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GROUND BREAKING SERVICE AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, LEBANON, MISSOURI

Approximately 160 people attended ground-breaking ceremonies at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Third and VanBuren Street, following the morning worship service. Shown speaking at right is Reverend Dale Jones, pastor. Seated behind Reverend Jones is Mayor Earl Cole, who assisted in the 15-minute service, and Mrs. Cole. Others in forefront are Hershel Lee Griffin, Jr., contractor, and members of the building committee, who are from left, (front row) Woodrow Montgomery, Farris Garrett, R. E. McVey, Arthur Embry, Mr. Griffin, Bob Braboy, Doyle Allen and Jim Hays. Back row: Homer Mosier, Marvin Cook, Glen Agan, Wallace Sutton, Ervin Patton, and Jerry Bowman. Ermel Hefton was not present. Joe Morton was the architect for the new building.

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Deanne Wantland
Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church
Springfield

MORE ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRISTIAN MUSIC

"Church music is square." "Beethoven would turn over in his grave if he had to listen to our church music." Are these some of your statements about the music of church-worship? Psalms 95:1 says: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

The Bible teaches us that we should sing and to praise the Lord with singing in Psalms 108:1: O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise...

The largest book in the Bible is completely made up of hymns to be sung to and about God's love and blessings.

When we sing, we are all preaching a message. In the song NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD, the writer is telling what Jesus can do for a person who completely gives his heart and life to Him:

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see--

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my cleansing, this my plea--

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone--

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done--

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace--

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

This is all my righteousness--

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This song is backed up by Romans 3:25: Whom God hath set forth...through

faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past...

When we sing we must keep our hymns spiritual. Songs can be scriptural without being sung with reverence. When we sing jazzed-up hymns, this is making light of the purpose of the song.

When we sing we do so to worship God with our voices, not to provide an entertainment for our audience. Sometimes we unconsciously think of the tune more than of the words. As we sing, we should be happy and sing with a joyful heart as in Psalms 100:1, 2: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. (2) Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Church music is said to be like a carpet, "It's nice to have, but certainly not a necessity."

As church pianist, I really get a blessing from serving God in this way. Each time I start to play I ask God to touch my fingers and that His spirit might be in them throughout the service. Sometimes, I don't have the chance to read the words as a song is being sung and I have to go back over the words so I can try to put feeling into it as well as rhythm. There's a song, WHITER THAN SNOW, I want to read in conclusion. This should be each young persons prayer; that he might dedicate himself in this way:

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;

Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in
the skies,
And help me to make a complete sacrifice;
I give up myself, and whatever I know --

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat,
I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet;
By faith, for my cleansing, I see Thy blood flow --

Lord Jesus, Thou seest I patiently wait,
Come now, and within me a new heart create;
To those who have sought Thee, Thou never saidst No --

Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

By Deanne Wantland
Grant Ave. FWB Church
Springfield, Missouri

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

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ALL THINGS

By Howard Bowers
Pastor: Garfield FWB Church
Couch, Missouri
and
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Gatewood, Missouri

ARE YOURS

In the beginning of this chapter we read of Paul, as he speaks to the brethren of the church at Corinth. When Paul laid the foundation or established the church, it seemed to move forward. But now, Paul on his return finds confusion and contention among them. It was foolish to have this confusion, and Paul blames them for their weakness, because they had not continued to grow. "God is not the author of confusion, but love and peace as in all churches of the saints." (I Cor. 14:33). These Corinthians were like many today, they were still carnal.

"For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" (I Cor. 3:4). Other good ministers had come after Paul organized the church that they might unite and fellowship together, but they had not done this. What they did should never be done, then or today. They set the ministers in competition with one another.

Some did not like Paul's preaching and said: "His letters are mighty, but his bodily presence and speech is contemptible." (II Cor. 10:10). This was only an excuse. Isn't it true today when one wants to hurt another's influence, they find excuses not reasons. On different occasions we have proof Paul was a powerful speaker. Before Felix. (Acts 24:10-25). Before Agrippa. (Acts 26:1-32). There are other times when Paul proved himself a powerful speaker.

These Corinthians were doing what many are doing today, following the individual. Paul was not pleased with them for this, neither will any servant of God be pleased with people following him, he wants them to follow Christ.

Paul said: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man." (I Cor. 3:5). They are all your's, given by the Lord for your benefit, that you can grow stronger and bring forth more fruit in the Lord's vineyard. They and we should be praising God for all those who have helped to make our churches what they are today. They are all for your good. It took Paul to plant

"Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

I Corinthians 3:21-23

the seed, that is the Word of God. It took Apollos to water the seed, and that is to confirm, that it might grow. But Paul said: "Now he that planteth, and he that watereth are one." (I Cor. 3:8). Isn't it just as true today? It takes all the people of God working together, and then God gives the increase. "So then, neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God gives the increase." (I Cor. 3:7). "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's." (I Cor. 3:21).

"Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours." (I Cor. 3:21). Yes, Paul says: "This world is yours." All the beauty and splendor God has created is yours. The beautiful mountains, the streams, the trees, all this is yours. But not to lust after. John said: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. (I John 2:15-16). He means to put God above all. To obey and love Him in all things. To avoid from all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world. John listed three great sins of this world: Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Any one of these lusts will condemn any soul.

What did Paul mean when he said, "this world is yours?" "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2) This world is yours to prepare for a better world. God has given all equal rights in this world to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour or reject Him and be eternally lost. That is what Paul meant, so make good use of this world God has given you.

This life is yours to glorify God's

Name. Our every effort should be to bring someone to the Saviour that God's Name might be glorified, and to always be found in His service. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31). Make your life count for Christ. Say as Paul did: "for me to live is Christ."

Death is yours. "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). Death to the Christian is not so bad. Once there was a question: "If a man dies shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). Jesus answered this question when He came out of the tomb, victorious over death, hell, and the grave. He now proclaims aloud, "I am alive forever more." "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (St. John 11:25). Yes, dear saints of God, death is yours that you may attain that place that Jesus has gone to prepare for you.

Things present and things to come are yours. There are many disappointments that may come at the present time, but think of all the wonderful spiritual blessings that we receive day by day. These blessings are way beyond the trials.

Now think of the things to come. We cannot compare what is to come with any thing in this life. The Bible says: "For eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him." (I Cor. 2:9). Won't it be wonderful there. No wonder Paul said: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39). Are you

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THE MISSION FIELD



MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS MAY, 1965

South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	\$ 15.00
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	40.00
Cooperative Plan, Hdqts.	399.00
Missouri State Ass'n, St. Louis	5.00
Mrs. Marguerite Darnell, Fredericktown	6.00
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Wom. Aux., Bethel FWB Ch., West Plains	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. L. E. Means, Willow Springs	5.00
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	5.00
Mrs. Philip Fry, Mtn. Grove	1.00
New Prospect FWB S.S., Long Lane	18.43
Mrs. Willie Mae Barker, Flat River	10.00
Total Received	\$556.50

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Beacon Church, Raytown	\$ 60.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	723.19
Nora Allen, Mtn. Grove	15.00
Oak Grove Ch., Mtn. Grove	30.00
South Side Church	75.00
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Sharon Robinette, Raytown	10.00
First Church, Fredericktown	66.79
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BAPTISTS TRIED - OUTCOME NOT KNOWN

Washington, D. C. (MNS) - Cuban authorities placed 34 Baptist ministers and laymen, including Southern Baptist missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite, on trial in Havana on May 14.

A United Press International report from Havana indicated that the government asked for a 30-year sentence for Caudill and an 18-year sentence for Fite. Other sentences demanded by the government ranged from 9 to 30 years for the Cuban Baptists. There was no indication of the disposition of the other 19

who had been arrested on April 8th.

As of May 27 Baptist officials here had not received word of the outcome of the trial.

FRENCH BAPTIST CHURCH BURNED IN CANADA

Montreal, Canada (MNS) - Just a year after obtaining a permanent church home, the "Eglise Baptiste Centrale" here has suffered a severe loss by fire. The meeting place was a former synagogue which had been purchased with the help of other Baptist churches.

