

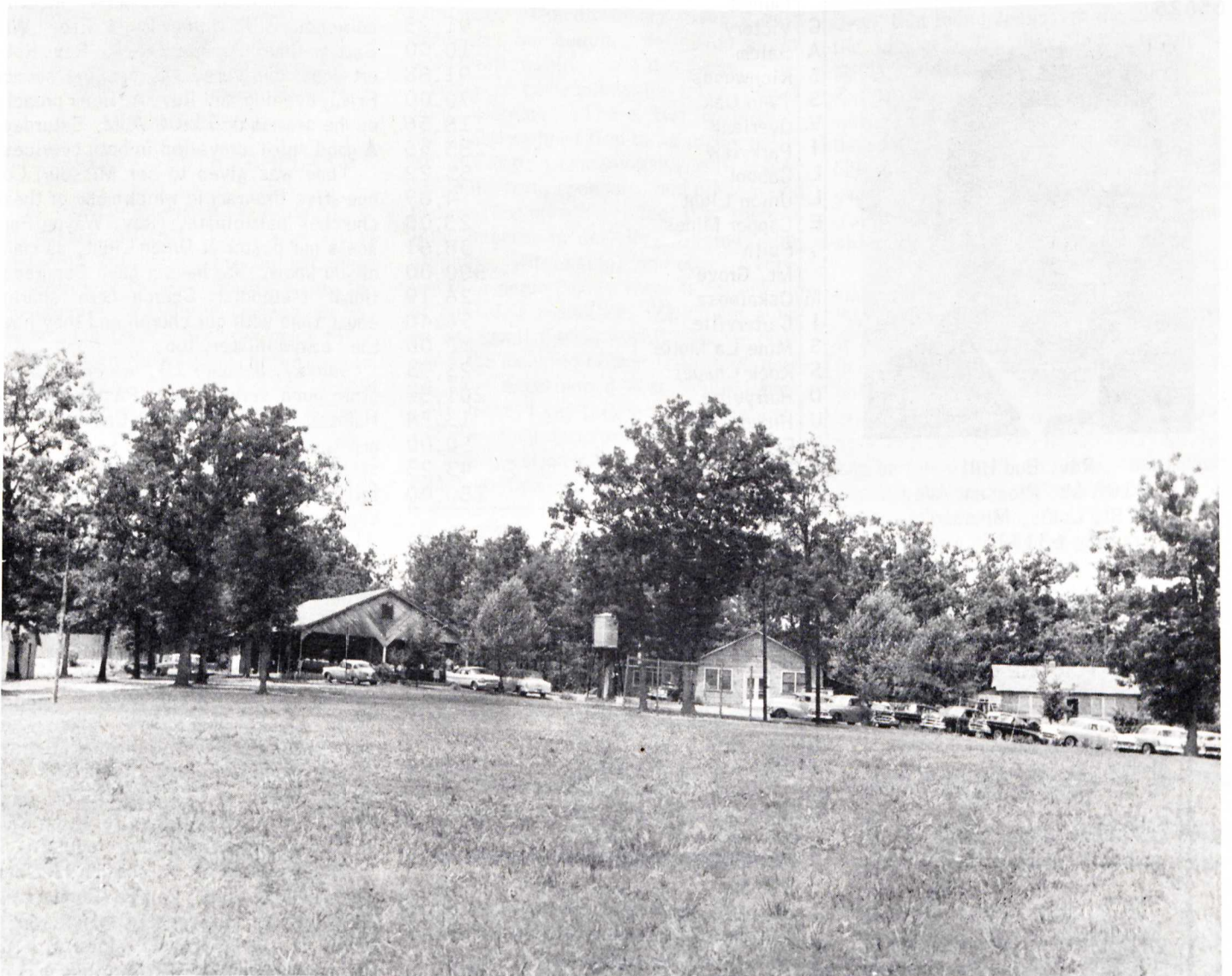
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Rev. Harry Beatty

In response to an invitation of Pastor Floyd Arnold and the North Side Free Will Baptist Church, January 6th, I delivered the message in their mid-week prayer meeting. We also discussed the Cooperative Plan of Support which they adopted later.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting convened with Union Light Free Will Baptist Church January 8-9. Rev. Robert Jones delivered the opening sermon Friday evening and Rev. A. Helm preached the sermon at 11:00 A.M. Saturday. A good spirit prevailed in both services.

Time was given to our Missouri Cooperative Program in which most of these churches participate. Rev. Wayne Parson is our pastor at Union Light, as many of you know. We have a good Congregational Methodist Church here sharing equal time with our church and they have their own minister, too.

Sunday, January 10, we enjoyed another good service with Pastor Truman Huffman and our Twin Oak Church. I was privileged to deliver the 11:00 A.M. sermon; Bro. Huffman is able to assume full charge as pastor again since his recent illness.

Festus First Free Will Baptist Church and their recently elected pastor, Charles Moyer, hosted the St. Louis District Church Training Service Rally and Quarterly Meeting on January 22-23. The Youth Rally initiated the new C.T.S. program along with a program called "Bible Tic Tac Toe". Rev. Johnny Land delivered the 11A.M. sermon Saturday.

The good spirit prevailed in both services. Time was also given for our Missouri Cooperative Program to which 75% of these churches contribute regularly.

To the scores of churches in Missouri who haven't given to this Cooperative Plan, please allow me to solicit you in behalf of this worldwide ministry. Although in some churches your gift may be small, remember, little is much, if placed

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# YOUTH CAMP

## NEWS AND VIEWS



LINDA ROGERS

### OUTSTANDING YOUTH CAMPER DIES

On Monday afternoon, February 1, in New Athens, Illinois, Linda was driving the family station wagon from her place of employment to the Post Office. As she was crossing a railroad her vehicle was struck by a train. She was taken to the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville and remained there until she went to be with the Lord on Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. Linda was nineteen years of age.

At an early age Linda accepted Christ as personal Saviour and she lived an active useful life for the Lord.

She was an ardent supporter of the Youth Camp having spoken in several churches and a Quarterly Meeting in behalf of it. Because of her friendliness and desire to help, her presence was always felt on the camp grounds. She assisted in Camp Bible School one year and attended several years as a student. Her love, talents and usefulness were equally given to her church. Surely, she will be missed by everyone who knew her, for to know her was to share the bond of Christian love. May her life encourage us to give our best to Him who gave His all for us.

Down a road that's calm and peaceful,  
 Guided by God's loving hand,  
 She has gone upon a journey  
 To a distant, brighter land.  
 And although your heart is heavy  
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With the sorrow you must bear,  
 May it help to bring you comfort  
 Knowing she is happy there.

Editor's Note: We, of the Gem family, wish to extend our sympathy to the Rogers family in the loss of their daughter, a fine Christian girl.

The following is an article Linda wrote which appeared in the Gem in October, 1963. Surely it is appropriate to use it at this time.

My testimony of "What Youth Camp Means To Me" can be summarized in three words - Fellowship and Spiritual Guidance. The dictionary gives a very complete, but concise definition of the word "fellowship". As it states: "Fellowship is companionship; fellowship is joint interest." These two definitions are exactly what I find to be prominent at Youth Camp. Companionship with teachers, ministers, sponsors, and other young people like myself. I feel that there is joint interest in activity, singing, worshipping, witnessing, and etc. Everywhere a person goes there is fellowship of one kind or another. We do get along in our small, smug world. But we don't know the meaning of true fellowship until we have experienced it at Youth Camp. Believe me, I say this sincerely and honestly from my own convictions.

