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### Promotional Secretary's Corner

Rev. James Earl Raper and Fellowship Church, hosted the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting, May 1 & 2. A fine mixed group of youth had charge of the Friday night service; with Rev. Gene Norris delivering the gospel sermon. All of their churches represented Saturday in a good harmonious business session. Rev. Grover Pingleton brought the 11:00 a.m. mes-  
sage. Time was granted for our Missouri Co-operative program which is faithfully supported by most of these churches.

We enjoyed the worship service Sunday, May 3rd with Rev. Robert Wilfong and the  
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Leadington Church and was privileged to bring the 11:00 a.m. message there.

Sunday night we enjoyed another good service with Rev. Everett Hilliard and the Farmington Church; and delivered the evening sermon there. The Lord is blessing this church and souls are being saved in the regular services of the church.

Friday night, May 15th, I visited the West Central Quarterly Meeting of Illinois, held by Rev. Leslie Logsdon and Granite City Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Elmer Turnbough of Bear Point Church delivered the introductory sermon.

Twentytwo ministers of Southeast Mis-  
souri Minister's conference met in their semi-annual meeting at Fredericktown on May 16th. Our honorable, elderly minis-  
ter, Rev. Sam George Yount delivered a challenging sermon for this occasion.

It was a real blessing to me to be with Rev. Bob Jones and the Fredericktown Church on Sunday, May 17 and preach the 11:00 a.m. message. This church ex-  
perienced a good revival recently. Sunday night, May 24th, we enjoyed a good fel-  
lowship with Grace Free Will Baptist church and delivered the evening message; witnessing a soul saved in this service. Our St. Louis South Side Church experi-  
enced real revival with Evangelist Lonnie Graves doing the preaching. Several souls were saved and others renewed their cov-  
enant with the Lord. Saturday evening, May 30th, the youth rally group of North East Missouri Association put on a good program for the opening service of their Quarterly Meeting held with Martinstown Free Will Baptist Church. I was privileged to bring the gospel message for the youth rally and the Woman's Auxiliary service

Sunday afternoon. New zeal and greater interest is evident in these churches. It was a privilege to be with Rev. Cletus Nichols and Hazel Creek Church Sunday a.m. and bring the message following the Sunday School hour. Also had a good service with Rev. Leland Horton and Kirksville church Sunday night. Kirksville church is moving forward winning souls for Christ and have gained some new members into their church recently.

Our May Co-operative receipts were be-  
low par, however, another church adopted the Co-operative Program this month.

Total, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION EN-  
TERTAINMENT monies received to date  
\$692.00.

Harry Beatty

Promotional Field Worker

#### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS MAY 1964

Parkview	\$84.88
Cuba	25.85
St. Louis South Side	41.40
Beacon	77.97
Farmington	110.00
Kansas City Central	69.00
Hannon	17.00
Victory	67.81
Cartersville	10.77
Jefferson City First	9.22
Monett	84.92
Rock Chapel	22.07
Merl's Chapel	13.16
Copper Mines	27.50
Lebanon First FWB Church	163.25
Thayer	37.85
Mine La Motte	11.20
Fellowship	75.00
Overland	142.75

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# THE

# MISSION

May, 1964

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the lovely name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We trust you are enjoying God's blessings and good health. We are fine. Arthur is still in the states, so I am about to work myself to death.

The buildings at the school are coming along fine. We have money for 8 cabins. We are trusting God for the other 4 we need for this year. You have been wonderful. May God richly bless each of you that have had a part in helping to buy and to build on the new property. We are trying to have it ready for the convention in September. We feel we will have it ready. The foundations are already poured for all the buildings that we have money to build. The walls are up on some of them. One cabin is in the finishing stage now. Remember to pray for us as we continue the work. The weather is so hot. We have had over a week that it has been from 110 to 112 and we are in desperate need of rain. Here in the colony where we live the well has gone about dry. We only have water in the morning until 10:00 and after 6 in the evenings.

God has truly blessed the work here in Mexico this past month. We have seen 12 saved here in the first church. The Sunday School has grown until we are going to have to build a second floor to take care of the people. For lack of rooms we have the 4 and 5 year olds together. They are in a little room 4 by 8 feet and there are 22 of them. They almost burn up in that small room. But God has blessed us with people that have a mind to work. The church pays all of it's own expenses, pastor and all. Our church also is building a cabin for the school. For a church that will be 5 years old the 24th of this month, God has really blessed us with wonderful people, which we are very thankful.

The church in El Canelito is ready to start their building. They have all the adobes bought and paid for. (They did this themselves.) They have their lot. The churches here in Mexico all cooperated to help them with the roof, doors, windows and etc. So they are ready to begin. The church in Altamira is build-  
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ing Sunday School rooms also. All the churches report souls being saved. So we want you to rejoice with us for blessings God is showering upon the work here.

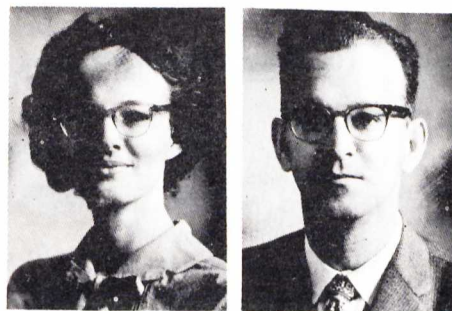
Although God is blessing the work, the devil isn't resting. You that have read the paper from North Carolina know what I mean. Not only has that group that pulled out of the National Association had it's effect upon the work in the States, it is now reaching the Mission field. We do ask you to earnestly pray for us, for the pastors, and for the Christians here that God will give us sufficient wisdom to handle any problem which may arise.

I want to remind you again that our convention will be September 4, 5 and 6th. We invite you to attend, although you will not understand the language, I assure you that you will understand the spirit which prevails in all the services. We will have plenty of room to take care of you this year. So, if at all possible, make your plans to attend.

Thank you for your continued support. Both prayerfully and financially. May God bless our combined efforts as we labor for the salvation of lost souls.

Your Missionaries,

Arthur, Jenell and family



Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery  
Missionaries to Japan



# FIELD

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

### MISSOURI

APRIL, 1964

Woman's National Auxiliary	
Convention	8.00
Myrtle FWB Church	48.68
Kirksville FWB Church	15.00
Earl Evey, Lebanon	30.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church,	
Bonne Terre	15.00
Son Light Missionary	
Conference, Mtn. Grove	5.00
First FWB Church, Monett	34.00
First FWB Church,	
Mtn. Grove	75.00
Bethel FWB Church,	
West Plains	10.20
Alton FWB Church	13.25
Fellowship FWB Church,	
Flat River	135.00
Donnie Morris, West Plains	5.00
Beulah Midgett, St. Louis	50.00
J. A. Hoyt, Thayer	20.00
Thelma Hoyt	10.00
Mrs. William H. Liblay,	
Webster Grove	1.00
South Side FWB Church,	
St. Louis	40.00
Mrs. Floyd Luney,	
Cassville	5.00
New Rock Springs FWB	
Church, Mtn. Grove	24.00
Pleasant Hill FWB Church,	
Thayer	7.00
First FWB Church Aux.,	
Joplin	42.10
Park View FWB Church,	
Desloge	40.00
Hazel Winfrey, Desloge	5.00
Mr. N. S. Miller, West Plains	10.00

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# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

SEND ALL ARTICLES TO

**Mrs. Ted Davis**

**Rt. 2, Box 275C**

**Joplin, Missouri**



Mrs. Peggy Davis  
Woman's Auxiliary Editor

Dear Co-Laborers:

My heart is filled with great anticipation concerning our National Convention this year. I am sure all the people of Missouri are thrilled at the opportunity of having the National in our own state.

