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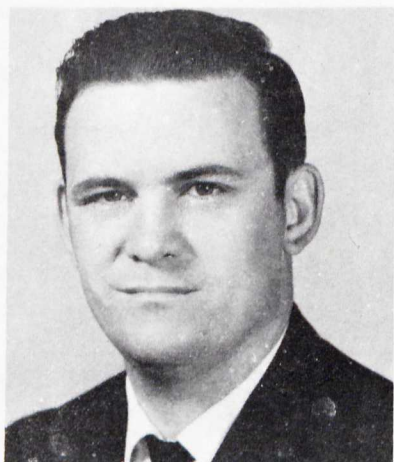
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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

The Cave Springs Minister's Conference and Quarterly Meeting assembled with Norman FWB Church April 2-3, with each of their twenty-two churches represented with delegates and letters. Ministers delivering the worship hour sermons were: Ode Hackworth, Jess Rolan, Walter Simpson, and Manual Dunkin. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative program which is supported regularly by 36% of their churches. Sunday, April 4th, Pastor Joe Sisk and the Mt. Zion FWB Church near Thayer, invited me to preach the 11:00 A.M. sermon. Following the service they gave an offering to Missouri Co-operative fund. Sunday evening I worshipped with Pastor E. Morton and our Houston FWB Church and delivered the evening message in this soul winning church. They plan to start their church expansion building project in the near future.

Friday night, April 9th, the Madison County Quarterly meeting met with the Copper Mines FWB Church. Rev. Henry Murray delivered the gospel sermon Friday evening and I was previously delegated to preach at 11:00 A.M. Saturday which I was happy to fulfill. One-hundred percent of the Madison County churches have adopted the co-operative plan of giving through our Missouri State Co-operative fund. Sunday, April 11th, following the quarterly meeting, Pastor S. A. Hand and the Viburnum FWB Church invited me to deliver the 11:00 A.M. sermon. We enjoyed a good service with them. This church continues to grow and win souls for the Lord. It is located on Highway 49 in the new town of Viburnum that is being developed by the St. Joseph Lead Mining Industry. Sunday evening I delivered the message in our Salem FWB Church. Salem Church is moving forward since Pastor Virgel Maness has moved into the community and now lives in the church parsonage. The church recently installed some nice pews and other furnishings in their sanctuary.

Sunday, April 18th, I was privileged to be with Pastor Elsa Simpson and the Pleasant Ridge Church near Alton, Missouri and deliver the 11:00 A.M. sermon. I also preached the evening sermon in our Alton FWB Church in their weekend revival, being conducted with a different minister preaching in each service. These services strengthened Alton Church which has a good potential with their location being the county seat of Oregon County.

The St. Louis District Youth Rally



Rev. Harry Beatty

was held with our Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood, Missouri, Friday evening, April 23rd. Teams consisting of four members each: from seven churches participated in the Bible Tic Tac Toe program. Pastor H. T. Dann and Fourth Church hosted the Quarterly Meeting Saturday, April 24th. Rev. H. T. Dann was named by the program committee to preach the 11:00 A.M. sermon, which was a good spiritual, soul inspiring service. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative Program which is supported regularly by 69% of our churches in St. Louis District.

In response to an invitation from Pastor Hugh Stogsdill and the Meramec Heights FWB Church located near Valley Park, Missouri, I delivered the 11:00 A.M. sermon there Sunday, April 25th. And Sunday evening I enjoyed another good service with Pastor R. B. Spurgeon and our Trinity FWB Church in Bridgeton, Missouri. At the close of the message three persons moved forward for the Lord and they also affiliated with the church in this service. Trinity Church continues to grow and supply a real Christian witness in this expanding community.

Two more churches adopted the Missouri Co-operative plan of giving this month. The total receipt for April was \$2,431.16; the Co-operative receipts are disbursed 55% to seven National Free Will Baptist Association Departments and 45% to six Missouri State Association Departments. (Actual disbursements as follows.)

15.95% - Foreign Mission Department .....	\$ 387.75
11.55% - FWB Bible College .....	280.78
11.00% - Executive Dept. Nat'l Association .....	267.41
8.80% - Nat'l Home Missions .....	213.92
5.50% - National Church Training Service .....	133.70

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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### ADVENTURE IN REAL LIVING.....

The May issue of Contact magazine contained a complaint in Mr. Louis H. Moulton's monthly column, "What's Your Problem?" It is, I suspect, a complaint which one would hear more if our members voiced their honest opinions on tithing.

The reader who submitted the question complained that he had never before heard so much "stress" placed on giving for "missions, Christian education, and other things." (He failed to mention that in the past our denomination had little if any missions, Christian education, and several other things that it should have had.) He ended his query, "What has happened to this new generation of preachers? I've been here a long, long time and in years gone by we didn't have tithing and stewardship constantly preached to us."

Mr. Moulton in his reply quite correctly pointed out that by their silence on tithing and stewardship many of our leaders in past years had simply "failed our people and in turn failed God." He concluded his reply with the suggestion that the reader review what God has to say about stewardship, tithing, and one's attitude toward material things.

It is significant, I think, that on the opposite page was a summary of 1965 cooperative receipts (which appear to be run-

ning somewhat below last year despite our much larger denominational budget) and that three of the feature articles in that issue of Contact were about Christian finances.

The giving of money is not the only giving that a Christian is expected to do, of course. There is also the giving of time - in worship attendance, in prayer and study, in visitation - and the giving of ability.

The Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-30) is a familiar story and can be correctly applied to our abilities, or talents, although the word "talent" as it is used in this parable did refer to money and not to ability. The Greek word *talanton* meant a weight as well as a monetary unity. A servant was paid for his ability to perform certain labor, and the term gradually came to the ability for which a man was paid and not to the pay itself.

The Christian cannot, then, know really abundant living until he is actually giving himself away - losing himself for the Gospel's sake. And the servant who hid his one unit of money which he had been given may be compared to the Christian who will not use the ability that he has, the church member who always excuses himself from any work in the church as if his ability were his own and not given by his Lord.

That unprofitable servant is the man who will not sing in the choir when he is capable of it, or who is so unreliable that he sings only when he's in the mood; he is the Christian who absents himself from attendance for no just reason; he is the church member who will not go on visitation; he is the qualified person who will not teach a Sunday school class; he is the member who gives only half-hearted support to the church and its program and whose every-day living is largely unaffected by his connection with the church. His Lord called him a slothful servant, and the slothful, said Solomon, is brother to the waster.

Real living is to be found in following Christ. Following Christ is more often than we realize, a full-time job that affects our every moment of life and denies us the right to all that we are and all that we have.

## KEN'S KORNER

During this year of 1965, half of the population of the United States will be under age 25. Even more startling, 40% will be under age 20. You as a teenager have a very definite responsibility, and position, in the world today. Some of the biggest companies in the world are aiming their business and products at you. Coca Cola plans to spend \$70,000,000 in advertising, most of it aimed at you, the teenager. There are also evil forces that are using you as their target. Perhaps the greatest evil force out to captivate you is pornographic literature. The more correct word is smut and filth, rather than literature. Fifteen million smutty magazines are printed and distributed each month among the local newsstands. It has been said that one company spends \$20,000 for postage alone each month. Almost without exception, such filth gives the wrong and false side of love and sex. God ordained sex, and the devil is constantly trying to make it evil. One is almost tempted to say he is achieving his purpose. The tragic thing about this is that a lot of you read such garbage and believe it to be true. What you read will eventually begin to be the way you think. Take your stand against vulgarity. Read good clean literature, and your mind will be more Christ-like. Read the Bible for daily spiritual strength. It is high time that God's teenagers arise to their responsibility and lead their generation back to God. You are an important person? Christ died for you? The least we can do is live for Him.

June, 1965





# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

## JUNE

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONTH

Send all reports to:  
Mrs. Peggy Davis  
2301 Conn.  
Joplin, Mo.  
By the 15th of each month.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 20 - Father's Day  
Superannuation Sunday

July 12-15 - W.N.A.C. National  
Association

Our deepest and sincere sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Jean Williams, our State Study Course Chairman and her family in the passing of their beloved father.

Dear Co-Laborers,

May I challenge you to read "The Proof of One's Love Is In His Deeds" by Mrs. Lora Shutes, this is found in your co-laborer for this quarter.

Many of us Free Will Baptists have failed to manifest our love and concern for those who have ministered to us in spiritual matters: our aged and disabled ministers - quoted.