The question comes to mind - "What has Youth Camp done for me?" As I quote the words of Peter, as stated in II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." I can say that I have grown in the grace of Jesus.

Each year, each day, each hour; from the time I was converted, to the present day, the Lord has given me a rich, complete life. He's led me on into paths of righteousness, He's kept my heart, my mind, my body clean and pure in order that I might glorify His precious name.

I started my long, narrow journey as a new convert; a Christian. Now I'm a servant and a worker for His kingdom. Yes, Youth Camp has done this for me. My faith is much larger than the mustard seed now. I can move more than the mountain... I can escape temptation without scars. I'm a witness for God and I shall always praise Him for giving to me the wonderful power of witnessing. I recall the words

of Jesus as He spoke to the disciples, which is recorded in Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The Holy Ghost has possessed me....now I'm a witness unto the whole world.

The next thought that enters my mind....is others. "What has it done for others?" It has done for others, what it has done for me. We came to camp in the month of June, a whole year has lapsed before we return the following June. What happens to the new Christians during this time; that found Jesus, at the altar...in the chapel? Do they find it tough; a struggle to stay true? Of course they do! But we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us. Surely every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. If I were to take an inventory of everyone, who in their lifetime attended Youth Camp, I'm sure they all would share my views.

Only one more point I would like to make before concluding. I've mentioned: "What Youth Camp Means To Me", "What it has done for me", and "What it has done for others", now I would like to point out, "What it can do for you if you are not a Christian - if you haven't shared such fellowship as I have described, as can be found at Youth Camp, then, may I suggest that you make plans to attend next year's session. You will be amazed to discover a change in your actions and thoughts over such a short period of time.

In conclusion, I would like to instill in the minds of the readers, this thought: Youth Camp is a reality, not a dream.... it is both past and future....it is growing, not shrinking....and it is living never dying!

Editor's Note: In the article last month entitled "All Juveniles Are Not Delinquent", there was a misprint. The line that read "several young ladies have announced their call to the gospel" should have read "several young ladies have announced their call to the mission field and several young men have announced their call to the gospel ministry."

# AFTER THE FIRST QUARTER

The new Church Training Service is nearing the end of its first full quarter, and it is not too early to begin an evaluation of it in your church. How well has it succeeded? If it hasn't, what are the causes for its failure? The full effect of the changes in the training program will not be known for some time, of course, since it is still being developed and expanded.

It seems to me that the most significant feature of the CTS is the inclusion of all youth activities in one coordinated program. It provides for a continuity in youth training that was absent from the League program which it replaces. The end result, I believe, will be that our churches will be able to keep more of the children and young people interested and active, particularly in the transitional teenage group where most of our "casualties" have occurred in the past.

We will be amply rewarded if we concentrate our efforts toward building active, meaningful groups, from the young Learners for Christ to the older Crusaders. The adult leaders of each group must, of course, be Christians who are sincerely interested in and aware of the needs of our children. Insofar as it is possible, the same leaders should meet with the weekday meetings of their respective groups and make every effort to enlist in the Sunday evening CTS all those youngsters who attend the daytime meetings. The members of each group should be led to realize that they have an obligation to attend every Sunday evening as well as during the week. This, it would seem, may be the most effective way to enlist whole families in the Sunday evening training program.

I suspect that it is nothing worse than laziness that prevents greater attendance at Adult CTS. There are some who are afraid they will be "given a part" if they attend. No one should be asked to speak before the group if he really doesn't want to, of course, and he should be just as welcome as those who do speak. (There are much better ways of presenting a program than through giving parts, by the way; use your Leader's Guide to learn better methods.)

There are other adults who object to CTS because, they say, it is just another

Sunday school. If yours is, you probably aren't making the best use of the materials you have available. There is plenty of variety in each issue of *Focus*, the Adult Training magazine. For example, the current issue contains the thirteen weekly articles, ranging from studies of Free Will Baptist practices to missions and materialism --- not one of which is Sunday schoolish. In addition, there are three other articles, each of which is suitable for Sunday evening study if you would like to substitute them for some of the regular weekly articles. One of these is a three-part study of First Thessalonians that requires three weeks to complete and which requires a complete reading of that book. (Surely no church will fail to use this excellent study prepared by Dr. Robert E. Picirilli.)

The two center pages of each issue of *Focus* contain a special feature, "World of Words." This can be used for individual study, but I think it will be more useful if it is used as a simple quiz on Sunday evening; learning pertinent words is an important part of Christian training, and I am glad to see it included.

Whatever the objections have been in the past to a training program, I think we can see that most of them are selfishly motivated. But it can be a success, both now and in the future. If we concentrate on keeping the youngsters interested and learning now, we will have no worries about adult attendance in the future. And if we use imaginatively the materials that are now on hand for the oldsters, we might even get them interested and keep them somewhat satisfied in the future.

Hubert L. Harral, Member  
Sunday School and Church  
Training Service Board

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in the hand of the Lord.

We are grateful for the score of students from Missouri attending our Free Will Baptist College in Nashville. Missouri fell below the 1964 suggested quota for our Bible College, Foreign Missions and National Home Missions, which means we must respond more liberally throughout 1965. Your Book Store will have Scripture Press Vacation Bible School material this season. Please order early!

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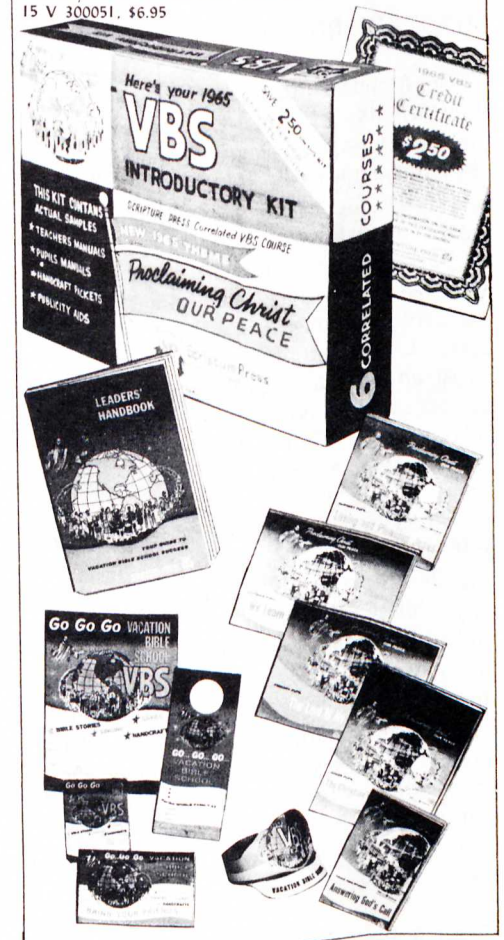
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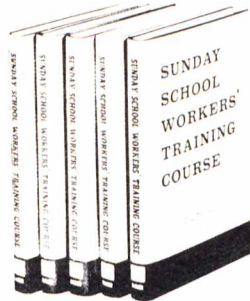
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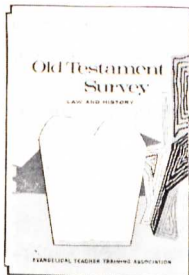
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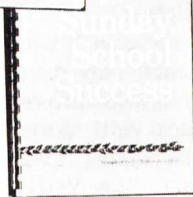
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## MARCH 1965

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By the 15th of each month!

