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Pastor Frank Guinta and the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church hosted the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting February 5-6. Rev. Grover Terry delivered the message Friday evening and Rev. James Miller delivered the 11 a.m. sermon Saturday. Many sound scripture admonitions were given to us in these messages. Time was given to our Missouri Cooperative Program to which each church reported support given in the past quarter.

Our Cuba Free Will Baptist Church moved to their new location in Cuba, Missouri. The church recently sold their former church building and purchased the

Lutheran Church with Sunday School rooms annexed. They redecorated the interior of both, installed a new pulpit and an altar. Sunday, February 7, we participated in the worship and the dedication service with Pastor Edward Varney and the church, along with their former pastor, Grover Pingleton. Rev. Pingleton preached at 11 a.m. and I delivered the church dedication sermon Sunday afternoon, following a bountiful dinner served in their Sunday School annex.

Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting convened with Pastor Robert Williams and the Pleasant Grove Church near Anderson, Missouri on February 12-13. I was delegated to deliver the sermon Friday night and Rev. Gary Terrill Saturday at 11 a.m. Rev. Otho Boyd, Wm. Weston, and Rev. Ferguson each preached on their assigned subjects, the three Gospel Ordinances. Time was granted for our Missouri Cooperative Program, too. Sunday, February 14, we enjoyed a good service with Rev. Bud Hill and our Monett Church. I was privileged to deliver the 11 a.m. sermon. And again Sunday night with Conway Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and Pastor Bowman. This church is growing, glowing and giving. They adopted the Cooperative plan in the original organizational meeting and the membership continues to tithe 100% into the church.

The weekend of February 20 we visited the revival meeting in our West Plains Free Will Baptist Church. Some souls were saved through this revival effort. Sunday, February 21, at Pastor Charley Gower and Norman Free Will Baptist Church invited us to deliver the 11 a.m. sermon there. We enjoyed the privilege of bringing the gospel message, also used some time to promote our denominational work. Sunday evening we worshiped with our former home church in Thayer. Pastor Pingleton delivered an evangelistic sermon and one young man moved forward to the altar and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Two fine young men joined the church in this service.

My pastor, Rev. Albert McFarland, conducted the weekend revival at the North Side Free Will Baptist Church February 28. I was privileged to supply and deliver the message in both services here at our South Side church in his absence.

Harry Beatty

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NO EDUCATION

IS AS IMPORTANT AS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Read the above statement again and then think about it for a few moments. It is a true saying in its broadest sense. I'm sure there are many in this world today who would disagree with such a statement, but if you are a born again Christian I trust you will agree with it.

In the Sunday School, Church Training Service, and other auxiliaries of our churches we need to always keep in mind that we are imparting Christian Education to those who are present.

Christian Education in the past was a family responsibility, but in this day and time when everything is so rush-rush; not too much, in most cases, is being done in the homes. Therefore, the church is being relied upon to provide Christian Education for families. We can say then that Christian Education in the local church has never been as important as it is today.

Because of this, Bible Colleges are turning out more than ever before, candidates for positions as directors of Christian Education in the local church. This is a wide open field (especially in our own Free Will Baptist Denomination) of service in the Lord's work for young people to dedicate themselves to and prepare for. The call to this field of Christian service should be looked upon just as the call is recognized to go into the ministry or missionary field.

Many of our fine Free Will Baptist young people across the United States feel a definite leadership of the Holy Spirit to dedicate their lives to full time service for God. And yet, they do not feel, for different reasons, they want to enter the pastorate or go to a foreign missions field. (This was my own personal experience a few years ago.) To these young people the field of Christian Education, and the position of Director of Christian Education, should be considered instead of having the feeling that there is no place for you to serve the Lord in His work.

In times past, a young person didn't enter our Free Will Baptist Bible College unless he was going to be a minister; or unless he or she was going to prepare for missionary service. I'm thankful that now, more and more each year, our youth are

entering the Bible College with the desire to be used in other capacities.

Many Free Will Baptist Churches are experiencing a tremendous growth. When the Church membership reaches a certain point it becomes impossible for the pastor to keep pace with the required work by himself. This is where the need for an additional worker becomes a necessity, regardless of what the title he may be given.

Have you ever given any thought as to how many different titles your pastor could have?

Other than his pastoral duties such as preaching, counseling, and visiting; he is a secretary, Sunday School teacher, director of Christian Education, pick-up and delivery man, janitor, and I have known some who have been their own choir director. Now, if the church expects good sermons two or three times a week, faithful pastoral care (visiting the sick, absentees, prospective members, counseling), then he must be given the time to do it. The minister should be relieved as much as possible from these other jobs.

This is where the educational director fits in. He relieves the pastor of many of these side jobs, and then the pastor can devote his full time to the preaching and the proper pastoral care of his people.

Of course, we must realize that most of our churches are not financially able to employ a full-time worker other than the pastor. In this case, these side jobs should be delegated to carefully selected people.

The words of Christ, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37), should be challenging words to all of us who claim the name "Christian." There is much to be said about the field of Christian Education. But, first of all, let's all learn as much as we possibly can about the things of God; and then give out all the Christian Education we possibly can to those who are lost and need God in their lives.



Dr. Lavene Miley
Missionary to Africa



Mrs. Lavene Miley
Missionary to Africa



Earnie Deeds
Brazil



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Brazil

GLEANINGS

FROM

THE

FIELDS

PROGRAM OF THE

May 3-4, 1965

Youth Camp Grounds, Niangua, Missouri

MONDAY 10:30 A.M.

Presiding Rev. Dale Jones
Lebanon, Missouri
Singspiration Rev. Dale Skiles
Myrtle, Missouri
Sermon: "The Pastor At Prayer"
..... Rev. Harry Asher
Overland, Missouri
Benediction

12:00 Noon - Lunch

MONDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m. Topics (15 minutes each)
Pastor's Responsibility to the Church
Rev. Gene Rogers Mt. Grove, Mo.