Your Editor

### AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Flat River - First FWB Church  
Quarterly Meeting - St. Francois Co.  
Leadington - FWB Church  
West Plains - FWB Church  
Cabool - First FWB Church  
Lebanon - First FWB Church  
St. Louis - South Side FWB Church  
Flat River - Fellowship FWB Church  
Quarterly Meeting - Central Western  
Association

Mrs. Lucille Beatty - State President

### STATE WORKSHOP

Farmington Church - April 21, 1965

Success best describes the day! Mrs. Beatty did an outstanding job; as leading  
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the day's program.

"In His Steps" was certainly an inspiring film.

Mrs. Dixon's book review on "The Nervous Christian", was enjoyed by all.

Rev. and Mrs. Hellard were most gracious in being the host for the Workshop. The host church served a most delightful lunch.



Farmington Church, Host Pastor  
Rev. Everett Hellard



Special Music  
Member of Grant Avenue Church in  
Springfield, Mary Fortney



Mrs. Dixon leading the singing.

### SPECIAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leading-

ton Church met at the church Monday, May 10, 1965 for their regular monthly meeting. Fifteen ladies were present and the lesson "Compelling Love" from the Co-laborer was given. The scripture, II Cor. 5:14-20 was read by the president, Mrs. Allie Penrod. The hymn, "My Jesus I Love Thee" was sung. The topics were given by Mrs. Iva Treaster, Ruth Wilfong, and Anna Lincoln. Mrs. Eunice Edwards gave the introduction which was very interesting for she told us of the dedicated life of the writer of our lesson, Mrs. Mary Perry.

After the business session was over and the lesson given, a special candlelight service was given to honor the older women of our auxiliary. The scripture for this special service from Prov. 31, was read by Mrs. Maxine Clay; Sis. Peggy Giunta, wife of our pastor, sang "Faith of Our Mothers"; Mrs. Ruby Campbell read a poem honoring and praising Christian mothers for the examples they have set for younger mothers. Gifts of flowers and handkerchiefs were presented to the older mothers by our president, Mrs. Allie Penrod. Much work and thought were put into these invitations by our program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Maxine Clay. The program ended with prayer and was most inspiring to all present.

Anna Lincoln, Reporter

### ENLISTMENT BANQUET

South Side auxiliary has been busy the past few months with our enlistment banquet which seven ladies joined our auxiliary. Bro. Lynn Frazier taught a study course on "The Nervous Christians". We also observed pre-Easter week of prayer and a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Sis. Audrey Mungle.

We met May 3 for our regular meeting with 16 members present. Scripture reading by our president, Lucille Beatty, II Corinthians 5:14-20. We had a short business meeting.

Several of our ladies attended the State Workshop. Sis. Virtress Kellerman and Sis. Alice Barr reported on the program of the workshop and told of the blessings they all received from the program.

Our lesson for May was "Compelling Love". Betty Camp, our program chairman, presented a character study of Hannah. No matter how many times we read or hear the account of Hanna's unselfish love for her son, the story never grows

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stale. It's always fresh with real meaning and excitement!

It shows a tremendous example of faith, unselfishness, and principle. Sis. Camp asked each one of us to read I Samuel before retiring for bed. We were dismissed in prayer by Sister Annamae McFarland.

Lillie Tallent, Cor. Sec.  
South Side FWB Auxiliary  
St. Louis

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

"Have Faith In God," was the opening song of the April 19th meeting of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. Wanda Ragsdale directed the singing and Jane Norris was at the piano. Prayer was by Hazel Morris.

The scripture reading and a poem, "Two Days" was by Jerry Wilfong, followed with the hymn, "At The Cross."

A report on the new WNAC offices in Nashville, Tennessee was given by Ava Hellard. Visitors, Mrs. Harry Beatty of St. Louis, Mrs. Fanny Welch of Grubbs, Ark., Mrs. Robert Francis of Grubbs, Ark., and the Rev. and Mrs. Ted Davis of Joplin, were introduced.

New officers were elected: President, Norma Williams (Fellowship Church); Vice-president, Agnes Terry (Parkview of Desloge); Secretary-Treasurer, Jean Blakeley (First Church of Flat River); Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Effie Matthews (Parkview of Desloge); Study Course, Peggy Giunta (Leadington); Personal Service Chairman, Ava Hellard (Farmington); Corresponding Secretary, Marion Wilson (First Church of Flat River).

Various projects were discussed and it was decided that all auxiliaries consider the project of assisting in the furnishings of the WNAC Headquarters offices.

Mrs. Beatty then gave a very informative talk on various projects.

Refreshments were served by the host church and an enjoyable hour of Christian fellowship was enjoyed.

The benediction was by Marion Wilson.

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#### MISSIONARIES - CALVARY'S

The ladies of the West Plains FWB Auxiliary met May 3 for their regular meeting with 11 members present. Meeting opened by singing "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love." Scripture reading, II Cor. 5:14-21. Prayer by Hattie Sims. Reports were given by all officers. Personal service chairman plans a cottage prayer meeting for some shut-ins. Study course chairman planned a meeting May 24th on "Christian Living". Sisters Gracie Stephens, Nellie Georgery and Addie Adkisson were appointed as our nominating committee for the new officers.

We are to select a Home and Foreign Missionary at our next week for our auxiliary to correspond with for the coming year.

We enjoyed very much the missionaries "Calvarys" in our church April 23. The auxiliary gave them \$20.00.

The Rev. John Moelhan, missionary from Panama will be at our church May 15th.

The auxiliary voted to also give them \$20.00.

Our treasury may be a little short but our prayers for our missionaries are long and from the heart.

We had a wonderful lesson on Hannah and her love. The lesson was given by the following: Naomi Bunch, Hattie Sims, Addie Adkisson, Jean Pierce.

Pray for our auxiliary that we can manifest our love as Hannah did.

Dismissed by Jean Pierce.

Hattie Sims, Cor. Sec.

(We sent \$27.43 worth of coupons to our FWB Childrens Home in the month of April.)

#### LOVE

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cabool met May 11th. The meeting was opened with a song and prayer led by Dola Cooper. Vice-president Estella Hanna presided over our business meeting. Nine members answered roll call with bible verses containing the word "love". Our Bible School plans were completed, with our school to be held the week of June 7th. Letters of appreciation were read from the LaVerne Miley's for the medicine bottles we sent and, also, from the Missionary Provision Closet for the linens we sent. The ladies of the auxiliary are in the process of making quilts to be used at youth camp. We have collected coupons this past month and will send them to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Tennessee.

As a special home project the auxiliary takes turns visiting a rest home for

aged people which is in Cabool. One afternoon a week two or three ladies enjoy visiting, reading scriptures and poetry and singing with these aged folks. We get a wonderful blessing each time we visit and they are an inspiration to us.

After our business meeting the program was turned over to the program chairman, Pearl Allred. The scripture was read from II Cor. 5:14-20. Our program, "Compelling Love" was a wonderful lesson. Topics were given by Pauline White, Jean Ellis, Mildred Flageolle and Shirley Bennett. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mildred Flageolle.

Jean Ellis,  
Corresponding Secretary

#### \$10.00 FOR YOUTH CAMP

Women's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist, Lebanon, met May 5th for our monthly program with 21 members present and two new members and one visitor.

The nominating committee will meet in the home of Sis. Gladys Montgomery on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30. Lesson, "Compelling Love". Introduction given by Sis. Faren Jones.

Lesson topics given by Madelene Loney, Dorothy Mosier and Henrietta Garrett, were very interesting and up-building. We need more of this never dying faith and love that will cause his people to go out and win souls for Christ. Motion to have a pink and blue shower at our next auxiliary meeting for Sis. Beth Florence, also a bridal shower for Miss Donna Sutton on June 7th at 7:30 at the church.

Motion and voted to send \$10.00 to Youth Camp on the girls cabin being built by Liberty Association.

Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison,  
Corresponding Secretary

#### BASKETS OF FRUIT FOR THE FOLKS HOME

The opening song, "My Jesus I Love Thee," was sung by members of the Women's Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River in the Tuesday evening, May 4, meeting. The scripture, II Corinthians 5:14-20 was read by Genevieve White, followed with prayer by Edith Keeney.

Reports were given of a prayer service at a local rest home and the local auxiliary had a large basket of fruit prepared and took to the folks of the home, coupons had been mailed to the Free Will Baptist Home in Greenville, Tennessee.

Topics were by Marion Wilson, Jane Norris and Jean Blakeley. The benediction was by Lizzie Pirtle.