The W.N.A.C. this year will bless and inspire each heart. Rev. Homer Willis will be the speaker for the opening message Monday evening. Rev. Willis has led our Home Mission Department into deeper and richer growth. God will move our hearts through the efforts of this man.

Rev. Bill Jones will be the speaker for the Tuesday morning worship. Bill and Joy Jones are very dear friends of ours. My husband and I attended college with this wonderful couple, and we grew to love them deeply. They have done an outstanding job in Africa.

Special music and devotions and informative efforts have been arranged. Please - women of Missouri - let's show our "thankfulness" by our "attendance".

In His Service,  
Mrs. Peggy Davis

PROGRAM  
OF 29TH SESSION OF THE  
WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY  
CONVENTION

Theme .... "Compel Them To Come In"  
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Watchword .... "The Word of God is Not Bound" (II Timothy 2:9)  
Convention Hymn .. "All Hail The Power"

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1964

Thought For The Day ... ".....I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound." (II Timothy 2:9)

MONDAY MORNING

8:00 Breakfast .. "Today With WNAC"  
9:30 ... Executive Committee Meeting

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Declamation Preliminaries  
Grand Ball Room, Hotel Muehlebach  
3:00 Registration

MONDAY EVENING

7:30 Opening Hymn  
Devotional ... Mrs. Paul Pursell,  
Executive Secretary, WNAC  
Appointment of Committees  
Introduction of National Officers -  
President, Mrs. Rufus Coffey  
Special Music  
Message ..... Rev. Homer Willis  
General Director  
FWB Home Missions

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1964

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 Devotional . Miss Eula Mae Martin  
Missionary from Brazil  
Special Music  
10:00 Declamation Contest  
Directed by Mrs. Damon Dodd,  
National Youth Chairman  
We Meet Our Youth .. Mrs. Dodd  
Special Music  
Message ..... Rev. Bill Jones  
Missionary from Africa

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Devotional ..... Geraldine Waid  
Missionary from Japan  
Special Music  
Greetings from Missionaries and  
Missionary Appointees  
Memorial service for Mrs. Fannie  
Polston ..... Mrs. E. Edwards  
2:15 Business Session  
Report of Committees  
Adjourn

Pianist ..... Darlene Melvin  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Organist ..... Donna Morris  
Durham, North Carolina  
Song Leader ..... Ken Riggs  
Nashville, Tennessee

We invite you to visit the WNAC booth while you are here.



REV. BILL JONES  
Missionary From Africa  
Speaker for the Tuesday Morning Service



REV. HOMER WILLIS  
F.W.B. Home Mission Director  
Speaker for the Monday Evening Service  
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# CONVENTION MEETS IN MISSOURI

The 29th session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets July 13-14, 1964, in Kansas City, Missouri. Hotel Muehlebach has been selected as headquarters for the convention.

By paying a representation fee of \$3.00 your local auxiliary may send a delegate to this convention. This is the first year "each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state)" has had the privilege of sending a delegate. Give the representation fee to the lady whom you select to represent your auxiliary at this convention, and she will pay the fee when she registers at the registration booth.

Have you mailed your annual fees? "Ten cents (10¢) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Woman's National Convention by the state conventions for membership and convention representation fees" (Article VI—By-laws).

Plan now to attend this year's convention. Enjoy the rich spiritual experience that awaits you as you gather with Free Will Baptists from across the nation.

## ANNUAL WNAC BREAKFAST

Monday, July 13, 1964

"TODAY WITH WNAC"

8:00 A.M. Honoring:  
WNAC Officers  
State Presidents  
Missionaries  
Missions Boards Directors

The WNAC Breakfast is to be in the Crystal Room of the Hotel State on 12th and Wyandette just across the street from the Convention Hotel. The breakfast will be Canadian bacon, two eggs, toast, butter, hashbrowns, jelly and coffee.

**ATTENTION!!!**

Soon it will be time to compile yearly

reports of the work done in our Woman's Auxiliaries this year.

The report forms to be used by the Secretary and Treasurer are available through the State Secretary-Treasurer's office, or through the WNAC office.

If your Auxiliary did not receive these forms at the State Woman's Auxiliary workshop, please request them from the State Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible.

Please complete the forms as soon as possible after June 30, 1964 and mail them with your representation dues to the State Secretary-Treasurer.

The address is: Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711.

Dear Auxiliary:

As you know, this year the National Association of Free Will Baptist meet in Kansas City, Mo., July 13-16.

As is the custom of past years, the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be entertaining the WNAC with a breakfast on Monday morning, July 13th.

Due to the expense involved in this project, and the fact that our State Treasury funds are rather small, we would like to give your Woman's Auxiliary an opportunity to help share in this expense.

Whatever amount that your Auxiliary can contribute to this fund will be greatly appreciated. I, as your State Treasurer, suggest that you send 50¢ per Auxiliary member.

Please send your gift for this fund to me, Hazel Hutsell, State Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer, marked "WNAC Breakfast".

Please send your gift as soon as possible so that the final arrangements can be made for the breakfast.

May the Lord richly bless your Auxiliary as you continue to serve Him.

In His Service,

Hazel Hutsell  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Missouri State Woman's  
Auxiliary Convention

**"MEDICINE BOTTLES"**

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met on May 12 for their regular monthly meeting with 19 members present and 1 visitor. This month the Auxiliary and G.T.A's gave Bonnie Atkinson a bridal shower, voted to send \$10.00 to the Hawaii program, and \$8.00 to National Association at Kansas City for the breakfast, and to pay \$50.00 on our

church payment and to send plastic medicine bottles to Dr. Miley.

Ruby Brewer  
Cor. Sec.

**"PLAN BIBLE SCHOOL"**

The Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cabool met May 12. The president called the meeting together with songs and prayer. Roll call was answered with Bible verses containing the word "love". Fourteen ladies answered the roll call.

Bible School plans were completed with our Bible School beginning June 1, 1964 through June 12, 1964. We pray that the Lord will be with us and truly bless the efforts put forth during our Bible School.

After our business session our president turned the meeting over to our program committee. Our program was presented by Betty Dale, Zoe Seals, Doril Evans, Faye Hamilton and Pauline White. Meeting dismissed.

Mrs. Jean Ellis  
Secretary-Treasurer

**ORGANIZE DISTRICT MEETING**

The Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo., voted to send \$10.00 to Hawaii for church site.

A special offering will be taken in June for superannuation fund. It was planned to help organize a district meeting. It was planned to help with expense of children at Youth Camp.

Gladys Montgomery  
Cor. Sec.  
320 N. Washington  
Lebanon, Mo.

