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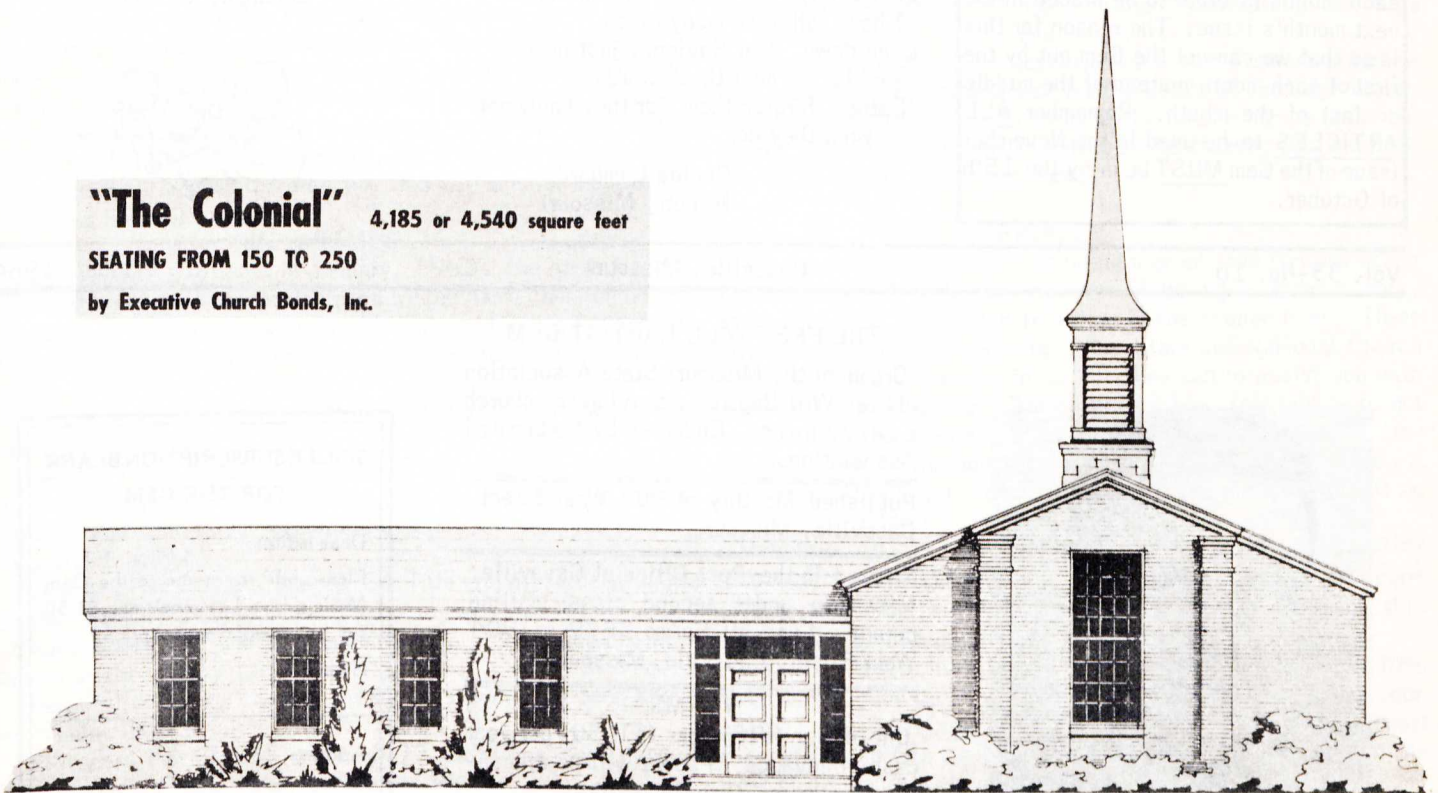
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My soul as a cup uplifted to Thee
With Thy living waters fill,
Whose out-flowing streams may rivers be
Of trust in Thine infinite will.

I pray by Thy love that it's pureness be kept
So Thy dear eyes beholding may see
Throughout every drop of its clear shining
depth,
Its waters reflect only Thee.

Through the years may the waters impart
to the cup,
Somewhat of their beauty and grace,
So I by Thy mercies may be lifted up
Until I shall look on Thy face.

By Margaret Banks, 501 South Park
Pastor of Old Flat Free Will Baptist
El Dorado Springs, Missouri

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 is so that we can get the Gem out by the first of each month instead of the middle or last of the month. Remember **ALL ARTICLES** to be used in the November issue of the Gem **MUST** be in by the 15th of October.



CALVARY

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

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

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

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

Oneida Lombard
Monett, Missouri

THE LAMB OF CALVARY

Mary had a little lamb,
His robe was white as snow
He followed her to Sunday School
And everywhere she'd go,
He followed her everywhere
Until he grew so old,
And then he always led the way
Because he loved her so.
He led her through the tears and woes
Until that fatal day,
Some soldiers tied her precious lamb
And led him far away.
They led him to that sinful cross
From which he bled and died,
And never did the blessed lamb
Have any sin to hide.
The lamb was Jesus Christ,
The only perfect one,
Who made the earth and waters
And even stars and sun,
When this days work is over
And night has just begun
Let's bow down on our knees and thank
Him for all he has done.
He died as a friend to all
A friend indeed was he
The perfect son of God
The Lamb of Calvary.

By Carl D. Eden
Lebanon, Missouri



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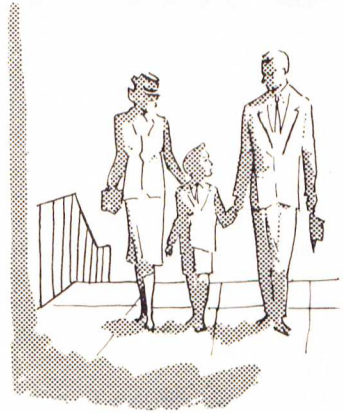
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KEEP INFORMED

People who keep up to date on what is going on must be on the alert to keep themselves informed. You can do yourself, your church, and our youth a great favor by keeping informed on the new developments of the Church Training Service (formerly known as League).

The future is bright for Free Will Baptist, so let us face the challenge. At the State Association in Springfield we voted to adopt and promote the Youth Program, and the Church Training Program as recommended by the National Association. This involves several changes in our present set up. It will take awhile to make the necessary adjustments, but if we will spend a little time to get familiar with the program, this will answer most of the questions that will arise.

NEW NAMES

This program is to begin in January, 1965. The name League will be dropped, and will be replaced by the name "Church Training Service". Of course we will slip and say League for awhile. Manuals and materials are being prepared to direct us in this work.

There will be six groups in this organization with their names and ages as follows:

"Helpers For Christ", ages 2-5. This group has been known as the "Story Hour". If possible this group should be divided with the two and three year olds together, and the four and five year olds together.

"Learners For Christ", ages 6-8. This group has been known as the "Primary League".

"Adventurers For Christ", ages 9-11. This group has been known as the "Junior League".

"Heralds For Christ", ages 12-14. This group has been known as "Junior High".

"Crusaders For Christ", ages 15-17 (or through high school). This group has been known as "Senior High".

