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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

I accompanied our St. Louis District Executive Board to Festus, December 5, 1964, and participated in the organizational service of the Twin City Mission into a Free Will Baptist Church. Chairman Rev. Harry Asher conducted the organizational meeting and Floyd Arnold delivered the evening message on the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church. Johnny Land gave them the church covenant and charge, Brother Beatty presented the Bible, Vernon Long and Secretary Floyd Cantrell shared the opening and dedication prayer.

Eighteen members joined in this service and elected Rev. Chester Weir as pastor; Mrs. Hale, Clerk; and Mrs. Hutchinson, Treasurer. They are presently located on Frisco Street in Festus, Missouri.

December 11-12 Pastor Alice Dickey and Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Kansas City District meeting. I was privileged to bring a mission sermon in the opening service Friday evening. Rev. Rufus Coffey delivered a mission sermon Saturday 11 A.M. Time was also given for our Missouri Cooperative program, to which 85% of these churches contribute regularly. The Belton Free Will Baptist Church transferred their membership into the Kansas City District during this session. Sunday, December 13, I made a journey among the new works in this section of the state I delivered the 11 A.M. sermon in Marshall where Rev. Junior Ussery is the pastor. We went with Pastor Ussery to the mission in Sedalia Sunday afternoon. Brother Ussery delivered the sermon in this service.

Sunday evening I went with Pastor Earl Irish and the Jefferson City Church to the mission recently started in Eldon, Missouri. Rev. Hank Tanneyhill is in charge of this mission. I was privileged to share with a young minister, V. Tate, in the preaching service there. Please, remember these missions and their ministers in prayer.

I was glad to be with the Thayer Church December 27 and deliver the 11:00 A.M. sermon. Thayer Church experienced a good revival recently and continues to

### NOTICE

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grow under the leadership of the pastor, Grover Pingleton.

The cooperative receipts for December were good and two more churches adopted this plan in December. Our total cooperative receipts for the entire year 1964 was \$24,912.00. Thus we exceeded our proposed budget. We thank all who have supported this past year. If your church has not, why not adopt this plan and be a part of the world wide ministry of our Free Will Baptist Church?

Write for the 1965 Book Store catalogue and please remember our Book Store when ordering Bibles and supplies therein.

May God bless each of you richly throughout this year of our Lord 1965.

Harry Beatty  
Promotional Secretary

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS DECEMBER

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# YE OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS

Hebrews 5:12 says, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

All of us should have something of a spiritual nature to share with others. Those who teach others must be willing to be taught. We can make a lot of excuses to try to cover our failures, but much of it comes from our unwillingness to be trained or taught in the ways of the Lord in order to serve Him more effectively.

## A LOOK AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**THE PASTOR** - The pastor is the key man of the Sunday School. While he alone may not make it or break it, much of the success or failure rest with the pastor. Some pastors are not interested in Sunday School and seldom, if ever, attend. Sunday School is worth the pastor's time and consideration, and he should put forth effort and work with the officers to promote the work.

**THE SUPERINTENDENT** - Nothing said of the pastor takes anything away from the superintendent. He should be chosen from among the best spiritual leadership in the church. His relationship to the pastor is important and they must work closely together. He will carry much of the burden of Sunday School along with the pastor. Good superintendents are valuable to the church and thank God for them.

**PROMOTIONS** - Most growing Sunday Schools have some type of promotion occasionally. These will work successfully when properly done. Unless there is an interest in it you are wasting time and money. Start your promotional contest early, enlist the support of all the workers and make it a worthwhile venture. Why not try something special for your church this spring.

**T.N.T.** - This refers to a book called "Teach 'N Train", published quarterly and may be ordered from the Nashville office. This book will be a great help to your church. It carries articles for the pastor, Sunday School superintendent and teachers, C.T.S. Directors, and many other things. It gives suggested ideas and devotionals for the opening assembly of Sunday School and the opening assembly of C.T.S. If you are looking for variety this will help you.

**LESSON CHANGES** - Beginning in 1966 some changes will be made in our Sunday School materials. You will be informed of these details as they come available. After this year our lessons will be based on outlines prepared by the National Sunday School Department rather than on those presently used in the uniform series put out by the National Council of Churches. This should greatly improve our material and the disadvantages can be easily worked out.

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## A LOOK AT C.T.S.

This is a good name that well describes what we are trying to do, and I like it. Of course many of us still slip up and say "League" which will continue for a while, but soon the name C.T.S. will come naturally. C.T.S. requires a lot of effort but it is worth it. Remember, the T.N.T. magazine mentioned above will help you have better programs. If you don't already do so, order one with your materials next time.

**YOUTH MEETINGS** - Our new youth program really looks good. I hope by now you have gotten familiar with it, and explained it to the young people. I believe they are going to like it once they get acquainted with it. If your church doesn't have C.T.S. you can still have a youth program and regular weekday meetings. Programs for these meetings will be found in the C.T.S. books used on Sunday.

**ESSAYS AND DECLAMATIONS** - The young people are reminded that the essays and declamations will follow the same rules for 1965 as in the past. Further announcements will be made later about changes for 1966. The declamations for 1965 will be judged at Youth Camp in June. Those who are writing essays should send them to me (James Raper, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.) by May 1, 1965. If you have further questions write me.

**SWORD DRILL** - At the State Meeting in August we will have two sword drill divisions instead of one as in the past. The Junior division for ages 0-11, and the Junior High 12-14. We are making plans for this to be a highlight of our meeting in August and outstanding awards are to be made to the winner. A later article will reveal more on this.

**ANY QUESTIONS** - If there are ways the Missouri State Sunday School and Church Training Service Board can aid you please feel free to let us know. We are happy to render whatever service possible for you within our ability.

Written by Board Member  
James Earl Raper  
601 Buckley Street  
Flat River, Missouri



# GLEANS from the fields

## SOUTH SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL WINS!

South Side Free Will Baptist Church  
Rev. Albert L. McFarland  
3124 Mt. Pleasant  
St. Louis 11, Missouri

Dear Brother McFarland:

Congratulations! Your church has won third place in your division in our fall enlargement campaign. We trust that this program has been a special blessing to your church.

Yours for greater Sunday Schools,

Roger C. Reeds, General Director  
Sunday School Department  
National Association of  
Free Will Baptists

South Side received a nice silk banner from Nashville, winning third place in division D of the fall enlargement campaign with a 13.7% increase in their average attendance over April, May and June of 1964. Mr. Norman Tallent is General Superintendent of this fine Sunday School.

## LORD BLESSING AT GRANT AVENUE F.W.B. CHURCH IN SPRINGFIELD

We are happy to report on the activities of our church for the months of November and December. During the two-month period there have been a total of twenty-six decisions, including rededications, first-time decisions, and those uniting with the church.

