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FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE VOICE OF MISSOURI
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Gem



Groundbreaking Services were held for the new headquarters building of the National Association of Free Will Baptists on Sunday afternoon, June 21. Turning a shovel of dirt during the service were (l. to r.) Robert E. Picirilli, representing the Executive Committee, J. L. Welch, representing the Board of Trustees and Billy A. Melvin representing the National Association. The \$175,000.00 building to be located at 1134 Murfreesboro Road in Nashville is expected to be ready in approximately seven months.

Promotional Secretary's Corner

Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist Church and their recently elected pastor, Rev. Finis Johnson, hosted the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting July 3rd and 4th with every church represented. Good gospel messages were delivered throughout the services. Also time was given for our promotional work during the day. While in this section, I was privileged to be with the Thayer and Garfield churches and bring a mission message in both of them.

The week of July 12th we attended the most harmonious and successful session of our National Association in Kansas City, Missouri. Thanks to all Missouri Free Will Baptists for your generous response to help entertain the National Association.

Sunday, July 19, following the National Association I visited Tulsa Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. This church continues to win souls for the Lord.

July 24th, I visited the Cave Springs Yearly Meeting held at the Garfield church. It was a great joy and blessing for me to preach the dedicatory message in the Thayer church July 26th accompanied by each of the beloved pastors. It pleased the Lord to take my father, R. G. Beatty, who was a charter member of the Thayer church, home to be with Him. We laid him to rest the same day the church was dedicated. Our entire family thanks each of you for your prayers, sympathies and love during the time of our bereavement.

JUNE 1964 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Parkview	\$105.28
Beacon	111.56
South Side	56.70
West Plains-Bethel	53.85
Farmington	141.83
Jefferson City	15.00
Central, Kansas City	69.00
Hannon	23.00
Carterville	12.78
Victory	77.95
Faith	51.82
Granby	10.00
Merl's Chapel	18.36
Monett	87.11
Thayer	52.00
Virgil Bandy	100.00
Black Oak Sunday School	50.00
Rock Chapel	28.14
Mine La Motte	9.89
Copper Mines	31.66
Mountain Grove	300.00
Conway(new organization)	15.00
Overland	153.66
Berkley	201.05
Macedonia-Indian Ass'n.	129.82
Central Kansas City	69.00
Pleasant Home	11.20
Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting	20.65
Hickory Grove	20.65
West Plains-Bethel F.W.B.	33.00
Fredericktown	251.33
Richwoods	72.32
TOTAL	\$2,381.60

DISBURSED	
55% Nat'l. Ass'n F.W.B.	1,309.88
1% Mo. Superannuation	23.82
4% Mo. Youth Camp	95.26

4 1/2% Mo. Gem	107.17
7% General Fund	166.71
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	202.44
20% Promotional Dept.	476.32
TOTAL	\$2,381.60

30 churches plus 1 church first contribution; 1 Bro. Bandy, an individual, total contributing-32.

JULY 1964 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

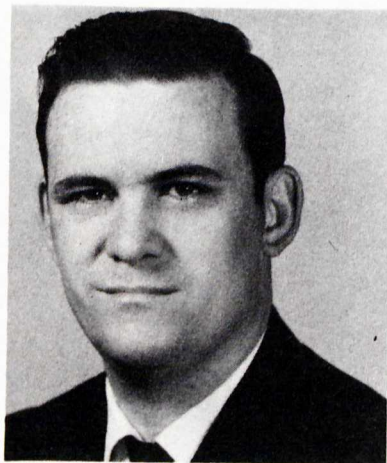
St. Louis Southside	\$44.10
Fellowship	75.00
Overland	119.35
Oskaloosa	31.54
Royal Oak, Cave Springs Ass'n	25.00
Mill Creek	59.53
Viburnum	93.80
Old Flat	15.00
Alsbury Chapel	77.75
Farmington	101.36
Myrtle	93.17
Faith	38.12
Beacon	72.38
Pleasant Hill	20.00
Parkview	77.68
Mt. Valley	41.86
Carterville	11.70
Faith & Hope	19.00
Victory	76.97
Alton	27.50
Jefferson City	5.91
Martintown	25.00
New Harmony Sunday School	39.45
Hickory Grove	24.78
Thayer	44.56
Mine La Motte	11.28
Union Light	6.90
Kirksville	90.00

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Rev. Bud Hill, Editor
3100 Mt Pleasant Avenue
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SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK FOR THE GEM

Dear Editor:

Please add my name to the Gem Mailing List. I am enclosing \$1.50 for one year's subscription.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

July 6, 1964

Dear Bud,

What a joy it was to begin receiving the "Gem" a few weeks ago! Let me thank you or whoever is responsible for having it sent. We were not privileged to visit many churches in Missouri, but those we visited have been faithful. The Thayer church and also the Pleasant Hill church in the Thayer area as well as several other individuals have been faithful in their support.

We are at the end of our year and in 17 more days we sail for Africa. What a joy, thrill, and at the same time challenge for us. We need prayer especially at this time. The responsibilities and the adjustments are very great. Also, we have to begin work on another language so that we may be able to declare the counsel of God to those who may not have yet heard.

We enjoy the reports from Missouri and every report of victories over the devil. In order to continue receiving the "Gem" I'm sending you our address for Africa: B. P. 24, Agnibilekrou, Rep. of Ivory Coast, Africa.

God bless you and be assured of our interest and prayers for your work.

In Him,
Jimmy Aldridge

July 7, 1964

Dear Christian Friend,

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord.

We want you to know our state for we know that you will pray and help in every way you can. We had planned to leave North Carolina on June 1, 1964 for Alaska. We are going to Juneau to start the new work. As we received our final letters of instructions we were very happy and thrilled that the time had come. However we become keenly aware that we did not have the needed amount of money to get to Alaska and settled in Juneau. This was very hard for us to take for the car was loaded to go.

Juneau is in the Southeastern part of the state. The only way we can get to this city is by ferry, or fly, there are no roads. We will go by ferry. In order to make the trip to Alaska and move from our home in Fairbanks to Juneau and get settled and start the work we need \$1,000. Moving our belongings by ferry and renting an apartment will be very high, and a place for church.

For the last three months over \$800 has been sent to our account. May God lead you to send in a special gift this

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month for the new work which we will be going to, (make sure it is earmarked for our account). We are praying for \$1,000 by August 1, 1964. Our account is out of the red so all that comes in now can be used for the work, without part of it being used to balance out the account. God has blessed in such a wonderful way. His name is to be praised for this. May you do as David did in Psa. 109:4 and give yourself unto prayer.

Thanks from the depth of our heart to each of you for your prayers and support, for remembering us each month with a gift. My prayer is that we shall remain faithful to God in His service and that you shall remain faithful to Him.

