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Editor Speaks

Starting in the month of October, all articles or anything pertaining to the publishing of the Free Will Baptist Gem must be in the office at 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis 11, Mo. by the 15th of each month in order to be placed in the next month's issue. The reason for this change is that we can get the Gem out by the first of each month instead of the middle or last of the month. Remember the 15th of the month. This will take effect beginning with the November issue.

Promotional Secretary's Corner

The month of August has really been a busy month in the Lord's work. I attended seven yearly meetings in seven local associations, and the Missouri State Association which Pastor Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey and the Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church hosted; the Central Western Missouri Association early in August where I was privileged to bring the evening message on Thursday in which one soul was saved. The North Western Association convened with Union Third Fork, Free Will Baptist Church near St. Joseph, Mo. Five fine youth were saved following the sermon Friday morning. This association is small in number, never the less a real challenging field for our Free Will Baptist denomination. Rev. John McKown is the pastor of

Union Third Fork Church.

Saturday, August 1, I attended the Ozark Yearly Meeting at Cross Road Free Will Baptist. This association isn't a member of Missouri State Association, however the Cross Road Church recently built a new building at the same site of the original church. They reported souls saved during the past year and kindly invited me to bring one of the gospel messages during this session. Pastor Otho Boyd and Merle's Chapel Church entertained Indian Creek Association August 5-6 with a real good harmonious business session, spiced with good spiritual preaching services between sessions.

Niangua Yearly Meeting met with Baily Chapel Church near Plad, Mo. August 6-7. Delegates were present from each of their six local churches. Time was given for our Missouri Promotional Program.

Rev. Gene Rogers and the Mt. Grove Church hosted the First Mission Association August 6-7. This is the second largest association in Missouri State Association. They too had a real good session and lots of gospel singing and preaching. Time was also granted for our

State Promotional Work. The South East Missouri Yearly Meeting, composed of three district meetings, met August 8-9 with the Fredericktown Church. Reports from each church indicate we are moving forward here in this section and souls being saved. Most of our churches in this section maintain a full time pastor and full time services.

Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of First Mission Association and Pastor O. T. Dixon royally entertained the fifty-first session of Missouri State Association August 17 thru 21. This was one of the best meetings in every respect that I have ever attended. You ought to have been there to listen to some of the best gospel singing and preaching on the face of the earth delivered by our own Free Will Baptist ministers and singers. Many of the suggested goals for our work were reached last year plus the extra given to help entertain the National Association held in Kansas City, Missouri.

I visited revivals now in progress in which each have experienced new converts: West Plains, Evangelist Rev. Shield from Indiana, Pastor Davie Combs; Gardner, Pastor and Evangelist Edward Ruble; Liberty Free Will Baptist near Lebanon, Pastor Elvin Sawyer, Evangelist Cliff Bowman.

August 29th the Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting convened with Jefferson City First Church in their new location, 411 Ashley St., Jefferson City, Mo.

I was glad to give Pastor Sawyer who has been on the sick list the past week a helping hand and bring the Sunday morning message at Liberty Church.

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GODS TIME TO MAN

and

HOW TO GO

Rev. Fred Marler, Pastor
Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church
Ava, Missouri

Text: Joshua 3:4 - "For ye have not passed this way heretofore."

Now after the death of Moses, the servant of God, it came to pass that the Lord spoke unto Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses minister saying: "Arise and go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel." Joshua was a man of courage and efficient leadership and the Lord promised to be with him. He said: "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." God's promise never fails. The good Lord was with the children of Israel, so He will be with us as we face our journey through life. We don't know what is ahead of us as Christians, neither did the children of Israel know, but they were willing to follow the word of God. So, if we will follow the words of God and ask ourselves: "What would Jesus do?" We too will receive the same promise. They knew the past and we know the past but God said in Philippians 3:13-14: "forgetting these things which are behind and reaching forth to these things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The children of Israel forgot the past of the journey in the wilderness, they looked in great faith to the land of Canaan and obeyed Joshua's command. All they knew about their new land was what Joshua had told them of God's promise. God's promise is the same today; He promised to be with us unto the end, if we will obey His command. There is great joy to the Christian on life's journey here, for as Romans 8:28 says: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

The Lord will do wonders for all who are sanctified in His name and have faith, hope and charity, which is love, on this journey of life.

We need more faith to launch out and rely on the power of God. So let us have more faith and hear the words of the Lord September, 1964

your God; for faith is the ultimate victory for all who trust in the Lord.

Hope is a strong rock of our foundation. Hope, blessed hope which looks beyond and takes us through the storms of this life. It will abide with us until we reach our journey's end, where we can eat of the tree of life in the midst of the Paradise of God.

Then there is love, the greatest of all. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." God is love. If we have this love in our heart we have peace with ourselves, peace with God, and peace with our fellowmen. Then we shall have victory every day and until the end of time

when the Lord shall come. The children of Israel won the victory when they crossed over Jordan into the promised land. We need God's love each step of the way, as John 14:1-3 says: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where

I am, there ye may be also." This is indeed a great promise. Jesus said: "I am the way the truth and the life," and no one can gain the victory without love.

God expects us to work for Him; He has given us greater works than the children of Israel. John 14:12-14 says: "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." It isn't our will in this life that brings joy but the Will of our Father. As Matthew 7:21 says: "not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." So let us not be slack in hearing and doing God's will. "It is better to obey than sacrifice," for we have not passed this way heretofore.

FOUR

BASIC

TRUTHS

FOR

YOUNG

PEOPLE

By Ken Riggs

Young people of today are making the headlines. Articles are being written almost every day about them. Most of the articles point up the restlessness and insecurity that prevails among them. They are persuaded to join demonstrations and riot groups. Some, I believe, do join such groups out of ignorance. They have been told that there is a good cause and therefore they eagerly join. Others join simply because "the crowd is doing it." I believe the young people of today honestly desire to help make our country a better place; but I also believe that riots and demonstrations will not make our country such. The only thing that will make our country a better place is a demonstration of a person in society who has been transformed by and through the working of the Holy Spirit. This is the basis for any improvement upon a world, a society, and an individual. Along with a new-birth experience there are four other truths that young people should keep in mind if they want to make an improvement in their society.

I. THE IDEAL OF A CLEAN LIFE - Psalm 119:9 - "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

This is the need of the hour - young people vow to live a clean, pure life. A recent article by a Lutheran Minister stated that 80% of the young people of his denomination had premarital relationship. It has become a custom in some parts of the United States to have sex parties where all boundaries and limitations are lifted. Sex in itself is not sinful, but rather it is ordained of God. But it is dangerous, and sinful, for anyone to misuse the privilege that God has ordained for those, and only those who are married.