During the week of November 29 Bro. Billy Melvin, Promotional Secretary of our denomination served as evangelist, at which time we enjoyed a real revival. Brother Melvin's messages were Biblical, inspiring, and constructive. We saw eight decisions, for which we praise God. We are thankful that we have such dedicated leadership at the head of our denomination.

Our Christmas program this year featured the very young and the youth of our church. Some seventy young people participated in this annual Christmas program.

The Brotherhood work of our church is being blessed of God in an unusual way. We now have thirty-five active members. Our meeting date is the second Friday of each month.

The Womens Auxiliary continues to do great work, bringing light on and teaching missions. The membership of this auxiliary has steadily climbed and now numbers thirty-eight.

The Sunday School Superintendent

reports that over two dozen students are being awarded attendance pins during January.

The C.T.S. General Director reports that the attendance for the last three months averaged above the 100 mark.

With all the activities being carried on in the behalf of Christ we know that we have not yet begun. There are opportunities which God has given and land yet not possessed. Therefore, "brethren pray for us".

## MASTER'S MEN

The Master's Men group of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett met January 12 for their first meeting of the New Year with all of the new officers taking charge of the services. One of the largest groups of men that has been in attendance enjoyed the lesson on stewardship. Plans were discussed concerning the Laysmen Day that is coming in the near future. The Master's Men group completed a very good year with much being accomplished to help the church. Pray for this group that they will "Thrive in '65". The president of this group is Bro. Bob Anderson. Pastor is Rev. Bud Hill.

## CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown, Missouri reports that their Sunday School the past year had an enrollment of 73 and averaged 60 per Sunday. They request the prayers of God's children to remember them in this year that they may grow in the grace and knowledge and in number.

## PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY BRINGS INSPIRING MESSAGE

The Twin Oaks Free Will Baptist Church had as their guest speaker, January 10, Rev. Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary for the state of Missouri. Bro. Beatty, according to the church, brought a very inspiring message.

## INDIAN CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

The Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting will meet February 12-13 at the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Anderson, Missouri. The Friday night speaker will be Rev. Harry Beatty and the 11:00 o'clock speaker Saturday morning will be the Rev. Ted Davis, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin. The afternoon program will consist of a panel discussion concerning baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's

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feet. The moderator of this quarterly meeting is the Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett.

## REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin announced that they will begin a revival April 25 with Rev. O. T. Dixon as the evangelist. Pastor is Rev. Ted Davis.

## REPORTS SOULS BEING SAVED

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Mo. would like to let you, the readers of the Gem, know about the wonderful services we have been having.

We had a Watch Service with Rev. Z. H. Tannehill from Eldon, Mo. bringing a wonderful message, followed by singing and an altar call. We had two precious souls to receive Christ as their Savior a few minutes past midnight. This was followed by a candlelight service with a sermonette by our pastor, Rev. Earl Irish, then with much rejoicing and shouting we ended the year of 1964 and began 1965 with praises unto our Savior. Sunday morning, January 3, after the regular services an altar call was given and two more came forth seeking Christ and found Him precious to their souls. We thank God for the manifestation of His Holy Spirit this past week, but still we desire the prayers of God's children.

## BOOKS ON EVOLUTION BACKED BY TEXAS EDUCATION BOARD

(Austin, Texas) - Three high school biology tests, opposed by some churchmen who charged that the books taught evolution as a fact instead of theory, were approved by the State Board of Education. Two other books on biology, which caused no controversy, were also approved. Opposition to the three books came largely from Church of Christ leaders and other fundamentalists. Dr. James Morgan of Fort Worth Baptist Church said he regarded the texts as "playing into the hands of the communists" and downgrading faith in God.

## "MEDIAN" ANNUAL SALARY FOR CLERGY ONLY \$5,158

Salaries of Protestant ministers in the United States tend to range far below those of other professional or executive workers, below salesmen and public school teachers, and only slightly above the pay of clerical and factory workers. The addition of about \$1,200 in "bene-

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fits" - parsonage, utilities allowance, fees for weddings and funerals - brings the total to \$6,358. The first practical result of the survey is a 20-page guide-book entitled "How Well Do You Support Your Minister?" It is designed to help local church officials establish fair compensation standards for their ministers. Dr. Charles N. Forsberg, director of field services of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Convention, supervised the survey.

Of the 15 groups in the study, the United Presbyterian Church reported the highest median cash salary, \$5,669; and the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana, the lowest, \$3,750 - as against the median of \$5,158.

Salary also tends to increase with years of service, but not markedly. The median cash salary for men in their first four years in the pastorate is \$4,514; for 30 years and up, \$5,282.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Bud Hill, Editor  
Free Will Baptist Gem  
3100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Bro. Bud:

I would like to express my appreciation to the friends in Missouri who remembered the work of the Children's Home at Christmas time. You have been very nice to print articles about the work in the past which has helped to create additional interest. With our plans to construct a new girls' cottage in 1965, which is so badly needed, we need to promote the work as much as possible. The Lord has promised to supply our needs and this is done through dedicated Christians.

Sincerely in His Service,

Ray C. Turnage  
Superintendent

Dear Gem Readers,

It has been quite some time since we greeted you from Park View Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge.

The Lord is continuing to bless us here. In 1964 we had 25 new additions to our church and 23 baptized.

The new C.T.S. program has started off real well at our church and out attendance is growing steadily. Condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting is real good. On September 22, 1964, Rev. Grover Terry came to pastor our church. He and his good wife have been a real

blessing to all of us. We at Park View feel his messages are outstanding and truly come from the throne of Grace. We are looking forward to a revival in the near future. Christians pray we may choose the right man for a successful, old time spirit filled Holy Ghost revival.

We are also proud to announce the calling of one of our young men into the ministry. Darrel Morris, a member of our church for several years, announced his call at prayer service one Wednesday night in November. The Lord is blessing wonderfully in his life, but we know he must be lifted before the Lord in prayer daily.

We beseech all of you to pray much for Darrel, our church and all our unsaved loved ones.

God's blessings on all.

Hazel Morris  
Church Reporter

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# REMEMBER

# IN THY

# LIFE TIME

Luke 16:25

By Rev. Millard Ehrhardt

Pastor of the

ALTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Alton, Missouri

"But Abraham said, son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." (Luke 16:25) Remember in thy lifetime. These words should stop every person for a thought of their life.

