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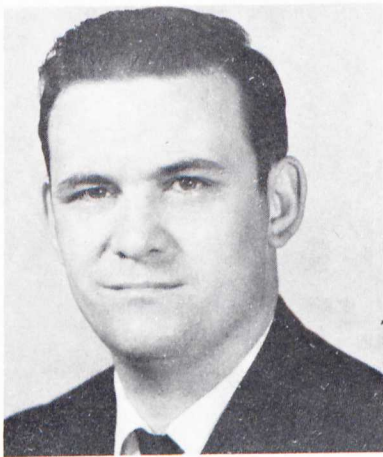
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Promotional Secretary's Corner

Pastor Davie Combs and the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church entertained the Cave Springs Minister's Conference and Quarterly Meeting, Oct. 2-3. Each of their churches represented with letter and delegates. Several good gospel sermons delivered during this session. Rev. Donnie Morris was ordained to the full gospel ministry in the closing service. Time was also given for our Missouri Cooperative program.

I was privileged to be with Pastor James Reed and the Pleasant Hill Church Sunday night Oct. 4th and bring the message there.

Oct. 6th Rev. Davie Combs and I conducted the funeral service of Sister Dottie Bray who was a charter member of the Garfield Free Will Baptist Church. The services were held in the Cotton Creek Church and she was laid to rest in her family's cemetery there. We extend our Christian sympathy to her fine surviving family.

Twin Oaks Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly meeting, Oct. 9-10th. Rev. C. D. Matthews brought the opening message and Rev. John Rogers delivered the 11 a.m. message Saturday. Please remember in prayer our Twin Oaks Pastor, Rev. Truman Huffman. He suffered a heart attack and was unable to attend service for several weeks. Bro. Huffman delivered the sermon Sunday a.m. Oak Hill's recently elected pastor, Rev. Al Helm, was ordained during this Quarterly Meeting.

Pastor Darnell and Copper Mines Church

gave me the privilege to bring the message there 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 11th.

Welcome to Rev. Grover Terry and family back to Missouri. We bid them God's speed as they labor with Desloge Church. It was a joy to bring the evening sermon there.

October 23-24th, St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting and Youth Rally assembled with Pastor R. B. Spurgeon and the Trinity Free Will Baptist, 12143 Old St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, Mo. Trinity Church is nearing completion of the second phase of their educational building which provides plenty of room in which to serve a bountiful dinner Saturday. Rev. Harry Asher delivered the principal message. The Twin City Free Will Baptist Mission was received into the St. Louis District during this session.

Sunday, October 25th, I was privileged to bring a mission message at the Twin City Mission and enjoyed the special gospel singing program Sunday afternoon. Sunday night I attended Festus First Free Will Baptist Church and delivered the evening sermon there.

Another church adopted the Cooperative program this month. Cooperative receipts were good for October. My monthly report closes the last day of the month, therefore,

will appear a month later in the GEM.

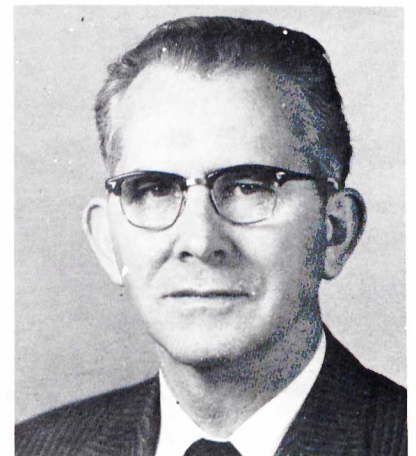
Our National Association is preparing a new Church directory, and they need an up to date correct listing of all Free Will Baptist affiliated in the state of Missouri. Will each Associational clerk please send to Missouri Headquarters, a 1964 annual minute, plus any changes since the date of your annual meeting.

Write for our 1965 Book Store Catalogue and please remember your Book Store, when ordering Bibles and supplies listed therein.

Harry Beatty,
Promotional Secretary

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS OCTOBER 1964

Pleasant Hill	\$10.00
Beacon	85.09
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Rev. Harry Beatty
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NOTICE

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

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A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S VIEW OF A PASTOR



By: Cynitha Suttles
Member First Free Will Baptist Church
Monett, Missouri

The duty of the shepherd is to watch over his flock. So it is with the pastor. He is responsible to guide his congregation through the many hardships it may face. If he is to do this according to God's plan, he must first be a God-called minister with a sincere desire to do His will.

The foremost danger to the church is that of sin. In order that sin might be overcome, the messages of the pastor must be the true gospel, warning the people of the awfulness of sin, but also telling of God's mercy.

Since the young people will be the church leaders before long, the pastor should have a strong interest in them. He should promote programs such as church-sponsored parties and recreation which would interest more of the youth in church activities.

Another important part of a good pastor's activities is helping his church to grow. If his congregation doesn't carry on a regular visitation program, he should try to establish one for this is a good way to reach people who don't attend church. In addition, the sick, the absent members, and the elderly people should be visited and encouraged to be back in services as soon as possible.

Sunday School and Church Training Service attendance should be stressed, for it is through these services that teachers and directors are trained. The beliefs of the denomination may also be learned in the Church Training Service.

In time of sorrow and discouragement, people should feel free to turn to their pastor. He is one who can give them advice and encouragement with the right objectives.

It is true that the pastor is the one with the most responsibility in church matters, but there is also a job for each of us. The future of the church depends upon how well we, as church members, do our part.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Send all reports to
Mrs. Ted Davis
2301 Conn.
Joplin, Missouri

Note: Send copy before 15th of each month.

Dear Co-Laborers,

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Jesus Christ".--Ephesians 5:20.

May we claim this verse and truly have thankful hearts during this special season.

Pray....Pray....Pray....for our Home Missionaries that God's Will be done.

In His Service,
Mrs. Ted Davis



STATE PROJECT

"Pay and Pave the Way for the Hanna's"
This is a picture of Mrs. Hanna in the native costume.

AUXILIARIES REPORTING IN OCTOBER

Parkview F.W. Baptist-Desloge, Mo.
South Side Auxiliary-St. Louis, Mo.
First F. W. Baptist-Kirksville, Mo.
First F. W. Baptist-Thayer, Mo.
First F. W. Baptist-Lebanon, Mo.
First F. W. Baptist-Flat River, Mo.
First F.W. Baptist-Mountain Grove, Mo.
First F.W. Baptist-Joplin, Mo.

MISSION CLASS HOLDS MEETING

The Ladies Mission Class of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge, met Friday evening for the October meeting. The opening song was "Abide in Me", and prayer was by Hazel Morris. The scripture reading of 1 Thes. 3 was by president, Mildred Miller.

During the roll call, eleven answered the roll with a scripture verse containing the word "affliction."