Living a pure, clean life involves more than resisting to commit a grave sin. It also involves decency in dress. Here again the standards of America are being

lowered. We are now saying it is alright to swim, and even attend formal gatherings half-dressed. Young lady, you are not living a clean, pure life when you prance around over your community dressed like a native in some far country who has never heard of civilization. A young lady who exposes her body to the public should realize that she is inviting trouble, not ignoring it. Notice that the Psalmist answered his own question. "How shall a young man cleanse his ways?" He then answers, "By taking heed according to thy word." What does the Bible say about being clean and pure? The Bible states that we are to be examples of the believers in purity.

Young people, even though you don't realize it now, those of your same age will admire you if you will stand up for convictions, and I'll admit the hard part is living up to them. You know from personal experience that you admire that person who does not follow the crowd. Live a clean life.

II. THE CERTAINTY OF JUDGMENT - Ec. 11:9

So many times when we hear a sermon about the judgment of God, we say to ourselves, "That's for mother and dad, not me." But is that true? In the Book of Ecclesiastes we are told that the young person will be in judgment, too. In Ec. 12:14 we read: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." God knows all the secret things that we do. He knows when we slipped off and smoked that cigarette when dad told us not to; he knows when we steal that little item when "the coast was clear." You, as a young person, will be judged and sentenced for your sins, unless you ask Jesus Christ to stand in your place, and the only way He will stand in your place is to live in your heart.

III. THE POWER OF PERSONAL INFLUENCE

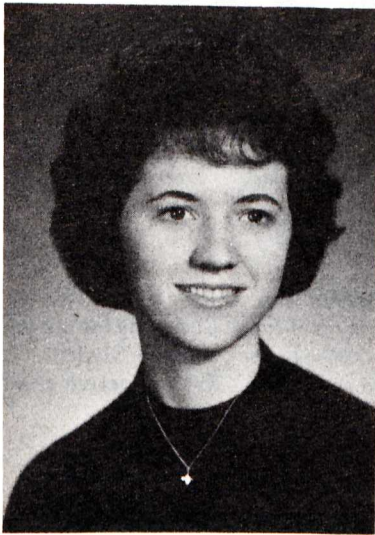
Personal influence is a powerful weapon. This is why a lot of teenagers get into trouble. The power of the crowd and the desire to be accepted draw them. This is why it is so important to get with the "right crowd." I am convinced that some boys start smoking just because a famous athlete does or some other celebrity. It's only natural to be wanted and popular, but don't substitute popularity for moral convictions. Have you ever thought what would happen if all the Christians would do as much to influence sinners as sinners do to influence Christians? In just a few years we could again have a Christian America. Sure, it's rough to influence others to accept Christ, but they want you to do it. They won't tell you that, but they do. You are what you are today because of the influence of somebody else. If this be true, doesn't it logically follow that I should be careful whom I let influence me? You know how to influence. How did you get that girl to accept a date with you? How did you get that boy to ask you? This is the power of personal influence.

IV. MORAL STRENGTH IS MIGHTIER THAN PHYSICAL

The strongest man in the world is not someone with a brilliant physique and protruding muscles. The strongest man is that man whose morals and convictions are centered in Christ. That man has the literal power and potential to turn the world upside down. Paul says to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Look at David. He was a little chap fixing to fight a nine foot giant. But what happened? He was strong in the Lord and defeated Goliath. You can defeat those giant mountains of sin and temptation in your life by being strong in the Lord. Just remember, any fish can flow down stream, but it takes someone with a strong back and determination, which the Lord gives, to go up stream and battle against the currents.

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OUR YOUTH SPEAKS



DRUCILLA SHORT

My Testimony

MY TESTIMONY

I feel the Lord has led me to go to Bible College because as a Christian it is my duty to learn more about God, fellowship with Christians and learn to lead the unsaved to Christ. II Timothy 2:15 tells me to study God's word and apply it to my life. By going to Bible College I will have more of an opportunity to do this. The Bible stresses many times the need of Christian fellowship. In Nashville I will get the foundation and training for my life from the Christian atmosphere. When one speaks of leading an unsaved to Christ I think of Christ's command in Acts 1:8 to teach and witness to the unsaved.

These reasons and the leading of the Lord are the reasons I am going to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Drucilla Short
Joplin Free Will Baptist Church
Active in all church activities,
youth choir and Y. P. A.

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The Choice We Must Make

In Deuteronomy the 30th chapter and 19th verse we read that God said to the children of Israel, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life that both thou and thy seed may live."

The great events in our lives today are made by choosing. We choose the school we attend, where we live, how we are going to make our living, the one with which we share our life, and we are also made to make the choice of life and death. This doesn't mean that we can physically say we can live or die, because God only has that power. Spiritually we have the choice of living in light and having God rule our lives or being sinners and living in darkness.

Joshua made his choice of life when he said to the children of Israel, "Choose you this day who you will serve, but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15). The great trouble with God's people in Joshua's time was that they made the wrong choice, as many people do today. They were more interested in other things than God's love.

Today each one of us is either choosing life in Christ or death in worldliness; Jesus says He is the way to life and that there is no other way. (John chapter 14.) Jesus says the easy, aimless life is the way to destruction, but that the way to life is difficult and by choice. (Matthew 7:13-14.) Jesus tells us that it is impossible to serve two masters, for we will love one and hate the other. In these troubled times God is saying to you and I, the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow, that we must make a choice. To have the victory over the rising problems of the world we must be sure that that choice is the right one.

Let us look to God for his will and guidance over our lives so we can have that victory. It is ours if we will claim it.

Carol Wright
Alton Free Will Baptist Church
Alton, Missouri

Let's Face Facts

"Are you an IN or OUT teenager?"

OUT: Pop Corn & Soda Pop
IN: Pretzels & Beer

OUT: Christian Get-togethers
IN: Wild Parties
OUT: Straight home after dates
IN: Parking & Petting
OUT: Good Health
IN: Smoking
OUT: Good English
IN: Swearing
OUT: Sunday Worship
IN: Worldly Amusements
OUT: Respecting Parents
IN: Disobedience
OUT: Ten Commandments
IN: Ten ways to be bad
OUT: Being an Individual
IN: Following the Crowd
OUT: Original Hair-Do's
IN: Anything!!!!
OUT: Decent Apparel
IN: UNBELIEVEABLE

To some of you this article may seem funny, but just the same it's the FACTS. So, don't feel bad if you're lucky enough to be classified in the OUT category. This is where I'm rated also, and I hope that that's where the majority of the teenage readers are rated too.