Jesus gives a free choice to each one of their lives what we

choose in this life determines what we shall have in eternal life, for Jesus said, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." (Matthew 19:17)

The first thing I would like for us to notice is that this man had come to the end of his life, and found that his life was spent in vain. In hell he lifted up his eyes in torments. (Luke 16:23)

Let us look at the word torments. This means more than one torment. First, he was tormented in flames. (Luke 16:24) Second, he was tormented because of the knowledge he had for his family at home. (Luke 16:27-28)

In this life is the only time we have to make preparation to live after death. This is the only life that fathers and mothers can teach and train their children in the way of the Lord. If we fail in this life we have failed in eternity. This man prayed for someone to be sent back from the dead, but his answer was, "Remember in thy lifetime." The duty of each parent is to give their children a Christian father and mother and a Christian home. Ecclesiastes 12:13 says, "let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Those who reject God's commandments are rejecting eternal life, for Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of God, but he that doeth the will of my Father." So you see, we as parents have a great responsibility.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." When children are young is the time they should be taught. Many people seem to think that young people should wait until they are older or until they have tried sin to see if they want to be a Christian or not. But friends, that isn't what the Bible says. Chapter 12, verse 1 of Ecclesiastes says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Let me say to every young person that the more sins you indulge in the more difficult it is to become a Christian. Remember Jesus now, while your sins are few.

Some may ask, "What age does young people become sinners?" James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." So we see that age does not determine the state of our spiritual life, but our knowledge of our sins and what we have done with Christ. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God." So God welcomes all children into his Kingdom. The call of Jesus is "whosoever will" (Revelation 22:17).

Now, let us look at the question James asked. "What is your life?" That is a question that can only be answered by YOU. Is it a life that is dedicated to the Lord, to the church, and to His work?

"Remember in thy lifetime," is the only time that mercy can be obtained. After death it is too late. In Luke 16:24 after the rich man died, he prayed for mercy, but it was too late. The answer was, "Remember in thy lifetime". Mercy's door was closed. He prayed for someone to go back from the dead to his father's house and warn his five brothers lest they would come to this place. (Luke 16:27-28) But it was too late. His prayer was in vain. So you see, it wasn't so much that he chose to die and go to hell, but the truth was he did not choose life. Deuteronomy 30:15 tells us, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, death and evil. This is for you to choose. So remember in thy lifetime it is important what you choose.

Rev. Millard Ehrhardt  
Free Will Baptist Church  
Alton, Missouri

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# TRUTH SEEKER

The story of a rich young ruler is not confined to the pages of the New Testament nor the youth of America faced with the Gospel. But here in India the pressure is often from without. Rev. John Mukal Mondal, one of the two ordained preachers, turned in a report on such a young man the other day. (I have left it essentially as he wrote it so you get the 'feeling' of it. I have edited it slightly to make it more intelligible.) D. C.

There is a young man, named Abadhendra Pande. He is a Brahman in caste, (the name also reveals he belongs to the traditional Hindu priest cast), who was very fond of reading novels.

One day one of his friends bought a booklet "Sermon on the Mount" about Jesus Christ, from a group of Christian people selling gospels in the Kishangunj market. (Some of our people.) The same friend of Abadhendra met him and saw him reading a novel. Then his friend said to him, "What you mean reading novels only? See here, I've got a booklet from a group of Christian people the other day and have only paid five paisa (1 cent) for this. You should read this book and know something about

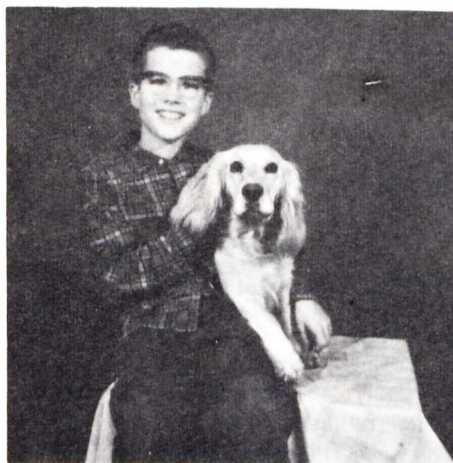
other religions too, and if you give me six paisa I will give you the booklet." Immediately he paid him and took it from him. (What do you think of a Hindu desiring to regain his penny loss, selling a gospel to recoup his penny and thus becoming a gospel

book seller? With spiritual results!)

Having received the booklet he went home rejoicing. The same night about 1 A.M. he read the booklet and then went to sleep. In the same booklet he found an address of a Bible Institute (a correspondence course on the gospel) where he wrote letter twice but no answer came to him. He was so anxious that he could not keep silent. Finally he started asking his friends if there is any mission or missionary here in Kishangunj. Somebody told him about our mission and about Rev. Cronk. He came running to him and asked to be taught about Jesus. Mr. Cronk also sent him to me. Since then he came regularly to us. He accepted Jesus by my witness. Of course we don't see him now in Kishangunj but hope and believe he has found Christ as his Saviour. (I am not sure why he used 'of course' here. But the young man was soon hustled away by his family - at least it is peculiar he has disappeared like another High caste Brahman who accepted Christ and then was sent away by his family.)



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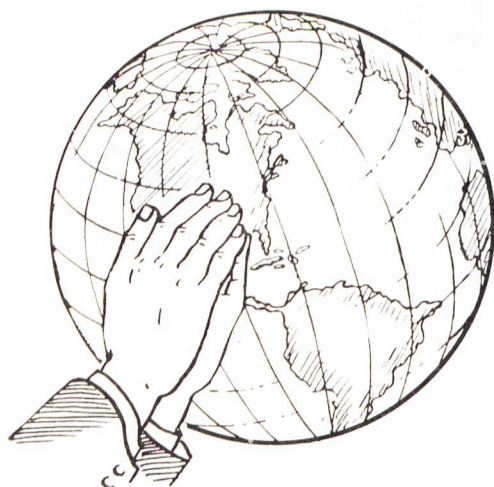


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Rev. Melba White, Gower	5.00
WNAC, Headquarters	20.95

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Mrs. Earl Gohn, St. Louis	15.00
Southside Church	75.00
Alton FWB Church	17.00
Bethel Church, W. Plains	82.03

Total .....\$1,519.29

P. O. Box 2220  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
January 5, 1965

Dear Ones:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem of Judea, almost two thousand years ago.

Today I want to express, in a small way, my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness toward us during the Christmas holidays. From across the nation came dozens and dozens of cards with Christmas cheer. Most all of them had a personal note attached as if to say, in your Christmas rush, "Hi there, Merry Christmas, we are praying for you." You

can rest assured that those thoughts warmed our hearts. I sent many of the cards to Mrs. Whaley, who was unable to be home for Christmas.