"Adults For Christ", ages 18-up. No special name has been chosen for the adults. These may be divided and named as the number and ages justify.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The organizations of the Missionary Midgets, G.T.A.'s, and Y.P.A.'s will be dropped or disbanded. To replace these organizations

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the leaders of the youth groups listed above will meet, in addition to each Sunday night, once or twice a month as they see fit, to have their youth meetings. The same leader they have on Sunday night will be their leader on the weekday meeting, as far as possible.

Materials are being written, and will be included in the same quarterlies, to provide programs for Sunday nights and other special youth meetings. Manuals on the organization, and helps for the leaders will be provided.

There will be competitive activities, and achievement programs with names and ranks designed for the needs of each age group. Since work with the Youth Program of the church comes under the Church Training Service organization of the church, this explains why all of this is woven together.

FINALLY

This is generally regarded as being a great step forward in our denomination. It will only succeed if we try to make it work. Some time will be needed to adjust to the change over. There will be many questions arising. Your State and National Church Training Board are eager to do all they can to assist you with getting off to a good start. Don't wait until the last minute to get familiar with the program. Start to work on it now. Read all you can on it, think it through, ask others who are acquainted with it all the questions you can, and then do not hesitate to call on either of the Boards mentioned above for help.

This brief article serves only to introduce the subject rather than to tell everything about it. We shall be praying for you concerning this program. With some time, prayer, and effort this should be a great blessing to your church.

Next month's article will be by board member Hubert Harral from Cabool, Mo. God bless you, Brother Hubert, as you prepare your article. We appreciate the opportunity of greeting the Missouri Free Will Baptists on the pages of the GEM, and sharing the work of our board with you.

Written by:

James Earl Raper, Chairman, Sunday School and Church Training Service Board
601 Buckley Street
Flat River, Missouri

WOMAN'S

AUXILIARY

Send all reports to:

Mrs. Ted Davis
2301 Conn.
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Co-Laborers:

Please let me challenge you to order today-Teach N Train magazine from our headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

Am certainly thrilled over this helpful and well constructed magazine. Am proud of the T. W. T. movement.

Our co-laborer for this quarter is filled with wonderful and interesting information.

Let us keep in mind our offerings go to the Home Mission department in Nashville, Tenn. Send all monies to Hazel Hutsell. (This is the offering during the week of prayer.)

Mrs. Peggy Davis

Use things on cbpy

Since this is our National Home Missions Month, this week of prayer is centered around "The Fields at Home". Mrs. Hill is National Study Course Chairman.

Missouri is to reach 216 new subscriptions. Each local auxiliary must do their part!!!

UNUSUAL INSTALLATION

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met Sept. 8, with 14 members and 2 visitors. Roll call was answered with a bible verse about Tithing since our lesson was about Tithes. All officers reports were given. Sister Lorene Pohnert gave an interesting report from the State Association which she had attended. After the business session we had a very good program from our Co-Labor books. Also we were favored with a special number by two of our G.T.A. girls, LaDonna and Janus.

Our installation of officers service was held on Sunday night. The theme was on missions. The missionary midgets and G.T.A. represented the different countries in which we have missionaries. They wore banners with the name of the country they represented on it. The Y.P.A. officers stood in their respective places along with the Woman's Auxiliary. The service was opened by our president, Sister Helen Underwood giving the welcome and intro-
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duction. Then the group sang, "Jesus Calls Us." Following our Hymn we were led in prayer by Sister Nettie Bennett. Sister Lorene Pohnert gave the watch word and theme of our Woman's Auxiliary. Our purpose was given by Sister Clara Allen. Sister Ruby Johnson sang a mission song, "Go and Tell". Then a reading by Sister Mary DePriest, "A Cry from Heathersndom". Following the reading Sister Phyllis Miller sang "The Kingdom is Coming". Then the installation of officers by Sister Jean Lau.

Our Pastor led us in our closing prayer.

NEW OFFICERS

Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church met for the Sept. meeting with nine members present. Prayer by Sybil Agan. The officers for the year were elected as follows: President-Gladys Montgomery, Vice Pres.-Sybil Agan, Program Chairman-Farron Jones, Youth Chairman-Beth Florence, Missionary M.-Jean Bowman, Study Course Chairman-Madeline Loney, Personal Service-Dorothy Mosier, Treasurer-Sue Cook, Secretary-Marilyn Allen, Corr. Sec.-Ila Garrett, Refreshment Committee-Esther Sutton, Myrtle Cornelison, Mary Lindsey and Virginia Brashears.

PLANS MADE RECENTLY

I would like to tell you of some plans that the Monett Woman's Auxiliary have made recently. We voted to have a Tupperware party and each woman will send what she bought to the missionary closet in Nashville. We also voted to raise \$100.00 for the "Pay and Pave the way for the Hannas" which is Missouri State project. We gained two new members at our last meeting and we are very thankful for our president, Sister Mary Hill and all our officers and we're trusting God for the best year we've ever had.

We are enjoying the Woman's page very much and look forward to each issue.

Mrs. Ed. Jones
Corresponding Secretary
Monett, Mo. Woman's Auxiliary

PROJECT BANDAGES

The September meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River was Tuesday evening in fellowship hall of the church. The opening hymn was "Come Thou Almighty King," followed with prayer requests and prayer by Marion Wilson.

Genevive White, president, directed the business session. Jean Blakeley read the secretary-treasurer report. "Project Bandages" was planned for September. The program was "God Said It! I Believe It!" with Edity Keeney giving the introduction and topic by Jean Blakeley, Jane Norris, Marion Wilson and Mildred Burcham. The benediction was by Jane Norris.

(Our Auxiliary also conducted a special prayer service preceding our revival and indeed God richly blessed in that service. All were drawn closer to the Lord.)

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. have solicited help from the ladies of the entire church toward "Project Bandages" and Thursday, September 17 will be work day on the project. We plan to make bandages for our hospital in Africa.

Jean Blakeley
Corresponding Secretary

BIDS FOR BRAZIL

In July a group of the ladies from the Beacon F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. McGown (a shut-in) for cottage prayer meeting. A great blessing was received by each one as the heart of Mrs. McGown was made to rejoice.

In August our Auxiliary contricuted \$32. to the F.W.B. Childrens Home in Greenville, Tenn. Mrs. LaRue Horn, our Study Course Chairman conducted two study courses this month, one on the Manual and one on Stewardship.

A meeting is planned for Sept. 16 to make cancer pads. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Our auxiliary is also sharing in the project "Bids for Brazil".

