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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

The Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting convened with Victory Church, June 5th and 6th with a real harmonious business session. I was privileged to bring the message at 11 a.m. Saturday. Time was also given for our Missouri Cooperative Program. This quarterly meeting leads the way in preparation to entertain the National while assembled in Kansas City. While there I visited the revival in our newly organized church in Belton. Souls were saved during this revival. Sunday, June 6, at the invitation of Pastor Woodrow Matthews and Beacon Church, I delivered the 11 a.m. message and enjoyed good Christian fellowship with them. Sunday night I worshiped with our Jefferson City Church and preached the evening message there. Brethren, remember this church in prayer. If you have people in or near our state capitol city, send their names to Pastor Earl Irish, Jefferson City, Mo.

Sunday, June 14, Pastor Harry Asher and the Overland Free Will Baptist Church held their Sunday School Rally. I was privileged to bring the gospel message for this service. Sunday afternoon we enjoyed two hour gospel singing accompanied by the church instrumental band. Overland is a soul winning church. Saturday, June 20, we joined the State Home Mission Board and Liberty Quarterly Meeting Board in the Conway Church organizational meeting. Eighteen members responded in this meeting and elected Rev. Cliff Bowman

pastor. The new Conway Church adopted the Cooperative plan of support and paid their first tithe that day.

Sunday, June 21st, Pastor William Reeves and Marshfield Church invited us to bring the worship hour message. This church and pastor solicits your prayers. Sunday evening I was privileged to be with Pastor O.T. Dixon and Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church and bring the message there. Grant Avenue continues to win souls for the Lord, also to fill their beautiful new sanctuary and add to their number

Missouri State Youth Camp started Sunday night with souls saved in the very first service.

Brethren, let's rally behind the Cooperative Program. Send in your offering before July 31st to apply on the 1963-64 budget. Remember your Book Store when ordering Bibles and religious supplies as listed in the 1964 store catalogue.

Harry Beatty  
Promotional Secretary

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O; give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. (Psalm 105:1)

We thank God for His blessings and His answer of prayer. During the month of June we experienced a wonderful Bible School. We feel that our efforts and prayers in preparation for this Bible School has helped our church realize a revival meeting. In June we saw seven conversions, four additions to the church and there are about ten to be baptized on July 14th.

Our building program is progressing very nicely. The parsonage will be completed by the time you readers receive this issue of the "GEM". We will be letting the contract on the foundation of our church in July. We thank God for our building program and for our new location at 2301 Connecticut in Joplin. If any of you are traveling through our city, come by and see us.



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# VALUES

**Rev. J. W. King**  
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"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priest, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver." Matthew 26:14-15.

Let us consider our "values" or the things of most importance to us. What is the most important thing in our life today? What is the most important thing in my life? What do I value most?

How do we value Christ in our lives? In the foregoing scripture we see Judas valued Christ only by the amount of silver he would receive for delivering him into the hands of the chief priest, that they might do away with him.

Many people today are trading their birthright, as it were, for a morsel of meat. We are trading for a portion of this world's goods. Trading Christ for the things of this world. What value or what importance do we place upon our car, our home, our family, our position, OUR CHRIST?

In Matt. 6:33 Christ is saying to us,-- "But rather seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

The value or importance we place upon the different things of life will either motivate us for Christ or for evil. Sometimes we allow our minds to be entangled with the cares of the substance of this world and we forget God and our need to serve him. We value our substance above Christ.

During the lives of Abram and Lot as they journeyed together they lived peaceable together until their possessions increased. We find the increase of their possessions became the cause of their separation. Their herds increased until the land would not support them, and this caused a quarrel between the herdsmen. Abram, desiring to have no strife, asked Lot to separate from him and take his choice of the land. Lot raised his eyes and looked upon the fertile and well watered plains and lusted after them. Lot was, as many people are today, he could only see July, 1964

and visualize what they were worth in rich green pasture and could not see the evil. He did not evaluate the effect it would have in the life of his family. Lot made his choice - a choice which would later cause him trouble and heartache. He pitched his tent toward the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, two wicked cities of the plain which were raging with wickedness.

I fear what the future holds in store for the family because too many of us are pitching our tents toward the things of the world. We are allowing our possessions and the care of them to be of first importance or of most value to us.

Many times we wonder why the Church is not more successful in its mission in the world. We wonder why more people are not concerned about the salvation of their souls, why people are not interested in attending church services. Could it be because of the values in our lives or the things we are placing the most importance upon before the world? Can I be delaying the success of the Church? Can we be delaying the success for Christ? We find the instructions for victory are contained in God's Word. Eph. 6:11-18 "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Concerning the importance of our individual lives in God's service, let us remember the occasion when the army of Israel had been victorious at Jericho and moved on to battle Ai. God had commanded that everything be destroyed except the silver, gold, the vessels of brass and iron, and they were consecrated unto the Lord, and were to be turned into the treasury of the Lord. We find that Achan coveted some of the silver, and the gold, and a Babylonian garment and took it and hid them in his tent. Achan valued the garment, the gold, and the silver; and in doing so, delayed the success of the army of Israel. Let us be very careful as we evaluate the different things of life today, that we may not delay the success of the Church. If we will value the things of God, and remove the accursed thing from the camp, we can move forward even in this day. If we will move sin out of our lives and out of the camp we will be victorious over Satan. With the accursed thing removed, we will see more people working, see God's cause moving forward in our land today, and see more people come to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Dear friend, are you a Christian? If you are not, won't you come to him now? It is not God's Will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Won't you give Christ the most important place in your life? Christ is anxiously waiting, ready to accept those that come to him. The decision is ours to accept Christ or to reject him.

If you are a Christian, are you doing the things you feel that God really wants you to do? Is he pleased with the things you say? Is Christ pleased with your support of his cause? Is Christ pleased with your stand against the forces of evil? Let me admonish you to take an inventory of your VALUES, the things you consider most important in your life.

May we re-evaluate the things of life that our lives may be in accord with the Will of God.



# ECHOES

FROM

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Taken from the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, Vol. 23, No. 6, June 1952.

## SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA TO HOST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dates: July 8 - 17, 1952

Scene of the history making sessions of the national conventions of Free Will Baptists, July 8-17, will be the municipal auditorium at Shawnee, Oklahoma. The denomination will mark the 225th anniversary of its founding in North America at the conventions, Reverend Damon C. Dodd, national promotional secretary, has announced.

"The first Free Will Baptist organization was in Perquamine County, North Carolina, in 1727, under the leadership of Rev. Paul Palmer. Today the national organization embraces 3,500 churches in 25 states and numbers 400,000 members," he said.

"Highway billboards, featuring the theme, '225 Years of Spiritual Service to America,' are being prepared for posting on Oklahoma highways leading into Shawnee," Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, state executive-secretary, said.

Much preparation has already been made for the ten-day session, which will include the Fifth Nationwide League Conference, the Sunday School Convention, Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the National Association.