Words cannot express our gratefulness for the gifts, which many of you sent. With these gifts we were able to provide a normal Christmas for our family. May our Heavenly Father bless you many times for sharing with His servants, in this Far North mission field.

I informed you in our December news letter that Mrs. Whaley was advised by her doctor to go outside, to the south 48 states, for a time of rest and medical treatment. We also stated that we were praying that she would be able to be with us by Christmas. Her physician here in Fairbanks advised that she remain at least another month in the south, so as to give herself a chance to build up her resistance and to give the extreme cold weather here, time to break. As you can see, we were minus a wife and mother for the holidays, but our Lord filled much of this vacancy with His Divine Presence.

I am sure many of you have been wondering what Christmas is like in an extreme arctic climate. First let me give you a bird's eye view of the outside scenery. This has been an unusual cold winter, with our daylight hours just a little over three hours long from sunrise to sunset; at Christmas time. Since Thanksgiving our temperature has gone above zero, only a few hours at the time. The temperature range has been -20 to -60 degrees below zero most of the time. At the writing of this letter the weatherman says, "The temperature has not gone above 50 degrees below zero for several days. For the last 48 hours the temperature has been 55 degrees below zero at night and the highest during the day has been 45 below zero." However, during this extreme cold weather, there is something very beautiful about the scenery. Everything is covered with several inches of snow and icicles, several inches in length, hang from the houses. The heavy ice fog, which makes visibility a hazard, has accumulated on all the trees making them look as though someone has sprayed



them with artificial snow. As for the Christmas customs, they are carried out in much the same way as they are in the south. Many of the houses are decorated with lights, and have Christmas trees in them. People are rushing here and there doing Christmas shopping. There is the exchanging of gifts, the singing of Christmas carols, and the Christmas programs at the churches. There was even a Salvation Army Booth set up in front of the Post office, with a man all wrapped in fur, ringing his little bell.

As we compare the Christmas season in various places, where Christ is known, we find it very much the same. I think the reason for this is that there has been only one Christ Child, born to be our Lord, Saviour and Redeemer.

If I may, I would like to share one of our holiday experiences with you. My boys had asked that I take them to Anchorage during the second week of the holiday season, as they were anxious to visit the church and old friends again. The temperature had warmed up to 40 below zero so we started on our journey on Tuesday, December 29, and arrived in Anchorage late that night. We enjoyed the next two days of warmer weather, visiting the church and old friends and attending a watch night service on New Year's Eve. On New Year's Day, we left Anchorage, with a -15 degrees below zero for our journey back to Fairbanks. The Lord blessed in giving us safety of

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## 1964 REVIEW

Forty-five adult missionaries received either full, partial, or designated support through our office this past year. Twelve went into self-maintaining ministries during the year, and ten new workers were sent out, in addition to four being sent to a different field.

The budget was not met; however, more than \$14,000.00 were raised over the previous year, which means our giving has almost doubled in the past five years for home missions.

Eight states exceeded their suggested quotas in giving; three states gave more than \$10,000.00 - North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

Our advancement into some fields of ministry has been delayed due to the failure to raise the additional \$17,445.31 of the proposed budget. It has been a good year, and we are grateful first to the Lord, then to you, our board members, office staff, and missionaries for making it so.

Homer E. Willis  
General Director-Treasurer

February, 1965

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1964

State	Quota	Paid	Under Quota	Over Quota
Alabama	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,080.21		\$ 3,580.21
Alaska	1,000.00	216.83	783.17	
Arizona	1,000.00	401.82	598.18	
Arkansas	3,500.00	4,065.33		565.33
California	3,500.00	5,478.94		1,978.94
Canada	500.00	121.00	379.00	
Colorado	1,000.00	657.38	342.62	
Dist. of Columbia	500.00	442.00	58.00	
Florida	4,500.00	3,829.02	670.98	
Georgia	5,000.00	6,671.23		1,671.23
Hawaii	1,000.00	136.50	863.50	
Idaho	1,000.00	481.89	518.11	
Illinois	3,500.00	2,438.08	1,061.92	
Indiana	2,000.00	904.57	1,095.43	
Iowa	1,500.00	246.25	1,253.75	
Kansas	2,000.00	1,913.45	86.55	
Kentucky	5,000.00	2,521.28	2,478.72	
Maine	500.00	541.00		41.00
Mexico	500.00		500.00	
Michigan	5,500.00	7,605.55		2,105.55
Mississippi	2,500.00	1,366.85	1,133.15	
Missouri	9,000.00	7,686.85	1,313.15	
New Hampshire	500.00	161.55	338.45	
New Mexico	1,000.00	458.38	541.62	
North Carolina	20,500.00	13,913.47	6,586.53	
Ohio	5,000.00	3,832.12	1,167.88	
Oklahoma	12,500.00	15,834.53		3,334.53
Oregon	1,000.00	200.00	800.00	
South Carolina	4,500.00	2,419.42	2,080.58	
Tennessee	12,500.00	17,488.89		4,988.89
Texas	4,500.00	2,254.63	2,245.37	
Virginia	5,000.00	3,622.82	1,377.18	
Washington	1,000.00	137.83	862.17	
West Virginia	2,500.00	871.36	1,628.64	
Miscellaneous	8,000.00	3,053.66	4,946.34	
	\$137,500.00	\$120,054.69	\$35,710.99	\$18,265.68

Cash in bank, January 1, 1964 .....	\$ 18,581.72
Receipts .....	120,054.69
Total .....	\$138,636.41
Disbursements .....	116,337.72
Cash in bank, December 31, 1964 .....	\$ 22,298.69

Balance in accounts		account .....	\$ 2,064.46
Arthur Billows .....	\$ 2,355.80	Carl Johnson - Alaska ..	1,296.98
Molly Barker .....	1,619.65	Mack Owens - Canada ..	1,088.53
Kirby Godwin .....	214.57	Lee Whaley - Alaska ...	776.12
Johnnie Postlewaite ....	287.00	Whaley vehicle - Alaska	306.34
Church loan fund .....	221.78	Bessie Yeley - Pension	
Mexico Bible Institute ..	92.00	fund .....	972.30
John Vick .....	383.00	Richard (Dick) Shade -	
Wade Jernigan .....	971.74	Kansas .....	631.93
E. B. Ledlow .....	589.84	Luther Sanders - Hawaii	546.31
Furniture - new building.	100.00	Kenneth Walker -	
Fairbanks Church .....	70.00	District of Columbia .	1,318.82
Reserve and repatriation.	10,000.00	Robert Sharry - Kansas .	223.00
General fund .....	5,393.31	Roger Harwell - Colorado	639.00
		Lonnie Rolen .....	257.75
		Misc. accounts .....	296.85
Total .....	\$22,298.69		

Deficit accounts  
Lewis Perry - Nebraska

Total .....

