken from our Co-Laborer magazine.

Nine members answered the roll call. We voted to send \$5.00 to our Youth Camp at Niangua.

Jean R. Ellis, Sec.-Treas.
Woman's Auxiliary
First Free Will Baptist Church
Cabool, Missouri

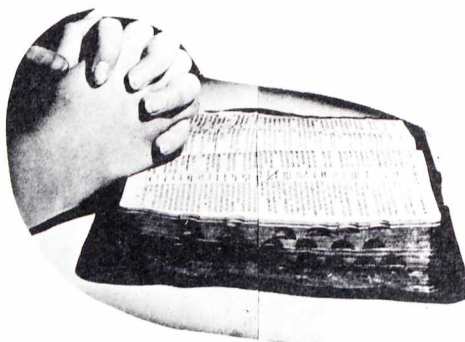
Lynn Street Freewill Baptist Church Circle met in the home of Mrs. Nellie Broyles, March 23, 1964, with ten members and seven visitors present.

Meeting was called to order by singing "Oh I Want To See Him" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dale Broyles and roll call was answered by each telling of some of the things they were thankful for. Everyone read a poem or said a Bible verse.

Chaplain Mary Lowery read the 3rd Chapter of Second Timothy and prayer requests were asked for, with Mrs. Ancil Marcum wording the prayer.

Newbusiness included a short discussion on coming Circle Sale and the decision to sell candy for additional income.

Nellie Broyles became a member of our Circle.



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

Devotion

Skit "Woman's Auxiliary Spring Fashions"

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Message Rev. O. T. Dixon

Noon

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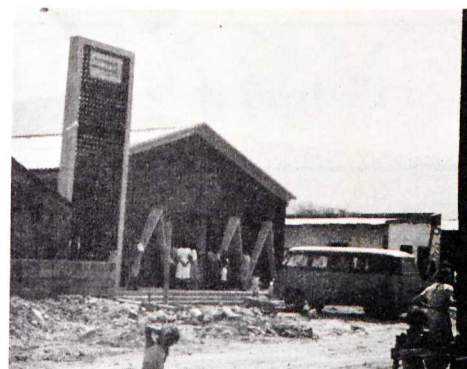
Dear Friends,

Greetings in the lovely name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We trust you are each enjoying the best of health and God's blessings in your life. We are fine. Arthur of course is in the States, but the children and I are fine.

We want to thank you for your fine response to our recent need for the School. I have thought so many times of the words spoken by Martin Luther "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH". When we bought the property we did not have a single cent. We bought it by faith. God provided the down payment. Then we needed buildings. God is also providing the money for the buildings. We have several churches and individuals who have promised to build a cabin for which we are truly thankful. We have not got all the funds we need, but we feel sure it will be provided. May God richly bless each of you who have so faithfully stood with us in prayer and in finance.

We have been on the field almost 6 years and we have always tried to keep you informed as to our progress, our problems, and our needs. Of course as time goes by the expenses become greater it seems. You have responded so well to our school need, we have delayed for a long time to mention anything about our personal account. But the time has come when we must give you the information. At present our account is very low. Last month we lacked over \$100.00 getting enough to cover expenses. From our account the natives workers are paid, (some of them). School expenses come from our account. The expense of our monthly letter must also be met. So at this time we are in need of more regular monthly supporters. Vacation bible school time is coming and we will have another added expense. Would you plan now to do something extra for our account. We do not want to be a burden to any of you. You just do what you can and God will take care of the rest. We would appreciate any of your Vacation Bible school offerings that you would like to earmark for the work in Mexico. We realize the expense is great, but can we weigh the worth of souls in money? The field is white and ready to harvest, we must do what we can now, for the time is coming when we will not be able to work with the same freedom as we have now. Send all offerings to National Home Missions, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Be sure to earmark them "BILLOW'S FUND" OR "BILLOW'S SCHOOL FUND" as either one will be fine. Thank you and God bless you.

We have opened a new preaching point, or you would say a small mission I guess. It is in the first Colony coming into Mon-



Church in Mexico at Monterrey
Rev. Billows, Pastor

terrey. We have several people from there that have attended our church regularly for the past 2 years, but the distance makes it very hard for them. It is 12 miles, and they have no cars, they have to come by bus. They have requested that we start a mission there. The interest is very good and it looks like we will be able to begin another church here in Monterrey. We ask you to remember this when you pray.

We are planning our Vacation Bible Schools. We are planning on 7 this year besides the one at the first church here in Monterrey. Will be 8 in all. Remember the churches and the workers in your prayer. Since Arthur will be so busy building this year, the Schools will be altogether in the hands of the Natives. But we feel they are ready and able to take the responsibility. But do remember them in prayer.

We are expecting you to visit us this year. Just let us know when you will be able to come. Our convention dates are September 4, 5 and 6. So make plans now to attend. We hope to have the school property ready to have the convention there this year. So we will more room this year than last. God bless you is our prayer.

Your Missionaries in Mexico,

Arturo, Jenell
Danny and Twins

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones
Missionaries to Africa

Good Friday In Anchorage

From:

Anchorage, Alaska

To:

Friends of Free Will Baptist in
America

Dear Friends:

During these last few days we have received letters from some of you telling of your concern for our Free Will Baptist families in this city. We appreciate your prayers and concern and take this opportunity to write you of our welfare. As far as we have been able to ascertain we have no physical injuries to any of the Free Will Baptist families in this area.