**AUXILIARIES REPORTING IN MAY**

Cabool, Mo. - F.W. Baptist Church  
Thayer, Mo. - F.W. Baptist Church  
Lebanon, Mo. - First F.W.B. Church  
Joplin, Mo. - First F.W.B. Church  
Two State Officers:

Mrs. Beatty - St. Louis, Mo.  
Miss Hutsell - Mountain Grove, Mo.

**PRAY - PRAY - PRAY**

For Convention Speakers:

- \* Rev. Homer Willis
- \* Miss Eula Mae Martin
- \* Rev. Bill Jones
- \* Mrs. Cleo W. Pursell
- \* Mrs. Geraldine Waid

# GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

## LEBANON MASTER'S MEN

The first meeting of the Master's Men organization of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo. was held on May 8, 1964 at the church. Twelve members were present and more are expected to become members in the future. Officers for the next months were elected as follows: President, Marvin Cook; Membership Vice President, Doyle Allen; Activities Vice President, Jerry Bowman; Program Vice President, Jerry Garrett; Chorister, Buren Jones; Secretary-Treasurer, Terry Garrett.

## RECORDS SMASHED

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington broke all records on May 17th by having 181 in Sunday School. They also broke the record for the greatest number in the Morning Worship Service with 165 present. The pastor of this fine church is Rev. E. Hellard.

## REVIVAL AT LEBANON

The First Free Will Baptist Church had a very successful revival meeting in the month of April. The meeting started on Sunday night and continued until Friday night. Even though there were no outward decisions, the church was greatly revived. Each night the church was full with many from the community coming for the services. The evangelist for this meeting was Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett. Pastor of the First Church in Lebanon is Rev. Dale Jones.

## CHURCH CALL'S PASTOR

The Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church has called for their pastor the coming year, Rev. Pinkney Askern of Arnold, Mo.

## PASTOR'S DINNER ANNOUNCED

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Final arrangements have been completed for the annual Pastor's dinner to be held in connection with the 28th session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Approximately 300 pastors and their wives are expected for the dinner which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel on Tuesday evening, July 14, at five o'clock.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, New York. His address will be "Is Roman Catholicism Changing?" Dr. Mekeel is considered an authority on the history and strategy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Tickets for the dinner are available through the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205, at

\$2.50 per plate. Pastors are urged to order their tickets early since only a limited number are available.

## REVIVAL AT OVERLAND

The Overland Free Will Baptist Church reports a wonderful revival burning last month with eight conversions and six rededications. Seven united with the church and six were baptized. Rev. Johnnie Land, pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri was the evangelist. Rev. Harry Asher is the pastor.

## PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Grover Pingleton has resigned the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church to accept the Free Will Baptist Church at Thayer, Missouri for the coming year.

## REVIVAL AT CUBA

The Cuba Free Will Baptist Church reports a very successful revival meeting ending April 19 with four conversions and five rededications. Five being baptized and four uniting with the church. Rev. Finis Johnson was the evangelist. Rev. Grover Pingleton is the pastor.

The church also wishes to report the calling of some of the deacons of the church being called to preach the gospel. These men were licensed to preach at the Quarterly Meeting when held at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri on May 2.

## REVIVAL AT SPRINGFIELD

The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church conducted the first revival in their new Auditorium May 11-17 with Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett as evangelist. The revival was very well attended with many from various churches helping out. During the meeting there were two conversions and one rededication with two joining the church. The church was greatly revived due to this meeting. The pastor of this fine growing church is the Rev. O. T. Dixon.

## NEW MAGAZINE FOR THIRD QUARTER

NASHVILLE, TENN. - The Sunday School and League department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists are producing a new magazine for Free Will Baptists. It is called TEACH 'N' TRAIN and edited by Rev. Ralph Rice. The magazine will be produced quarterly and sold by both departments. It is to be used by leaders of all age groups in both the Sunday School and League.

The magazine will have feature articles as well as program  
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guides for Sunday School Superintendents and General Directors of League. This is the first time that Free Will Baptists have had a magazine especially designed for the field of Christian education.

#### MONEY FOR YOUTH CAMP

The First Free Will Baptist Church Woman's Auxiliary sent \$5.00 to be applied on the "GEM" Project of the Month.

#### REPORT FROM RICHWOODS

Greetings to all our Christian friends in the name of our blessed Lord, thanking Him for all His love and goodness to us.

We have been receiving great blessings from the Lord in our services and would like to share them with you.

On March 1st the Lord sent Rev. Pinkney Askern our way from Arnold, Mo. and the Lord leading us we elected him to pastor our church. Rev. Askern at the present time is living in Arnold, Mo.

In 1959 Rev. Askern and family moved to Missouri from Evansville, Indiana, having pastored churches in Indiana and Kentucky for a number of years. When moving to Arnold, Mo. he became a charter member and assistant pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church before coming to Richwoods Church.

On May 2nd the executive board of the St. Louis Area District Quarterly Meeting came to our church for an ordination service to ordain Rev. Askern as a Free Will Baptist minister to preach the gospel.

Rev. Harry Asher of Overland, Mo. brought the message to the church, Rev. John Land gave the charge to Rev. Askern. The ordained deacons and ministers gathered in the altar for the laying on of hands and Brother Floyd Cantrell led the ordination prayer.

At the close of this service the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to Rev. and Mrs. Askern by all present, the Lord blessing in a great way. Hearts were rejoicing as the presence of the Lord was felt in this beautiful service.

All gathered at the parsonage for supper and a time of fellowship which was enjoyed by all.

Recently the ladies of the church gave a bake and rummage sale clearing over \$100.00 which will be used for Daily Vacation Bible School. We can truly say with the Psalmist, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most High."

We desire the prayers of all Christians for our church and the community of Richwoods. There are a lot who need Christ the Saviour.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. John Ackerson, Reporter

#### BIBLE COLLEGE PRESIDENT NAMED TO LEAD EVANGELICALS

CHICAGO - Dr. Jared F. Gerig of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was elected recently as president of the National Association of Evangelicals, which is holding its 22nd annual convention here.

Dr. Gerig, president of Fort Wayne Bible College, succeeds Dr. Robert A. Cook in the top elective post of N.A.E. representing some 2,000,000 evangelical Protestants from some 50 denominations.

Dr. Cook is head of The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., and has served two years as N.A.E. president.

The new president has had a wide ministry in various phases of Christian service. He served as a pastor for churches in June, 1964

Cleveland, Phoenix and Pomona, Cal., and was dean of Azusa College, Azusa, Cal.

Dr. Gerig also served the Fort Wayne Bible College as dean and in 1952 was elected president of his denomination, the Missionary Church Association, with headquarters in Fort Wayne. After six years in that post, he became president of the Bible College, also affiliated with the M.C.A. The school, founded in 1904, has made significant progress in all phases of its educational program under his leadership.

The new N.A.E. president is a graduate of the Fort Wayne Bible College; Malone College, Canton, O.; Fenn College in Cleveland, and Arizona State University. He has also done graduate work at Indiana University and the University of California at Los Angeles.

He was honored with the doctor of divinity degree in 1958 by Wheaton (Ill.) College.