\$10,418.39



# YOUTH CAMP

## NEWS AND VIEWS



C. H. BURTON

### ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

By C. H. Burton, Pastor  
Berkeley FWB Church and Promotional  
Secretary of the State Youth Camp Board

The man took the rotten apple out of the bag, looked at it and said, "They're all rotten." He was wrong. If he had opened the bag and looked at the other apples he would have found they were good, solid apples.

The quick judgment this man passed on the bag of apples, is typical of the fast judgment some people make on today's youth. The morning paper gives the account of a teenager stealing tires from a service station and someone is quick to say, "You can't trust these teenagers. They will steal anything." The news announcer tells of a group of teenagers who had a wild drunken party and someone says, "Young people have gone to the dogs. They are a bunch of senseless, drunken bums."

It does seem that, in this age, young people are guilty of more crimes than ever before. Surely no sensible person would condone these acts of lawlessness. But all young people are not juvenile delinquents. Many have a sense of direction; a purpose in life and a determination to serve God. The Youth For Christ International was responsible for winning several thousand souls to the Lord last year. Young people who are students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College have proven to be very effective workers in the

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Practical Work Department. Only eternity will reveal the work our young people have done in the local churches. I am thankful for the youth at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church. I am thankful for the Free Will Baptist Youth in Missouri and throughout the world. Our young people have done much to advance the cause of Christ.

What has helped shape and mold the lives of these Christian young people? The answer would be - Christian parents, the Church and its auxiliaries and something we may overlook - our Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The history of our Youth Camp reveals that over one thousand young people have made decisions for the Lord at camp. Several young ladies have announced their call to the gospel ministry. On the basis of this it is evident God is blessing this work. Surely we are eternally grateful for this.

There are three things we can do to help our Youth Camp. (1) Pray for the Youth Camp. (2) Give it our moral support. (3) Make sure it is included in the church budget.

Let us be grateful for what God has done and pray that we might follow His leadership in doing a greater and more effective work for Him.

### I PLAN TO ATTEND YOUTH CAMP THIS YEAR

By Debby Martin  
Berkeley FWB Church

I am planning to attend Youth Camp this year and though it is only the middle



DEBBY MARTIN

of winter I simply cannot wait.

The feeling hits you the moment you step on the grounds, but it lasts a lifetime. The feeling is one of Christian fellowship in the presence of our loving Lord. It is wonderful to be where even a stranger is a friend and a person to worship God with.

The time spent there is divided into fun times and times of seriousness. The serious time being spent learning God's word and hearing many beautiful messages.

Youth Camp would not be what it is today without the many people who thought enough of me and all the youth to put forth their extra effort. I would like to thank every person who has made our Youth Camp possible. I am thankful I was able to attend last year. I extend a personal invitation to all the youth to come this year and we shall share these blessings together.

### YOUTH CAMP

The pre-teen week at Youth Camp was better than ever.

We had three classes this year. They were: The Miracles of Jesus, The Creation, and Devotion. The teachers were Bro. Bill Jones, Bro. Burton and Bro. Norris.

When a boy can be out in the country for a week it makes him more aware of God's wonderful creation because we are among the trees and the birds. It makes you feel like God created a place just for you.

We also have a lot of fun at camp, we swim and play ball.

It is a place where we are among Christian people who want to teach us more about Jesus.

There were 72 decisions made for Jesus. Bro. Mac was our cabin sponsor. We want to thank him for taking a week out of his busy schedule to sponsor the boys from our church. He also brought back each girl and boy that went to camp from our church. I hope to go again next year.

Keith Tallent  
Southside FWB Church  
St. Louis, Mo.

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# ' A FLEETING THOUGHT '

By Sis. Vada Reeves  
Written in 1954

Dear Bro. Bud,

As Bill was going through some papers he found a copy of this I am enclosing which I had written when the camp closed "temporarily" in 1954. He wanted me to copy it and send to you.

We were undecided as to whether to stay here and try to fight to keep it going here or just give up and leave. My mother at that time was very ill and we were very much undecided as to what move was best for us.

One bright moonlight night about 12 o'clock (I was sitting up with mother), the lights in the house were all out but a small night light. I could see the campground so plain, so I wrote this piece by moonlight, sitting outside the kitchen door.

Sis. Vada Reeves

As I sat looking at the campgrounds, it seemed as though I heard a sigh. What was that sigh about? Oh, nothing, it was just the 16 empty cabins saying in unison this refrain: We are on vacation for this year 1954. No young childish voices will sit within our walls. Even the rats and mice will peep in and scurry away because there are no crumbs to pick up or clothes to chew.

Our rafters will hold no pretty clothes

- no suitcases on the floor, no prayers or petitions for loved ones lost in sin or for our missions will be heard within our walls this year.

Spring will come, the flowers will bloom around the campground but no young folks there to admire them.

The well will still give up its pure water, but the old church bell on the dining hall will not ring to call young folks to study of God's work or to partake of bodily food. The kitchen shall be empty, no need for cooks as there are no young mouths to be fed.

The partly finished chapel will hear no young voices lifted in song and praise to God. The altar rail deserted shall be for no sinners are near to be saved, the pianos - no music will peal forth for can't you remember the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp is on vacation for the years 1954?

But let's hope and pray that no soul (that might have been saved and perhaps become a missionary or minister) will perish this year.

After all this they silently hung their heads, for after all, had not many people sacrificed hours of toil and labor, loss of sleep that they might be built and, too, they realized that many a poor girl or boy would have to miss camp session of 1954 because of lack of funds to pay cost of attending a better camp. But yet came the happy thought they (the cabins)

had been allowed to shelter young missionaries and real Christian workers in the past. So with this happy thought they hushed their sighing and all was quiet on the old campground.

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Overland	143.86
Berkley	240.26
Mine La Motte	10.17
Hannon	22.00
Grant Avenue	34.85
Pleasant Hill	6.00
Leadington	70.00
Hickory Grove	19.42
Copper Mines	30.67
Faith & Hope	15.00
Calvary-Conway	50.00

Total ..... \$2,497.39

## Disbursed:

55% National Ass'n	\$1,373.56
1% Mo. C.T.S.	24.97
3% Mo. Youth Camp	74.91
4 1/2% Gem	112.39
8% General Fund	199.80
8 1/2% Mo. Missions	212.28
20% Promotional Dept.	499.48

Total ..... \$2,497.39

## About Your Social Security

Under recent amendments to the social security law clergymen will have until April 15, 1965, to elect to have their earnings covered by social security. These amendments extend social security protection to clergymen who have not previously chosen social security coverage.