The words "You asked for it" written on one of the walls which was left standing indicated that the church had been set on fire. This was the second attack on the building within a few weeks. Earlier the church had been entered and the hymn books and various supplies stolen.

E.F.M.A. HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Washington, D.C. (MNS) - The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, in annual convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 27-29, re-elected Rev. Norman L. Cummings to the office of president. Mr. Cummings is home director of Overseas Crusades, Inc.

Other officers of the Association are: Vice president, Rev. Lester Westlund, Evangelical Free Church secretary of overseas missions; Secretary, Rev. O. Ralph Isbill, missionary secretary of the Open Bible Standard Churches; and Treasurer, Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, executive secretary of Brethren in Christ World Missions.

The EFMA convention, held at the Hotel Leamington in conjunction with the National Association of Evangelicals, drew an attendance of approximately 140, with more than 60 organizations and schools represented. Total registration for the NAE convention was around 700, with attendance at the evening sessions exceeding 1,200.

Forty-nine delegates from 34 of EFMA's member boards conducted the Association's annual business.

One applicant was received into membership. Grace Mission, Inc., with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Michigan,

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D O P E

MY first fix made me sick, but not half as sick as kicking the habit. There is no feeling in this world like kicking the dope habit. I would vomit; I felt chills and cold sweat; I did not have real sleep for forty days. It seemed like my mind was awake all night long," says one person who was addicted.

Daniel Carlsen says that the day after he was without the stuff "I became violently ill, running a high temperature, vomiting continuously, with attacks of diarrhea and stomach cramps." There are uncontrollable jerks, twitching, and a continuous rolling from one side of the bed to the other and from top to bottom. These testimonials are from drug addicts going through the cure which is called "drying out," "kicking the habit," and are the withdrawal symptoms. These are the facts that hundreds of drug addicts would like to tell young people to warn them of the grave dangers of drug addiction.

Drug addiction is a crime that is rapidly increasing in America and the alarming facet is that the increase is greater among teen-agers and the youth of our land. There are from 60,000 to 100,000 addicts in the U.S.A. and probably as many as 250,000 barbiturate addicts and these are considered very conservative figures. The United Nations has a committee that works with drugs internationally. The Federal Bureau of Narcotics in America is alarmed because with this increase there is an increase in a sick segment of society. There is an increase in addicts because one new addict will make four more addicts to keep the first supplied from the "pusher." Crime, especially in the areas of larceny, burglary, and prostitution, increases because the addict must finance his highly expensive habit from some source other than labor unless he is a wealthy person.

There are several kinds of drugs which are habit forming which ought to be described along with their origin. The narcotics fall into roughly four categories. First, there is the opium poppy family which yields dope called morphine, heroin, codeine, and others that are less known. Secondly, there is the coca leaf which provides cocaine. Thirdly, the hemp weed yielding hashish or marijuana. Fourthly, the synthetically produced drugs such as demorol, methadone, benzedrine, phenobarbital, and products which are responsible for the latest fad, especially among teenagers, called "glue sniffing."

The dopes fall generally into two categories which are those producing a psychological dependence and those causing a physical dependence. Benzedrine (thrill pills), peyote, and bromides are drugs that develop a psychological dependence—a need that is realized only in the mind, but nevertheless a definite need to the addict or user. The dopes of the opiate family (morphine, heroine, and codeine), marijuana, and the synthetics (sleeping pills, demorol, etc.) produce a physical dependence which means that once a person has become addicted to these drugs he cannot leave them alone without suffering withdrawal agonies which are gruesome and terrible.

The dopes are taken in different ways. Marijuana is smoked in cigarette form. These are called "reefers" and a pusher will throw a "tea-party" and invite teenagers to attend and then give them the first "reefers." This will only cost him from three to nine dollars and if he can get one "hooked" the habit will cost the sucker an estimated \$40 to \$50 a day to stay supplied and keep the "monkey off his back." Four high

schools in Denver have revealed marijuana being used among teenagers. The cocaine is "sniffed" up the nose and eventually destroys the membranes in the nose and weakens the lungs to the extent that pneumonia sets in and causes death in many cases. This part is not told the teenager when he is deceived by some oily-tongued man or woman. The heroin and morphine is taken by capsule (dropping pills) and by injection (main liner). The injections called "skin popping" are put under the skin and the "main liner" injects directly into the vein. This causes sores and infections by unsterile hypodermic needles, but the addict only goes to a place that is not infected and starts all over. "Glue-sniffing" is inhaling the fumes from plastic glues which has serious effects in the nose and lungs as well as producing brain damage, anemia, cirrhosis of the liver, and other serious effects.

How long does it take an individual to become "hooked" on dope? Dr. Andrew C. Ivy says that the range would be from two fixes (shots) in the most receptive to thirty fixes (shots) in the resistant. This could be done in a period of a month. A fifteen-year-old boy said that two fixes were almost enough to make him a dope fiend. Another said that three years after his first use of dope he was a confirmed addict. The warning that is given by confirmed addicts is never to take the first pill, sniff, or shot.

There are seven basic facts about addiction that every teenager should know and these have been given by a man who has had extensive experience in this field.

1. *You will become an addict if you use narcotic drugs over a period of time.*
2. *You cannot break the habit when you want to. You become a slave.*
3. *You must have dope continuously once you form the habit. Withdrawal pains due to the absence of the drug are intolerable.*
4. *You cannot control the amount you will need. You will have to take more as your body builds up resistance.*
5. *You cannot afford the daily requirements on an ordinary income. You will be driven to crime.*
6. *You will become increasingly inefficient in your work, less and less employable.*
7. *You cannot expect an easy cure for addiction to any definitely habit-forming drug; you cannot expect any cure at all for addiction to heroin. These facts ought to cause any normal-minded and sane teenager to never allow the first bit to enter into his body. Drug addiction is called "murder on the installment plan."*

This plague is not just limited to the "down-and-out." Statistics prove that there are 30 times as many physicians who are addicts as there are among the general public, according to Dr. Herbert C. Modlin of the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas. In the most well-to-do section of New York, a recent report shows that 900 boys and girls, aged 14 to 22, use narcotics. There were more teenagers arrested on narcotics charges the first six months of 1964 than were arrested the entire year of 1963. Samuel Coleridge, the noted writer, was an addict of morphine. He wrote, "after my death, I earnestly entreat that a full and unqualified narrative of my wretchedness and of its guilty cause may be made public, that at least some little good may be effected by the direful example." (Quoted by Norman Taylor, in *Flight from Reality*, page 51.)

The method used to entice young people is primarily the "be a man"

tactic. "You are a square if you don't do it." "Don't be a sissy." On and on goes the teasing method and it isn't easy for a teenager to be a shut-out, wallflower, or one who doesn't go along. Believe me, teenagers, it is better to be a "square" or whatever and live 20 to 25 years longer than to be one of the crowd and shorten your life, not even taking into account the untold hours and days of agony and torture. As long as one has the "stuff" or the "jolt" there is no agony or torture for the body is numbed by the effects. But have you ever considered what one would have to do to get money to finance such an escapade? Work? An addict can't keep a job and be addicted to drugs because of the effects. To get the dope he must come into direct contact with the underworld because the gangsters are the ones who peddle the stuff. Heroin in any form (medicine or otherwise) is outlawed in the United States by Federal law and morphine along with other barbituates are supposed to be dispensed by doctors only. Any other means of obtaining them are illegal.

The addict will do anything to keep supplied. Mayor Wagner of New York City estimates that \$150,000 worth of merchandise is stolen daily to get dope. In Chicago it is a \$10 million business; it costs Denver an estimated \$730 thousand in stolen goods. The supplier will allow 20¢ on the dollar for stolen goods. So dope drives one to crime and crime doesn't pay! The average addict will use nearly \$10,000 worth of dope a year. Young woman sell their bodies to prostitution to pay for dope. A talented woman who was a music composer making \$245 per week is quoted as saying she had to sell her body because her salary was not sufficient. Imagine such an enormous demand. Many addicts get new "customers" and receive their own supply as a reward or fee.