Here is a scripture that has helped to classify me as an OUT person. I hope it may somehow be of help to some of you IN teenagers!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Connie Cook
Victory Free Will Baptist
Church



CONNIE COOK

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Send all reports to:
MRS. TED DAVIS
2301 Conn. - Joplin, Mo.

SEPTEMBER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH

Co-Laborers,

As we start a new year, may we claim Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

May our ever look unto higher hills that we can do more this year than ever before.

Once again the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church showed their love with warm hospitality during the State Convention this year.

Mrs. Beatty and all of the state officers did a wonderful job in making our State Convention a success. Rev. and Mrs. Hannah thrilled our hearts with their messages.

In His Service,

Mrs. Peggy Davis



NEW STATE OFFICERS
(As shown in picture left to right)

President, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Mo.; Vice-President, Mrs. Everett Hellard, 811 Taylor, Farmington, Mo.; Sec.-Treas., Miss Hazel Hutsell, 534 W. North St., Mountain Grove, Mo.; Assistant Sec., Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop, Mo.; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Doris Raper, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.; Study Course Chairman (not pictured), Mrs. Jean Williams, 8201 Harvard, Raytown 38, Mo.; Field Secretary, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, 305 E. Sunshine, Springfield, Mo.; Stewardship Prayer, Mrs. Geraldine Edwards, 2724 E. Grand, Springfield, Mo.; Personal Service, Mrs. Tommy Carlson, Route 3, Box 96, Mountain Grove, Mo.; Gem Editor, Mrs. Peggy Davis, 2301 Connecticut, Joplin, Mo.



ATTENTION!

STATE!

PROJECT!

At the State Convention this year we adopted "Pay and Pave The Way" for Hannahs. \$1,500 is the goal. Let's everyone do our part. Our total membership is 500, so each active member should pay \$3.00.

AUXILIARIES REPORTING IN AUGUST

Victory Free Will Baptist, Kansas City
Thayer Free Will Baptist, Thayer, Mo.
Verdella Free Will Baptist, Liberal, Mo.
Fourth Free Will Baptist, St. Louis
Joplin First Free Will Baptist, Joplin

AUXILIARIES REPORTING FOR JULY

Kirkville, First Free Will Baptist
Thayer, Free Will Baptist
Berkeley, First Free Will Baptist
Springfield, Grant Ave. F.W. Baptist
West Plains, Free Will Baptist
Joplin, First Free Will Baptist

SPONSORED THE PURCHASE OF AN ORGAN

Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist 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 Ave. in August.

Dorcas Weisman
Corres. Secretary

School time once again! Women let us pray and thank God daily for our youth.

— Remember, this is Student Loan Fund month! \$1.00 per active member.

ACTIVE FOR THE LORD

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I am enclosing a report of our Y. P. A. that you may use in the Gem.

The Verdella Y. P. A. was organized in July, 1962 with eleven members. At the present we have 17 members; four of these are from the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church and four from the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church. One member comes from a church in Liberal and the remaining eight are from Verdella.

In the past year they have done the following: The girls worked in two sessions of Bible School; visited the older members of our church; had a float in the Lamar and Liberal fairs; sponsored a youth revival; sent New Testaments for Home Missions; sent \$5.00 to each of the following: Rev. Waid Car Fund; Bible College in Tennessee; Youth Camp, and Childrens Home in Tennessee.

They have each selected a missionary family to write.

In July of this year new officers were installed at our regular meeting. Also on August 23 the youth of the Verdella Church had charge of the services for the day.

A fall youth revival is planned and are looking for a good year ahead for the Verdella Y. P. A. Rev. David Pryor of Monnett is the pastor and Mrs. Roger Phillips of Liberal is the sponsor.

Ionita Phillips
Route 2
Liberal, Mo.

P. S. I want to tell you how much I enjoy your page in the Gem. I usually turn and read it first.

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CO-LABORER MOVES AWAY

The Womans Auxiliary meeting for July was held at the Victory Free Will Baptist Church on July 7, 1964.

The meeting was opened by singing "Faith of Our Fathers", followed by "Is Your All on the Altar."

Prayer was led by Eula Payne and scripture reading by Sherry Smith.

After our business meeting topics were given and discussed by Faye Taylor, Mrs. Bailey and Nina Faye Hensley.

Ten members were present with one visitor. We're sorry to report that we will be losing one of our members, Faye Taylor, because of moving to Washington state.

Sherry Smith
Corresponding Secretary
Victory Womens Auxiliary

was wonderful. Sis. Lillian Hovis, the superintendent, did a marvelous job. The teachers and helpers served refreshments at the commencement service on Saturday night. There was a very good turnout of parents. The real blessing came afterwards when three little girls were saved that had attended Bible School.

We were all glad when Sis. Alice Dodson answered her call to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Dismissal prayer by Sister Wilma Dodson and Sis. Almedia Bequette.

Corresponding Secretary
Sis. Jean Willhite

P. S. I just want to let you know that I really enjoy reading the articles on your Woman's Auxiliary page in the Gem.



Mrs. Jo Ann Harriell, soloist for the convention.

PRESSURE COOKER FOR PROVISION CLOSET

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Womans Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on August 11 with seventeen members present. The president, Sister Helen Underwood, opened the meeting and scripture reading was II Timothy 2:2. We sang "What a Friend," and Sister Clara Allen led in prayer.

The roll call was answered with a bible verse pertaining to teaching, as our lesson was "Able to Teach Others." Then the officers reports were given.

The Auxiliary is buying a pressure pan to be put in the Missionary Provision Closet in Nashville, Tenn.

We enjoyed a very interesting program. Following the program we were dismissed in prayer by Sister Ruby Brewer.



Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hannah and children, to India.



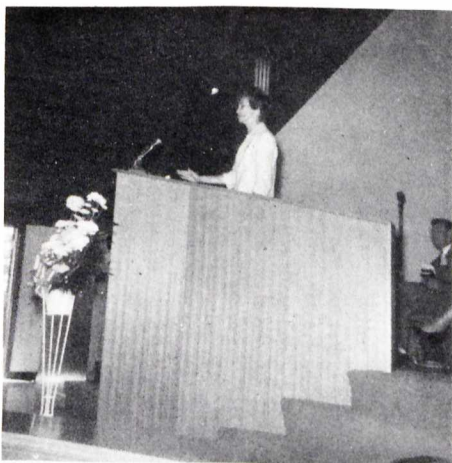
Mrs. Everett Hellard and Mrs. B. Spurgeon taking the Registration.