On March 27, 1964, Good Friday, at 5:36 p.m. God in His wisdom saw need to remind us here that he is still upon the throne. I am sure that this was done to also point to the Christ who should have been the center of worship on the Easter Sunday to follow.

My family and I were in the parsonage of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Anchorage. We were awaiting the time of the evening meal and the children were watching television. My wife has been trying to learn to play the piano for the church services and I had moved the piano into the hallway so that she might practice with more convenience. She had just asked me if I would like to hear her play "Tell It To Jesus" and I had replied yes. She was playing the tune for the first time when we heard a roar. Then the building started to resemble a paper in the wind. The noise seemed to be coming from the church which is joined to the parsonage. Since we had been preparing the church for the Easter services by painting the interior of the sanctuary and were planning to wax the floor that night we had the heater in the church operating. It is an old heater and dangerous and the building itself is in poor condition. We live in dread of fire. These things being true my wife thought the heater in the church was exploding. As the piano began to run away from her down the hallway she called for me to come immediately and check the heater. I ran to the doorway between the church and the parsonage and looked at the heater which is just inside the door. It was not ablaze though it was at times being lifted from the floor. I cut the switches and told my wife we were having an earthquake. We ran back to the living room to the children and throwing them prostrate we lay down over them to protect them with our bodies. My wife was praying aloud as dishes

rained from the cabinets and broke upon the floor of the kitchen area. I kept reassuring her that the Lord would protect us from harm.

All the while I lay upon the floor I could see the trees outside. They were swaying crazily and the telephone poles seemed to be made out of rubber. The two story block building next to the church was having cracks appear in it and block fell from the corner as though just stacked without benefit of mortar.

As soon as the tremor subsided so that I could stand, I opened the door and looked outside. There seemed to be an eerie stillness about. A man was getting from his truck in the street and we asked if he was injured. He replied he was not. We examined some cracks that had appeared in the pavement. They were very small to the ones we were to see in other areas.

All this had taken place in a few short minutes, but it had seemed like hours. Yet all through this and the following hours as the news of the disaster came to us more completely we had the assurance that the hand of the Lord was with us.

One who knew the condition of our church would have thought that it would have crashed down like a child's toy building. Yet when we examined it we found that the Lord had by his own hand prevented it from suffering any major damage. The church and Sunday School rooms had been slightly separated and there was a light fixture shaken loose but it had not broken. Also the oil drums which serve the Sunday School rooms had turned over and the oil had leaked out considerably.

Standing in the kitchen and surveying the broken dishes and the broken house plants I told my wife we would just start over. Some of the dishes she had taken special care to haul from North Carolina. Now they were gone.

It was over. At least we thought so. People began to arrive at the church to see if we were o.k., and we began to check on those we knew. We had no power, heat, water, lights or phone so we drove to those close by and checked. We were still not sure of the damage to the city itself. Soon someone told us of the seriousness of the damage to other areas and we realized again how the Lord had blessed us.

Having heard of the seriousness of the situation we began to prepare for the long night ahead. We got all the candles we had and lighted them. Soon we had sev-

enteen people in the living room of the parsonage listening to the Civil Defense Broadcast. We passed the night in the living room with all seventeen lying on the floor. The temperature outside hovered between 18 and 25 degrees. We had no heat but we had enough quilts so that everyone was fairly comfortable.

The next few days were make shift. We had to cook the best we could on the little stove we had and on the charcoal grill. We had to melt snow for water and boil it for the children. We were that at the time there was some eight to ten inches on the ground. Tremors continued to shake the area and we had to stand ready to leave the building at any time.

We found it impossible to let the outside world know of our welfare. We prayed that the Lord would give you the assurance that we were o.k. We feel that he did.

Just as it is impossible to relate exactly the things that transpired and the sorrow and destruction evident, it is impossible to evaluate the full impact of this upon our work. We know that it is going to affect our work but we depend upon your prayers to defeat the work of Satan.

We need nothing desperately at this time. Our church will suffer financially. Pray for us.

In a twinkling of an eye it came. The damage was done. And then it was over. There was no warning and there is no way of knowing when the next will occur. We depend upon your prayers.

As we began to rebuild as a city we trust our attitude will not be the attitude of the people as revealed in Isaiah 9:8-21 but rather that our trust shall be put in the Lord rather than stronger building materials. Join us in prayer for this.

We are always appreciative of all that you have done for us. We depend upon you to keep us here. There have been those of you who have sent us needed clothing, food and other items that came just when we needed them most. May the Lord continue to lead you in a special way as we labor together. In the months to come special trials and opportunities shall come to us. Pray that we may be able to be victorious.

We are happy to relate to you that there was no damage at all in the Fairbanks area. Rev. and Mrs. Whaley were with us for the last few days coming down on Tuesday, March 31. They are well

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Mrs. Dale Blakeley and daughters,
Sharon and Toni.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The female members of the Dale Blakeley family of Cantwell have a total of 35 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School, with the newest pins awarded at services Sunday, February 16, at their home church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo.

Sunday School Superintendent Cleo Black made the presentation to the Blakeleys and others who earned their pins or bars for their pins. Mrs. Blakeley earned her 24th year bar while Toni got a four year bar and Sharon her seven year bar.

Dennis Conway and Gary Wilson were presented first year pins. Walt Pirtle was presented a second year wreath; Gary Wilson was presented a second year wreath; Allie Thurman was presented a second year wreath.