The auditorium in Shawnee, which will seat 2,700, is expected to be filled for at least two of the services. Near capacity crowds are expected for the other sessions.

The conventions will officially open Tuesday evening, July 8, when the League Conference will get underway. The keynote for this part of the conventions will be "Christ, Our Authority," Rev. C. F. Bowen, League Board secretary, has revealed.

The program will provide a four-period study course, with subjects on methods and materials of League work, he said.

The simultaneous conferences will be held for four forty-five minute periods as follows:

(1) Duties of Officers. All presidents, vice presidents and secretaries will meet in this group. They will study duties pertaining to their posts.

(2) Better Programs. Group captains, pianists, song directors and Bible quiz leaders will meet in this conference to study the "how" of more interesting programs.

(3) The Business-Like Way. This class is designed for general directors, general secretaries, pastors, treasurers and those interested in district unions.

(4) Leading the Children. This session is for Story Hour superintendents, and leaders. Ideas for flannel board lessons will be given, and games enjoyed.

Certificates will be awarded to the leaguers doing acceptable work in the conference, Mr. Bowen said.

The Sunday School convention will follow on Friday and Saturday, using as it's theme, "Building Lives in the Sunday School." Special speakers include Rev. Robert Swanson and Miss Ruth Streblow, both with Scripture Press in Chicago.

Two films, "Doorways to Decision" and "Stars in Your Crown" will be shown during the convention. There will also be two workshop sessions for teachers and workers.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the business meetings of the National Association will be held the second week.

The keynote of the Sixteenth Annual Session of the National Association will be "Exalting Christ," and the association will feature, besides denominational leaders, Oklahoma's Senator Mike Monroney who will give an analysis of the world situation as it relates to the Church.

One of the highlights of the convention will be a mass evangelistic rally on Sunday evening, July 13. Preparatory to this service, a house-to-house invitational crusade will be conducted by volunteer

workers. Rev. D. C. Dodd will be the speaker for this service.

Rev. Edward E. Morris, Oklahoma City pastor, is moderator of the National Association.

A pamphlet listing travel schedules and housing accommodations is being prepared and a copy may be had by writing Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary, Box 38, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

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## HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE 1943 SESSION

The 1943 Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., July 12-15, according to schedule. About the usual number of constituent bodies were represented either by ordained authority or laity representation. One general body petitioned for membership in the National Association which was graciously granted.

This session of the National Association may well be characterized by the words "profitable" and "progressive." The very harmonious session was a beautiful manifestation of the co-operative ability of Free Will Baptists. The coming from the East, West, North, and South to assemble together each year has created an understanding of one another as a basis of fellowship in Christ among Free Will Baptists. This is profitable because it leads to progress in the Cause of Christ represented by the denomination.

The report of the National Executive Secretary, herewith published, shows an increase in the support of enterprises in the whole denomination of more than 100% over last year. It is to be remembered, here, that last year was a 100% increase over the year before, and that the year before was a 100% increase over the year before that. It is predicted by those who have their fingers on the pulse of the de-

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nomination that an increase of 60% to 100% in the support of the whole program may well be expected this year. Free Will Baptists are learning the value of co-operative effort on a basis of fellowship in Christ.

The Foreign Mission department zoomed like a skyrocket during the past year. The high-lights of this work is that Miss Barnard is going back to India and other missionaries are prepared and ready to see foreign service, and a Bible School is authorized to be established in Cuba. The Board of Foreign Missions asked for \$2,000 for this cause and the National Association jumped beyond these bounds and appropriated \$5,000. For further information regarding the foreign mission cause sponsored by Free Will Baptists, see the "Missionary Department" of this issue of The Gem.

The department of Christian Education did not submit anything for publicity in this issue of The Gem. However, the Bible College is growing, and the National Association authorized the Trustees of the College to proceed with negotiations necessary to purchase a \$14,000 property across the street from the college which is to be utilized in the enlargement of the school work.

The cause of Superannuation came to the front with a very acceptable plan of protective service to young ministers, shared 50-50 by the ministers protected, against the future day of their disability and retirement. A constitution and by-laws which govern the course of action in this plan were adopted, and are published in the "Protective and Benevolent Superannuation" department of this issue of The Gem, together with an approved constitution for adoption by the state and district associations which sets up the plan of benevolent service to the aged and retired ministers. The whole plan is most ideal and worthy of ardent support.

The Executive department was authorized to establish its office in Nashville, Tenn. with a full-time Executive Secretary. Rev. Henry Melvin was elected to this office, but his resignation created a vacancy which was necessarily filled by the Executive Committee of the General Board in the election of Rev. Robert B. Crawford. An article devoted to this publicity will be published in next issue.

All the departments of the denominational work is on firm, reliable ground and is going forward in a dynamic ministry worthy of the name with the expression of the Home Mission department which is, incidentally, on the wrong foot for progressive movement. Its ideal is perfect, but its working plans are imperfect. It is the high hopes that proper plans may be inaugurated which will turn the Home Mission

department loose for the noble ministry for which it was constituted.

The worship services during the association were outstanding. Dr. Bob Jones, founder and president of Bob Jones College in Tennessee; Rev. L. R. Ennis, retiring Executive Secretary; and Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba preached very inspiring messages.

Taken from the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, Vol. 19, No. 8, August 1948.

### HIGH LIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The National Association of Free Will Baptists recently held in Pocahontas, Ark. was a grand success from every viewpoint. Something like eighteen or nineteen states were represented, and one new state was received at this time, namely, the state of California. It was indeed a busy week from early morning till late at night, having closed out on Thursday night.

The Pocahontas Church and pastor did a most wonderful job of entertaining. Every one was amply provided for, and it seemed every one had a wonderful good time.

A number of new officers were elected this time in most every department of the work. The Moderator and Clerk, Rev. L. C. Johnson and Rev. E. C. Morris, declined to serve longer and therefore necessitated the election of some new officers to these positions. Rev. Floyd B. Cherry was elected Moderator, and Rev. Clarence Bowen, Clerk.

The Woman's Auxiliary enjoyed a splendid session Monday night through Tuesday. Mrs. Willey from Cuba spoke to them on Tuesday morning and an offering for foreign missions was received to the amount of \$171.00. The Auxiliary made few changes in its officials for the coming year.

The Committee on revision of the Free Will Baptist Treatise which committee was appointed last year made their report and after discussion was adopted by an overwhelming majority. Very little change was made in the treatise. About the only change made concerning our doctrinal statement was relative to the matter of judgement. Where the Treatise had been reading "future judgement" it will now read "final judgement". Personally, we are very happy for this change. It is more in keeping with the teaching of the Bible than as before. No changes of importance were made concerning our church and associational government. Just gramatical correction, sentence construction, etc. The brethren constituting this committee did a faithful job.