Co-Laborers:

Let us keep in mind that April is just around the corner. The Bible Conference will begin April the 4th through the 7th. Our Week Of Prayer will begin the 12th to 16th; also on Sunday, the 18th, will be Foreign Missions Sunday - write to Nashville for added literature. Our State Workshop will come in April - next month we hope to have information on our Workshop.

### AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Mountain Grove - Willow Springs Aux.  
Thayer - Woman's Auxiliary  
Desloge - Parkview Woman's Auxiliary  
St. Louis - Trinity Church - Auxiliary  
Springfield - Grant Ave. Ch. - Aux.  
Lebanon - First Church - Auxiliary  
Joplin - First Church - Auxiliary

The Marie Hanna Womans Auxiliary of Trinity Church, St. Louis, would like to share some of our recent blessings with you.

In the way of history, the Auxiliary was organized Feb. 17, 1963 with five charter members. The present membership is 10.

The officers are Elaine Spurgeon, President; Lois DePriest, Vice President; Opal Hughes, Sec.-Treas.; Bea Colby, Program Prayer Chairman; Lucie Warden, Personal Service Chairman; Blanche Francis, Study Course Chairman; Kay Case, Corresponding Secretary.

Each month our program is presented in such a way that it is always interesting and inspiring.

We have a year round project of collecting coupons for the Children's Home. We average 200 to 300 coupons per month. Also each quarter any of the Sunday School literature for the small children that is unused is taken to Children's Hospital. Some of our recent monthly

projects have been clothing for the Children's Home, Student Loan Fund, Missionary Provision Closet, used eyeglasses for the needy, toys for needy children, a cash Christmas gift to the Carl Johnson's in Alaska and collecting all our discarded Christmas and greeting cards for Children's Hospital.

We recently observed Pre-Thanksgiving and Pre-Christmas Weeks of Prayer. The Thanksgiving services consisted of a Prayer Breakfast at the church, a special program presented to the church on Sunday evening, a fellowship dinner for the entire family, and a prayer meeting and testimony service at Mrs. Colby's home.

For the Christmas services the Auxiliary, along with other members of the church presented the play "Why Christmas". We also observed two prayer days at home, praying for each member of the auxiliary and especially for State Home Missions. On December 24, our church was open for anyone wishing to enter and pray.

Some of our plans for the future include several study courses, with the first one in January on stewardship. Also an enlistment banquet is planned for January with the hopes that some of the ladies not attending our meetings will realize what a blessing Womans Auxiliary can be to their lives.

Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Kay Case

### "HEART"

The ladies mission class of Parkview Free Will Baptist Church had their monthly meeting Monday, February 1, at 7:00 at the church.

Meeting was opened by group singing two songs "Hide Thou Me" and "No One Understands Like Jesus". Prayer by Ava McFarland.

Scripture read by President Mildred Miller was II Thess., chapter two. Seven members and one visitor answered the roll call with scripture verses containing the word "heart". Lesson by the teacher, Agnes Terry, was St. Luke 16:19-26. Dismissed by Myrtle Long.

### SURPRISE SHOWER

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met February 9 for their meeting. There were 21 members present.

Study Course Chairman, Sister Clara Allen, announced our next Study Course to be held February 15-16 and 18 on Evangelism - "Romance of Winning Children".

The program, "The Compelling Power of Prayer", was well planned and given. Sister Ruby Johnson sang, "I Need The Prayers of Those I Love". Following our program the Woman's Auxiliary and Master's Men had a surprise shower for the pastor and his family, to show our appreciation for them.

Gay Combs  
Corresponding Secretary

### STUDY COURSE ON PRAYER

The Women's Auxiliary met Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the church. Opening hymn, "Garden of Prayer, led by Sue Cook with Freida Harp at the piano. Special prayer for the sick and the 22 missionaries in Brazil was offered by Sue Cook, Dorothy Moiser and Betty Moore.

The lesson title was "The Compelling Power of Prayer". A cross was placed in front of the church with prayer written on it; as each lady gave her part she placed a cross with different words for the prayer request with a spot light shining on the cross making it very effective. A special song, "Do You Think To Pray" was sung by Mrs. Dorothy Mosier, Mrs. Sue Cook, Mrs. Jeanie Bowman.

Topics of lesson were given by Mrs. Mary Lindsay, Mrs. Elvis Brayboy, and Mrs. Sybil Agan.

The study course will be on prayer. The book review will be given by Mrs. Freida Harp at the home of Mrs. Homer Mosier.

There were 13 members and nine visitors present.

### NEWS RELEASE

The Women's Auxiliary of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church has been

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blessed of God and we desire to share these blessings with the readers of the GEM.

One of the projects which brought about new interest was the new enlistment program. This work was done during the month of November and eleven new members were gained as the result of the work. At the conclusion of the enlistment drive we had a banquet with the husbands as special guests. The total attendance at the banquet was some 70 people and a sweet time of fellowship was enjoyed. Sister Braxine Evans gave an inspiring devotional challenging our hearts to dedication and consecrated living for Christ Jesus. We have been able to do some benevolent work which gave us an opportunity to witness for Christ to the underprivileged and invite them to the services of the church. Several boxes of food were distributed and clothing for several children passed out. Our pastor, Rev. Dixon, has just delivered forty pieces of garments to children. This kind of work is scriptural and may be used as a chariot to carry the gospel message to hearts that might never be reached otherwise.

The month of December was a good time with the women of the church. Our pre-Christmas Week of Prayer resulted in consecration of lives to Christ. The annual Christmas fellowship was held in the home of Sister Shirley Barnett at which time names were drawn for secret pals. The interest in this has been a blessing. The devotional for that service was given by Sister Jean Grissom, who blessed our hearts.

The first meeting of 1965 was held in the church chapel with real interest. At this meeting Miss Carolyn Clark, former Bible College student, gave an interesting study course on our duties and responsibilities taken from the WA Manual.

An interesting event took place at the conclusion of our January meeting. Members who celebrated birthdays during January were surprised with refreshments and words of congratulations from the other members. Members who were honored were Carolyn Clark, Elizabeth Patton, and Helen Chapman.

We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship in the parsonage when the membership met to bring the sacrificial giving for the state project "pave the way for Hannas." We know that these missionaries will be blessed by our faithfulness so pray that we shall press on to do God's will for the spreading of the gospel around this darkened world.

We have enjoyed visiting with you in this manner and do ask that you continue to pray that we shall continue to enjoy  
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blessings from God in our wonderful church which He has given us here in Springfield.

May we invite you to let us know if you have relatives living in Springfield. This church is reaching out to many and we believe that hundreds of others might come if we could let them know what kind of work God is doing here. Let us know if you have friends or relatives living in this area.

#### GIFTS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

The Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary began their February meeting with the song, "Jesus Took My Burden", led by Cleo Chandler. President Lois Shannon read Psalm 86:3 and John 15:7. Cleo Chandler led in prayer.