Paula Long was presented a third year bar, Melody Gammon was presented a third year bar; Toni Blakeley, Bobby Vineyard, Bobby Gammon were presented fourth year bars; Debby Wells, Dina Long were presented fifth year bars; Hazel Scott, Bessie Kirkpatrick, Ronnie Wells, Mary Lou Long, Diana Watkins, Teri Vineyard were presented sixth year bars; George Williams, Bertha Hovis, Marion Wilson, Mary Lou Long, Sharon Blakeley and Bobby Wilson received seventh year bars.

Genevieve White and Richard Honbeck received eighth year bars; Grace Abernathy received a tenth year bar and Shirley Vineyard received a fifteenth year bar.

Mrs. Dale Blakeley received a twenty fourth year bar. She is teacher of the Young Peoples Sunday School Class.

CHURCH GROWS

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo. held its 17th Annual Homecoming Sunday, April 19 with 228 for Sunday School and more for 11 o'clock service and a basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour. A good number was present for communion and feet washing Freewill Baptist Gem

services in the afternoon. The church was organized April 22, 1947 in the home of the Rev. Bert Hall with 10 charter members. A church building was erected the same year at 2631 Nichols St. Bro. Hall was the pastor till 1949 when he was succeeded by the Rev. Henry Long who came here from Philipsburg, Mo. Bro. Hall now lives at Aurora. Inside finishing has been completed on an addition constructed last year which has enlarged the seating capacity of the auditorium to 400. A new heating unit was installed along with central air conditioning. There is a full basement. The Ladies Aid sponsored a cabinet installation project for the kitchen area which has just been completed. Church membership has grown to 400.

The month of March was the greatest month in the history of the church both in attendance and offerings. The total attendance for March was 1,171 and total offerings was \$930.00. Easter Sunday attendance was 335. We are so thankful for our pastor and for the way God has blessed our little church and especially for the blessings of the year of 1963.

REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett closed a very successful revival during the month of April. Even though there was only one conversion, the revival helped the members of the church to grow in the Lord. The evangelist was Rev. Robert Shockey of Ashland, Kentucky. The pastor of this church is Rev. Bud Hill.

ASSISTANT PASTOR ELECTED

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri elected Rev. Gaylord Huckaba as their assistant pastor. Bro. Huckaba has served as the pastor of the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church of which he just recently resigned.

PROJECT "64"

Here are the amounts sent by two more of our churches toward the various projects that the Youth Camp Board has selected for this year. Fredericktown Church - \$25.34 and the Copper Mines Church - \$10.00.

300 HUNDRED CLUB

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri is one of our outstanding churches in the State of Missouri to enter the select number by averaging 300 or more in Sunday School for one quarter. On the first Sunday in February, the pastor, Rev. C. H. Burton, presented to Bro. Jessie Hogan, the Sunday School Superintendent, the 300 Club Plaque from the National Sunday School Department.



Bro. Jess Hogan and Rev. C. H. Burton,
presenting the 300 Club Plaque.

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and happy.

If you know of friends or Free Will Baptist who should attend our church or those who you would like for us to check on please write to us and we will do our best to fill your request.

Thank you for your prayers which were sorely needed and surely felt.

We remain your servants in Christ,

Carl, Ann, Angela, Joy, and
Deborah Johnson

Post Office Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska

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In Your

CHURCH

By Billy A. Melvin

The importance of a basic, undergirding support for all departments of the National Association of Free Will Baptists cannot be overstated. To have regular support month after month gives stability to our operations. This is especially true for some of our departments and it is gratifying to know that cooperative giving is growing year by year.

Every Free Will Baptist Church would do well to write the Cooperative Plan into their budget. The plan is simple in that your church would send 10% or more of its monthly offerings to the support of denominational ministries. If your state does not use this plan of support, send the check to Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

Many good reasons might be advanced why churches are wise to send their support through the Cooperative Plan, but let me suggest three.

(1) It is systematic. Any system of support which might be adopted to support denominational ministries is not very meaningful unless it is systematic. If a church supports spasmodically or whenever additional funds might be avail-

able, the support will in all probability be very meager. Denominational needs are constant. The ministries of your denomination are working 365 days out of the year and require systematic support. When regular support does not come these ministries suffer.

(2) It is sensible. We should face the support of God's work sensibly. If it is important to support all phases of our denominational work (and we believe that it is), then our plan should assure this kind of support. A check each month from your church proportionally divided between the various departments of the National Association will keep each department strong. Since there is an interdependence which exists between the departments, this is most important.

(3) It is Scriptural. This is the acid test for any plan. Can it be supported by the Scriptures? We believe that the Cooperative Plan is in keeping with the Scriptures because it helps make possible ministries seeking to extend the gospel witness. The ultimate objective of each department of the National Association is to extend the gospel and win individuals to Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

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to the church and pastor if they were worthy men. If they were not worthy they should get another.

The church in Jerusalem was then ready to elect its deacons. No doubt they whispered to one another. Then someone nominated Brother Stephen as a deacon. Stephen met all the requirements. I can see Stephen at the end of the pew as he bows his head and the tears begin to roll down his cheeks. The other men were then elected in the same way. The church had done a very wise thing. The complaints had come from the Greeks and every deacon elected was a Greek. That is the Christian spirit.

What did the church do next? They sat these men before the preachers and the preachers ordained them. You might say, how did they do this? They did it by praying for them and then by laying their hands upon the heads of these men. This is the same way we ordain deacons. We try to do everything in the New Testament way. In the seventh verse we see the results of the deacons election. The word of God was preached, the Apostles had more time for it now and many more people were saved. This ought to happen in every church. The more good deacons we have the more souls we ought to see coming to Christ. If all our deacons would go out witnessing as they should and bring other people into the church where they could hear the word of God, we would have a revival in the church every Sunday.