May God bless each of you real good.

In Christ,
Kirby, Lib, and Joy

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

MISSOURI

MAY, 1964

Faith FWB Church, Lemay	\$ 12.96
Alton FWB Church	18.75
Oak Grove FWB Church,	
Mtn. Grove	30.00
First FWB Church, Festus	20.00
Myrtle FWB Church	50.51
First FWB Church,	
Mtn. Grove	71.00
Grant Ave. FWB Church,	
Springfield	5.00
Woodrow Matthews, Raytown	2.89
Bertha L. Dennis, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Overland FWB Church, Ladies	
& Men Adult Bible Class	23.99
First FWB Church,	
Fredericktown	40.00
FWB Church, West Plains	10.00
First FWB Church Aux.,	
Joplin	5.00
Beulah Midgett, St. Louis	100.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	9.00
South Side FWB Church,	
St. Louis	140.30
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St. Louis	50.00
Mr. J. L. Case, St. Ann	5.00
First FWB Church, Monett	10.00
Pearl Alexander, Monett	10.00
Willow Springs FWB	
Church, Mtn. Grove	18.60
Rev. T. D. Carlson,	
Mtn. Grove	5.00
Harold Wilfong, Esther	10.00
Anna Lincoln	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Barker,	
Farmington	20.00
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton	71.63
FWB Church, Berkeley	90.00
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THE MISSION FIELD

August, 1964

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REPORTS FROM THE

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

New Headquarters Building: Last year we returned from Detroit and our National meeting with proper guide lines and a green light to get our new building under construction. Little did I realize (perhaps others did!) that there was so much yet to be done and just how involved such a project could be. However, in due time plans were completed, negotiations were finalized with Prudential Insurance Company for a \$175,000 loan for 20 years at 5 3/4%, construction money was secured from First American National Bank at 5 3/4% and bids were taken which produced a bid in the price range which we expected to pay. A contract was signed with George A. Patton of Nashville for the construction of the building and on June 21, 1964 groundbreaking services were held. The building is now under construction and we are hopeful that we will be able to gain occupancy about the turn of the year.

Unless unforeseen developments occur, we hope to have our corner-stone laying and open house in connection with the Bible Conference next April.

There is one matter associated with this project that I need to remind you of at this time. There is yet outstanding an obligation of \$20,000 on two acres of land which we feel we must have for future development. Two years of a three-year option yet remain. I would strongly urge that we continue to encourage gifts from our churches that we can soon be relieved of this obligation.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT 1963

In 1963 Mary Ellen Rice, Pat Franks, and the Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds were sent to Brazil. The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps were appointed to Panama and entered language study in Costa Rica. The Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge and the Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne were appointed to the Ivory Coast, Africa, and entered language study in Switzerland.

Since the last annual session of the Nat-

ional Association, the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison, the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Combs and the Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds have been appointed to Brazil. The Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew to the Ivory Coast of Africa; Miss Molly Barker, R.N., to Uruguay; Ella Rae Jones, R.N., and Patsy Tyson, R.N. to Ecuador. The Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman are being transferred from Panama to Ecuador. This is a new field for Free Will Baptists, and we are entering this country in cooperation with World Radio Missionary Fellowship.

Field Activities. The Dan Cronks returned to North India, and property is being purchased for a boy's hostel and a missionary house. The Carlisle Hannas are home for furlough and will return to North India in September. Miss Volina Wilson has returned to a growing work in South India.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS Report for 1963

Again this year growth has been witnessed in the work of home missions and church extension. Since our last report the following have been appointed to serve in the home mission ministry:

Rev. and Mrs. Wade Jernigan - Idaho and Northwest.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie L. Rolan - New Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Fry - Arizona

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow - Sponsored by State Board in Alabama

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Jackson - Sponsored by South Georgia Board

Rev. Herman Brooks - Summer worker to Canada

Income for the year 1963 was \$105,855.92, an increase of \$13,251.03 over the previous year. However, our greatest victory was in the number of souls reported converted and the churches established.

We have sent approximately \$30,000. for the land in Hawaii and have continued this project through 1964.

The board has also endorsed a building project for Fairbanks, Alaska church and approved the building project for the Mex-

ico Bible Institute at Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

A new tract, "Why Home Missions" has been printed and is ready for free distribution.

Many of our churches observe November as National Home Missions month, and a large part of our budget comes from Thanksgiving and Vacation Bible School offerings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

God has blessed the ministry of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We climaxed a successful year with an increase in sales. Sales for the year (1963) totaled \$143,516.62 in contrast with sales totaling \$110,878.42 for (1962). Our chief purpose for existence, however, is not selling Sunday School literature. We are distributing the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish facts and figures were available on the results of our sowing the seed. Furthermore, we do not exist as a money making organization. It is our goal to give our people the best literature that is produced anywhere. We are rapidly achieving this goal. In addition, we are doing our best to assist our Sunday Schools throughout the nation and to insert a new life and a new thrust into them.

Teacher Training

We are now involved in an intensive teacher training program. This program is headed up by Reverend Harrold Harrison, our Promotional Secretary. Reverend Harrison travels extensively conducting Training Institutes in our churches. We have entered into a joint effort with the League Department in sponsoring Regional Training Rallies. Two of these have been conducted already with two more scheduled for the fall: one at Greenville, North Carolina, and the other at Dothan, Alabama. We are also cooperating with the League Department in producing a Free Will Baptist Gem

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brand new Christian education publication called "Teach N Train". Copies of this magazine are available at both the League Sunday School booths.

PROMOTION

The 300 Club

We now have 13 churches in the 300 Club. These churches represent approximately 5000 in Sunday School.

Superintendent of the Year

Each year the Department will name a Sunday School Superintendent of the Year. A superintendent may be nominated for this honor by means of a letter from his pastor. The letter should relate the progress of the Sunday School under the leadership of the superintendent. To further qualify, the superintendent must be leading his church in a teacher training program, regular officers and teachers meetings and regular visitation. All of these facts must be stated in the letter of nomination from the pastor. Judges will be selected to review the nominations and name the Superintendent of the Year. The award will be presented by the General Director at a special service at the winner's church on the second Sunday in December. A related story will appear in "Contact" or "Teach N Train".

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

New Thrust For Youth and Training

At the National Association in July, 1963, the League Board was charged with the responsibility of developing a total youth and training program. Many hours of research and planning by many individuals have been spent thus far. The basic proposals are to be presented at the National Association this year.

One of the major proposals will be for a change in the over all name from League to Church Training Service, C.T.S. It

is believed that the new name more adequately defines our work and will be more meaningful to all who are associated with it.

A structured program is being planned for each age group and includes a definite program of achievement over a three year period. The quarterly publications are being modified and expanded to provide for the additional activities. A full-time worker has been employed to help promote the youth work.