Pastor's Responsibility to his Denomination
Rev. Evertt Hellard ... Farmington, Mo.

Pastor's Responsibility to his Community
Rev. Gene Norris Flat River, Mo.

Pastor's Responsibility to his Family
Rev. Henry Long Springfield, Mo.

3:00 p.m. Debate - Subject "Tithing"
Leader Rev. C. H. Burton
Berkeley, Missouri

Pro Two Ministers

Con Two Ministers

3:30 p.m. Benediction

5:00 p.m. Evening Meal

LETTERS

March 4, 1965

Dear Gem Readers:

The Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church had a service on Saturday night, February 20, the night of our monthly sing also for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Jerry Johnson as a deacon. The three members of the ordination board present were Bro. Harry Asher, Bro. John Land and Bro. Al McFarland who delivered the message.

We were thankful for visitors from other churches, some as far away as Kansas City.

We pray God's leadership and blessings on Bro. and Sister Johnson as they endeavor to labor for the Lord in this capacity.

We at Meramec Heights Church ask an interest in your prayers that we may always work for the chief purpose of the church, that of saving souls and encour-

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MINISTER'S RETREAT

MONDAY EVENING

7:00 p.m. Worship in Song

Sermon: "Maintaining Spiritual
Enthusiasm in the Church
..... Rev. Albert McFarland
St. Louis, Missouri

Benediction

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Singspiration
..... Rev. Bud Hill
Monett, Missouri

Devotion Rev. Grover Terry
Desloge, Missouri

Praise Service Rev. O. T. Allred
Cabool, Missouri

10:30 a.m. Recess

10:45 a.m. Presiding
..... Rev. Leland Horton
Kirksville, Missouri

Worship in Song Rev. Bud Hill

Moderator's Message ..Rev. O.T. Dixon
Springfield, Missouri

Final Adjournment12:00 Noon

aging each other in the work of the Lord.

Reporter,
Mary Lou Lynch

Dear Gem Family,

And how good it is to be in the family of God. How comforting to know in these perilous times we have a comforter for the asking. There's war, bloodshed and poverty in Viet Nam. Shame, degradation and violence in the South. Slaughter on the highways, murder in the streets and moral decay wherever we turn. But still blessed peace in our souls if we know Jesus.

As the good old hymn goes - "Where can we go but to the Lord." We are happy to still be able to report progress at Park View, Desloge. We are seeing results of our recently set-up visitation program.

The Holy Spirit is very prevalent in our services and we are really enjoying a good time in the Lord here.

We are praying and planning for a revival real soon. Each of you pray that April, 1965

many will be brought to Christ through our every effort here at Parkview.

Whoever you are, whatever your church, we are praying here that you will have victory over what is done for the glory of God.

Bless you all.

Hazel Morris
Church Reporter

March 4, 1965
Lebanon, Missouri

Dear Brother Hill and Gem Readers:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri has been blessed in many ways. First we thank God for the salvation of those who have come to know Him as their personal Saviour.

During the Sunday School hour February 28, a husband and wife came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord.

The worship hour was a soul searching time for all present, as the Holy Spirit manifested Himself in a very real way. Three fine families came into the Church during the morning and evening worship services.

It has been my joy to see sixty-four new members added to the church since coming to Lebanon.

About a year ago we purchased the property next to the Church. We have been using the building on this land to house Sunday School classes.

God has blessed us that on Feb. 21, the church voted to erect a new sanctuary. The building committee has been appointed and are now formulating plans.

We praise God for the harmony among our people and for the spirit of concern for each other and the unsaved.

Rev. Eddie Altis, one of our most able ministers, has moved to Lebanon and is a member of our church. Brother Altis has charge of the Wednesday evening service. His Bible teaching is one of our greatest blessings.

The Bible says all things work together for good to them that love God. We recognize our righteousness is as filthy rags. But God's presence will bring about great things. We in Lebanon are so grateful for all of God's blessings.

Brethren, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
Dale Jones

NOTE CONCERNING MINISTER'S RETREAT

All of the ministers of our state are invited to attend this retreat. I know that it will be a blessing to all. There will

be a small charge for the meals that are served. All that you need to bring are: a sheet, your own personal items and your Bible and notebook, if you desire to take notes. The cold water for showers will be furnished. Let us all make plans to attend now and enjoy the fellowship. I feel that this will help all of us to be brought closer to one another in Christ.

REVIVAL

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Mill Creek, Missouri will begin a revival on April 28 with Rev. Albert L. McFarland as the evangelist. Bro. McFarland is the pastor of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis. Rev. Lloyd Durbib is the pastor of this fine church. Remember to help them pray for this revival.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF MTN. GROVE REPORTS BUSY MONTH

National Youth Week was climaxed with a youth revival with Rev. Glenn Murray as the evangelist. There were twenty-eight who responded to the Word of God by conversion and rededication.

The Leah Mae Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary entertained the teenagers of the church with an old-fashioned Sweetheart Banquet with approximately 90 present on February 13.

On March 14-17 Rev. Rufus Coffee, Director of Missionary Conferences of Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Wesley Calvary, returned missionary on furlough from Japan were in the church for a Missionary Conference which was very challenging to all who attended.

PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. James E. Raper has resigned the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church to accept a church in the state of Arkansas. (Editor's Note: I know that everyone over the state feels the same as I do, that we are losing one of our fine young men. May the Lord bless Bro. Raper as he goes to his new field of work.)

CHURCH PLANS TO BUILD

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church voted recently to conduct a \$20,000 bond program to erect a new building in which to conduct services. The church is now meeting in a rented church building owned by the Belton Christian Church. Please pray for this group as they step out for the Lord. The Rev. Jack McAllister is the pastor of this church.