Wednesday night was missionary night. The annual report of the Foreign Mission Board was read and adopted, Rev. Kenneth

Turner showed pictures from both Cuba and India. Rev. Raymond Riggs gave a brief report of the graduation exercise held at the Cuban School in April, which service was attended by Rev. Riggs, Miss Barbara Willey gave a brief testimony, Miss Bessie Yeley brought a short message, and Mrs. Willey brought the principle message of the evening. All who spoke were very interesting and the pictures were enjoyed. After Mrs. Willey's heart reaching message, an appeal was made which was responded to by a large number of our young people manifesting their definite interest in the missionary program. This was followed by the hand of fellowship being given Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Miss Zalene Lloyd who are soon to depart for India. As the hand of fellowship was extended, an offering was laid on the table amounting to \$214.69 making a total of almost \$400.00 during the National setting. This service rates among the best of our missionary services through the years. I sat in the service and wished that it might be possible for every Free Will Baptist in the denomination to be present. Could you have been present, you would have decided that Free Will Baptists are on the march as concerning the great work of missions.

Thursday night was Bible College night. The report of the Business Manager was read and adopted. The choir loft was filled with college students and graduates. They presented a wonderful musical program, the College President gave an interesting message setting forth the aims and purposes of the institution, Rev. J. L. Welch brought a brief and pointed message and following this some new plans pertaining to the expansion of our Bible College were placed before the body of which plans we here give a brief outline as follows: Where our College is located at present time is positively no room for expansion. An adjoining vacant lot we had hoped to own sometime is now being occupied by Jewish people on which lot is being erected a Jewish Synagogue. Jews are settling in that community rapidly and as a result property can be sold for far more than we gave for it. At the same time there is a 62 acre tract of land out on 70 highway just five miles from the heart of Nashville on which tract of land stands a number of large, commodious, and desirable buildings. This tract can be purchased reasonably. It was proposed to sell the present property and buy this 62 acre tract which will give all the room we will need for years and years to come. The National Association then and there voted to concur with the College Board of Trustees in this move and following this vote there was raised immediately in cash and pledges an amount exceeding \$4,600.00. This was

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# GLEANNINGS From The FIELD



Children from the Conway F. W. B. Church  
Conway, Missouri

Dear Bro. Bud,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, from the Conway Free Will Baptist Mission. We all wish to say thanks to you for the good work as Editor of the Gem.

We wish to be placed on the family plan. You will find subscription fees and subscribers names enclosed.

The work at Conway started last November when Bro. Cliff Bowman came to Conway to preach a revival. During this revival several were saved and nine baptized.

A Sunday School and prayer meeting were organized with eleven present the first Sunday. Our record attendance stands at 68 with an average of 34.

We just closed a 3 week tent meeting May 31st. There were several saved and Bro. Eddie Vincent surrendered to preach the gospel. Bro. Cliff Bowman preached the first two weeks and then Bro. Eddie Vincent and Bro. Dennis Bowman preached night about for the remainder of the meeting. Plans to organize a church will be discussed in a meeting June 3rd. (Editors Note: This will take place June 20th.)

After attending a missionary service conducted by Bro. Waid at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo. Sis. Bowman who teaches the primary class led her class in a missionary endeavor. This class made piggy banks out of plastic purrex bottles. After a month spent in gathering and selling pop bottles and doing odd jobs the total savings were \$5.57 for Bro. Waid's account. This class has special prayer each Lords day for those who have never heard about Jesus.

We desire your prayers for the new work.  
For the cause of Him who died for us,  
Conway Free Will Baptist Mission

## ROCK OF AGES CHURCH IN DENVER, COLORADO PUSHES ON

The "ROCK OF AGES" Church, of the Free Will Baptists, located at 18th Avenue and Clarkson Street, in Denver, held a special business meeting Wednesday evening, June 3, at 7:30 P.M. The ex-

isting vacancy for Pastor was filled by electing Rev. Lowell M. McGowan. Other business approved by the church was to support foreign missions through a special mission offering once a month; to financially support the work at home by giving support to missions and newly established churches not receiving such support from the National Home Mission Board. It was also agreed to continue special services each Friday evening at 6:30 P.M. in the "Magdalene Gardens" Nursing Home.

Services at the "Rock of Ages" Church will be continued as before: Sunday School at 10 A.M. and worship services at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. each Sunday. Mid-week prayer services Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M.

## YOUTH CAMP

The Pre-Teen session of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was a great success with 230 enrolled. Rev. W. Matthews served as the General Superintendent. The session began on Sunday night with Rev. Bud Hill doing the speaking for that night. Starting Monday night, Rev. James E. Raper of Flat River, Missouri did the speaking. At the close of the session on Friday afternoon, we had seen 74 children make decisions for Christ. These were either first time decisions or rededications.

### What Teens Say

By Verna J. Joiner

In this book are described some of the common viewpoints, questions, and problems teen-agers feel they have. This will give parents and adults working with young people a better understanding of this group. Materials for this book is based on continued nationwide correspondence the author engages in with young people in connection with her weekly column in a youth magazine. Many disturbing questions facing teen-agers are answered in this book. 96 pages.

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# A Modern Form of Piracy

It has been 250 years since Blackbeard terrorized the coastline of the Carolinas. His acts of piracy still send chills up the spine of adventuresome youngsters.

About forty miles from Blackbeard's Ocracoke Island is the little fishing village of Davis. This community has been chosen for the next attack by the Connectional leaders. They have sued the congregation of Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church. They intend to turn the property over to a dissatisfied minority faction.

When will they quit? When will these misguided men who kidnapped the North Carolina Free Will Baptist movement from the National Association be satisfied with their divisive achievements? These leaders first brought reproach upon the denomination by splitting the Edgemont Church in Durham and dragging this congregation into court in 1961. Since then they have blazed a trail of threat and intimidation from Durham to Davis. Along the way they have piled up a record of malicious achievements including splitting the State Convention away from the denomination in March of 1962.

## PAPERS SERVED ON DAVIS CHURCH

The Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists and a dissatisfied minority has sued the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church.

A hearing has been set for June 8 in the Carteret County Superior Court.

The desires of the disgruntled faction is to take the church property from the majority because they voted to remain affiliated with the National Association. The Eastern Conference joined the North Carolina State Convention in pulling out of the National Association two years ago.

The thirty-page document which was filed with the judge asks that the Davis Church be declared still a member of the Eastern Conference and therefore under the jurisdiction of that body. This action would authorize the Conference to give the property to the faction which withdrew from the Davis Church two years ago. (The church joined with other congregations wishing membership in the National Association in organizing the Coastal Association).

The lawsuit also demands that the Rev. T. O. Terry be excluded from the pulpit. It further wishes to restrain him from claiming to be an Original Free Will Baptist minister in North Carolina. He is now a minister in good standing with the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists and its affiliated bodies.