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Since the 1962 session of the National Association, the Superannuation Board has worked with those that have given us an occasion to work with them. We have presented to our people the new retirement plan with some results. We have mailed letters, brochures, and other materials, when requested, to all of the ministers whose addresses we have. Members of the board have given of their time to meet with groups and explain the plan. The plan has also been presented through our national magazine, Contact, and some of our state papers.

This being the first real retirement plan to be offered to our ministers and full-time Christian workers, we note some reluctance on the part of some to grasp this opportunity. This is probably due to a lack of knowledge of the plan. We realize the need of an extensive educational program, but our funds have not been sufficient to put a full-time worker on the field to acquaint our people with the plan.

Since we are unable to put a full-time worker on the field to present the plan to our people, we offer the following suggestions:

1. That our ministers and laymen examine the Retirement Plan of the National Association, and present it to their Church Boards for their consideration.
2. That church groups, associations and ministers' conferences invite a member of the Superannuation Board to meet with them to discuss the plan.

3. That each church, or minister, ask for full information to be sent to them about the plan, especially where it is impossible to get a group together.

The Superannuation Board is grateful to the departments of the National Association that have assisted in promoting the retirement plan in any way, and to our Executive Secretary, Rev. Billy A. Melvin, for his assistance in getting our promotional materials. The Ministers Life and Casualty Union has been very helpful in furnishing us materials needed to promote the plan.

We appreciate you who have supported this department with your prayers and gifts. If this plan is to exist we must have more than the denomination's good wishes. We must have more subscribing to the program.

The Charter of Incorporation has been completed and we are now incorporated by the state of Tennessee.

Humbly submitted,
Ernest M. Kennedy,
Chairman

Members of Board:

Chester A. Huckaby
N. P. Gates
G. E. Ratliff
Roy Rikard
Dean Dobbs
T. G. Hamilton



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

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3100 MT. PLEASANT AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

WOMANS AUXILIARY

Dear Co-Laborers,

Am sure many of us share a new thrill and burden for our auxiliary after the wonderful National Convention.

God greatly blessed each song, devotion, prayer, business session, and worship hour - "Thanks be unto God".

The time is now at hand for our State Meeting! Wednesday morning, August 19, 1964 - theme "Prayer", Phil. 4:6.

Let us pray now for our State Meeting in August with the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo.

In His Service,
Mrs. Peggy Davis

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Theme, "PRAYER" Phil. 4:6

"Pass-key That Provides Passport"
Thought For The Day: "Dare to have a purpose firm, and dare to make it known."

Wednesday Morning - August 19, 1964

Registration

10:00 Convention Hymn ... My Prayer

10:05 Devotional .. Mrs. Teddy Davis

10:15 Presidents Meditations

Recognition of delegates and appointment of committees.

10:25 Youth in Action. Mrs. J.E. Raper

State Youth Chairman

The congregation shall remain in the Sanctuary and engage in silent prayer as part of their preparation for worship.

11:00 Worship in Music

"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer"

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer"

Mrs. JoAnn Harriell

Message. Rev. & Mrs. Carlisle Hannah

Missionaries to India

Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon - August 19, 1964

1:30 Convention Hymn My Prayer

Solo Mrs. Janice Moore

Devotional ... Mrs. Davie Combs

1:50 Business Session

Reports of Committees

Bits of Information

..... Mrs. Cleo Pursell

Installation Service

..... Eunice Edwards

Pianist Miss Sandra Hawkins

Organist Mrs. Albert McFarland

Music Director Mrs. O. T. Dixon

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WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION, 1964

RESOLUTIONS

1. Whereas, Christian women are increasingly aware of the pressure of today's living and the presence of emotional problems,

and whereas a recent survey taken among Study Course Chairmen has revealed a desire for study in this area, and whereas many good books are available,

Be it resolved that a new course of study called Christian Living be added to the Standard of Achievement Chart, making a total of seven possible areas of study.

2. Because of increased operational and postage expenses, be it resolved that postage be charged on all literature orders.

3. Be it resolved that an auxiliary pin be adopted, the design as recommended by the Executive Committee.

4. Be it resolved that the youth scholarships be continued under the direction of the WNAC Executive Committee and that they be taken from the Student Loan Fund.

5. Be it resolved that a fund be created for the Missions Department of Free Will Baptist Bible College to be used specifically for the purpose of bringing specialized missionary speakers to the department.

6. In response to a request of the editor of Contact, be it resolved that we spearhead an annual subscription drive for Contact through the month of October. We suggest the following goals:

(a) That we cooperate by using the subscription packets supplied by the National Association. (Subscription cards, brochures, etc.)

(b) That we set as our goal 3,000 new subscribers.

(c) Goals established for each state to be as follows: Alabama, 177; Arizona, 15; Alaska, 5; Arkansas, 248; California, 207; Florida, 102; Georgia 205; Illinois, 103; Indiana, 40; Kansas, 59; Kentucky, 90; Louisiana, 5; Maryland, 10; Michigan, 90; Mississippi, 90; Missouri, 216; New Mexico, 20; N. Carolina, 407; Ohio, 140; Oklahoma, 403; S. Carolina, 257; Tennessee, 282; Texas, 144; Virginia, 140; West Virginia, 40; Washington, 5.

7. Whereas WNAC will lose the income formerly derived from the sale of youth literature and materials, we recom-

mend that a special effort be made to increase our giving in other areas, namely:

(a) Co-Laborer offerings

(b) WNAC new office furnishings fund

(c) Special gifts for increased maintenance costs of new headquarters and office moving expense.

8. Be it resolved that the theme, watchword, and hymn for 1966 be as follows: Theme, "The Field is the World" Matt. 13:38. Watchword: "...who will go for us..." Isaiah 6:8. Hymn, "Christ for the Whole Wide World".

9. That we adopt the student loan supplement #1 concerning missionaries loan retirement.

10. Whereas the National Association in its 1963 session at Detroit, Michigan, voted to set up a new Youth Program under a Denominational Youth Board - designed to reach into every area of Denominational Youth Activity, and Whereas, the youth program's which have formerly been under the sponsorship and direction of the Youth Auxiliary Chairman will be included in the new set-up, and,

Whereas, the need will no longer exist for the office of Youth Auxiliary Chairman in the W.N.A.C.,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Constitution and By-Laws be amended as follows:

1. Under Article III of the Constitution delete the words "Youth Auxiliary Chairman."

2. In the same Article change the number 7 to "5 of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business."

3. Under By-Laws - delete Section 6 of Article I and renumber all succeeding Sections so that Section 7 becomes Section 6, Section 8 becomes Section 7, Section 9 becomes Section 8, and Section 10 becomes Section 9.