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YOUTH CAMP

NEWS AND VIEWS



Pat Richardson

MY STAY AT YOUTH CAMP

By Pat Richardson
Trinity FWB Church

I consider my stay at Youth Camp one of the most pleasant experiences of my life. The activities, study periods, and the general environment were most impressing. I learned much and felt as if my life was much richer. I began practicing the faith throughout my every day life and it seemed to become apart of me. Many of the people whom I met there are now my best friends. The entire group seemed to be gifted with a personality plus in their Christian behavior and attitudes. I was so impressed at what I had found at the FWB Youth Camp, that I can hardly wait for the summers to arrive.

I PLAN TO ATTEND YOUTH CAMP THIS YEAR

I plan to attend Youth Camp this year, although it will just be my third I have received many blessings from attending.

While attending Camp I meet many new friends. Youth Camp is a place for all young people to go and learn more about God. It's a place to have good fellowship with one another.

We have different classes at Camp and one of our classes last year was on the creation. These classes will help you as a Christian. We also have recreation at Camp. There are such sports as baseball, volleyball, swimming, and badminton.

I would suggest if you are a young person and want to learn more and want to

be a stronger Christian, to attend Camp. See you at Camp!

Brenda Hovis
Fourth FWB Church
St. Louis, Missouri

WHAT YOUTH CAMP MEANS TO ME

We, as Free Will Baptist young people, should be thankful that we have a youth camp to attend. When camp is mentioned to a group of teenagers, they usually think of a fun packed week of swimming, volleyball, baseball, and other sports. I'm thankful that when I think of Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, I think about more than just the physical exercises that are provided. There is a spiritual atmosphere unlike any other place I've ever been. I have attended camp three years and each year gets better and becomes more dear to me. Christians need fellowship with others who believe the same doctrine and love and serve the same God as they do. The preaching services each night provide a place for Christians to grow closer to Christ and for sinners to be saved, while the classes each day provide for the growth and learning of a Christian. When a group of teenagers are together they want to have fun, "have a big time." We do just that, only we have a big time in the Lord. He becomes more precious to you, and blessings are sent down upon you as you see new found friends walk down the aisle and accept Christ or dedicate their life unto His service and say, "Jesus use me." It is one of the happi-

est moments of a Christian's life.

Camp builds you up so that you can go back to your church and serve the Lord more faithfully, and be more enthusiastic about His work. I've never heard anyone say they didn't like camp, and those who've never attended don't know the blessings they are missing. The Lord gave us a camp and many wonderful people to work in it. Let's show the people of Free Will Baptist that we really appreciate what they've done to make it possible to meet with Christian friends and serve the Lord. Through the efforts put forth by camp young people have been saved and preachers and missionaries have been called. Let's keep the Lord's work going.

Camp will mean so much to you that you'll hate to see it end and will hardly be able to wait until time to pack your suitcases and get on the way to camp the next year. One last thing. Don't forget to keep your cabins clean, but even more than that keep you hearts clean. Cabin of the week is an honor; but a home in heaven with God, which is the reward of a Christian, is much more desirable and will profit you much more.

Work to increase God's Kingdom.

Neva Thomas
Age 16
First FWB Church
Kirkville, Missouri

A LETTER FROM A CABIN SPONSOR

March 4, 1965
Kirkville, Mo.

Dear Bro. Burton:

It is a joy to see the enthusiasm of our young people working in our churches and I know the Youth Camp has contributed much to this enthusiasm. Last year I had the pleasure of serving as a cabin sponsor for the time and seeing the camp in operation. I only wish I could have attended such a camp when I was growing up. The ones I did attend were on a much lower spiritual level. I thank God for the one our youth can attend and trust these enclosed letters will help more young people to see the true value of Camp.

Truly,
Mrs. Howard Filkins
Kirkville

Free Will Baptist Gem



Neva Thomas



Gregory Riley

"WHAT YOUTH CAMP MEANS TO ME"

Dear Bro. Burton,

What does Youth Camp mean to me? It means fellowship with other Christian youth, learning more of God and the Bible, and a truly spiritual blessing.

This was my first year at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, but I only regret that I hadn't gone before. This was one of the most wonderful weeks of my life. The fellowship with other Christian youth was a blessing. The classes taught us more of God, the Bible, and how to study the Bible. I believe the greatest blessings to me were the evening messages. This was when I felt the need to rededicate my life to God.

Although we didn't come here just to have fun, there were activities which we could all participate in and enjoy. There was a talent hour and sports, such as softball.

To all the youth that might read this, I truly recommend that, if at all possible, you would go to Youth Camp. I am sure the week you spend here will be a spiritual blessing.

Sincerely,

Gregory Riley
Age 17
Hazel Creek Church
Kirksville, Missouri

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STATE ASSOCIATION

The State Association will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett during the month of August. The program for the State Meeting will be appearing in a later issue of the Gem. Make plans now to attend.

April, 1965

WEEKEND REVIVAL

The North Side Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis has just closed a weekend revival with Rev. Al McFarland as the evangelist.

Rev. McFarland's messages were Biblical, inspiring, and constructive. We are thankful that the St. Louis District has such a man of God in our area.

The church was certainly strengthened by these four sermons that we heard and it gave each one a zeal to work harder in the future.

We closed our revival with an all day service Sunday with dinner at noon and special singing in the afternoon with the Fraud Trio of House Springs, Mo. as special guests.

Pray for us as we labor here that our church may grow.



CHURCH HONORS GIRL SCOUTS

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church honored the Girl Scouts fifty years of service in our services Sunday, March 7. A total of 82 were present for service with 22 Girl Scouts.

The Scout Troop No. 807 of Belton, Missouri hold their weekly meeting in the fellowship hall of the church. Rev. John C. McAllister, pastor of the church, preached the message, entitled "Where Art Thou". Services were enjoyed by all those present.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

"Eskimo Land" was the theme for the tenth annual Sweetheart Banquet of the Young Peoples Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo., Saturday evening, February 13, in fellowship hall of the church.