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In verses 8-15, we see the unbelievers. The deacon sometimes became a preacher. It happened here with Stephen and it also happened with me. Stephen was one of the great preachers of the early church. When he began to preach, he had great power and God prospered his work. Then a great group from the synagogue began to dispute with him. They were all Greeks and he being a Greek, was trying to get the gospel to his own people. Here we find Saul of Tarsus who was probably the great speaker for the unbelievers. He debated with Stephen. What a great battle this must have been with Saul on one side and Stephen on the other!

What was the subject of their debate? Stephen spoke of the new things which was taking the place of the old order. The old things that Saul spoke of had been nailed to the cross. Stephen preached of greater things. He spoke of a greater person than Moses; he spoke of a greater day than the sabbath. He preached Christ.

Saul in later years came to believe these things but at this time he argued against them. Stephen won the debate. Saul and the others were not able to resist the Holy Spirit. Oh, but how angry they got. Stephen was then brought to trial. They hired false witnesses and accused him of saying blasphemous things about the law and customs of Moses. Stephen stood and listened. He faced death but he had no fear. The

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OUR



Sammye Davis

WHAT YOUTH CAMP MEANS TO ME

Youth camp - don't you just love to think of it as the time nears when the 1964 sessions shall begin?

Just what is Youth Camp? Sure, it's lots of fun, but you actually learn a lot while you stay your week there, too. We begin the day with flag raising, do some calisthenics (believe me, that will really wake you up if you're not already "up and at 'em"), then we go eat breakfast - incidentally, the meals are tops! Each year the various cabins compete against each other to see which cabin will get the "Cabin of the Week," so immediately after breakfast everyone is in their cabins trying to make it the neatest of all. Each morning we have a chapel service, which is quite inspiring. Also, during the morning hours we have three classes. I know you're thinking, "Ugh - old boring classes all morning," but it's really not that way at all. There's a recess between each class and the snack bar is open then, too. The classes are not boring, either. I remember about two years ago, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, one of our first foreign missionaries, was one of the instructors of a class on Foreign Missions. Last year we had a class on the History of Free Will Baptists which proved to be very interesting. I wonder how many of us Free Will Baptists do know our own church's history - why we're Free Will Baptists. I'll bet everyone who attended Youth Camp last year can tell you something about it. Just before noon we have a morning worship service. All afternoon, except for thirty minutes of Singspiration, you are at liberty to do as you please. The girls and boys both get to go swimming after the singspiration. The girls swim first one day; the boys next, alternating. Just before the worship service at night individual cabin prayer meetings are held. After church the snack bar opens again and we have an hour of fun and fellowship - also food!

Youth Camp gives you a chance to meet many, many other Free Will Baptist youths from across the state. You get to know several of the preachers - so when your church begins to think of having a revival and names begin to 'pop up', the man mentioned for the revival isn't just a faceless name, but really means something to you.

I certainly hope to see every youth who reads this article at Youth Camp this year. The Pre-Teen Session begins June 22, (you may arrive June 21), and the Teen Session begins June 29, (you may arrive June 28.) I'll see you there!

Sammye Davis
First Free Will Baptist Church
Monett, Missouri

YOUTH

YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp is just a few weeks away. By the time that you get your Gem it will be just a few days away. Let us make this the greatest Camp Session that we have ever had, both spiritual and number wise. Make your plans to attend this year. The cost is the same as last year. \$8.00 for the pre-teens and \$9.00 for the teens. Come one! Come all!

THE CHURCH

Religious freedom is a very priceless American heritage and one we should value more highly than we do. Our attendance at church should not be from a sense of duty or habit. It should be worth your while, spiritually and intellectually. It should develop your religious faith that will stand up to anything. It will be tested in your social life, home life, and school, but your faith must be strong enough to stand the test.

The church is interested in every phase of life that we teenagers have to face. It is interested in our job, our country, our friends and our personality. When Jesus set the rules for our lives, he lived in a different world than we do

now. He never saw an airplane or an astronaut go into orbit, nor read by electric lights. We take these gimmicks of modern times seriously, but really they are of little importance. God's word, the real truth, will never change. Jesus did understand that one's patriotic duty is clear. He taught us that one class of people should not be pushed around by another class. He laid the fundamental laws, "The Ten Commandments" which are much more important than man-made laws. He left it up to each individual, himself, to live up to this status. The church is our teacher and influence for these codes.

You could not expect a child to talk if he was deaf. Likewise you cannot expect a person to believe in Christ if no one tells him. The church and church affiliates such as missionaries serve this purpose.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth." This is the purpose of the church. To tell people the truth.

Terry L. Hart
First Free Will Baptist
Church of Fredericktown,
Mo.

JUNIOR G.T.A. ACTIVITIES

"The Busy Bees" could very well describe our Junior G.T.A. Since October we have had many activities and personal service projects. They are as follows:

1. Fish Fry
2. Sent Christmas present of \$5.00 to Children's Home in Tennessee.
3. Presented Brother Conder, an elderly gentleman of our church, with a fruit basket.
4. Sent money for a Christmas present for the Fulcher children in Uruguay.
5. Sent Christmas cards to all the Foreign Missionaries.
6. Presented a Christmas Program.
7. Bake Sale to raise money for bus maintenance.
8. Sent \$1.00 to Youth Camp for back stop.
9. Sent get well card to Brother Cole signed by all the members.
10. Sold Christmas Cards.
11. We send \$2.00 each month to our Missionary - Glenda Fulcher.
12. Took trips to Missouri Botanical Gardens and Grant's Farm. We plan to go to Rockwoods Reservation - May 9th, Popeye Show - June 5th and the Zoo in July.