11. Be it resolved that Mrs. Cleo Pursell be named as a member of the committee to revise the Manual of Methods.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Ray Turnage, Chairman

Mrs. Lonnie Davolt

Mrs. Bill McCarty

Miss Ann Perry

Editor's Note: All resolutions carried except No. 5 and No. 9.

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PROPOSED BUDGET
OPERATING EXPENSES - WNAC
June 30, 1964 to July 1, 1965

Printing; literature and supplies sale	\$ 8,000.00
Exec. Comm. Exp.	550.00
Salaries	8,110.00
Postage	1,500.00
Promotional Work -	
Traveling Expense	250.00
Visual Aids, travel to major convention per year for Exec. Sec.	
Office Supplies	300.00
Office Equipment	500.00
Mailing Supplies	200.00
New Office Furnishings	500.00
Headquarters Maintenance	2,000.00
Convention Expense	400.00
Auditing	150.00
Housing Allowance, Exec. Sec.	720.00
Utilities, Exec. Sec.	360.00
Hospital Insurance and Workmen's Compensation	225.00
Bonding (all personal)	28.00
Honorarys	325.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

TOTAL \$24,218.00

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Literature and supplies sales	15,781.00
Dues	937.00
Co-Laborer Fund	3,000.00
Headquarters Furnishings Fund	500.00
Postage	1,000.00
Special Gifts, increased maintenance cost, office moving expense, rent, Provision Closet, etc.	3,000.00

TOTAL \$24,218.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Cleo Pursell
Mrs. Rufus Coffee
Mrs. Hubert Sloan

Editor's Note: This budget was approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee submit the following recommendations:

1. That we give a personal gift of twenty-five (\$25.00) to each of our missionary convention speakers: Rev. Bill Jones and Rev. Wade Jernigan, and fifteen dollars each (\$15.00) to missionary devotional leaders: Mrs. Geraldine Waid and Miss Eula Mae Martin.

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2. That an honorarium of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be given the recording secretary for transcribing the minutes.

3. Whereas we do not provide an honorarium for our convention president, we recommend that we pay her convention room expense and meals.

4. That we pay our pro-rated cost of the new headquarters building plus operational expense (total \$2,055.00 per year).

5. That the proposed budget be adopted.

6. That we make available for sale Devotional Missionary Prayer Kits.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Chairman
Mrs. JoAnn Hurst
Mrs. June Rolan

Editor's Note: All recommendations were adopted.

SPONSORED THE PURCHASE OF AN ORGAN

Grant Ave. F.W.B. Auxiliary held a very impressive installation service for the new officers at the last meeting. The theme, "At Calvary", was conducted by Delma Branson.

The Lord has blessed our Auxiliary the past year. We have had several new members enlisted. We have supported missions and directed several benevolent activities. We also sponsored the purchase of an organ which is a great blessing to the services of our church.

We are planning and looking forward to a large crowd attending the State Association here at Grant Avenue in August.

Dorcas Weisman
Corres. Sec.

"FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS"

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met at the church on July 21 for their monthly meeting. There were 17 members and 5 visitors present. We had one more to join our Auxiliary. The meeting was opened by our president, Helen Underwood. We sang a song and had prayer led by Sis. Finis Johnson. Our scripture lesson was read by the president. Then our business session was held.

Following the business meeting was our program and a special song, "Faith Of Our Mothers", by Phyllis Miller. We were dismissed by prayer and refreshments were served in the church dining room.

WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the readers of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and all others who are interested in the cause of Christ to attend the Missouri State Ass'n when it convenes at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri August 18th. This will no doubt be another time of Christian fellowship; Spiritual inspiration, and a time when our hearts will be challenged to greater service for the Master, so make a special effort to attend this the 51st session of the Missouri State Association.

We can surely say with Paul as recorded in 1st Cor. 16-9, "For a great door, and effectual is opened unto us, and there are many adversaries."

And we can be assured of success as long as we are in the will of God, 1st John 4-4. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

Shall we see you in Springfield August 18-20.

Yours in Christ,
O. T. Allred

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Macedonia, Indian Creek	98.19
Monett	106.86
Berkley	181.28
	<u>\$1,755.02</u>
South Side St. Louis	140.00
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TOTAL DISBURSED	<u>\$1,895.02</u>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
ENTERTAINMENT MONIES
RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATIONS

Indian Creek	\$120.82
St. Francis	150.00
Madison Co.	105.00
St. Louis District	130.00
Laclede Co. Ass'n.	50.00
Liberty	200.00
First Mission Ass'n	200.00
Niangua Ass'n	50.00
Cavesprings Ass'n	80.87
Central Western Mo. Ass'n	111.66
Northeast Mo. Ass'n	133.30
Total paid through Mo. Treasury	<u>\$1,331.65</u>
Greater Kansas City District (contributed directly)	110.00
Total amount received & paid out to July 31, 1964	<u>\$1,441.65</u>

August, 1964

GLEANINGS

THE FROM

FIELDS



Rev Charles Black

The Rev. Charles Black has resigned the Oak Grove Church in Arkansas to go into the full time evangelistic field. If anyone is interested in contacting him concerning revivals, may do so by writing to: Rev. Charles Black, 309 1/2 East Cleveland, Monett, Missouri or calling Belmont 5-3447.

TEEN WEEK AT YOUTH CAMP

The teen week of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp turned out to be a very successful week. There were eight first time decisions, twenty-seven rededications, two called into some field of full time Christian service, two called to be missionaries and two young men, one from Grant Avenue F. W. B. Church and one from Berkeley, answered the call to the ministry. The Rev. Ted Davis, pastor of Joplin Church was the evangelist.

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ANOTHER CHURCH IN NEBRASKA

Beatrice, Nebraska -- Rev. Harry E. Staires, Vice Chairman of the National Home Missions Board directed the organizational service for the First Free Will Baptist Church here June 3, 1964. Rev. R. E. Pixley delivered the sermon. Nebraska State Missionary, Lewis Perry, will supervise the work for the next six months and the National Board will contribute \$900 to this project. The church has purchased property and adopted the name First Free Will Baptist. There were 18 charter members of the new congregation, and Brother LeRoy Morrow was elected pastor. Other ministers present were Reverend Gilbert Pixley and Reverend L. C. Crowder. The church is located at 901 North 7th Street, Beatrice, Neb.

Rev. H. E. Willis, General Director

PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. Frank Giunta, pastor of the Northside F. W. B. Church in St. Louis has resigned his church. His future plans are indefinite.

GOD STILL BLESSING CHURCH AT RICHWOODS, MISSOURI

On June 1st we began our daily vacation bible school with Sister Dortha Vannoy as our director.

We had 39 children enrolled and perfect attendance except one day.