Miss Joyce Horton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Horton of Route 2, Farmington, was crowned queen of the banquet and her escort was Dale Henderson. She was presented a lovely rhinestone tiara, which is presented to the queen as a keepsake as a tradition of the class, and a corsage of red carnations.



Miss Ruth McGuire sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," honoring the new queen and she was accompanied by Mrs. Gene Norris at the organ.

The setting for the coronation was a large igloo and a background of the northern lights, accented with a large polar bear, a seal and an abundance of stuffed toy polar bears and panda bears. The throne was a gold accented love seat with a blue pillow.

The church pastor, the Rev. Gene Norris, presented the devotional. Preceding the coronation, those in attendance enjoyed a luncheon served in the prayer room, which was attractively decorated with snowmen, snowballs and hanging red hearts. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, olives, Valentine cake and fruit punch were served.

The attendants for the coronation were: Miss Midge Wilson, escorted by Don Johnson; Miss Brenda White, escorted by Ronnie Wells; Miss Karen King, escorted by Mike Burcham. The retiring queen and escort were Mr. and Mrs. David Gibbons. Sharon and Toni Blakeley carried the white satin pillows on which were the flowers and crown.

Mrs. Dale Blakeley is teacher of the Young People's Class. This year the Intermediate Class was invited and Ray Barker is teacher of that class.

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February 22, 1965

The Missouri GEM
Bud Hill, Editor
3100 Mt. Pleasant St.
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Dear Editor:

I have recently enjoyed some wonderful itinerary services in West Missouri and in the Kansas City area. I also attended the first quarterly meeting of the Mission Association at Mountain Grove, Missouri. I was very encouraged by the good spirit and the testimony for the Lord in these services.

While I was on itinerary I was pleased to meet with the Missouri State Mission Board for the purpose of setting up a co-operative missionary project at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, with the Missouri Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board. I would like to urge the Missourians to be much in prayer for God to supply a worker for this project.

During my itinerary, I visited with several recently-organized churches and missions, including Eldon, Missouri, Marshall, Belton, Northside Springfield, and I visited with Brother Irish from Jefferson City. I also visited with Rev. and Mrs. Carl Thompson who have recently moved to Sedalia, Missouri. The Thompsons moved by faith, loading their belongings in a U-Haul trailer and driving from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Sedalia, trusting that God had a ministry for them in Sedalia. Anyone wishing more information or wishing to support one of these new ministries may get in touch with the Missouri Mission Board.

I recently received a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite who are former Missourians. Here is an excerpt from their letter. "We had our first service in Portland last Sunday, February 14. We had 20 in Sunday school, 22 for morning worship. We have a fine group of young people to start with. Our number in CTS was 18. We are renting a Lutheran church building, which is in good condition and is a nice respectable place in which to get started. We are

paying \$20 per week rent. The church here in Vancouver, Washington, is helping us for literature this quarter and gave us an offering of \$14 to apply on the rent of the building. We are real encouraged with the prospects of a good church in Portland, Oregon."

I was thrilled to receive this report and I would like to urge Missouri people to be much in prayer for this new work. The Postlewaites would also appreciate any offerings that you wish to earmark for their work through the National Home Missions office.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mark Vandivort
Field Secretary

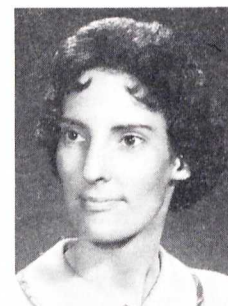


Louis and Florine Coscia
Brazil

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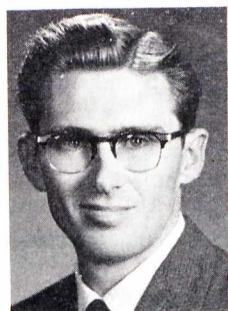
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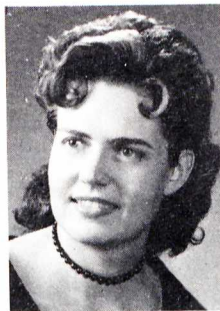
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Rev. L. E. Means,	
Willow Springs	4.00
Meramec Heights FWB Ch.,	
Kirkwood	12.00
WNAC, Headquarters	50.00

Total February receipts \$544.33



Tommy Willey, Jr.
Panama



Emma Ruth Willey
Panama

HINDI BECOMES OFFICIAL LANGUAGE FOR INDIA

New Delhi, India - The Indian Constitution which took effect on January 26, 1950, decreed that Hindi would be the national language but that for 15 years government business would be conducted in English. The deadline, when English ceased to be the official language, was January 26, 1965.

No drastic changes were expected to occur, since the Parliament in 1963 passed a law continuing English as an "associate" language indefinitely.

It is believed that only in the pure Hindi-speaking states of Bihar, Madhya and Uttar will English be supplanted. Correspondence between the Federal Government and non-Hindi states will continue to be in English, it was reported here.

April, 1965

Hindi is more or less the mother tongue of about 190 million Indians, according to The New York Times. The numerical strength of other languages is: Marathi, 40 million; Telegu, 36 million; Gujarati, 21 million; Tamil, 34 million; and Kannada, 24 million. There are an additional 50 languages used by sizeable segments of the population.



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INDIA GETS THREE-LANGUAGE COMPROMISE

New Delhi, India - India's bitter split on the question of a national official language appears to have been solved by a "three-language formula" which has been announced here. Under this formula, all candidates for the national civil service would be tested on their knowledge of English. Native speakers of Hindi would also be tested on their knowledge of some south Indian language, and non-Hindi speakers would be tested on their knowledge of Hindi.

The compromise appears to assure the continuation of English as an alternate national language indefinitely.

More than 60 persons lost their lives during recent violent demonstrations before the compromise was reached.