Three poems were read, "My self", by Edith Forshee, "Have You Taken it to Jesus", by Effie Matthews and "Be Careful", by Edna Moore.

Mrs. Grover Terry was elected teacher

and a discussion on the attributes of a teacher was discussed. Mildred Miller was elected president, Agnes Terry, vice-president; Edith Forshee, secretary; Nellie Rasnic, assistant secretary; Agnes Terry, teacher; Hazel Morris, corresponding secretary; Edna Moore, assistant corresponding secretary; Ava McFarland, pianist; and Edna Moore, assistant pianist.

Effie Matthews gave the benediction.

The group adjourned to the basement and enjoyed games and refreshments. The games and prizes were by Edith Forshee. The group drew names for secret pals.

THAYER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had their monthly meeting October 13 with 17 members and 5 visitors present. We had another one to join our auxiliary.

We sang "Send the Light" and then prayer led by Sister Ina Bennett.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and our treasurer's report was given and approved as read. The other officers reports were given. Our Youth Chairman reported a good meeting for the Y.P.A. with 10 members and 4 visitors and the missionary midgets had 12 members present. The G.T.A. hadn't met for October yet.

Our Pre-Thanksgiving week of Prayer was discussed.

After our business session, our Study Course Chairman is taking about ten minutes per meeting for six consecutive meetings for our Study Course on the Manual. Questions are passed out each meeting for the members to find the answers in their Manual and bring them back for the next meeting.

The program for October was, "Let's Fill the Gap". It was a real good lesson for everyone.

Following our program, the Auxiliary honored Wilma (Janes) Rogers with a wedding shower. She received many nice and useful gifts. Refreshments were served in the church dining area.

Gay Combs
Corresponding Secretary

VERY ACTIVE

The South Side Auxiliary has been very active in their benevolence work. In the month of July, with the co-operation of some of the other auxiliaries in the St. Louis area, seventy-two cakes were baked for the Veterans Hospital. It was a great joy to these men to taste something home-baked. For August we gave a gift of ten dollars to a needy woman. During September each lady brought some artificial

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flowers and a beautiful arrangement was made and presented to Sister Ellen Graham, who had just returned from the hospital.

Each month we have a planned program. For the month of September our program prayer chairman, Betty Sinko, prepared a short playlet on "Tithing". The scene took place in a home. The Setting was a sewing circle. Each lady openly discussed tithing, what God said about it and how each one personally felt about tithing.

We have had one study course which was on missions. It was presented by Mrs. Marie Hanna, missionary to India. She discussed their work in India and some of the problems they face. She also made us more aware of their needs. It is through the strength of God that Sister Hanna and her husband go to India to tell the people about our Saviour. It should be with the same strength that we give and pray for them.

Our missionary offering for the past three months have gone to the Bobby Aycocks, Don Robirds and Marie Hanna. Our desire is to be better witnesses for our Saviour.

Corresponding Secretary,
Lillie Tallent

HELP THE CEREBRAL PALSY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville met for a tea Thursday at the fellowship house.

Lu Etta Stewart took charge of the service. Velma Wellman had the devotions. A special song was given by Julia Mallick, Burnice Thomas and Velma Wellman. Our president, Ruth Jacobs gave a report on our auxiliary, what it stands for and what we do. Our project for the year is to help the Mileys. Our home project is to help the Cerebral Palsy.

Lovely refreshments were served. Lu Etta Stewart and Burnice Thomas poured. There were ten members and four guests present. We were dismissed in prayer by Grace Toney.

Our officers for the coming year are President-Ruth Jacobs; vice president-Lu Etta Stewart; youth chairman-Burnice Thomas; study course chairman-Joan Filkins; program prayer chairman-Velma Wellman; personal service chairman-Laura Glaspie; recording secretary-Elfie Dare; corresponding secretary-Esther Hedgee; Corresponding Secretary, Esther Hedgee

PROJECT BANDAGES FOR AFRICA

September was designated as "Project Bandages for Africa" and members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River made an abundance of bandages to be sent to Africa. December, 1964

DECEMBER

PRE-CHRISTMAS
WEEK OF PRAYER
DEC. 14-18, 1964



PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK OF PRAYER

BY MRS. S. T. DUNNING

THEME: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

PRAYER EMPHASIS

Write your state missions board director for specific prayer requests to be remembered this week. Arrange these requests on small cards to be passed out among your members during the week. A small seal (praying hands, cross, etc.) will add to the attractiveness of these prayer cards, and can easily serve as prayer reminders for your ladies during their daily devotions at home.

Remember our offerings go to our State Home Missions. May God Be Praised Through Our Giving.

PROGRAMING AID

With seasonal arrangement in the background, place a Bible on a table opened to the second chapter of Luke. Have a star cut from styrofoam mounted nearby; also a lighted candle. This will help to impress the truth that the Christ of Christmas is THE LIGHT and THE WORD, and His star still shines today in the lives of His followers, leading others to Him.

The October meeting was enjoyed and many plans were made including a "Silver Party" for the BA's, GTA's and the Missionary Midgets during the month of October. Genevieve White, president, directed the meeting. Topics were by Mildred Burcham, Marion Wilson and Jean Blakeley, with program chairman, Edity Keeney giving the introduction.

Mrs. Dale Blakeley
Secretary

AUXILIARIES REPORTING IN NOVEMBER

Flat River, Mo.-First F.W. Baptist
St. Francois County Woman's Auxiliary
West Plains-Free Will Baptist
Berkeley F.W.B. Auxiliary-St. Louis
Thayer-Free Will Baptist Auxiliary
Monett-First F.W.B. Auxiliary
Lebanon-First F.W.B. Auxiliary
Joplin-First F.W.B. Auxiliary

NOTICE

Auxiliary members you will notice that the October and November pages are included in this one edition.

of the needs for Christian witnessing.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Leona Holt.

The Leah Mae Circle served refreshments of pie and coffee to 30 members and guests present.

LEBANON FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST

Women's Auxiliary met October 13 at the church with thirteen members present, and one visitor, Mrs. Edith Headley.

Voted to have Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer on the 16, 18, and 19th of November. Also to get a wedding gift for Mr. and Mrs. Dub Brayboy.