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This latest action should surprise no careful observer. Last September, when the State Convention met in Raleigh, they set up a campaign chest. It was to contain the financial ammunition for their war against local autonomy. This treasury was given the innocent title "Heritage Foundation." A five-man committee was elected to help the district conferences which wanted to file suit. It is not surprising then that this disgruntled faction at Davis and the Eastern Conference has filed suit, since they have the financial backing of the powerful machine which runs the State Convention. No doubt this is just another result of one of those closed-door, smoke-filled, motel room meetings.

The basic issue involved in this dispute is: "Can a local church decide whether it wants to be a member of the National Association?" If a local congregation cannot decide this then democracy has gone down the drain. The Connectional advocates should drop the word FREE from their title—FREE WILL BAPTISTS. Their churches are no longer free.

Even in the face of all this some folk are so naive as to say "There is no difference

between the congregational and connectional church government."

Oh well, some people probably thought Blackbeard was just another playful young sea captain.

When we hear of Brother T. O. Terry and the congregation at Davis being sued, what should we do? Many will be tempted to breathe a sigh of relief and say, "Well, I'm glad it isn't me." Such people are kin to Cain who shrugged his shoulders and said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The WITNESS believes that every interested reader should write Brother Terry and the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church. We should stand firm with these brethren who are being molested in their attempt to stay in the main stream of the denomination.

Finally, it is hoped that those of the State Convention who are pushing this modern form of piracy will quit and let us all get on with the unfinished task of world evangelism.

(This article reprinted from the Free Will Baptist Witness, State Paper from North Carolina. Editor: Rev. R. Eugene Waddell.)

A legal observer has remarked that this is possibly a test case to see whether a Free Will Baptist Church is free to stay in the National body when a state group pulls out.

Free Will Baptist Witness

## GROUND BREAKING SERVICE HELD FOR NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Groundbreaking services were held Sunday, June 21, at 3:00 p.m. for the new \$175,000.00 headquarters building to be erected by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, according to an announcement by Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the organization. Four and one-half acres at 1134 Murrefreesboro Road is the site of the new building.

Participating in the services were Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church and President of the Metropolitan Free Will Baptist Ministers Association; Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor of the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church and Chairman of the National Church Training Service Department; Rev. John L. Welch, member of the Board of Trustees of the Association; Dr. Robert Picirilli, Clerk of the Association and

member of its executive committee; Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the Association and Rev. Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Architect for the project is Jim Wilson of the firm Wilson and Odom. Builder is George A. Patton of Nashville.

The new building will provide some 14,500 square feet of floor space for the Association's Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday School, Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary and Executive departments. In addition there will be space for a retail book store, conference rooms, shipping and storage. Office space for the past eleven years has been located at 3801 Richland Avenue. Construction will begin immediately.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has a constituency of approximately 250,000 from 2,500 churches located in 40 states. Work overseas is maintained in Africa, Brazil, Uruguay, Cuba, Mexico, Central America and Japan.

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## HOME MISSION BOARD MEETS

The Home Mission and Church Extension Board of Free Will Baptists met May 18-20 in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in regular session. Board members present were: Wade Jernigan, chairman, Norman, Oklahoma; Harvey E. Hill, recording clerk, Winter Haven, Florida; Roy Thomas, Denver, Colorado; Robert L. Shockey, Ashland, Kentucky; Gordon R. Sebastian, Hookerton, North Carolina; and R. E. Pixley, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Homer E. Willis, General Director-Treasurer, and Mark Vandivort, Field Secretary attended. The National office is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Nashville office has announced the appointment of eight new missionaries at the meeting. Also increased support was approved for the work in Nebraska, Alaska, Canada, and Mexico.

The 1965 budget was approved with an increase of 15% over the budget for the current year.

It was reported that the Free Will Baptists Church is now active in 40 states and is rapidly extending the work in Canada and Mexico.

## MISSOURI RECEIPTS FOR MAY 1964

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| First FWB Youth Group, Kirksville | 2.00   |
| Southside FWB Church              | 44.10  |
| No. One FWB Church of Christ      |        |
| Haggins                           | 23.50  |
| Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool         | 5.00   |
| Co-op, Hqts.                      | 203.17 |
| GTA of 4th FWB Church             |        |
| St. Louis                         | 5.00   |
| Finis Sorrell, Myrtle             | 1.00   |
| Grant Ave. FWB Church             |        |
| Springfield                       | 5.00   |
| Overland FWB Church               | 25.00  |
| First FWB League, Monett          | 4.00   |



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| New Rock Springs Church, Cabool | 20.00         |
| FWB Church, Berkeley            | 21.75         |
| First FWB Church, Fredericktown | 20.00         |
| Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Case, St. Ann   | 5.00          |
| Grant Ave. GTA's, Springfield   | 1.00          |
| Myrtle FWB Church               | 5.00          |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>           | <b>390.52</b> |

## MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Dear Christian Friends of America:

It has been a very long time I have written one of the "Meeting the Challenge". Many things have kept me very busy, then came my trip to the States. The Lord was so good to me this year as I spoke in some of the churches who through the years have been so very thoughtful and concerned over the work in this Nation, there were many others who have also been faithful and wonderful to us and the work here. But it was not possible for us to visit them this time. We saw many souls come to Christ as well as some folks who as Christians had been careless with their Christian test-

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imony, for all this and many other added blessings I bow my head before the Lord, and give Him all the honor and the glory.

Allow me to take time of here to thank each one of you, who's home was opened to me. I know I could have stayed in every home where I visited in, I am sure, but the time was short, and those who I stayed with, were all so very nice and kind, most of all understanding. May the Lord bless you in every way, and give unto all of you, many times a great reward.

**CORRECTION:** In last month's letter, my wife wrote concerning the skeem of the N.C. group who have been placing some untruthful statements on the Free Will Baptist Paper of Adens, N.C. and she stated



Rev. & Mrs. A. Billows, Mexico



that it was the Gem instead of the Free Will Baptist. I am not going to use too much space on these folks, I feel that our letter to you is too important to waste on such matters. It is true that the group of N.C. have been invading the land with their idea of Christian witness when all it is, is a way of causing trouble, and sowing discord where ever they go, watch for these names of Mexico, Juan Lopes, a poor creature who had lived off the Free Will Baptist without doing anything and receiving a salary for almost three years, until I came to Mexico, and took him off the payroll, he has been with different religious groups, until they stopped then he finds another. Mr. Antonio Lopez, (no relation to the first) except in habits, he came to our school, took care of one of our churches, or tried to and brought it down to nothing, tried to hurt the First Church in Monterrey, and I took him out last year. Since then he has been hitting every denomination in Monterrey for help. Concerning this matter, just pray as you have with us on everything through the years, the rest of it God and the Mexican government will take care of the rest.

Well, the Lord has been blessing the work in Mexico, all the churches report a steady growth and fast response from their congregation as they are taught they respond to the christian obligation, this means that in a few years many of our churches as well as our school, will become an indigeneous work.