The previous deadline for the election of social security coverage by persons in the ministry for two or more years after 1954, had expired on April 15, 1962. After that date, social security coverage was open only to those just starting to perform ministerial services.

To obtain social security protection for himself and for his family, a clergyman needs to take the following steps:

(1) Obtain a social security account number card from the nearest social security office—if he does not already have one;

(2) Fill out Form 2031, obtainable from his District Director of Internal Revenue.

(3) File the Form 2031 with the District Director of Internal Revenue for the district in which he lives.

(4) Report his earnings from the ministry and pay the social security taxes on them to the District Director of Internal Revenue for the taxable years 1962, 1963, and 1964.

Clergymen who have been reporting their earnings from the ministry, but who are not certain that they have filed a valid waiver, should get in touch with the nearest Internal Revenue Service office so that any remedial action can be taken within the time limits. A receipted copy of the waiver certificate, Copy C, is evidence that a valid waiver certificate has been filed.

A clergyman is by law excluded from social security coverage unless he waives his exclusion by filing the waiver certificate. After filing this certificate, he reports his earnings from the ministry as a self-employed person—even though he may be an employee for other purposes—so that the church or religious organization which he serves will not become involved.

Once a clergyman elects coverage, he may not withdraw from the social security program. The filing of a waiver certificate obligates him to continue to pay social security taxes for each year in which he receives \$400 or more in net income, any part of which comes from the exercise of his ministry.

Clergymen can obtain information about social security coverage by contacting the nearest Social Security office or social security representative.

— General Baptist Messenger —



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## FEBRUARY 1965

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK  
First Week of February

WORLD  
DAY OF  
PRAYER

Sunday, February 14

Write to Nashville for information and literature concerning this important event.

Let us all pray and praise God for the youth of our beloved Free Will Baptists.

"I HAVE CHRIST,  
WHAT NEED I MORE?"

### THOUGHT

Forget yourself for others and others will never forget you!

Send reports to:

Mrs. Ted Davis  
2301 Connecticut, Joplin, Mo.

By the 15th of each month.



Joplin, Missouri Missionary Midlets gave Christmas gifts to our missionaries to Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones. This is just a part of the group with one of their sponsors, Mrs. Inez Anderson.

### ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

"Pay and Pave the Way for the Hannas", our state project, is well underway now. Send your quota to Mrs. Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo.

The first to reach their quota was the Fellowship Women's Auxiliary of Flat River, Mo., in the amount of \$42.00.

### AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Thayer - Women's Auxiliary  
Mountain Grove - Willow Springs Aux.  
Desloge - Parkview Women's Aux.  
Lebanon - First Church, Auxiliary  
West Plains - Women's Auxiliary

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Hannon - Women's Auxiliary  
Joplin - Women's Auxiliary  
Mountain Grove - First Church Auxiliary  
St. Louis (Lemay) - Faith FWB Aux.

### "FULCHER'S CAR FUND"

The Faith Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met Jan. 4, 1965. The meeting was opened by singing "It Won't Be Very Long". Our president, Mrs. Lambert, read our scripture taken from Proverbs 14:25 - Luke 14:23. We were then led in prayer by Mrs. Gillman.

We voted on visiting the blind school in the near future. I know we women will be blessed and hope the children, who are unfortunate to see, will be blessed from our visit.

We entered into our program "Enlistment That Compels." A very interesting lesson on how we might win souls for Christ by showing our love through our visitation and through our witnessing. We were dismissed in an altar prayer.

In the month of December the Women's Auxiliary was able to prepare nine baskets to distribute to the needy. We were thankful for Mrs. Lambert who worked so hard in getting about forty dollars worth of food donated to us by different companies.

On the Wednesday evening before Christmas, we women had a candlelight pre-Christmas program. Everyone joined in the singing and our pastor, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, sang "O Holy Night". The theme of our program was "Glory To God In The Highest". The ladies that had parts were Sis. Sonnie Skiles, Sis. Mary Veninga, Sis. Norselene Marshall, Sis. Jesse Kronk and Sis. Dorothy Pratt.

We took a missionary offering and was sent to the Fulcher's car fund. A night in the Lord's service was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served after being dismissed.

Sec. and Treas.  
Sis. S. Skiles

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met in the Educational building January 4, at 7:30 P.M., the meeting was opened by singing "Send The Light", led by Frankie Kemper, accompanied by Wanda Rogers at the piano.

Prayer by Lois Vaughn.

The president, Hazel Hutsell, read the following scriptures and commented on them, Proverbs 11:30, Isa. 62:10-12, 60:1, 2 and Daniel 12:3, then she read the poem "I Have Christ, What Need I More?"

The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Jo Hurtt, who then called the roll which was answered with a Bible verse by 27 members and one visitor.

The count of circle members and a report by each circle chairman was given for the month, as follows: The Mary-Martha made a comforter and sent to a missionary in Canada; the Aileen Calvary sent \$10.00 to Missionary Aileen Calvary; the Leah Mae circle met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Maxwell with 35 in attendance including members and their families and a visitor Mrs. Cleo Chandler who told the Christmas story, using large painted pictures made by herself. The circle sent a ham supper to Mrs. Jewel Spurgeon and family - they also took a love offering and divided the \$16.50 between the Edwin Wade family and Leah Mae Postlewait and family.

The Emma Ruth were in charge of the church paper and everyone agrees they did a nice job.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Albia Smith.

MSC to receive the report.

Special prayer was offered for the sick including two members, Eula Perry and Sadie Graham by Hazel Elliott.

Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell was in charge of the program with Ethel Ussery, Betty Mosley, and Albia Smith participating in a very interesting discussion.

Prayer by Martha Coffman.

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## GOD BLESSES THROUGH THE YOUTH

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met January 12 for their monthly meeting with 18 members present and two visitors. We had another one to join our auxiliary. The vice president, Sister Ruby Brewer, conducted the meeting in the absence of our president. We sang "Footsteps of Jesus", followed in prayer by Sister Jean Lau. Our scripture reading was Proverbs 14:25 and Luke 14:23. Then we had the business session and the officers reports. Our study course on the manual was finished at this meeting.

A very interesting program was given "Enlistment That Compels" and we had a special number, "Let Others See Jesus In You", by Sister Phyllis Miller. We closed our meeting with an altar prayer led by Sister Finis Johnson.

I would like to tell you some of the work our youth groups are doing. The Missionary Midgets (now "Learners for Christ") meet on the second Monday of each month at 3:30 P.M. at the church. We have 17 members enrolled at this time. They are a wonderful group of boys and girls and the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn is very good. The meetings are conducted in the following manner:

First, we have the roll call. Second, the group repeats the Aim, Motto, and the Watchword of the Missionary Midgets. Then we sing our theme song along with several other choruses. Next is the story which is taken from the Missionary Midget workbook, followed by question and answer period. Next is the handcraft which is closely connected with the story. The meeting is closed with a prayer by one of the group. Their refreshments are served by one of the auxiliary members each month. Sister Barbara Cox sponsors the group.