Our children worked and studied very hard along with the teachers. Everyone enjoyed the presence and blessings of God in the school every day.

We had our program at the end of the school on Friday night. We had as visitors the Ken Apple Trio of Nashville, Tenn. and Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo of the Aulsberry Chapel Church of Boone Terre, Missouri. At the end of the program the trio rendered many beautiful numbers and

Bro. and Sister Burpo sang "I Want To Meet Him". The children's work was seen by all. Each one felt it was good to be in the house of God.

On Sunday, June 21, our pastor and wife drove to the Youth Camp to take 6 of our pre-teens and the sponsor for the pre-teen session. All came back with a good report of a wonderful time in the Lord.

The Lord is so good to us at Richwoods.

Several of our Young People have been saved and baptized and added to the church recently.

We thank the Lord for sending Rev. Askern and family to us. Rev. Askern has been doing a good job for the Lord and he and his family are faithful to the cause in this community.

We are planning a home coming and all day service on September 6th. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord on that day. We will be expecting you.

Alton, Mo.
June 28, 1964

Dear Bro. Hill,

We, the Alton church, would like to share with the Gem readers some of the things that have been a real blessing to our church.



Alton Church D. V. B. S. group,
Alton, Missouri
Free Will Baptist Gem



Alton Church D.V.B.S. giving pledge to flag and bible bearers.

Left-Stevie Wallace, center - Vicki Simpson, right - David Anderson.

Under the leadership of the Lord and our good pastor, Rev. Millard Ehrhardt, our church has truly advanced.

We have just completed a very successful Vacation Bible School. The theme of our study was, "Making time count for Christ". Our leader was Sister Ruth Thompson. We had an average attendance of 55 pupils, with 15 teachers and help-

ers. Secretary was Carol Wright, pianist was Judy Bales. Beginners teachers and helpers were: Margie Parrott, Mildred Wallace and Jeannie Anderson.

Primary helpers and teachers: Cecile Ehrhardt, Glenda Simpson, Beatrice Frey, and Barbara James. Junior: Bertha Wright, Gladys Combs, Vida Turner and Irene Chronister.

Intermediate: Bertha Williams, Nell Little, Helen Spencer and Ethel Holmes.

The Junior class averaged the highest attendance of 22. We had children from the various churches in attendance.

The last day of the school the church treated the pupils with a picnic, which they enjoyed so much.

The pictures enclosed were made the night of our commencement. We had a good crowd that night and all enjoyed the services and viewed the hand work that we did during our V.B. School.

Today (June 28) Bro. and Sister Ehrhardt have taken two of our young ladies to Niangua to spend the week in Youth Camp, Carol Wright and Karen Ehrhardt.

We certainly enjoy the Gem, Bro. Hill, you are doing a wonderful job as Editor. May the Lord richly bless you.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Alton F.W.B. Church
Barbara James, Clerk

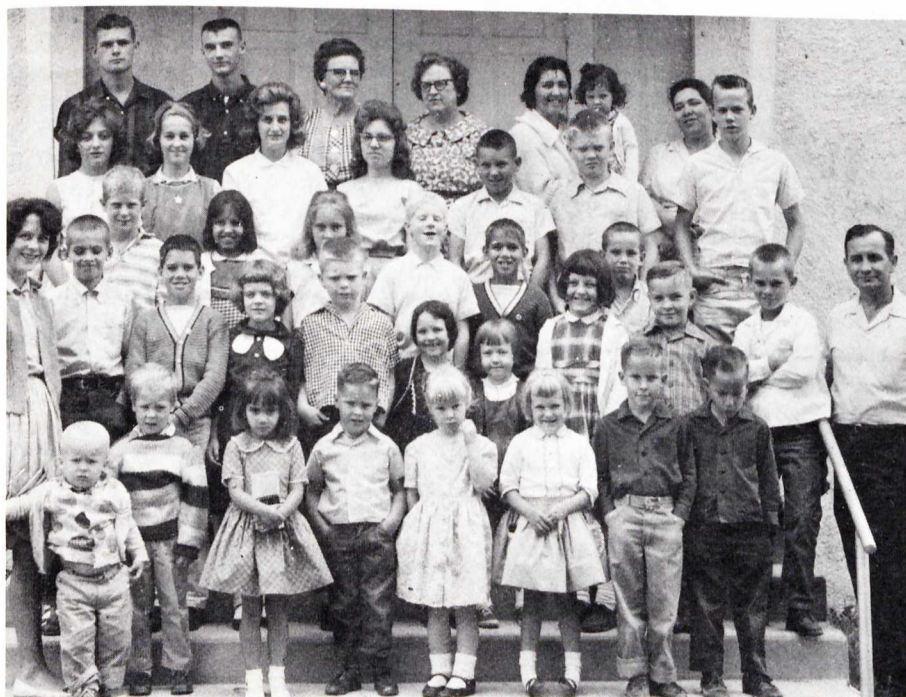


Rev. William Buster

I have resigned as Missionary for the State Home Mission Board of Illinois, pending the completion of my work in Elgin. I will be available for a pastorate or Evangelistic work the first part of September.

I may be reached at 124 W. Maple St., Hartford, Illinois, phone 254-9820.

Rev. Wm. Buster



D.V.B.S. group at Merl's Chapel church near Cassville.

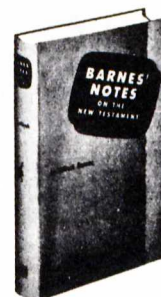
Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church had a successful Bible school the first of June.

Rev. Otho Boyd, pastor and Bob Black, Page 9

superintendent. There were 44 enrolled which was the biggest enrollment in several years.

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PROGRAM OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 18-20

HOST CHURCH

GRANT AVENUE FREE WILL BAPTIST
1060 SOUTH GRANT
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

THEME:

"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

TUESDAY EVENING - AUGUST 18

7:30Worship in Song
7:45 Convening of the Session
Rev. Chesley Hill
..... Welcome to Springfield
Rev. Theo Kessel
8:00 ... Welcome to State Association
Rev. Dale Jones
Response.....Rev. C. H. Burton
8:10 Moderator's Message and Appoint-
ment of Committee on Committees
..... Rev. O. T. Allred
8:20 Special Music

Keynote Message: "Forward with
Christ in Evangelism"
..... Rev. O. T. Dixon
9:00 Benediction

Fellowship in church basement, with the
youth of host church serving light
refreshments.