The school buildings are coming right along, I have been laying blocks every day since I got back, and we have the Goshen building lacking only the last few touches inside. The Bryant cabin which was paid by the Lawnwood Church in Tulsa, Okla. is also finished only needs the tile on the floor. This cabin was named after my wife's daddy's. We also have Bethlehem

# FIELD



# WHY?

## HOME MISSIONS

By HOMER E. WILLIS

The churches of Canada and the United States have in recent years furnished much of the missionary personnel of the world. However, with each of these nations fast becoming "extreme mission" fields themselves, we must now begin to think in serious terms of evangelism at home as a means of preserving that which we have been sending out. There are 314,000 churches of all denominations in America, with a survey showing that only 20% of these are listed as evangelical. Therefore, at best we have only a small number of Bible preaching churches (one out of five) in America to reach the ever increasing population--now approximately 18,000,000 in the U. S. A. and 20,000,000 in Canada. We keep in mind that people of other nations are interested in "major mission fields of the world but who is interested in "pagan" America?

Of 2,000 institutes of higher learning founded in America by the church, now only 50 to 75 of these make any pretense at being Christian. We have produced not only a generation of pagans, but a generation of educated pagans in America.

In the United States, we have 5,500,000 Jews, more than any other nation in the world; we have 19,000,000 Negroes, more than some of the new nations in Africa; we have 5,000,000 Indians, only 7% of whom are Protestants; we have 5,000,000 Mexicans, one-fourth of the world's total, and thousands of other races. Of the Jews in America, most have never heard the gospel, and most of the Latin Americans are unreached by the Protestant Church.

Three of the large cities in the United States have approximately 50% "foreign-born" population. Fifty-four per cent of the state of Hawaii are Buddhist, and only three or four per cent are Protestant. Buddhism is gaining ground throughout the other states. The most elaborate churches being built by Buddhists, Mohammedans, Mormons, Roman Catholics, and those of other religions. With 37% of the American people Roman Catholic, there is a great opportunity for mission work here in our own land. Unless we increase our mission work at home, there will come a day when the freedom to preach which we now enjoy July, 1964

will be taken from us. That day may be near at hand.

In America one-half of the entire population lives in, or near, fourteen cities; therefore, we must evangelize in the large cities. In New York City there are more than 8,000,000 people. Of this number 3,000,000 are Jews; 2,000,000 are Negroes; and at least 1,000,000 are Puerto Ricans.

People are moving from rural areas to the cities. In 1865, five out of one hundred people in America lived in town. In 1918 fifty out of one hundred people lived in town. Today, two out of three live in a large city.

In New York City last year 300 churches closed, in Chicago 150 churches closed, and in Cleveland 110 closed. This is happening all over North America. The large cities are mission fields of unusual opportunity. New England is a great mission field with 80,000 souls, in just one section, totally unreached with the gospel. Yes, Home Missions, Evangelism, and Church Extension are vital to all our work as never before.

Two-thirds of all the people in the world belong to the colored race--one-third to the whiterace. Many of the colored races are living in America and waiting in America to hear the gospel. The Negro in America has now reached middle, and even top class status in some cases, but is unreached with the gospel in most instances. At any given time, there are thousands of offoreign students in our colleges and universities. This is a home mission field of no small proportion.

How can we say that all the world is pagan except the U. S. A. when in one city of 8,000,000 population, there are 4,000,000 nonchurched, only 10% Protestant, and possible 2% born again. Also let's face it--we could have no missionaries in the other parts of the world if we did not have home bases. We could not have institutes of learning, orphanages, or any other work without local churches. Just as the pastor is God's key man on earth, so is the local church God's headquarters here on earth. My brief is that the Home Missions program is vital and basic to all our work. Home missionaries and new churches started by the Home

Mission Board are fast becoming our best sources of finance for a world-wide program of evangelism, and are also furnishing new man power for the Kingdom work. Check your reports. See what the new churches in Washington, Colorado, Iowa, Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Washington, D.C., and others are doing in this respect.

With 25% of all the people who were ever in this world now living, our day carries greater responsibility than ever before. With more foreign-born among us than ever before (102 different language groups in Chicago alone), with more influence and power used by the Roman Catholic Church, with modernism and liberalism continuing its inroads, with communism increasing, with America slipping faster and faster into heathenism, we must promote more evangelistic efforts, establish more churches, go into more benighted areas, and extend our Bible believing churches into all the cities of America. Go, my friend, go! If the board can send you, well. If not, go anyway! Time is not waiting! America is a mission field! We need more churches. You can start a church with twelve tithers. What if you do have to work forty hours per week? Others have and are. Go where there are people, not just the nice places. Preach the gospel pure and simple. The average man only understands 850 words (a college graduate should understand 1800 words). Speak to the average. Depend more on agonizing than organizing. Remember also that socializing is not evangelizing.

Find God's will. Hurry. Get to the field and stay there. Communities are changing overnight. We need to start churches everywhere. Yes, where there are Catholics. Yes, where there are Jews. Yes, in downtown areas. All need the gospel, and all communities should have a Free Will Baptist Church. One out of every three families will move this year. Most of them to a city or to a larger city than the one where they now live. Will they find a Free Will Baptist Church where they move?

More strong local churches is one of the greatest needs today in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We have a weak home front trying to support a world-wide min-

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# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

ATTENTION!!!

Change in address--send all reports to Mrs. Ted Davis, 2301 Conn., Joplin, Missouri.

The time has arrived for our National Convention. May the Lord truly move our hearts into greater service for Him.

Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield is our meeting place for the Missouri State Convention. Prepare now to make plans to attend. We certainly enjoyed the warm fellowship at the Grant Avenue Church during our State Workshop in April.

In His Service  
Mrs. Ted Davis

LADIES ON THE MOVE.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Northside Free Will Baptist have been busy the last several months concentrating our efforts on missionary work. The joy we have received is truly hard to put into words.

Our foreign missionary projects have included sending needles to our missionary families and mailing kool-aid to those who are now in Africa and South America.

We also haven't forgotten that we are commissioned to begin our missionary work right here at home. The blessings we have received while visiting nursing homes are truly many. We went expecting to give and left much wiser by realizing we were on the receiving side.

Our prayers are that our auxiliary work may continue to be as rewarding as it has been the last few months.



Mrs. Cleo W. Prusell  
Executive Secretary  
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Mrs. Carol Whaley  
St. Ann, Missouri  
Corresponding Secretary

## AUXILIARIES REPORTING IN JUNE

St. Ann-Northside F.W. Baptist  
Flat River-First F.W. Baptist  
Thayer-F. W. Baptist  
Lebanon-First F. W. Baptist  
Joplin-First F. W. Baptist  
State President-Mrs. Lucille Beatty  
St. Louis-First F.W. Baptist-Berkeley



Ladies holding Kool-Aid



Taken before our visit to the Penns Nursing Home.