Dr. Gerig also serves on various boards of his denomination, including its general board and foreign missions board. He has travelled to Hawaii, the West Indies, Africa and South America in recent years in the interests of home and foreign missions.

His wife's parents served as missionaries to India. The Gerigs have three children: the Rev. Wesley Gerig, professor at Fort Wayne Bible College; Gwendolyn, wife of Rev. Arthur Riewald of Detroit, Mich.; and the Rev. William Gerig, missionary to Sierre Leone, West Africa.

Dr. Gerig is on the executive committee of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges and serves on the boards for the Winona Lake (Ind.) Christian Assembly and the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, Israel.

The Missionary Church Association has 117 churches and about 8,000 members.

Other officers elected by the Association were: 1st Vice President, Dr. Rufus Jones, Wheaton, Ill., Conservative Baptist Association; 2nd Vice President, Dr. Arnold T. Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., President of the Evangelical Free Church of America; Secretary, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, Santa Cruz, Cal., Assemblies of God, and Treasurer, Mr. Carl Gunderson, Des Plaines, Ill., Evangelical Free Church.

#### CONGRESSMAN CITED AS 'LAYMAN OF YEAR'

CHICAGO - The National Association of Evangelicals recently honored Congressman John B. Anderson (Rep., Ill.) as its "Layman of the Year." Rep. Anderson was unable to be present to receive the award due to planned votes in the House of Representatives on farm legislation. It was accepted in his behalf by his pastor, the Rev. Harold Erickson, minister of the First Evangelical Free Church of Rockford, Illinois.

A telegram from Rep. Anderson was read to a luncheon session of the N.A.E. convention which said, "I am deeply sorry that scheduling of important bills for final action makes it imperative that I remain on the job in Washington."

"Your convention this week has been and will continue to be the subject of our prayers that it may be a time of spiritual refreshment and that the results will be manifest in the religious life of our nation."

He was chosen for the honor by the N.A.E.'s evangelical action commission. The Congressman traces his Christian faith to an experience as a boy at a tent revival meeting in Rockford under the preaching of the late Dr. Paul Rood. He later joined the Free Church in Rockford and was teacher of a men's Bible class for several years.

Rep. Anderson also serves his denomination as a member of the board of education for Trinity College and Divinity School, Chicago.

He was elected in 1960 and again in 1962 after serving four years as state's attorney for Winnebago County.

# OUR YOUTH SPEAKS



CHAS. CARLSON

## OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Our Christian Heritage, our freedom of worship, was not just here all the time. Many people have given their lives for this freedom we have and use today. Men and women have had to suffer many kinds of torture to protect and defend what they were fighting for. Today we just sit back and feel assured nothing can happen to such a great thing as what we have. We have threats all around us. Communism being one of the main threats, and yet we sit quietly by. If Christians today had as much faith in what they believe in as Christians long ago we would have a greater heritage to pass on to those who follow us.

Chas. Carlson  
First F.W.B. Church  
Monett, Missouri

## HELP WANTED AGAIN!!!!

This is the last of the material that we have for "Our Youth Speaks" in the "Gem". I feel that we have some talented young people in our churches that could come to the rescue of this page. School is out, so young people, get to writing some articles. Youth Directors, you see that they do. If we do not receive some articles for this page we will have to discontinue it. May we count on all of you?

## WHAT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE MEANS TO ME

By Dwight Riggs

What Free Will Baptist Bible College means to me can be summed up in one word - the emphasis.

The Bible College does not make its main emphasis on trying to be intellectual - though this plays an important role in education. The emphasis is not on building an elaborate campus with all new buildings; neither does it emphasize to all students to "fit in" with society and its social order, because a true Christian dedicated to God will not "fit in" with the social order and its worldly crowd.

The main emphasis at F.W.B.B.C. is on Christ and ones personal relationship to Him. Whether in class, on the football field, in the dormitory, or in some organized meeting Christ is sought for leadership and guidance. Each class is taught with the Word of God as the standard and is looked to for all truth for "Thy word is truth." Even in liberal arts courses such as history or psychology, Christ is the center.

Frank E. Gabelein says in his book, Christian Education in a Democracy, "There is a vast difference between schools which, through church affiliation or certain religious practices, have a veneer of Christianity, and those which to use the words of St. Paul on Mar's Hill, "live and move and have their being in Jesus Christ." Gabelein also says that, "the unfinished task of Christian philosophy as it applies to education is to demonstrate the relation of every subject, every policy, and every practice to Him who is Lord of all."

This, then, is what the Bible College means to me: A college that "lives and moves and has its being in Christ. I am thankful to the Lord, too, for the emphasis the college places on one's personal relationship to Him.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED IN FARMINGTON

The First Free Will Baptist Church honored the graduates from high and junior college by giving a special May 19 in their honor. The program was as follows:

Group Singing

Scripture ..... Ecclesiastes 12:1  
"The creator to be remembered in the days of youth"

"The feat of God the chief concern of man." (Thought for the evening.)

Prayer

Whose Here? (Welcome to all)

Recognition of Graduates

Recognition of Committee

Game ..... "My Ship Sails"

Game ..... "Crossed or Uncrossed"

Game ..... "Spin the Bottle"

Game .... "Pass the Biscuits Merandie"

Refreshments: Ice cream and cookies, soda pop.

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# JESUS SAVES

## ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TRACKS

LUKE 18:35-19:10

REV. LELAND HORTON, PASTOR  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Kirkville, Missouri

Poverty was the product of the blind man's handicap which could have been the reason for his living on the other side of the tracks. His physical affliction seemed to draw him to the Lord. Only a miracle could be of help to him. "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray." Now, please go with me to the other side of town. Mr. Zacchaeus was a publican and he was rich. He fared well. Being half as tall as King Saul, Zacchaeus seemed to be hindered by his handicap from getting to the Lord. A jack that is too short for your car can be cured by simply placing a block under it. It did not take a miracle to make Zacchaeus tall enough to see over the crowd; all he had to do was to quietly take a seat in the balcony of the sycamore tree. A man that really wants to find the Lord will find a balcony that will overlook every hypocrite, and all the mistakes and the faults that are in the church. Do not blame the crowd for your own shortness.

Mister, he is not out-dated as last year's license plate or he isn't even obsolete. Socials, parties, suppers, entertainments, etc. play quite a part in church activities today. May God bless our fellowship together. Although we have pulled many pages from the calendar and live in a complex society, yet there is nothing that will substitute for a Holy Ghost service to cause hearts to burn within. Brother, this will stimulate a desire to come to the Lord's house. "They could if they would." No substitute for souls walking the aisles of the

church, angels rejoicing while their names are being recorded in the Book of Life. "PRAISE THE LORD." This thrills my heart. I do not care which side of the tracks it is on. Even on the blind man's side of town they glorified and praised God. Raise a Lazarus from the dead and people will come to see.

In spite of all the blind beggar could rake and scrape, he still was financially embarrassed. He just could not make ends meet. "For ye have the poor with you always" regardless of who is President of our nation under God.

Zacchaeus fared sumptuously every day, living in the better addition of town. Let us say a two car garage.