Eleven members answered the roll call with prayer requests. One visitor, Avis Brown, was also present. Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and approved. President called on other officers for their reports. Personal Service Chairman Dora Fry read a letter from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn. The auxiliary voted to send a box of clothing and yard goods to the home. Final plans for the young people's Valentine Banquet were given.

Louise Peters gave an object lesson demonstrating power in prayer. Ellen Middleton introduced the program for the evening. Letha Headley, Deloris Phelps, and Cleo Chandler spoke on "The Compelling Power of Prayer."

Avis Brown dismissed the meeting with prayer.

#### SUPPORT MEXICAN STUDENT

Our auxiliary met January 5 with Mrs. Alice Hoover. There were ten members present. Meeting was opened by our president, Mrs. Irene Thomas. Prayer was given by Sis. Martha Nutting. The lesson was presented to the group by Mrs. Eloise Thornton and then discussed by the group. Mrs. Alice Hoover read a reading entitled, "Beatitudes of the Housewife." Our pre-Christmas missionary offering was thirty-five dollars. We voted to send it to our Mexico mission to support a Mexican student for a nine month school term. Decided to visit nursing home in Iantha on Jan. 17, and take gifts for those living there. The auxiliary will have a study course on Jan. 25 at the home of Irene Thomas. We were dismissed with prayer. The hostess served lovely refreshments.

Margaret Smith

#### "WORK DONE"

Meeting called to order by president. Treasurers report read by Mrs. Sue Cook and was approved. Secretary Mrs. Bob Brayboy read report and it was approved.

Report given by all officers of work done. Mrs. Madeline Looney reported there will be a study course Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Mrs. Gladys Montgomery's, also reviewing of manual. A letter was read by Mrs. Sue Cook from the orphanage thanking auxiliary for the offering sent them. Mrs. Dorothy Mosier reported on flower committee. Mrs. Hazel Embry read scripture for lesson; sang "Hand in Hand With Jesus". Prayer by Mrs. Naomi Hefton. Lesson introduction was given by Mrs. Farren Jones; topics given - Enlist Through Love by Mrs. Beth Forence; Enlist Through Witnessing by Mrs. Virginia Brashear.

Sixteen members present with four visitors. Dismissed in prayer and asked blessing on refreshments by Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison.

Auxiliary Corresponding Sec.  
Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison

#### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The West Plains Ladies Auxiliary of FWB met Jan. 4 with 10 members and one visitor present.

Opening song was "Send The Light".

Trio by three of the YPA girls. Prayer by Ernestine Doss. Scripture reading, Prov. 14:25 and Luke 14:23. A poem, "I Met My Master", was given by President Claudia Combs. Hattie Sims was elected Corresponding Secretary to finish the year for Ernestine Doss who was elected Youth Chairman.

Addie Adkisson was elected Personal Service Chairman for remaining of the year.

We voted to give \$20.00 to the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on buying new drapes for the hospital. It was voted to quilt Thursday, Jan. 14, and to visit shut-ins on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

A study course on the manual was set for Jan. 18.

The lesson, "Enlistment That Compels", was real interesting and given well by Naomi Bunch, Eudene Adkisson, Dona Judd and Addie Adkisson.

We were dismissed by Locky Wonsettler.

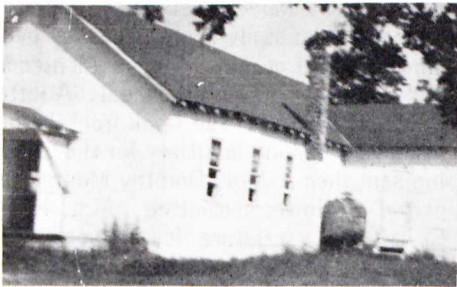
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Send all reports to:

Mrs. Ted Davis  
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Joplin, Missouri

Must have your report by the 15th of each month.

# FROM SMALL BEGINNING IN 1928 MT. PISGAH CHURCH IS THRIVING



By Mrs. Lola Miller

Back about the year 1928, some of the neighbors talked together and decided they should organize a Free Will Baptist Church at Peacock. They were at that time worshipping in Peacock School House, with first one minister then another holding services once a month.

On January 8, 1928, G. W. Scott assisted by J. H. Plunk and Deacon Mabes of Mtn. Grove, organized the church with five charter members. They were Bro. Howard Barr and wife, Pearl, Bro. Tom Curry and wife, Rachel, and Elbert Colson. Bro. G. W. Scott named the church Mt. Pisgah. Rachel Curry was elected clerk with Bro. Tom Curry and Howard Barr deacons. The first pastor was G. W. Scott.

In February, Julia Miller became a member as did Grandma Mary Barr in April of that year. In the year 1929 Bros. Tom Curry and Howard Barr were elected trustees.

In October 1929 members of the church met at the home of Tom Curry to make plans for building a new church house. Twenty-two persons were present. Inez Sesler Curry, Eunice Roberts Hale, Luther Curry, Howard Barr and Clifford Joy were elected as the finance and building committee.

It was decided to buy one acre of land just back of the school house from Mr. and Mrs. Steve Surber for the building site, paying them \$15. This money was raised by donations.

In 1913 members met at the Curry home to finish collecting money to pay for the land and a motion was made to get the deed.

The men started cutting logs in February 1932 and hauling it to Bill Cooper's sawmill for lumber to start the church building. A motion was also made to borrow \$25 and have \$25 donated by the Free Will Baptist Association to finance the church.

Members were still worshipping in the

school house with Bro. Levi Koch of Bucyrus, as pastor, when the school house burned during a revival effort. This was about November 1932. During the following summer the congregation met for Sunday School each Sunday out in the open sitting on the lumber piles.

On March 14, 1932, construction was started on the church building. It was to be 24' x 30' with Bros. James Odom, Tom Curry, and Howard Barr as the building committee. This was very slow work as the neighbor men donated all the work when they had a little spare time. There was no hired labor; not even a carpenter.

Bros. Tom Curry and James Odom and Howard Barr made the shingles by hand with a froe for the roof. Probably many of the young folks today have never seen a froe. It is a metal tool for making shingles.

During the first winter spent in the new church building, only the outside boxing or rough native oak with the cracks stripped was completed. Gravel was the floor and the benches were rough boards nailed to blocks of wood. It was very inconvenient, but the congregation met regularly for Sunday School and preaching services once a month. Most everyone walked to the services.

The next work was pouring a cement floor and eventually getting the present floor laid. Then came homemade benches which were used for a number of years; later being replaced with the present ones from the Emack Manufacturing Co. The flue and stove were in the middle of the room. Mr. and Mrs. Odom loaned the church an organ. The corner stone was set in June 1933, and the church was dedicated in July 1938.

This building was being done during the depression years and money was very scarce. The pastors at this time were paid by free will offerings, the collection usually varying from 65¢ to \$1.58. The largest collection on record was \$1.60, and the smallest 11 cents. The pastor's salary was paid once a month.

When the school was consolidated, the land reverted back to the owner of the farm, Mr. Peacock, from which it was taken. At this time it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Surber, now the George Williams farm.