Barbara Moehlman
Ecuador



John Moehlman
Ecuador

SUMMER INSTITUTE OF MISSIONS TO BE HELD AT WHEATON COLLEGE

Wheaton, Ill. - Dr. Donald E. Hoke, president of Japan Christian College who is spending his furlough year as an instructor in the Wheaton College Graduate



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Eddie Payne
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School here, will serve as coordinator of the ninth consecutive Summer Institute of Missions scheduled for June 8 to July 15, 1965, it was announced here by Dr. Enock C. Dyrness, registrar and director of the Summer School.

Geared to the needs of missionaries on furlough and accepted candidates, the Summer Institute of Missions has gained in appeal each year with worldwide participation.

Dr. Hoke serves the Japan Christian College under The Evangelical Alliance Mission. He will teach a two-hour course on Biblical Ecumenicity during the first term of the Institute and will coordinate the Missionary Leadership seminar.

Courses offered for the Intersession part of the Institute (June 8-18) include the Gospel of John, taught by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the Wheaton Graduate School, and Missionary Anthropology, by James O. Buswell III, of the college faculty.

Other Institute courses include Missionary Writing Today, by James L. Johnson, executive director of Evangelical Literature Overseas, and Psychological Counseling, by Dr. James Dolby of the college psychology department.

Conducted in cooperation with the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, and the Commission on Education of the National Association of Evangelicals, the Institute offers courses for both graduate and undergraduate credit. Earned credits may be applied toward a graduate or undergraduate degree.



Marvis Eagleton
Brazil



Ken Eagleton
Brazil

SUBJECT: ESSAY CONTEST

With the coming of April we suddenly become aware of the approach of summer and the church activities that go with it - Youth Camp, National Association, and State Association among many others. Also, at a rather late date, we become aware that adequate attention has not been given the Declamation and Essay Contests.

Only passing mention shall be made here concerning declamations since they shall be discussed in some detail next month. However, we wish to remind you that the topic is "Missions" so you may be finding material. It is hoped that with the cooperation of the Youth Camp Board, the Declamations Contest may be held in conjunction with Youth Camp this year. But that is another subject and will be discussed next month in full.

This month we are specifically interested in essays. We hope that many young people will be interested enough in the Essay Contest to create some stiff competition. The essay subject - "The Worth of the Family Altar" - is a pressing issue that should be of vital interest to Free Will Baptist young people. It is hoped that the worth of family altars might become so real, not only to our youth but also to adults, that this essential part of worship might be strengthened among Missouri Free Will Baptists. We trust that many young people will write, and encourage the youth leaders in our churches to lend their support and encouragement.

As to form, an essay is an impersonal, logical discussion of a given subject. Personal references may never properly be included. By presenting facts in a reasonable and logical way one hopes to establish a point of view or express an idea. In developing your essay some points to include might be the scriptural basis for family altars, the place of the family altar in family relationships, or the effect of the family altar, or the lack of it, on the individual congregation and ultimately on the world-wide mission of the church. Suggested points, however, are not in any way an attempt to assign what must be covered. We are interested in original work demonstrating the clear thinking which we feel is characteristic of our Christian youth.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. Board, suddenly faced with

the responsibility of sponsoring the youth program, recognizes and appreciates even more keenly the work done by the Women's Auxiliary. We trust the Women's Auxiliary will observe with friendliness the fact that we are taking advantage of their experience in using their rules governing the Essay Contest as a basic outline for the rules this year.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES - 1965

1. The essay must be on the assigned subject - "The Worth of the Family Altar."
2. The essay shall be 400-600 words in length for ages 9-13 and 800-1000 words in length for ages 14-18.
3. Only the essay placing first in the State shall be sent to the National Chairman.
4. The first place winner shall be notified by letter, and this essay shall be read as part of the program of the State Sunday School and C.T.S. section of the State Association and a suitable award presented.
5. Essays shall be judged on the following points:
 - a. 50% on subject matter
 - b. 25% on neatness and style
 - c. 25% on grammatical construction
6. Not more than 25% of the essay may be quoted material. All such quoted material should be so indicated with proper credit given.
7. Essays shall be typewritten. No essay shall be returned.
8. Essays shall be submitted by May 1, 1965 and should be sent to:

Rev. Albert MacFarland
2612 Minnesota Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

If any questions arise feel free to contact Rev. MacFarland.

Rev. Eddie Altis
Board Member



Bill Phipps
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A total of 66 years of perfect Sunday School attendance is attributed to Mrs. Dale Blakeley and daughters, Sharon and Toni of Cantwell, Mo. (left) and Mrs. Bob Vineyard and children, Teri and Bobby, of Flat River. They were presented bars for their perfect attendance in February, along with 18 other members of the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River. Cleo Black, Sunday School Superintendent, made the presentations. The Rev. Gene Norris is church pastor.

Those receiving pins were: Men's Bible Class, Anthony Burcham (1st year pin), Walt Pirtle (3rd year bar), George Williams (8th year bar); Naomi Class, Allie Thurman (4th year bar), Bessie Kirkpatrick (7th year bar), Hazel Scott (7th year bar), Bertha Hovis (7th year bar); Loyal Workers' Class, Genevieve White (9th year bar); Reu Class, Mrs. Bob Vineyard (16th year bar).

Young People's Class, Mrs. Dale Blakeley (25th bar), Ronnie Wells (7th year bar), Butch Honbeck (9th year bar); Intermediate Class, Mike Burcham (1st year pin), Debbie Wells (6th year bar), Bobby Wilson (8th year bar), Bobby Gammon (5th year bar); Junior Girls, Mrs. Bob Wilson (8th year bar); Primary Class, Teri Vineyard (7th year bar), Sharon Blakeley (8th year bar), Melody Gammon (4th year bar); Beginners Bobby Vineyard (5th year bar), Toni Blakeley (5th year bar); Nursery, Gary Wilson (3rd year bar), Kevin Norris (1st year pin).

Mrs. Bob Vineyard, who received her 16th bar is a member of the Reu Class and has served as church organist, played the piano for devotions in the Beginner-Primary Department and assists with Vacation Bible School. Her son, Bobby, is a member of the kindergarten of the Flat River Central School and Teri is a pupil April, 1965

of the first grade at Flat River Central School.