# YOUTH CAMP

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### YOUTH ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment will be held June 20 to July 2, 1965 at the Missouri State Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri.

#### Supervisory Staff:

#### Camp Workers — Pre-Teens:

Evangelist ..... Dale Jones  
Camp Director ..... Clarence H. Burton  
Refreshment Stand .. Bonnie Deatherage  
Registrar ..... To be selected  
Pianist ..... Carolyn Lovelace  
Music Director ..... Dale Skiles  
First Aid Attendants ... Frank & Peggy

Giunta

Playground Director .... To be selected  
Swimming Pool Supervisor .... Bud Hill  
General Cabin Sponsors .. Tom & Gloria

Carlson

Teachers: Lillian Moore, Frank Giunta,  
Gene Norris, R. B. Spurgeon

#### Camp Workers — Teens:

Evangelist ..... Glen Rehkop  
Camp Director ..... Teddy Davis  
Refreshment Stand .. Bonnie Deatherage  
Registrar ..... To be selected  
Pianist ..... Sammie Davis  
Music Director ..... Lonnie Skiles  
Playground Director .... To be selected  
First Aid Attendants ... Frank & Peggy

Giunta

Swimming Pool Supervisor .... Bud Hill  
General Cabin Sponsors. Grover & Agnes  
Terry

#### The Daily Schedule:

6:45- 7:15 a.m. Rise and shine  
7:15- 7:30 a.m. Flag raising and  
calisthenics  
7:30- 8:15 a.m. Breakfast  
8:15- 8:45 a.m. Free period  
(8:30- 8:40 a.m. Meditation and  
prayer for camp  
workers)  
8:45- 9:15 a.m. Morning devotions  
9:20-10:00 a.m. Classes  
10:00-10:30 a.m. Recess (Refresh-  
ment Stand open)  
10:30-11:05 a.m. Classes  
11:10-11:45 a.m. Classes  
11:45-12:30 p.m. Lunch  
12:30- 2:00 p.m. Recreation Time  
2:00- 3:00 p.m. Swimming for girls  
3:00- 4:00 p.m. Swimming for boys

4:30- 5:00 p.m. Singspiration and  
Talent Time  
5:00- 5:30 p.m. Prepare for evening  
meal  
5:30- 6:30 p.m. Evening meal  
6:30- 6:55 p.m. Free Period  
6:55- 7:15 p.m. Rest Period  
7:15- 7:35 p.m. Cabin Prayer  
Meeting  
7:45- Evangelistic service

Following Evangelistic Service an hour  
of fun and fellowship (supervised).  
Retire to cabins for Devotions.  
Lights Out ..... All Quiet



Dolores McDowell

### I PLAN TO ATTEND YOUTH CAMP THIS YEAR

By Dolores McDowell  
Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church

I am planning to attend Youth Camp this year because it is the most wonderful experience a boy or girl can have.

I enjoyed the wonderful messages that were preached last year and I know I will enjoy them this year, too.

Last year there were many decisions made for the Lord. Last year we had three classes at Youth Camp that helped us learn more about the Bible. I think that every girl and boy should attend Youth Camp because you have an experience that you will never forget. Being at Youth Camp was the BEST week of my summer vacation.

I hope more boys and girls from ALL the Free Will Baptist churches will start making plans to attend Youth Camp this year, and share the blessings of the Lord with us.

### WHAT YOUTH CAMP MEANS TO ME

Youth camp has always meant much to me for it is not only a place for fun and fellowship but also a place of spiritual value. To me it is a very fine Christian camp where if you come and you're not a Christian, you're bound to become convicted and find yourself at the altar like many at youth camp have done. You grow to love the Lord more each day at camp because of the wonderful atmosphere found there as you fellowship with fellow Christians.

I'm glad I had the privilege to attend Youth Camp and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Chesley Hill and the Christ Ambassadors who made it possible for me to attend.

Jim Mertz  
Southside FWB Church  
St. Louis, Mo.

### MY FIRST YEAR AT CAMP, 1964

By a Southside Young Lady

This, my first year at youth camp was one I'll never forget. I'm sure it was a spiritual blessing and help to each and every boy and girl there.

It was like being in another world all to yourself away from the real world, being in Christian fellowship with boys and girls your own age.

Each day we had three classes consisting of: "The Word of God in Creation" by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon; "The Word of God in Salvation" by Rev. Jess Webb, and "The Word of God as our Guide to Daily Devotions" by Rev. Tommy Carlson. All three of these men are excellent teachers.

Don't think youth camp is all work and no play. There are many activities such as swimming, softball, volleyball, badminton and many more.

Truly this year at youth camp has meant more to me than I can express in a few words.

If you're between the ages of 13 and 19, and haven't been to youth camp, you are missing one of the greatest experiences of your life.

Yours in Christ,  
Janet Cook

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# MESSAGES FROM YOUTH RALLY

HELD AT GRANT AVENUE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI      APRIL 23 & 24



Brenda Martin

A senior at Central High School and is an honor student. She is faithfully dedicated to her church and is engaged in several different activities here. She contemplates going into the teaching field and making a career as a Christian teacher.

## A MORE ABUNDANT LIFE THROUGH REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

By Brenda Martin

The happiest time of my life is when I am in the house of the Lord. Not only should Christians be glad to come to church they also have the duty. The Apostle Paul wrote in Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

God's people must assemble themselves regularly in the house of God for several reasons. And I would like to discuss a few of these reasons with you tonight.

### Reason No. 1 For Worship

The Psalmist David said in Psalms 111:1, "Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation."

And in Psalms 107:32 we find this commandment, "Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders."

So in order to have a more abundant life we must assemble ourselves regularly in God's house for worship.

### Reason No. 2 For Christian Fellowship

Let us compare the church with the

home. In order to have fellowship with one's family the logical place to go is to one's home. And the church should be the home of Christians so the logical place for Christians to go for Christian fellowship is to the church. In I John 1:7 we find these words, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

And in Matthew 18:19-20 we find this promise, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Sometimes there is a greater task than one person can do alone, but by assembling ourselves together, calling upon God and working together the great task is done.

### Reason No. 3 The Winning of Souls

This is the greatest reason for regular church attendance. What greater place to win someone to Christ, than in the house of God. Let us again compare the home to the church. If one has a friend whom he wants to introduce to his family one would take this person to his home. And likewise if one wanted to win someone to Christ he should bring his friend to the house of God. What better place to become acquainted with God that in his house.

When we ask someone to come to our house we usually do this with a purpose. For instance a girl might ask another girl to come to her house to see the new dress her mother just made for her. Or a boy might ask another boy to come to his house to see the new motor his dad just bought for him to install in the old car. But Christ promised something better than a look at a new dress or a new motor. He promised us a new life. He said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

In summary I would like to read you one of my favorite verses which should express all Christians feelings about a more abundant life through regular church

attendance. This verse is found in Psalms 122:1. "I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."



Carolyn Sue Clark

Member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, Mo. and a Junior in college.

## THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE IN MISSIONS

By Carolyn Sue Clark

I John 4:8 says "God is Love." These are the most wonderful words that have ever been written or spoken. The Bible teaches that God is love and that the object of God's love is the world. God's love is limited to no race, and no class. There is not a man or woman in the world so vile that God doesn't love them, therefore we ought to love God. The measure of God's love is so great that it became necessary that God gave His Son to suffer if you and I were to live eternally. No one, no matter how hard they try to realize, I don't believe can fully comprehend the agony it cost the Father when His Son died on the cross.

God's eternal purpose of love is world-wide redemption through Jesus Christ. St. John 10:10 says "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Love of man has prompted great gifts, but there has never been a gift as great as the love of God. What are we doing with this love of God? Is God's love abounding in us

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# REPORT FROM THE N.A.E. CONVENTION



Dr. Jared F. Gerig, NAE President, addresses NAE convention, April 27, 1965 - Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis.

## EVANGELICALS ELECT OFFICERS

Minneapolis - Dr. Jared F. Gerig of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was retained as president of the National Association of Evangelicals at their 23rd annual convention meeting here. He begins the second year of a two-year term.

Dr. Gerig, now in his eighth year as president of Fort Wayne Bible College, returned earlier this year from Israel where he served as visiting professor last fall in the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem. The Bible college, founded in 1904, has made significant progress in all phases of its educational program under his leadership.