"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

WEDNESDAY MORNING - AUGUST 19

9:00 Devotional
Rev. Leland Horton
9:10 Credential Committee's Report
Corresponding Letters Received
Seating of Corres. Messengers
Report of Committee on Committees
9:55 Adjourn for Woman's Aux. Program

"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

WEDNESDAY EVENING - AUGUST 19

In Charge - Rev. J. E. Raper

7:30 Time to Sing
Special Music
8:00 Message
"Forward with Christ in Total
Commitment"
Rev. Homer Willis
8:40 Benediction
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"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

THURSDAY MORNING - AUGUST 20

9:00..... Devotional
Rev. Cletis Nichols
9:15 Business Period
Report of Statistician
Report of General Board
Report of the Youth Camp Board
Report of State Treasurer
Report of State Promotional
Secretary ...Rev. Harry Beatty
Report of Business Committee
10:5010 minute recess
11:00 .. In charge - Rev. Davie Combs
Let's Sing
Special Music
11:20 Message
"Forward with Christ in Total
Dedication"
Rev. Teddy Davis
12:00 Adjourn for Lunch

"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

THURSDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 20

1:30 Devotional
Rev. Homer Smith
1:45 Business Period
Report of the Business Committee
Report of the Superannuation Board
Report of the Missions Committee
Report of the Obituary Committee
Report of the Placement Comm.
Report of the Publications Comm.
Report of the State Sunday School
and League Board
Report of the Nominating Comm.
4:30 Adjourn

"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

THURSDAY EVENING - AUGUST 20

In Charge - Rev. Harry Beatty

7:30 Worship in Song
Special Music
8:00 Message
"Forward with Christ in Holy Living"
8:40 Benediction

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Leona Holt, Martha Coffman,
& Oma Scott, Mtn. Grove 3.00
Mr. Lee R. Collins, Springfield 2.00
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton 70.00
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge 65.00
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FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

MISSOURI

JUNE, 1964

WNAC, Nashville \$ 122.01
First FWB Church, Joplin 25.59
Mr. L. E. Means,
Willow Springs 2.00
Bethel FWB Church,
West Plains 27.36
Garfield FWB Church, Couch 21.50
FWB Church, Berkeley 102.47
Central FWB Church,
Kansas City 12.50
Northeast Mo. Youth Rally,
Kirksville 11.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold 100.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings 10.00
Parkview FWB Church,
Desloge 40.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre 30.00
Beulah Midgett, St. Louis 50.00
FWB Church, Bessie Yeley 5.00
Circle, Monett, Mo. 40.04
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown
Willmathsville Sunday School,
Greentop 35.18
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton 70.00
Willow Springs FWB Church,
Mtn. Grove 13.13
Overland FWB Church 16.00
Macedonia FWB Church,
Niangua 5.00
Cooperative Plan of Support 214.08
Missouri State Association 22.00
Lillian Moore, St. Louis 25.00
Pleasant Hill FWB Church,
Thayer 3.40
Leona Holt, Mtn. Grove 3.00
South Side FWB Church,
St. Louis 160.40
First FWB Church,
Fredericktown 40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold,
Florissant 15.00
Myrl Stovall, Arnold 2.00
Timberlane FWB Church,
Kansas City 15.00
Leadington FWB Church,
Leadington 131.70
Anna Lincoln, Flat River 1.00

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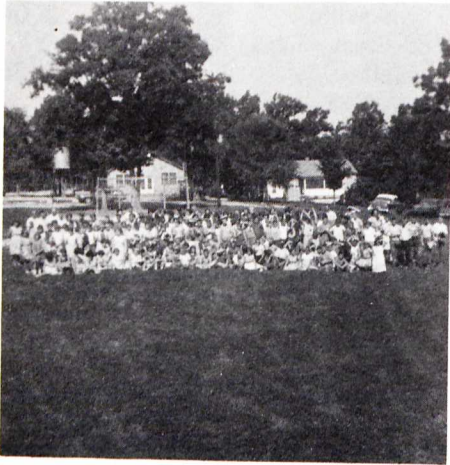
HOME MISSION OFFERINGS		Grant Ave. FWB Young		Graysville FWB DVBS,	
MISSOURI		Adults, Springfield		Greentop	
Overland FWB Church,		Co-op, Hqts.	5.00	Miss Wanda Ussery, Belton	30.00
St. Louis	\$ 25.00	First FWB League, Monett	118.12	L. R. Riggs, Jennings	1.00
New Prospect S. S.,		Marie Sutton, St. Louis	4.00	First FWB Youth Group,	10.00
Long Lane	83.72	New Prospect S. S., Buffalo	30.00	Kirksville	2.00
Leadington FWB Church	52.50	Willow Springs FWB Church,	16.26	VBS Granby FWB Church,	
First FWB Youth Group,		Mtn. Grove	29.44	Stella	2.26
Kirksville	2.00	Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	31.04	Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Means,	
First FWB Church,		Merl's Chapel Church,		Willow Springs	2.00
Fredericktown	20.00	Cassville	14.73	Faith FWB Woman's Aux.,	
Southside FWB Church	59.80	First FWB Church, Monett	30.96	Lemay	5.00
Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool	5.00	GTA of First FWB Church,		WNAC, Hqts.	5.00
Belton FWB Church	40.00	Kirksville	3.00	Total Receipts	\$627.83

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

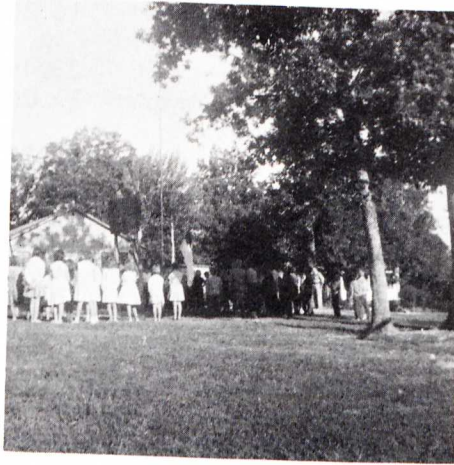
The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church.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

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

YOUTH CAMP IN PICTURES



First week group.



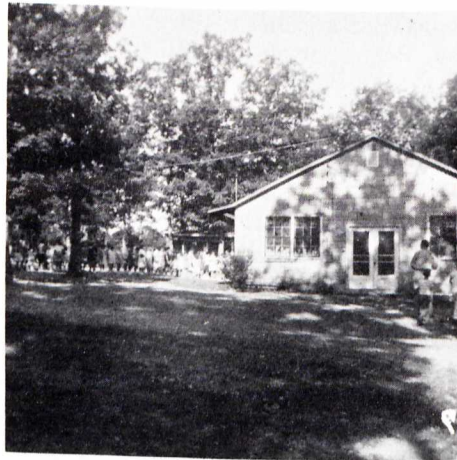
Time to say the pledges.



Ball playing time at camp.



Hit that birdie!



Lining up for chow time.



One of the most important places at camp --the kitchen. And a preacher waiting as usual.



Night services during teen session.
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Waiting to get a snack at the snack shop.