Blanche Matthews
Corresponding Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT OF MISSOURI
STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
CONVENTION
(July 1, 1963 to July 31, 1964)**

Bal. brought forw'd 7-31-63 \$199.74
Received:

Tithes-----	177.47
Representation Dues -----	142.90
Student Loan Fund-----	64.12
Co-Laborer -----	217.12
Mo. State Home Missions--	107.69
National Home Missions---	253.49
Land in Uruguay-----	113.35

(State project 62-63)

Uruguay Vehicle-----	43.15
National Foreign Missions-	291.47
Land Rush in Hawaii-----	1037.80

(State project 63-64)

Youth Camp-----	31.00
New WNAC office-----	25.00
Bro. Jim Miller-----	3.05
Orphanage-----	6.27
Bible College students----	17.65
Students in Mexico-----	30.36
Rev. Johnny Postalwait---	17.65
WNAC Breakfast fund-----	130.70
Superannuation-----	5.00
Misc.-----	5.21

TOTAL RECEIVED----- \$2720.30

Receipts plus forward bal. \$2920.04

Disbursed:

GTA Declamation winner--	5.00
Debbie Carter	

GTA Declamation winner	
expense to WNAC-----	25.00

Mo. State Ass'n of FWB,	
proportion of Minutes--	60.00

GTA Essay winner	
Steven Riley-----	5.00

YPA Essay winner	
Imogene Burns-----	5.00

YPA Declamation winner	
Lou Ann Edwards-----	5.00

YPA Declamation winner	
expense to WNAC-----	25.00

Bible College student	
(Shirley Walker)-----	15.00

Bible College-----	2.65
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Orphanage-----	6.27
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Rev. Jim Miller-----	3.05
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Superannuation-----	5.00
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WNAC Breakfast &	
Convention expense---	142.76

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(State project 63-64)-	1037.80
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Rev. Luther Sanders -	
Honoraum-----	50.00

Mrs. Lester Jones-	
Honoraum-----	50.00

WNAC Representation dues	71.65
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Postage & Supplies-----	2.80
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2711.23
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Bal. brought forw'd 7-31-64	208.81
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Respectfully Submitted,

Hazel Hutsell, Treasurer

**AUXILIARIES REPORTING
FOR SEPTEMBER**

Joplin, Mo.-First FWBaptist
Monett, Mo.-First FWBaptist
Flat River, Mo.-First FWBaptist
Kansas City, Mo.-Beacon FWBaptist
Lebanon, Mo.-First FWBaptist
Thayer, Mo.-Free Will Baptist
Hazel Hutsell-State officer-Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

1. We recommend that we adopt the resolutions that were adopted by WNAC at the convention in 1964. See as printed in the August issue of GEM magazine - and that we accept the responsibility of securing the 216 subscriptions to Contact.

2. We recommend that all local corresponding secretaries send a current list of all local officers - showing name, office, complete address and date of their term of office - to the State Secretary Treasurers to be compiled and kept in the State Secretary - Treasurers office.

3. We recommend that we continue with our present youth work until January 1965 at which time we will graciously relinquish our youth organization to cooperate with the new youth movement of the National Association and that we continue to pay \$25.00 toward expense of the declamation contestant and continue with the awards of \$5.00 for the declamation and essay winners.

4. We recommend that we give an honorarium of \$50.00 plus the Missionary offering to Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.

5. We recommend that we adopt the "Pay and Pave the Way for the Hannas" project with a goal of \$1500.00 to be reached during this convention year. (Can be reached by paying \$3.00 per capita.)

6. We recommend that we have a State Woman's Auxiliary workshop at Farmington, Missouri - April 20, 1965.

7. We recommend that we pay our proportionate part of the minutes.

8. We recommend that we combine the

office of State Corresponding secretary and that of the Recording Secretary-Treasurer.

9. We recommend that we give an honorarium of \$25.00 to Mrs. Teddy Davis as Editor of Woman's page in the GEM and that we give an honorarium of \$25.00 to Hazel Hutsell for work done as Recording Secretary - Treasurer.

10. We recommend that we comply to Article IV, page 122 of Manual and add as delegation: All local officers plus three elected delegates from each local auxiliary.

Editors Note-All resolutions were passed.



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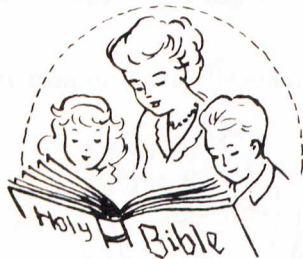
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The Worth of A Family Altar



By Ernestine Burns
Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church
Kirkwood, Missouri
1st Place in State Y.P.A. Essay Contest
1964

The need of worship is no new thing. Ever since there have been men, they have felt themselves dependent on some power greater than themselves and have worshipped that power. In primitive times their place of worship was a high rock, a mighty tree, a little cave or a tent.

Early primitive peoples thought there were many gods, who protected them and and helped them fight their enemies. But now we know there is only one God; there never has been any other, and all men are searching to find and to understand the one God.

For thousands of years men have prayed, to praise God for all His goodness, to find hope and comfort when they are sad; security when they are anxious; courage when they are weak. And for thousands of years God has answered, making them conscious of His presence as a Father more ready to give than they are to receive.

But even though they all worship one God, all people do not worship in just the same way. In America each person may make his own choice.

Freedom of religion is one of the rights of free men. But most people follow the religion of their parents. There are many people who do not pay much attention to religion, but all are influenced by it, for they live in a country which was founded on faith in God.

The Christian family life should be centered around the Lord Jesus Christ. The compassion of Christian love and the leadership of the Holy Spirit should compel us to become personal soulwinners. The utter doom of those who are lost, the fact that Christ died for sinners, the wonder of God's grace and redemption, and the blessedness and fruitfulness of a new life in Christ are compelling reasons why we should strive to win lost persons to faith

in Christ.

Through a family altar members of a family will be strengthened spiritually. The witness to one's family is a sacred duty. This may be the most demanding and difficult of all Christian witnessing. One is known best by his family - both strengths and weaknesses. We should be willing to pay the price of the highest level of Christian service for the sake of influence with those in the family. Parents or children, brothers or sisters, will be the first to know whether our faith in Christ is pious pretense, half-hearted devotion, or sincere love - whatever the failure to measure up to the Christian standard or to demonstrate Christian graces. We owe it to our families, especially for the sake of those who are lost, to live the kind of Christian life that our lost loved ones will see a reality in serving our Lord.

Through a family altar we learn how to be a good witness and a good Christian. A family altar aides the Christian into a better understanding of the Bible. The Bible is a handbook for pilgrims through this world and today we need this handbook. The Bible's chief interest is in getting along in this world. The Bible talks about obedience to Christ as the guide for our daily life. When you think about it, it is not so strange that people don't read the Bible. They don't need it for what they have in mind. It serves only to disturb them in their desires and ambitions. The Bible is one of the simplest books in the world, for where is the child who does not understand and enjoy the delightful stories in the Bible; the teaching in the gospels; the parables; as the parable of the Prodigal Son, and of the Good Samaritan. During a family devotional hour the young child learns about such Biblical stories. The young child in this world today needs to know some good and true and clean stories, which

will be of some benefit to them in their later life.

Today there are so many magazines and articles that are unfit to be read by the children. The Bible is the only book that has lasted down through the generations.

Many times you have heard the statement that "our country is a Christian nation." If this is so, we fail to understand the real meaning of Christian. When our country was founded it was founded on faith in God.

Faith is accepting, trusting, receiving and knowing our Lord Jesus Christ. In this tragic hour America needs the Lord Jesus Christ.

The parents today have a grave responsibility toward the upbringing of their children. It is the parents responsibility to place in the home a devotional time. If the child is trained in the Christian way he will not depart from that way when he is old.