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13. We plan to make our yearly visit to Mrs. Pfeiffer's Nursing Home for Elderly Ladies and present a Mother's Day Program and give the ladies corsages.

14. We also plan to sponsor a Youth Music Recital here at our church on Thursday, May 21st, at which time we shall receive a love offering for Youth Camp.

15. We voted at our last meeting to send \$10.00 to "Project '64" for our Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

We study about our missionaries almost every month to help acquaint the group with all their names and where they are located.

I count it a privilege and an honor to serve as the sponsor of the Junior G.T.A. I pray that all of our activities are pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

Mrs. Bonnie Jane Deatherage
Jr. G.T.A. Sponsor
Berkeley Church

"WHAT Y.P.A. MEANS TO ME"

"The Young People's Auxiliary is a great spiritual uplift to me in so many different ways. The lessons have good ideas as well as interesting topics on missions. The different activities, such as visiting hospitals, sending gifts and cards to sick people are good ways to keep us busy for our Lord."

Bonita Short
Joplin Church

"WHAT Y.P.A. MEANS TO ME"

"Y.P.A. is a Young People's Auxiliary, and we get together one night a month, using this time to learn more about our missionaries home and abroad."

Donna Alderman
Joplin Church

"WHAT Y.P.A. MEANS TO ME"

"Our Y.P.A. organization means more to me than can be said in just a few lines. It is not just a monthly Christian gathering, it is also an opportunity for good clean fellowship which very few school activities offer today."

Lynda LeMaster
Joplin Church

"WHAT Y.P.A. MEANS TO ME"

"To me the Y.P.A. means sweet fellowship with other Christians. I feel that any young person that becomes a member

of Y.P.A. should feel as though they are in the best atmosphere available."

Paula Williams
Joplin Church

"WHAT Y.P.A. MEANS TO ME"

"I get a great joy in going to Y.P.A. because it helps draw you closer to the church. It is a way for the younger people to support their missions and home church."

Nancy Largent
Joplin Church

"WHAT Y.P.A. MEANS TO ME"

"The Y.P.A. is a real blessing to me. It has taught me about missions and other church work. I feel that Y.P.A. has brought each of us young girls closer to each other and to the church."

Drucilla Short
Joplin Church

YOUTH MUSIC RECITAL

The Junior Go Tell Auxiliary will sponsor a Youth Music Recital at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, 8900 Springdale at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 21st, with Brother Ned Templeton as the Director. We extend a cordial invitation to every one to attend this recital. We hope to have this program each year at which time we shall receive a love offering for our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp at Niangua, Missouri.

Mrs. Bonnie Jane Deatherage
Jr. G.T.A. Sponsor

YOUTH DIRECTED SERVICES

During National Youth Week, the young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo., under the direction of the Youth Chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Dale Blakeley, presented a special evening worship service. Ardell Polk directed the singing. The scripture was read by Joyce Horton. Choruses were sung by the Youth Choir.

Ardell Polk and Rosie King sang a duet. A panel discussion with all youth participating was one of the highlights of the service. Such questions as "What do you as a young person expect from your church?" and "What can the church expect from you as a young person?" and others were asked of the youth. A trio of Trudy Busenbark, Marilyn Hard and Dianna Honbeck sang followed with a reading "Christian" by Dianna Honbeck. A special

hymn, "Have Thine Own Way," was sung by the Youth Choir. The message was by the church pastor, the Rev. Gene Norris. During the invitation many of the young people rededicated their life to the Lord.

G.T.A. DECLAMATION CONTEST

The G.T.A. Declamation contest will be held on Tuesday afternoon, June 23 at the State Youth Camp. O.K., young people, get on the ball and get these speeches written.

Y.P.A. DECLAMATION CONTEST

The Y.P.A. Declamation contest will be run off at the Youth Camp also. The date for this contest is June 30 in the afternoon.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I will be needing some articles to be used on this page. Youth sponsors, why not have your youth groups write some articles for this page. I feel that we have quite a few young people that could write some very outstanding articles. Can I count on YOU for help?



The G.T.A.'s of the Monett First F.W.B. Church. This very active group meets twice each month under the sponsorship of Miss Roslee McCully.

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A Message From Your State

SUNDAY SCHOOL and LEAGUE BOARD

This is another in a monthly series of articles written by members of the State Sunday School and League Board. We hope you read these columns carefully and that you will gain information and inspiration from them.

Here is a poem that expresses a truth that concerns all of us.

"Why don't you go to Sunday School?"

Said Mr. Jones to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown replied to Mr. Jones:

"Is there one here in this town?"

Three months or more right here

I've lived, and not a soul

Has come to ask if I would like

My name put on a S. S. roll.

I sure do thank you, Mr. Jones,

For dropping by to let me know

There is a place like Sunday School,

To which on Sunday I can go."

Mr. Jones, with conscience pricking,
Bowed low in shame his head.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Brown, that I
Didn't sooner call," he said.

"I couldn't blame you if you didn't
Come to my Sunday School at all,
Since I waited so very long
To make on you a friendly call."