The Thayer GTA which is now the "Adventurers for Christ" have been a small group during 1964, but we feel that they have accomplished some worthwhile projects. They have sent \$20.00 to help buy the land in Hawaii, \$5.00 to Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Aldridge and \$3.00 to the Foreign Mission Dept. to be used in the literature program. The December program was given in form of a skit titled, "The Unthoughtful Gift". This was given for Women's Auxiliary at the pre-Christmas Week of Prayer service. Mrs. Jean Lau has been sponsor for this group.

The "Crusaders for Christ", which have been YPA's have 14 members. At the last meeting which was January 5, there were nine members present and one visitor. The lesson was very good on "Witnessing". Rex Pingleton and Elda Grooms gave a soul winning demonstration which was enjoyed by all.

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Each month the group takes a potted plant or a cake or a gift of some kind to a sick or shut-in or an elderly person as their monthly project. Sister Jo Pingleton is the sponsor for this group.

Gay Combs  
Corresponding Secretary

## A VISION

The Willow Springs Women's Auxiliary of Mountain Grove, Route 3, has been quite busy. Recently when the Goldfire I operation was in this area, the auxiliary sponsored taking cookies to the U.S.O. Center one evening. Approximately 200 young men were served.

At the November meeting the auxiliary had a chicken shower for the pastor and his wife. Since the pastor and his wife were away in revival services, one member sneaked into the parsonage and placed the chickens in the deepfreeze. Surprise and delight was expressed by Gloria Carlson, the pastor's wife, when they were found.

For the Thanksgiving project, members brought fruit, nuts and candy for fruit baskets. These were assorted into baskets and taken to eight ladies in a rest home. A short devotional service was held with them also.

In December we chose the Mack Owens family for our Christmas gifts. From the auxiliary treasury articles of clothing were bought for Mr. and Mrs. Owens. Clothing and toys for the family were also given by the members.

Shortly before Christmas we plan to have cottage prayer with a shut-in from our church. We have purchased a potted plant for her.

At our December meeting we had a joint meeting with the Master's Men. After the Christmas program we exchanged gifts. Prayer pal names for the past year were revealed. Refreshments of Christmas candy, nuts, oranges, and apples were served.

The Ladies Mission of Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge, met Monday, Jan. 4, 7 P.M. at the church for our regular monthly meeting. Meeting was called to order by President Mildred Miller. Song by congregation, "I Have To Tell The Story", prayer by Effie Matthews. Scripture read by president, 1st John, 1st chapter. Eleven members answered roll call with scripture verse containing the word "year".

Four poems were read - Calvary, Hazel Winfrey; Where Were You?, Edith Forsee; The Monkey's Viewpoint and The Larger Prayer, Effie Matthews. Lesson

studied was the parable of the ten virgins, teacher Sis. Agnes Terry; scripture, Matthew 25:1-14; benediction by Edna Moore. Refreshments and social hour followed in church basement.

Those attending besides those already mentioned were Sylvia Lix, Bertie Martin, Edith Maxwell, Nellie Buxton and Hazel Morris.

As this is the beginning of another year of work for our Lord through the ladies mission at Parkview, we would like to mention some of our accomplishments through the year of 1964. We are quite proud of our '64 record. Certainly not for praise, but for the blessings we have received from doing what we could to help others. We have 19 active members, 13 average attendance, six new members. We read 4,460 chapters, made 724 visits to the sick, sent 742 cards, sent \$10.00 to FWB orphanage in Greenville, Tenn., \$10.00 on revival, \$5.00 foreign missions, made three baby quilts for foreign missionaries and sent as our part \$37.00 on district land fund project to Hawaii - sent clothing for Cuban refugees, sent a weeks supply of milk to needy family, sent \$81.35 in coupons to orphanage in Greenville, Tennessee, gave gifts to three members who were in hospital, had services in six nursing homes, giving each patient a handkerchief in a greeting card - visited a shut-in and had services, each member taking a Christmas gift - sent a one years subscription of the DEPTH magazine to our local hospital - paid \$15.00 on church insurance - presented a wedding ring quilt to our former pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Webb.

We held a week of pre-Christmas services at the church - sent 33 Christmas cards to servicemen - presented our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Grover Terry, a gift at Christmas - collected white cloths for cancer patients.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1964 each of our members saved a penny a day through the year for our annual Christmas project. This totaled \$42.26 and was sent to FWB orphanage in Eldridge, Alabama.

We feel God has richly blessed us this past year.

We pray His blessings on you and yours through this coming year.

Hazel Morris  
Corresponding Secretary  
300 So. Grant St.  
Desloge, Missouri







NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

# A WORD TO PASTORS ONLY.....

## About Their Laymen

Did you know that last July at the time of the National Association there were over 52,000 adult laymen in our denomination in approximately 2,000 churches? Did you know that among these 2,000 churches there were only 102 active Master's Men chapters, with a total membership of only 1,500 laymen? (No wonder someone has said that if anything gets done in our churches it's left up to the pastors - or the women!) But did you know that in the last four months of 1964 there were 36 new chapters organized with a membership of 500?

The men of our churches are apparently on the move, and 1965 promises to be the greatest year to date. But the fact remains that if the laymen of a church ever work together in a full concerted effort, it will probably be up to the pastor to lead them.

What has been your attitude toward the Master's Men in your church? Have you supported the movement enthusiastically, or have you considered it just another time-consuming appendage that never really does anything worthwhile? The laymen of a church will seldom do more than their pastor expects them to do.

The 1965 emphasis of the Master's Men is devoted to stewardship. Each program and each project during the year is designed to stimulate support for genuine Christian stewardship. Could your church use such organized support? Or are you satisfied with what has been?

If your church does not have an active Master's Men chapter, why don't you call the men together to organize one? Act as moderator of your group as they select a president and a secretary-treasurer. (The other officers can be elected later.) Then fill in the application for charter that appears on this page and send it, together with \$1.50 for each copy of Attack, the quarterly program publication, that you want your men to receive, to The Master's Men, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. You also ought to order several copies of the Handbook for Master's Men at six for \$1.00. The Handbook will give you further information about the organization, the officers and their duties, and the constitution and by-laws for your local chapter.

If you would like to hear more about the organization before you organize, may I suggest that you arrange a date for your men to see the newly prepared film slides, "The Master's Men Or-

ganization" by writing to Hubert L. Harral, First Free Will Baptist Church, Mtn. Grove, Missouri. Not only will the slides be presented, but if you wish, a group of laymen with several years experience in an active chapter will come to present a program and help you to organize.

If your church has had a local chapter in the past that is now inactive, you are probably the only one who can revive it. It may have succumbed to pastor disinterest in the first place; at least give it a try - it may also respond to pastor interest in 1965.

### MASTER'S MEN Application for Charter

(Please print all information)

THE MASTER'S MEN of \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist  
Church of (town) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
petition for a charter from the National Office for the year  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Mailing Address of Church \_\_\_\_\_

President's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in local chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Send this application together with \$1.50 for each member of your local chapter (this annual contribution will cover the cost of printing and distributing the materials, including the magazine) to:

THE MASTER'S MEN  
3801 RICHLAND AVENUE  
NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE

Send: —Handbook for Master's Men @ 20¢ each; 6 for \$1.00

—MASTER'S MEN LAPEL PINS @ \$1.00 each. These may  
be charged and money sent after they have been sold.  
—Please bill us.

—Post Cards to advise members of next meeting @ 75¢ per  
100

All Materials Will Be Sent to the Church Unless Other-  
wise Notified.



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DAN MARTIN

# I PLAN TO ATTEND YOUTH CAMP THIS YEAR

By Dan Martin

I am planning to go to Youth Camp this year because it is a wonderful experience. I feel that attending Youth Camp last year was one of the best things I have ever done.

Last year while attending Youth Camp, I met many wonderful people. I'm looking forward to meeting these same people and many more this year. I know this year as last year I will enjoy attending all the services. I think being at Youth Camp is the closest place to heaven a young boy or girl can get.

The things I learned in our classes as well as in our services will be a help and blessing all through my life. I think every young person should take advantage of this opportunity and join in the fun and fellowship as we learn more about God.

Editor's Note: Starting this month we will have a page dedicated to our Youth Camp. If you have any pictures, articles or anything that can be used, mail them to either the Free Will Baptist Gem office or to Rev. C. H. Burton, 8900 Springdale Avenue, Berkeley City 34, Mo.

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travel. As we drove towards Fairbanks we could tell the temperature was dropping to an extreme low because the steering gear and the gear shift was stiffening up. Around 8:30 P.M. we arrived at Big Delta, which is a hundred miles from Fairbanks and the last intersection, learning that the temperature was 62 below zero. I knew the dangers we faced, if we were to drive on to Fairbanks. There was a possibility that the gas line would freeze up or perhaps we might have a flat tire or any other kind of trouble, which would put us in the same position as a sinking ship, however, we considered our Good News Bible Club on Saturday and our Sunday services and decided to continue on our journey. We arrived in Fairbanks at 11:40 P.M. with cold feet and grateful hearts. I thanked the Lord for His protecting care and to be sure I was very grateful to our little Falcon bus for its faithfulness in bringing us safely February, 1965

home.

On Sunday the Lord blessed us with a very rich service; there were two new families who attended and four people who made rededications.

January 1st marked our first anniversary in Fairbanks. During this year I have learned to appreciate and admire the Alaskan native more than ever because they have survived these arctic winters hundreds of years and until recent years they had only their bare hands with which to provide their livelihood, and had very little communication with the outside world.

As we continue our ministry here, we covet your continual prayerful support. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16b) May God bless you.

Yours for Missions,  
The Whaleys

## HOW TO HAVE YOUR OWN MISSION CONFERENCE

Your church can reap the blessings of regular mission conferences. First set aside one Sunday each month for Mission Sunday. A program could be presented on this Sunday that would be of interest to all. For instance, begin your services by singing hymns about missions. Have a special prayer for one certain missionary family. Gather in the altar to pray. Select a missionary who is having difficulty or who has been in your church (HEART-BEAT gives a listing of prayer requests each month on the inside back cover). For special music, have someone learn a chorus in a foreign language and sing this. The pastor could then follow with a message on missions.

Sunday evening a missionary film could be shown. Several films may be ordered without charge from our office in Nash-  
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## 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	164
Beacon	72					71	79			
Farmington	122	121	132	107	110	111	130	119	120	112
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	82	105
Grant Ave., Springfield	198	181	167	178	183	178	166	177	167	172
Hazel Creek	58	53	55	46	52	50	52	51		
Mine La Motte	31	32	34	29	30	30	29	24	34	
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	117
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	73	62	63	69	57	62	61	58	58	60
Union Light	93	104	112	118	112	109	106	120	102	128
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	100
Hannon	54	56	65	59	65	51	72	59	62	59
First, Monett	157	126	123	122	144	141	137	131	138	141
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	147	156
Copper Mines	96	89	100	93	93	94	76	79	79	85
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	30	37	44	40	36					
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	80	60	62	57	62	63	80	89	82	102
Twin Oaks Church	57	53	62	68	61	64	57	60	56	55
West Plains	173	179	173	165	173	209	215	205	202	194
Cuba	63	82	74							
Southside	206	168	183	178	160	167	188	198	191	189
First, Lebanon			70	78	74	81	81	87	83	86
Myrtle Church	76	72	72	74	70	76				
Mt. Pisgah						70				
Joplin	88	81	98	89	96	95	100	92	91	93
Grace Church	161	151	149	129	119	133	127	141	157	145
Salem							26	26	29	37
Thayer Church								122	132	130
Alton Church	102	102	98	99	88	97	97	94		



# NOTICE

ville.

On Mission Sunday an offering could be received to help some deficit account or for missions in general.

Remember, a mission minded church is a growing church. Try it and see.  
(The Spot Light)

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## 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  
Faith Church, Lemay ..... Rev. Lonnie Skiles  
New Home Wom. Aux. .... Melbourne, Ark.  
Olivet Ch., Marshall .....

New Prospect Church ..... Rev. Len Gardner  
Garfield ..... Rev. Howard Bowers  
Neosho Supply Pastor ..... Rev. C. Black  
Mine La Motte ..... Rev. O. D. Matthews  
Union Light ..... Rev. Wayne Parsons  
Bethel ..... Rev. Davie Combs  
Mt. Pisgah ..... Rev. E. Butts  
Fourth, St. Louis ..... Rev. H. T. Dann  
Twin Oaks ..... Rev. Truman Huffman  
Victory ..... Rev. Glen Rehkop  
Mill Creek ..... Rev. Lloyd Durbin  
Beacon ..... Rev. Woodrow Matthews  
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First, Monett ..... Rev. Bud Hill  
Aulsberry Chapel ..... Rev. Dean Burpo  
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Desloge ..... Rev. Grover Terry  
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