The Bible foretells of the false prophets which will come. Truly today there are many false teachers. A child with no Christian training or teaching may accept these false teachings.

A family altar binds the family closer together in a Christian genuine love for one another. Not only are family ties drawn closer together but our love for God increases. God loved us first. He sent His only Son to come to this sinful world and die on the cruel cross of Calvary. It's such a tragic yet glorious event. It's such a relief to know that in our distress we have a God we can turn to.

Many problems may be solved through a family altar. The family can instruct you in the way of the Lord.

Truly, prayer does change our lives. Our friends and families here on earth may disappoint us and distrust us but we serve a real and a risen Saviour.

What a wonderful thought!

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What Y.P.A. Means to Me

By Members Of The Y.P.A. At The
First Free Will Baptist Church
in Joplin, Missouri

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

Donna Alderman, Joplin Church

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

Lynda LeMaster, Joplin Church

"To me the Y.P.A. means sweet fellow-

ship with other Christians. I feel that any young person that becomes a member of Y.P.A. should feel as though they are in the best atmosphere available."

Paula Williams, Joplin Church

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

Nancy Largent, Joplin Church

"The Y.P.A. is a real blessing to me. It has taught me about missions and other

church work. I feel that Y.P.A. has brought each of us young girls closer to each other and to the church."

Drucilla Short, Joplin Church

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

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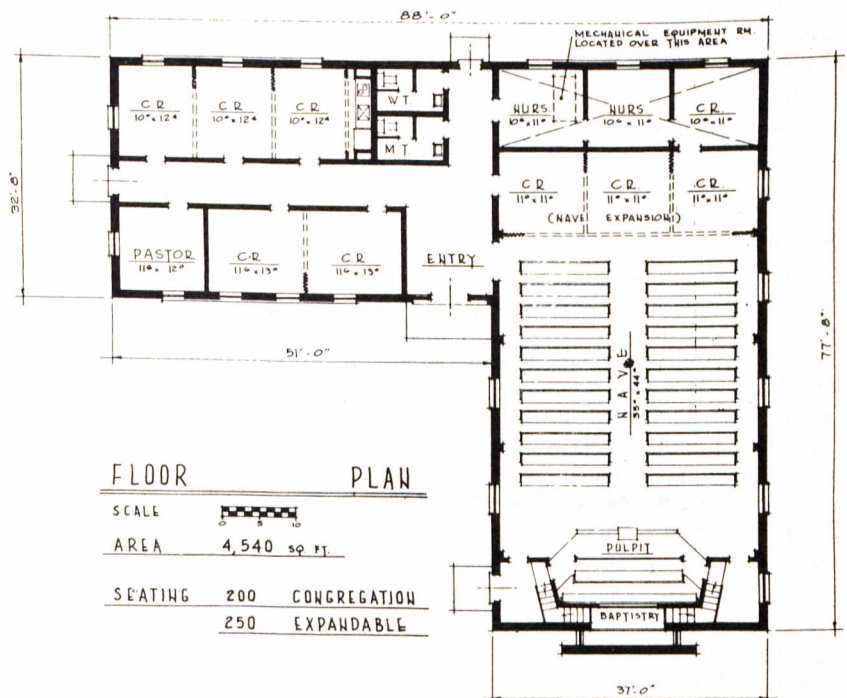
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Jeremiah 7:7; 22-28

Preached by Rev. Homer Willis at the
51st Session of the Missouri State
Association in Springfield

All sermons should be short, simple, strong, sincere. It should have a good sound reason - not a reason that sounds good. We must communicate our message - a church needing a new lighting system was defeated in its need, because some one chose to ask for chandeliers. It was voted down on the ground that the clerk couldn't spell the word to place it in their minutes, "And besides," said a devout member, "we need light fixtures more than those things, anyway." Of course, the way for a pastor to get something in a church is to suggest it, then vigorously oppose it at the next business meeting, and it will pass!

I am delighted to be in your state association, and especially to visit this church. Twenty years ago last month, I visited my first church in Missouri and from that day until this one, I have great admiration and love for the people of this state, and I cherish your fellowship so much.

When I assumed my present ministry, as Home Missions Director, one of the first checks I wrote was for this church, and this is the first time I have had the pleasure to see it. I regret that I cannot stay for the business session tomorrow, but as some of you know, this is the first engagement from Nashville in some time, and I am now recuperating from an illness. The Lord has given me a real touch of His healing hand, but other matters demand that I return to Nashville early tomorrow morning. I have been afflicted with the ailment jokingly called, "The Badge of American Success", ulcers, but let me be quick to point out they are no joke!

As we advance with Christ and make fresh and total commitment to Him, by-products of that commitment will be commitment to old fashion Americanism, democracy, evangelical Christianity, and the work of our church on a local, district, state and National level. Everywhere the cry is forward! Everyone is crying advance! My concern is that we be sure

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we are going forward with Christ - not without Him. The National Home Missions Board has employed 10 men this fall to go out in church extension work - not ten people, but 10 families, this fall! In some areas the overwhelming evidence is that we are not advancing. Some can well sing the old hymn, "Brethren we are troding where we have always trod." I know a church, well over 100 years old, in a "Free Will Baptist" city of 400,000 population that had 114 in Sunday School last Sunday. A mission church should reach that many in one year in that size city.

Forward with Christ in total commitment means we must have a supreme love for Jesus a devoted love for one another, and a keen love for the lost.

1. We go forward only if we are what we ought to be, and if we are what we ought to be we have a life of unusual joy - I Peter 1:8 "Ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

2. A life of unusual peace. Phil. 4:7 "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." This peace keeps one on the front line. No one leaves Christ as a "blow-out" - it is always a slow leak."

3. A life of unusual contentment. Phil. 4:11 "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content". A man wrote and said, "I have been preaching 17 years and I think it is high time I got a church that pays well - where is it?" When doing good it is always too soon to give up. But, when doing evil, it is always time to give in.

4. A life of unusual faith. Matt. 21:21 Jesus said, "If ye have faith and doubt not..." Abraham believed, we must believe. Don't let the demons of doubt have a holiday in your heart. "Nothing shall be impossible", Matt. 17:20. "It is by faith that we are justified." Romans 4:16. Don't take the rustling of \$5 bills for the approach of angels wings.

5. Life of unusual love. I Cor. 13:7,

"Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things". We must learn to love one another! In some Free Will Baptist circles, "if a man gets the ball and starts to the goal line, he is tackled and downed by his own team."

6. Life of unusual power. Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Too many Christians act like pagans - showing a constant attitude of fear, and blaming someone else for all their weaknesses and failures. When the pressure is turned on they are totally frustrated. Brother, we have power if we will use it.

7. Life of unusual victory. Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" A lot of people need this message - take it to them. You can never be charged with stealing sheep while out gathering goats.

In conclusion, I wish to make a proposal. Who among us will make a public commitment to go forward with Christ by agreeing for one month, not to miss a single day without spending 15 minutes alone with God? This will change us from what we are to what we ought to be. We have all eternity to celebrate the glorious victory, of a life lived in His will, but we have only until sunset to win it.