Teenagers, don't be foolish and fall for the talk of the smooth operator. The advice of thousands of addicts (many are serving time in prison) is *never to start*. "I wish I had a chance to warn young folks against drugs. Whatever you do, don't use drugs. While using it at first may seem wonderful, it acts like a poison." The testimony of Freda Roberts, ex-wife of an English singer, says, "But let nobody ever mistake this: Dope is a plague. It was a false rose tint to me. A rose tint which blasted my whole life. Only God can help a girl who gets hooked. Only God!"

Teenagers, you are no privileged character when it comes to dope. There are no P.C.'s in this world. "I didn't know what I was getting into. Why didn't somebody warn me?" cried an 18-year-old girl. Take the advice of an addict who said, "If keeping up with your gang is ruining your future, it is time to change your friends." Remember that even those who take the "cure" (less than 2% are ever cured) 90% return to the habit within six months out of the hospital.

It took the death of an 18-year-old boy from an overdose of heroin in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, to arouse this town. It took the arrest of two teen-age boys in Darien, Connecticut, who were peddling marijuana to wake this town up. In New York, the populace were moved by the death of a 17-year-old girl riding with a teen-age boy who was under the influence of both alcohol and narcotics.

If you suspect narcotics in your neighborhood, school, or town, contact the proper officials of the law. Dope is not to be tolerated. It destroys the body and damns the soul. ■

By Galen Dunbar

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Dear Co-Laborer,

"For a witness --- unto all nations." Matt. 24:14. This is our theme for the coming Women's State Convention August 18, 1965.

Mrs. Beatty and all of our officers have made plans for a most inspiring convention.

Look for more details in our next edition.

Pray - Pray - that God's will be done in the State Convention. That much will be done for His glory.

Your Editor

JULY W. N. A. C.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



**HAVE
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HEARD
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The 30th session of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention meets July 12-13, 1965, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Hotel Sir Walter has been selected as headquarters for the convention.

By paying a representation fee of \$3.00 your local auxiliary may send a delegate to this convention. This is the second year "each local auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body, (district or state)" has had the privilege of sending a delegate. Give the representation fee to the lady whom you select to represent your auxiliary at this convention, and she will pay the fee when she registers at the registration booth.

The key-note speaker is our National Home Missions Director, Rev. Homer Willis.

Mrs. LaVern Milley will speak at the 11 o'clock hour on the 13th. Mrs.

Milley is our missionary to Africa. She was our National WNAC President before going to the Mission field. I am sure she will thrill many hearts with her warm challenge.

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Kirkville - First FWB
Flat River - First FWB
Thayer - First FWB
Myrtle - First FWB
West Plains - Bethel FWB
Flat River - Fellowship FWB
Desloge - Parkview FWB
Joplin - First FWB
El Dorado Springs - First FWB
State Officers:
President, Mrs. Lucille Beatty
Secretary, Miss Hazel Hutsell

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 12-13, 1965
Raleigh, North Carolina
Woman's National Convention

August 18, 1965
Monett, Missouri
Women's State Convention

PROJECT PROGRESS

The Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary project, "Pay and Pave the Way for the Hanna's", show the following gifts have been received since March 12, 1965.

Grant Ave., Springfield	\$140.50
Hannon, Liberal	18.00
First FWB, Joplin	34.00
Myrtle	30.00
Parkview, Desloge	50.00
First, Mtn. Grove	29.73
Trinity, Bridgeton	15.33
Central Western District	16.15
First, Lebanon	10.00
Kirkville	24.00
Total	\$367.71
Previous balance	259.92
Total received for project	\$627.63

There are only a few weeks left in this convention year. If we meet our goal of \$1,500.00 by June 30, 1965, gifts for this project should be sent to the State Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer, Hazel Hutsell, at 534 W. North St., Mtn. Grove, Mo., as soon as possible.

"OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS"

Dear Co-Laborers:

Have you forgotten? Let us take a retrospective look at August 19, 1964. Remember how our own hearts beat with fervor in sympathy for the work in India. Bro. and Sis. Carlisle Hanna told us of their needs and we voted unanimously to adopt the "Pay and Pave the Way" project for our state. We voted to raise \$1,500 for this particular work. Have you responded? Some have given gladly and have received a blessing from so doing. Take time out to look up your 1964 October issue of the Gem and re-read the resolution printed in the woman's page and if your auxiliary has been procrastinating this item of business, please remind them that time is running out and we are way short of our goal. It will soon be time for us to meet again so read article 10 in the resolutions report, also as a reminder regarding the representation to our state convention. I am anxiously looking forward to another time of sweet fellowship with all of you.

So let us pray that this will be one of the most inspirational conventions we have ever had. God bless each of you in your work.

Yours in Christ,
Lucille Beatty

"MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEA"

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First FWB Church of Kirkville, had a mother and daughter tea Tuesday evening May 28th, at the Fellowship house, in honor of our graduates, Lila Hiatt, Roberta Dabney and Sandra Arnold.

Joan Filkins was in charge of the service. Nancy Horton sang, "God Did A Wonderful Thing For Me." Ruth Jacobs prayed for our graduates. The message was given by Arlene Enyeart. Neva Thomas gave the closing prayer. Lola Matthew asked the blessing on the refreshments. Martha and Gene Barnhill poured. Those present were: Dollie Horton, Beth and Nancy, Julie Mollick and Margie, Helen Barnett and Joan Filkins, Grace Toney and Martha Barnhill, Arlene Enyeart and Joyce Thomas, Thelma Berry and Neva Thomas, Dorothy Houston and Marilyn, Velma Wellman and Becky Bozarth, Esther Hediger and Janet

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Horton, Eithel Adkins and Ellen Ledford, Lucille Dabney and Roberta, Bell Vande and Gene Barnhill, Faith Hiatt and Lila, Mrs. Simpson and Sandra Arnold, Nellie Craig and Bernice Thomas, Sandra Grambling and Koni, Elfie Dare and Lola Matthew, Ruth Jacobs and Wilma Matthew and Luetta Stewart and Vickie Anderson.

Esther Hediger
Corresponding Secretary

"POWER AND PEACE IN PRAYER"

"Our Best", was the opening hymn of the June 1st meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo. Genevieve White, president, directed the business session and called for prayer requests after which Virginia Watkins and Lizzie Pirtle prayed. The scripture was Proverbs 3:56.

Projects were discussed during the business session. Topics were by Jane Norris, Marion Wilson and Jean Blakeley. The book study, "Power and Peace in Prayer," by Torrey was given by Marion Wilson. The benediction was by Edith Keeney.

Jean Blakeley, Secretary

"PLANS FOR STUDY COURSE"

The Women's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met on May 11 with 15 members present. Our president, Sister Helen Underwood, opened the meeting and the group sang, "Love Lifted Me." We were led in prayer by Sister Nettie Bennett. During our business meeting plans for our remaining study courses were discussed. The study course on Stewardship will be May 17 and 18.

At the beginning of our lesson on "Compelling Love," we sang "I Love Him". The topics were given by members of the auxiliary. After the topics LaDonna Bennett and Janus Lau sang, "The Love of God."

The dismissal prayer was led by Lavern Hayes.

Gay Combs
Corresponding Secretary

"NEW OFFICERS"

The ladies of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met June 7 for their regular meeting with 10 members and one visitor present.

All officers gave good reports for the past month. Motion and second we help pay the way of our young people going to

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youth camp.

We agreed to do the church janitor work for the month of June.

Comm. Addie Adkisson, Nellie Georgery, Janet Cammey and Jean Pierce were appointed for our VBS.

We mailed \$3.17 worth of coupons to our children's home.

We drew names for our missionaries for this coming year.

Thomas Sr. and Mable Willey were our Foreign Missionary and the Wade Jerigan family of Idaho were our Home Missionaries.

Janet Cammey became a new auxiliary member.