But Jesus never came to help only those who could help themselves, but to also help those who could not even help themselves. He did not shun the poor blind man clad in rags nor was he enticed by Zacchaeus's tailor-made suit and the fatness of his billfold. To Jesus, men's souls had the same price tag, more than all the gold at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and we should feel the same.

Mr. Public Opinion gave a reprimand to the blind man when he really deserved one himself. They told him, "Be quiet; you are disturbing the peace." But he thought it to be an opportunity of a life time. Now, between the lines, he is too poor to be helped or to help the treasury of the church, just on the wrong side of the tracks. He really wanted to find the Lord, and brother, it does not take long. There was as much difference in his life

as day and dark. Praise the Lord. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind..."

Zacchaeus was a publican and he was rich. It is a sad thing to stand in a pulpit and boast of a democracy and say that politics are all crooked. This is like opening your mouth and getting your foot in it. Zacchaeus may have had money in checking and savings accounts both. Many would say that he was too well off to be a Christian. Like all out of Christ, he was short - sleeping on a short bed. Isaiah 29:20 "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. Multitudes are trying to sleep on a bed too short and with a covering too narrow; the bed of GOOD WORKS and SELF-JUSTIFICATION, but find no rest for their souls. When Zacchaeus got an invitation from the Lord, he felt like a million dollars and stood nine feet tall with a heart as big as your head, and said, "Half of my goods I give to the poor..."

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: St. John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The End

# TRANSFORMED

by Sue Aycock

THE TRUE STORY OF HOW GOD TRANSFORMED A  
LIFE THROUGH THE WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL IN BRAZIL

MRS. SULA was born in the state of Minas Gerais. Her father died when she was a child leaving her mother with six children. She never attended school because of their home situation. When she was 15 years old, a friend helped find work for her as a maid in Maracol, Sao Paulo. She worked there in a home until the age of 18, when she decided to marry Oswaldo. However, because her birth was not registered she could not marry him, so she went to live with him in Nova Granada, Sao Paulo.

During the two years and a half they lived together unmarried, their first child, a girl, was born. Afterwards, they were able to receive the documents needed, so they were legally married. Soon they moved to Aracatuba. Oswaldo, a refrigerator repairman, was never a faithful husband. He always liked to gamble and drink. But life was a little better there.

After two years they moved to Lins. There Oswaldo made good and was able to open his own business. They bought their own house, but always had problems in the home. When his sister and afflicted brother came to live with them, Oswaldo began treating her badly. For a year he left his family and did not work. Later he returned and found a job. Because of the lust of the flesh, he became involved with another woman and for revenge he shot a young man. This meant going to jail or leaving town. So he brought Mrs. Sula and the two children to Araras in December, 1961.

Soon the police found him and he was imprisoned in Sao Paulo. After a trial, he was released and returned to Araras to the same life. Because of his ill treatment to his wife, she separated from him, took the children with her and went to Campinas. There she worked for four months as a maid, and left the children in a home during the day. Later Oswaldo

brought them back to Araras, where they lived in a boarding house for a while.

This was the same boarding house that Laercio, our national worker, lived in. He met them, and became a good friend to the children. He asked if Wiracelis, the older, could go to Sunday school with him. Mr. Oswaldo gave his permission even though Mrs. Sula did not like it. He also told her constantly that she ought to go to church. He realized he needed to go, but said she needed to go worse. Laercio continued to invite them and she always said no, not because she disliked the evangelicals, but because she was afraid everyone would hear about the life they had lived and were living. The Gospel has been explained to her by friends back in Lins, but she always made fun.

On Thursday before Easter, April, 1963, Oswaldo planned to go fishing with a group with whom he worked in a refrigerator repair place. Before leaving he told Mrs. Sula to attend the service that night. She rebelled at his suggestion, so he began beating her. He left the house, and went fishing. But she did go to church that night because she was afraid of what he might do if she didn't. When she entered the church, Laercio and Missionary Aycock were at the door to greet those who came. Laercio said, "What a surprise!" But Mr. Aycock said, "No, we were expecting her to come." She didn't respond because of being almost ready to burst into tears.

## Hard To Perceive

At that time we had pre-Easter services from Thursday until Sunday. She liked the service very much, but left disturbed over her life. She returned to each of the services through Sunday night. It was hard for her to perceive that Christ could forgive her of her sins after living such a terrible life. Mr. Oswaldo returned from the fishing trip, and attended the

Sunday night service. The next week she thought a lot about the messages she had heard. She lay awake asking herself, "Am I being deceived?" Yet there lingered the thoughts of her having to give an account of her life before God as Missionary Aycock has preached. All of her married life, she had wanted to get even with Oswaldo, but now she saw it was sin. She was also having another battle. The girls who lived there in the boarding house were offering her cigarettes. She didn't want to get into the habit of smoking, but she found that because of their insistence and her weakness she really had a craving for them. One night Laercio told them he was going to visit, and she didn't know what to do. Just before he arrived she wanted a cigarette, but she knew it wouldn't do because the smoke would still be in the house. So at that moment she made up her mind to stop and has not smoked since.

On Thursday night, Mr. Oswaldo and Mrs. Sula made plans to return to the mid-week service. Mr. Oswaldo told her that if she accepted Christ he would too. This she resolved to do. That night Missionary Poole was visiting and brought the message. When the invitation was given, Mrs. Sula went forward and Mr. Oswaldo followed. From that night, she began attending all the services faithfully. She returned home transformed by Christ. Before, they would leave their children in bed sleeping while they went to the movies, but now she brings them to church each time the door is opened.

At the time of her conversion she could read nothing at all. As she attended the services and heard the messages and Sunday school lessons, she had a great desire to learn. She let this be known to Mr. Aycock. He furnished her with a First Reader of the Bible—the story of Jesus—and ever since she has progressed. She now reads the Bible and other related books and understands them. She gives all credit to God because she feels that if He had not saved her soul, she would still be satisfied being unable to read.

Another thing that challenged her to read was the Ladies Bible class on Tuesdays. She came feeling very embarrassed because she didn't know how to read or pray. So she accepted the challenge. In only a short time she was praying in public. One day, Mrs. Aycock gave parts to the ladies to explain at the next meeting, assigning one to her. The next Tuesday before she gave her part she cried because of being embarrassed, but did very well. Now she reads Scripture verses at random when asked, and teaches the children's class in Sunday school twice a month. She also plans to start a Bible club in her home. She is satisfied only when she is doing her best for the Lord.

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Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
WNAC, Hqts.	5.00
First FWB League, Monett	4.00

Total Receipts..... \$806.52

### SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Fairbanks, Alaska - Sunday, May 17, 1964, marked the sixth anniversary of a Free Will Baptist witness in Alaska. Home missionaries Lee and Ethel Whaley were the first to enter the state, holding their first service in May, 1958.

Through the years the third Sunday in May has been set aside as Alaska Mis-

sions Sunday. "Our services are a time of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings," reports missionary Whaley.

Free Will Baptists in the south 48 are asked to join in prayer and praise to God for the Alaskan work.

Other missionaries to Alaska are Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin.

May 21, 1964

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is a terrible feeling to be lost in the night. My sister and I were lost one evening in a large wooded pasture. She was older than I and her fright was not as visible as mine. I cried.