Dr. Gerig is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College; Malone College, Canton, O.; Fenn College in Cleveland, and Arizona State University and has done graduate work at Indiana University and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Other officers re-elected by the Association were Dr. Rufus Jones, general director of the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society, Wheaton, Ill. - first vice president; Dr. Arnold T. Olson, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, Minneapolis - second vice president; Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, president of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif. - secretary; and Mr. Robert Van Kampen, business executive of Wheaton, Ill. - treasurer.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADER WARNS TEEN DROPOUTS A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Minneapolis - The serious youth "leakage problem" existing in evangelical churches today and measures to curb this all-too-prevalent problem were discussed April 28 at the 23rd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals meeting here.

Dr. Roy Zuck, executive director of Scripture Press Foundation, reported that a recent survey conducted by the National Sunday School Association showed one of every six teens in evangelical churches

is a dropout.

"There is a real leakage problem," he said. "We are going to have to begin retaining the youth we have as well as reaching new young people."

The survey was conducted in 604 churches representing 25 denominations and 42 states. Questionnaires were filled in by dropouts and their pastors. The answers revealed the following facts: 60% of the dropouts come from Sunday Schools with attendance of 150 or less; 50% were from suburban churches; 56% said they were Christians; the average previous church attendance of dropouts was nine years; 50% of the dropouts started attending church regularly in their pre-school years; and 14 to 18 is the key dropout area with the most common age 16.

"We readily admit our results may be inconclusive," said Dr. Zuck. "We have over 300 replies. Results might have been different with, say, 3,000. But a similar survey among Lutheran churches produced much the same results. I feel the trends are worth noting."



Dr. Roy Zuck, Scripture Press Foundation, speaks to a NAE Convention Commission session.

The dropouts were those who had quite all church activities and not just certain portions. Why do they quit? The kids listed 21 reasons. The pastors listed about 17. The following are the top four as listed by the dropouts with the pastors' ranking in brackets:

1. Not enough youth activities in church (12);
2. The adults are inconsistent in their lives and not interested in the kids (4);
3. Church is boring (13); and
4. Lack of parental cooperation (1).

"I think it's interesting to note the apparent lack of rapport between the pastors and the kids," said Dr. Zuck. "The kids blame the church and the people and the pastors blame the kids and the parents. It shows a real need for self-analysis on both sides."

What do the teens want? The answer

seems to be -- more activity and total church involvement; acceptance by peers and adults; and answers to their basic problems from God's word. The teens blamed many things for their lack of interest. They said the sermons were uninteresting and often irrelevant, the services were, surprisingly, too informal, the people were unfriendly, the Sunday school teachers didn't know their material and the activities were usually poorly planned.

"We find that young people from dedicated Christian homes tend not to drop out," said Dr. Zuck. "A major contributing factor to dropouts is when the father or both parents fail to attend. An answer to halting the rise in dropouts is total family involvement. Parents must be concerned and encourage their children, not force them to attend church."

"The young people of today seem to be echoing the old saying, 'use me or lose me.' They say, 'I'm here but you're not getting through to me.' Adults must take interest, not fake interest. We need youth leaders who understand teens, are interested in them and have time for them."

## INVOLVEMENT IS KEY WORD OF NAE CONVENTION AT MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis - The 23rd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals held April 27-28 drew more than 1,000 leaders and laymen of Protestant churches and organizations for approximately 65 workshop sessions and major meetings at the Leamington Hotel.

Significant resolutions adopted by the convention included a call for the control of obscenity and a ban on a U. S. or presidential envoy to the Vatican. The body deplored violent means to achieve or to prevent achievement of civil rights. Delegates recognized workers have a responsibility to share the costs of services secured for them by union negotiation, but asserted in no case should a worker be compelled to pay any part of dues to be used by the union for political or other activities not directly related to negotiations with management. They also affirmed the public school's duty to recognize the essential place of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the American heritage and called for freedom for Christian teachers to teach from a Christian view-point.

Delegates spoke out against federal aid to private education, whether to the school directly or to the student, and stood strongly for new legislation which

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would strengthen and protect the free exercise of religion in public life. Another resolution called for positive action by families, legislators and evangelical Christendom to restore a biblical morality to the American society. They also commended the government for "every evidence of resistance to Communist efforts to extend its enslavement of free men." Other resolutions supported the national origins quota system, a cessation of tax supported transportation for parochial school students and effective measure to assure freedom of the air waves.

Fort Wayne Bible College President Jared F. Gerig will continue to serve as president of NAE for the second year of his two-year term. Distinguished educator Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton (N.Y.) College, was named "Layman of the Year." The premiere showing of the new NAE film - "Anything Can Happen" - put evangelicals to the severest possible scrutiny in a probe of attitudes and actions of American church members today to launch a major program thrust.

Dr. Richard C. Halverson of World Vision and Fourth Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., stirred the delegates with a climactic concluding address. "We have tended to pull men out of the world," he said, "preempting for the program of the institution instead of sending them out in the world equipped to witness and serve for the glory of God.... The church is not so much like an army marching with banners flying - but more like a small task force engaged in guerilla warfare - infiltrating and penetrating every structure of society." This is what convention means to NAE and all evangelicals in 1965.



Annual Layman of the Year Award, NAE Convention, April 27-29, 1965, went to Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y.; presented by Dr. Robert C. Cook, president of The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y. Others in picture: Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE general director, second from right; Dr. Myron Augsburg, June, 1965

## NEW YORK EDUCATOR GETS 'LAYMAN OF YEAR' AWARD

Minneapolis - An outstanding educator was named Layman of the Year here April 28th at the 23rd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., was cited for his Christian service at the convention's evening rally. He was presented a plaque by Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of The King's College, also in New York.

Mr. Paine is a former president of the NAE and has been associated with Christian higher education since 1933. He taught classics, was dean of his college and professor of Greek and became president of Houghton College in 1937.

An outstanding author, administrator and teacher, Dr. Paine holds an AB degree from Wheaton College, master of arts

and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Illinois and has an honorary LLD from Wheaton College. He is the father of five children.

The Layman of the Year is chosen on the following criteria:

Christian commitment and character; a tangible relationship with NAE, including agreement with the NAE statement of faith;

lay leadership in evangelical activity and thought;

strategic support of evangelical work in general; and

public recognition in a leadership capacity.

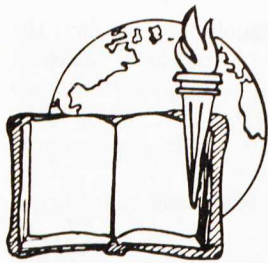
**Editor's Note:** More information will be given next month on the resolutions made at the NAE Convention.

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

## 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	186	178	
Beacon		71	79								
Farmington	110	111	130	119	120	112	104	100	111	122	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	60	68	64	63	60	64	69	51	65	72	
Berkeley City	236	224	280	279	294	269	288	309	355	321	
Richwoods	52	55	54	49	50	54	42	44	42	51	
Kirksville	108	107	101	90	82	105	90	94	103	107	
Grant Ave., Springfield	183	178	166	177	167	172	164	181	180	208	
Hazel Creek	52	50	52	51							
Mine La Motte	30	30	29	24	34	39	34	33	35	37	
First, Flat River	100	102	114	111	107			110	100	112	
Overland Church	142	149	144	170	159	154	145	156	187	190	
First, Mtn. Grove	320	322	346	326	326	328	318	329			
Desloge	109	101	105	111	110	117	102	113	112	116	
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	57	62	61	58	58	60	58	45	62	66	
Union Light	112	109	106	120	102	128	96	116	110		
First, Springfield	185	222	192	188	208	191	189	183	187	229	
Sunnyview Church	53	51	50	53	50	56	58	67	63		
Central, Kansas City	107	103	91	115	110	100	108	93	95	122	
Hannon	65	51	72	59	62	59	59	60	63	62	
First, Monett	144	141	137	131	138	141	131	131	139	137	
Garfield-Couch	42	47	40	43	42	42	43	37	44	52	
Leadington							77	95	100	114	
First, Fredericktown	150	154	164	172	147	156					
Copper Mines	93	94	76	79	79	85	81	72	89	101	
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	36					34	43	40	35	30	
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	62	63	80		82	102					
Twin Oaks Church	61	64	57	60	56	55	49	55	65		
West Plains	173	209	215	205	202	194	201	199	191	209	
Olivet Church, Marshall										28	
Southside	160	167	188	198	191	189	184	194	209		
First, Lebanon	74	81	81	87	83	86	90	100	97	97	
Myrtle Church	70	76									
Mt. Pisgah		70									
Joplin	96	95	100	92	91	93					
Grace Church	119	133	127	141	157	145	149	153	183		
Salem			26	26	29	37		38	37	42	
Thayer Church				122	132	130	130	135	162	155	
Alton Church	88	97	97	94							