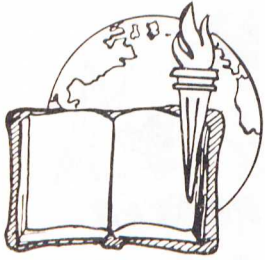
Corresponding Secretary,
Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison

WEST PLAINS AUXILIARY

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary met November 12 at the

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THE MISSION FIELD



FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING MISSOURI OCTOBER 1964

Lonzo Maxwell, Mtn. Grove	5.00
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	61.00
F.W.B. Church, Berkeley	192.00
First FWB Church, Greenfield	11.53
Aulsbury FWB, Bonne Terre	15.00
Beulah Midgett, St. Louis	90.00
Myrtle FWB Church	117.95
Rev. & Mrs. L. E. Means,	
Willow Springs	2.00
First FWB Church, Monett	11.52
Leadington FWB Church	18.00
Overland FWB, Adult Class	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
Hazel Creek Union, Kirksville	136.33
First FWB, Fredericktown	24.00
Union Light FWB, Patton	61.00
Madison Co. Quart. Meeting,	
Fredericktown	19.53
Parkview FWB, Desloge	40.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	6.51
Central FWB, Kansas City	36.57
Copper Mines FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00
Willow Spgs. FWB, Mtn. Grove	14.39
Earl Ivey, Lebanon	35.00
New Rock Spgs. FWB, Cabool	30.00
Fourth FWB Aux., St. Louis	5.00
Lillian Moore, St. Louis	46.00
Coop. Plan of Support	283.95
Beacon FWB, Raytown	43.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	2.00
Mo. State Association	50.86
Alton FWB Church	14.25
South Side FWB, St. Louis	75.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Steadfast SS Class, Overland	12.00
Floy E. Greer, Harrisonville	6.00
Oak Grove SS Class, Mtn. Grove	15.00
	\$1605.39

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS BOARD MISSOURI RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER 1964

Faith FWB Aux., Lemay, Mo.	\$ 5.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	5.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	2.00
Mo. St. Assn. of FWB	60.00
Coop Plan of Support	156.66
Ronald E. Barr, St. Louis	45.00
First FWB League, Monett	4.00
YP Class, New Harmony FWB,	
Greentop	2.00

Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00
Berkeley Jr. GTA	5.00
Pauline Means, Willow Springs	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ron E. Barr, St. Louis	3.00
Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville	3.42
Mrs. Gloria Frazier, St. Louis	1.00
Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	5.00
Overland FWB	25.00
Leadington FWB	15.00
First FWB, Monett	10.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett	15.00
FWB Aux., Lemay	5.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Total Receipts	\$405.08

Jerome, Idaho
October 13, 1964

Dear Mission Friends:

Yesterday was our seventh Sunday here in Jerome. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were 25 for Sunday School, 31 for morning worship, and 35 for the evening service.

Our average in Sunday School is up this month; also, the averages in morning and evening worship services are up. We average almost as many in prayer meeting as we do in our Sunday School. To us, this is a very good sign.

The mission is supporting the cooperative program with 10% of its income. It is also sending each month to home and foreign missions. The first offering of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was sent this month. A regular offering to the college will be sent from now on. It is so good to work with another group who will support every phase of the work. Please pray that this group will always see the need of the whole program.

The Mission Board has given us the "go ahead" with our plans for property and buildings. We are purchasing about two-fifths of a short block here in Jerome. The property lies between "G" and "H" Streets on Cleveland. We are presently living in the house on this property. This house will serve as a parsonage. We plan to move two barracks on to the property, using one for a chapel and the other for classrooms. This will hold us for sometime. The over-all plans call for an auditorium later.

The Mission Board has given us permission to make an appeal to our people for the money for the barracks. We can buy the two barracks for \$1300., set down

on our property. We can finance all of the property and building efforts if we can just raise the money for the barracks. Please make this an object of prayer and send your offerings to National Home Missions, earmarked "Idaho Building Project".

May God richly bless you.

Yours in missions,
Wade Jernigan

P. O. Box 1201
Waipahu, Hawaii

Dear Friends-Aloha!

"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; while by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men." 11 Corinthians 9:11-13.

It has been almost three months since we published our last news letter but we knew you were praying and we wanted to have some definite news to share with you about the sale of some of the property and the loan from the Bank of Hawaii to pay off our balance of the \$60,000. owed on the original purchase.

We'll praise the Lord with us for He has done it! We sold a section of this property-11,164 square feet at \$1.50 per sq. foot. This gave us \$16,746. (which was twice as much as we paid for it). I then applied to the Bank of Hawaii for a church loan of \$18,000. and they granted the loan without any hesitation; however in figuring the balance I did not count the interest and we were still about \$1500. short. Then I applied for an additional personal loan of \$1500. using our car and almost everything else that we own as collateral. This personal loan is to be paid in thirty months at \$59.75 per month or it can be paid off at any time in one lump sum and we can save the interest. The Church Loan of \$18,000. is to be paid in eight years at \$240.96 per month. They will permit us to make a 20% payment on the principal each year in addition to the regular monthly payments. If we should be able to do this the entire amount

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MISSION BRIEFS

HOME MISSIONS

ALABAMA - Rev. E. B. Ledlow is conducting services at 1820 Mt. Meign Road in the capitol city of Montgomery. He visited 102 homes last month, which is one reason the new church is showing such an unusual growth.

ARIZONA - The church in Tucson, Arizona, under direction of Malcolm Fry, is off to a good start with an average of 83 in morning church service, 46 in training service, 55 in evening service, and 32 in prayer meeting during month of September. There have been 16 decisions this month. The church is located at 2565 East 18th Street.

ALASKA - The Kirby J. Godwin family are located in the capitol city of Juneau, where he is now conducting services. Living costs in this city are reported to be 23% higher than in Seattle, according to the U. S. Department of Labor.

The Lee Whaley family report 2 Good News Clubs going at Fairbanks, and they report an average attendance of 15 in the Sunday School. Mrs. Lee Whaley has just recovered from an illness. Pray that she would have strength to endure the long, hard winter.

CANADA - Herman E. Brooks has been appointed as a helper for Rev. Mack C. Owens in New Brunswick. He is assisting in three churches with the Sunday School and youth work. Mrs. Mack Owens is ill and needs your prayers. She has had one kidney removed and scar tissue has now been detected on the other kidney. Please pray that God will intervene.

COLORADO - Rev. Roger Harwell now conducts services at 1947 Lake Avenue, Pueblo, where he reports an average of 17 in Sunday School. This brings to 3 the Free Will Baptist churches in Colorado, which state was first entered by Home Missionary, Roy Thomas, now pastor at Denver.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - Kenneth Walker reports an average of 62 in Sunday School in September and church offerings of \$723.71. This work will be completely released from the Home Missions Department on November 30. Prayer is requested as this church continues to make her witness known in our nation's capitol.

HAWAII - The Luther Sanders family report an average Sunday School attendance of 41. Late reports indicate that the \$60,000 project lacks about \$18,000 being completed. The church is located at 94533 Waipahu Street, Waipahu.