Grandpa Barr loved the little church so much he decided that was where he wanted

to be laid to rest. He purchased the acre of land where the school house stood, which is located between the church and road, to use as a cemetery. Mr. Barr gave a nice jersey cow as payment so there would be plenty of room for a cemetery. Grandpa Barr was the first to be laid to rest in the cemetery in 1940.

In 1942, two new doors were bought and the church painted. U. Cook and Lloyd Walls finished the work and were paid \$2 per day for labor. The same year a new roof was put on and the flue moved to the side of the building. This was donated labor.

In 1948, it was voted to build an addition on the back of the church, and in 1949 the church was wired for electricity.

At this time preaching services were held twice a month.

In July 1950 it was voted to have preaching services full time, except the second Sunday. The church building was insured during the same year also.

The pastor's salary was raised to \$15 in 1951. Eugene Walls was janitor for the winter months to build fires at \$1 a week.

A piano was purchased in 1952. Then the floors were varnished and the inside of the church painted. The outside was stuccoed a year later.

In 1958 the first classrooms were made of cement blocks. They were added to the west side of the building. A gas stove was purchased in 1961, and it was voted to hire a janitor permanently at \$2 per week. Ralph Odom was hired. Chairs for the little folks were purchased at this time also.

Since the church was organized there have been three clerks: Rachel Curry, Luther Curry and Lloyd Walls 1941.

From its humble beginning in 1928 the church has grown and at the present time about 100 persons attend there regularly.

Ministers that have pastored the church have been G. W. Scott, Levi Koch, Ocia Allen, Mose Johnson, Albert Brook, Wes Crane, Archie Hogue, Neal Moore, Homer B. Smith, Fred Winn and the present pastor, Ezra Butts.

Ministers that have gone out from the church are: Howard Barr, Clifford Joy, Virgil Miller, Floyd Roberts, Geo. Taylor, Morris Akers, Donovan Maxwell and Bob Adkinson.



# YOUR ALABASTER BOX

Sermon by  
REV. LOWELL M. McGOWAN  
Pastor: Rock of Ages Free Will Baptist  
Church, Lockwood, Colorado

TEXT: Matthew 26:6-13

Have you given your best to the Master? Mary's alabaster box of precious ointment, brought to Jesus out of love has always symbolized the devotion of those who have wished to give their very best to the Master. Mary went all the way in consecration and devotion in rendering her alabaster box. But hers was not the only alabaster box. Everyone has a gift whose eternal value is revealed only when it is consecrated to the Lord's service. What is your alabaster box? Will you break it for Jesus today? Each one of us has an alabaster box of some kind. The alabaster box represents whatever is precious to us. This woman gave what she prized the most. It would bring about criticism. How often when someone who is poor, so far as money and this world's goods are concerned, wants to give in a sacrificial way in bringing their best to Jesus, are brought head-on with conflict and sharp criticism. Friends or critics will say, "You cannot afford to do that." But this kind of sacrificial giving is out of a love that the world knows nothing about. It is out of a love that most church members today know nothing about. It is one of a love that most church members today know nothing about. Mary did not have to pour all this precious expensive ointment on the head of Jesus. Mary did not have to make such an extreme sacrifice. She could have gotten by very well without all this expensive contribution. But the act was not brought about through pressure from someone. It was spontaneous coming from a heart of faith and love. There are several kinds of sacrifices and the call goes out this morning for people willing to break the alabaster box of faith, love, and service for God. We are living in a day of compromise. Too many alabaster boxes have been lost for vil. This poor woman was able to scrape and rake together a sum that would have been more than large enough to feed a large family for more than a year. The amount was greater than the full wage of a man who has worked for a full year. What are you willing to do for Jesus? We are not serving man but a true and living God. We stand and profess to be Christians but say why all the waste? But when we see thousands and even March, 1965

millions go down the drain in sin all about us we fail to become alarmed. No! that don't excite us in the least. The only time we get excited is if someone is about to spend too much for Jesus.

Let us consider the alabaster box of THANKS, the alabaster box of GIVING, and the alabaster box of LOVE.

Luke tells us this woman was a sinner: He explains this act of her anointing Jesus as an act of a forgiven sinner. You remember out of the 10 lepers who were healed only one returned to give thanks. I do not like to speak rude about some of our modern day Christians, but some remind me of the pigs that ran under the acorn tree and ate up all the acorns never looking up to see from where they came.

This little sinner woman remembered that all her sins had been forgiven and she returned to give thanks in full consecration and devotion. When are we going to return to give thanks for Him dying on the cross for us just like he did for Mary, so that our sins can be forgiven and we have the opportunity of completely consecrating and devoting ourself and service to Him. Is the price too big? I believe it is for some of us. But just remember, your name on the church books and a half yielded life will not get you through to Heaven. God can sever the string of life any moment and you will sink into those eternal flames that burn forever. Why be found in the balance, wanting, when Jesus is calling you into the deeper waters of life. He requires nothing short of a complete consecrated life devoted to His service.

The gospel places a high value upon humanity as the purchase of the blood of Christ, and it teaches a tender regard for the wants and woes of man. There is the alabaster box of giving up self, laying our desires and wishes, plans and ambitions, all on the altar for Him who died for us. The cost of that precious ointment which Mary bought was great. Oh! I can see this little woman as she walks down the street with her heart, her self, and all her worldly ambitions broken and crushed in love to the Master who had forgiven her sins. I can see her as she walks into the Apothecary or as we commonly call it, the drug store, and ask for some precious ointment. I can see the druggist hand her one vase after another

and as large tears well up in her eyes she returns each one to him saying, "No! that is not good enough. Find something better." She was not looking at price tags but the very best. If many church members had been there they would have said the same thing the disciples said, "She can't afford it - why all the waste?" That's what the disciples said then and that is what many say today. Too many today are building on their own plans, having lost sight of Calvary, having lost sight of the plan of salvation, having lost sight of the Pearl of great price.

The one hundred and twenty in the upper room broke their alabaster boxes of self will. The disciples had wondered who would be the greatest in the Kingdom. All of this was poured out on Jesus feet, and the power fell on them. Those disciples went forth to take the world for Christ. What is your alabaster box? Will you break it for Jesus today? Some of you have big plans like the disciples had, but it may not work. You will never have the power necessary to stand in the last days until you are ready to consecrate your life to Jesus and your love expands around Him and Him only until you are ready to go forth and do a beautiful thing for Him instead of holding back in self-will and saying it is going to be my will or else. Maybe you have said within yourself, "the price is too big to give up all this." Remember, only a fully consecrated life can ever have that sanctifying power necessary to stand against the wiles of the devil and in times of persecution. The Bible teaches that we are to deny the lusts of the flesh. Sin abounds today. Sin is protected today. Oh! there's a hot burning hell immediately under us and when God severs that string of life we will fall head long into it without any comeback if we don't make things right while He is giving us the chance.