THREE LITTLE GIRLS SAVED

The Womans Auxiliary of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church met July 14.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Alice McDonald, with the scripture reading. Election of officers were as follows: President, Sis. Jean Willhite; Vice President, Sis. Wilma Dodson; Secretary-Treasurer, Sis. Opal Turnbough; Program Chairman, Sis. Ruby Pendergrass; Youth Chairman, Sis. Hazel Huges; Study Course Chairman, Sis. Mar-iam Willhite; Corresponding Secretary, Sis. Olmedia Bequette; Personal Service Chairman, Wilma Brakfield.

Our report on Vacation Bible School September, 1964



Mrs. O. T. Dixon leading the convention hymn, "My Prayer".



Mrs. Doris Raper presenting Miss Edwards a check for her declamation award.

GLEANINGS

FROM THE

FIELDS

PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Rev. Lloyd Durbin has accepted the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown for another year.

PASTOR RESIGNS CHURCH

We feel that the Lord is directing our return to Missouri which is our home state.

I will be available for pastoral duties as of January, 1965.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George Taylor, Pastor
Linneus F.W.B. Church
Linneus, Maine

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers for the coming year for the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists are: Moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon of Springfield; Assistant Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett and Clerk, Rev. Gene Norris of Flat River, Mo.

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BAPTIZING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett had a very good baptizing with seven following the Lord by being baptized. Those doing so were Dennis Holt, Greg Holt, Elaine Jeffreys, Janet Woodruff, Leslie Carlson, David Jeffreys and Celecia Hill. The Lord blessed this service tremendously.



These are waiting to be baptized.



Bro. Hill baptizing his daughter.

CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS REPORTS PROGRESS

The Meramec Heights Church is happy to report new converts for Christ in their services recently and on July 19 four names were added to the church membership. There was another convert at morning services July 26 and seven candidates presented themselves and were baptized Sunday afternoon by Bro. Stogsdill, assisted by Bro. Waller.

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REPORTS from the STATE MEETING

We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the following scripture for your prayerful study: II Cor. 6: 17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." I Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." I Cor. 10: 31, "whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

2. We recommend that our ministers be living examples and preach against the following evils:

1. Alcoholic beverages
2. Dancing
3. Use of tobacco
4. Card playing
5. Movies
6. Immodest dress
7. Indecent literature
8. Improper use of television
9. Failure to observe the Lord's Day as a day of worship.
10. And all things that would hinder a Christian testimony.

And furthermore we suggest that any minister or laymen who are in doubt concerning any of these items, pray for the leadership of the Lord, and the true convictions of the Holy Spirit.

3. It is our opinion that many of our young people who purchase records of rock and roll singers do not realize that they are being indoctrinated with atheistic and immoral tendencies. We give as example a recent article in Saturday Evening Post, which stated that the Beatles openly professed that they were anti-Christ and boasted of their vulgarity and profanity. We suggest that our young people screen the artist in all record purchases as to their character and content of the music.

James McAllister
Harry R. Asher
James Barker
Frank Guinto
Cletus Nichols

We, your Missions Committee recommend:

1. That each District Association appoint a person who will be responsible to work out various itineraries of the Home and Foreign Missions Boards. This per-
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son will work in cooperation with the Missouri Mission Board to coordinate the missionary services and eliminate conflict of services. We emphasize the need of sending the name of each appointee to the national officers.

2. That, whereas, these services are gladly offered, we urge each church to have at least one missionary service during the coming year. The services of our missionaries may be secured by contacting Rufus Coffey of Foreign Mission Board or Mark Vandervort of Home Mission Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

3. We prayerfully and urgently recommend each church to give consistent monthly support to mission work. This may be implemented by church or individual pledges.

4. That we commend the State Home Mission Board by standing vote of thanks for their untiring efforts in organizing new churches this past church year.

Bob Jones, Chairman
Lucille Beatty
Peggy Davis
Bernice Cantrell
Tommy Carlson

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE

1. Whereas the sale of literature is the only means of support for our Sunday School Department, we recommend that all our Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature published by the National Sunday School Board.

2. We recommend that each pastor stress loyalty to true Free Will Baptist Literature in every phase of our work.

3. We recommend that our churches and people patronize our Missouri State Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Missouri, to secure proper books that are true to the Bible and Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We further recommend that our Book Store make provisions whereby Bible School supplies, etc. may be purchased.

4. We recommend that each pastor send a list of his members names and addresses to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards in order to insure their receiving "Heartbeat" and Mission-grams."

5. We recommend that every church adopt the Church Family Plan for the Free Will Baptist Gem and Contact and that a

special effort be made by every church and pastor to have the Gem in every Free Will Baptist Home in Missouri.

6. We recommend that the Missouri State Association encourage the publication of Study Course books written by Free Will Baptist on such subjects as: Duties of Ushers, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons, Trustees, etc., and for the new convert to faith in Christ.

7. We recommend that all yearly associations be encouraged to promote local church libraries to make better informed people.

Everett D. Hellard
Davie N. Combs
Hubert Harold
Doris Raper
Jessie Webb

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For the Sunday School and Church Training Service Board: 5 year term, Bro. Hubert Harral, to expire in 1969; 3 year unexpired term of Bro. Lawrence Combs, Rev. Eddie Altis.

For the Superannuation Board: 5 year term, Rev. Cletis Nichols; 4 year unexpired term of Rev. Frank Guinto, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys.

For the Youth Camp Board: 5 year term, Rev. Chesley Hill.

For the Home Mission Board: 5 year term, Rev. Leland Horton; 3 year unexpired term of Rev. Robert Wilfong, Rev. Bob Jones; 4 year unexpired term of Rev. W. H. Bostic, Rev. James McAllister.

For Statistician of the Missouri State Association, Miss Leona Thompson.

Rev. Harry Asher resigned from the Home Mission Board after the partial report. This created a 1 year unexpired term to be filled. Our nomination for this 1 year unexpired term on the Home Mission Board is Rev. Everett Hellard.