Vesper time.
Free Will Baptist Gem

BY REV. ROBERT HILL
Richmond, Virginia
(Former Missouri Pastor)

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"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." I Cor. 9:25

The television camera has brought the ancient Olympian games into the living room of most American homes. For the first time, we are beginning to understand just as did the Corinthians of old, Paul's spiritual application of these Olympics. One of the most famous of the Greek athletic festivals was held near the city of Corinth. Paul must have been present at some of these games. I can imagine how his heroic soul thrilled at the exhibition of fitness and physical strength.

When he began to inquire into the preparation that these young men had to go through he found that there was a long period of training, consisting in temperate living, regular and clean habits, and arduous exercise. He learned that the crown of the victor was not easily won, that it was not won merely because he was endowed with good lungs and a strong body. It involved sacrifice, self-denial, and hard work.

Actually, discipline is necessary for every department of life, whether it be athletics or business or professional life. One must keep fit physically and mentally and live up to the rules of the game. So it is in the Christian life. Paul points to the athlete and says, "He is temperate in all things."

The word temperance has been narrowed down to a fraction of its meaning. To many people it has come to mean only the disuse of alcoholic beverages. But it means a great deal more than that, both in the New Testament and in its present-day dictionary meaning.

The Christian is a temperate man. He is temperate in all his passions and appetites. We frown upon the use of intoxicants, but has not the Bible also something to say about those whose god is their stomach? The Christian is temperate in speech, not only refraining from unseemly and profane language, but also from extravagant and untrue statements. He is temperate in his judgments. Too many Christians are apt to be intemperate in judgment of those who differ from them in belief or practice. In short, he is a Christian gentleman who is temperate in all things.

Temperance also means self-denial. The athlete of the present day cannot use alcoholic beverages nor indulge in rich and indigestible foods. And the Christian, because of his example to others, must often deny himself things not technically wrong, but which would be wrong for him. If there is something that impairs your usefulness or your health, you must deny yourself to that extent. If there is something that is hindering the best development of your powers, or something that tends to draw you away from things that are true and pure and of good report, you must deny yourself.

Jesus said: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself." That means let him say "no" to his appetites which might interfere with his discipleship.

The athlete has one purpose in view, and everything was made to serve that one end and aim. Greatly impressed, Paul wrote to the Christians, "So run that ye may obtain." But many so-called Christians are little concerned about their religion. They are neither soldiers "marching as to war," nor athletes "striving for a crown." When life draws toward evening, may God give us the right to say with Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

August, 1964

Announcing: STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE PROGRAM

We're looking for you to be with us at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield for the State Sunday School and League Program. The board has pulled out all the stops and has planned for your profit and pleasure one of its finest programs. Rev. Robert Shank, renowned author of the book "Life in the Son" will be the speaker. You'll want to hear this talented man of God. Mr. Russell Newport from Springfield, who is a choir director in Springfield and an excellent musician, will furnish the special music. A real blessing is in store for you, so plan now to attend.

Recently I had the joy and opportunity to see the new magazine, "Teach 'n Train" published by Free Will Baptist. Ralph Rice is editor, Roger Reeds and Samuel Johnson are the editorial directors. It is for Sunday School Superintendents, teachers, workers, league director and sponsors. It is packed full of many wonderful ideas for one and all. The following article has been taken from the new "Teach 'n Train" magazine to acquaint you with some of its material.

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"P-SCRIPTIONS" THAT SPELL LEAGUE SUCCESS

P eople
P ower
P urpose
P lanning
P articipation
P rogram
P leasure

P EOPLE—Without people your League cannot succeed. You can't train them until they come. Merely making an announcement that there will be League tonight is not enough; you must invite them personally and encourage them till they come and stay. If your League is crippled because you just don't have as many people as you need to do a good job, why not try a good visitation program with each League group sharing in the visiting. You may not have more people because you lack one of the following P's.

POWER—If your Leagues lack power it is probably because we have not put enough prayer into it. No League can be truly effective and powerful if its members are not praying, Bible-reading Christians. In the midst of all our plans, programs and activities, let us not forget to ask the Holy Spirit to be in our midst and do a work of grace.

PURPOSE—Some people never get anywhere because they were not headed

anywhere. Some Leagues aim at nothing and hit it with great success. What are the purposes of your League? Do you know? Fine, but do all the League members know? Are your sights set high enough? We shall never hit higher than we aim in the League.

PLANNING—Every phase of League work must be carefully planned well in advance. Planning pays great dividends. Why be all on edge wondering what is going to happen next? Plan AHEAD.

PARTICIPATION—League is fundamentally different than Sunday School in that each individual is the primary actor, not the teacher. The slogan of the League is, "LEARN TO DO BY DOING!" If there is not adequate opportunity for individual participation, then the League is failing to fulfill its purpose.

PROGRAM—Programs make or break a League. Good programs dissolve many discipline problems and make League an exciting profitable experience. Nothing can substitute for well planned attractive programs.

PLEASURE OR PLEASANTNESS—League should be an enjoyable place. The League hour should be one of the most pleasant hours in the church week. You can encourage this pleasant atmosphere by developing a warm spirit of fellowship. League is a place where the visitor should receive the warmest and most sincere welcome ever. League should be the Smiling Hour where all faces are cheerful because of hearts made glad in the Lord.

You may obtain a copy by writing to:

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Nashville, Tenn.

See you at the State Meeting.

Your Sunday School and League Board Member
Rev. Jesse Webb

WHAT IS CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE?

For some time now leaders in churches throughout our denomination have realized that the image and concept of "League" no

longer has the vitality which is demanded by our present day. The term league has come to be so associated with sports and other secular activities that its meaning is no longer clear. You have probably had the experiences of inviting others to "League" and receiving a blank look of "What is that?" In order to give a new and fresh impetus to the training program of our churches the name Church Training Service is proposed as the new title for the overall youth and training department.

In Detroit at the National Association in 1963, the present National League Board was charged with the responsibility of bringing all of our youth and training activities under one program. Many hours of planning and preparation have been spent since the convention. Many individuals have given of their time to studying the needs in this area and proposing ways and means of meeting the need. The proposed name of Church Training Service is one part of this new thrust in training. An outline of the total program is to be presented at the 1964 National Association which meets in Kansas City, Missouri.

Each age group which is served through the Sunday evening training hour is to have a name of its own and a planned program of achievement. The following are suggested names:

Preschool - Learners for Christ

Primary - Helpers for Christ

Junior - Adventurers for Christ

Junior High - Heralds for Christ

Senior High - Crusaders for Christ

The adult program guide will be called FOCUS, The Training Magazine for Adults.

Manuals are to be written for each group and a guide for achievement as well as organizational material will be included. Plans for weekday meetings in addition to the Sunday evening meetings will be provided.