'Tis such a pity, folks, I'm sure
That we so long should wait
To ask new-comers to our church -
So oft' we are too late!

Author unknown

Every pastor and church member should have a vital interest in building a great Sunday School. Such a task can be accomplished but it takes far more work than most of us are willing to do.

Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has listed what he calls "Seven Essentials For The Building Of A Great Sunday School".

1. Faith in the infallible, inspired Word of God.
2. A zeal for lost souls.
3. Standards for teachers and officers.
 - A. Salvation
 - B. Separation from the world
 - C. Faithfulness to the services of the church
 - D. Loyalty to the church
4. A weekly visitation program.
5. A weekly teacher's and officer's meeting.
6. A consistent teaching program on Sunday.
7. Definite goals.

Every Sunday School can experience continual growth. For some it may be large and rapid, while in others it may be slow and steady. In our nation there are millions who do not attend Sunday School and church. They are our responsibility

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and many would be saved as a result of getting them into Sunday School.

Now a word about the League. It is difficult to understand why so many are so little interested in this important phase of our church training. I know we have our excuses, but they usually amount to little more than excuses. If the head of the family would take the leadership in this matter of League attendance I'm sure things would be different. So let me direct a few statements to Pop.

YES, YOU NEED TO BE IN LEAGUE, POP! WHY?

1. You're the driver usually. If you don't go, the others in the family will be hindered.

2. You hold the family's money. The offerings will be down your share.

3. You are your children's hero. What you do they think is good for them to do.

4. You need the training. You're not too old to learn. Most men are cowards and sissies when it comes to the Lord's work. They say, "all the religion in our family is in the wife's name."

5. You are the head of the family and God commands you to be an example and not provoke your children to wrath. (Ephesians 6:4)

Some folks do not go to League because they don't think it would do them any good, but let me ask you: First, would it do you any good to learn to speak well in public? Some say when asked to speak in church, "I can't talk!" I can't is a coward and too lazy to try. Second, would it do you any good to learn the Bible? One is better educated if he knows nothing but the Bible than if he knows everything else and doesn't know the Bible. Third, would it do you any good to obey God? He said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." Four, would it do you any good to listen to your conscience? If you're saved your conscience should tell you to be just as faithful on Sunday night as you know you ought to be on Sunday morning.

Someone has said, "Though our task is not to bring all the world to Christ, our task is unquestionably to bring Christ to all the world." Your faithfulness will help to accomplish this task.

Next month's article is to be written by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, Bro. Hubert Harral, who is a layman in the Mt. Grove F.W.B. Church.

This article submitted by James Earl Raper, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.

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members of the council looked upon him and his face looked like an angels face. Friends! when Christ is in a man's heart like he was in Stephens, the person even becomes different on the outside.

If you want to have the new look, the look of a shining face; then come to Jesus. Open up your heart to him and he will make a different person of you. Friends, we could bob on and on about Stephen but today we who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God help us to live up to our profession even as did the deacons in the early church. If we do this, then all of our organizations will be spiritual organizations.

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Monett	104.81
Faith FWB (Lemay)	128.91
Victory	77.95
Carterville	12.26
Mine La Motte	8.69
Union FWB League (Gladden)	15.00
West Plains (Bethel FWB)	40.00
Kirksville	90.00

TOTAL \$2,308.78

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55% Nat'l Ass'n FWB	\$1,269.83
1% Mo. Superannuation	23.09
4% Mo. Youth Camp	92.35
4 1/2% Mo. Gem	103.90
7% General Fund	161.61
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	196.25
20% Mo. Promotional Department	461.75

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Report Requested by Bro. Allred

Received as of April 15, 1964

Indian Creek Ass'n Churches . \$105.82

Monett	\$ 11.82
Joplin	20.00
Carterville	15.00
Neosho	15.00
Merl's Chapel	15.00
Indian Creek Ass'n	22.00
Granby	7.00

St. Francis Co. Quarterly

Meeting	150.00
Laclede Quarterly Meeting ...	50.00

New Home	10.00
Sunnyview	10.00
Lynn Street	10.00
Happy Hill	10.00
New Hope	10.00

St. Louis District Quarterly

Meeting	65.00
Meramec Heights	13.00
South Side	13.00
Overland	13.00
Faith	13.00
Salem	13.00

Madison Co. Quarterly

Meeting	15.00
Twin Oaks	15.00

TOTAL \$385.82

Harry Beatty

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	214	184	
Leadington	49	50	49	58	57	52	56	74	72		
Farmington	82	89	99	114	109	105	100	110	122	121	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	82	74	75	73	77	73	50	66			
Berkeley City	228	243	283	282	307	300	289	292	341		
Richwoods	54	55	61	61	57	49	48	48	64		
Kirksville	62	68	78	78	74	70	75	85	90		
Grant Ave., Springfield	140	163	163	177	168		175	172	198		
Hazel Creek	54	55	59	59	52	40	50	51	58		
Mine La Motte	31	27	29	37	31	31	24	26	31		
F'st Ch. Flat River	109	111	121	125		115	102	107	120		
Overland Church		138	140	159		143	145	152			
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	348	339	357	337	324		319	327	379		
Desloge	104	106	105	104	110	103	98	110	116		
Mill Cr. Ch., Fredericktown	77	63	70	71		57	45	49			
Union Light	109	117	114	109	104	106	109	109	93		
First Church, Springfield	162		199		202	169	192	201	235		
Sunnyview Church						46	46	53			
Central, Kansas City	59	63	65	102	84	75	79	81	105		
Hannon	66	62	62	58	61	47	54	58	54		
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			31		
Victory	65	76	89	100	113	87	102	114	124		
First Church, Fredericktown		151	151	170	157	155	151				
Copper Mines	88	95	88	88	81	80	70	81			
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.		29	30	26	29	30	26	26	30	37	
Fourth Ch., St. Louis							58	65	80		
Alton					95	85	98	98			
Twin Oaks Church							49	54	57	53	
West Plains							169	178	173	179	