The following are the new officers for the coming year:

President, Naomi Bunch; Vice President, Addie Adkisson; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Hattie Sims, Treasurer, Nellie Georgery; Program Prayer Chairman, Eudene Adkisson; Study Course Chairman, Jean Pierce; Personal Service Chairman, Gracie Stephens; Special Music, Laural Fine; Youth Chairman, Donna Judd.

"\$30.00 FOR WNAC FURNITURE"

The Women's Auxiliary of Fellowship Church of Flat River met at the church for their co-labor study. Devotional led by President, Miss Wanda Ragsdale. Song, "Jesus Calls Us". Prayer by Sis. Milburn. Scripture Prov. 3:5-6. Minutes were read and accepted. We then had our officers election. They were as follows:

President, Miss Wanda Ragsdale; Vice President, Mrs. Verna Malone; Secretary-Treasurer, Alberta Turley; Assistant Typing Secretary, Sis. Browne Zuber; Program Prayer Chairman, Miss Mildred Hilderbrand; Corresponding Secretary, Della Getz; Personal Service Comm., Josie Johnson; Study Course Chairman, Norma Ruth Williams; Serving Comm. on all day service, Goldia Kellerman.

Our special offering for our auxiliary headquarters building furniture was \$30.00.

"SEEDTIME AND HARVEST"

The Myrtle Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary presented our pre-Easter program, "Seedtime and Harvest" on Sunday, April 11, to the church. An offering of \$15.90 was received for Foreign Missions.

April 21, Bro. Dale Skiles taught a study course lesson on Stewardship. This was a real blessing to each of us as it helped us see the need of being better stewards for Christ.

On May 4 we met for our monthly pro-

gram meeting. After prayer by Elaine Skiles, the regular business session was directed by the president, Geneva Sorrell. One item of business approved was plans to send dish towels, pressure cookers and other cooking utensils to youth camp.

We enjoyed the program, "Compelling Love", a study of the life of Hannah and we're thankful for the ones who prepare the programs in the Co-Laborer. May God bless all auxiliaries as we work together for Christ.

Mary A. Wisheart
Corresponding Secretary

The ladies mission of Parkview FWB Church, Desloge, met Monday, June 7, at the church.

A very inspiring lesson on "Self-Denial" was given by the class teacher, Sis. Agnes Terry.

Two readings given "The purpose of Life", Mildred Miller, and "If all that we say of Life", Ava McFarland.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bobbie Cowley.

Hazel Morris
Corresponding Secretary

AUXILIARY WORKING HARD

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of El Dorado Springs, Mo. met at the church June 11 for their regular meeting with Mrs. Ruby McAllister in charge of the program. Mrs. Grace Hendrickson read the scripture then led us in prayer.

The lesson topics on "Compelling Wisdom" were given by Mrs. Gertie Estes, Mrs. Mildred Kicenski and Mrs. Ruby McAllister and were very interesting and made us to realize that we need to depend more on the wisdom of God in our daily lives, that we may have a fuller and happier life. Our president, Mrs. Ruby McAllister read a letter from the Fred Hersey family, our missionaries in Japan. Also a letter of thanks from the Children's Home of Greenville, Tenn. for the box of clothing our auxiliary sent, and a letter of thanks from the Foreign Mission Board where we sent an offering from our pre-Easter week of prayer.

We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Gertie Estes.

We are from a small church and auxiliary so we covet the prayers of Christians that we may become strong and be found doing the will of the Lord by helping wherever we can.

Mrs. Mildred Kicenski
Corresponding Secretary

29th Annual Convention

Memorial Auditorium

Program of the 29th Session of the

National Association of

Theme

"We Preach Christ"

Scripture

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake" (II Corinthians 4:5).

Hymn

"Jesus Saves"

Tuesday Evening, July 13

5:00—Pastor's dinner in the Virginia Dare Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel with Dr. Torrey Johnson of Wheaton, Illinois, as speaker.

Presiding: Rev. Othel T. Dixon

Song Leader: Mr. I. L. Stanley

Scripture: "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30).

7:30—"We Sing Unto the Lord"—Pledge of allegiance to the American and Christian flags with praise and worship through song led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, song leader; Mr. James Benny Smith, Jr., organist; Mrs. Paul Braxton, pianist.

7:45—The Association called into official session and introduction of the officers by the Dr. Robert Picirilli, clerk.

—The moderator's message—Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham

8:00—Welcome from the North Carolina State Association—Rev. Milton Hollifield.

8:15—Welcome to Raleigh and North Carolina

8:20—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted

—Special Music

—Offertory

8:30—The Word is preached—"It is Finished"

—The Messenger—Rev. Malcolm Fry, Tucson, Arizona

9:15—Adjourn session

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—Downstairs in Carolina Room. All missionaries and National Association personnel would appreciate the opportunity of greeting you at their respective booths. Come and share this fellowship.

Wednesday Morning, July 14

7:30—On this first full day of business with many decisions to be made, it is imperative that we begin the day with God. The prayer service will be held in the Elizabeth Room of the Sir Walter Hotel. The Rev. George C. Lee, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, will be in charge of this service.

Presiding: Rev. Willard C. Day

Song Leader: Rev. Bill Gardner

9:15—"Sing His Mercy and His Grace"

9:25—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. Elro Driggers

9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee

—Seating of delegates

—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies

10:00—Report of General Board—Dr. Robert C. Picirilli, secretary

10:50—Intermission

11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Scripture: "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

—"Sing of the Greatness of the Lord"—Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Paul Braxton, Mr. James Benny Smith, Jr.

—Offertory

11:15—The Word is preached—"Because I Live"

The Messenger—Dr. Robert C. Picirilli, registrar of Free Will Baptist Bible College

12:00—Adjourn session

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—YOUTH RALLY

1:45—"His Glories Now We Sing"—Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Braxton, Mr. James Benny Smith, Jr.

2:00—Miscellaneous business

2:30—Report of the Executive Secretary—Rev. Billy A. Melvin

2:45—Report of Home Mission Board—Rev. Homer Willis

3:05—"The Evangelical Imperative"—Report of National Association of Evangelicals—Dr. Arthur Climenhaga

3:15—Report of Church Training Service Board—Mr. Samuel Johnson

3:35—Partial report of nominating committee and election of all board members.

4:00—Adjourn session. Exhibit area open.

Wednesday Evening

Scripture: "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

Presiding: Rev. William Hill

Song Leader: Rev. Eugene Waddell

7:30—Songs and prayer

7:40—Introduction of missionaries

8:00—Announcements and convention offering

—Special music

8:10—Congregational song

8:15—Special music

8:20—The Word is preached—"Even So Send I You"

—The Messenger—Dr. Laverne Miley, missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa

9:00—Response to the commission

Missionary offering

Benediction

9:30—Adjourn session

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—Downstairs in Carolina Room. More fellowship this evening with our missionaries and national workers. Greet them at their respective booths.

Thursday Morning, July 15

7:00—Laymen's breakfast in the Virginia Dare Room of the Sir Walter Hotel with Mr. Stanley Tam of Lima, Ohio, guest speaker.

Presiding: Rev. Francis Boyle

Song Leader: Rev. Fred Hall

9:15—"I will Sing of My Redeemer"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Braxton, Mr. James Benny Smith, Jr.

—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. I. Bennie Turner

9:30—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. Roger C. Reeds

9:50—Report of Stewardship Commission

10:00—Report of Bible College—Dr. L. C. Johnson

10:20—Report of Chaplain's Commission—Rev. Kenneth Walker

10:30—"Sharing God's Word Through the Churches"—Report of the American Bible Society

10:40—Report of Laymen's Board—Rev. Robert Hill

10:50—Intermission

11:00—THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

Scripture: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

—"O Worship the King"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Braxton and Mr. James Benny Smith, Jr.

—Offertory

—Special music

11:20—The Word is preached—"I Will Come Again"

—The Messenger—Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia

12:00—Adjourn session

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—"Praise Him! Praise Him!"—Mr. Hall, Mrs. Braxton and Mr. James Benny Smith, Jr.

—Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. John Edwards

1:45—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. Rufus Coffey

1:50—Report of Foreign Mission Board—Rev. Reford Wilson

2:10—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. Chester Huckaby

2:20—Report of Historical Commission

2:30—Report of Budget Committee

2:35—Report of Placement Committee for 1964 session

2:40—Miscellaneous business

—Reports of Committees

—Final report of nominating committee and election of officers

4:00—Final Adjournment

Raleigh, North Carolina

July 13-15, 1965

Free Will Baptists

(Reprinted from Contact)

Pre-Convention Meetings

Monday, 9 a.m.—Executive Committee
North Hills Room, Sir Walter Hotel

Monday, 1 p.m.—General Board
Elizabeth Room, Sir Walter Hotel

Tuesday, 9 a.m.—General Board
Elizabeth Room, Sir Walter Hotel

Convention Headquarters

The convention headquarters will be in the Sir Walter Hotel, three blocks from Memorial Auditorium where all regular sessions will be held. Committees, boards and other groups will meet in conference rooms furnished by the hotel.

Registration

Every person attending the convention should register. Upon registration you will receive an attractive badge identifying you as a "Minister," "Delegate," or "Visitor." Ministers and delegates will need a badge in order to be eligible to participate in the convention business sessions. Your badge will be your key to the hospitality of the city.

Exhibits

Many valuable and informative things will be found in the booths at the exhibit area. The exhibit area is located in the Carolina Room of the Memorial Auditorium. This is a good place to spend some time between sessions. It will be closed during all worship services, but you are urged to visit the exhibits at other times.

Luncheons and Dinners

The annual pastor's dinner will be held on Tuesday evening at 5:00 P.M. in the Virginia Dare Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel. Tickets are available from the executive department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202, at \$2.50 per plate.

Special luncheons have been arranged on Wednesday and Thursday for the convention officers and speakers and their wives. Both luncheons, which will be held in the Manteo Room, Sir Walter Hotel, have been arranged through the courtesy of the North Carolina State Association.

The Master's Men Breakfast will be held on Thursday at 7:00 A.M. in the Virginia Dare Room of the Sir Walter Hotel. Tickets are available at \$1.75 from the Master's Men office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

1965 YOUTH RALLY

July 14 • 1:30 p.m.

The Line-Up

Bible Bowl—Greenbrier, Adair, Oklahoma
First, Columbus, Mississippi

Sword Drill—State Contestants

Time for Singing—Group

Testimony—Steve Sloan

Special Music—Variety

A Challenge—Teddy Wilbanks

Recreation and Cookout—Pullen Park



Steve Sloan, outstanding quarterback for the University of Alabama, will be our guest at this year's youth rally. Steve was active in the organization of a chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on the university campus. He has a marvelous testimony for Christ and is a popular speaker in youth meetings. You will read about him in the Fall issue of *TEEN VOICE*.



Teddy Wilbanks, 1964 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be speaking at the annual youth rally. Teddy is a gifted musician as well as a speaker. He was minister of music and youth director at Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, prior to accepting the pastorate of Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland City, Tennessee, where he now serves.

Children's Rally

A rally for preschool and primary age children will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 until 4:00. Bible stories, missionary stories, and group singing will be provided by talented workers. This service is sponsored by the Helpers and Learners departments of the Church Training Service.

Resolutions from the N.A.E.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS

WHEN many voices claim to speak the Name of God in the world to confuse and lose men in a babel of uncertain sounds, and the Churches diminish in power and relevancy it becomes imperative again and again to declare the truth of the biblical and Christian religion, which is revealed in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments and proclaimed in the one Gospel to all men by the one Church of Jesus Christ in all ages.

THEREFORE, the National Association of Evangelicals hereby reaffirms its witness before all men as contained in its biblical statement of faith:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

By the Gospel we reaffirm that the biblical and Christian religion is a supernaturally acquired way of life consisting of a vital and continuous individual and personal communion with the living Lord Jesus Christ, which is born of faith, nourished on the Bible, the Word of God written, renewed continually in prayer, accompanied by personal and social signs of the Holy Spirit's presence, looking to the sure fulfillment of the Father's eternal purpose.

COMMUNIST AGGRESSION

WHEREAS atheistic Communism continues to dominate vast areas of the world and through fear influences decisions in

all nations, and

WHEREAS, while Communism promises freedom and progress, it actually degrades and oppresses the people it controls, and

WHEREAS missionary work has been stopped or hindered in many lands and is seriously threatened in many other places by Communism, and

WHEREAS we are deeply concerned for the freedom of all men and for the freedom of all men and for the freedom of the gospel around the world.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we reaffirm our opposition and resistance to Communist efforts to extend its enslavement of free men.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend our government for every evidence of resistance to Communist efforts to extend its enslavement of free men.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our government to expose before world opinion the totalitarian nature and oppressive methods of Communism to the end that those lands not yet under Communist control may act to prevent the loss of their freedom.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage every effort to penetrate the curtains of Communist intolerance with the gospel of Christ, that those who now sit in darkness may see the Great Light.

VATICAN ENVOY

WHEREAS there is constant pressure on the President of the United States to name an envoy to the Vatican, and

WHEREAS such action would violate the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment of our Constitution, and

WHEREAS our regular diplomatic corps in Italy is quite adequate to represent the United States and protect the United States' interest in Rome,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the National Association of Evangelicals urges the President of the United States to resist all proposals to send an official envoy in any capacity to the Vatican and preserve our Constitutional provision of separation of church and state.

FREEDOM OF THE AIRWAVES

WHEREAS under the blessing of Almighty God these United States of America have been founded as a nation upon Christian principles by stalwart, God-fearing pioneers who sought a land in

which they could worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, and

WHEREAS we witness to our dismay a growing trend leading toward the increasing secularization of our society, and

WHEREAS such factors as the rising crime rate and the alarming drop in public morality urgently call for an increased measure of that upbuilding righteousness which according to sacred Scripture alone can exalt a nation, and

WHEREAS voices have been raised in various sectors seeking to discourage the inquiry of the Federal Communications Commission into the amount and nature of the religious programming carried by radio and television stations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Evangelicals, assembled in annual convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 27-29, 1965, reaffirm their dedication to those solidly scriptural and eminently American Christian principles upon which our beloved nation was founded, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we deplore any further trends leading toward the increasing secularization of our twentieth-century society, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Federal Communications Commission to continue to give appropriate attention to religious programming, as normally constituting a proper and necessary category of programming "in the public interest, convenience and necessity", and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we call upon the radio and television stations throughout the land to afford appropriate and ample opportunity for the broadcasting of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

APPRECIATION

We gratefully acknowledge the blessings of God upon the National Association of Evangelicals this past year and especially upon this Convention.

We appreciate the faithful service of those who have labored hard and long to make the N.A.E. ministry effective. We are grateful for the participation of so many in this Convention in both preparation and realization. We are especially thankful for those who have and continue to support our work with their gifts and their prayers.

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

Free Will Baptist Gem

KEN'S KORNER

You are what you are because of the influence of someone else. This could be either bad or good. Influence is a powerful weapon. Not only is it a powerful weapon but a subtle one as well. People can influence us to do certain things without us even realizing what they are doing. This is particularly true in the field of advertising. You know why a lot of young boys start smoking? They've seen pictures of Mickey Mantle or some other star holding a cigarette and they get the idea if they smoke, they too will become a great star. Some cigarette companies leave the impression if you don't smoke their brand you're less than a man. What young boy doesn't want to be a man? So many times in order to feel like a man boys begin smoking.