Officers: For Moderator of the Missouri State Association, Rev. O. T. Dixon; For Vice Moderator of the Missouri State Association, Rev. R. B. Spurgeon; For Clerk of the Missouri State Association, Rev. Gene Norris.

General Board Members: From Cave Springs Association, a 2 year term, Rev. E. E. Simpson; From Central Western Association, a 2 year term, Rev. Glen Rehkop; From Laclede County Association, To Page 16

" TO GOD BE THE GLORY,

GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE."

By A. L. McFarland

Recently concluded at Springfield, Missouri was the fifty-first session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Highlighting the session was spiritual preaching, sound business and sweet fellowship.

Your State Sunday School and Church Training Service Board was in charge of the program on Monday night and through Tuesday noon. The Rev. Robert Shank, renowned author of the book "Life in the Son", challenged our hearts with a stirring message. Tuesday morning was a busy time with many and varied things on the program. The skit, "A Junior Boy for Sale", was impressive. True, the devil bids for our young folk today, the world displays its allurements to snare our boys and girls, so the Church needs to bid high to enlist them into the service of Christ.

We're glad to report an increase in participation in our State Sword Drill. This year we had eleven Juniors and Intermediates from across the state competing against each other. Let me say "thank you" to all of those who participated, and God bless you for your increased interest in "studying to shew yourselves approved unto God." Here are the names of those who participated, plus those who won the respective first, second and third places. From the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville, winning the first place trophy, was Miss Joyce Thomas. Winning second place, a free trip to the youth camp, was Gary Matthews from the Beacon Church in Kansas City. Third place winner, taking home the Cambridge Bible was Randy McFarland from South Side Church in St. Louis. Dwight Carter from the Beacon Church in Kansas City placed fourth. The other contestants were Dennis Climer, First Church in Springfield; Tim Eaton from Joplin Church; Steve Ford from Joplin Church; Nancy

Horton from First Church in Kirksville; Delila Mason from First Church in Mountain Grove; Rickey Riley from Hazel Creek Church; and Carol Smith from First Church in Springfield.

Next year we hope to have a Junior, plus an Intermediate Sword Drill, with awards for both groups. Now would be the time for your Juniors and Intermediates to begin thinking about entering our 1965 State Sword Drills.

Our Board is happy to welcome our new Board member, Rev. Eddie Altis. We're happy, too, to have our name changed from the State Sunday School and League Board to the State Sunday School and Church Training Service Board. We're happy, too, to be charged with the implementation of our new National Youth Program here in our state. This is not only our burden, but also our happy desire, to see our long neglected youth considered as very, very important people. Just what type of program our State Board will promote is yet unknown. We feel however, that we will work closely with our National Church Training Service Board on this program.

We want to thank each church for your direct gifts to the Board through your reports. Many churches did not report, therefore our Sunday School and League statistics were not accurate. Next year when your Pastor and your Church Training Service Director receives a report, won't you please be expedient in getting it filled out and returned to us.

Our next scheduled Board meeting will be in St. Louis, Missouri at the South Side Church on November 14. If you have any questions, or suggestions, contact any member of our Board prior to this meeting. Our present Board members are as follows: James E. Raper, Chairman, Albert L. McFarland, Jesse Webb, Hubert Harral, Eddie Altis.

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Also to be with Pastor Virgil Maness at Salem Church Sunday night and bring the message there. I request prayer for each of these churches and pastors.

Thanks again for another good year in Missouri, made possible by your cooperative efforts. Please write for your 1965 Book Store catalogue. Mail all correspondence and orders to 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis 63111 Missouri.

Harry Beatty

AUGUST, 1964

Farmington	\$ 113.05
Overland	125.16
Grant Avenue	76.47
Kansas City Central	69.00

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Cuba F.W.B.C.	27.10	Conway Calvery F.W.B.C.	50.00
Fellowship	75.00	Niangua Quarterly Meeting	17.01
Faith, St. Louis	40.66	Fellowship	75.00
Bethel	32.34		
Berkeley	164.00	Total Receipt	\$1,780.20
South Side, St. Louis	103.12		
Park View	80.75	Disbursed:	
Carterville	13.16	55% National Ass'n of	
Beacon	82.50	F.W.B. Mo. Sunday	
Rock Chapel	42.54	School and Christian	979.11
Verdella	83.68	1% Training service de-	
Lebanon, First	200.00	partments	17.80
Blue Eye	19.00	3% Mo. Youth Camp	53.41
Mill Creek S.S.	12.80	4 1/2% Gem	80.10
Monett	104.63	8% General Fund	142.42
Hannon	37.15	8 1/2% Mo. Missions	151.32
Thayer	53.60	20% Mo. Promotional	
Copper Mines	41.82	Department	356.04
Mine La Motte	12.06		
Hickory Grove	18.60	Total Disbursed	\$1,780.20
Oak Grove	10.00		

Free Will Baptist Gem

MEETING THE CHALLENGE IN THE LAND OF OLD MEXICO

August, 1964

Dear Friends:

Greetings once again in the lovely name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless each of you in our prayer.

This month has been a very busy time for us. We finished all the D.V.B. Schools. All the churches report very good attendance and very good interest. As the time draws nearer for the Convention and the new school year we are having to work extra hard to finish the buildings.

Many of you have asked if we plan to move out to the new property this year. The answer is YES. We are painting the buildings now. We lack ceilings and some of the buildings lack finished flooring, but we will use them the way they are this year. The convention which convenes September 4-6 will be held at the new property. Then on September 8 the new school term begins.

The buildings we have are: Two offices, a girls dorm that will house 18 girls, a boys dorm that will house 22 boys, a

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964

	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.
Fellowship, Flat River	214	184	182	171	158		
Leadington	72						
Farmington	122	121	132	107	110		
Liberty-Phillipsburg	76	75	55				
Berkeley City	341	282	254	260			
Richwoods	64	55	58	61			
Kirksville	90	102	92	94			
Grant Ave., Springfield	198	181	167	178	183		
Hazel Creek	58	53	55	46			
Mine La Motte	31	32	34	29	30		
First, Flat River	120						
Overland Church	178	172	175	160	142		
First, Mtn. Grove	379	332	333	332	320		
Desloge	116	103	115	119	109		
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	73	62	63	69			
Union Light	93	104	112		112		
First, Springfield	234						
Sunnyview Church	71	50	54	54			
Central, Kansas City	105	105	113	108	107		
Hannon	54	56	65	59	65		
First, Monett	157	126	123	122	144	141	
Garfield-Couch	44	42	39				
Victory	124	102	107	101			
First, Fredericktown	177	156	155	141	150		
Copper Mines	96	89	100	93	93		
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	30	37	44	40	36		
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	80						
Twin Oaks Church	57	53	62	68	61		
West Plains	173	179	173	173			
Cuba	63	82	74				
Southside	208	178	184				
First, Lebanon			70	78	74	81	
Myrtle Church	76	72	72	74			
Mt. Pisgah							
Joplin	88	81	98	89	96		
Grace Church	161	151	149	129	119		

September, 1964

large kitchen and dining hall, the Goshen building that will house two of the teachers, and two rooms for classrooms. We also have the chapel building, this was on the property when we bought it. The other classes will be held wherever we can find place. We truly thank, first of all God, then you, who have so wonderfully responded to the building project. If you have not yet responded, there is still plenty of time. Many more buildings are needed, also bathrooms, sidewalks. May God bless you as you pray and give to the cause of Christ.