She took my hand and soon found a familiar landmark. Turning in the right direction, she and I were on our way home. Blessed peace.

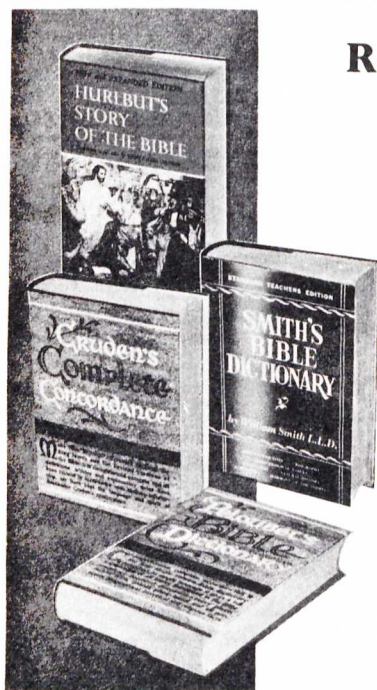
Jesus said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." The missionary is making Christ known to millions lost in darkness. He takes them by the hand and brings them to Jesus. Happy day.

His hands and feet grow tired and weary.

Your prayers, your letters, and your gifts add strength to his burdened soul. The Lord and the missionary count on you as a co-worker. Thanks for giving.

Yours in Christ,

J. Reford Wilson  
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#### REPORT OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

We are happy to report on our first Youth Encampment, which was held at our Youth Camp, near Niangua, Missouri July 21st to July 31st.

There was a total enrollment of 45 in the two departments, twenty-five in the Christian Workers Institute, and twenty in the Vacation Bible School. Nine certificates were given. Some came the last week and, not having the opportunity to take all the work, could not qualify for a certificate, also four who were there the first week were not able to stay for the second week.

It has taken work, prayer and sacrifice to be able to give the youth of our State this opportunity for Christian training, fellowship and recreation. It was a blessing to all who could attend, especially the closing service at 11:00 o'clock, after certificates had been awarded, then a call for any one who felt a definite call for service, as four came forward, knelt in the sawdust and presented their lives to God for service wherever God would lead them. The presence of God was so definitely manifest, that no one could doubt that this work is of the Lord. Then as Camp was breaking up, the parting words of each student were, "We'll be seeing you next year."

This is our challenge: To go forward

with work thus begun. Churches and individuals who plan to build cabins or make other contributions, should form definite plans to do so now, and not wait until near Encampment time next year. We had to borrow some money to put up another cabin and complete other work to make it possible for this year's Encampment. We have faith in our people, that they will take care of this obligation, also contribute to the support of the work in such a way, that we can go forward, if the need is presented to them by the pastors. Not a church in the state has failed to support the Encampment work, where the pastor

has shown an interest in the work.

We have two cabins, 14x20, one complete with bunks for twelve people, the other for sixteen people, which we could sell to churches or individuals at what it cost to build them - \$150.00 each for material and \$75.00 for labor, a total of \$225.00 for each cabin, but we feel it would be better to keep these cabins as property of the Missouri State Association; and for churches and individuals to build other cabins; as we expect to need much more room next year.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Chairman  
Rev. William Reeves, Sec'y-Treas.

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#### CHURCH MEMBER BEATITUDES

BLESSED IS HE WHOSE PROGRAM CONTAINS PRAYER MEETING NIGHT.

BLESSED IS HE WHO SERVES FAITHFULLY ON A COMMITTEE.

BLESSED IS THE CHURCH OFFICIAL WHO IS NOT PESSIMISTIC.

BLESSED IS HE WHO LOVES HIS CHURCH BEFORE HIS BUSINESS.

BLESSED IS HE WHO CAN WALK AS FAST TO A RELIGIOUS SERVICE AS TO TOWN.

BLESSED IS HE WHO INVITES PEOPLE TO CHURCH AND COMES ALONG HIMSELF.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO NEVER GOSSIP ABOUT THE FAULTS OF THE CHURCH, BUT WORK TO MAKE IT BETTER.

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Committee: Mrs. Francis Johnson, Mrs. Zola Francis, Mrs. Nellis Stam, Mrs. Tom Boyd.

Those honored were: Jane Francis, Donna Hurst, Johnny Stam and David Boyd, Senior High; and Tom Weddle, Junior College.

# REGISTRATION REQUESTED FOR NATIONAL SWORD DRILL

NASHVILLE, TENN. - Contestants for the 1964 National Sword Drill should

send in their registration as soon as possible, according to Samuel Johnson, National League Director. The fee is four dollars which covers the cost of a new Bible and other minor expenses of the drill. The name, address, church name, state represented and the birthday of the contestant should be sent to the National League Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Berkley	162.48
Verdella	88.13
Total	\$1,342.21
Disbursed	
55% Nat'l Ass'n. FWB	738.22
1% Mo. Superannuation	13.42
4% Mo. Youth Camp	53.69
4 1/2% Mo. FWB Gem	60.40
7% General Fund	93.95
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	114.09
20% Promotional Dept.	268.44
Total	\$1,342.22

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

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

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Salem ..... Rev. H. T. Dann  
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Cotton Creek Church

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Viburnum Church ..... Rev. S. A. Hand  
Central Church, Kansas City . Rev. James McAllister  
Cedar Ridge ..... Rev. Maynard Moore

# SUMMER SUNDAYS

Almost every church is affected by the summer slump. School is out, the weather is pleasant, vacations begin: like Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrims, people "long to go on pilgrimages," although it is usually away from and not toward holy shrines that they wend in our day. And not only the church suffers - the people who absent themselves suffer, too.

What can the individual church do to maintain attendance during the summer months and at the same time provide for the spiritual welfare of its own vacationing members? The one thing that is essential is the teaching of loyalty, which is another word for commitment to Christ and Church. If a church member can acquire a sense of responsibility (toward God first and then toward his local church), he will be in Sunday school and church every Sunday whether he is at home or away. The building of loyalty requires time, of course; it is not something that can be imparted on the first Sunday in spring. To parody a well-known popular song of the twenties, a member who is not loyal in December will not be loyal in May.

How can you measure the loyalty of your own congregation? Compare the Sunday school attendance with Sunday school enrollment. (If your church keeps the records that it should keep, that's an easy thing to do.) The results would probably surprise you. Or keep in mind the members you see or hear about during the week who go fishing or picnicking or ball playing or visiting friends and then try to match these names with faces at Sunday school next Sunday. Some of the least loyal members are the most loyal to week-day secular affairs.

Loyalty to Christ and to church can be built, but not overnight. Nothing worthwhile can be. Particularly is this true of another long-range cure of sagging attendance, a successful visitation program. Intensified visitation is actually a preventive of poor attendance, not a cure that can be miraculously applied after the church begins to suffer.