IDAHO - Wade Jernigan has started holding services at "H" Avenue at Lincoln in Jerome. He reports an average Sunday School attendance of 22, and that there has been one profession. The Buhl church is in need of a pastor and all the ministers and churches in this state need the prayers of the denomination. Pray for Wade Jernigan and family as they begin work in Idaho where a large percentage of the population are Mormons.

KANSAS - The church in Topeka continues to grow according to Rev. Robert Sharpy, the pastor. They report one profession last month. The church is located at 3900 Shunga Drive. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Shade are in Salina and have been very successful in their work. Brother Shade reports they plan a revival meeting soon. The church is located at 201 East Minneapolis.

MEXICO - Arthur Billows, with five native pastors, continues to win souls in this country. Mr. Billows reports 3 professions in September. The Bible Institute is now in operation for this year. Rev. W. L. Miller continues a work in Juarez which was begun in 1957. He was given a citation by the city of El Paso this year for his outstanding work as a humanitarian. He was nominated for the Lane Award.

Mrs. Arthur Billows has had a Mexican fever and, as a result experienced a great loss of weight. Please pray that her condition will be improved soon.

MICHIGAN - The Sunday School attendance at this work in Grand Rapids is now averaging 156. They had 3 professions in August. Lewis Perry reports an average of 26 in Sunday School at the Lincoln church.

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO - Miss Bessie Yeley now lives in this city where she works in a local church. She has been retired from active service with the National Home Mission Board after many years of service. Miss Yeley has a small retirement pension from the Board.

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Alton	23.00	Hannon	28.20	West Plains, Bethel	38.00
West Plains, Bethel	31.00	Union Light	7.45	Cuba	63.71
Faith	37.26	Joplin	59.80	Fellowship	50.00
Mill Creek	68.18	Oskaloosa	26.32	Total	\$ 2158.43
Grant Ave.	83.87	Berkeley	191.83		
Lebanon First	161.00	Thayer	52.50		
Farmington	106.29	Mt. Valley	46.32	DISBURSED	
Viburnum	90.80	Copper Mines	28.30	55% National Ass'n	1187.14
Parkview	78.31	Carterville	9.58	1% Church Training Service	21.58
Myrtle	90.19	Overland	110.29	3% Youth Camp	64.75
Festus First	41.44	Leadington	51.00	4 1/2% Gem	97.14
Richwood	78.88	Monett	98.88	8% General Fund	172.67
Salem	10.00	Victory	63.76	8 1/2% Mo. Missions	183.46
South Side, St. Louis	162.50	Mine La Motte	10.00	20% Promotional Dept.	431.69
Hickory Grove	17.70	Pleasant Home	46.98	Total	\$ 2158.43

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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS

Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Friend,

Time flies!

Already five months of the fiscal year for Free Will Baptist Bible College have passed. Missouri Free Will Baptists in order to be on schedule with the National Association's suggested quota should have given \$2,710. Instead Missouri has given \$1,449.72.

This means that your state will need to give an average amount of \$721.48 per month to meet its responsibility to the cause of Christian education here at the Bible College this year.

We feel that you in Missouri will want to meet your entire budget during the next seven months.

Remember - time flies! It takes time to do what you intend to do. Let me suggest that you start planning now to meet your state quota.

Sincerely,
Paul J. Kettman
Director of Public Relations

CHURCH REPORTS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Missouri, are very happy to report that we have just closed a nine day revival with Rev. Leland Horton, from Kirksville, Missouri as the evangelist. He brought some very inspiring messages and as the results, we had one rededication and two, to join the Church for which we are very thankful.

We are still small but we believe and feel sure that our Church is on the move for the Lord. We desire the prayers of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

PASTOR'S WIFE HONORED

Mrs. Gene Norris, wife of the Rev. Gene Norris, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri, was honored with a birthday dinner, Sunday, November 1 in fellowship hall of the church.

She was presented a lovely birthday cake and many lovely and useful gifts.

Jane serves as church organist, vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary, and teacher in the Beginner Department of the Sunday School.

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YOUTH REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, Missouri had a very successful week-end youth revival with Ken Riggs as speaker. God blessed with several of the young people committing their lives totally for Christ.

YOUTH SUNDAY

October 25 was proclaimed as Youth Sunday in the Enlistment Campaign in which the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri is participating. The music for the devotional was by the Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments with Trudy Busenbark directing and Jane Norris at the piano. Readings were by Jeanne Busenbark and Debby Wells. Cleo Black, Sunday School superintendent made the opening remarks and stressed the importance of youth in the church.

The youth taught the various classes: Trudy Busenbark-Beginner; Joyce Horton-Primary; Joan and Vickie Matthews-Junior Boys; Bobby Wilson-Junior Girls; Debby Gammon, Bena Mae Dees, Jeanne Busenbark-Intermediate; Karen King-Young People; Rosie King-Reu Class; Ardell Polk-Loyal Workers; Debby Wells-Naomi Class; Dennie Conway-Mens Bible Class; Mike Burcham.

The Rev. Gene Norris is church pastor.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT MILL CREEK CHURCH

On October 31st the Sunday School and C.T.S. gave the young people of the church a Halloween Party and several came masked. We had a lot of fun guessing who was who. Several prizes were given. Refreshments were served and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

REPORT FROM MILL CREEK CHURCH

On October 18 we had our annual homecoming with all day services with a large crowd attending. There was special singing in the afternoon with much rejoicing in the Lord.

CHURCH REPORTS

Olivet F.W.B. Church of Marshall, Mo. has called Rev. Junior Ussery of Belton, Mo. for their pastor. He started the 11th of October 1964.

We have our furnace installed so we will have no heating problem as in the past.

Also we almost have our S.S. rooms finished. So far our average attendance is 19 in Sunday School and Church. We praise the Lord for this number and that we have been able to do the work on our church. We desire your prayers.

We urge the readers of the GEM to contact by card or letter Bro. Ussery if they have friends or relatives living in Marshall that are not going to church. His address is Rev. Junior Ussery, RR #4, Marshall, Missouri.

Executive Church Bonds, Inc.
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Pastor:

Is it possible that you need additional space to house a growing congregation?

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Sincerely,
Jake Creech

P.S. Should you know of other churches planning a building program, you can aid us greatly by sharing this information with the church.

UNDERGOING REDECORATING

The interior of the First Free Will Baptist Church
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tist Church of Flat River underwent re-decoration in late October. The project was sponsored by the Reu Sunday School Class and other members of the church participated.

New light fixtures were installed in fellowship hall of the church also. The Rev. Gene Norris is church pastor.

REVIVAL EACH SUNDAY

Revival Sunday after Sunday is the order of the day at the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, 1060 South Grant, Springfield, Missouri.

On Sunday, November 8, two sets of twins were baptised in a very sacred service, also there was one decision for Christ. Also during the past month there have been people walk the aisles to the altar, giving themselves completely to God as the spirit of God has prevailed in each service.