New \$60,000 Building Is Completed

Grant Avenue Church Opens

Opening services in Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church's new \$60,000 building were held during March, with the pastor, the Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Located at 1060 South Grant, the edifice is of masonry and brick construction with a steeply slanted roof supported by laminated arches. The windows have cathedral glass panes.

The auditorium is 95 by 44 feet and has two rows of 17-foot pews seating 500 persons. The pews, which harmonize with other woods used in the interior, are set at 30 degree angles to add to the comfort of the members of the congregation and to give a better view of the raised platform. There is a balcony at the back of the auditorium.

A tall cross rising over the baptistry is constructed of redwood and outlined in red glass.

Underneath the new building is a basement, which, when finished, will be used for banquets and fellowship meetings.

The new sanctuary adjoins the original concrete block building and at the juncture a new entranceway has been devised. The older building, erected about seven years ago, will be remodeled for educational purposes.

A large parking lot is being prepared to accommodate the cars of worshippers.

The building committee, composed of members of the board of trustees and deacons of the church, includes Bob J. Gissom, chairman, Coday Draper, Raymond Kensinger, Lee Evans, Elmer Patton, Shelby Smith, Bill Felts, Bruce Presley, Ray Bledsoe and Robert Chapman.

Paul H. Rich has served as architect and Newport and Hessee Builders was the general contractor.

Mr. Dixon has served the church as pastor for a little over a year while remaining active as an evangelist, traveling to a number of states. He is vice president of the Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, a member of the executive board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and a member of the administrative board of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Membership of the church which was organized in 1957, has doubled during his ministry and now numbers 200.

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

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Report From The N. A. E.

Varying evangelical approaches to ecumenical movements in four nations of the world were surveyed by more than 70 missionary leaders who met in Chicago during April as part of the 22nd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Missions executives with insight into problems of ecumenicity in India, Brazil, Costa Rica and Kenya addressed the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, an N. A. E. subsidiary representing missionary interests of more than 90 Protestant missionary agencies.

Problems of Christian unity must be dealt with on local levels in other countries, declared the Rev. Dennis Clark, home director of the Toronto-based Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. He spoke regarding ecumenism in India and said, "Our approach to ecumenicity in the United States is not justified in the varied situations facing the church in other areas of the world."

The National Christian Council of India, a World Council of Churches affiliate, declined several years ago, Mr. Clark said. It failed to provide essential services for the Indian church, he declared.

A positive approach to evangelical unity was taken in information of the Evangelical Fellowship of India in 1950. Mr. Clark cited this positive step as the main factor in the rapid growth of E. F. I., an organization with theological orientation similar to the N. A. E.

"Let us show our value by what we do," urged Mr. Clark. "If we have something to offer, others will desire our fellowship."

Development of vital literature and Sunday school assistance programs, Christian radio facilities and a council of evangelists by E. F. I. were listed as examples of services enhancing the fellowship's acceptance as a dynamic organization.

The Confederation of Brazil, a World Council of Churches oriented organization, was described as an "exceedingly weak organization" that purports to be the voice of Protestantism in Brazil.

Dr. Milton Baker, foreign secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Wheaton, told the assembled missions executives that only 12 of the more than 50 Christian groups working in Brazil are affiliated with the confederation.

Protestants in Brazil have multiplied Freewill Baptist Gem

ten times in 40 years - from 550,000 in 1926 to more than five and a half million. Although no evangelical alliance has been formed in Brazil, 15 Christian mission agencies in the country are affiliated with E. F. M. A. It was estimated that only a small percentage of Brazilian Protestants lean toward the World Council brand of organizational ecumenicity. Thus far, the Confederation of Brazil has not received sufficient support of affiliated churches to ratify World Council action at New Delhi.

It was estimated that 80 per cent of Brazilian Protestants are oriented toward the evangelical view of the church's spiritual unity which transcends denominational lines and is not dependent on an organic union.

The Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica was described by Dr. Horace Fenton, Jr., associate general director of the Latin America Mission, as an unusual demonstration of genuine Christian unity. It came into existence as an aftermath of the revolution of 1948. Evangelicals saw an opportunity to have an influence on the formulation of a constitutional form of government. They formed a Committee for Evangelical Action which became the forerunner of the Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica organized in 1950.

A unique feature of the alliance's constitution is a prohibition against joining any international group. "Any attempt to align the Costa Rican group with an international agency such as the World Council of Church, International Council of Christian Churches, or even the World Evangelical Fellowship would inevitably be disruptive of the unity which is enjoyed in Costa Rica to such an unusual extent on the local level," Dr. Fenton said. "No one can predict what posture the alliance may later adopt in the matter of international relationships."

All members of the Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica adhere to a strong evangelical doctrinal statement.

"There has never been any evidence that any individual or group has accepted it with reservation," said Dr. Fenton. "Our experience in Costa Rica has led us to feel that the assumption which is sometimes made by evangelicals in the States that old line groups who accept a doctrinal statement of this kind do so with reservations and qualifications is not a fair one, at least in our area."