May we dedicate our lives, men, women, young people to three particular things: With Christ we will see the Invisible; With Christ we will believe the Incredible; With Christ we will do the Impossible.

May we come dedicating ourselves to real and sincere work in evangelism, for this is the way we go forward.

Evangelism is the job of God. Evangelism is the cry of John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die." Give us America - or blot us out.

Evangelism is the cry of parents in the night, weeping over a prodigal child.

Evangelism is the cry of a preacher's heart - the world is my parish, and I must do or die!

Free Will Baptist Gem.

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IN EVANGELISM

Acts 4:12
Preached by Rev. O. T. Dixon at the
51st Session of The Missouri State
Association in Springfield

Text: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

As I speak to you tonight on the subject assigned to me, "Forward With Christ In Evangelism", I do so, conscious of the awful fact that there are more unevangelized people in the world than ever before...

Out of every 100 people living in the world today:

- 37 live under Communist domination
- 25 belong to the Roman or Eastern Catholic Churches
- 15 are Moslems
- 11 are Hindus
- 15 are either Confucianists or Buddhists
- 8 are Christians

And all along there is the solemn declaration from the Bible: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Something is dreadfully wrong!

UNCTION IN THE PULPIT is a must to forward with Christ. One of the tragedies of this late hour is that we have too many dead men in dead pulpits giving out too many dead sermons to too many dead people.

Paul the Apostle sensing the need of the hour THUNDERED OUT, "WOE IS ME IF I PREACH NOT THE GOSPEL."

Then again: I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION...

Then again Paul proclaims, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Unction in the pulpit will bring RED HOT BIBLE PREACHING, and red hot Bible preaching will convict the sinners and convicted sinners will come to the altar to pray through. When they repent they are then ready to come with us to evangelize the world. When people are saved they are ONE IN CHRIST. "Now October 1964

therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.

Preaching is a spiritual business. A sermon born in the head reaches the head; a sermon born in the heart reaches the heart.

Under God, a spiritual preacher will produce spiritually minded people.

Unction cannot be learned, only earned - by prayer and clean Christlike living.

Victory is not won in the pulpit by firing intellectual bullets or wisecracks, but in the prayer closet; It is won or lost before the preacher's foot enters the pulpit. UNCTION is like dynamite. Let's forward with Christ by getting Holy Unction in the pulpit.

Have you noticed that Rome does not call us Protestants any more? We have only earned the name NON-CATHOLICS! Significant, isn't it. May I ask, where are our unctionized pulpit crusaders.

Preachers who should be fishing for men are now too often fishing for compliments from men. Preachers who should be on their knees praying to God are too often out playing golf. Preachers used to sow seed; now they string intellectual pearls. Well, just for the record, remember that you can have as many degrees as a theameator and still not be UNCTION to preach. The preacher's heart must be stirred about our awful sins. He must be actually capitulated by the POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST AND TRULY KNOW THAT THERE IS SALVATION IN NONE OTHER, FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME GIVEN UNDER HEAVEN AMONG MEN WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED. ACTION IN THE PEW is required to forward with Christ.

Many Christians of this day seem to have forgotten the fact that we are a REDEEMED PEOPLE and consequently there is not the needed action in the pew. Peter says, "Forasmuch as ye know that

ye were not redeemed with corruptable things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT."

The family altar in the average Christian home now consists of the members thereof sitting around the television set watching some silly vulgar plot being unfolded before the eyes of parents and children while the PRECIOUS OLD BLACK BACKED BIBLE LIES ON THE TABLE UNTOUCHED, UNREAD, AND UNHEEDED.

I am old enough to remember when family altars were the real thing. My mother sang to us "Amazing Grace". I can hear her now lifting her voice to the refrain, "There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing it's worth, It sounds like music to... Mothers with a record of LATE, LATE MOVIES, AND SHORT, SHORT SHORTS will not be able to make the impression necessary to see her family actively serving Christ in helping to EVANGELIZE THE WORLD.

The Bible says Christians are "A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

ASKING AT THE ALTARS is a requirement to forward with Christ...

We need a revival in our churches of penitent SINNERS COMING AND FALLING ON THEIR FACES WEEPING THEIR WAY TO GOD WITH SUCH GODLY SORROW THAT JESUS SAVES THEM. Our churches each weekend should see their altars full of people asking for FORGIVENESS FOR SINS.

The Bible says, WHOSOEVER CALLS UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD shall be saved... Beloved, people need to know that they must ask God to SAVE THEM. "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a NEW CREATURE... old things are passed away and behold all things



BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Pastor:

It has been thrilling to discuss the growth of Free Will Baptist foreign missions with other missions leaders. Compared with the work of others, the prospects of our missions ministry are glorious because of our great potential. In the youth of your church we have developing missionary personnel. Among your people is the potential support to send these young people to the ends of the earth with the glorious message of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

You may well rejoice in the part you have had in our missionary advance. We are members of a great team, and you have a holy calling to life's greatest work...shepherd of God's dear sheep. And you are a friend with whom I can share details of our missions operation.

Because of an increasing number of missionaries going to the field, emphasis has been placed on personalized giving. And no church or individual should be deprived of the privilege of designating his gift as he feels led by the Holy Spirit.

However, designations to the general fund have not kept pace with the growing missions expenditures from that fund. Our foreign language literature program, which includes the publication of the Spanish language magazine Impacto, is supported entirely through gifts to the general fund. Heartbeat and other informational materials, films and filmstrips, expenses of maintaining the home office, and administrative salaries all come from the general fund.

In addition, working budgets of North and South India, Japan and Cuba-Miami are provided through the general fund.

Many ministries in these older fields are not provided for through designations to individual missionary accounts. For these reasons a healthy balance must be maintained between designations to the general fund and to individual missionary accounts.

I am not suggesting that any church discontinue its designated support. But I do urge churches increasing their missionary budgets to consider these ministries receiving support from the general fund. The general fund needs a total of \$15,000 designated to it each month. At present, designations average between \$7,000 and \$10,000. As the general fund increases, allocations will be made to accounts in need. Increased designations to the general fund can eventually eliminate deficits in individual accounts.

A financial report is given each month in Heartbeat to keep you regularly informed of God's blessing in financial aspects of our foreign ministry. I ask you to pray

with us and to give guidance when possible so that proper balance can be maintained in our work..

Yours in Him,

J. Reford Wilson

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Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from Goumère, Ivory Coast. We send greetings from the Christians as well.

The first session of the Bible Institute ended on June 17. Three of the four students who began the term finished. They plan to return for the fall session.

The Kulango Bible Camp convened July 4-11 here at Goumère. Over 80 men, women and children participated. The classes were conducted by two African Christians, the Palmers and ourselves. On Sunday morning, July 5, we had 117 in church (counting the two missionary families). This is the largest gathering of Christians we have had in this area thus far.