The Meetin' Time Choir blesses the hearts of people each Sunday as they sing to the glory of God. There are 33 voices at the present time working actively in our church choir. Margaret Dixon, Director, announces that some new evangelical hymns are being prepared to use soon. Also the Junior Meetin' Time Choir has been organized with 18 members. They have been used in three different services. Their rehearsal time is each Sunday evening at 5:30.

Auxiliaries are actively working in the behalf of the total program of the church. Thirty-three members were present in the last Womens Auxiliary meeting and twenty-three members present for the Master's Men meeting. The YPA, the GTA, and the Missionary Medgets are actively engaged in profitable programs. There is a real spirit of interest in our Church Training Service department. We are now having over one hundred each Sunday evening for the CTS. The Sunday School is also on the move and we are hoping to keep above the two hundred mark.

The pastor's personal secretary, Mary Latimer, is working hard to help establish records that will aid in building a good strong church.

The church voted in a business conference October 7, to complete the church basement, which will provide several new Sunday School rooms, a fellowship hall, and a new church kitchen.

Billy Melvin, of Nashville, Tennessee, is to be the evangelist for a revival scheduled for November 29 through December 6. Our pastor, Rev. O. T. Dixon, has just returned from a very successful revival in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Also, he preached a short meeting at the Free Will Baptist church in Nangua with four decisions. Brother Laverne Jones is the pas-

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tor there and the Lord is blessing that work. Pray for us that we may lead the people of Springfield to Christ.

HENRY E. (GENE) MIKEL DIES OF INJURIES

Henry Eugene (Gene) Mikel, 61, a former Greentop business man hurt Monday afternoon October 5, in a tractor accident on his farm, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning October 7 in a Kirksville hospital.

Mr. Mikel was cutting brush on a hillside when the accident happened.

His wife, the Rev. Alta Mikel found him about an hour after the accident occurred and called an ambulance. He entered the hospital in critical condition.

He was born on a farm near Greentop, Mo. on January 1, 1903, the son of James Franklin and Anna Maud (Evans) Mikel. In the Wayman's residence west of Greentop on February 7, 1926, he was married to Mary Alta Wayman. Two children were born to this marriage.

Surviving besides his wife are two sisters, Mrs. Maurine Wayman of Kirksville, Missouri, and Mrs. Harold (Leota) Burkhardt, Greentop; one half brother, James F. Mikel, Jr. of Greentop; his stepmother, Mrs. Gertrude Mikel, Greentop; one aunt, Mrs. Eva Peterson of Kirksville, Mo., and several nieces and nephews besides many devoted friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son and one daughter.

From 1926 to 1931 he was engaged in farming west of Greentop and in 1931 he moved to Greentop and operated the Mikel grocery. In 1941 he sold the grocery business and started the Economy Gas Co. which he operated until 1957 when he sold to M. E. Dahl of Minneapolis, Minn.

He assisted his wife, the Rev. Alta Mikel, in missionary work in the opening of closed Free Will Baptist churches at Graysville and Martinstown and also opened a work at Mendota in a closed Church of Christ building. Mr. and Mrs. Mikel were pastoring the Mendota and Graysville churches at the time of Mr. Mikel's death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Greentop at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, October 10.

The Rev. James McCully, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, who was engaged in a revival with Mr. and Mrs. Mikel at the time of Mr. Mikel's passing. Seven souls had accepted Christ the first week of the revival which had been in progress one week when the accident occurred. There was one young man saved after the death of Mr. Mikel in the services that continued for a week after the passing of Mr. Mikel; Rev. Wayne Parsons of Fredrick-

town, Mo. assisted Rev. McCully in the service.

Burial was in the New Harmony Cemetery west of Greentop.

Bearers were ministers with whom Mr. and Mrs. Mikel were associated, Orville Aldridge, Kline Capps, Kermit Crooks, Donell Logsdon, Woodrow Matthews, Danny Newlin, Don Rowland, and Wayne Veach.

Music was by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mason, Vivian, Verl, and Teddy of First Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

The following poem was written by Judy Cullor, sixteen year old girl who became a christian friend of the Mikel's through their labors at Mendota. She and her sister though members of another church body attend the Friday night services which are conducted regularly at Mendota.

Although we wonder sometime why
A love one we must part
We shouldn't question God's great plan
If we love Him with all our heart.

God knows best dear friend of mine
So put your faith in Him
Even though it means sorrow
And loneliness in the end.

Trust Him, serve Him, and obey
The precious Word of God
Though Gene has passed on
He'll be happier on that Holy Sod.

We know God will stand by
And comfort in this hour
Just put your hand in His
He'll lead you by His power.

We know it's hard, so hard
Just to say good-bye
But soon we'll be to a heavenly place
Where no one will have to die.

Judy Cullor

IN REMEMBRANCE

How still lies the night in unconcern,
When the soul of man is sleeping.
But the midnight hour is slow and sure,
When the death angel does his reaping.
The dawn of light, the day of the Lord.
This world of darkness, drifted away
Eternity has claimed its own.
Left us, but a house to decay.
Praise God, we know our loved one
Was sober and watchful to hear
The trump of the Lord when it sounded;
And he had no reason to fear.
We'll miss the crutch of tender support
This soldier provided so well,
And the testimony he left behind
Lightens our hearts to tell.

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CHALLENGE DEMANDS ACTION

By Eddie Altis
Newest Member of the Sunday School and
Church Training Service Board

With the brief history of the Sunday School and League Board in the November GEM and the introduction to the new "total program" for youth as outlined in the October issue, Free Will Baptists of Missouri are faced with a challenge. A challenge to "live up to" the past and aspire toward the high hopes of the future.

A challenge, however, is a problem of the present. Though the record of the past and the hopes of the future may inspire us, the challenge of both demands action today.

I have often heard, and perhaps even said, "Oh, it's well enough to say we should meet the challenge, but how?" May I be so bold as to suggest?

-----Know what the new youth program is-----Make it your business to be personally informed. Reread the articles "Facing the Future" in the October, 1964 GEM and "Expansion in Training" in the September, 1964 CONTACT. Further information may be obtained through the State and National chairmen.*

-----Know how the program works-----Become personally acquainted with the organizational structure. Know for yourself what division names are.....what age groups belong in each department.....what is meant by ranks and how they may be achieved.

-----Plan now to implement the program in January-----The new program is not so radical a change that it should create any major problems. However, there are some changes so let's get ready to make them. The proper church committees, or special committees specifically appointed, should now be working "full

steam ahead" so that the individual church may anticipate needs and make plans for a smooth and complete transfer.

God promised Israel a great and good land. God kept his promise, but Israel never inhabited all the territory God gave them. Their lack of faith and vision hindered them from acting. Israel was never what she could have been because she failed to meet this challenge.