The Christian Council of Kenya was cited by the Rev. Hollis Abbott, field

director of World Gospel Mission, as being in a similar situation that the National Christian Council of India was in 14 years ago.

The C. C. K. is basically a secular Christian organization with representation to government, according to Mr. Abbott. For this reason, evangelicals in Kenya should consider maintaining identification with the council, he said.

However, the missionary leader recommended that an evangelical alliance be formed for spiritual fellowship and church service. The C. C. K. was described as being World Council oriented, although the majority of C. C. K. affiliates are theologically evangelical.

Written by Jerry Ballard

FORMER MISSIONARY NAMED DIRECTOR

Selection of Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga as the new executive director for N. A. E. completes realignment of the association leadership. He is a former missionary to Africa now serving as president of Messiah College, Grantham, Pa. His role as administrative leader will be based in Wheaton, Ill., where N. A. E. has its headquarters.

He will share responsibilities of the general director, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, who has charge of the N. A. E. public affairs office in Washington and also heads the missions service arm of the association, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

Shifts of responsibility began last fall when Dr. George Ford accepted a call to become executive vice president of the Winona Lake (Ind.) Christian Assembly and resigned as general director. The post was then assigned on an interim basis to W. Stanley Mooneyham, editor of the United Evangelical Action magazine of N. A. E. for the past five years. He will become a special assistant to Billy Graham later this month.

Dr. Climenhaga has been president of the college since 1960. He served 15 years as a district and general superintendent of Brethren in Christ missions in Northern and Southern Rhodesia. He holds degrees from Upland College, Upland, Cal.; Pasadena College, Pasadena, Cal., and Taylor University, Upland, Ind. He earned the doctoral degree in 1944 at Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary.

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**FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS
MISSOURI
MARCH, 1964**


WNAC, Nashville	\$ 36.35
Minnie Winstead, Washington	2.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	15.00
North Side FWB Church, St. Louis	11.87
Rev. Carl Postlewaide, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Clyde Montgomery, Cabool	2.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	175.00
Farmington FWB Church	36.50
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	75.00
Willow Springs FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	9.94
First FWB Church, Flat River	20.25
Sharon Barker, Farmington	6.00
North Side, St. Louis	30.00
Hurryville FWB Church, Leadington	22.75
Laura Belle Barnard Circle, Monett	10.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	102.32
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville	104.37
Alton FWB Church	15.25
First FWB Church, Monett	10.00
Chester Wright, St. Louis	180.00
Woman's Aux. First FWB Church, Joplin	5.00
GTA, Kirksville FWB Church, Kirksville	3.00
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Letters from our Readers

Dear Bro. & Sisters in Christ:

Just a few lines to say hello to all back in Missouri.

We are working in Oxnard, California. We have a wonderful church. The Lord is blessing us with people being saved and joining our church.

If ever any of you are out our way, please come to see us.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Franklin
1032 King Street
Oxnard, California 93031

The Reverend Chesley Hill
Gem Editor
3100 Mt. Pleasant
St. Louis, Missouri 63111

Dear Bud:

I trust this finds you and yours enjoying the blessings of the Lord. I appreciate receiving your kind letter a short time ago and the concern that you have for the work here.

Bud, I want to express my appreciation to you for the commendable job you are doing as Editor. I appreciate the quality of the Gem. It is readable, interesting and informative. (You may quote me on this if you care to.)

May the Lord continue to bless you as

you and yours labor for Him.

In Christ,

C. H. Burton

Sunnyview Church
Lebanon, Missouri

We are happy to announce that Bro. James Henson of our church has confessed his call to the ministry. The first Sunday he preached he used as his ext "Love". It was enjoyed by all present. May God richly bless him and use him as another faithful servant.

Here is a poem in memory of all the mothers that have gone on to receive their reward, called "My Mother".

Oh dear mother, you've been so true.
Without you my life's so blue.
I know you're happy with your home above,
Because you filled our hearts with love.
You were so kind and true
I hope some day I'll be there, too.
I'll try to live a life you taught,
And love my God and never halt.

YOUTH CAMP

Remember to send your money in to Rev. Wm. Reeves for the "Gem" Youth Camp Project of the Month. The project of placing a fence around the rest of the swimming pool is also one of the Project '64', and as of May 7 we do not have enough money to do so. Let's get the job done before Youth Camp time.

You led your loved ones across the deep,
And many nights lost your sleep
To pray to God to save your own,
And in the future have a home.
The kind of one filled with love
And ruled only by God above.
You done your part, and then some too.
And now you're living in the blue
Where there's no heartaches tears and
woes

Where all of God's children go.
So, dear mother, on your day,
I to God most humbly pray
That when from this life I do roam,
I'll be with you in our new home.

Yours in Christ,

Carl D. Eden

Huntsville, Texas
April 7, 1964

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter concerning one of our old ministers. He has been a very faithful servant of the Lord for over fifty years in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

He and his good wife organized the first auxiliary work in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio and many other states in which they worked.

We, the committee, want to give Bro. McAdams a card shower on his 85th birthday which is the 18th of June.

We also want to put in a love offering for this dear soldier of the cross. He is very feeble now and hasn't driven his car in almost two years. Let's make him happy on his birthday.

Committee,
Rev. Melba White
Rev. Tommie Franklin
Mrs. G. J. Lawlis

P. S. Address all cards to:
Rev. H. M. McAdams
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