We seem to have difficulty in our churches realizing that people need to be visited and invited to attend. They would come without urging if it meant a better way of living, but since it means only a better way of life, they are not particularly interested. The church is not like the house of the inventor of a better mouse trap; any well-beaten path to the church door will be the result of members going out to visit as well as of visitors coming in. Almost no one in our churches bother very much about visitation, though. Again, it's a matter of loyalty. We do not have the well-knit, unified, loyal congregations that

characterize some churches. Some denominations are famous for their visitation (and for their large attendance and service to Christ). I have lived in a number of cities in different states and have visited in churches of many denominations. A speedy visit was inevitable when I attended certain churches - pastors, deacons, visitation teams. But only once was I ever visited by a Free Will Baptist pastor, never by a deacon, and never by a team of laymen. Almost any one of our churches could field a team of nine ball players, but almost none could field a four-member visitation team. Is it that we don't care? (I think it is.)

There are, though, some specific things that can be done to help summer attendance now. Try a special Sunday school attendance drive, complete with posters, banners, and class awards. Such drives usually work best when conducted for short periods, say a month. Devise your own, keeping the rules simple and easy to follow; use adequate records and follow-up.

Designate "special" Sundays (in addition to taking advantage of ready-made special days such as Mother's Day, Children's Day, and Memorial Day). Think up your own: Family Sunday, Vacation Bible School Sunday, Loyalty Sunday, Vacation Sunday, etc. But remember that you must plan something special; you can't just list it in the bulletin and expect results - plan and publicize it widely.

Send out a monthly church letter, either to all members or to a particular category of members and non-members. For example, if you plan a special Sunday involving the children of your Sunday school, be sure to send a letter to all the parents whose children will be participating. Send an occasional letter to people who do not attend although their children do. Use department or class cards to mail to absentees, and make special efforts to recruit people who have attended before but who are inactive now.

Plan some social events, preferably for small groups, such as teen-agers, juniors, or an individual adult league. Get someone to plan something special, keep it simple, and invite people who don't attend regularly. A social could be an ice cream supper, a weiner roast, or a picnic supper, held away from the church. Emphasize the spiritual - make it clear that the event is sponsored by the Sunday school or league, begin and end it with prayer, sing some appropriate songs, or even include a devotional. Use such events to reach people with the gospel.

Hubert L. Harral, Sunday School and League Board  
Freewill Baptist Gem

# Letters from our Readers

Lemay, Mo.  
February 8, 1964

Dear Gem Readers - Pastors especially

I would like to call attention to our young men now attending our Bible College (of course, I'm a mother of one and prejudiced I suppose you'll think), but I do not believe our boys are getting very much encouragement in their preaching (for which they are studying to show themselves approved). I believe our churches are falling down on their job.

When our family first joined the Free Will Baptist Church about 17 years ago, our young men that announced their call to the ministry were given every opportunity to preach not only from their own church, but other churches as well, to the point of giving them a week each year

(in most of our churches in Missouri) for Young People's Revival. We had some very spiritual services with, I believe, our older people being revived as much as the younger ones. I myself was converted under one of these young ministers that was 16 years of age. How can we expect our young people to be spiritual if we older ones don't set an example, "Remember as the twig is bent, so shall the tree grow."

These young men will be leading our churches of tomorrow. How do we want them to lead?

I would like to give you a paragraph from a letter of my son's received recently. I hope it will help to awaken us all to the fact our young ministers need and want the experience of growing in God's grace. I'm sure each young man would echo his cry.

"As you know this summer I am supposed to be ready for ordination, and as to date I have three sermons since last July. I have been very concerned and have been praying very earnestly about this. I ask God if he still wanted me to preach. Mom, he still answers prayer. I'm preaching tonight in a juvenile home.

Also have another place to speak. So in one week I will have preached twice and taught a Sunday School class at John Gibbs church. I'm thanking God for it, but still earnestly praying not only for myself but for the rest of the young ministers."

I wanted to share this with you. Hoping it will touch your heart as it has mine and we will more seriously turn our hearts and prayers to God for these boys, each and every sincere son attending our school. Surely we can do this if these young men are willing to give up what the young people of the world are striving for. Let us not forget to thank God for these boys we have in our midst and are responsible for.

Just a Mother

## CALVARY

I was studying and thinking about the Sunday School lessons for the past quarter and how they lead up to the Crucifixion of our Lord. Each time I read about Jesus praying in the Garden, it makes me ashamed that I, too, like Peter, James and John am found sleeping when I should be watching. It seems so sad to read these words the Saviour spoke, Could's't not ye watch one hour?"

Dear Lord, when I am found sleeping,  
When for sinners I should be weeping,  
Show me again the road to Calvary,  
The crown of thorns and the agony,  
Show me the scarlet robe of shame,  
The Saviour so dear, and without blame.  
Make me look up from the foot of the Cross  
At the nail prints and the bitter cup of  
dross.

Lord, when I grumble and complain  
Thinking life is all in vain,  
When it seems no one cares for me,  
Let me hear the words of mockery,  
See the crowds that laughed and spit on  
Thee,

And the garments they parted and sold.  
When I boast of the things I can do  
And think I'm the only one,  
Remind me of the Saviour who gave His  
life

That victory over death be won.  
Dear Lord, I am nothing without Thee,  
I have failed so many times,  
Lean down, dear Saviour, just now  
And let me hear these words,  
"Father, forgive them, for they know not  
what they do".

Oneida Lombard

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1963-64

|                             | July | August | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Fellowship, Flat River      | 183  | 179    | 175   | 175  | 178  | 176  | 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   | 282   |     |
| Richwoods                   | 54   | 55     | 61    | 61   | 57   | 49   | 48   | 48   | 64    |       |     |
| Kirksville                  | 62   | 68     | 78    | 78   | 74   | 70   | 75   | 85   | 90    | 102   |     |
| Grant Ave., Springfield     | 140  | 163    | 163   | 177  | 168  |      | 175  | 172  | 198   | 181   |     |
| Hazel Creek                 | 54   | 55     | 59    | 59   | 52   | 40   | 50   | 51   | 58    | 53    |     |
| Mine La Motte               | 31   | 27     | 29    | 37   | 31   | 31   | 24   | 26   | 31    | 32    |     |
| First Ch. Flat River        | 109  | 111    | 121   | 125  |      | 115  | 102  | 107  | 120   |       |     |
| Overland Church             | 158  | 138    | 140   | 159  | 160  | 143  | 145  | 152  | 178   | 172   |     |
| First Ch., Mtn. Grove       | 348  | 339    | 357   | 337  | 324  |      | 319  | 327  | 379   | 332   |     |
| Desloge                     | 104  | 106    | 105   | 104  | 110  | 103  | 98   | 110  | 116   | 103   |     |
| Mill Cr. Ch., Fredericktown | 77   | 63     | 70    | 71   |      | 57   | 45   | 49   |       |       |     |
| Union Light                 | 109  | 117    | 114   | 109  | 104  | 106  | 109  | 109  | 93    | 104   |     |
| First Church, Springfield   | 162  |        | 199   |      | 202  | 169  | 192  | 201  | 235   |       |     |
| Sunnyview Church            |      |        |       |      |      | 46   | 46   | 53   | 71    | 50    |     |
| Central, Kansas City        | 59   | 63     | 65    | 102  | 84   | 75   | 79   | 81   | 105   | 105   |     |
| Hannon                      | 66   | 62     | 62    | 58   | 61   | 47   | 54   | 58   | 54    | 56    |     |
| 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  | 174  | 177   | 156   |     |
| Copper Mines                | 88   | 95     | 88    | 88   | 81   | 80   | 70   | 81   | 96    | 89    |     |
| 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   |     |
| Cuba                        |      |        |       |      |      |      | 62   | 62   | 63    | 82    | 74  |