Mrs. Dale Blakeley received her 25th year bar and is teacher of the Young Peoples Sunday School Class. She is also secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary; served as Youth Director over the YPA, BA's, GTA, Missionary Midgets; is secretary-treasurer of the St. Francois Co. Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting; and has assisted with Vacation Bible School work. Her daughters, Sharon and Toni, are in grade three and kindergarten, respectively, in the Desloge R-II School System.

There are 12 classes in the Sunday School and five of the teachers of the 12 received pins for perfect attendance. Walt Pirtle is teacher of the Men's Bible Class; Mrs. Hazel Scott is teacher of the Naomi Class; Mrs. Genevieve White is teacher of the Loyal Worker's Class; Mrs. Dale Blakeley is teacher of the Young People's Class; Mrs. Marion Wilson is teacher of the Junior Girls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964-1965

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Fellowship, Flat River	158	159	176	165	171	164	162	169			
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	44			
Kirksville	108	107	101	90	82	105	90	94			
Grant Ave., Springfield	183	178	166	177	167	172	164	181			
Hazel Creek	52	50	52	51							
Mine La Motte	30	30	29	24	34	39	34				
First, Flat River	100	102	114	111	107			110			
Overland Church	142	149	144	170	159	154	145	156			
First, Mtn. Grove	320	322	346	326	326	328	318	329			
Desloge	109	101	105	111	110	117	102	113			
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	57	62	61	58	58	60	58	45			
Union Light	112	109	106	120	102	128	96				
First, Springfield	185	222	192	188	208	191	189	183			
Sunnyview Church	53	51	50	53	50	56	58				
Central, Kansas City	107	103	91	115	110	100	108	93			
Hannon	65	51	72	59	62	59	59	60			
First, Monett	144	141	137	131	138	141	131	131			
Garfield-Couch	42	47	40	43	42	42	43	37			
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		82	102					
Twin Oaks Church	61	64	57	60	56	55					
West Plains	173	209	215	205	202	194	201	199			
Cuba											
Southside	160	167	188	198	191	189					
First, Lebanon	74	81	81	87	83	86	90	100			
Myrtle Church	70	76									
Mt. Pisgah		70									
Joplin	96	95	100	92	91	93					
Grace Church	119	133	127	141	157	145	149	153			
Salem			26	26	29	37		38			
Thayer Church				122	132	130	130	135			
Alton Church	88	97	97	94							

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

APRIL FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 4-8 - Bible Conference Free Will Baptist Bible College.
April 12-16 - Week of Prayer.
April 18 - Foreign Missions Sunday.
April 20 - State Workshop, Farmington, Mo.

Your Editor

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Joplin - First Free Will Baptist
St. Louis - Trinity F.W. Baptist
Desloge - Parkview F.W. Baptist
Flat River - First F.W. Baptist
St. Francois County Woman's Auxiliary
Quarterly Meeting
Kirkville - Free Will Baptist
West Plains - Free Will Baptist
Springfield - Grant Ave. F.W. Baptist
Two State Officers: Hazel Hutsell, Secretary-Treasurer; Jean Williams, Study Course Chairman.

At the annual meeting of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, which was in August, 1964, the project named "Pay and Pave the Way for the Hanna's" was adopted by the convention. The amount of \$1,500.00 was set as the goal to be reached by the end of the convention year.

The amount received on this project from August through March 12th is as follows:

Fellowship, Flat River	\$ 42.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove	142.88
Bethel, West Plains	10.00
South Side, St. Louis	12.82
First FWB, Fredericktown	16.70
St. Francois Co. Quarterly	
Aux. Meet., Flat River	25.00
Trinity FWB, Bridgeton	10.52
Total amount	\$259.92

A balance of \$1,240.08 needs to be paid by July 30, 1965 if the goal is to be reached for this project.

Gifts for this project should be sent to the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention secretary-treasurer, Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711.

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Farmington Free Will Baptist
When: Tuesday, April 20, 1965
Theme: "WOMEN WITH VISION"
Scripture: "And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." 1 Sam. 3:1b.
The program will include a skit, an inspiring book review, special music, visionary ideas and information from the state officers, plus a challenging message from God's Word.
Lunch will be served. Plan to attend - your presence will help make the workshop a success.

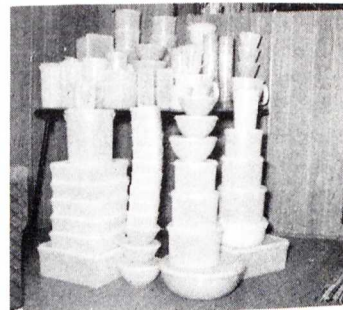
Jean Williams
State Study Course Chairman

II TIMOTHY 2:15
STUDY to shew thyself
approved unto God.....
Editor's note:

Last year, at the Grant Ave. Church, in Springfield all enjoyed a very interesting and well conducted Workshop. Am sure that Mrs. Williams has once again put forth much effort for this cause.

Please come - and God will bless you.

TUPPERWARE FOR MISSIONARY SUPPLY CLOSET



The Kirkville Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Tupperware party, February 2 at the fellowship house in Kirkville. The Hazel Creek and New Harmony Auxiliaries were invited and participated, purchasing many nice gifts, making it a district project. Also, the Kirkville Master's Men, having their meeting the same evening, gave their offering that evening to purchase several nice things. At the close of the evening all enjoyed refreshments together. In all, approximately \$100.00 worth of Tupperware was sent to the Missionary Supply Closet in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Earnest Thomas
President N.E. Missouri
Womans Auxiliary

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"WINTER WONDERLAND"

The Marie Hanna Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, St. Louis, held an enlistment banquet on January 16, 1965. The committee, headed by Mrs. Lois DePriest, consisted of Mrs. Rosalyn Coffey, Mrs. Opal Davis, and Mrs. Blanche Francis. The theme was "Winter Wonderland" with all the appropriate decorations.