# THE MISSION FIELD



## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING MISSOURI APRIL, 1965

Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown	\$ 46.00
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	134.74
Earl Ames, Bonne Terre	1.00
Sharon Robinette, Raytown	5.00
Geneva Barks, St. Louis	50.00
Women's Aux., St. Louis	5.50
Alton FWB Ch.	12.00
Central FWB Ch., Kansas City	69.81
Lillian Moore, Lemay	69.00
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton	105.00
Park View FWB Ch., Desloge	40.00
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	125.00
Joe McDonald, Kirksville	5.00
Grace FWB Ch., Arnold	20.30
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	226.49
First FWB Ch., Flat River	25.00
Twin Oaks Church, Fredericktown	50.00
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	4.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	12.30
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	50.10
Cooperative Plan of Support	335.15
Richwoods FWB Ch.	8.00
Steadfast S.S. Class, St. Louis	13.21
Oak Grove S.S. Class, Mtn. Grove	15.00
Aulsburg Chapel FWB Ch., Farmington	32.19
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	32.01
Trinity FWB Ch., Bridgeton	25.00
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	36.01
NE Mo. Dist. Woman's Aux., Kirksville	32.69
FWB Ch. of Berkeley	50.00
Verdella FWB Ch., Liberal	50.00
NE Mo. Dist., Kirksville	40.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Willow Springs FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	13.20
Farmington FWB Ch.	390.39
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal	27.80
Grant Ave. FWB Ch., Springfield	5.00
Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
Hazel Creek Union Ch., Kirksville	101.91

Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown	88.63
First FWB Ch., Joplin	62.94
Park View FWB Ch., Desloge	40.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	1.00
Verdella Baptist Ch., Liberal	170.44
Victory FWB Ch., Avondale	30.36
Macedonia SS Mission, Niangua	10.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	30.00
Trinity FWB Ch., Bridgeton	50.00
Kirksville, Kirksville	94.90
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	30.61
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal	50.00
Leadington FWB Church	13.00
Alton FWB Church	17.00
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	73.37
Clayton T. Ramsey, Farmington	1.00
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	125.00
Adult Bible Class, Overland	20.06
Festus First FWB Church	38.61
Steadfast S.S. Class Overland Ch., St. Louis	13.73
Jr. Girls, Arnold	5.00
Mill Creek FWB Ch., Fredericktown	24.87
Trinity Baptist Church, Bridgeton	23.00
Viburnum FWB Church, Fredericktown	25.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	34.42
Myrtle FWB Church	47.63
Women's Auxiliary, West Plains	20.00
Bethel FWB Church, West Plains	40.00
First FWB Church, Monett	73.02

\$3,560.08

Dear Brother Hill:

The following is a list of donors that the Rev. Harry H. Beatty, St. Louis, Missouri request we send you for use in the GEM:

Mr. F. L. Smith	\$ 5.00
Rt. 2 Farmington, Mo.	
Ruth Greenhaw	5.00
R.F.D. 1 - Box 33 Farmington, Mo.	
Thomas H. Weddle	15.00
Flat River, Mo.	
Mrs. Charles Reed	5.00
Farmington, Mo.	

Farmington FWB Church	280.39
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Star Route Mine La Motte, Mo.	
Calvary S. S. Class	25.00
Ruth Greenhaw Farmington, Missouri	
Mrs. Carl G. Pinkston	50.00
Farmington, Missouri	

These gifts were received in our office April 15, 1965. As far as I can understand, they were given through the First FWB Church, Farmington, Mo.

Sincerely yours,  
Carolyn Riggs  
Financial Secretary  
Board of Foreign Missions

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Ye also helping together by prayer for us" II Corinthians 1:11

Kirby Godwins, Juneau, Alaska

Please pray that the Godwins might follow the Lord's leading to those people in Juneau, Alaska who will respond to the gospel message. Pray for the Godwins as they persevere in their witnessing and that doors might be opened for their witness.

Wade Jernigan, Jerome, Idaho

After eight months of operation, the Jerome, Idaho, church has sponsored a mission at Wendell, Idaho. The Wendell, Idaho, mission is averaging about twenty in Sunday School and they have recently reported three conversions.

The following missionaries accounts are over \$500 in the red.

Please pray that God will speak to Free Will Baptist people who will supply the needed funds for these ministries.

Lee Whaley, Fairbanks, Alaska

The Whaleys have ministered for several years in Alaska. They established the First Free Will Baptist Church of Anchorage, Alaska. They are currently ministering in Fairbanks, where they recently report a good revival meeting with five conversions. They are currently averaging 31 in Sunday School.

Kenneth Walker, Washington, D. C.

The Ken Walker family wish to express thanks for everyone who has helped them  
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establish a good ministry in our nation's capitol. The Walkers no longer receive a mission check from the home mission office. However, funds earmarked for this deficit account would be appreciated. Please continue to pray for this witness in our nation's capitol.

#### Richard Shade, Salina, Kansas

The Shades recently report eleven conversions, six new members, and they have organized a nine-member masters men. Brother Shade says, "Pray for the work here in Kansas that we will not only have a good church in Salina, but that we can see a good association in this area. We are in the middle of an area that is 237 miles wide and 560 miles long without a Free Will Baptist church. Our closest church is Wichita, 100 miles to the south; Topeka, 110 miles to the east; Beatrice, Nebraska, 137 miles to the north; and Denver, Colorado, 450 miles to the west. Pray for new workers in this area."

#### Lewis Perry, Lincoln, Nebraska

The Perrys have maintained a faithful witness in Lincoln, Nebraska. They have recently reported a good revival with three conversions and one rededication. The church in Lincoln, Nebraska, is assisting the Leroy Morrows in a new ministry in Beatrice, Nebraska. Pray for the church in Beatrice that is needing to borrow \$7,000 to complete a building.

#### Mack Owens, Millville, N. B., Canada

The Owens have been pioneer missionaries for Free Will Baptists in the northeast. God gave them a successful ministry in Littleton, New Hampshire. They have been very instrumental in opening up our northeastern work and encouraging new workers to come to this area. Pray for the Owens as they minister in three different communities in New Brunswick. They request prayer that God would help them to establish strong indigenous churches in this area. Recently two teenage girls from one of their churches attended a Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Pray for the young people in the northeast that God would call out workers from this area.

#### Carl Johnsons, Anchorage, Alaska

We appreciate the ministry of the Johnsons as they continue to persevere at Anchorage, Alaska. The ministry in Anchorage has continued to grow despite the fact that there is a periodic rotation of church people as folks are moving away to some other location. Pray that God would bless the ministry of our Christians in Anchorage that they would be untireless as they seek to reach new folks moving to the area to take the place of those who have rotated away because of their employment or service duty.

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#### Roger Harwell, Pueblo, Colorado

Pray for the ministry of the Harwells as they pioneer a new Free Will Baptist ministry in Pueblo, Colorado, a city largely dominated by Spanish, Roman Catholics and Mormons. This is a difficult ministry and much in need of prayer and support.

#### Quebec, Canada

Pray for some of our Free Will Baptist workers who are seriously considering going to Quebec, Canada, to minister. Quebec, Canada is one of the most needy areas for the gospel in North America, where there are approximately 70,000 people for each Christian worker. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cousineau, who will be moving from Nashville, Tennessee, to Sherbrook, Quebec, in May to attend Bethel Bible Institute. The Cousineaus will be preparing for future missionary service in the French language somewhere in the home or foreign fields. The Cousineaus were born and reared in Quebec, Canada, where they were taught French as their native language. While the Cousineaus were living at Perry, Florida, Brother Frank was led to the Lord by a Free Will Baptist deacon who worked on the same job. The Cousineaus have been saved from a background of Catholicism. They have a great burden for their relatives and other people in the Roman Catholic church that they might be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

This will require a great step of faith for the Cousineaus and their four boys to move to Canada to go to school. They are currently members of the West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, 5602 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. Frank and Marie Cousineau will certainly appreciate your prayers and anyone who wishes to assist them in their school work may send funds to them through the West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church.

#### MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS

APRIL, 1965

South Side FWB Ch.	
St. Louis .....	\$ 52.98
Northside FWB Ch.,	
St. Louis .....	6.65
Victory FWB Aux.,	
N. Kansas City .....	13.00
Fellowship FWB Ch.,	
Flat River .....	10.00
Cooperative Plan,	
Headquarters .....	184.91
Richwoods FWB Ch. ....	8.00
Copper Mines FWB S.S.	
Class, Fredericktown ....	6.10
First FWB Church,	
Fredericktown .....	20.00

First FWB, Monett.....	4.00
Mr. Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	2.00
Mr. Ben Vandivort, Cabool..	100.00
Mrs. Dora Fry, Mountain Grove	1.00
Wom. Aux., First FWB Ch.,	
Monett.....	5.00
Rev. L. E. Means,	
Willow Springs.....	2.00
First FWB Ch., Monett....	20.00
Leadington FWB Ch. ....	12.00
Fellowship FWB Ch.,	
Flat River .....	10.00
Faith FWB Wom. Aux.,	
Lemoy .....	5.00
Myrtle FWB Ch. ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Estel Beeson,	
Cassville .....	5.00

Total Receipts..... \$472.64

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so much that we are really truly working for Him. You only know of God's love for you because someone was faithful in their missionary responsibility and only as we in turn carry our own responsibility to being an effective witness can millions around the world be brought in contact with Christ.

Missions is the heart of the spiritual life of the church. We are saved to glorify God and how better can we do this than to lead others to adore and magnify our precious Lord and Saviour. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." No greater blessing could visit our land than a revival of serious soul-winning. The river of perfect peace only flows beside the path of being a true witness for our Saviour. We must give our utmost for the highest, our precious Lord and Saviour. God gives us as young people today knowledge for a purpose. It is to be used in serving Him. You see, there is something God has for each of us to do and it is basically to tell the world that Christ came to save each individual from their sins, and that He arose from the grave a living proof that He is the Son of God. There is an urgent need today for young men and women to use the knowledge as an avenue of witness.

What ever your field is, God has a place of service for you. James says, "What is your life?" The Apostle Paul says, "For me to live is Christ!" What is your life? What does your life really amount to? To live for Christ is the solution to the problems of the world and the individual. With the world's population now at 3 1/2 billion, this means that many go out to meet God every second and many go out to meet Him unprepared to

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# GLEANNINGS FROM THE FIELDS

## GOD STILL BLESSING

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Mo., have some good news. Since you last heard from us in January we wish to report that three precious souls have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Two have been baptized and three have joined our church for which we thank God.

Now we have taken a big step for our small group. We have agreed to purchase the church building in which we are now conducting services for \$8,500. It does need some repairs so if there is anyone that wishes to help this small group it would be appreciated.

We thank you for the prayers for us from time to time and we still desire your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,

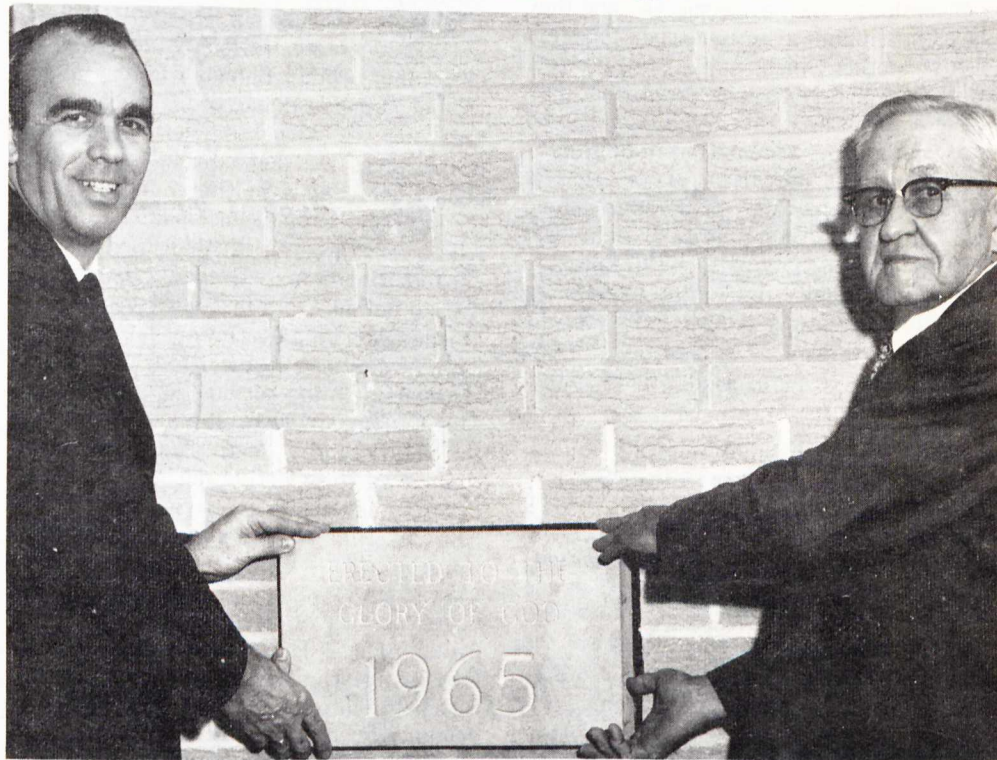
Rev. Earl Irish  
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Jefferson City, Mo.

## REVIVAL A SUCCESS

Revival services were held April 5th through April 14th at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri with the Rev. Bud Hill of Monett as the evangelist. Rev. Hill brought soul searching messages that inspired the hearts of Christians and brought conviction upon the hearts of the unsaved. Five precious souls found Jesus precious to their heart during these services. There were also three who rededicated their lives to Christ and five joined the church. The attendance at each service reflected the fact that people still are hungering for the pure gospel as satisfaction for their souls. Truly everyone who attended can say in their hearts that God hath done great things among us. The outward affect of the working of the Holy Spirit during this revival will surely be evident for months to come. The seed has been sowed and shall bring forth its fruit in due season.

It is evident that the Faith Church has been strengthened through these services.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Pastor



Approximately 200 people attended the cornerstone laying for the new office building of the National Association of Free Will Baptists on April 7, 1965. Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the association, and Rev. John L. Welch, member of Board of Trustees and first moderator of the association, placed the stone which climaxed a four year period of planning and work. Occupancy of the new building is expected in May, 1965.

Six departments of the association will be housed in the new building. They are: the Executive Department, the Foreign Missions Department, the Home Missions Department, the Sunday School Department, the Church Training Service and the Women's National Auxiliary. In addition to these departments of work, the building will provide space for Randall Book Store, Executive Church Bonds, Inc., conference rooms, storage and mailing facilities.

The contemporary style, buff brick structure contains 14,500 square feet of floor space. Construction cost ran approximately \$11.50 per square foot. The building is located on a 2.3 acre tract at 1134 Murfreesboro Road, in the immediate vicinity of Nashville's jet-age airport. The association has under option an additional two acre tract of land which it expects to purchase by September, 1966, at the purchase price of \$20,000. Churches and individuals are urged to send designated gifts to assist the association in the purchase of this additional property.

## STATE ASSOCIATION

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett August 16-19. The host pastor is Rev. Bud Hill. The moderator of the State Association is the Rev. O. T. Dixon, pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo.

## CHURCH PLANS DEDICATION

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin has announced the Dedication Service of their new sanctuary located on the twenty-three hundred block of Connecticut Street for June 6. The Rev. Billy Melvin will be with them for this special service. The Rev. Ted Davis is the pastor of this growing church.

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## CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett on May 16 reached another milestone in the history of the church when on this day the mortgage was burned. In 1954-55 the church built a new sanctuary and now the church is paid off. The Rev. O. T. Allred, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cabool, Missouri and who was also the first pastor of the Monett Church in 1932 was the guest speaker. The pastor of this church is Rev. Bud Hill.



Mortgage Burning Service of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett. Present pastor, deacons, trustees and three members of the board at the time the church was built.



Part of the crowd that attended the Mortgage Burning Service at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett.

## YOUTH RALLY

The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri sponsored a youth rally April 23 and 24.

The theme chosen for the two day event was "The More Abundant Life", with subjects designated such as "The More Abundant Life in Scripture Reading and Prayer", "The More Abundant Life in Christian Fellowship", "The More Abundant Life in Full Time Christian Service", "The More Abundant Life in Regular Church Attendance", "The More Abundant Life in Christian Music", "The More Abundant Life in Consecrated Living", "The More Abundant Life in Active Service in the Church", "The More Abundant Life in College", "The More Abundant Life in the Business World", and "The More Abundant Life in Missions".

Churches cooperating, other than the host church, included Joplin, Missouri; Mountain Grove, Missouri; and Monett, Missouri. The fellowship as these young people worked together to do God's will was thrilling. Other than the sermonettes, there were three outstanding gospel films shown, which produced results in the lives of those in attendance.