During our National Convention this year, we will give opportunity for many of our co-laborers to meet and fellowship with our new Executive Secretary, Mrs. Prusell.

Mrs. Prusell has already done an outstanding job as a National officer, Oklahoma State officer, California State officer, with approximately twenty year's experience in Woman's Auxiliary work.

Let us pray for her, as she makes important effort for our Saviors cause.

29th Session...

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

July 13-14 1964

Kansas City Missouri

Hotel Muchlebach  
headquarters



THEME: Compel Them To Come In

For further details look in the June edition of the Gem.

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## NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri met June 16th.

Meeting called to order by the president, with singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Prayer by Sis. Jerry Plummer. Scripture was read, Mat. 11:28-30. Election of officers were as follows: President: Sis. Vivian Burton, Vice-President: Sis. Francis Combs, Sec. & Treas.: Sis. Earma Hogan, Program Chairman: Sis. Wallace and Sis. Stone, Youth Chairman: Sis. Plummer, Study Course Chairman: Gusta Borks and Jackie Huchabo, Benevolence: Sis. Berniece Cantrell and Iva Snell, Corresponding Secretary: Georgia Neely and Mary Hubbard.

Topics were given by Sis. Combs, Sis. Neely, Sis. Earma Lee Hogan, Sis. Gusta Borks and Sis. Plummer.

The ladies of our church honored our graduates with a tea. There were four graduates, Joe Grooms, Linda Plummer, Phillis Barbie and Pamela Smith.

Joe gave a short talk which was outstanding and also Bro. Smith, the father of one of the graduates. A nice Bible was given to each with name inside from the church. Refreshments of punch, cake and tea cookies were served with fellowship following.

Our vacation bible school was a real success this year with 196 enrolled. There was a good turnout of teachers and helpers with our commencement last Sunday night with each class showing something of their work and a song. Was a real blessing to all with the parents there for open house. Dismissal prayer by Sis. Gusta Borks.

Corresponding Secretary,  
Sis. Berniece Cantrell

## WORKING FOR THE LORD

First Free Will Baptist Auxiliary for our June Project sent an offering of \$5.00 to the Superannuation fund. Each member pledged to pay \$1.50 each to help pay for the youth of the church to go to Youth Camp.

We sent flowers and gifts to four that were sick. Twelve members helped out with bible school. The offering will be sent to the Wade's in Japan and to Lewis Perry's our home missionaries of Lincoln, Nebraska in the sum of \$19.45.

Corresponding Secretary,  
Gladys Montgomery  
Lebanon, Missouri

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Time has come for many of our young people here in Missouri to make plans to enter college! Co-Laborer, encourage our youth to plan for our F. W. B. B. C. in Nashville, Tennessee. Write to the Registrar, Rev. Robert E. Picerilli at 3606 West End Ave., Nashville, Tennessee for information, application blanks and copies of the college catalog. Make plans to visit the Bible College booth at the National this year.



## SPONSOR G.T.A. TO YOUTH CAMP

The Womans Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. met for the regular meeting, Tuesday, June 2nd. The opening song was "Did You Thing to Pray", followed with prayer by Marion Wilson. The program was "The Learning Christian."

The Auxiliary recently sent money to the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp at Niangua, Mo., to the Free Will Baptist Home for Children and are also sponsoring Debbie Wells, a member of the G.T.A. to Youth Camp. Several members of the Auxiliary also assisted with Vacation Bible School.

## THE LEARNING CHRISTIAN

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Womans Auxiliary met June 9th for their regular monthly meeting with 12 members and 1 visitor.

An interesting lesson was given on the learning Christian by Jean Lau.

The Auxiliary voted to send \$10.00 to Youth Camp.

Corresponding Secretary,  
Ruby Brewer

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the largest offering ever raised at any one time among Free Will Baptists. Pictures of the proposed property were circulated among the audience giving the people some idea of the appearance of the property. If space would allow I would give you here a further description; but space will not permit. I will say in closing it appears to be a very good move indeed. The College Board of Trustees went from the National Association to Nashville, Tenn. to look further into the matter and to close the transaction if possible.

From an over all viewpoint it was a great time. I could write at length concerning this wonderful National meeting; but space will not permit. But from a general viewpoint it was one of our best associations. People were there from far and near, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Where it will be held next year is not yet determined; but will be decided later.

Taken from the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, Vol. 16, No. 8, August 1945.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Since our official reporter has not as yet reported the highlights, I wish to relay to you a brief report of the National Association, which convened at Middlesex, N.C. First I will say it was a grand success in every way.

The good people of the First Baptist Church allowed us to use their church for our worship and our assemblies, we had our meals at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, and they did a grand job of entertaining, it sure was wonderful the way those children worked together, they attended the service in a body one night and this writer sat near by them, and I have never seen a group of children anywhere that behaved themselves as well as this group did, and think there was 79 of them. They sure could teach some of our big folks a lesson, IF they could take teaching.

We arrived at Middlesex Sunday evening in time for service, and heard the pastor of the First Baptist church deliver his Sunday night sermon, as the Sunday School Convention was called off. The General Board had their meeting Monday, as well as a number of other standing Boards.

The Ladies Auxiliary Convention began Monday night as per schedule and they had a wonderful session.

The National Association proper began with the Tuesday night service and the Introductory sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch was the key that opened the door that permitted that abundant fellowship to prevail throughout the entire session of the Association. Wednesday morning marked the



beginning of the business sessions of the Association, with a delegation much larger than I had anticipated, due to the congested travel conditions, but it was another one of those cases where the Lord provided a way for those that are willing to trust Him.

The election of officers for the ensuing year were as follows: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch, Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. C. Morris, clerk, and Rev. Floyd Cherry, Assistant clerk. The business sessions were conducted with a spirit of fellowship and unity that has never been surpassed, the whole Association was a grand success, and I think everyone went home with a greater zeal to move forward in the Lord's work the coming year.

The outstanding feature of the Association I think was the fact that we had two of our missionaries with us, Rev. Thomas Willey and Miss Olive Van Syoc from the mission field in Cuba, it sure was good to see that smiling face of Bro. Willey's in our midst. He sure has done a marvelous work in Cuba.

The 1946 session of the National Association will be held at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama if the Lord delays His coming that long.

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cabin almost finished, the North Lewis Cabin will soon be done. This we haven't found out what its name will be, then there are several others, who will soon be done. We will be sending a picture of each cabin to each Donor, the plaque will be named as you request.

D.V.B.S. is on its way, thank the Lord for His goodness, this year every one of the churches in Mexico will take care of their own schools and several of them have already sent in their report on this program and we are indeed thrilled to see that your help to them through the years, has not been in vain and they have learned our teachings. Pray for us and with us, that every need will be met for the glory of God and the salvation of many in this Nation.