The help of nationals in village work has been tremendous. God is blessing their labors. For instance, in one of the villages which has opened recently, the work was about to fall through. The ones who prayed were either away on Sunday, or didn't seem too interested. One Sunday as we were approaching the turn-off to the village, I asked Kouadio (pronounced Kwah-jo), one of the preacher boys, if he thought the time was being spent wisely, or if perhaps it wouldn't be better spent in another of our villages which we were not able to reach on Sunday. He said he chose to continue. When I returned to pick him up, four were wanting to make decisions for Christ. Since then, three others have prayed, two of which have been young ladies. Also, they have already found a place to have their meetings. Kouadio had been largely responsible for the work in that village, so this was a great encouragement to him and an indication that God's hand is upon him. For a young man of non-Christian background, he thrills us with his knowledge of the Word. Pray that he will be a power for the Lord. It is so important that he keep his life unspotted.

The Kulango primer was finished and mimeographed the first of July. The reception thus far has been encouraging. Further language work is planned, especially Free Will Baptist Gem.

pecially Bible translation, during the time when the Bible Institute students are on vacation. Please remember this ministry in prayer.

Before the end of this year, five groups should be worshipping in church buildings in this immediate area. We are thankful for this. Although buildings in themselves are unimportant, those groups who care enough to build are usually more stable.

The children are doing fine. The other day we noticed Paul had taken the shoe strings out of his tennis shoes and had bent the heels down. That's the way they wear them here. Also, he wants a cloth to wear like the other boys. Noel, who is two in August, is the singer of the family. He can hum about any tune we sing in church.

Yours in Christ,

Lonnie and Anita Sparks and boys

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BOARD MISSOURI

RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST, 1964

Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool	\$ 5.00
Overland FWB Ch., Overland	25.00
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	19.00
WNAC, Headquarters	172.82
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilfong, Esther	5.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
First Free Will Baptist Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Grant Ave. FWB Young Adults League, Springfield	5.00
First FWB League, Monett	4.00
Union Light FWB Ch., Patton	10.00
Cooperative Plan, Headquarters	376.34
Mr. L. R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	10.00
Mrs. D. P. Jones, Springfield	6.05
Willow Springs YPA, Mountain Grove	4.75



Youth Group of First FWB Ch., Kirksville	2.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	2.00
Rev. Chesley R. Hill, Monett	4.50
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Robert Adkinson, Cabool	15.41
Faith FWB Woman's Aux., Lemay	5.00

Total Receipts \$706.87

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI AUGUST, 1964

WNAC, Nashville	36.80
Fourth Church, Maplewood	5.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Yount, St. Louis	25.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove	84.00
Alton Church	41.30
Hazel Creek Church, Kirksville	10.00
Farmington Church	80.65
Myrtle Church	65.96
Myrtle Church	23.76
Mrs. Jack Arthur, St. Louis	5.00
Park View Church, Desloge	40.00
Fourth Church YPA, Maplewood	13.00
Aulsbury FWB Church, Farmington	15.00
Macedonia Church, Niangua	5.00
Mo. State Assn.	200.00
Betty La Rue Horn, Raytown	10.00
Overland Church	29.00
Leadington Church	20.00

Pleasant Ridge Church, Alton	14.92
Beacon Church, Raytown	71.00
Indian Creek Ass'n., Cassville	55.00
Farmington Church	25.00
Mrs. Ann Smicker, Kansas City	2.00
Lehman Riggs, Jennings	5.00
Leadington Church	59.25
Fellowship Church, Flat River	47.50
Fredericktown Church	34.41
Hurryville Church, Farmington	39.85
Union Light Church, Patton	50.19
Fourth Church, Maplewood	17.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	51.65
Mtn. Grove Church	32.00
Timberlane Church, Kansas City	42.25
First Church, Monett	110.46
New Rock Springs Church, Cabool	20.00
Oak Grove Church, Mtn. Grove	15.00
First Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Myrtle Church	37.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	90.00
Co-operative Plan, Nashville	682.12
Central West Mo. Ass'n	107.64
South Side Church, St. Louis	75.00
Victory Church, Avondale	30.03
Mo. State Ass'n	26.00
	<u>\$2,624.74</u>
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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS

MARSHFIELD CHURCH REPORT

Just some lines to say our little church is still working for the Lord.

We have gained some newmembers in Sunday School and church services are good. Visitors present at all services. God has given us some children to be with us.

Our prayer services are well attended with visitors from other churches helping us. There were 23 present last Tuesday night.

Sister Ann Walker teaches a class of boys and girls during the prayer meeting hour, thus enabling parents to enjoy the prayer services and the children to learn more from the Bible.

We covet your prayers that our little church will continue to grow and be a lighthouse to all who come our way.

We have singing every Friday night which is attended by many from all churches.

RETIRED MINISTER PASSES AWAY

Benjamin Franklin Brown was born January 6, 1870 in Haney's Corner, Indiana, the oldest son of Francis Marion and Sarah Catherine Brown. He grew to youngmanhood in Indiana, leaving in 1888 to live some years in Nebraska and Iowa. He attended Normal Institute in Shenandoah, Iowa, and moved to North Missouri in 1896, where he taught in rural schools. On December 24, 1899 he was married to Orpha Jones, in Maitland, Missouri. In March, 1906 they moved to Hannon, Missouri and in November of that year his wife Orpha passed away, leaving 3 small children, whom with the help of their maternal grandparents were raised to maturity.

B. F. Brown was converted in 1907, and became a member of the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, later being ordained to preach. In 1922 he went to Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and was affiliated with the Free Will Baptist College there, and also printed the church paper. He was married in Tecumseh, to Mrs. Grace Morris in 1925. They moved to Purdy, Missouri where he and his wife published the "Free Will Baptist Gem", and he preached among the churches in this area. He was also active in the Missouri State Association for many years in an official capacity.

In 1939 they moved to a farm in the Merl's Chapel community where they lived until 1958 when they moved to Monett. In November, 1960 Mrs. Brown passed away. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, and one son, Melvin. Bro. Brown was a member of Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church until October, 1963 when he joined the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri.

Rev. Brown maintained his home in Monett until July, 1964 when he became ill. He passed from this life on August 29, 1964 at the Elmhurst Nursing Home, Webb City, Missouri at the age of 94 years, 7 months and 23 days. He is survived by a son, Francis Brown, Hayward, California, a daughter, Mrs. Carl Williams of Liberal, Missouri, 8 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. A number of other relatives and friends also mourn his passing.

Funeral services for Rev. Benjamin F. Brown, 94, of Monett, a retired Free Will Baptist minister who died in a Webb City rest home early Saturday, were held in the Monett Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Bud Hill officiating.

Music was furnished by a trio composed of Mrs. Dortha Roller, Miss Roselee McCully and Mrs. Joann Thomas, who sang "Does Jesus Care" and "When I've Gone The Last Mile Of The Way." Mrs. Thomas was accompanist.

Pallbearers were Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Rev. John Swaffar, Estel Hall, Andrew Wright and Jeff McCully.

Burial was in the Purdy Cemetery under direction of the Mercer Funeral Home.