Larry Stephens, of the Grant Avenue Church, was chosen to preside during the rally. Young people who brought messages were: Jan Grissom, Garry Draper, Brenda Martin, Deanne Wantland, Donna Hill, Karen Sales, Dixie Terry, Don Lombard, and Carolyn Clark.

One outstanding feature included the

panel discussions with topics handled by Naomi Parsons, Linda Hefner, Geneva Bass, Johnny Young, Richard Hill, Jerry Hefner, Jerry Young, Dixie Terry, and Donna Hill. Serving with the pastor, Rev. O. T. Dixon, the following sponsors composed the Council for the rally: Fred Green, CTS Director; Mr. and Mrs. David Latimer, Crusader's Sponsor; Margaret Dixon, Music Director; Lee Evans, Recreational Director; Georgia Glenn, Food and Refreshments; and Paula Havens, Registration.

The climatic service came Saturday night when the film "Angel In Ebony" was shown. The invitation resulted in one decision for Christ.

The Grant Avenue Church contemplates another youth rally within three months. Announcements will be made and others will be invited.

## PASTOR OF BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH RESIGNS

The Rev. Davie Combs, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church has announced his resignation, which will become effective as soon as a new pastor is named.

The Rev. Combs has been pastor here for the past six years and he says this is one of the nicest groups of people he has ever worked with.

During the six years here his congregation has grown from 50 to approximately 250 persons. He said his plans for the future are indefinite at this time.

## CHURCH LAUNCHES BOND PROGRAM

The Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, Missouri states that God has been blessing us with souls saved and a spiritual growth. Through the month of March and April we have seen 14 precious souls accept the Lord and we have seen a growth in our attendance. We now have an enrollment of 31 in our Sunday School with an average attendance through the month of April of 28, for which we thank God. We ask your prayers that we may continue to win souls and see a greater growth in this work at Marshall. We also have one of the finest groups of teenagers anywhere. They have been a real inspiration to all of us.

We have made plans to build our new auditorium on our church and purchase a parsonage adjoining to our property. We ask that all of you GEM readers, when you receive this copy of the GEM and read this article that you will stop and ask God to bless and lead us in this program that His name will be glorified and that it will be a blessing to us with souls being saved, lives transformed, broken homes mended, and that the light will shine out to the lost of this city. Through this effort we are praying that men and women can know that there is a reality in serving a true and living God. This is a very wicked city, there is very little respect for God or man....PRAY.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Junior Ussery, Pastor

## EARN 6% ON YOUR SAVINGS!!!

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## MINISTER'S RETREAT

Twenty-three ministers from different parts of the state gathered at the State Youth Camp May 3-4 for the Ministers' Retreat, which resulted in outstanding blessings.

A Committee had been chosen by the State Moderator consisting of Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. James McAllister, and Rev. Dale Jones, who prepared an outstanding program that occupied the time

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# STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. CONVENTION

The new Church Training Service General Manual provides for a district as well as a state CTS rally; the district rally is to meet quarterly and the state rally annually. The district meeting is to be organized to include all churches within a quarterly meeting or an association - or yearly meeting, as some are called. (If your quarterly meeting or association does not conduct a district rally, refer to page 19 of the General Manual for further information.)

In Missouri, the State Sunday School and Church Training Service Convention functions as the state CTS rally. The purpose of the convention is to promote both the Sunday schools and the training program throughout the state and, in the words of the General Manual, to provide "a time of unusual inspiration and challenge to both youth and adults." The convention, which is held each year on Monday evening and Tuesday morning preceding the state association (August 16 and 17 in Monett this year), is planned and produced by the State Sunday School and Church Training Service Board, whose five members are elected by and who are responsible to the state association.

As part of the convention's efforts to provide the "unusual inspiration and challenge," the Monday evening program usually features a well-known speaker. Last year the address was by the Rev. Robert Shank; contacts are presently being made to secure a speaker for the 1965 convention.

The Tuesday morning program this year will consist largely of competition among the children and young people of churches

throughout the state; the competition will include a sword drill and a Bible bowl. Information will be sent to each church in approximately a month and a half although general details were presented on page 8 of last month's Gem. Pastors and CTS directors are reminded that they are responsible for publicizing the sword drill and Bible bowl in their own churches; you should certainly begin eliminations now if you have not already begun to select contestants from your church. In addition, winners in the essay contest, which is already concluded, and in the declamation competition to be conducted at Youth Camp will be presented with their winning entries.

In most instances the winners in our convention competition will be sent to the next national association to represent Missouri. One obvious difficulty is the fact that our state association meets after the national association, and this year's winners at Monett will have to wait almost an entire year before representing our state at the 1966 national association. The only logical solution, of course, would be to change the date of our own state association so that it precedes the national meeting.

Interest in the state convention has been increasing during the past few years. It cannot really promote Sunday schools and training programs in the state, however, unless a great many of our churches are represented when it meets in Monett next August.

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1.65% - Nat'l Super- annuation Department ...	40.21
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1% - Mo. Church Training Service Department ....	24.32
3% - Mo. Youth Camp ...	72.93
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8% - Mo. General Fund ..	194.49
8.5% - Mo. State Home Missions .....	206.65
20% - Mo. Promotional Department .....	486.23
100% - Disbursed .....	\$2,431.16

Quarterly meeting clerks - please keep me informed on the date and place of your forthcoming Quarterly Meeting.

Harry Beatty  
Promotional Secretary

## CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS APRIL, 1965

Hannon .....	\$ 27.80
Festus .....	40.00

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Overland .....	169.69	Parkview .....	78.93
North Side .....	59.62	Trinity FWB Church .....	100.00
Copper Mines .....	39.24	Garfield .....	7.07
Verdella .....	98.66	Mine La Motte .....	13.66
Oskaloosa .....	27.06		
Victory .....	80.68	Total Receipts .....	\$2,431.16
Leadington .....	70.00		
Thayer .....	46.94	Disbursed:	
Kirksville .....	90.00	55% - National Ass'n ....	\$1,337.14
Monett .....	88.92	1% - C.T.S. ....	24.32
Alton .....	19.00	3% - Youth Camp .....	72.93
Mt. Zion or Two Mile ....	5.00	4 1/2% - Gem .....	109.40
South Side .....	130.00	8% - General Fund .....	194.49
Pleasant Hill .....	6.00	8 1/2% - Mo. Missions.	206.65
Viburnum .....	125.60	20% - Promotional Dept. .	486.23
Central, Kansas City .....	69.33		
Berkeley .....	209.99	Total Disbursed .....	\$2,431.16
Myrtle .....	98.79		
Bethel, West Plains .....	36.00		
Fellowship .....	100.00		
Farmington .....	105.18		
Faith and Hope .....	10.00		
Oak Hill .....	31.02		
Rock Chapel .....	19.89		
Richwoods .....	80.51		
Twin Oaks .....	80.00		
Faith .....	34.07		
Hurryville .....	183.16		
Cabool .....	31.53		
Hickory Grove .....	17.82		

From the Desk of the Editor:

Please let us know when you are going to move. It costs us ten cents for each paper that is returned to us. Also, we will have to have ZIP Code numbers on all new subscriptions. Remember, let us know when you move.

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# GOD HATES THESE THINGS

**W**e know the devil "is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44). We often meet people who have joined him in his design of falsehood. God came into action against the devil and his children, in these words, "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psalms 7:11). We are well acquainted with the declaration "thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and to break it is to transgress the very law of God. It soweth "discord among the brethren." In Proverbs 6:16-19 we read, "These six things doth the Lord hate" etc.

The Lord hates "a proud look." Pride, as defined in this message, is the start toward "sowing discord among the brethren." A wicked pride always has its blinding effect to the proud in their relationship to others. They can only see themselves as good and others as bad. Proud has two meanings that shall be discussed: The first, "To exalt self; to lift up self." Remember the Pharisee's prayer? (Luke 18:9-14) He felt himself better than others. He lifted his head to God and looked down his nose to the publican in the place of worship. He strolled down the streets of the city with his head high above the receipt of custom where the dishonest publican sat collecting taxes. Because of his very position and prestige in an outward pretended honest religious sect, he imagined himself better than those who were willing to admit or confess their frailties and sins. The second meaning is defined "to be presumptuous and self-willed." The young rich fool described in Luke 12:16-21 was so self-willed and sufficient that God was a luxury to him. He could get along without God's will, power, and plan for his life. It is often easy to become so self-willed and self-sufficient that we entertain the notion "that God thinks more of us and will let us by with sin" because of our religious state and activity. When people come to this condition, it leads to "a lying tongue" explaining their righteousness above the sins of others.