We trust many of you will attend the Convention. We will have the dedication of the property at the convention. We are so proud of what God has done, we would like for you to share the joy with us. Now read the following very carefully. This is how to find our place: As you get into Monterrey, get on the Mexico City highway #85, follow the highway on out of the town as if going to Mexico City or Tampico; when you have driven about 8 miles start looking for a sign, you can't miss it. "Instituto de Oro, Bautista de Libre Albedrio", which means in English "Institute of God, Free Will Baptist". Turn left and follow signs, it is about one city block.

Please don't worry about a place to stay, we live just next to the school, we have lots of room and the school has plenty of room. We feel sure that you will enjoy the good fellowship the 3 days. The theme for the convention will be "Be Thou Faithful". Now if you plan to come and feel like you will need help in finding the place just let us know and we will meet you in town. The church address is: Amecameca 250 Colonia Buenos Aires. Just get any taxi driver to take you to this address or you can send us a letter ahead of time and we will make arrangements with you personally to meet you somewhere. We do not live in Monterrey any more, you will not find us at the former address you have. So please do not come thinking you will find us there. If you need to send a telegram, send it to the above church address or to our mailing address, Arturo Villalobos, Apartado 2094 Monterrey, N.L. Mexico.

Time goes by so quickly, our Danny will begin school this year. As I see the children growing so quickly it makes me to realize that time is going by faster than one thinks. We have been on the field almost 6 years. Many things have happened, many things have changed, many lives have also been changed. But I also realize that time is running out. I think as I ask myself the question many times, "How much more time do we have?", I see village after village without the gospel witness, never having heard, it isn't possible that we can go to all towns and villages, the only answer is to train our people here to take the message, but they must be trained. This takes time. Some times we get anxious to send someone out, because the people beg to have someone to teach them the Bible, before they are fully prepared, but we have learned it is better to wait until they have the preparation they need even if it does take longer. We want you to pray with us concerning the new school year. We are stepping into something we haven't experienced before. We are having a 9 month term because 5 months just isn't sufficient. We are asking YOU to share this request with us. God knows our need, both physically, and financially. He will provide surely.

By the way. Not a one has as yet taken the support of a student this year. Will you pray and remind your Leagues, Woman's Auxiliary, Young people's service, and church. \$35.00 will take care of one student for the 9 months.

We will see you at the convention!

Your Missionaries and Children

Arturo & Jenell

THE

MISSION

FIELD

August, 1964

Dear Friends:

We are enduring the dryest summer on record for the Washington, D. C. area. The "summer slump", as it is called, did not by-pass this church. Isn't it tragic indeed, that thousands of souls must die and go to hell just because so many Christians think that the "summer slump" is inevitable!

In the midst of this, we have had a portion of revival. Our speaker was Rev. Gordon Sebastian from Hookerton, North Carolina; (we would highly recommend him as a lover of souls with a compassionate message). There were many rededications - only time will tell the real depth of revival this church is experiencing.

During the past month two were saved in the home and three new members were added to the church.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Pray for our enlarged ministry in this huge metropolitan area.

The Walkers - Area Workers
Serving Metropolitan
Washington, D. C.

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

MISSOURI - JULY, 1964

WNAC, Nashville	\$ 82.50
North East Mo. Woman's Aux.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Alton FWB Church	23.25
First Church, Mtn. Grove	145.50
Central FWB Church, Kansas City, Mo.	38.51
North East Mo. Association, Kirksville	79.57
First FWB Church, Kansas City, Mo.	10.00
First Church, Joplin	65.00
Aulsbury Chapel FWB Church, Bonne Terre	15.00
Kirksville FWB Church	82.18

Pauline F. Hodges, Farmington	5.00
Martha Coffman, Leona Holt & Oma Scott, Mtn. Grove	6.00
First Church, Monett	10.00
Beulah Midgett, St. Louis	50.00
Shibleys Point FWB Church, Green City	20.00
Fourth FWB Church, St. Louis	20.00
Macedonia Sunday School, Niangua	5.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	60.00
Park View FWB Church, Desloge	40.00
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	93.18
Hurryville FWB Church, Farmington	54.55
Timberline FWB Church	40.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	90.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville	116.66
Primary Class, Thayer FWB Church	1.83
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	270.00
* Mo. State Ass'n	75.57
Mr. W. H. Finke, Jr., Jennings, Mo.	25.00
Martinstown FWB Church, Worthington	15.00
Willow Springs FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	15.00
Hannon FWB DVBS, Liberal	8.65
Nora Allen, Mtn. Grove	15.00
Dora Fry, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Steadfast S.S. Class, Overland Church	12.50
Myrtle FWB Church	46.34
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	188.36
New Rock Springs FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	20.50
Richwoods FWB Church	10.00
Dolly Pohnert, Houston	5.00
Pleasant Grove FWB Church, Anderson	15.47
Cooperative Plan of Support	22.91
Twin Oaks FWB Church, Fredericktown	50.00
New Harmony Sunday School,	

Greentop	148.67
	<u>\$2,148.70</u>
*Thayer Church	20.00
*Conway Mission	5.57
*Robert G. Dotson, West Plains	50.00
	<u>\$75.57</u>

