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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

May and June have been busy months as we traveled in Missouri doing Promotional Work. I attended three Quarterly meetings, namely St. Francis County, Liberty and Kansas City District; plus the Missouri State Ministers retreat held at the camp ground at Niangua, Mo. I was privileged to deliver the gospel message in the following Free Will Baptist churches: Flat River First Church, Leadington, Grace, Gardner near Grove Springs; Lebanon First, Kansas City Central and in the Sedalia Mission, located at 1501 South Ingram Street, Sedalia, Missouri. Please remember Pastor Carl Thompson and this mission in prayer. During May and June I also attended one night each of the following revival meetings: Hurryville, with evangelist Frank Guinta; Cuba, evangelist Elmer Turnbough; Conway, Calvary, evangelist F. C. Zinn; and the city-wide revival in West Plains, in which our church there participated with evangelist Tony Fontane doing the preaching. Each reported some souls saved during their revival. June 20th, I visited and worshiped with our Springfield Grant Avenue Church; they continue to win souls for the Lord. It was a real blessing here in our St. Louis South Side Church Sunday, June 27th, as our Pastor Albert McFarland delivered the sermon and Eddie Cook's father came forward and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of the late Rev. James F. Miller. More than a score of Free Will Baptist ministers and a multitude of friends attended the funeral service of our beloved Brother Miller, held Sunday, May 16th, in the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church.

Request: Associational clerks, please send me the date and place of meeting for your next yearly Associational Meeting.

Harry Beatty  
Promotional Field Worker

### MISSOURI COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

MAY, 1965

Farmington .....	\$ 128.65
Macedonia, near Purdy ...	280.73
Bethel, West Plains .....	39.00
Beacon .....	87.55
Merl's Chapel .....	42.00
Mt. Valley .....	46.54
Parkview .....	103.97
Faith .....	51.39

South Side .....	172.00
Central, Kansas City .....	69.33
Union Light .....	30.00
Hannon .....	23.75
Copper Mines .....	32.40
Festus, First .....	58.00
Thayer .....	60.08
Grant Avenue .....	92.46
Salem .....	10.00
North Side .....	43.60
Berkley .....	195.00
Victory .....	72.49
Carterville .....	11.33
Hickory Grove .....	19.30
Mine La Motte .....	11.86
Leadington .....	70.00
Monett .....	84.61
Rock Chapel .....	25.13
Cabool .....	35.38
Lebanon .....	225.00

Total ..... \$2,121.55

### Disbursed:

55% Nat'l FWB Ass'n...	\$1,166.85
1% Missouri CTS .....	21.22
3% Youth Camp .....	63.65
4 1/2% Gem .....	95.47
8% General Fund .....	169.72
8 1/2% Mo. Missions ..	180.33
20% Promotional Dept. ...	424.31

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### JUNE, 1965

South Side .....	\$ 170.00
Farmington .....	138.23
Thayer .....	75.70
Garfield .....	8.39
Bethel, West Plains .....	54.00
Grant Avenue .....	46.45
Carterville .....	12.00
Hannon .....	22.74
Parkview .....	105.53
Berkley .....	205.26
Beacon .....	124.23
Cuba .....	57.11
Kansas City Central .....	69.33
Faith .....	52.82
Copper Mines .....	49.39
Salem .....	10.00
Festus .....	48.00
Rock Chapel .....	22.63
Leadington .....	194.00
Hickory Grove .....	17.15
Oak Grove .....	10.00
Monett .....	90.84
Mine La Motte .....	13.56

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By Sammie J. Davis  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Monett, Missouri

# ' SING O EARTH '

A few years ago, a little old woman was seen hobbling along the road. Though she had come many, many miles, she said she would go ANYWHERE WITH JESUS. She knew, "MY GOD IS REAL, so WHERE COULD I GO that I would not have VICTORY IN JESUS?" WALKING WITH JESUS, she knew she was NEVER ALONE. "EACH STEP I TAKE," she said, "I KNOW THE LORD WILL GUIDE ME." Finally she reached the top of a hill and looked down and thought, "Why, this must be just like heaven. Oh, HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE." She thought the PEACE IN THE VALLEY with the people STANDING BY THE RIVER was about the prettiest sight she had ever seen. She thought, "IT really TOOK A MIRACLE for God to make such a place." But she knew that GOD HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS.

As she started on down the hill toward the town she had been traveling to so long, she thought, "WON'T IT BE WONDERFUL THERE," for she was going to see her son. He was the pastor of one of the big churches in town. The little old woman thought of how tired she was and how many miles and days she had been traveling, but yet she had JOY UNSPEAKABLE, and she knew that if she would ONLY TRUST HIM, He WOULD CARRY HER THROUGH. As she started in to the town, she saw some beautiful lilies beside the road and thought of Christ and how HE IS THE LILY OF THE VALLEY, so she picked a few of these flowers and went on the LAST MILE OF THE WAY.