The Lord hates "a lying tongue." Lying is to tell an untruth; also to cheat. Thus it speaks of action with speech. "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth

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Fredericktown, Missouri

shall be evil spoken of" (II Peter 2:3). Our speech and action may be such that the world will speak evil of the Truth of God! The word tongue usually means "an instrument of speech" but is phrased in this context as "a fork of flame to destroy." James 3:6-8 describes it this way, "And the tongue is a fire.....it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison." Potiphar's wife told a lie to destroy the lad Joseph because she couldn't use him for her selfish pride. After the tongue has taken its toll, the hand of powerful pressure is revealed!

The Lord hates "hands that shed innocent blood!" Hands! Open hands which signify power! Didn't God say it is even an abomination for open hands of power or advantage to suppress and hurt the innocent and helpless? The apostle Paul was assaulted and assailed by former religious friends. He was delivered to Festus, Agrippa, and Caesar, being followed by the same religious crowd to every court. They tried to hurt him! They wanted him out of the way! They wanted his very life taken from him! Their pride called desperately for his murder! When hands of advantage have taken their course the imagination of evil begins.

The Lord hates "An evil heart that deviseth wicked imaginations." The "heart" refers to the will and intellect of man! "Deviseth".....practice secretly! "Wicked" means vain or vanity! "Imaginations".....inventions! A proud mind imagines great things. It works overtime. It invents evil things and finally in its desperate state of hate it breaks forth to swiftness of mischief!

The Lord hates "feet that are swift in running to mischief." Mischief denotes spoil; to do evil; to do harm. Actually, it is malice! It has been studied in the imagination and now there is the deliberate act of wilful evil. Could it mean that we shouldn't run to tell some imaginative trash? Should we listen to such trash? No! The Lord does not will that we should listen or believe evil report that ruins the reputation and influence of others? When heard from the swift foot

it is easily duplicated.

The Lord hates "a false witness that speaketh lies." This word is different than the foregoing "lying tongue" or the devised lie. The witness is to duplicate! Repeat a report of trash! It may be the truth but still trash. Passing on what has been said or devised by the lying tongue! A rumor spreader! A gossip! A backbiter! Each of these hold the guilt of the liar. "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering from house to house (telephone); and not only idle, but tattlers, also busybodies, speaking (duplicating) things they ought not" (I Tim. 5:13). Duplicating lies soweth discord among the brethren!

The Lord hates "he that soweth discord among the brethren." Soweth is to spread out; to broadcast; to send forth. Thereof a necessity be a sower. Brawlings and contentions define discord. "Among" as between as to cast asunder. The brethren are related through the blood of Christ. To tell tales among brethren throws suspicion and distrust among the best of friends. Finally, it leads to discord, interruption, and life-lasting divisions that splits many church organizations.

What should be our attitude toward such discord? Paul answers, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause division and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such, serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good works and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom. 16:17-18). "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are an abomination unto the Lord" (Prov. 17:15).

**WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?**  
"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another brethren? (James 4:10-11a). All sin is in his sight; confess it! Become humble enough to admit your sin and He will renew a right spirit within you? Then place a close guard on your life, in the light of God's word, with honest prayer!!!



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of those in attendance.

The services started Monday morning at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Dale Jones of Lebanon presiding. Singspiration was under the direction of Rev. Dale Skiles of Myrtle. The sermon "The Pastor at Prayer" was preached by Rev. Harry Asher of Overland, Missouri. The services proved to be ordered of God.

Monday afternoon, after a delicious lunch served to the men in the cafeteria, topics were discussed by different ministers including "The Pastor's Responsibility to His Community", by Rev. Gene Norris of Flat River, Missouri. Also enjoyable events were panel discussions concerning such topics as "The Pastor's Responsibility to His Denomination" and "The Pastor's Responsibility to His Church".

Services of the day were concluded at the 7:00 P. M. hour with Rev. Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary, preaching on "Maintain Spiritual Enthusiasm in the Church".

On Tuesday breakfast was served promptly at 7:00 A.M. Sleepy-eyed preachers wobbled to the cafeteria, trying to limber up sore muscles obtained through the previous days recreational activities. Devotional thoughts for the morning were given by Rev. Grover Terry of Desloge. Testimonial time was led by Rev. Cletus Nichols of Hazel Creek.

Concluding services for the thrilling two days of activities by the ministers of the state were at the 11:00 A. M. hour with Rev. Leland Horton of Kirksville presiding. The message was brought by Rev. O. T. Dixon on "A Voice That Shakes the World" and the final adjournment revealed that the Holy Spirit had done his work.

Other ministers in attendance other than those of the Program Committee and those listed as having appeared on the program were: Johnny Land, Tommy Carlson, O. T. Allred, E. E. Simpson, Frank Tuinta, Selph Jones, Teddy Davis, Henry Long, Maynard Moore, G. J. Pingleton, William Reaves.

#### REPORT FROM MILL CREEK CHURCH

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church thanks the Lord for a wonderful revival. The church was wonderfully blessed and eight precious souls were saved.

Dear Friend:

We feel you should know how your Bible College stands. This has been an excellent year in many ways. Though Free Will Baptists have given more to

Christian education than in any previous year; the records show that we will need approximately \$41,750 by May 31 to meet the suggested quota adopted by the National Association last year.

Missouri was assigned a quota of \$6,500. By the end of April Missouri Free Will Baptists will have given approximately 63 per cent or \$4,700 of this amount.

We are counting on you to do your part to guarantee the ministry of your College by helping your state to reach its quota with a special gift now.

May God bless you for your liberality.

Sincerely,  
Paul J. Kettelman  
Director of Public Relations  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Gem Readers,

In the name of the Lord we greet you from Parkview FWB, Desloge.

We are happy to report spiritual blessings in each of our services. Though the devil is working "overtime" the Spirit never sleeps, thank God.

Our pastor, Rev. Grover Terry, preached a weeks revival at the Viburnum Church recently. Although no decisions were made during the week of services, we like to think of I Cor. 3:6 - "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." So we still pray that from the seed that was planted, souls will be saved.

Since our last writing we have had one saved and two rededications for which we thank God.

We are planning now for our vacation bible school. Sis. Agnes Terry is to be our general director so we are looking forward to one of the best sessions we have ever had.

Our VBS will begin May 24, continuing through June 4. Pray with us that many young souls will be born into God's Kingdom during this time.

Sunday, May 9th, was a wonderful day at Parkview. The morning service was dedicated to all mothers present.

The Sunday night service was conducted by two of our young mothers who had the youngest babies.

Sis. Sandra Morris spoke on "The Most Wicked Mothers of the Bible". Her baby was three weeks old.

Sis. Bobbie Cowley spoke on "The Most Blessed Mothers of the Bible". Her baby was five months old. Their talks were very inspiring and a blessing to all.

Don't forget us when you pray.

Hazel Morris,  
Church Reporter

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meet Him in perfect peace. Therefore, the church must reach the millions who are without knowledge. The time is coming when we can't work, therefore the church must make a mighty effort to evangelize this present generation before this generation is past. We find ourselves setting in the 20th century in the world's most complex society. The world is engulfed in a fast moving revolution. We don't have time for the Lord. We put everything else first and then if we have any time left we give it to the Lord, but this should not be. The Lord must come first. We as Christians must realize the personal responsibility we each have of making Christ known. God has given much....spiritually, and to whom much is required. Blessings carry with them accompanying responsibility. Every redeemed child of God is under the same obligation. All who have experienced the blessing of God through salvation owe a debt to the multitude who have never heard. Out of the abundance of God's blessing, we share Christ with those who are waiting to hear. Our soul-winning must begin now, whether it be at work, at school, at college, or whatever we may be doing. We are given opportunity after opportunity to witness for our precious Lord and Saviour and we must take advantage of this. We come in contact with people everywhere we go, therefore our life is a continual witness one way or another. I really don't believe there is any greater blessing than the blessing of playing a part in winning a soul to our Heavenly Father. Once again Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Only until we do present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto the Lord to be used of the Lord in the capacity He would have them to be used in, and then realizing that every Christian has a responsibility to win souls to the Lord, and having accepted this responsibility, only then can souls be won here in Springfield, Missouri, the United States, and then unto the uttermost parts of the world, and having done all this then truly we can have LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY.

The State Association will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett on August 17-19.

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