The literature for each age group will be enlarged to provide guidance for additional activities. The adult training magazine will be increased from the present forty pages to a total of fifty-six pages with the fourth quarter edition of this year, 1964. All of the literature will be enlarged and modified with the first quarter, 1965, publication. Each publication will be given a name that will be appropriate for the age group served.

A program of awards for meeting the goals of achievement is being designed particularly for the youth groups. There will be an outline of projects for every member of the group to attain, and a program of electives to meet the different interest of the young people. The Juniors will have a program for girls and a separate one for boys as relates to week-day activity.

Competitive activities will also have a part in the overall program. There will continue to be such contests as declamation, essay, and Sword Drill. Some changes will be made and other activities are to be added. Each age group will have certain features that are all its own. A program of awards at each level of elimination will be suggested.

Once final plans are laid and approved by the National Association an all out effort will be put forth to enlist every church in a training program. Each church will be challenged to revitalize and enlarge its present program to better meet the local needs for training. You are asked to pray and work to make Christian training available to every born-again child of Jesus Christ. The Church Training Service is one means of accomplishing this objective.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1964
7:45 P.M.

Congregational Singing Rev. Clarence Burton
Special Music Mr. Russell Newport
Convention Address Rev. Robert Shank

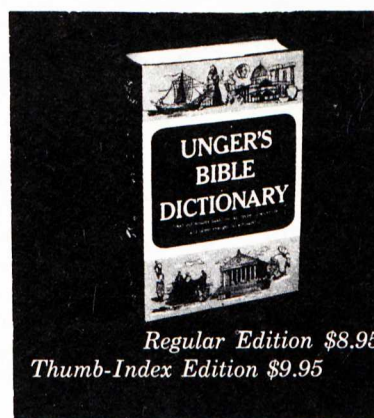
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
9:30 A.M.

Congregational Singing
Prayer
Choruses
Special Music Jo Ann Harral
Devotional James Earl Raper
Choruses
Skit
Sword Drill
Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Fellowship, Flat River	175	181	214	184	182	171	
Leadington	56	74	72				
Farmington	100	110	122	121	132	107	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	50	66	76	75	55		
Berkeley City	289	292	341	282			
Richwoods	48	48	64	55	58	61	
Kirksville	75	85	90	102	92	94	
Grant Ave., Springfield	175	172	198	181	167	178	
Hazel Creek	50	51	58	53	55	46	
Mine La Motte	24	26	31	32	34		
First Ch. Flat River	102	107	120				
Overland Church	145	152	178	172	175		
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	319	327	379	332	333	332	
Desloge	98	110	116	103	115	119	
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	54	54	
Central, Kansas City	79	81	105	105	113	108	
Hannon	54	58	54	56	65		
First Church, Monett	126	139	157	126	123	122	144
Garfield-Couch	45	44	44	42	39		
Salem			31				
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MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association is history. A large delegation was present at the New Harmony Church near Greentop in Northeast Missouri Association for the very first service on Monday evening and a good representation remained through the final worship service on Friday at eleven o'clock. New Harmony Church, the community, and Northeast Association did a fine job in caring for the delegation and thus added to the success of the Association.

The State Sunday School Convention opened on Monday evening with guest speaker, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, bringing the message. Bro. Mooneyham is the National Executive Secretary, now of Nashville, Tennessee. The Convention continued on Tuesday morning. A short business period of hearing and receiving reports was held. The host church presented a pagent that vividly portrayed the coming judgment. So effective was the pagent that by popular demand it was again presented Wednesday evening. Again at eleven o'clock, Rev. Mooneyham delivered another powerful message, with the Sunday School as the central theme. Rev. Rolla Smith was chairman of this convention.

On Tuesday afternoon, the League Convention, under the direction of Rev. Willard C. Day, came together in annual

session. A short business session of receiving reports was held. At the 2:30 hour, Rev. Mooneyham brought a message with the League in emphasis. The Hazel Creek League presented a short playlet with a fine message. Though the convention was rather short, all present enjoyed it and received much help from it.

The Association proper began on Tuesday evening with the clerk calling the assembly to order. The moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, in a short message, outlined our obligation as an association to our God, to one another, to our youth, and to the unsaved. Lively congregational singing and several special numbers dominated the devotional period. Rev. Willard Day delivered the introductory message to the association. His text was II John 7, 8. Bro. Day summarized several things that the Free Will Baptist denomination has been able to lose that has proved a blessing. Conversely, he enumerated many things that we must guard carefully to keep from losing. The message was a blessing to all.

The State Auxiliary Convention commenced with the morning worship service Wednesday. The very fine preaching already enjoyed, continued in this service, as it did throughout the entire session. Rev. James Franklin, pastor of South Side Church in St. Louis, brought the message from Matt. 28:18-20, and challenged us to even greater works from the text "Go ye." We were made aware that as a denomination we can still more effectively carry out this great commission

of the Lord Jesus.

Highlights of the afternoon session of the Auxiliary Convention was the devotional thoughts of Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards around the assigned subject "Challenge of Christian Stewardship." Sis. Edwards summarized that for many Christians it is relatively easy to be good stewards as long as only the material things are concerned; even several Christians become obedient and willing to yield self to conform to the will of God for their lives, but it is noticeably hard for one to be compatable to the will of God to be worked in the life of some loved one, especially when that loved one must sacrifice many of the usual comforts of home and family. Our hearts were indeed solemnized before God.

Committee reports and officers elected will be found in the Auxiliary section of this issue.

Continuing in the worship services, Rev. W. T. Newsome, pastor of the Fredericktown church, brought the Wednesday evening sermon from Luke 5:14, using the subject "Deep." Another fine message was received as we were challenged to not over estimate our ability, but rather follow the direction of the Lord for effective service.

Rev. James Barker, pastor of the St. Louis Third Church and moderator of Southeast Missouri Association, was the speaker Thursday morning. Your editor was busy in a necessary committee meeting and missed this service. All reports were very favorable, and expressions at the noon hour convince us that the message was timely and well received. We apologize to your and to Bro. Barker for not being able to report more definitely on this message.

Rev. William Buster, evangelist of Thebes, Illinois, brought the message to a large crowd on Thursday evening. Bro. Buster used Matt. 16:24, 25 and Gal. 2:20 for Scripture texts and drew a comparison between living "in" the flesh and "of" the flesh. A spiritual service was enjoyed.

The final message was delivered by Rev. Fred Kirby, pastor of the First Church in Flat River. Rev. Kirby used Matt. 27:26-31 as a Scripture text, and "the robe" as a subject, picturing the "robe" that Jesus would have us exhibit. Although Rev. Kirby had but a few minutes notice to prepare for this service, the Lord blessed and a fine spiritual sermon was enjoyed.

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