June, 1964

Program For The  
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
Of The  
MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST  
YOUTH ENCAMPMENT  
To Be Held June 21 to July 3, 1964 At  
MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP  
Niangua, Missouri

### SUPERVISORY STAFF

**Workers: Pre-Teens**

General Superintendent-----  
Principal of Teaching-----Glen Rehkop  
Evangelist-----James Raper  
Pianist-----Carolyn Lovelace  
Music Director-----Al McFarland  
Swimming Pool Supervisor-----Bud Hill  
Playground Supervisor-----Frank Giunta  
First Aid-----Max Courtney  
Registrar-----Freda Day  
Cabin Sponsors---Bro. and Sis. Darnell  
Refreshment Stand---Bonnie Deatherage

**Workers: Teens**

General Superintendent----O. T. Allred  
Principal of Teaching-----Gene Rogers  
Evangelist-----Teddy Davis  
Registrar-----Pam Sell  
Playground Supervisors----Dale Skiles,  
Johnny Land  
Swimming Pool Supervisor-----Bud Hill  
Cabin Sponsors--Bro. and Sis. Harlinger  
First Aid-----Max Courtney  
Refreshment Stand---Bonnie Deatherage  
Pianist-----Sammye Davis  
Music Director-----Lonnie Skiles

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who may attend? Any young person who is eager to become a better servant for his Lord. Any boy or girl who likes to play and work will feel at home at the Encampment.
2. What ages may attend? Pre-Teen children 7 through 12. Younger may attend accompanied by parent or responsible person. Teens, 13 through 19 years of age.
3. How much will it cost? Pre-Teens \$8.00 for insurance, board and room. Teens: \$9.00 for insurance, board and room. There will be an additional charge for meals \$.50 per meal, on Saturday and Sunday (this applies to those who stay at the camp between sessions).
4. What do I need to bring? You need to bring your toilet articles, such as soap, tooth brush, towels, etc. Bring a pillow, sheets and blankets. Also, be sure to bring some play clothes and shoes, and your Bible, a notebook and pencil for your study work.
5. When should I get there? Pre-Teens: May arrive Sunday, June 21 (if accompanied by sponsor. There will be services Sunday evening, 7:45 p.m. Session begins Monday, June 22, at 8:00 a.m.

Teens: May arrive Sunday, June 28. Classes Monday, 9:00 a.m.

The Pre-Teen and Teen sessions will close at noon Friday.

6. How shall I enroll? On arrival at camp before being assigned to cabin. All persons attending, including the help, teachers, sponsors and officers must register for insurance. Anyone staying more than one day must register for insurance.

7. Who may get free meals? Faculty, Dining Hall and Kitchen Help, Commissary Attendant, Recreational Director, First Aid, Youth Camp Board, and One Sponsor from each church sending children to camp.

8. How to get there: Traveling west (of Lebanon) on Highway 66, go 16 miles to Junction M; go 1 mile east to CC Highway; south 8 miles to Niangua Junction; turn east on M Highway 2 miles to camp. Going east (from Springfield) on Highway 66, turn right at Highway Junction 38 to CC Highway at Marshfield; turn north 8 miles to Niangua Junction M Highway, east 2 miles to camp. From Highway 5 to Grovespring, turn west on Highway M, 15 miles to camp.

9. Statement of Youth Camp Board: Parents may feel sure that proper care will be given all children who come to the camp. They will have strict supervision, good housing and medical care if necessary. (However, your Board will not be responsible for any reoccurrence of any previous illness or injury caused by your child's neglect or activity.) Any child who becomes ill or should need the care of their parents, will be rushed to his home immediately.

### GENERAL CAMP RULES

1. All workers at the camp will work under the supervision of the Youth Camp Board.
2. Look upon this camp property and equipment as that which is dedicated to God, and as such, diligently seek to protect and preserve it, that God may receive the glory due unto Him from the use of the same.
3. No marring of camp property by writing, marking or otherwise.
4. No property will be moved from one cabin to another without permission of the cabin owner.
5. All who use this camp at any time will be expected to so conduct themselves as to not bring reproach on the cause of Christ.
6. List of safety rules given by playground supervisor must be obeyed.
7. No one will be allowed to leave the camp grounds without permission of the general supervisor (insurance and safety regulations).
8. Attendance at all classes will be required unless excused by the general supervisor. Unexcused absences will take

points from your grades.

9. Each instructor will give examination. Come expecting to learn.

10. No one will be on the playground until the call for "pledge to flags."

11. You will be asked to sign an agreement that you will fully observe all rules governing the camp. Breaking of any rules set up by the Camp Board will warrant expelling from camp.

12. There will be no "Teen-agers" serving as sponsors.

13. Cabin sponsors (individuals):

- (a) Keep order in cabin.
- (b) Keep accurate records on "conduct card."
- (c) Responsible for cleanliness of cabin.
- (d) Responsible for clean cabin at close of session.

14. General sponsors:

- (a) Check cabins daily and make report.
- (b) Keep order on camp grounds after "lights out".

15. These rules include all who stay at camp session.

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. No smoking.
2. No courting.
3. No water guns.
4. No water will be allowed inside of cabins.
5. No mixed bathing will be allowed in the pool at any time.
6. No child or adult will be allowed to appear on the playground, in dining hall or the chapel clad only in swimming suit or shorts.
7. All who refuse to abide by the rules of the camp will be refused further privileges of the camp.

### THE DAILY SCHEDULE

|         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 7:00 -  | a.m. - Rise and shine          |
| 7:15 -  | a.m. - Flag raising            |
| 7:30 -  | 8:15 a.m. - Breakfast          |
| 8:15 -  | 8:45 a.m. - Free Time          |
| 8:45 -  | 9:00 a.m. - Chapel             |
| 9:05 -  | 9:50 a.m. - Classes            |
| 9:50 -  | 10:20 a.m. - Recess            |
| 10:20 - | 11:00 a.m. - Classes           |
| 11:00 - | 11:45 a.m. - Class             |
| 11:45 - | 12:00 a.m. - Prepare for lunch |
| 12:00 - | 1:00 p.m. - Lunch              |
| 1:00 -  | 2:00 p.m. - Girls swimming     |
| 2:00 -  | 3:00 p.m. - Boys swimming      |
| 3:00 -  | 4:30 p.m. - Free Time          |
| 4:30 -  | 5:30 p.m. - Talent Time        |
| 5:30 -  | 6:30 p.m. - Evening meal       |
| 6:30 -  | 7:15 p.m. - Free Time          |
| 7:15 -  | 7:35 p.m. - Vesper Service     |
| 7:45 -  | p.m. - Evangelistic Service    |
| 9:45 -  | p.m. - Cabin devotion          |
| 10:00 - | p.m. - Lights Out              |
|         | ----- All Quiet                |