FALL REVIVAL SCHEDULE - 1964

Sept. 23-Oct. 4 Maranatha FWB Ch., Greenville, N.C.
Oct. 5-16 Midway FWB Ch., Moultrie, Ga.
Oct. 18-30 West Dayton FWB Ch., Ohio
Nov. 1-13 Anderson FWB Ch., Indiana
Nov. 15-21 1st FWB Ch., Florence, Ala.
Nov. 23-Dec. 4 Festus FWB Ch., Missouri

Eustace Riggs
Box 8
Eldridge, Alabama

SUNNYVIEW CHURCH REPORTS REVIVAL

We are having a revival starting at Sunnyview beginning October 4. Bro. Melvin Bingham from Oklahoma will be the evangelist. Pray for us that the Lord will have His way and that we may see many souls saved.

Free Will Baptist Gem.

MISSIONARY FAMILY GROWS

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, Foreign missionaries to Uruguay announce the birth of a baby boy born July 25. He has been given the name of Timothy.



FULL TIME EVANGELIST,
REV. OWEN GANEY, REPORTS:

"When our Lord ascended on high, He gave gifts to His Church. In the list of gifts set forth in Ephesians 4:11, we have that of the evangelist. I believe that the Lord has given this gift to me. I want to use this gift to bring honor and glory to Him.

There are three things you can do: 1. Pray for us...Pray hard! 2. Please let us know if we can be of any service to you or your church. 3. Please tell others of our decision to go into evangelistic work.

In some twenty revivals since entering into full time evangelistic work a little over a year ago, the Lord has blessed with some 500 responding to the gospel invitation for salvation and with hundreds of decisions among Christians.

I praise the Lord for giving me revivals in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Michigan. I am trusting the Lord for greater things as I go into my second year of fulltime revival work.

If you would be interested in Rev. Ganey's coming to your church, you may contact him at 705 S. Andrews Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Following are recommendations from two of our leading ministers:

"It is with pleasure that I recommend to you the Rev. Owen Ganey as an evangelist. I have had the privilege of working with Bro. Ganey for several years. He is a man with a love and compassion for the October 1964

souls of men."

Rev. Elro I. Driggers
110th St. F.W.B. Church
Jacksonville, Fla.

"For seven years Owen Ganey has been a close personal friend. I have known him to be a sincere soul winner and fervent gospel preacher. His deep interest in evangelism has impressed me. It is good to hear that he plans to enter this work of revival and evangelistic meetings full-time. Any church would do well to use Owen in this capacity. I am glad to recommend this man for such a ministry among Free Will Baptist Churches."

Evangelist Bobby Jackson
Greenville, N. C.

DEACON PASSES AWAY

James B. Jefferson, son of Isaac and Martha Jefferson, was born near Cassville, Mo. May 2, 1874 and passed away at Monett, Mo., September 8, 1964 at the age of 90 years, 4 months and 6 days.

On August 24, 1907 he was married to Alta Robberson. They resided on a farm near Cassville until moving to Monett, nine years ago.

He was converted while a young man and was a Charter Member and Deacon of Merl's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Lyle, of Monett, Mo., Isaac of Wichita, Kans.; one daughter, Evelyn, Mrs. Noel Greenway, Monett, Mo., and eight grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ida Beatty, Monett, Mo., three nephews and two nieces.

He spent his entire life in Barry County where he served as a member of the County Court for several years as well as many other public interests.

Funeral services were held at Culver Chapel in Cassville on September 10, 1964 at 2:30 P.M. with Rev. Calvin Henderson and Rev. C. F. Siler officiating, burial in Purdy Cemetery. Music furnished by a quartet composed of Ralph

Davis, Mrs. Lawrence Davis and Carl Stark, with Miss Sammie Davis at the organ.

LORD STILL BLESSING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett still reports that the Lord is blessing in their services with the Sunday School and church services growing.

On September 20 the Lord blessed with two rededications and 150 in Sunday School.

Starting October 5, Rev. J. R. Shade of Tulsa, Oklahoma will be conducting a revival meeting. The church is looking for much to be accomplished during this meeting. Pray for us.

OBITUARY

Benjamin F. Smith, son of the late Asa and Grace Messex Smith, was born at St. Clair, Mo. on June 2, 1883 and departed this life at his home in Richwoods, Mo., on August 17, 1964, having reached the age of 81 years, 2 months and 15 days.

He was united in marriage to Kate Skaggs on January 8, 1910 and 10 children came to bless this union; two daughters, Dorothy Marie and Helen De-lores, preceded him in death in early childhood and Mrs. Smith preceded him in death on June 12, 1963.

He is survived by 3 daughters, Emma Messex of House Springs, Mo., Katherine Boyer and Aurelia Bowman both of Richwoods, Mo., 5 sons, William Smith of Union, Mo., Joe and Clarence Smith of Richwoods, Mo., George Smith of Cadet, Mo., and James Smith of De Soto, Mo., 1 sister, Mrs. Laurie Cain of De Soto, Mo., 24 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 3 sons in law, 2 daughters in law, nephews, nieces, other relatives and many, many friends.

Ben gave his heart to God many years ago and united with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at St. Clair, later he transferred his church membership to the Free Will Baptist Church at Richwoods where he remained a true and faithful Christian until the Lord called him to his Eternal Home. A kind and loving father and grandfather, he will be sadly missed by his loved ones and friends.

Casey-Lenox Funeral Home was in charge with Rev. Floyd Arnold preaching the funeral sermon and Rev. Pinkney Askern, the pastor assisted. Grandpa Smith was laid to rest in Prospect Cemetery.

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FACT NUMBER ONE

Free Will Baptist Bible College received 45¢ per member from our denominational membership during the 1962-63 school year. This included gifts from local churches and individuals to both the General Fund and Building Fund of the institution.

FACT NUMBER TWO

The major task of Free Will Baptists is to increase support to this foundation stone on which its other auxiliaries rests. Free Will Baptist Bible College as the "Nerve Center" furnishes more and more the motivation for every other phase of our denomination's work. Every department of our work is looking to Free Will Baptist Bible College to supply the needed workers to carry out His work in their particular part of the vineyard. Local churches are increasingly demanding workers trained and qualified by the College.

FACT NUMBER THREE

Free Will Baptist Bible College cannot

expand its curriculum, broaden its ministry to the denomination, or erect needed buildings without increased support from your church. Increasing costs of living and rising expenses for building materials along with the present devaluation of the dollar make this utterly impossible.

FACT NUMBER FOUR

With the broadened ministry of the Bible College comes an increasing enrollment which will necessitate a larger staff, more dormitory, classroom, and dining hall space. Unless these are provided we will be forced to limit the service of the institution to our young people thus defeating its purpose. We cannot afford to say to any dedicated young person, "There is no room for you to share in the training we offer."

FACT NUMBER FIVE

Only individuals like you, and local churches like the one you attend, can

change this figure from 45¢ to a much higher figure. Free Will Baptist Bible College is owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It must be and will be entirely supported by Free Will Baptists. Only in this way can we guarantee the future of its ministry to continue to be a Bible-based, Christ-centered service to our denomination and the world.

FACT NUMBER SIX

You can be a committee of one to lead your local Church into increased prayer and financial support for this college that is so vital to our denominational life. Represent this need as a lifeline ministry to our denomination! Insist that your Church give some specific amount regularly to this vital cause! Pray that God will help you to do something personally!