She happened to get there just as the church service was about ready to begin, so she walked up to the church door and went in and up towards the front. She thought she would just sit and rest there a few minutes before Johnny, her son, came out and the service began. Before she had hardly sat down, though, a gruff woman in a big flowered hat came towards her and started to speak. But before she said anything, the little old tired lady told her, "I've brought some flowers for the church. Could I please put them up there where Johnny could see them while he preached?" The woman told her, "No, indeed. We have quite enough." And then she turned to another woman standing by her and said, "Can you imagine putting such flowers in the front of the church - why they are wilted and their yellow color would surely detract from the florist's arrangement. Why after we've spent good money to get flowers for this church, we're sure not going to spoil it all with that old woman's weeds." But the Mother, who was a little hard of hearing, didn't hear this conversation and had gotten up in the meantime and put the flowers in the front - right by the pulpit - so her Johnny could smell them while he preached. When she returned to her seat, before she could even sit down, the big woman said to her, "You can't sit here. This seat is reserved. You'll have to go to the back." The sweet Mother looked up at her and said, "I've come so far and am so tired, and DOES JESUS really CARE which

seat one sits in?" But the woman simply repeated again, "You'll have to sit in the back." The lady sadly rose and went to the back and took her place. She had so wanted near the front, so she could hear Johnny's sermon, but now she was afraid that she wouldn't be able to hear. But as disappointed as she was, she knew her flowers were on the pulpit for Johnny, and even if she couldn't hear him, she would be able to see him, and she knew those lilies would bring back PRECIOUS MEMORIES. She thought, "Why, SOME GLAD DAY I can truly say I SEE JESUS just as I'll soon see Johnny. Why, I don't want to let this little thing spoil my day. I NEED NO MANSION HERE BELOW - no good seat - to be able to COUNT MY BLESSINGS. If I can't hear, at least I can sit here and think, "WON'T IT BE WONDERFUL THERE when Johnny and I can WALK THE STREETS OF GOLD. I WOULD NOT BE DENIED of that opportunity for all the good seats in the world."

But just then, Johnny walked up to the pulpit and began to preach of the LOVE OF GOD. The poor little Mother wasn't able to hear the whole sermon, but she could hear a lot of it. She heard Johnny tell of the SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT when the BEAUTIFUL STAR shone down upon the LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM and Christ was born. Johnny told of the BLESSED ASSURANCE Christ gave while he was here on earth. The Mother thought, "My, what a fine boy I've raised. How strong he is and what truth he tells. Why, if Johnny knew I was here he'd just be tickled to death."

But, Johnny was going on with his sermon telling now of the Lord's death and resurrection and THE BLOOD THAT STAINED THE OLD RUGGED CROSS. Johnny said, "HE INCLUDED ME - and you, too, and, why, by just seeing these beautiful yellow lilies laying here on this pulpit - that reminds me of my sweet Mother and her love for Christ. Were she here today she would be able to tell you that NOTHING CAN COMPARE with the Lord's love for his children. She is, I'm sure, BOUND FOR THAT CITY, and though she's old and tired out, she knows that JESUS IS A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR - OH WHAT A SAVIOUR - and WHERE HE LEADS we should follow. Why, I've heard her say so many times, "JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW, and WHEN THE SAVIOUR REACHED DOWN FOR ME, he said, 'FOLLOW ME'." So though she's gone through much, she's told me that WE'LL SOON BE DONE WITH TROUBLES AND TRIALS if we DON'T TAKE OUR EYES OFF THE SAVIOUR."

This sweet Mother sat back there and heard these words about herself and the tears trickled down those tired old cheeks. She thought, "LORD, LET ME BE WORTHY of such a fine son." She prayed, "DO LORD, keep your INVISIBLE HANDS around Johnny and me always, for NOTHING CAN COMPARE with what





# Sunday School and Church Training Service Convention

August is State Association month. For Missouri Free Will Baptists it should be a highlight of the church year; and apparently it is, for each year more members seem to attend and to take a greater interest.

There seems to be increasing interest in the Sunday School and CTS Convention, too. The Convention always precedes the State Association and will be held this year at the First Church

in Monett on Monday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 17.

The Monday session of the Convention will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will feature Dr. Umbelina Landera, a Cuban refugee now living and teaching in Marshall, Missouri. Dr. Landers, who came to the United States to escape the Communist-dominated island in 1962, describes herself as "a genuine product of Home Missions in Cuba."

A Southern Baptist, