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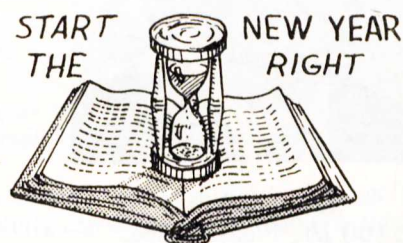
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**Gem**

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

As the bells ring for the bright New Year,  
Resolve to let Jesus lead your way,  
Put faith and trust where once was fear,  
"Choose now whom ye will serve" today,  
And when this New Year grows old and dim,  
You'll say with love and praise to Him,  
"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness"  
For the "Lord is good to all, and His  
Tender mercies are over all His works."

O.L.





# Promotional Secretary's Corner

Pastor James Barker and Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church took good care of the St. Francis County Quarterly meeting while assembled with them October 30-31st. Rev. James Raper delivered the opening message Friday evening, and Rev. Frank Giunta the 11 a.m. sermon Saturday. Time was also given for our Missouri Cooperative program, to which eight out of their nine churches contribute regularly.

I was privileged to preach at the Bonne Terre Church Sunday morning, November 1st. This church is without a regular pastor. We solicit your prayers in their behalf. It was good to be with Pastor Raper and our Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church Sunday evening November 1st, and to bring the opening message in the revival starting there, with a different minister doing the preaching each following night of the meeting. Some souls were saved during this revival effort.

Mission Quarterly Conference convened with Mt. Zion #2, near Hartville, Thursday Nov. 5th. Several good gospel messages preached between business sessions and two fine young men were ordained to the Ministry in the final service. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative program, to which only part of these churches contribute.

Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, hosted the Semi Annual Minister's Meeting of the Southeast Missouri Asso-

ciation, Saturday Nov. 14th. I was delegated to preach the 11:a.m. sermon. The Lord is blessing Pastor Johny Land and this growing Church, as they continue to expand. Their basement Sunday School annex is under construction at this date. November 27-28th, Pastor O. T. Dixon and the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, with six churches represented. Sermons delivered during this meeting by ministers Edwards, Newton, Eden, Johns, Mowry, Marler and Beatty. Time was also given in the business session for our Missouri Co-operative program. Niangua Quarterly Meeting assembled with Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist Church near Long Lane November 28-29. The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. Mancil Cline Saturday P.M. Other ministers preaching Sunday were Linton, Beatty, Dotson, Gardner and Bliss. The service closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper. Our Missouri Co-operative program was explained during their business session. We solicit and urge you to support this world wide ministry; especially, remembering our faithful missionaries at this time. Rev. 22:21 "The grace of our

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Rev. Harry Beatty

Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."  
Harry Beatty

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Beacon	95.64
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Salem	10.00
Farmington	102.46
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Grant Avenue	80.91
Hurryville	193.00
Thayer	51.98
Berkley	178.64
Faith	39.47
Rock Chapel	44.56
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# NEW LIGHTS ON OLD PATHS

Jeremiah 6:16

By: Rev. Dale Skiles

Pastor: Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church  
Myrtle, Missouri

Thus saith the Lord, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (Luke 9:23).

A man was lost in a cave. As he wandered about in the darkness, he discovered many passageways leading off in different directions. Each one gave him renewed hope, that this might be the one which would lead him to the entrance of the cave and safety. But, each one only seemed to lead him deeper into the darkness of the cave. Finally, just as he was beginning to abandon all hope of finding a way out, he happened to glance upward toward the roof of the cave. There, high in the roof, was a tiny pinpoint of light. Frantically, he began climbing toward the light. The higher he climbed, the brighter grew the light; until finally, he was able to climb through an opening into safety.

This is a picture of the world, lost in the darkness of sin. Men and women are groping their way aimlessly through the darkness, trying to find a way of escape. They are traveling down the various passageways of life, seeking satisfaction for their longing hearts. They are in need of someone who will direct their eyes heavenward, from where the light of Christ shines forth, making plain the path, that leads out of the darkness of sin into the sunlight of God's love.

In this coming year of 1965, may we as Christians, through the help of God, so let our lights shine that we may light up the Old Path of Redemption, that leads to Calvary. May we direct attention of the multitudes of lost souls to the place where Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave his life in order that a way of escape from the bondage of sin might be prepared for all who would walk that way.

Undoubtedly, many of us, have already made a list of our New Years Resolutions. But, let us add one more to the list. Let us resolve within our hearts to be a brighter light; a greater witness for Jesus during this year than we have ever been before.

God has put us down here to shine. We are not here to buy and sell and get gain, to accumulate wealth, or to acquire worldly position. Many Christians seem only to be interested in personal gain. Jesus said that the mark of a true Christian lies in his willingness to surrender all that he possesses, in order that his life might count for others. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

This earth, if we are Christians, is not our home, our final home is up above. God has sent us into the world to shine for Him; to light up this dark world. Jesus came to be the light of the world, but they put his light out on the cross. And when he ascended to the Father, He instructed us to be "The Light of the World." But shame be to us Christians, because we have nearly allowed the light to go out, and the darkness of sin is crowding in around us.

If we have allowed our lights to grow dim or go out, let us re-light our lamps at the altar of God's love. And as our refueled lights shine farther out into the darkness, they will illuminate the Pathway to Eternal Life for some judgment bound soul.

So, during this coming year, let your light shine. It may be a small light; but remember, a small light will do a great deal of good in a dark place. Just put one small candle in the middle of a dark room and it will give a good deal of light.

Several years ago, before the convenience of electric lighting, church services were conducted by candlelight. The first family to arrive would bring a candle and place it on a table in the middle of the room. It didn't give very much light. The next family brought their candle and the next also. By the time everyone had arrived and had placed their candles on the table, there was plenty of light.

So, if we all shine a little; all of us together can make a brilliant light for Christ. That's what God expects us to do. We all can't be lighthouses, but we can be candles.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16). Notice that Jesus said for us to let our light shine, not make them shine. You do not have to make light shine; all you have to do is to let it shine.

We have no light within ourselves, we are only Reflectors of the glorious light of the Lord Jesus Christ. But as we allow His light to reflect through us, we can light the pathway to safety for some poor, lost individual, who is struggling through the darkness of sin.

And so, in this coming New Year, let us pick up the "Torch" that was so faithfully carried by our forefathers; that lighted up the Old Pathways for us. And let us be so faithful in carrying it during our lives that when it comes time for us to relinquish it to the coming generation, it will burn just as brightly, or more so, than when it was handed to us.



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## JANUARY

### ENLISTMENT MONTH

#### ATTENTION!!

Vice President of the local church. The month of January is a big month for you!

The vice-president can be highly instrumental in extending and enlarging the influence of the Woman's Auxiliary through enlistment and expansion.

The enlistment committee is a strategic committee in the Auxiliary. When it works, the Auxiliary grows; when it lags, the Auxiliary suffers.

Here are a few ideas to help meet the need.

1. Plan membership drives.
2. Visitation.
3. Posters.
4. Suppers.
5. Special techniques.
6. Don't forget the young.
7. Keep planning.
8. Encourage attendance.

Last year in our local church, our vice-president planned an Enlistment Tea. This was a big success, as well as good fellowship.