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

Receipts for July, 1964

WNAC, Headquarters	\$151.21
Aulsbury Chapel Church	
V.B.S., Farmington	12.00
Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool	5.00
Richwoods FWB Church	10.00
South Side FWB Church	39.40
Grant Avenue FWB Young Adults, Springfield	5.00
Co-op, Headquarters	12.64
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Marie Sutton, St. Louis	60.00
Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville	1.00
New Rock Springs FWB Ch., Cabool	20.00
Dolly Pohnert, Thayer	5.00
Victory FWB Ch., Avondale	19.50
First FWB League, Monett	4.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	39.90
Martinstown FWB Ch., Worthington	15.00
L. R. Riggs, Jennings, Mo.	5.00
Mendota FWB Ch., Greentop	35.00
Carroll L. Jones, Greentop	6.00
Hurryville FWB Ch., Farmington	22.40
Overland FWB Ch.	25.00
FWB Ch., Berkeley	28.10
First FWB Youth Group, Kirksville	2.00
Rev. & Mrs. Leslie E. Means, Willow Springs, Mo.	2.00
Faith FWB Woman's Aux., Lemay, Mo.	5.00
Myrtle Woman's Aux.	20.00

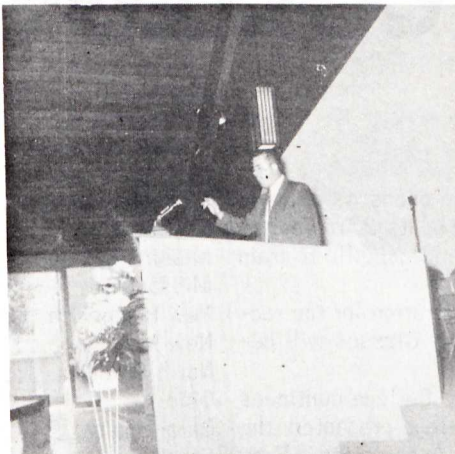
Total Receipts \$555.15

Free Will Baptist Gem

Highlights of the State Meeting in Picture



No. 1
Rev. O. T. Allred moderates the meeting.



No. 2
Rev. Jesse Webb leads in congregational singing.



No. 3
Registration a very busy place.



No. 4
More registration.



No. 5
A committee at work in one of the Sunday School rooms.



No. 6
The Women's Auxiliary Convention at work.



No. 7
First Place winner in the Sword Drill.



No. 8
The first three winners in the Sword Drill.



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Pastor relaxes in study after the close of the State Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Free Will Baptist Bible College once more opens its doors to a record number of students in the beginning of its 23rd year as young people from across the nation come to Nashville to train for Christian ministries.

According to Dean Charles Thigpen, registration for the record number will begin Tuesday, September 8. Classes will begin on the 10th.

Other records are being broken as the Bible College continues its consistent expansion. In July, the College presented the largest gift budget in history to the National Association. Free Will Baptists approved the 1964-65 gifts from state quotas of \$125,000, an increase of approximately 50 per cent over the previous year.

The state quota for Missouri is set at \$6,500 for 1964-65. State quotas are listed below.

One new faculty member will begin her teaching duties at Free Will Baptist Bible College in September. Miss Lydia Radu will be teaching speech and English. A native of Ohio, Miss Radu received her B. S. and M. A. degrees from Bob Jones University. With a major in speech education and a minor in English, she taught three years at Lakeview High School in Courtland, Ohio, and did graduate work in public speaking and interpretation at Kent University, Kent, Ohio.

With the expected increased enrollment, the Bible College is faced with critical decisions both for the spiritual and academic welfare of every student. Facilities must be modified to accommodate each person; decisions concerning the curriculum which would best benefit the students must be made. The College is dependent on Free Will Baptists to support this vital educational program with finance and with prayer.

The Bible College will be represented by Public Relations Director, Rev. Paul Kettelman, at the Missouri State Association meeting August 16-23.

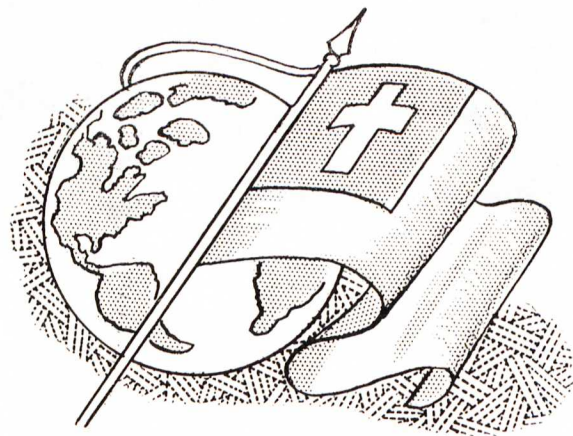
SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS

June 1, 1964 - May 31, 1965

Alabama	\$ 6,200.00
Alaska	400.00
Arizona	450.00
Arkansas	4,000.00
California	5,000.00
Colorado	400.00
District of Columbia	300.00
Florida	4,500.00
Georgia	6,000.00
Hawaii	100.00
Illinois	5,000.00
Indiana	1,500.00
Iowa	200.00
Kansas	600.00

Kentucky.....	2,500.00
Michigan.....	5,500.00
Mississippi	4,500.00
Missouri	6,500.00
New Hampshire	300.00
New Mexico	300.00
North Carolina	20,500.00
Ohio	4,250.00
Oklahoma	7,000.00
South Carolina	4,500.00
Tennessee	15,500.00
Texas	5,000.00
Virginia	5,000.00
West Virginia.....	1,500.00
W. N. A. C.	1,500.00
Other	6,000.00

\$125,000.00



ALL articles must be in by the 15th of each month to get in the next month's GEM. They should be sent to:

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME
FOR CHILDREN

Route 9, Greeneville, Tennessee

August, 1964

Dear Friend:

God has really blessed the work of Free Will Baptist Home for Children in a wondrous way, especially during the past two years. Our friends have been so generous with their financial support and

prayers. We know this is God's way of supplying the needs of the Home.

You perhaps remember the large indebtedness which has been reduced considerably. At the same time many improvements have been made on all the buildings. Yet there still remains an indebtedness of less than \$10,000, most of which is the balance on our newest cottage. We are asking you to help us reach our "free from debt" goal by the end of this month.

Pray about the matter. Do your part and ask others to help also. Please do

not disregard this appeal because it is very important. We feel confident that the Lord will provide the money we need to pay off all the Home's indebtedness because we are doing what is mentioned in Jeremiah 33:3.