Your Missionaries  
Arturo & Jenell

#### AN EXTRA SHEET OF MEETING THE CHALLENGE

I feel that these words will find their place in your hearts as through the years, you have all been very kind, to us, and we have never had to see our personal fund in the red. As my wife stated on the last Meeting the Challenge, unless some new pledges will come in for our support, we

will see our Fund in the red.

I am trusting the Lord first of all, and then each one of you who read "MEETING THE CHALLENGE" month after month, that this does not need to happen. We feel that just a small effort on the part of each one of the folks we talked to this summer, and those who we met for the first time, will give us enough to keep going without any worry at all.

Let me tell you what we have been thinking since I return from the States this summer. Since I have seen our fund so low for the first time in almost six years, I have tried to find the cause for it, and even though what I have found hurts me terribly, I feel that I have come to the thing that has caused our fund to go down. One, is that every year that I go to America, I have just preached in a very few churches, and mostly those churches who have been so faithful through the years, and in them we have held revivals, and not did any thing much to inform the people about our needs, I thought through the years, that this was not needful among God's people, for I have always felt that a Missionary is

one wherever he finds himself, I have a great burden for the lost, when I am in America, and try to leave Mexico behind when I speak among the churches, the burden is lost, is much greater than the need we have in Mexico, and the time goes by so fast, and when I return home, I am tired and happy all at the same time. But, must I change the method of my endeavor? Can I be wrong in the way I feel? Someone has said, and I have always believed it to be that way. He who loses himself for others, will find himself.

I need your help in many ways, first think with me on this matter, must I change my itinerant? to a different church every night? (No reflexion on this system) I just don't know how to show slides and ask for money, I would rather just try to preach. We have never tried to be a burden to you our dear friends in America, if we can get just a little after you help others, I am sure that the Lord will multiply it to meet the need.

Love from us all  
Your Missionaries  
Arturo & Jenell

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964

|                             | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May |
|-----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Fellowship, Flat River      | 175  | 181  | 214   | 184   | 182 |
| Leadington                  | 56   | 74   | 72    |       |     |
| Farmington                  | 100  | 110  | 122   | 121   |     |
| Liberty-Phillipsburg        | 50   | 66   |       |       |     |
| Berkeley City               | 289  | 292  | 341   | 282   |     |
| Richwoods                   | 48   | 48   | 64    | 55    | 58  |
| Kirksville                  | 75   | 85   | 90    | 102   |     |
| Grant Ave., Springfield     | 175  | 172  | 198   | 181   | 167 |
| Hazel Creek                 | 50   | 51   | 58    | 53    |     |
| Mine La Motte               | 24   | 26   | 31    | 32    |     |
| First Ch. Flat River        | 102  | 107  | 120   |       |     |
| Overland Church             | 145  | 152  | 178   | 172   | 175 |
| First Ch., Mtn. Grove       | 319  | 327  | 379   | 332   |     |
| Desloge                     | 98   | 110  | 116   | 103   | 115 |
| Mill Cr. Ch., Fredericktown | 45   | 49   |       |       |     |
| Union Light                 | 109  | 109  | 93    | 104   | 112 |
| First Church, Springfield   | 192  | 201  | 235   |       |     |
| Sunnyview Church            | 46   | 53   | 71    | 50    |     |
| Central, Kansas City        | 79   | 81   | 105   | 105   | 113 |
| Hannon                      | 54   | 58   | 54    | 56    | 65  |
| First Church, Monett        | 126  | 139  | 157   | 126   |     |
| Garfield-Couch              | 45   | 44   |       |       |     |
| Salem                       |      |      | 31    |       |     |
| Victory                     | 102  | 114  | 124   |       |     |
| First Church, Fredericktown | 151  | 174  | 177   | 156   | 155 |
| Copper Mines                | 70   | 81   | 96    | 89    |     |
| Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.   | 26   | 26   | 30    | 37    |     |
| Fourth Ch., St. Louis       | 58   | 65   | 80    |       |     |
| Alton                       | 98   | 98   |       |       |     |
| Twin Oaks Church            | 49   | 54   | 57    | 53    |     |
| West Plains                 | 169  | 178  | 173   | 179   | 173 |
| Cuba                        | 62   | 62   | 63    | 82    | 74  |
| Southside                   |      |      | 208   | 178   | 184 |
| First Church, Lebanon       |      |      |       |       | 70  |

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# FEATURES

of the

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel

PASTORS' DINNER in Grand Ballroom, Muehlebach Hotel, 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, Dr. Herbert Mekeel, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N.Y., will speak on the subject "Is Roman Catholicism Changing?" Price is \$2.50 per person. Order tickets from Executive Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

GIANT YOUTH RALLY Wednesday afternoon. Ken Riggs, new National Youth Director, will be speaking. National Sword Drill and demonstration of "Bible Bowl" will be features.

In his new position, his job will consist of assisting in the development of the new youth program and speaking in various types of youth meetings.

Mr. Riggs is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible. He is the son of Reverend Raymond Riggs, former director of the Board of Foreign Missions.



Kenneth Riggs

EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETING on Wednesday. The Rev. Jerry Rhoades, pastor of First Church, Ardmore, Okla., will be in charge.

"FRONTIERS UNLIMITED," a joint audio-visual production by the Home and Foreign Missions Boards especially for this convention, will be shown Wednesday night.

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MASTER'S MEN BREAKFAST Thursday morning. Mr. M. E. Howard, general contractor from Richmond, Virginia, is the speaker. Mr. Howard is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist College and was the "Layman of the Year" in 1963.

INFORMATIVE EXHIBITS will include some 25 displays by departments of the National Association and other church related ministries. Fellowship in this area with missionaries and association personnel will be a special feature Tuesday and Wednesday nights.



# DELEGATES

for the

# NATIONAL

# ASSOCIATION

AGAIN THIS YEAR, local churches belonging to the highest denominational body in their state may send delegates to the National Association. The procedure for registering a delegate is a simple one. Elect one during a church business session and, if possible, pay all or part of his expenses to Kansas City, Missouri. Fill out a credential form appearing in the "GEM" and have it signed by the pastor or church clerk. This signed credential form and the \$10.00 registration fee authorizes the delegate to represent his church with full privileges of a voting delegate.

It is important to note that delegates representing state associations also must have officially signed credentials to register as a delegate. Each state is allowed five delegates-at-large, but their registration is paid through state clerks when the state letter is mailed. Where there is no state association, Article IV of the Constitution should be consulted to learn basis or representation.

The ministry of the National Association is important to all Free Will Baptists. It is through the association that churches across America unite in programs of mutual concern. The voice of your church in business considerations is important. Be sure your church is represented.

## DELEGATE'S OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES that \_\_\_\_\_ is a duly authorized delegate  
to the National Association of Free Will Baptists from \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of church or state association)

\_\_\_\_\_ of (if church, give city and state) \_\_\_\_\_

(Only one signature is required.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator or Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk or Secretary

**Important:** All delegates representing a state, district association, or local church must present this form properly signed to be registered.



# MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

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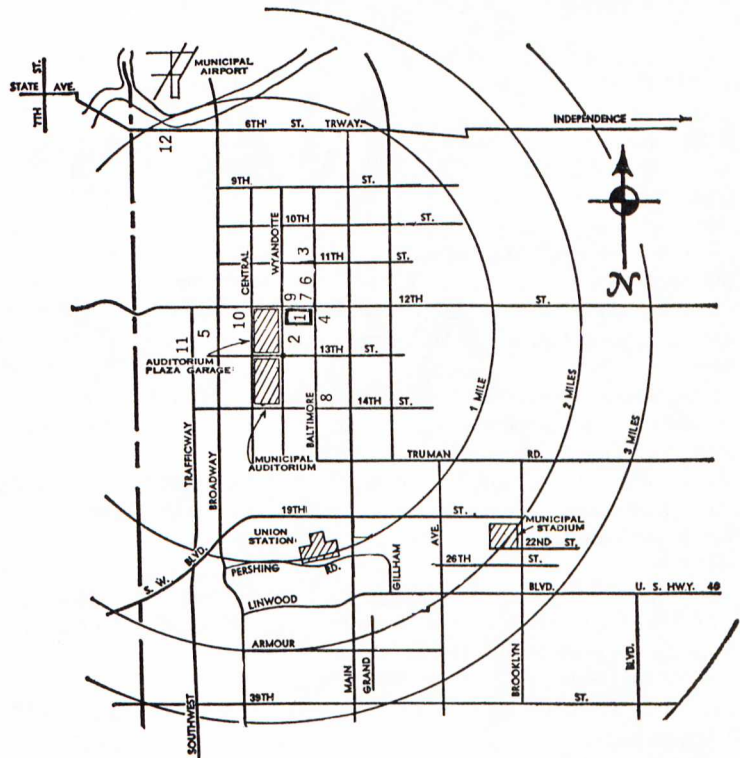
## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

to be held in Kansas City,

July 13-16

### HOTELS

- 1 MUEHLEBACH—Headquarters Hotel—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, children under 13 free, special weekly parking rate with in and out privilege. Across street.
- 2 ALADDIN—1213 Wyandotte. Single: \$7.50; Double: \$10.50; Twin: \$12.50; children under 12 free, free overnight parking, TV, air conditioned. Across the street.
- 3 CONTINENTAL—11th and Baltimore. Single: \$6.50; Double: \$8.50; Twins: \$11.50. Children under 14 free, some TV, air conditioned. Three blocks.
- 4 DIXON—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$6.50; Double: \$8.50; Twin: \$9.00; Children under 12 free, parking \$1.25 per day or \$1.50 in and out, air conditioning, radio. Two blocks.
- 5 KANSAS CITIAN—1216 Broadway. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$7.00; Twins: \$9.00. Children under 12 \$1.00 each, air conditioned, free in and out parking. Two blocks.
- 6 NEW YORKER—1114 Baltimore. Single: \$7.00; Double: \$9.00; Twins: \$10.00. Free in and out parking, air conditioned, radio, free transportation by cab from airport plus 25 cent tip for driver. Three blocks.



- 7 PHILLIPS—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$11.00; Twins: \$14.50. Radios, some TV, air conditioned, children under 14 free. Two blocks.
- 8 PRESIDENT—14th and Baltimore. Single: \$7.50; Double: \$10.75; Twins: \$12.00. Children under 14 free, TV, air conditioned. Two blocks.
- 9 STATE—12th and Wyandotte. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$8.00; Twins: \$8.00. TV—\$1.00, children free unless extra bed needed then \$2.00 for 34" roll-a-way, radios, air conditioned, parking \$1.50 per day. One block.

### MOTELS

- 10 DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN—1234 Wyandotte. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$13.00; Twins: \$14.00. Children under 13 free, TV, air conditioned, free parking. Across the street.
- 11 EXECUTIVE—509 West 13th Street. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$12.00; Twins: \$14.00. Air conditioned, free parking, TV, children under 12 free. Two blocks.
- 12 HILTON INN—610 Washington. Single: \$9.00; Double: \$13.00; Twins: \$13.00. Children under 12 free, free parking, TV, air conditioned. One mile.

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# LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

April 6, 1964

Dear Bro. Hill and Gem Readers:

But your hands told of good, honest labor.

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.)

In Christ,  
C. H. Burton

## THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

When we look back on our life we have lived  
Just how does it make us feel?  
Are we proud of the things that we have done  
Or would we like to have a new deal?

Too many times we fail to see  
Until many years have passed  
That the worthwhile things we have left undone  
Are the things that ever last.

We realize that so much of life  
Is spent for earthly gain  
Then we awaken at last to find that this  
Has all been labor in vain.

So while we still have some time left  
In this dwelling place down here  
Let's change our course and let God in  
Who casts out doubts and fears.

Now we know that too much time is spent  
For the mere pleasures of man  
Let's be honest with our God  
And let Him work thru us while He can.

When we surrender our lives to God  
And humbly work and pray  
We realize that this is really  
The beginning of a New Day.  
By Marjorie Massey

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We have just received our April issue of GEM and would like to voice our desire along with that of the late Rev. J. B. Bloss, to see more F.W.B. churches being built.

We have recently been unable to locate a F.W.B. church in New Orleans, and now in Houston, Texas area. We find this holds true in many cities.

We do thank the Lord for the churches and humble, sincere, dedicated men of God in other denominations who preach the gospel here in Freeport, Texas where we have been hearing good messages but we would be happy to hear of a F.W.B. church being built here too.

We miss everyone at Meramec Heights Church but glad for news of good services there. Also the good singing on the third Saturday night of every month.

We hope to be back in Missouri in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lynch

## A FATHER'S MISTAKE

If I would have lived a life I should  
My son would not stand where I stood  
A life of sin I lived each day  
With Satan guiding all the way.  
I never thought the wrong I'd done  
Would ruin the life of my dear son.  
I thought of worldly things below  
But to church I would not go.  
I thought perhaps when I got old  
I'd let the Lord save my soul  
But I know now that in my younger days  
That I should have changed my wicked ways  
A boy is now walking where I've trod  
Because I never taught him God.

By Carl D. Eden  
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## MY DAD

You never were the President,  
And no scholarship did you win,  
You never made the headlines  
In the New York Times.

You were not the type to be a model,  
Just plain clothes you wore,  
You never drove a Cadillac,  
Once a team of mules were yours.

You never gave a famous talk  
But one word from you held authority,  
You never visited the manicure shop,

You didn't read the latest novels,  
Only the Bible was your guide,  
You didn't see the World's Fair,  
Just stepped across the swelling tide.

No one called you General,  
But no finer could be had,  
To me you were the greatest,  
Because you were MY DAD.

Oneida Lombard

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But I have promises to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep."

--Frost

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