A very interesting program was presented. The scripture devotional was given before dinner by Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon. After dinner was served, a playlet "Mrs. Too Busy" was presented by Mrs. Opal Hughes. Then Mrs. Opal Davis sang "All On The Altar".

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Lucille Beatty, President of Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary. She gave a very interesting and inspirational talk. Afterwards there was a question and answer period. We were then dismissed in prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

We trust that those attending the banquet realize how much they are needed in this branch of the Lord's work and how the Lord will bless their every effort.

Corresponding Secretary
Kay Case



The St. Francois County Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting sponsored the World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 5, at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. The theme for the service was "By Prayer...with Thanksgiving." The Rev. Frank Giunta is pastor of the host church.

The program-prayer chairman, Jerry Wilfong, opened the program. The invocation was by the host pastor. Mrs. Wilfong also gave the introduction to the program and all joined in reading Psalms 146.

Mrs. Norma Williams was prayer leader and prayers were by the Rev. Grover Terry, the Rev. Gene Norris and the Rev. James Earl Raper. Mrs. Grover Terry read the scripture Luke 11:5-13 followed with prayer time and a solo, "Near to the Heart of God," by Mrs. Doris Raper. Scripture, Mark 11:22-25 was by Mrs. Iva Treaster.

April, 1965

Mrs. Marion Wilson directed congregational singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer," with Mrs. Jane Norris at the piano.

Another session of prayer was followed with the hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him" and all joined in a Circle of Friendship and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

HAD MEETINGS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River have enjoyed their meetings, January, February and March.

Various projects were discussed and a study course on Missions was planned. Coupons are mailed monthly to the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greenville, Tennessee.

God has richly blessed our Auxiliary and each meeting offers a spiritual uplift which all need so very much.

Jean Blakeley,
Secretary

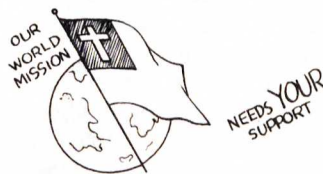
PARKVIEW LADIES MEET

The March meeting of the Ladies Mission of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge, was Monday evening at the church.

Twelve members and one visitor responded to the roll call by quoting a scripture verse from memory.

Each member gave an illustration of an answer to a prayer that had occurred in their lives. The benediction was by Myrtle Long.

The group adjourned to the basement and enjoyed games and refreshments. They also exchanged names for secret pals.



WORKING FOR THE LORD

March 1 the West Plains Free Will Baptist met for our meeting with seven members and two visitors present.

Each officer present gave good reports of work that was done the past month and planned the following work for this month. Quilting, March 4; attend and take part in World Day of Prayer, March 5; visitation of shut-in March 10 and also March 24; wedding shower, March 22 for Rosa Good and Bob Riley; voted to send \$10 to our state project "Pave the Way".

We were dismissed by Gracie Stephens and refreshments were served to all present.

Hattie Sims, Corr. Secretary



STATE PROJECT

Grand Ave. Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield met at the church chapel for their February meeting.

On February 16 a group attended the Indian Creek District Woman's Auxiliary held at the Monett Church. A good time of fellowship was enjoyed all during the day. The highlight of the afternoon program was a Study Course on Missions conducted by Mrs. Gene Rogers of Mt. Grove. This service was a blessing to all of us.

At our special meeting held recently in the home of our pastor, Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Dixon, our offering for the state project amounted to \$140.50. We know we are blessed in giving as much or more as our missionaries are in receiving it.

Our study course chairman, Carolyn Clark, a former Bible College student, conducted a study course on Stewardship which was enjoyed by all present. This meeting was held at the church chapel.

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'HE LIVES'

I Corinthians, Chapter 15

By Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Pastor: Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
St. Louis, Mo.

On April 14, 1963 practically every Protestant congregation in America will stand and gloriously sing "He Lives." Thousands of choirs will movingly render "He Arose." Hundreds beautifully portray that garden scene of the empty tomb and the Risen Christ. Then, tragedy of tragedies, in many churches Christ will be dead for the next fifty one Sundays!! The resurrection will be shoved aside as a once a year item on the church agenda.

Yet Paul considered the resurrection so important he devotes the entire fifteenth chapter of I Corinthians to it; along with numerous other passages. In fact, Paul says in the first five verses of I Corinthians fifteen, that the gospel he preached was the death, burial, and RESURRECTION of Christ.

We sometimes marvel at the spiritual vigor of the early Church - perhaps it was because their Christ was ALIVE fifty two weeks a year!

In our imagination let us go back nearly two thousand years and to the land of Christ.

See a small band of men - faces aglow, bodies pulsing with life. Follow them from king's thrones to caves in the hills and to the catacombs of Rome. And from their lips came one glad cry, "Good News." There was no obstacle too great, death couldn't stop them. They were men with more than a purpose, they were possessed with a passion to tell others of the Risen Christ.

Hear them as they say, "We are pressed on every side, yet not straightened; perplexed, yet not to despair; pursued, but not forsaken; smitten, but not destroyed."

There they are - beaten bodies, tattered and torn robes, tired faces; but we stand and admire them, marvel at their courage, and are amazed at their accomplishments.

How could these men even in prison rejoice? How could they face dungeon and death with a spirit that could not be conquered? It was because they believed Christ was alive and with them. They were not alone! He was not a tradition handed down to them from their fathers. He was not some sort of drug to dim the sharp barbs of reality. He was not some pet theory that fitted into their logic. He was not some imaginary fulfillment of their imagination.

He was alive and they knew Him and He was with them. He was the Alpha and Omega. Why should they have been despondent or discouraged? Christ lives!

This fact has stirred the hearts of men of all ages and nations, and made them soldiers of their faith.