In newspapers you often read this: "Adult Only". This is

another advertising gimmick geared to reaching young people, not your parents. You as a young person get curious about this type film and your curiosity gets the best of you. Besides, just think how you can "brag" in that bull session! Influence causes you to act as you do. Influence is also important to the Christian. One person using her influence caused prayer and Bible reading to be banned from many schools. As Christians we have more power behind our influence than all the evil forces combined. Live your life for Christ. Let your friends see Christ in action through your life. If they see it in action they're more likely to believe when you talk to them about it. Don't let people look down on you because you are young, but let them look up to you because you're an example. (Read I Timothy 4:12)

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	182
First Ch., Festus									43	48	45
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	53
Kirkville	108	107	101	90	82	105	90	94	103	107	120
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	39
First, Flat River	100	102	114	111	107			110	100	112	
Overland Church	142	149	144	170	159	154	145	156	187	190	169
First, Mtn. Grove	320	322	346	326	326	328	318	329			
Desloge	109	101	105	111	110	117	102	113	112	116	115
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	188
Sunnyview Church	53	51	50	53	50	56	58	67	63	79	65
Central, Kansas City	107	103	91	115	110	100	108	93	95	122	121
Hannon	65	51	72	59	62	59	59	60	63	62	60
First, Monett	144	141	137	131	138	141	131	131	139	137	138
Garfield-Couch	42	47	40	43	42	42	43	37	44	52	
Leadington							77	95	100	114	90
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	190
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	116
Myrtle Church	70	76									
Mt. Pisgah		70									
Joplin	96	95	100	92	91	93	83	84	91	101	106
Grace Church	119	133	127	141	157	145	149	153	183		
Salem			26	26	29	37		38	37	42	35
Thayer Church				122	132	130	130	135	162	155	135
Alton Church	88	97	97	94							

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LEARNERS FOR CHRIST

I would like to share with you this nice group of "Learners for Christ" from the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church. When this picture was taken there were 28 gathered at the church along with their sponsor, Sister Barbara Cox, and youth sponsor, Sister Jo Pingleton.

This was their April meeting. They meet once each month for their day meetings.

MISSOURI GRADUATES FROM OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



Vernon Maggert
Kirksville, Mo.
Ministry



Jim Lauthern
Willard, Mo.
Promotional

GROUND BREAKING SERVICES

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon held Ground Breaking services recently with approximately 160 persons present. The new auditorium will be 40 feet wide and 80 feet long with a full basement. The interior will be of open beam construction with stacked blocks, paneled walls and stain glass windows. The exterior will be of brick. A covered driveway will mark the entrance. The construction began June 9th and will be completed by mid-October. The cost of the building will be \$60,000.00. The present building will be used for the Sunday School. The Rev. Dale Jones is the pastor.

D.V.B.S.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett recently closed a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School with five young people accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. The Lord has also blessed the church with 15 persons unit-

ing with the church in the past three months.

REVIVAL AT LEADINGTON A GREAT SUCCESS

The revival at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church in Leadington, Missouri was a real success for the Lord. There were 20 decisions in all. Our evangelist, Rev. Don Pegram, did an excellent job in preaching the Word, night after night.

If anyone is interested in an Evangelist with a Pastor's heart and one who thoroughly believes in door to door visitation, who preaches ALL of God's Word, we would heartily recommend Bro. Pegram. He may be contacted at the following address: Rev. Don Pegram, Box 3142, Wilson, N.C. The pastor of the Leadington Church is the Rev. Frank Giunta.

TESTIMONY FROM A CONVERT OF THE REVIVAL AT THE LEADINGTON F.W.B. CHURCH IN LEADINGTON, MO.

Rev. Frank Giunta
Leadington, Missouri

Dear Frank:

May my testimonial as a Christian witness serve our Lord and help those who read this to help themselves.

Thursday evening, April 8, 1965, at the Free Will Baptist Church of Leadington, Mo. I attended the evangelistic services preached by Rev. Don Pegram, and attended by Rev. Frank Giunta, pastor. Earlier that day I had met Rev. Pegram at a C.B.M.C. luncheon at Farmington, Mo. Now as you know, the C.B.M.C. is made up of ministers, business men, professional men, and laymen from all walks of life, and its function is to promote Christian Brotherhood in ones everyday life.

Brother Pegram was the speaker that afternoon. His message was short due to the time limit, but so rich and full of meaning for the glory and love of our Saviour Christ Jesus, that when Bro. Frank invited me to attend the revival that evening I knew I would be there. I listened with my heart that night, my ears were only the means to conduct the message to my inner being. I had known for some time that my soul was crying to be free of the daily sins that I committed.

I spoke from my heart that night when I asked God for repentance and professed my love for his Son Christ Jesus our Lord. And that what was in me, which should not be in me was gone, the feeling of being ASHAMED.

I say to you who read this, look into a

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mirror and see yourself as you really are, be not ashamed to stand up and profess your love for Christ and ask for forgiveness, but feel grateful for the Honor to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Reed
Chiropractor
Farmington, Missouri

LORD BLESSING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri reports that the Lord is blessing the church with eight saved and four families uniting with the church during the month of April. The pastor of this growing church is the Rev. Dale Jones.

CHURCH GROWS

The Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church reports that the Lord is blessing them with four young people following the Lord in baptism and five persons uniting with the church. The pastor of this church is Rev. P. Askern.

Dear Editor:

Just a note to let the Gem subscribers know of the happenings from Sunnyview Church.

Our new pastor for the coming year is Bro. James Henson. He will take over as pastor the first Sunday in July. We would like to say that the Laclede County Association, which we are part of, remodeled our cabin at the youth camp the first week in June; now may the Lord fill it for us during youth camp.

Yours in Christ,

Carl Eden
Sunnyview Church
Lebanon, Mo.

A MEMORIAL TO REV. JAMES F. MILLER

Rev. James F. Miller, a retired minister and member of Farmington F.W.B. Church, died May 14 at his home on Route 3. Brother Miller had been ailing for some time but was not bed-ridden. His church family grieves his passing.

The funeral services were held at Farmington Church Sunday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m. He was laid to rest at the Union Light Cemetery where brief graveside rites were held.

The Rev. Charles Thigpen, Dean of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, July, 1965

Nashville, Tennessee preached the funeral. Rev. Everett D. Hellard, church pastor assisted him and sang a solo.

Rev. S. A. Hand and Mr. John Keeney also sang. Mrs. Alvie Denton played the organ. The men of Rev. Miller's Sunday School Class, which he has taught since his retirement, acted as honorary pallbearers. Six served in an active capacity. They were Hillard Gray, Firman Skaggs, J. W. Stam, Alvin Highley, O. J. Stone and Clayton Ramsey.

Rev. James F. Miller was born in Bollinger County, Missouri, September 3, 1894. He was the son of the late John F. and Katherine (Skaggs) Miller.

He was united in marriage with Eunice A. Davis April 7, 1918 at Union Light Church in Bollinger County.

To this union six children were born, of which four survive. They are Lee Roy Miller, Arkansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Anna Mae Faircloth, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Mrs. Lizzie Fae McLaughlin, University City, Missouri; and J. W. Miller of the home. There are six grandchildren; two brothers, George and Olin Miller of Fredricktown, Missouri; two sisters, Mrs. Sherman King of Fredricktown and Mrs. Naomi Christy of St. Louis, Missouri.

The pastor, Rev. E. D. Hellard, says, "Rev. James F. Miller has been as a spiritual father to me. I join the rest of the church family in deep sorrow and regret. He will certainly be missed by all of us here at the church.

"We praise the Lord that he did not have a prolonged suffering - that he was ready to meet God - that he was loved and respected by all who knew him. God bless our dear friends, the Miller family.

Paul Claysays, "To me Brother Miller was Mr. Christian. He was steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the faith."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ward say, "We are happy to have had such a dedicated man of God to join us in holy matrimony. His life and testimony will always be a light unto our path."

Jess Stewart says, "I have always felt enriched by the counsel and messages that Brother Miller gave at C.B.M.C. I join the whole community in mourning his passing."

On September 19, 1964, the Fellowship Sunday School Class honored their teacher, Rev. James F. Miller with a special program entitled "This is Your Life." Here are some of the highlights:

Call to order by Clayton Ramsey, president. Rev. Everett Hellard, pastor of the church, presided. There were relatives and friends present. "This is Your Life Rev. James F. Miller, will you come forward and take this seat, also

your faithful wife. As Ruth said to Naomi, 'Whither thou goest, I will go,' so has Eunice been to you." (Presentation of flowers and gifts.)

The "This is Your Life" book told of his birthplace, etc. Rev. James F. Miller was licensed to preach at Mine La Motte, Mo. when he was twenty years old. First sermon at "Old Bethel Church"; first church pastor, Union Light Church; there he met his bride to be, Eunice Davis. They were married by his brother, Charles.

Rev. James F. Miller presided at many weddings, baptizings, and funerals.

During his ministry he pastored in four different states: Missouri, Texas, North Carolina and Tennessee.

He was elected Missouri State Moderator of Free Will Baptists in 1933 where he served eleven years.

He was elected Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in 1938, which position he held for seven consecutive years.

He served as a member of the Board of Trustees to the Free Will Baptist Bible College for sixteen years. The Year Book of 1963 was dedicated to him. He received a life time honorary membership in the Free Will Baptist Bible College Alumni Association in April, 1965.

He became a representative of the College in his later years and traveled in 16 states in the interest of the school.

When he pastored in Kirksville, Missouri the church presented him with a brand new Model "T" Ford. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River gave him a new Chevrolet car.

The class paid tribute to him as a fine teacher and Christian leader. They wished he and his wife 'God's richest blessings'.

Brother Hellard sang "Submission". Mrs. Clay made a presentation of a "money tree".

His children, brothers and sister appeared on the program. His son, Lee Roy, represented by letter from which we quote, "I remember, too, how you became such a part of the people you preached to, sharing the sorrows as well as the joys."

(Taken from Farmington Church News sheet.)

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF FESTUS REPORTS:

We called Rev. Charles Mayers; formerly from Farmington, to be our minister in January. He returned from Oklahoma.

Since being our minister, we've gained eleven new members. We have also

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adopted a new direct mission program in which the response has been good. The Sunday School attendance has increased and finance has gone up more than 20%. Several of our young people went to youth camp this past year.

Also, we now have a teacher-training course for the Sunday School teachers. Eleven enrolled.

Reporter, Karen Smith

Pastor, Rev. Charles Mayers

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are glad to still be able to report victory from Parkview, Desloge. We have just completed a very successful two weeks of V.B.S. Our theme for this year was "Christ our Peace." All the lessons were so spiritual and a blessing to young and old alike.

Our two weeks average attendance was 95, and our offerings which amounted to \$71.80 was sent to our FWB orphanage at Greenville, Tenn.

Our young people are now looking forward to youth encampment. Only those who have spent time at our youth camp can know what a spiritual feast is in store for all who attend.

We thank God for men and women who will spend time feeding our young people from the Word of God, when there is so much forbidden fruit on every hand.

We are thanking God also for new FWB hymnals at our church.

Our pastor and wife have a new grandson, born to Rev. and Mrs. Thurmon Murphy at Midland City, Alabama. Congratulations - parents and grandparents.

On July 5 we have several officers taking over in various phases of our church work here at Parkview. We sincerely ask your prayers for all, but especially for those who have never held offices before. We feel that through this coming year our church is going forward still more for Christ. But only through prayer and whole-hearted dedication to God can we see this accomplished. So, remember us when you pray - and God's blessings on all.

Hazel Morris

Church Reporter

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Gene Rogers from First Free Will Baptist Church to become an official in the California Bible Institute in Calif.

Rev. Glenn Murray from Pleasant Home 1 to Alton FWB Church in Alton, Mo.

Rev. Davie Combs from Bethel FWB Church, West Plains, Mo. Future plans

indefinite.

Rev. David Pryor resigns Verdella Church.

Rev. James Henson has accepted the Sunny View Church near Lebanon.

Rev. Tom Malone from Illinois has accepted the Fellowship FWB Church in Flat River, Mo.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lincoln, Nebraska - Due to heavy snows here, scheduled revival services were postponed and some services called off. At one time there were 24 inches of snow on the ground. Let us pray that these circumstances will not hinder the work there too badly. Missionary Lewis Perry is pastor in Lincoln.

Salina, Kansas - All night prayer meetings on Saturday nights continue here, where Missionary Joe R. Shade is pastor. The men of the church also meet for prayer each morning from 5:30-7:00.

Tucson, Arizona - God is still blessing the work here, under the direction of Missionary Malcolm C. Fry, and leading more families to the church through the members' visitation efforts. An average attendance of 85 for morning worship service was reported in January.

New Brunswick, Canada - Mrs. Mack Owens learned on a recent trip to the hospital that her kidney is now free from all infection and functioning perfectly. God has answered your prayers! Praise His Name!

The church in New Brunswick has voted to purchase property for a place to worship in Millville. The Owens have been living there for two years, but have been ministering in surrounding communities. This will make the fourth community in which they are serving in New Brunswick.

Portland, Oregon - Rev. J. J. Postlewaite conducted the first service in Portland on February 14. There were 22 present. A young man was saved the following Sunday. Rev. Postlewaite is not under the Home Mission Board at the present time, but we trust that you will make the work in Portland a definite item of prayer, for the need is great for a Free Will Baptist church there. Any financial support that you might feel led to send to him will be gladly forwarded through this office.

Rev. Billows in Mexico reports 12 professions during the month of February and Rev. Jernigan in Idaho reports 25. Praise!!

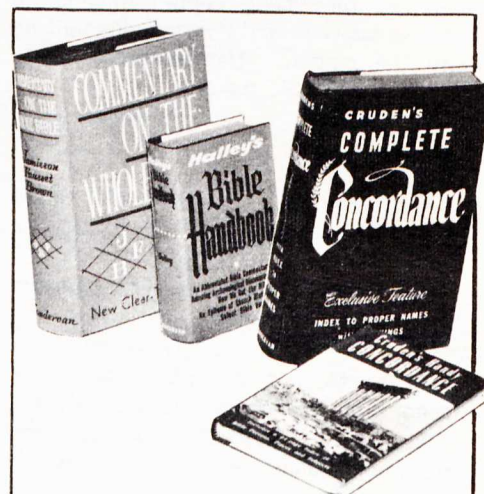
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discouraged and think all is against you, cheer up; for all things are yours. The world, life, death, things present, and things to come. But you must remember that ye are Christ's. (I Cor. 3:23). All things are yours upon no other grounds than your being Christ's. Those that would be safe for time, and happy in eternity, must be Christs.

And Christ is God's. (I Cor. 3:23). He is the Christ of God, anointed of God and commissioned by Him. God in Christ, reconciling a sinful world unto Himself.

Are you really Christ's today? If you are not all these things are not yours. Only death and hell awaits you. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

If you have not accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, won't you pray the sinners prayer right now and ask Jesus to come into your heart. He will if you will only let Him. May God richly bless each one.



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You don't seem to care about your life,
But go right on with your daily strife.
You work for your riches, honor, and
fame,
And leave the Lord out, as if he was
lame.

So think of your life and the path you
have laid,
And all of the one's that you have be-
trayed.
So a new life and a path will you make,
Before you awake and find it too late.

By Diana Eden, Age 14
Lone Star FWB Church
Seymour, Missouri

I SAW GOD TODAY

The soft snowflakes that fall,
And whiten the ground across the way,
The ice that glistens in the sun
Like a thousand tiny lights.

I saw God today,
The howling wind, the gentle breeze
That races to and fro,
And sways the lofty trees.

I heard God today,
The rolling thunder as mighty hoofs,
The flash of lightning,
And rain pattering on my roof.

I heard God today,
Knocking at my heart's door,
Calling to let the Saviour in,
The one who died on Calvary
For sinners, rich or poor.

I listened and I prayed,
Oh, yes, I heard God today -
And now I see more clearly
His way is better than mine.

Oneida Lombard
Monett Church

SACRIFICE

Our God above
Gave his Son, in love
To redeem the lost,
What an awful cost.

For love of me
He went down in the grave.
By God's power, He was raised
With victorious power to save.

He willed to give His life
July, 1965

For the sin-sick souls.
He suffered on Calvary
Extreme agony untold.

When life is over
Have you yielded or lost?
The soul he paid for
On the cruel cross.