I want you to know that I mean business! We see too many puny excuses, and words of compromise, so many eyes turned to man instead of Christ in this all important business of His. It makes no difference whether we wake up in hell or heaven we will be brought on our knees before Him. If we land in heaven we will then thank the preachers for the way they preached and if you are in hell you will know than that its too late to do anything about it. You'll weep and gnash your teeth and cry out if only one of the brethren who prayed for you could only wet the  
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# THE M I S S I O N - F I E L D

## MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS JANUARY, 1965

Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	\$ 10.00
Southside FWB Ch., St. Louis	10.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	10.75
Missouri State Ass'n of FWB	27.55
First FWB Ch., Berkeley	9.50
Meramec Heights FWB Ch., Kirkwood	28.50
Mrs. Ivan Helsley, Hartville	10.00
New Rock Springs FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	16.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Cooperative Plan of Support, Headquarters	395.77
Overland FWB Ch.	25.00
Richwoods FWB Ch.	16.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	21.00
Fourth FWB Ch. Wom. Aux., St. Louis	5.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	2.00
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	10.00

Total receipts .....\$617.07

H. E. Willis, Treasurer

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING MISSOURI JANUARY, 1965

Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington	\$ 15.00
Kirkville FWB Church	175.00
Big Creek Church, Yukon	20.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Anderson	17.31
First FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	65.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	125.00
Hannon FWB Church	25.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	10.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	10.00
Union Light FWB Ch., Patton	25.68
Adult Bible Class, Overland	46.98
Grant Ave. FWB Church, Springfield	5.00
Mrs. G.W. Hopper, Poynor	5.00
First FWB Ch., Kansas City	15.00
Parkview Church, Desloge	40.00
Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Richwoods FWB Church	36.00
Overland FWB Church	10.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirkville	30.00
Leadington FWB Church	3.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirkville	100.71
Willow Springs FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove, Mo.	22.15
Jack Blair, Kansas City	2.00
Bertha Dennis	1.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	10.00

Meramec Heights Ch., Kirkwood	28.50
First FWB Ch., Greenfield	15.37
Free Will Baptist Church, Berkeley	195.00
Trinity FWB Ch., Bridgeton	105.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	717.33
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	125.00
Garfield FWB Ch., Couch	50.00
Lloyd Aldridge, Grandview	50.00
Alton FWB Church	10.50
Mo. State Association	84.65
Leadington FWB Church	21.00
Oak Grove Sunday School, Mtn. Grove	15.00
First FWB Ch., Kriksville	2.00
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	75.00
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Dear Friend to Home Missions:

As I sit here in the Pastor's Study of the Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia, I find myself filled with mixed emotions. There are praise, thanksgiving, and challenge on my heart at the same time.

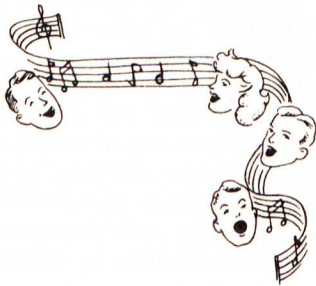
Five years ago this month we arrived in the metropolitan area of our nation's capitol to begin a work - a work that is now on its own, has its own building, and is dedicated to the cause of Christ and missions. The building will seat 250, has a baptistry, seven classrooms, a good sized nursery, a Pastor's Study, and a small room for our various secretaries to work. The membership now numbers approximately 80, with the prospect of several more soon. Our former League director, our present C.T.S. director, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the chairman of the Christian Board of Education have all been saved under the ministry of this church, as well as many others. God has indeed blessed. Your prayers have been answered and your support has reaped a harvest.

**YOU HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!** You have proven that we can expand into strategic areas and build a congregation and a church to God's glory. My family and I praise God for His call to do this work and for you who helped us to carry out His will. This type of "Pioneer Mission Work" is a great challenge. Other major cities in our country need an "Old Time Religion Witness", and Free Will Baptists have just that kind of witness.

Many of you who will get this letter have been extremely faithful. Your name has been seen on our monthly receipt list right along. For you we are especially grateful. I think of the many small

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# WHY GOOD MUSIC?



By Wm. Finis Barr, Former Missourian  
Now Youth Director of the First Free Will Baptist Church  
Hazel Park, Michigan

You have heard it said - "Some people will go to Church to hear good music but will not go to hear a sermon."

If this statement is sometimes true, then, in many cases those folks are going to church to be entertained and not to worship God. And if there are people like this coming to our churches we need to give them as much gospel as we possibly can through our song services.

I believe the song service in our Sunday morning worship hour, (both congregational and choir singing) should as much as possible be on the same topic or theme as the Pastor's message. This is especially effective during special days of the year such as: Mother's Day, Easter, Christmas, etc.

Also, I feel the Sunday morning song service should consist of a more worshipful type selection of hymns. True worship depends upon a feeling of the power and glory of God. Our worship service should begin with a sense of God's presence, the God of might, power, compassion and grace. The first song we use to call people to worship should be one that would call us to such a God. Psalm 100:2 reads, "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." We should come before His presence with our opening hymn, and this one should plead for the presence of God in the service. With our music we should become conscious of how God is, not of ourselves as to how we are.

Have you ever read this scripture? "For God is the King of

all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding." (Psalm 47: 7)

I have seen some hymns where it was sort of difficult to grasp the meaning of the words. It is not (most of the time) that we don't understand the meaning of the lyrics, but that we are not really thinking about the message the words are trying to convey to us. Many times we sing the songs and our minds are on something else.

Try this little quiz sometime. Select about 20 phrases that are found within some of the oldest and best known hymns. Tell your audience you are going to say the words of these short phrases and you want them to tell you the name of the hymn that these words are found in. You will be surprised as to how many will not be able to give the title of the hymn even though they have sung the particular phrase hundreds of times.

A much greater blessing can be gotten from our singing if we will permit our minds to think on the words we are singing.

Music is a very important part of our church services. A song can melt the hardened heart of a lost sinner and cause him to think of his spiritual condition. Also, a song can lift us up when we as Christians become discouraged. A song can cause us to forget all about our troubles and disappointments and spur us onward to work for Him who loved us and died on the cross to save us from our sins, and has promised us everlasting life. "GLORY TO HIS NAME."



# GLEANINGS

## EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO THE GEM PAPER

I would like to express my thanks to all the good Christian brethren in the Free Will Baptist denomination who supported me with their prayers, sent cards and visited with me while in the hospital following my recent surgery.

My prayers and deep appreciation go out to each of you.

Yours in the Lord's Service,

Rev. Fred Harris  
8314 Avenue G  
Lemay, Missouri

## CHURCH BUYS PROPERTY

The Rock of Ages Church of the Free Will Baptists has purchased church property where it will be permanently located at 976 So. Benton Street, Lakewood, Colorado.

Services are scheduled as follows: Sunday School at 10 A. M., Sunday morning worship at 11 A. M., and Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services at 7:30 P. M. Everyone is welcome.

Our attendance has reached a fluctuating point because many will not subscribe to our doctrine and our stand concerning those fundamental points which are so vital in our day of compromise in these large cities. Our attendance averages between 25 and 50. Please pray for us that we may be faithful to God and that we may adhere to the standard he has for each one of us. Our aim is to do His will and build on that solid rock.

## REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett will conduct a revival beginning March 22 with Rev. Harvey E. Hill as evangelist. Rev. Hill is the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Auburndale, Florida.

## ADVENTURERS FOR CHRIST BANQUET

The AFC group of the First Free Will Baptist Church had the Valentine Banquet February 13 with 25 persons in attendance. Reggie Carpenter and Elaine Jeffreys were crowned King and Queen.

Miss Roselee McCully and Mrs. Joan Thomas are the sponsors.

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## PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH HOSTS QUARTERLY MEETING

The Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting met with the Pleasant Grove Church near Anderson, Mo. February 12th and 13th. Rev. Harry Beatty brought the message Friday night and Rev. Gary Terrell the 11 o'clock message Saturday morning. The afternoon session was a panel discussion concerning Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints feet. The quarterly meeting voted to give 75% of the monies in the treasury to the Youth Camp. Rev. Bud Hill is the moderator.

## CHURCH CALLS EVANGELIST

The Free Will Baptist Church in Cabool, Missouri has called Rev. Teddy Davis, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, as evangelist for a revival to start Monday night, March 15. Rev. O. T. Allred is the pastor.

## SUNNYVIEW CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS

We have had five new members to join our church, of which we are real proud. During January we had twenty-nine to receive Sunday School pins.

# FROM THE

## RADIO MINISTRY

We, the Smyrna FWB Church of the Cave Spring Association, would like to report that our church and Sunday school has been doing real well. We have had good attendance and feel that we have made progress in the Lord's work the past year, as we had one of our young men, Bro. Tommy Baxter, to answer the call to ministry. We request your prayers that we may do more this coming year.

At our last quarterly meeting we voted to get the FWB gospel on the radio. Bro. F. D. Johnson was chosen as the radio pastor and Bro. Dale Skiles to be his assistant. The program can be heard each Sunday morning at 7:45 over station KALM, Thayer, Mo.

Join us in prayer that this radio message may reach the hearts of unsaved and be a comfort to the ones that are unable to go to church.

Your sister in Christ,

Cleora Breeden, Clerk  
Rev. Sam Johnson, Pastor

## LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Gem family,

Again, greetings from Parkview. In these black, overshadowed days it is so hard to write, but so easy to think. But we do know that days can become blacker and more shadowed. We often wonder how the sinner exists in crucial times when it takes all the prayer, supplication and grace the Christian can muster up.

As we are admonished in Ephesians 6:11 - we must "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

That certainly doesn't mean we are to have "Christian" sponsored teen dances, card parties or any other kind of entertainment that will lead our teenagers straight to hell instead of doing our utmost to woo, teach, train and set the example before them of the way of salvation.

Yes, it is true. We have some Sunday School teachers in our "Christian" nation today that are sponsoring such things some condoning it, others allowing it.

Teenagers - just because a sponsor does a thing doesn't make it right.

Back to Parkview -

The Lord is still wonderfully blessing us here. Our Sunday School and C. T. S. is still growing. I would like to say here that our young people are really enthused about the C. T. S. program. We believe that God will work through this channel and we will see souls saved.

The young man we mentioned in last months Gem received his first years license to preach the gospel February 6 when our quarterly meeting convened with Leadington Free Will Baptist. If a bit of proudness can be detected here we feel it is justified. Darrel received his Christian training at Parkview. In 1956 he was married to Linda Sue Dane and they have a three year old daughter, Darlinda. Linda Sue and her family have been members at Parkview for many years.

Now to be completely truthful, Darrel is this writers son. I request the prayers of all of you for him and his family.

In conclusion, we here at Parkview would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Lindell Rogers family. God bless you everyone.

Hazel Morris  
Church Reporter

# FIELD

Free Will Baptist Gem

This poem is written in memory of little Joey Puckett, age three years, who went to be with his heavenly Father on February 14, 1965, by his Sunday school teacher of the Beginner Class at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Festus, Mo.

I taught a boy in Sunday school  
His name was little Joe.  
How I miss him in my class  
No one will ever know.  
He was the dearest little boy  
As sweet as he could be,  
And he learned a lot about Jesus  
Although he was only three.  
We talked a lot of heaven  
And then at singing time  
He always wanted to sing the song  
About "This Little Light Of Mine".  
Now God has called dear Joey  
To his home up in the sky,  
He's left his Mom and Daddy here  
And tho they may wonder why,  
God has a plan for every one  
And if we will do as God asks us to  
We will see our darling Joey again  
When our life's work is done.

Written by Mrs. Ann Livingston

#### FAITH CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri is planning a spring revival to start April 5th. The church has called Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, as evangelist. The Faith Church is located right near the Hancock High School from which Rev. Hill graduated in 1953.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles is the pastor of this growing church.

Editor's Note: We need more news from our churches. If you do not have a church reporter, elect one and let us have more news from our churches.

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churches I visited on itinerate work - churches I wanted to give an offering to, rather than receive one; but as they caught the vision and the challenge, they said, "Let's do it together". Praise the Lord. You can't defeat a people like that!

Then, too, I am grateful for Free Will Baptist Bible College - a school that taught me how to better love and keep myself on the altar for Him. What I learned there has certainly helped to carry me through many a hard trial to the completion of a God-called task.

The Home Missions Staff and Board have been very cooperative. They have done their best to meet our every need,

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as they do on all the other fields we represent.

Now, where from here? Pray with us that we will know God's will for our lives. Will He lead us to "do it again" somewhere else? May His will be done.

We trust God's richest blessings upon you and yours. Remaining...

Yours because His,

The Walkers  
Area Workers,  
Washington, D. C.

February - March, 1965

Dear Friends,

It has been about two months since you have heard from us. We heard from many of you during the Christmas season and we certainly appreciated each gift, card, and letter.

The past few weeks have been filled, as usual, with many activities. We just recently installed jalousie windows in our quonset hut auditorium and I am in the process of rewiring the electrical system, and replacing the open electrical bulb with indirect fluorescent lighting. We already have the transformers and most of the equipment, and even though it is used and old equipment I think it can be redesigned and adapted to our needs.

We were fortunate and extremely blessed by the visit of Brothers Reford Wilson and Jerry Ballard last month. They spoke at our mid-week service and our people kept them overtime asking questions about our missionary work around the world. Also we enjoyed a very short visit with Brother Wesley Calvery and son, Michael, our missionary to Japan. We met them at the airport and visited with them about two hours while they were waiting for the next plane to the Mainland U.S.A. We recently had the pleasure of having Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham visit us and everyone enjoyed Dr. Mooneyham's message on Sunday morning.

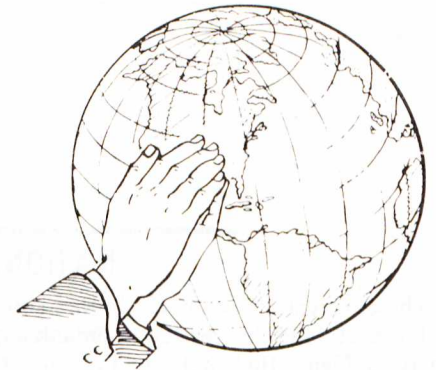
God continues to bless our work here and we can see His hand working in so many ways. We have not had one need that has not been met - to God be the glory! We appreciate the way many of you have responded; however last month the gifts to the land fund were only \$125.00 and our monthly payments are \$300.00. We trust that more of our churches and people will choose to contribute to this fund on a regular monthly basis. Please pray about it with us.

The three of us are enjoying good health and God's bountiful blessings.

Again we say THANK YOU and God bless you for your prayer and financial support.