What Missouri Free Will Baptists will accomplish through their youth program will be determined by the faith and vision with which we meet our challenge. I take pride in progress made by Missouri Free Will Baptists. I am proud of the high goals we have set for the future. But, I am most proud of the definite demonstration of action in the present, prominent in our churches. I encourage us to meet our challenge-----the challenge of today-----and claim what is ours.

*Addresses where further information on Church Training Service may be obtained.

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Church Training Service Department
National Association of Free Will Baptists
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Nashville, Tennessee, 37205

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The grief so swollen, within our heart
Is not for the one Thou hast taken;
But tears are for we, who are left behind
Tho we know we are not forsaken.
The house of this loved one is left for a sign
Of the uncertain life of the mortal.
Wake up and prepare, ere the Lord calls you
With no escort through heavens portals.
"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light"
Said Jesus, our Saviour and guide
Your soul is eternal, so choose you this day
With whom, do you want to abide?
We know that Jesus has taken Gene home
We rejoice in salvation through grace
Left us up, lead us on, Jesus our King
We long, to again, see his face.

Mrs. Wanda Weber.

Sister Weber and her husband both came
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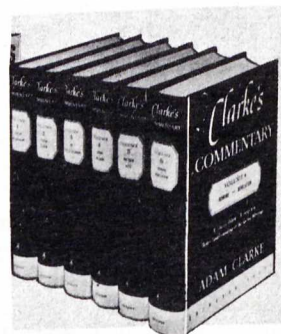
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into fellowship with the Lord through the Mendota Mission which Gene and Alta Mikel opened in June 1957. Both Wanda and her husband are faithful workers at the Mission.

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would be paid off within three or four years. Needless to say that we must depend on your continued prayer and financial support. We need several churches and individuals to send ear-marked funds each month not only to our personal account but to meet these monthly obligations in paying for the church property. Perhaps your church, Sunday School Class, Woman's Auxiliary, CTS, etc. would like to take this land fund as a project.

We now have 66,618 square feet of property (which is just a little more than an acre and one-half) and on this property we have six buildings which are worth much more than the \$19,500. that we owe on the property. The total value of this property with the improvements is estimated to be over \$100,000. and belongs to the Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church with the deed made to the Board of Trustees, who are elected on a rotating basis.

The Lord continues to bless our work here. The load gets heavy but He gives more grace. Helen is busy with her four weekly Bible Classes and a host of other things such as sewing, ironing, house-keeping, church janitor, visitation, etc. Brenda is very busy studying and is enjoying her first year in High School. I have been kept busy by doing some carpenter work, painting, yard work, many business appointments, besides my pastoral and missionary duties. I have made about three hundred house calls this month with some promising results.

Last month we celebrated the fifth anniversary of the work in Hawaii and hope in the near future to send you a pictorial report of the progress of the work that has been done.

In our educational building we have a special room that we call "The Prophet's Chamber" where missionaries, ministers and Christian workers can come and relax when they pass through Hawaii. We have two roll-away beds, a dresser, desk, kitchen and private bath. This room has been used frequently the past couple of months. We do enjoy the fellowship of those who come our way.

May we say again how much we thank you and thank God for you. Your prayers, love, financial support and faithfulness to the work in Hawaii is beyond mere expression of words; and we can only pray that God will bless each of you and when you share the reward in Heaven I am sure you will feel, as we do, that even after we have given our all it still seems so little when He has done so much for us.

Aloha with Thanksgivings
and Praise,
The Sanders in Hawaii



BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM MISSOURI

Registered at the Bible College for the fall term are the Missouri students pictured below. Front row, left to right: Everyl Hellard, Diana Land, Drucilla Short, Lexia Gardner, Alice Dodson, Linda Plummer, Karen Stephens. Second Row: Wally Price, Jack Stallings, Donovan Maxwell. Third Row: Jerry Rackley, Lewis Bramblett, Jerry Pinkerton, Jim Lauthern, David Whaley, Billy VanWinkle.

Not pictured: Vernon Maggart.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964

	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.			
Fellowship, Flat River	214	184	182	171	158	159	176	165			
Beacon	72					71	79				
Farmington	122	121	132	107	110	111	130	119			
Liberty-Phillipsburg	76	75	55								
Berkeley City	341	282	254	260	236	224					
Richwoods	64	55	58	61	52	55	54	49			
Kirksville	90	102	92	94	108	107	101	90			
Grant Ave., Springfield	198	181	167	178	183	178	166	177			
Hazel Creek	58	53	55	46	52	50	52	51			
Mine La Motte	31	32	34	29	30	30	29				
First, Flat River	120				100	102	114	111			
Overland Church	178	172	175	160	142		144	170			
First, Mtn. Grove	379	332	333	332	320	322	346	326			
Desloge	116	103	115	119	109	101	105	111			
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	73	62	63	69	57	62	61	58			
Union Light	93	104	112	118	112	109	106	120			
First, Springfield	234			169	185	222	192				
Sunnyview Church	71	50	54	54	53	51	50				
Central, Kansas City	105	105	113	108	107	103	91	115			
Hannon	54	56	65	59	65	51	72				
First, Monett	157	126	123	122	144	141	137	131			
Garfield-Couch	44	42	39	40	42	47					
Victory	124	102	107	101							
First, Fredericktown	177	156	155	141	150	154	164	172			
Copper Mines	96	89	100	93	93	94	76				
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	30	37	44	40	36						
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	80	60	62	57	62	63	80				
Twin Oaks Church	57	53	62	68	61	64	57	60			
West Plains	173	179	173	165	173	209	215	205			
Cuba	63	82	74								
Southside	206	168	183	178	160	167	188				
First, Lebanon			70	78	74	81	81	87			
Myrtle Church	76	72	72	74	70	76					
Mt. Pisgah						70					
Joplin	88	81	98	89	96						
Grace Church	161	151	149	129	119						
Salem							26	26			
Thayer Church								122			
Alton Church	102	102	98	99	88	97	97	94			

THE WORTH OF A FAMILY ALTAR

This article won 2nd place in the YPA Essay Contest.

By Imogene Burns
Meramec Heights F.W.B. Church
Kirkwood, Missouri

God created Eve to be "A help meet" for Adam, and the first family was begun. To this union children were soon born. These in time became fathers and mothers; thus human relationship was established.

Today each of us have a "family". There are always mothers, fathers, and grandparents. Sometimes there are brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, etc. Natural births established these relationships. Some families have closer ties than others.

The Bible teaches us that there is another birth - a new birth - a second birth which brings us into a closer "family" relationship with God.

A family altar can establish not only a better family relationship but a better relationship with God, also.