Make your contribution today and feel good about having a vital part in this great work. May the Lord bless you always.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

Ray C. Turnage
Superintendent

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
Amity Rev. Gordon Heckendorn
Black Oak Rev. Robt. Calson
Lynn Street Church Rev. Vinita Broyles
Leadington
Copper Mines Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle Rev. Dale Skiles
Kirksville Rev. Leland Horton
Overland Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley Rev. C. H. Burton
Farmington Rev. E. D. Hellard
Verdella Rev. David Pryor
Richwoods Rev. P. Askern
New Rock Springs Church Rev. C. Postlewaite
Mt. Zion, Gower Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side Rev. Al McFarland
Thayer Rev. G. J. Pingleton
Carterville
Fredericktown Rev. Bob Jones
Pleasant Grove Rev. Robt. Williams
Martinstown Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon Rev. Lester Nutting
First, Flat River Rev. Gene Norris
Alton Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Trinity, St. Louis Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem Rev. H. T. Dann
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye
Grace, Arnold Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope Rev. Bill Price
Joplin Church Rev. Ted Davis
Springfield Rev. Henry Long
Cabool Church,
Jefferson City Church Rev. Earl Irish
Mt. Zion, Thayer Rev. Joe Sisk
Sunny View, Lebanon Rev. Roy Jones
Conway Church Rev. Cliff Bowman
Willow Springs Rev. Tommy Carlson
Granby Church Rev. F. Ferguson
Rock of Ages Church, Denver, Colo. Rev. L. M. McGowen
Cotton Creek Church Rev. Finis Johnson

Garfield Rev. Howard Bowers
Neosho Rev. Ray Middleton
Mine La Motte Rev. O. D. Matthews
Union Light Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah
Fourth, St. Louis
Twin Oaks Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory Rev. Glen Rehkop
Mill Creek Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City Rev. Alice Dickey
Merl's Chapel Rev. Otho Boyd
Oskaloosa Rev. Ronald Clifford
Jones Chapel Rev. Robt Duck
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana Rev. Len Gardner
New Harmony Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave. Rev. O. T. Dixon
First, Monett Rev. Bud Hill
Aulsberry Chapel Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon Rev. Dale Jones
Mountain Valley Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty Rev. Elvin L. Sawyer
Desloge Rev. Jesse Webb
Meremac Heights Rev. Hugh Stodgsdill
Festus
Pleasant Hill Church Rev. Jas. L. Reed
Macedonia Church Rev. Selph Jones
First Church, Greenfield Rev. Lowell Martin
Hickory Grove Rev. Ralph Cook
Northside
Hazel Creek Rev. Cletus Nichols
Cuba
Marshfield Church Rev. Wm. Reeves
Pleasant Ridge, Alton Rev. E. E. Simpson
Lead Hill, Mansfield Rev. Chas. Findley
Viburnum Church Rev. S. A. Hand
Central Church, Kansas City Rev. James McAllister
Cedar Ridge Rev. Maynard Moore
Norman Church
First Church, Granite City, Ill. Rev. Leslie Logsden

MASTERS MEN

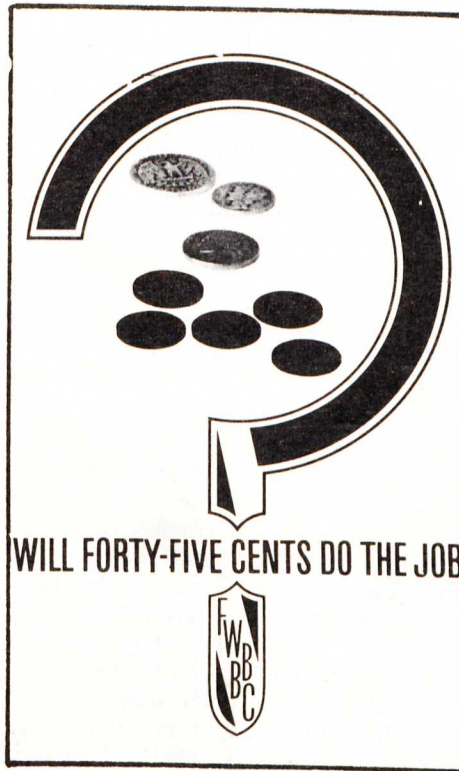
The delegates to The National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting during July in Kansas City, approved the creation of a National Laymen's Board. The board, composed of seven members elected to terms ranging from one through seven years, replaced the Laymen's Commission and is charged with directing and coordinating the activities of local chapters of The Master's Men.

The seven members of the new board are E. A. Mallard of North Carolina, president; Kimble Crossley of Mississippi, vice-president; Hubert L. Harral of Missouri, secretary; Herbert Peppers of Tennessee, recording secretary; Howard Gwartney of Oklahoma, membership chairman; Glenn Harlinger of Iowa, activities chairman; and T. C. Mitchell of Florida, chorister. The Rev. Robert C. Hill of Richmond, Virginia, was elected executive secretary of the board.

The National Laymen's Board will direct various projects through the local Master's Men chapters, promote and encourage the participation of laymen in church and denominational affairs, seek to engage the active support of every layman for his pastor, and sponsor both a National Laymen's Congress and the annual Laymen's Breakfast during the meeting of the National Association.

The 140 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri number approximately 3,500 laymen - men who belong to the Master -

but only 22 churches have a Master's Men chapter (and only 9 of these have paid their 1964 dues). What could three



and a half thousand devout laymen do for the cause of Christ in this state, if they were organized and united in a common

purpose?

If your church does not have a local chapter, only two simple steps are necessary. First, speak to your pastor and gain his support and advice. Second, write for the "Handbook for Master's Men," available from The Master's Men, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. They sell for 20¢ each, six for \$1.00. (Each member of the local chapter should have a copy.) The handbook will give complete requirements for organizing, including a suggested program for the first meeting and duties of the chapter officers.

Once you have organized a chapter and mailed the \$1.50 annual contribution for each member to the national office, you will receive a charter, membership-identification cards, and a free subscription to the quarterly magazine, Attack. The magazine contains devotional thoughts, pictures, news, and suggested programs and projects for your monthly meetings.

If your church would desire some assistance in organizing a local chapter, or if you would like the men of your church to learn more about the organization, you may contact either Francis Elliot, the Missouri representative to the National Laymen's Congress, or Hubert L. Harral, member of the board, by writing to the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mtn. Grove, Missouri.

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tion, a 2 year term, Rev. Glen Jones; From Indian Creek Association, a 2 year term, Rev. Robert Duck; From Liberty Association, a 2 year term, Rev. Dale Jones; From Mission Association, a 1 year unexpired term of Edwin Wade, Rev. Homer Smith.

Rev. A. L. McFarland
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