ALOHA

The Three Sanders



#### IN MEMORY "LIZZIE" McADAMS

The Reverend Elizabeth R. McAdams was born October 1, 1884, in Luverne, Alabama, where she was converted at the age of six. She united with the Free Will Baptist Church and was an ordained minister for 52 years, making her home much of this time in Texas. Sister McAdams was a member of the National Home Mission Board in the early years. She travelled among our churches as an evangelist, was promotional secretary for various departments of work, and had pastored a number of churches. She served with her husband as a missionary team in the South Sea Islands for a short time. Many of our leading preachers of today were converted under the preaching and mission ministry of this dear woman.

Mrs. McAdams went to be with the Lord September 1, 1964, after a short illness. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, Rev. H. M. McAdams, who passed away a few months before her.

Sister "Mac", as she was affectionately known among us, left this world with a strong testimony of praise and victory. She was eighty years old. She continued her interest in all the work of the National Association until the last, especially that of Home Missions and Church Extension. She had sent offerings monthly for this work for the past several years and wrote a letter monthly to the general director renewing her pledge of prayer support.

Another great soldier of the cross has joined the host of saints in Heaven, and by the grace of God this writer is determined to be with those who have a "glad reunion day".

Homer E. Willis  
General Director  
National Home Missions Board



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The observation was made in this column last month that the pastor must lead the laymen in organizing a local chapter of the Master's Men. How well the laymen support their pastor may depend upon how well he supports and encourages them. But it should also be observed that a laymen's organization belongs to the laymen; it is theirs to organize and to operate and should not become the tool of the pastor. It is instead the servant of Christ and of the local church.

It is not necessary even that the pastor attend each monthly meeting, and certainly he should not impose his will upon the organization. Nor should he control the monthly programs. The program chairman should work with the pastor, of course, and the president should keep him informed of any proposed projects and secure his approval of them.

The regular programs and projects should ideally follow the suggestions presented in *Attack*, the quarterly layman's magazine. The National Layman's Board and its executive secretary have no intention of imposing specific programs on the laymen of the denomination, but it does seem advisable that all of the chapters work in concert so that there will be a nationwide emphasis throughout the denomination.

The 1965 emphasis is on stewardship, and certainly there is no subject more worthy of our attention. It is the very kind of program on which a pastor and his laymen can cooperate to

the advantage of the individual church, the entire denomination, and the work of Christ throughout the world.

Christians are stewards. (Some day when you have time, you might like to use your Bible concordance and study all of the biblical references to stewards and stewardship to gain the full meaning of the two terms.) As members of a local church and as individual Christians, we are stewards of the Gospel, for Christ has no other provision for carrying out His work on earth. We are also stewards of power - the power of prayer, the power of influence in our communities, the power of our money and of our time. Christ requires that we be faithful stewards of all these.



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tip of your tongue with a drop of water. Let's get man and personal plans out of the way and then ask ourselves what are we willing to give for Christ and His cause?

We find in Proverbs that "there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the way of death."

Let us ask ourselves in all fairness, have we compromised with the world? Are we willing to face facts? Jesus has a sanctifying power which many know nothing about because they have not broken their alabaster box of love for Him. They have not yielded completely to His love, and they have not turned loose of selfish motives. They have not given up bad habits that harm the body. They have not placed themselves into His service unreservedly. They have not sought after holiness without reservation. Let's get rid of compromise. Let's get rid of selfish motives. We cannot serve both Christ and man. Our plans may not be

Christ's plans. We must learn to quit trying to bring Christ down as a symbol of ourself, our plans, our ego, our own way. We will never know what Christ can do for us until we are ready to break our alabaster box of love and lay all on the altar.

John interprets the act of Mary's as a deed of penetrating love. Jesus, who knew that His coronation would be the cross says, "she has done a beautiful thing." **WHY THIS WASTE?** This is a question demanding answers to many other questions. The contents in the vase was worth more than a man's wage for a whole year. Look how far this would have gone in helping the poor through love. Why the waste? There is an answer. We have the poor with us always, but we don't have always to dedicate and consecrate our lives to Him and His service. This one poor woman could do more than some whole congregations. Oh! if we only had men and women like Mary in our churches today. The woman's deed was not only beautiful, it was symbolic of Christ's death. This

was a symbol that went down for all time. When Christ died on the cross, let no man ask why this waste? It is the service of LOVE that God values. We have a righteous God who is all powerful. He is a God of love. But he is also a God of justice and He will not lie. Let's get our sense of values straight and ask ourselves, "do we stand on the left with the goats or on the right with the sheep?" God's arms are outstretched with a divine love that the world knows nothing about. He wants us to give ourselves and the world, up for Him. Will we do it?

How far will your faith reach? When are you going to yield to the crushing power that will deliver you from sin, from self, and from worldly ambitions? Oh! I'm afraid that some of us have never met the requirements. Some have forgotten to come back in love like Mary did? I'm afraid that some of us don't realize that there is a deeper, living water. Why stand in shallow water when Jesus is calling us to wade into the deeper waters

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of life, of sanctification, of power, and of glory.

God shows His great power in His great love. God teaches through this great love that it is greater to give than to receive, to build up than to destroy, to lift up than to crush, to heal than to hurt. God's greatness is proved in what Jesus showed he does for man. God loves us and wants us to accept his offer to save us from sin. But he will not force this love on us. We must make our own choice. He will not compel us to accept His love against our will.

Jesus taught His disciples how to shut themselves up in a closet when they pray in order that they might be alone with God. Oh! beloved, it is time we turn our backs on sin and the world and shut ourselves in a closet with God and not come out until we have given thanks; until we have given ourselves unreservedly; and until we are ready to give all in love for the Master.



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964-1965**

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.			
Fellowship, Flat River	158	159	176	165	171	164	162			
Beacon		71	79							
Farmington	110	111	130	119	120	112	104			
Liberty-Phillipsburg	60	68	64	63	60					
Berkeley City	236	224	280	279	294					
Richwoods	52	55	54	49	50	54	42			
Kirkville	108	107	101	90	82	105	90			
Grant Ave., Springfield	183	178	166	177	167	172	164			
Hazel Creek	52	50	52	51						
Mine La Motte	30	30	29	24	34	39				
First, Flat River	100	102	114	111	107					
Overland Church	142		144	170						
First, Mtn. Grove	320	322	346	326	326					
Desloge	109	101	105	111	110	117	102			
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	57	62	61	58	58	60				
Union Light	112	109	106	120	102	128	96			
First, Springfield	185	222	192							
Sunnyview Church	53	51	50	53	50	56	58			
Central, Kansas City	107	103	91	115	110	100	108			
Hannon	65	51	72	59	62	59	59			
First, Monett	144	141	137	131	138	141	131			
Garfield-Couch	42	47	40	43	42					
Victory										
First, Fredericktown	150	154	164	172	147	156				
Copper Mines	93	94	76	79	79	85				
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	36									
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	62	63	80	89	82	102				
Twin Oaks Church	61	64	57	60	56	55				
West Plains	173	209	215	205	202	194	201			
Cuba										
Southside	160	167	188	198	191	189				
First, Lebanon	74	81	81	87	83	86	90			
Myrtle Church	70	76								
Mt. Pisgah		70								
Joplin	96	95	100	92	91	93				
Grace Church	119	133	127	141	157	145				
Salem			26	26	29	37				
Thayer Church				122	132	130	130			
Alton Church	88	97	97	94						

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OUR GOAL: 3,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS  
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