How many times have we heard the saying, "A family that prays together stays together"? How many times has it been applied to our lives? Did we try it? I'm sure that if a family can have a worship hour, then that family will stay together.

Many words have been coined in our generation, one of which is "togetherness". The dictionary states that it means "a oneness" built around a common cause or purpose which ties many people in a complete unit. We all are one in Christ, and this Union in him makes for spiritual togetherness. It is easy for us to acknowledge our dependence upon him, but how about our dependence on one another? Can we depend on our family to help us in time of need? Can we depend on God? If not, I think we should establish a closer relationship with our family and with God. The best way to do this is through a family altar.

In our homes we are concerned about many, many things, but are we concerned about the spiritual needs of our family?

Parents who are inattentive to these needs in the early years of child training will have much to regret when they do decide to give attention to these matters.

When the writer of Proverbs said, "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children" (13:22), he must have been speaking of a father whose heart was concerned with the spiritual

welfare of his descendants.

Today people need a place where they may feel welcome for the comfort of prayer. The Christian home should be a ready retreat for prayer both for individuals and groups. Children should recognize us as men and women of prayer who believe that prayer changes things.

With sin and temptation on every hand we must assure ourselves that we can overcome these things, and know that our children won't be a victim of these when they are out in the world. If we can establish a spiritual relationship with our family and God, we don't have to worry about our children becoming juvenile delinquents, and children won't have to worry about their parents being divorced. In Proverbs 22:6 it states, "train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." You may go out and buy all types of text books, or take courses on child training, but the best way is the Bible as a text. If the child is taught by the Bible in the true way he will not depart from the Christian way of life.

If only people knew the happiness a family altar can bring into their lives and homes. I believe that one of the worst things that can torture the mind is worry. Today parents worrying about their children have become one of the most troubled problems in the home. About all you hear and read nowadays seems to be how bad the teenagers are. Parents seem to be becoming less concerned about their children. No wonder they are always in trouble. I believe it is up to the parents to show their children the right way to live. The way of the Bible. Do you see Christian parents who have taught their children the right way to live worrying about their children going out and stealing, killing, etc.? No, because they know the lives of the children. In Romans 20:11, it states that "even a child is known by his doings". Can we know what our child does when he is away from home? If we have trained him up using the Bible as our text book we will know and we won't have to worry as much.

Another bad problem in the home is divorce. This seems to be found in homes everywhere. So many people are forgetting the "I thee wed" statement they make when they get married, also the "till death do us part" statement. Those who begin this great adventure should be Christians, and be sure of their love for each other.

They need to give themselves to Christ's kingdoms work. In service and sacred devotions the family becomes strong enough to meet all the great temptations of life. To count the cost of a happy married life, one should be informed of the scripture requirements as well as the vows. Paul said, "And unto the married I command, yet not I but the Lord, let not the wife depart from the husband" I Corinthians 7:10. Of course, the same is true of the husband, the Lord has said, "Do not forsake her".

A great person once said, "He that hath a wife and children hath given hostage to fortune, for they are impediment to great enterprise, either of virtue or mischief." Many aspects of advice have been given to home builders and perhaps most of this advice is good, but the surest and most essential way to stay with marriage vows is found within the atmosphere of the local church.

Many parents send their children to church. They themselves could go and take their children, which could start a closer family and spiritual relationship between members of the family. Going to church together can keep the family together. There has never been a moment where genuine love for anyone has failed in holding a marriage together. Where the two were wholly dependent on God's word.

Many times in a home where Christian people dwell is like an oasis in the desert.

Our homes should become known as places where young people may come for spiritual guidance and where anyone may come to share a burden and find help to bear it.

God ordained from the beginning that the home should be the basic unit of society. In our society the Christian home is a basic to all other institutions.

I can't even think what would happen if our Christian homes were destroyed but, I can think and know what joy and happiness it would bring into the world if we had more Christian homes.

Only the prayer of faith is effective, this prayer can be prayed through at the family altar with God as our Savior.

America will begin a trend back to effective Christian living and witness when our homes once again become homes for prayer.

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MISSIONS IN ACTION

By Rev. Roy Thomas
Denver, Colorado

The word "Missions" is a modern term which we have given to the Great Commission. It simply means obedience to Christ's great command to evangelize the world - to preach the gospel to every creature and bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus told the disciples what His mission was. They were to be witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

They were to be witnesses in Jerusalem. When these words were spoken, the disciples stood with Jesus on the Mount of Olives, a hill just outside the city of Jerusalem. To begin at Jerusalem was emphasized by Jesus in Luke 24:47 when he said, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." So to witness in Jerusalem was their starting place in obeying His command to evangelize the world. He is simply saying to them, "This is the place to start. Start here."

Now they were not in Jerusalem when Jesus gave this command. Why didn't he say, "Beginning on the Mount of Olives?" The answer is obvious. There were no people there. The people were in the large city of Jerusalem. This is an important part of obeying Christ's command. We must go where the people are. As Free Will Baptists, many of us have missed Jesus' point here. We go to the city to work, to school, to buy our provisions, but put our church in the country where there is very little evangelistic opportunity.

Jesus was a city preacher! In Mark 1:33, All the city was gathered together to Him. He only went out of the city when the crowds were so great that the town would not hold them. In Mark 1:38 he said, "Let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth."

Brother Billy Melvin reports that our denomination is growing very little numerically. This is the reason. Too many of us stand on the Mount of Olives gazing up into heaven while our people are moving to Jerusalem where we don't have a church, so we lose them to another de-

nomination because they cared for them when they moved to the city.

Jesus not only commanded the disciples to witness in Jerusalem, but also in all Judea. The length and breadth of Palestine was to be covered with the gospel. We need to recognize this also as Jesus' command. Our country is included in the Great Commission. It is "All Judea" to us in Acts 1:8. I have heard it said, "I believe in Foreign Missions, but not Home Missions." What we are saying by that is: "I recognize the uttermost part of the earth as being our responsibility, but Jerusalem and all Judea are not. I am glad that not everyone holds this opinion. I was converted in a mission church in Idaho, the only one in the state at that time. My wife was converted in a mission church in New Mexico, the only one in the state at that time. Had some Free Will Baptists not recognized that "All Judea" is in the Great Commission, neither of us would be Christians.

On the other hand it has been said, "I believe in Home Missions, but not Foreign Missions." We must not forget that at the same time Jesus commanded the evangelization of Jerusalem and all Judea, He also included Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth. Jesus' methods cannot be improved upon. He commanded it this way because it is the only way the world can be evangelized. The first Foreign Missionaries were not sent out by the church at Jerusalem, but the church at Antioch. They were Barnabas and Saul according to Acts 13:2. Barnabas was a farmer from Cyprus (Acts 4:36-37) and Paul had come to Antioch from Tarsus (Acts 11:25-26). According to Acts 13:1, there were also four other preachers in the church at Antioch. This was a marvelous church which became the missionary headquarters for the early church. It was started in the same manner that most of our Home Mission churches today are begun. The people moved from Jerusalem and the apostles sent Barnabas out to organize the church.

In the three short years that the church in Denver has been a reality, two men have answered the call to the ministry. One is already ordained and has begun a church of his own here in Denver. In addition to this, two of our young people have answered the missionary call and

are making plans to enter the Bible College. Our church has conducted services in Pueblo, a city a hundred miles south of Denver, and just as Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch, Rev. Roger Harwell has heard the call and has come to Pueblo to build a church. All of this has been realized because a preacher came where the people are.

One would think that the church at Antioch would be pastored by one of the Apostles. But Acts 8:1 tells us that the Apostles were the last to leave Jerusalem. "They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles." Barnabas, a simple farmer, having no knowledge of Christ before the day of Pentecost and Phillip, a deacon, were the men who went to Samaria and Antioch, while eleven apostles stayed together at Jerusalem. I see a similar situation in our own ranks. Our people are moving out of the country and south to the metropolitan areas of the west and our preachers remain behind. We need to pray that our well qualified men will catch a vision of our metropolitan cities, and move accordingly. Thank God we're seeing some of this. Rev. Malcolm Fry has left an important position as Assistant Pastor of Central Church in Royal Oak, Michigan to go to Tucson, Arizona, and in two months time has eighty in Sunday school. Rev. Wade Jernigan, a successful pastor, evangelist, and chairman of the National Home Mission Board, gave up all of this to go to Idaho.

But where we have two or three examples like this we need hundreds. There are cities all over our country with a nucleus of Free Will Baptist families where a strong missionary church could be built in a short time if only someone would go! With missionaries called out of these churches, and the money to send them coming from the same churches, think what could be done about "the uttermost part of the earth!"

You may be saying, "But what can I do?" The answer is found in Matt. 9:38. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Let us band together and pray until God calls forth laborers to our unreached cities which are so essential to the evangelization of the world.

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church. The meeting was opened with the song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus", after which our president read the scripture reading and prayer was led by Lounita Spears.

Our program on "Be Thankful" was given with the Y.P.A. in charge of the first two topics. The third topic was given by Hattie Sims.

The Business Meeting followed and a study course on stewardship was planned for November 16. Also for our Thanksgiving Program, the Ladies Auxiliary will be in charge of prayer meeting on Wednesday night preceeding Thanksgiving.

We were dismissed in prayer by Donna Judd.

We had 12 members and 2 visitors present.

Ernestine Doss
Corresponding Secretary

BUSY, BUSY FOR THE LORD

Recently, the Monett Missouri Woman's Auxiliary officers presented a study course on the manual of methods. Mrs. Ralph Shrum, study course chairman was in charge of the course which was presented by way of a fashion show. Each officer wore an article of clothing which represented her office. She also told her plans for filling her office for the year. The study course was well attended and enjoyed by all.



New Officers

Officers: Mary Hill-president; Wilma Davis-Sec. Treas.; Dorothy Roller-program chairman; Lorraine Wallen-circle chairman; Alta Powell-vice president; Pearl Thomas-personal service chairman; Pauline Shrum-study course chairman; Roselee McCully-youth chairman and Jo Ann Thomas-narrator.

The other event we would like to report is our Tupperware party sponsored by the auxiliary. Each member and also women of the church who are not members bought Tupperware to be sent to our Missionary

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Eighty dollars worth of Tupperware for the Missionary Closet.

Closet in Nashville. Over eighty dollars of Tupperware was sent. The following pictures show the auxiliary members and the Tupperware. The president and Benevolence chairman who were responsible for arranging the party and one picture of the Tupperware.



Missionary Midgets

I'm also enclosing a picture of the missionary midgets showing them with their project of the month which was covered coffee cans which they presented to their mothers. We have an enrollment of 13 and Jo Ann Thomas is their sponsor.

Next week is our pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer and we are all looking forward to a wonderful week of prayer and study. We will also have a study course during that week.

Each member has adopted a missionary family and we are to write them and send birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards to them and their children. We enjoy working in auxiliary and we like to read the reports of other auxiliaries on the Woman's Page.

Hope you can use this information.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ed Jones
Corresponding Sec.

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of the month.

CARLISLE HANNA'S ACCOUNT

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met November 10 for their monthly meeting. There were 16 members present and one visitor. The meeting was opened by our president, then we sang, "Praise Him, Praise Him". Following the hymn we were led in prayer by Sister Phyllis Miller. Since our program in the Co-Labor book for November was "Be Thankful", our roll call was answered with a Bible verse on being thankful. Scripture lesson was Psalm 100.

The secretary and treasurers reports were given and the remaining officers each reported the work they had done since last meeting.

The program prayer chairman has a well planned pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer planned and we are observing it the week before Thanksgiving.

Each Auxiliary member is to save their dimes from now until the end of June to send to the missionary Carlisle Hanna's account.

After our business session we omitted our regular program from our Co-Labor book and were honored by having the Y.P.A. give their program for the month.

Gay Combs
Corresponding Secretary

STUDY COURSE PLANNED

The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met October 6 and opened by singing, "Lead Me to Some Soul Today." Prayer by Sis. Mildred Dobbins. Opening remarks and scripture reading by Pres. Burton. Topics were given by Jackie Huckaba, Jerry Plummer, and Gusta Barks. We are having a study course the day of October 29 with each one bringing a covered dish. Our auxiliary closed in prayer led by Sis. Coombs.

Our church held a wonderful revival the week of October 12 thru 18 with Rev. Woodrow Matthews of Beacon Free Will Baptist Church of Raytown, Mo. as the evangelist.

Georgia Neely
Corresponding Secretary

NOVEMBER MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met for the November meeting and enjoyed the program, "Be Thankful." Genevieve White presided. The program was directed by Edith Keeney.

November was designated as "Provision Closet Month" and the entire church was invited to participate. The pre-Thanksgiving service was planned for Sunday

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Season's Greetings



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afternoon, November 22 and families of the Auxiliary members as well as the church will be encouraged to attend.

Topics were by Jane Norris, Jean Blakeley and Marion Wilson. A Bible quiz was enjoyed and the benediction was by Lizzie Pirtle.

Jean Blakeley,
Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING

The St. Francois County Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting was October 12 and 19 at the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge. Norma Williams, president, directed the service.

The book "The Nervous Christian," was studied during the two sessions, with the Rev. Everett Hellard, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington,

directing the study.

Collection of clothes for the Cubans in Miami was planned. The group voted to send \$25 to the "Pay and Pave the Way for the Hannahs."

Jean Blakeley
Secretary

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

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

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