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become new.

BEING SAVED IS A FIRST REQUIREMENT... it is a must "Ye must be born again" is still God's demand for **SALVATION**.

You can cannaize a man, ulize, unctionize and samonize him, but he will never be saved until he repents and turns completely to God.

PAUL THE APOSTLE KNEW THAT HE HAD TO BE SAVED... Somewhere, this empire-builder for Christ, with his colossal intellect and wonderful pedigree, **GOT SAVED**. He said, "I **DIED IN HIM**", and again he says, "HE **LIVETH IN ME**".

After being saved we are then to rise from the burned up ashes of our burned up self and become the modern Samson of Page 14

our day. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..."

Let's face it, had Paul met only a preacher and heard only a sermon and joined a Free Will Baptist Church on the road to Damascus, he might never have been heard of again. **BUT PRAISE GOD, HE MET CHRIST**. He simply got saved. Paul's was not an experiment that day; it was **AN EXPERIENCE**.

Action in the Pulpit the first requirement...

"It pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that were lost. We need **HAIR-RAISING, BARN SHAKING, SHINGLE PULLING, WINDOW RATTLING, FOUNDATION CURLING PREACHING...** And if it doesn't come, some preachers are going to split Hell

wide open... they will hit so hard it'll take the devil 30 days to plug the gap. We have more expositors today than expositors, more concern about how to get it over, than pray it through. Friends, **PREACHING IS THE SWEATING OF BLOOD**.

We are told to **PREACH THE WORD...**

Action in the Pew the second requirement... Paul says before we are to "Hold forth the word of life" that we "are to be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as light in the world: **HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE**."

Asking at the altars the third requirement... When people know that "EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM" they will be willing to repent.

Free Will Baptist Gem.

LETTERS

from

Our Readers

Dear Bro. Hill:

We enjoy the Gem very much. Wish there could be more letters from our churches, as we like to hear from others as well as the good messages.

May God bless you in your work is our prayer.

Hickory Grove Church
Mrs. Iris Jones, Clerk
R.R., Harrisonville, Mo.

Richwoods, Missouri
September 14, 1964

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the lovely name of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

We trust all of you are enjoying God's blessings.

On September 6 we had our home coming at our church. The day began with Sunday School starting at 9:45 a.m. Brother Clarence Sohn in charge and 54 attending. Our lesson titled "Leaders for Troubled Times" from the second chapter of Judges. This lesson was very good and we could see that we are living in perilous times also.

After Sunday School, Rev. Askern, our pastor, was in charge of the devotional with Rita Kelso at the piano and Sister Elsie Schutte leading the congregational singing. Then prayer was led and a testimony given by Sister Sophia Ackerson, the only charter member present. Then special hymns were rendered by our young people.

David and Linda McCoy sang and Rita Kelso and Karen Lewis sang "I've Been To Calvary." We were very happy to have Rev. Bud Arnold and his family with us. The services were turned to Bro. Arnold for the message. "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation.

Brother Arnold delivered a very inspiring message from Acts 27:31, using as his subject, "The Old Ship of Zion." Using this clause from the scripture, "except these abide in the ship they cannot be saved." Bro. Arnold brought a very inspiring and enlightening sermon, accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Our hearts were made to rejoice to overflowing. An altar call was extended and prayer and thanks to God for the noon meal which the ladies of the church prepared. Everyone enjoyed eating and visiting together and this hour of fellowship was wonderful.

God had called two from our flock since last years gathering and we missed them very much. They were our beloved deacons, Brother John Ackerson and Brother

Ben Smith.

It will be a wonderful home coming we will have when we all get to be able to be reunited with our friends and loved ones who have been called to their reward and best of all we will be with our blessed Saviour, who died for us and made it possible for this great day.

At 2 o'clock p.m. we all gathered in the church for the evening service, with Rev. Askern in charge and Sister Schutte leading the singing. Rita Kelso was at the piano. After the congregational singing Mrs. Emily Much, David and Linda, with Rita accompanying them, sang "How Great Thou Art."

The Monarch quarter of St. Louis County arrived and the services were given to them to sing. They rendered many beautiful hymns. All enjoyed this part of the service very much.

Supper was served and then people began to go home, knowing it had been a good day in the Lord.

We gathered back at the service at 7:30 p.m. with singing and praying and the Lord still blessing richly.

Rev. Raymond Askern, a young minister of our church brought the evening message to our young people. The theme of his message being "What Are You Doing For Christ", and "How Are You Using Your Talents".

This message was very inspiring and enlightening also and God blessed and two young people came forth seeking a greater experience with God.

We thank God for our young people at Richwoods. They are so willing to humble themselves before God. We know they will be our church of tomorrow.

We are planning a revival to begin No-

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964

	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.
Fellowship, Flat River	214	184	182	171	158	159	
Leadington	72						
Farmington	122	121	132	107	110	111	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	76	75	55				
Berkeley City	341	282	254	260	236	224	
Richwoods	64	55	58	61	52	55	
Kirkville	90	102	92	94	108	107	
Grant Ave., Springfield	198	181	167	178	183		
Hazel Creek	58	53	55	46	52	50	
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	101	
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	73	62	63	69			
Union Light	93	104	112	118	112	109	
First, Springfield	234						
Sunnyview Church	71	50	54	54	53	51	
Central, Kansas City	105	105	113	108	107	103	
Hannon	54	56	65	59	65	51	
First, Monett	157	126	123	122	144	141	
Garfield-Couch	44	42	39	40	42	47	
Victory	124	102	107	101			
First, Fredericktown	177	156	155	141	150	154	
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	165	173	209	
Cuba	63	82	74				
Southside	208	178	184				
First, Lebanon			70	78	74	81	
Myrtle Church	76	72	72	74	70	76	
Mt. Pisgah						70	
Joplin	88	81	98	89	96		
Grace Church	161	151	149	129	119		

vember 2 with Brother John Land the evangelist. Brother Land is the pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Mo. Pray for this revival, and that we Christians will be brought closer to God and many souls will be saved. I will close for now.

In Christian Love,

Sister Ackerson,
Reporter

MY MOTHER

Oh, dear Mother, you've been so true
Without you, my life's so blue,
I know you're happy with your home above
Because you filled our hearts with love.
You were so kind and true
I hope some day I'll be there, too.
I'll try to live a life you taught
And love my God and never halt.
You led your loved ones across the deep
And many nights lost your sleep
To pray to God to save your own

And in the future, have a home
The kind of one filled with love
And ruled only by God above.
You've done your part and then some too
And now you're living in the blue
Where there's no heartaches, tears and
woes
Where all of God's children goes.
So dear mother, on your day
I to God most humbly pray
That when from this life I do roam
I'll be with you in our new home.

Carl D. Eden
Lebanon, Missouri

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. V. Manass
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, Rev. O. T. Allred
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
Walnut Grove Church

Garfield Rev. Howard Bowers
Neosho Rev. Ray Middleton
Mine La Motte Rev. O. D. Matthews
Union Light
Bethel Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah Rev. E. Butts
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
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. Grover Terry
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. Jas. O'Dell
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
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