Governor Bradford of Plymouth Colony in the days of early America said, "The whole country full of woods and thickets, represented a wild and savage hue. If they looked behind them, the mighty ocean they had passed, and was now as a main bar and gulf—. What could now sustain them but the spirit of God and His grace? May not and ought not the children of these fathers rightly say, 'Our fathers came over this great ocean, and were ready to perish in this wilderness; but they cried unto the Lord and He heard their voices, and looked on their adversity. Let them therefore praise the Lord, because He is good and His mercies endure forever'."

In the Dachau concentration camp on Christmas eve, 1944, as Martin Niemoeller starts to deliver a sermon to his fellow



prisoners he recalls the name of Jesus, Imanuel, God with us. His voice carries new strength as he says, "We are not alone amid the horrors of these years, cut off though we are from the outside world. We are in the hands of God - the God of Jesus Christ, who is with us—."

Can we know what this can mean to us? We, who live amidst material abundance? Everything else will pale into insignificance when we realize God's great gift.

Let every heart rejoice - "Christ lives."

Another thing that filled the hearts of the early Christians was that because of the resurrection there was a triumph of the cross.

On the day of the cross all of the forces of evil and hell had been joined to win a victory over righteousness.

"They nailed Him on a cross and thought that they had won, That love was lost and goodness dead and truth forever done."

But they forgot it was God's world! God spoke! Christ arose! He lives today! Some one once said, "Truth cannot be nailed to a cross, love cannot be buried in a grave, and goodness cannot be covered over in a wooden box." This was the faith of the early Christians and must become ours also.

Even though the cause of evil prospers, in the end it will be God alone who shall stand. We must make this truth ours. While rival forces struggle for our allegiance and confusion reigns in the hearts of countless millions, we can live victoriously for Christ if we will realize He is a living Saviour.

Another thing that filled the hearts of the early Christians was that the resurrection meant that death was swallowed up in victory. Death was not an end, but only a beginning. Even if the gates of hell should rise up against them, the victory would still be theirs.

When the storms of life darkened the skies and cut off the sunshine of life's ease, they could still capture a vision of the New Jerusalem and say with John, "and I, John, saw the Holy City." Let us catch this vision that life may have meaning every moment of every day.

Our labour will not end at harvest time, but we shall merely go to work in the heavenly vineyard.

Our struggle will not end in defeat.

Our sacrifice will not be lost.

Christ lives! His is the victory!

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FIFTY THOUSAND FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Every layman in our denomination should be a faithful steward, not because he is a Free Will Baptist, but because he is a Christian; the charge to be faithful is to our members no less than to the Christians in any other churches. A steward is one who is hired to manage, to supervise the affairs of his employer. As Christians we are required to be faithful in the affairs of our Master. What are the affairs of our Master? They are to spread the gospel to everyone, that the world through Him might be saved.

The account of an unfaithful steward which Jesus gave to His disciples (as told in St. Luke 16:1-12) is surely just as applicable to twentieth-century disciples. That steward, you will recall, was accused of wasting the goods that belonged to his master. The goods were not his to do with as he pleased; instead, he had been hired but for one purpose: the faithful and productive management of his employer's goods. Jesus concludes His account of the wasteful steward with these words, "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (money), who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

If we are not faithful in the handling of money, of possessions, of time, of abilities (which are not ours but the gifts of God), how then can we expect Him to commit to our keeping His spiritual gifts, the "true riches"?

One of the purposes of the Master's Men is to concentrate the work that the laymen of the individual churches are doing so that throughout the denomination men are working toward a common goal. That common goal during the current year is to emphasize true stewardship. Through this emphasis we are first to learn what Christian stewardship really is and, second, to be faithful stewards of the things that are entrusted to us.

The steward of a wealthy man is in a position of power; he has power at his command primarily because he represents a man who has even greater power. As members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, we have power because we represent a God who is omnipotent, and His power is given us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised His disciples that they would have "great power" after the Holy Spirit came upon them. This promise was fulfilled when "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and...spoke the word of God with boldness...and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

What power do we have? We have the power of prayer, the power of influence in our community, and the power of money at our disposal. There are over fifty thousand laymen in our churches in this country. If all of these fifty thousand were organized into local chapters of the Master's Men, they would all meet once each month, at which meeting they would pray together. In addition, they would all learn what specific needs exist, not only in their respective churches but throughout our denomination as well. They would learn more about the work of

our national officers, the work of our college, and the work of our missionaries. And for the work of these departments of our denomination, they would be encouraged to pray daily. If each of our laymen could be led to pray just ten minutes each day, the work of our churches would be supported by more than fifty thousand hours of prayer each week.

If fifty thousand laymen were organized and really made aware that their daily lives as farmers, foremen, clerks, school teachers, mechanics, government employees, and businessmen amount to the greatest testimony to Christian living that they can give, what a contribution to the leavening of the whole lump they could make! Fifty thousand men, working together toward a common cause, can turn whole communities upside down. This power of influence would, of course, be much greater if all were working together rather than individually. To realize that one is a part of a greater whole is to achieve a dedication to Christian conduct and daily witnessing that one alone can never know.

How much money do our fifty thousand laymen have at their disposal? Whatever the amount, it is not theirs, but God's, and if our fifty thousand are not faithful in managing that amount, they cannot expect God to commit to their trust riches of much greater value. If our laymen each gave one dollar more each month, would contribute in a year's time an amount almost double the budget of the Bible College or of the Foreign Missions Board - or more than one-half of the annual budget of the entire denomination!

The smallest church can have an active chapter of the Master's Men. If your church does not have a local chapter, you can help get it organized. Show that you're interested and it can soon be done. With each new chapter, the ideal of faithful stewardship in our churches comes closer to realization.



Bernice Palmer
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We have reached both of our goals! We are over the 2,000 mark in subscribers and we now have 100 churches on our Church Family Plan. We have set new goals now to strive for - 125 churches and 3,000 subscribers. Let's all work to reach these goals. With your help we can do so.

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