Laphema E. Herrell
Oskaloosa Church
Oskaloosa, Missouri

ALMOST TOO LATE

I dreamed I went to heaven and met Jesus
at the gate.

He said, My son, I'm sorry, but you're
just a little late.

The other day you had your chance, you
said, No, some other day,
And turned around the other way.
It's too late now to seek my face,
You'll have to go to the other place.
I then awoke to find it a dream, and
Prayed to God my soul to clean.
He gave me a blessing I'll never forget,
So I'll serve him always and never quit.
I'll walk the straight and narrow way
And live up there with Him some day.

Carl Eden
Sunny View Church
Lebanon, Missouri

GIFT OF GOD

The gift of God is free
The debt was paid for you and me.
He died upon the tree
On the cross of Calvary;
For your sin and my sin
He suffered agony.

Just look to him, He's our all in all,
And without him we will surely fall.
Put your trust in Him, receive His grace,
And some glad day you'll see His face.

The time is short, no time to lose,
Accept him soon or seal your doom.

Laphema Herrell
Oskaloosa Church

SPRINGTIME

While visiting with a friend, we talked
of Spring and how refreshing it is after
the long, cold winter. There are lots of
ways to describe Spring and its beauty.
The growing plants and the birds. We

know that flowers bring beauty into our
everyday life. Jesus often used growing
things and seeds in His parables. We
should live so that the blossoms of our
good work will add to the beauty of the
world. We all have read these words of
Jesus, "Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow; they toil not, neither do
they spin. And yet, I say unto you, that
even Solomon in all his glory was not
arrayed like one of these." My friend
spoke of how the miracle of a tiny seed
reminds us of God's loving care and prom-
ise of a life hereafter.

As we talked I thought of what Spring
means to me, and what it can mean to
others.

S -- is for the sowing of seeds. Not only
in the earth, but seeds of kindness
and thoughtfulness to others, for
"whatsoever a man soweth, that
shall he also reap."

P -- is for plowing. We must plow a
deep, straight furrow if we are to
help bring the lost to Jesus. He
tells us in His word, "No man, hav-
ing put his hand to the plough, and
looking back is fit for the kingdom
of God."

R -- is for rain. God sends rain to make
things grow. We could never live
without it. We know that the read-
ing of God's word will bring showers
of blessings.

I -- is for increase. When we sow and
plant our crops, and when we send
God's word to people who never
heard, we know that only GOD can
give the increase.

N -- is for new. We plant new seeds and
crops each year. We know that it is
unwise to put new cloth on old gar-
ments. Jesus tells us that "if any
man be in Christ, he is a new crea-
ture---."

G -- means to grow. We know that only
God makes things grow. Then if we
follow in His steps we will grow in
grace and faith. Praying daily will
help us grow and in turn, our church
will grow. There is no end to what
God can do with our life if we just
let Him make us grow.

So as we enter into the Spring season,
I'd like to leave these words with you,

"Within your heart, there is lots of room,
To plant God's word where it will bloom."

Oneida Lombard

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is working in the Congo and Puerto Rico. The president of the mission is H. J. Sonneveldt. This addition brings EFMA's membership to a total of 62 mission agencies, with more than 6,500 missionaries serving in 120 fields.

Delegates and visitors heard Dr. Sherwood E. Wirt, editor of Decision magazine, review the history of missionary conferences of the 19th and 20th centuries which led up to the World Conference on Missionary Cooperation held at Edinburgh in 1910.

Dr. Wirt pointed out that the real vision of those conferences was a determination to complete the evangelization of the world and that even at Edinburgh, which frequently is viewed as the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement, the prime consideration was the method by which this goal could be reached. However, he said, the bright vision which was the dynamic of the move toward closer cooperation soon dimmed, and as the vision was obscured the goal changed.

"Saving the lost is the Master's business," Dr. Wirt declared, referring to those who have turned to other goals and taken as their purpose the "secularization" of the Church and the unification of church organizations. If the Church is to accomplish the task given by the Lord, the goal of winning men and women to Christ must never be forsaken.

Dr. Wirt voiced the warning that today many have not only lost the vision of winning souls to Christ, but they appear to be convinced that the only valid activity of the Church is to seek to lose itself in the world. We can regain the former vision only when we again see the world as "lost", he concluded.

Following Dr. Wirt's presentation an announcement was made regarding the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission scheduled for April 9-16, 1966. The congress, which will convene at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, will bring together some 700 evangelical leaders from around the world. Rev. Vergil Gerber, veteran missionary of the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society, has been appointed coordinator of the congress.

In a session designed to bring mission executives up to date on current events in the missionary world, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, reported that Christian schools in Burma have been taken over by the government as a part of its nationalization program.

Dr. Taylor also relayed encouraging news from Northern Congo, where many churches are operating quite normally, with attendance and interest increasing.

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Rev. Everett Phillips, Africa secretary for the Assemblies of God, said that attendance has doubled at the church in Paulis, where Assemblies missionary Joseph Tucker was killed by Congolese rebels last November.

At the same session Dr. L. L. King, foreign secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, reported that missionaries in Viet Nam continue at their activities are somewhat restricted they are finding many avenues of service. The school for missionaries' children at Dalat has been closed as a precautionary measure and the children have been moved to Bangkok, Thailand.

Student leaders visiting the convention called for more effective assistance in maintaining a missionary vision in Christian colleges and Bible schools. In a panel discussion highlighting this need, Tom Chandler, president of the Missionary Union at Moody Bible Institute, and Mark Senter, member of a coordinating committee in the Chicago area, asked that evangelical missions help them improve the "image" of missions on campus by providing student missionary groups with accurate and stimulating information on the current climate in missions. The EFMA mission executives reported that a committee which has been set up to work with students will seek to provide counsel and help in presenting the missionary challenge on Christian campuses.

ON FAMILY PLAN

The Belton Free Will Baptist Church, Belton, Missouri has joined the Church Family Plan. The pastor is Rev. Jack McAllister.

MY ACCOUNT OF 1964 YOUTH CAMP SESSION

By Charlotte Tallent
Southside FWB Church, St. Louis, Mo.

This was my second year to attend the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and I feel that this year was a greater blessing to me personally than my first year. The classes were really wonderful and interesting. My first class was "The Word of God in Creation," taught by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon. Before I went to camp I never did really think seriously about the creation and the many wonderful things that God did give us. This class consisted of three different theories by men whom are Christians and things that God possibly did before the creation.

My second class of the day was on "The Word of God in Salvation" taught

by Rev. Jesse Webb. This class consisted of how we can witness to sinners and why we do need salvation in order to enter into God's Kingdom. We also learned what real faith in God can do for us as his children.

The last class I had was on "The Word of God as Our Guide to Daily Devotions" taught by Bro. Tommy Carlson. I always thought that daily devotions were only reading the scriptures and consequently really getting the meaning of what God has to say to us through the Bible. This class was on Psalms 22:25. In the Old Testament we many times think we don't need to read it because it is all in the past and unimportant. But now I have a different outlook on the Old Testament because in Psalms 22, it was on the complete crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ and I always thought the only thing the Old Testament over told was that a Prince would be born and then die for the sins of the world. I now find the Old Testament more interesting.

The evangelists for the teens session was Rev. Teddy Davis of Joplin, Mo. On Tuesday night 36 went to the altar, 27 rededications and nine were saved. At the end of the week 41 either rededicated their lives or made first time decisions. This was a great blessing to each and every Christian who attended camp. Bro. Teddy is a really wonderful servant for the Lord and all of his messages were wonderful and stirring.

I feel that our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp is the greatest thing that our denomination can support for its young people. I only regret that I did not attend Youth Camp sooner. A lot of young people that have never gone to Youth Camp probably think of classes, but its nothing like you think. There's a lot of fun as well as spiritual blessing. If you've never attended, think it over seriously and try to attend next year. When you are at camp you can leave all the cares and temptations of this world behind and be in the atmosphere where God's spirit surrounds the whole place and in the atmosphere of other Christian young people.

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