Why don't you - "Vice-President" make plans now - for January.

Your Editor

#### AUXILIARIES REPORTING IN NOVEMBER

Hannon F.W.B.-Liberal, Mo.  
First F.W.B.-Flat River  
First F.W.B.-Mountain Grove  
First F.W.B.-Cabool  
First F.W.B.-Lebanon  
First F.W.B.-West Plains  
First F.W.B.-Joplin  
First F.W.B.-Myrtle  
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The Bible promises no loaves to the loaf-  
er!! Let us be busy for Christ.  
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#### PROJECTS EACH MONTH

The Hannon Auxiliary met December the first with Mrs. Jean Crockett. There were nine members present. We were led in prayer by Mrs. Betty Selvey. Mrs. Selvey then presented the lesson to the group. We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Irene Thomas.

We try to have a project for each month. We are selling greeting cards for which the proceeds will go to Mr. and Mrs. Don Nutting who are preparing to go to the missionary field in the early fall. We plan to go caroling the evening of December 21. We will take along baskets of fruit and candies to the older members in the community.

Our November project was purchasing curtains for the annex, which has recently been redecorated.

After the close of the meeting we had a gift exchange and lovely refreshments were served. We all enjoyed the good fellowship together. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Alice Hoover.

Margaret Smith,  
Reporter

#### ARE WE GOOD NURSES FOR OUR PHYSICIAN?

The Women's Auxiliary of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church was opened on December 7, 1964 by the song "Jesus Saves" lead by the Y.P.A.'s song leader, Quanita Henry.

The Vice President, Effie Moss presided over the business part of the program. Wednesday, December 16, was set as the date to visit in Rest Homes. A committee was appointed to buy apples, oranges, cookies, and candy for the elderly people in the homes.

For our Christmas program the Ladies Auxiliary are to get Mrs. Wesley Calvery, who is home on leave from Japan, to give us a talk of her experiences as Missionary to Japan, if possible.

Our business meeting was closed by

prayer lead by Donna Judd.

The scriptures for our Study Program, "The Heavenly Clinic", was Acts 5:32 and Matt. 9:10-13, read by Vice President Effie Moss.

The topics were given as follows:

Introduction ..... Hattie Sims  
The Great Physician.... Addie Adkisson  
Fairest Lord Jesus ..... Jean Pierce  
Jesus Saves ..... Ernestine Doss

Our main thought was "Are we good nurses for our physician, the Lord Jesus?"

We were dismissed by an altar prayer led by Claudia Combs and continued by Hattie Sims.

After our meeting the president of our auxiliary, Claudia Combs, was pleasantly surprised by a birthday song and gift from the Auxiliary. Refreshments followed with the Y.P.A. members joining us.

Ernestine Doss  
Corresponding Secretary

#### COUPONS FOR ORPHANAGE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, met in Educational Building on Nov. 3, 1964 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened by singing "O Happy Day" led by Frankie Kemper with Wanda Rogers at the piano.

The President, Miss Hazel Hutsell, read Psalms 118 and made comments on the verses.

Vice-President Mrs. Pat Elliott took the count of those present by circles. Each circle chairman gave a report of her circle's work for the past month.

Plans were made for the pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer to be Nov. 16-21.

President made an announcement of World Community Day being held on November 12 at the Church of the Brethren.

The president read a letter from the Rev. Roy Turenage of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greenville, Tenn. concerning the work there. The four circles have collected coupons amounting to \$84.13 to be sent to the orphanage.

After expressions of prayer requests, there was a season of prayer by Bonnie Prock, Hazel Elliott, and Martha Coffman.

The meeting was then turned over to Bonnie Maxwell, program chairman. She

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in turn introduced Mrs. Wanda Rogers who had charge of the program for the evening. A very interesting lesson was given by the following members of the Y.P.A.: Janell Millsap, Jean Burch, and Delilah Mason. A poem, "What is Thanksgiving" was then read by Wanda Rogers.

Closing prayer by Betty Moseley.

#### \$65.00 GIFT FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove met in the Educational Building December 1, at 7:30 p.m. for their regular meeting which was opened by singing "Fairest Lord Jesus", led by Mrs. Frankie Kemper, accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Rogers at the piano.

Mrs. Ruth Sheppard led in prayer.

Vice President Mrs. Pat Elliott was in charge of the business meeting and used Luke 2:1-13 which she based her comments on the Christmas season.

The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Jo Hurtt.

Reports were given by each circle chairman as the count was taken concerning the work done during the past month; the Leah Mae circle reported sending a gift to Mrs. Murriel Hutsell in St. John's Hospital after a fall in which she broke a hip and a wrist; the Aileen Calvary reports preparing a basket for a needy family; the Mary Martha had baked cookies for all the rest homes and delivered them; and the Emma Ruth Willey also prepared a basket for a needy family.

It was also decided to carry on the attendance contest for another quarter.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. Jo Hurtt, Mrs. Oma Scott and Mrs. Eula Perry and Mrs. Ruth Sheppard.

The Standard of Achievement chart was discussed and marked.

The pre-week of prayer was planned with Mrs. Frankie Kemper in charge of the lesson Monday, 2:00 p.m.; Mrs. Hazel Elliott in charge of the lesson Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; Youth of the church in charge of the lesson Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Mrs. Grace Royster in charge of the lesson Thursday, 9:30 a.m.; Mrs. Ruth Sheppard in charge of the lesson Friday, 7:30 p.m.

The president, Miss Hazel Hutsell, appointed an overall committee for the Christmas Social as follows: Glenna Sanders, Eula Perry, Pat Elliott, and Eva Elliott, also a committee to decorate the church as follows: Betty Mosley, Ethel McGowan, Laura Johnson.

Two women for each month were appointed to clean the church kitchen up to June of 1965.

It was decided to send one larger gift of January, 1965

an approximate cost of \$65.00 to the Children's Home in Tennessee.

It was announced that Mrs. Oma Scott would be giving the next Study Course and everyone was urged to attend.

After prayer by Mrs. Scott, the lesson was given by Ruth Sheppard, Luree Coday and Velma Elliott.

Thanks,

Velma Elliott  
Corresponding Secretary

#### EUNICE EDWARDS BRINGS CHALLENGE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church had their pre-Thanksgiving service Nov. 19-20-21 with Sis. Eunice Edwards bringing the messages on prayer and stewardship. She spoke from a heart so burdened for missions we were all challenged to pray and give more for our missionaries.

The Auxiliary met Dec. 3 for the regular monthly meeting. After prayer by Bro. Skiles, the president, Mrs. Geneva Sorrell, directed the business session. The pre-Christmas week of prayer program was discussed and planned. Plans were made for distribution of Christmas baskets. A motion was made and accepted that we have a shower for the missionary provision closet, inviting all the ladies of the church.

Program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Dorris Brown, gave the introduction to the program, "The Heavenly Clinic", with topics presented by Mrs. Mary A. Wisheart, Mrs. Bernice Cantrell and Mrs. Geneva Sorrell. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Mary A. Wisheart

#### PRE-THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Sunday afternoon, November 20, the Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo., sponsored a church wide prayer service for the pre-Thanksgiving service, from three to four o'clock in the church sanctuary. Edith Keeney directed the program.

The opening song was "Rescue the Perishing", followed with "The Light of the World is Jesus", with Jane Norris at the organ and Marion Wilson directing. The scripture was Matthew 28:16-19 and prayer by Genevieve White. Various scripture selections were read by Marion Wilson and Genevieve White. A "time for thanks" was enjoyed with all attending giving testimonies. Mrs. Keeney gave a talk on missionaries, who they are and what is their job. A reading "Let Us Be Thankful" was given by Jean Blakeley

followed with prayer by John Keeney. A duet, "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men," by the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Norris. The message was by the Rev. Norris, "Personal Witnessing," using John 12:32, and he closed with prayer that all would search their hearts to draw closer to God. The presentation of self-denial offering was conducted and will be used for Home Mission work. The benediction was by Marion Wilson.

Jean Blakeley  
Corresponding Secretary

#### LETTER FROM WAID'S

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon met December 8, 1964 at the church with 13 members present and one visitor, Mrs. Loyd Wilkinson. Motion carried to send missionary offering of \$10.00.

A letter of appreciation from the Waid's was read, for an offering sent them some time ago by the auxiliary.

It was voted to have pre-Christmas prayer services Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison

#### LADIES' MISSION

The Ladies' Mission of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving dinner, Wednesday, November 18, in the church fellowship hall.

Those attending were the Rev. and Mrs. James F. Miller, the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Norris and son, Kevin, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Crepps, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Burcham, Mrs. John Hovis and granddaughter, Vinnie Hovis, Mrs. Beulah Leese, Mrs. Lillian Williams, Mrs. Jennie Hart, Mrs. Bessie Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Allie Thurman, Mrs. Emma Womack, Mrs. Lena Hughes, Mrs. Gladys McCorkley, Mrs. Beulah Henson, Mrs. Esther LaBrot, Mrs. Millie Gray, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Ann Wilson. Eleven dinners were taken to aged members of the church that could not attend.

The devotion was directed by Hazel Scott and the church pastor, the Rev. Gene Norris read the scripture lesson and commented. A topic was given by Mildred Burcham and Eunice Miller. The benediction was also by Eunice Miller.

#### FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cabool met November 10, 1964. Our president called the meeting together with song. After



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C. T. S. sounds like a Catchy Thing for Sure, doesn't it? Well, let's hope that it does catch on. Church Training Service, that is.

The launching date for our new C. T. S. program is Sunday, January 3, 1965. In fact, by the time that you receive and read this article, the new C. T. S. program will have begun. Free Will Baptist churches across the country will begin a program of Christian training for the total church family that will help us to know our Christ better, and to make Him known to others in an effective manner. This is the Purpose of C. T. S.

Now, something about the Program of C. T. S.

There will be six different age levels of training. The "Helpers for Christ", ages 2-5, The "Learners for Christ", ages 6-8, The "Adventurers for Christ", ages 9-11, The "Heralds for Christ", ages 12-14, The "Crusaders for Christ", ages 15-17, and the Adults.

Does your church have a C. T. S. program in mind? You say, "but we don't know anything about the C. T. S. program". Here's how to find out something. Write to: The Board of

Church Training Service, National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, and ask for a copy of "The Church Training Service General Manual". It is so thorough, and so complete, explaining each detail of the new C. T. S. program, as well as each individual group in the C. T. S.

Now, perhaps you have not had "League" in your church, neither do you plan to have C. T. S. However, if you have a youth group, or groups, in your church that use National Association of Free Will Baptist literature, then you will have to order your literature from now on from the above mentioned address for the age level of your youth group.

For your churches that do have a C. T. S., you should order a General Manual for each leader of each group. They in turn can make an exhaustive study of the General Manual to acquaint themselves with the C. T. S. program. Again, the cost would be \$1.50 for each manual from the above mentioned address.

The other literature for the new C. T. S. is great too! There's an individual quarterly for each pupil. For the 2-5 age level there's the "Young Helper." For the 6-8 age level, there's the "Young Learner". For the 9-11 age level, the "Junior Adventurer". For the 12-14 age level, the "Teen Messenger". For the 15-17 age level there's the "Teen Voice". And for the Adults, the Adult "Focus".

Why not consider a C. T. S. for your church. Your State Sunday School and Church Training Service Board, or your National Church Training Service Board would be happy to help you in your training program.

The challenge is before us, we dare not fail! As Christ, our Saviour and Lord came in obedience to the Father's command; may we likewise go forth to serve in His name.

Missouri State Sunday School and  
Church Training Board Member,  
Rev. Albert L. McFarland

P. S. Watch for our articles each month in the Gem. We are going to keep you informed on the Sunday School and C. T. S. work, both on the State level, and on the National level.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE TO FEATURE MISSION FIELDS

Nashville, Tenn. - The Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will feature in its first quarter literature for 1965 some of the mission fields of the denomination. There will be pictures on the front covers with related articles on the inside back cover. Fields presented are Japan, Brazil, Africa, Mexico, Canada, Alaska and India.

#### FREE SAMPLES AVAILABLE

Nashville, Tenn. - The new publications of the Church Training Service Department are now ready for shipment. If you are not acquainted with the new C. T. S. program, you may write for samples of the publications for first quarter of 1965. Specify which age group you are interested in. Please give the full name and mailing address of your church.

#### GENERAL C. T. S. MANUAL NOW READY

Nashville, Tenn. - The general manual which has been prepared to give full guidance for the new youth and training program of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is now available. You may order this manual for one dollar and fifty cents per copy plus postage. Write to Church Training Service, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

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singing "Blessed Assurance", Pearl Allred led in prayer. Roll call was answered by eight members with bible verses containing the word "thanksgiving". Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A fellowship supper was planned in honor of our church's new pastor, Rev. O. T. Allred and his wife, Pearl. The supper was held on Nov. 18.

Plans were completed for our pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. Meeting was turned over to our program chairman, Pauline White, who took charge. Psalms 100 was read as our devotional. Our program titled "Be Thankful" was presented by Dola Cooper, Mildred Flageolle and Cleo Knoak.

Our auxiliary voted to send \$5.00 to the Brazil Bible Institute.

Corresponding secretary  
Jean Ellis

### AUXILIARY MET

A special pre-Christmas prayer service was planned for the Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River at the December meeting. The church sponsors a service one Sunday each month at the Thomas Dell Nursing Home and the auxiliary members will have the program for this service.

The scripture was read by president, Genevieve White and prayer was by Lizzie Pirtle.

The program was "The Heavenly Clinic" with introduction by Edith Keeney and topics were by Jane Norris, Marion Wilson and Jean Blakeley. A duet, "A Child

of the King", was sung by Marion Wilson and Jean Blakeley.

The highlight of the prayer room where the meeting was held was a decoration on the piano which featured an opened white Bible, a red candle, a globe and red streamers and a large sparkle star..... signifying "We have seen His star..... and are taking it's light into all the world."

Jean Blakeley  
Reporter

### ENJOYED SILVER PARTY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River sponsored a Silver Party for the members of the Missionary Midgets, GTA and BA, with the YPA assisting in serving. The party was Saturday, October 31, in fellowship hall of the church. After the devotional the group gave a silver offering which will be sent to the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Tennessee.

Mrs. Dale Blakeley is Youth Chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary and also sponsor of the Missionary Midgets; Mrs. Gene Norris is sponsor of the YPA; Mrs. Bob Wilson is sponsor of the GTA's and the Rev. Gene Norris is sponsor of the BA's.

Each of the groups adjourned to separate rooms for the October lesson. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips and koolaid were served. The blessing on the food was by Ronnie Wells, member of the BA's.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964

	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Fellowship, Flat River	214	184	182	171	158	159	176	165	171	
Beacon	72					71	79			
Farmington	122	121	132	107	110	111	130	119	120	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	76	75	55	67	60	68	64	63	60	
Berkeley City	341	282	254	260	236	224	280	279	294	
Richwoods	64	55	58	61	52	55	54	49	50	
Kirksville	90	102	92	94	108	107	101	90		
Grant Ave., Springfield	198	181	167	178	183	178	166	177	167	
Hazel Creek	58	53	55	46	52	50	52	51		
Mine La Motte	31	32	34	29	30	30	29	24		
First, Flat River	120				100	102	114	111	107	
Overland Church	178	172	175	160	142		144	170		
First, Mtn. Grove	379	332	333	332	320	322	346	326	326	
Desloge	116	103	115	119	109	101	105	111	110	
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	53	50	
Central, Kansas City	105	105	113	108	107	103	91	115	110	
Hannon	54	56	65	59	65	51	72	59	62	
First, Monett	157	126	123	122	144	141	137	131	138	
Garfield-Couch	44	42	39	40	42	47	40	43	42	
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	202	
Cuba	63	82	74							
Southside	206	168	183	178	160	167	188			
First, Lebanon			70	78	74	81	81	87	83	
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	29	
Thayer Church								122	132	
Alton Church	102	102	98	99	88	97	97	94		

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Parkview	84.28
Lebanon First	90.93
Leadington	64.00
Festus	35.33
Copper Mines	37.00
Hannon	24.10
Monett	103.96
Victory	71.73
Verdalla	99.15
Mine La Motte	10.38
Overland	110.43
Hickory Grove	18.79
Macedonia, near Purdy, Mo.	124.23
Fellowship	50.00
	\$2000.00

### DISBURSED:

55% National Ass'n	\$1100.00
1% Church Training Service	20.00
3% Youth Camp	60.00
4 1/2% Gem	90.00
8% General Fund	160.00
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	170.00
20% Promotional Dept.	400.00
Total Disbursed	\$2000.00





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## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING MISSOURI NOVEMBER, 1964

Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	\$ 4.76
WNAC, Nashville, Tenn.	218.67
FWB Ch., Berkeley City	20.35
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	125.00

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FWB Ch., Berkeley City	90.00
First FWB Church, Mtn. Grove	63.00
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Timberlane FWB Church, Kansas City	15.00
Missionary Midgets, Joplin	2.00
FWB Ch., Berkeley City	10.00
Mo. State Ass'n, St. Louis	38.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	366.54
Oak Grove Sunday School Class, Mtn. Grove	15.00
First FWB Ch., Kirksville	3.00
Dolly Pohnert, Cape Girardeau	5.00
Jackie Wantland, Niangua	10.00
Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown	10.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Overland FWB Ch., St. Louis	9.00
Alton FWB Church	16.55
South Side FWB Church	75.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	125.00

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## MISSIONARY RETURNS

Miami, Fla. - Mrs. Lee Whaley, missionary to Alaska, is now in Miami for a time of rest and medical attention. She returned home on the advice of her physicians. Prayer is requested for her and all the work in Alaska.

## NEW CHURCH IN KANSAS

Salina, Kansas - A church was organized here November 17 with fifteen charter

members. This church is the result of the church extension work of the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in cooperation with the Kansas Mission Board. The missionary pastor is Rev. J. R. Shade. Attendance at the services average about 37. Ministers present for the organizational meeting were W. T. Roberts, Jack Ledbetter, Herbert Rogers, Robert Sharry, Wayne Bookout and Jim Combs.

## FIVE STATES EXCEED QUOTAS

Nashville, Tenn. - It was announced today by the treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists that five states have exceeded their suggested quotas for National Home Missions and church extension this year. They are Alabama, California, Georgia, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Editor's Note: As you read this article you will notice that our state was not one of those that exceeded its quota. Let us work real hard this coming year to do so. We can do it if we all will do our part. Our suggested quota this coming year of 1965 is \$23,500.00. In the 1963 issue of the directory of Free Will Baptist churches there are 130 churches listed. I know that there have been some new ones established since this was published and now there are probably 150 churches. If each church would just give \$175.00 this year we would reach our goal and a little over. Will you do your part?

## WORK OPEN IN SEATTLE

Nashville, Tenn. - Mr. Lloyd Plunkett, Assistant Dean of Men at Free Will Baptist Bible College, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to work in Seattle, Washington beginning some time in the early fall of 1965. Free Will Baptists there should contact the general director.

## FILMSTRIP NOW READY

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# Billows Writes About Work In Mexico

Monterrey N.L. Mexico  
Apartado 2094  
November, 1964

Dear Brother Buddy:

It has been such a long time that I wrote you, I get to see your picture every month, and it seems as though it was yesterday that you and I were together in college and in services. I wish that I could see you some time especially in this part of the world where there is so much to see and do. Maybe some day you will venture this far.

I am sending you a picture of the service of the laying of the first stone for the church in the mountains "El Canelito". This church is doing real good and according to the pastors report they plan to win the entire 1,400 people who live there. So far the judge, mayor and commissary are all members of the church and waiting to be baptized.

Cutberto Herrera is the pastor, one of our former students, his wife is Arminda, one of the girls that we had with us for several years. They are doing a real good job with this people. One of the members of the church, Bro. Toribio Lugo, has donated the corner lot of his property for the church building. The church has been working for over a year on the building fund and they have said that they have enough money to raise the church building up to the roof and then from there we take on. The Ladies Auxiliary of the first church in Monterrey has given them \$1,000.00 (pesos) and also Rev. Gene Heads church in Eliz. Tenn. has given them \$65.00. Several students and I will go to the mountains, the Lord willing, in a few days and take the lumber, tin, nails, etc. There would be no other way to get it to them. An ox cart would take it one week from the highway to the village. Bro. David Cochrane, our music teacher, and his Scout International will take the students and those who have a part in a program and dramas which will be given at the school building, and all money will go for the building.

The Lord has been very gracious to us and several people have finished their three months study course on Assurance of Salvation and we baptized 15 two Sundays ago in the morning service, then at night we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Everyone in the church partook of this service and the Lord blessed our hearts in a great way.

Today we have 35 new converts who are taking the three months study course which is given to those who are saved and to January, 1965

those who need to know more about what awaits them as they live for the Lord.

Our school is doing fine and we are being blessed every day. We have a fine group of young people who are all members of our own FWB churches and I am certain that these young people are worthy of anyone's support. I wish that some time someone from the state of Missouri could venture this far and visit our field. We would do all we can to make them feel at home far away from home.

Pray for us and with us that every need will be met for the glory of God and for the salvation of many more in this land where fear, superstition, ignorance and idolatry prevails; the very things on which Communism thrives on, and its twin sister, Catholicism.

May the Lord richly bless you and your work and all of our friends in Missouri.

Your grateful missionaries,  
Arturo, Jenell, Danny and twins



This is the pastor, Cutberto Herrera.



One of the deacons is with me in the baptism.



This is the Sunday morning choir. We have another choir, "The Good News Choir", Sunday evening.



# GLEANNINGS

## from the fields

### MISSOURIAN WINS SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Mr. Herbert Harral of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Missouri has been named Sunday School Superintendent of the year for our denomination. We congratulate on his selection.

### KILLEN NOT A FREE WILL BAPTIST

Nashville, Tenn. - The Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, said today that Edgar Killen, a minister arrested at Philadelphia, Mississippi, was not, and had never been, a member of that denomination. Mr. Melvin stated further that Mr. Killen to his knowledge had never preached in a Free Will Baptist Church.

Killen was among 21 men arrested in connection with the slaying of three civil rights workers. Several news accounts listed him as a Free Will Baptist minister.

The Rev. Mr. Melvin said that two of the churches at which Killen was reported to have preached, Salem Church, Neshoba County, and Zion Church, Kemper County, were not Free Will Baptist churches.

### CHURCH SUPPER

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett held their annual church Christmas supper in the fellowship hall of the church on December 10 with a very large number of persons coming out to enjoy the supper and the good fellowship. The G.T.A. group of the church, under the leadership of Sis. Roselee McCully and Sis. Mary Hill, gave a very outstanding play taken from the G.T.A. books. The program was enjoyed by all present.

## 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:

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM  
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### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The ushers of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church sponsored a birthday dinner and party for the pastor, Rev. C. H. Burton. The dinner was enjoyed by everyone. After dinner Rev. Burton opened his gifts. He made these remarks, "I know this dinner and these gifts are an expression of your love for me. From the bottom of my heart I thank you - you are a wonderful group of people and may God bless you for these deeds of kindness."

At the close of the evening worship the Y.P.A. and sponsors blindfolded and took Rev. and Mrs. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Plummer on Destination Unknown, (the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin). Mr. Plummer and Mr. Martin were celebrating their birthdays also.

The Y.P.A. presented Rev. Burton with a beautiful wool sweater. Rev. Burton expressed his appreciation to the Y.P.A. and sponsors for their love, the wonderful gift and their loyalty to the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Burton and their two sons, Steve and John, began their work at the Berkeley Church a little over a year ago.

### SPECIAL SERVICE

Sunday evening, Nov. 20, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. had a most unusual Thanksgiving service. The organ prelude was by Mrs. Gene Norris. The call to worship, "O Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise" by Debby Wells. The hymn, "Praise Him" was

sung followed with scripture reading of Psalm 65 by Joyce Horton.

The program was "Presentation of Thankful Gifts" with the church pastor, the Rev. Gene Norris, as narrator. The gift of freedom included the presentation of the American and Christian flags with Jeanne Busenbark and Debby Gammon carrying the flags. The gift of the field was depicted as a basket of fruit, carried and placed on the altar by Bobby Wilson. The gift of beauty was depicted by the presentation of a basket of fruit by Brenda Horton. The gift of song was the song, "How Great Thou Art", by Ardell Polk. The gift of life was the dedication of children by Mrs. Gene Norris, with son, Kevin, and Mrs. Bob Wilson with son, Gary, and the prayer was by the Rev. C. B. Dees. The gift of salvation was depicted by the bread and grape juice, signifying the life of Christ given for salvation.

The hymn, "Have Thine Own Way", was sung and the church pastor stressed that there should be the offering of selves, through prayer, gifts and service. The benediction was by John Keeney.

### DR. RISLEY TO SERVE WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

Chicago (CNS) - Dr. Clate A. Risley, former head of the National Sunday School Association for almost 12 years, will become secretary of a new Department of Religious Education under the American board of the World Evangelical Fellowship in January.

His appointment follows international service in Central and South America where he conducted Sunday school conferences. Invitations to hold similar sessions have already been received from mission and church leaders in several countries of Asia and Africa.

An office will be opened at Oak Park, Ill., to coordinate the new service, according to Dr. Everett Cattell, president of the World Evangelical Fellowship and president of Malone College, Canton, Ohio. Other U. S. board members of the WEF are William Rottschaefer, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga and Dr. Milton Baker, both of Wheaton, Ill., and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Washington, D. C., who is general director of the National Association of Evangelicals in the U. S.

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## SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church conducted a very successful revival beginning November 16th to the 27th, with Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, as the evangelist. During the meeting there were six rededications, one to announce the call to preach and one to join the church. The pastor of this church is the Rev. Robt. Nutting.

## CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

The First Free Will Baptist Church of El Dorado Springs has called Rev. Howard Hensley of Kansas City, Kansas as their pastor for the coming year. Bro. Hensley announced his call to preach during 1964. This is his first church to pastor. Pray for this church that it will grow. The church with the addition of the new families that have joined in the past months now has 12 resident members.

## LORD BLESSES CHURCH

The Sunnyview Church near Lebanon reports that the Lord has blessed them spiritually and also in the physical part of the church. In the past few weeks they have added one new deacon to the church and have put a new altar and new heating system in the church. The pastor of this church is Rev. Roy Jones.

## LETTERS FROM SOME READERS

I appreciated the article written by Bro. H. Harrel, "A Layman and His Pastor". I would like to see more articles come from his pen. I also appreciate the articles contributed by the young people. Thank God for the Free Will Baptist youth of Missouri.

I want to say to you that you are doing a fine job as editor of the Gem, may the Lord bless you in this endeavor and as you and your family labor with the church.

In Christ,  
Rev. C. H. Burton

Dear Bro. Bud,

I think you are doing a splendid job on our "Free Will Baptist Gem" paper. Thanks for all the effort that you put forth each month to make it a success.

## WELCOME TO NEW PASTOR

The Union Light Church near Marquand, Missouri is proud to welcome the Rev. Wayne Parson as pastor for the coming year. We are glad to have his family in January, 1965

our services. Rev. and Mrs. Parsons have three daughters, Jeannie, Cathrine and Waynell, and one son, Johnathan.

## STUDENTS TO HAVE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Nashville, Tenn. - Students will be dismissed from classes at Free Will Baptist Bible College at 10 a.m. December 18, for a two-week holiday period. Dormitory students are to return to campus January 4 with classes to begin for all students January 5. Dean Charles A. Thigpen announced that a number of new students are expected to enroll at the beginning of the second semester, January 20. The Bible College is owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Nashville, Tenn. - The Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists held its annual meeting in Nashville on November 3-4. Moderator W. Stanley Mooneyham presided over the meeting.

In addition to routine business, the committee reviewed progress on the new headquarters building and made tentative plans for the corner stone laying and open house anticipated in the early spring.

Preliminary plans were also made for the 1965 session of the National Association to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, during the month of July. The committee selected as convention theme, "We Preach Christ."

Members of the committee are W. Stanley Mooneyham, William Hill, Robert E. Picirilli, Othel T. Dixon, Willard C. Day, Francis Boyle and I. L. Stanley.

## MASTER'S MEN BANQUET

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett had their 2nd Annual Master's Men Banquet at the Banquet Room of the Hatcher's Cafe in Monett on December 5. Rev. Ted Davis spoke to the 18 couples that were present for this gay occasion. In his message he challenged them to live for Christ. Bro. Bill Medlin is the president of this active group. Rev. Bud Hill is the pastor.

## 'DR. SUNDAY SCHOOL' TO SOUTH AMERICA

Chicago (CNS) - Sunday school specialist Dr. Clate A. Risley headed for South America this week for a series of Christian education conferences in eight countries.

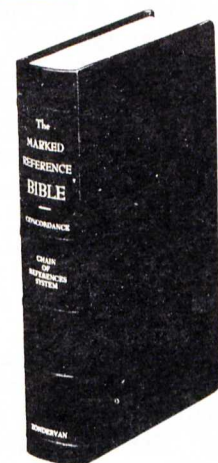
Known to millions as "Dr. Sunday

School" after nearly a dozen years as executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, Dr. Risley is making the five-week journey under the joint sponsorship of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Ass'n.

Special conferences on Sunday school work will be held in Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. They will be conducted in cooperation with mission boards and national churches in each country. He held similar conferences in five Central American countries in May.

Missionary pilot George Davis, a Christian education worker for the Assemblies of God in Santiago, Chile, and the Rev. Manuel Lescano of the Evangelical Free Church from Venezuela, as interpreter, will travel with Dr. Risley and assist in the conferences.

"Christian education is the tool by which church leaders can involve the church membership in the vital work of the church," Dr. Risley said. "There is a growing interest in this potential around the world."



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# TRIBUTE FOR MOTHER AND DAD AT CHRISTMAS

A Letter From A Daughter To Her Parents At Christmas

Dear Mom and Dad,

Christmas is a time we all especially try to express our love to one another and the God we love.

I'm not very good at it, but I do love you very much. You're the greatest, the best parents a daughter could ever wish for. I know, as I look around me, how very fortunate I am to have you two. So many people are trying to give their children everything but forget about the really important things. I am thankful you took time to teach me about Jesus, to take me to church and stay there with me.

I'm thankful you bothered to teach me right from wrong. I'm thankful you taught me the value of work, not to be lazy, that if I wanted anything worthwhile it would cost me something. I'm thankful you taught me to have backbone to stand up for what I know is right even when it's easier to sit down sometimes.

I'm thankful you taught me to love the Lord and to be active in His service. I'm so thankful for so many things you have done for me, items that can't be counted in dollars and cents, though you have helped us a lot that way, too.

Pray for me that even though I don't have children of my own yet, I have a whole church full in a sense, that I might be able to instill some of these values you have given to me into the young people I work with.

Your daughter

For personal reasons we would rather not use names, but we, as parents are very proud and humble to receive such a letter.

Editor's Note: This was written by one of our readers. This is what every child should be able to tell their parents. This would be a wonderful world if it could be so.

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The married ladies of the Union Light Sunday School gave the Junior High and Senior High Young People a Christmas Banquet Saturday night, December 5. The tables were beautifully decorated, the tablecloths were white and down through the center were red poinsettias, with two red candles on each table, with a manger scene as the main centerpiece.

Appropriate Christmas readings were given and games were played pertaining to Christmas.

The two classes presented each of our pastors, Rev. H. Wayne Parsons and Rev. James Mills, with a large plaque of praying hands. Then a devotional was led by Rev. Mills, with each one telling what "Christmas meant to them."

## NEW CHURCH REPORTS

We of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, Mo., greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus.

We just concluded a two week revival which brought a spiritual awakening and nine souls found peace with God. Bro. Harry Asher was evangelist. The Lord certainly has anointed this man and we from Calvary Free Will Baptist Church recommend Bro. Asher to any group who desires to hear the gospel preached in power.

Just a year ago Nov. 25, we came to Conway and rented a building and conducted a revival. After the close of the revival we organized a Sunday School and regular services including prayer

meeting. The Lord added to us until we were able to organize a church on June 20th with 18 adult members.

Since that time we have purchased a church building with facilities to accommodate 200 persons. We have almost finished a complete remodeling of the building. Our church has adopted the cooperative plan of giving and the family plan of Gem.

We now have 25 members with Sunday school attendance ranging from 40 up. We have a full time service schedule, including an organized visitation program.

The church is paying \$35 a week toward our support with plans to increase as the Lord enables them.

In all this we have not left our congregation for finance.

We send this information only as a praise to our wonderful Lord and that others may share with us in our praise to him.

Enclosed you will find a message in answer to your request. Pray much for us.

In closing we commend you for your excellent work as editor of the Gem.

Your Brother in Christ,

Cliff Bowman  
Box 31  
Waynesville, Mo.

## NOTICE

All copy must be in by the  
15th of each month.

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tion of Free Will Baptists announce the release of a 73-frame filmstrip entitled "Frontiers Unlimited," available January 1.

The filmstrip is a photographic story of neglected areas in the world-wide ministry of Free Will Baptists.

The production was written by Mark Vandivort, field director of the Home Missions Board. Narration is by R. J. Kennedy.

Those interested in booking the film may contact either of the missions boards at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

## WILSON AND BALLARD ON MISSION ABROAD

Nashville, Tenn. - The Rev. Reford Wilson, General Director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, and Jerry Ballard, Director of Publications and Information for the department, will leave December 30 on extended missions abroad.

Mr. Wilson will be ministering to missionaries in Japan, India, and Ivory Coast, Africa. The general director will consult with Free Will Baptist missionaries, national pastors, and church leaders in each area regarding pressing needs of the present missionary operation and strategy for future ministries.

In addition to consultations and speaking engagements, Mr. Wilson will confer with evangelical leaders in Europe about the possible establishment of mission post in that "forgotten" area of the world. The survey is the result of evidence that

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# OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

## WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

Aren't we lucky to live in America? America is a free country and I hope it will always be one. We can worship God like we want and we can vote when we are old enough. We can do a lot more than some people can do over in other countries.

America is a beautiful country with its rolling hills, purple mountains, beautiful parks, green meadows, green forests and fields of golden grain. It has big cities and little cities. It has big lakes and rivers and little streams and brooks.

And who should we thank? We should thank God first of all. Because if it weren't for Him we wouldn't be here at all. He is the one who made our country so beautiful. Secondly, we should thank our ancestors. You know who I'm talking about! The men that wrote the Declaration of Independence, the men that have fought in wars, the men that settled the wild west, and the men that were our presidents.

We are lucky to have such a beautiful flag. Do you know what the colors, the stars and the stripes stand for? Well, the stars are states, united in our nation; the stripes represent the thirteen states; the red signifies blood shed by our brave; the white denotes virtue, forever our aim; the blue is our faith.

"IN GOD WE TRUST".

Charlotte Starnes  
Age 11, Grade 6  
Member Victory FWB  
Church, K. C., Mo.

## THINKING ALOUD

Do you have a budget? We do. My husband and I make one out every week. That's not planning very far ahead you say. True, it isn't, but when you've got so many bills and the income matches those bills, that doesn't leave any to spare. So on we trudge, trusting in the Lord, for He knows what's ahead and He will be there to help us. But about the budget. Every week it is the same, with variations. Church, milk, car gas, groceries, rent, and then it always seems there is a doctor bill.

While glancing over our budget, something stood out to me as it had never done before. For church we had \$7.00, while for groceries there was \$12.00. It January, 1965

seems we think nearly twice as much of our decaying physical bodies as we do the spiritual one that will live on and on. But then of course how silly can I get. We must have food. Why, a person would die without the proper nourishment. Do our spiritual bodies need to grow also? I Peter 2:2 reads, "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby: "We, as Christians, need to be careful lest we grow fat physically and starve spiritually! It would not be impossible to happen, you know.

A budget will only go so far. Perhaps you think you cannot spend as much for God and His work as you can on your own bodies. But there are other things which help us grow other than food. We need exercise. We need rest. And we need to visit our doctor for those dreadful "shots". Spiritually speaking we also need exercise. To stay in one place in our Christian life is not a bit healthy. We need rest and Christian fellowship. And spiritually speaking we need to visit our doctor. And who is our doctor? The Great Physician himself, of course. We need to get on our knees, open our hearts, and let Him examine us. He can heal us if we will only follow His instructions.

Our children also need proper nourishment. How long has it been since we have had time to talk with them about the

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God is leading several Free Will Baptist couples to consider this field of service.

While in the Orient, Mr. Wilson will participate in the Hokkaido Free Will Baptist association's annual meeting. Mr. Wilson will return to the states March 31.

Mr. Ballard will travel with the general director to Japan, India, and Ivory Coast on a research and photographic mission. In addition to compiling information for magazine articles, he will produce filmstrips in India and Ivory Coast. He will then swing across the Atlantic to Brazil where a filming team from the states will join him to produce a 16 mm. feature-length motion picture. The film is to be released in English in late 1965.

While in Brazil, the publications director will work with missionary Don Robirds in laying final ground work for a Portuguese edition of the magazine Impacto for use in Portuguese-speaking Brazil. He will also discuss with missionaries in the area long range literature needs and lay plans to meet these needs.

important things of life? Reading the Sunday School lesson to them and a quick-quick, hurry-hurry Bible reading at night time is not enough. Not near enough. Deuteronomy 6:7 says, "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou risest up..." Continual teaching and constant example is a good way to show our children. We, as parents, must practice what we preach, or our preaching will be in vain.

Next time you make out your budget think on these things. Remember we not only need to give money to God, but also our time, our lives --- our all.

Carol Pinkerton  
Nashville, Tenn.

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Editor's Note: **Help!** We need more articles for this page.

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In addition to stops in numerous countries of Latin America to stimulate circulation of the department's Spanish edition of Impacto, Mr. Ballard will produce filmstrips in Uruguay and Panama. He is scheduled to return to the states on April 27.

## JAPAN FILMSTRIP AVAILABLE

Nashville, Tenn. - The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists announced release of an 83-frame filmstrip with recorded sound entitled "The New Japan".

The filmstrip is a photographic survey of Free Will Baptist work in Japan.

The photography is by Herbert Waid, missionary to Japan. The production was written and directed by Jerry Ballard, director of publications and information for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Narration is by R. J. Kennedy.

Bookings may be made by writing the Audio-Visual Division, Board of Foreign Missions, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

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## OUR NEW BABY, TIMOTHY

Dear Friend:

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." This is so true for your missionaries here in Uruguay. We have not ceased to see the blessings of God. Some of the things that the Lord hath done for us here are:

1. The official organization of the First Free Will Baptist church in Uruguay. Forty three people became members of the church. Several others will become members as soon as they are baptized.

2. The beginning of services in Livramento on the Brazil side of the border. Two men have been saved and there is much interest.

3. We have located a building in Rivera and hope to start another church here by Christmas. There are several people who have promised to attend.

4. A radio program 15 minutes three times a week to preach the gospel. The owner of the station gave us the time free. I know of no other religious group who has received free time. We praise God for the way He supplies our needs.

5. We just completed a revival meeting with 17 souls saved. Bobby Aycock was the evangelist.

6. Our people in the church voted to purchase the land and building where we are now located. This was made possible by a loan sponsored by the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary. Various other persons and groups also gave to this project.

7. Several of our believers have dedicated themselves to better prepare themselves for the Lord's work, and I am teaching them classes on soul-winning and Bible Doctrine. Several of them have been instrumental in bringing others to Jesus.

8. God has blessed our family. We have a new baby boy born July 25th. He and each member of our family (including those other two rowdy boys) are doing fine. When we are physically well, we can do much better work for the Lord. Thank you so much for holding us up before the Lord in prayer.

**WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?** That depends on the faithfulness of us here on the field and those back home who support us. We praise God for your faithfulness thus far. Many of you said, "If you have any needs let us know." So here comes the S.O.S. I am going to speak clearly and frankly, and I believe the message will be heard and answered by God's people as He moves upon your hearts. We have two important needs right now.

1. If the work is to be carried on efficiently we must have a vehicle of some kind. Several have already given to this

fund. Thank you so much! But we still lack about \$1,000. The doors are open; the opportunities are ours; but we can't go without some way to get there. This need is urgent! Can we count on you? The address is 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. Earmark your gift "THE URUGUAY CAR FUND."

2. We are planning a radio communications system that will give us almost immediate contact with our missions department or any other part of the States we need to contact. This will mean we can have contact with all our missionaries in South America and will be able to relay any message within a matter of a few hours. By letter, our communications with the States take at least two weeks, and if the post office down here is on strike (as it is many times) even longer than that. One Christian gentleman in North Carolina has already given us \$500. To make the system effective we need an additional \$300. We plan to purchase the equipment in December. Remember - no gift is too small. Perhaps there are auxiliaries or youth groups or Master's Men groups or others who would like to have a part in this. Send gifts to "URUGUAY RADIO FUND," 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Both this and the automobile project have the approval of the Board of Foreign Missions.

May God bless each of you with a full, rich life in our Saviour.

In Jesus Precious Name,

Bill Fulcker and Family

November 30, 1964

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have been back two weeks from a four week itinerary in Oklahoma, and it is real good to be back.

Winter has really set in now, as we had a low last night of ten below zero. The ground is covered with snow.

We appreciate so much those of you who have prayed for us and given to our account. We know the Lord will bless you for it. The people here have mentioned often how they appreciate the way you have sent us and kept us here. The work that has been accomplished here is not ours but yours, and we want you to feel that this is a vital part of your ministry. Those who have been saved might never have been saved had you not been faithful to support.

We are facing now the likelihood of another family moving away. This family is one of our strongest supporters and most faithful in attendance. Pray with us about their moving that God's will be done.

We are looking forward to ordaining Bro. Morrow, who is the pastor of the church in Beatrice. The work there is progressing very favorably and we thank God for it.

Continue to pray for Nebraska and Free Will Baptists here.

In Christ,

The Perry's

Dear Fellow-servants:

We have just closed out a wonderful revival meeting. Rev. John Edwards preached some wonderful sermons to our people and the Lord surely did bless us. We had an average attendance of 29, with our largest attendance of 40 on Saturday night. We had 27 to attend our church for the first time. Seventy-nine different people attended the meeting. There were two rededications. Our church was lifted up spiritually.

This past month has brought us many blessings. We could not begin to count them all. We have another couple attending now, and just this past Sunday we had a new family to attend. We ask that you pray that the Lord will continue to bless in this way.

Will you pray with us about some property to build a church building on? If we could get out somewhere and build the church, it would enhance our work tremendously.

We have started the radio broadcast now. I feel that this will be a great help to us. Our church is not known in Montgomery and this will help us to be known. If you would like to help sponsor this work, send your gift directly to me here in Montgomery, Alabama, and mark it for "Radio Program".

The budget was not met again this month. Please pray about this matter. Take a special offering in your church for the Montgomery project and send in to the National Home Mission Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee. Earmark it to "E. B. Ledlow account". This will be a good time for you to do something for home missions.

We take this opportunity to thank you again for the support you have given to us. May the Lord bless and keep you and yours.

Yours in His service,

The E. B. Ledlows

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All copy must be in by the 15th of the month.

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Free Will Baptist Gem



# "Set Thine House In Order" for "This Year Thou Shalt Die"

Isaiah 38:1 Jer. 28:16

By Rev. Jesse Webb, Pastor  
Olivet Free Will Baptist Church  
Guthrie, Kentucky

It is a startling thought but many who read this will be dead and buried before 1965 comes to a close! How much time do you have to do what God wants you to do in your church, your family...and for yourself? What will be written in your record by the recording angel for the coming year.

Many live with no thought for tomorrow or where they will spend eternity. Christ wants us to be mindful that the hours of our "day" and of our life are numbered. Oh! how it behooves us to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" and with the right perspectives and motives. With the closest thing to the heart of Jesus, the closest thing to our hearts; the winning of a lost and dying world.

The Prophet came and announced to Hananiah, "...this year thou shalt die!" What a positive statement, God has

spoken, "One year to live!" We say to ourselves such a warning does not apply to me. I am not old, I am in good health. Satan comes and says to us, "You will not die "soon", put off salvation, separation, prayer and Bible study, giving and and winning others to Christ."

Actually every individual should live every day as if it were to be his last. Preachers should preach as though every sermon were to be their last. We should write every letter, sing every song, give every testimony, present every offering, make every decision and do everything else as if it were to be our final act. For there is always the possibility that it may be.

May the text weigh heavy upon our hearts. May we work and witness as if this will be the year God says to us as he did to Hananiah, "...this year thou shalt die!" With this thought in mind, let us make together the following holy resolutions for our lives this coming year.

To separate ourselves from this present world. Many today have become so entangled with this world they have no time for God. Caught up by fashions, fads and furniture they are not only in the world but of the world. The scripture cries out, "...be not conformed to this world." John speaks to us in I John 2:15-17 - "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." With death staring us in the face, separation is imperative. Worldliness destroys our joys, and hinders our usefulness. The motto should be as one evangelist put it, "If it's doubtful, it's dirty." Paul counsels us to abstain from all appearances of evil. In this matter of separation II Corinthians 6:14-17 should be our guide. If this be our last year, the cravings of our hearts should be God. The world says to feed on candy, T. V. and everything else but the living God. Our reply to them should be "Give me God and manna from heaven not the husks of the world."

Prayer and bible study would be a must. In the hustle and bustle of the world we live, how easy it becomes to crowd out the quiet times so desperately needed. If we knew what Hananiah knew excuses like "no time" or "too busy" would pale into insignificance. Bible study would not be the casual, hurried, surface skimming we know today but a caught-up meditation that would leave lasting effects upon our souls and with those we come in contact. Prayer would not be of the

formal, mechanical bless my four and no more variety. But earnest agonizing, compassionate pleading and expecting results type prayer as Jesus said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." On another occasion He spoke these words, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you." D. L. Moody on his death-bed said, "If God be your partner, make your plans large." Oh! may these words cause us to covet the victories gained by the 120 in the upper room.

We must in our hearts resolve to give more of our money to God's work. With the words of the text in our minds we would certainly want the Lord to know we are cheerful givers. Let us remember that there are no pockets in a shroud. One would not want to rob God in the closing days of his life. I am sure our giving would be more sacrificial. May God trouble our hearts to give more to His work this year than ever before.

When some hear the word missions, memories of penny banks and the singing of "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" come to mind with no sacrificial giving.

Sacrificial giving is an old man asking God how he can give more than he has in the past. And God showed him that if he were to give up his room with a view and take a basement room he would have the difference saved in rent for God's work. He sacrificed his view of a garden because he had a vision of the world.

Which brings us to our next resolution. Doing our best to win others to Christ. How much time do we have for others or even our own family. With the words of the text gripping our souls, no longer would we find it "hardest" to speak to those "dearest". How successful has been the Devil's lie to the effect that others can talk to your loved ones better than you! Christ has promised in His great commission to be with us, to protect us, to give us power to win them. Let us throw off our timidity and exhaust all measures to win those we hold so very dear.

More attention should be given to our family. The typical attitude among church going parents is, "It can't possibly happen to my children." With this attitude, many wake up too late as did Billy Sunday who saw one million people walk the sawdust trail, who fought the liquor crowd with all his might and saw many victories, but did not see his own children saved. Make sure the circle will be unbroken.

If we knew we would meet God in 1965 we would not want to selfishly limit our soulwinning compassion to our own loved ones to the extent we would lose our vis-



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ion for a lost and dying world. God give us a greater vision!

If I were not saved I would without delay be saved today. The most damning sin Satan uses today is "procrastination". God says "today", Satan says "tomorrow". God says "now", Satan says "there is plenty of time". Who shall we believe? The Bible speaks plainly, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou

knowest not what a day may bring forth." "My spirit shall not always strive with man." Most people go to Hell because they simply neglect their soul's salvation despite the solemn warning, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." This year, 1965, God may say to you as He did to Hananiah, "This year thou shalt die!" And if you died right now would you go to Heaven?

## EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN OUR GOAL: 3,000 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. Carlson  
Lynn Street Church ..... Rev. Vinita Broyles  
Leadington ..... Rev. Frank Giunta  
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 ..... Rev. Gary Terrell  
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 .....  
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, Colorado ..... Rev. L. M. McGowen  
Cotton Creek Church ..... Rev. Finis Johnson  
Walnut Grove Church .....  
First Church, Mtn. Grove ..... Rev. Gene Rogers  
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Beacon ..... Rev. Woodrow Matthews  
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Merl's Chapel ..... Rev. Otho Boyd  
Oskaloosa ..... Rev. Ronald Clifford  
Jones Chapel ..... Rev. Robt. Duck  
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana ..... Rev. Len Gardner  
New Harmony ..... Rev. Mildred Gilliam  
Grant Ave. .... Rev. O. T. Dixon  
First, Monett ..... Rev. Bud Hill  
Aulsberry Chapel ..... Rev. Dean Burpo  
Lebanon ..... Rev. Dale Jones  
Mountain Valley ..... Rev. Homer Smith  
Liberty ..... Rev. Elvin L. Sawyer  
Desloge ..... Rev. Grover Terry  
Meramac Heights ..... Rev. Hugh Stodgsdill  
Festus .....  
Pleasant Hill Church ..... Rev. Jas. L. Reed  
Macedonia Church ..... Rev. Selph Jones  
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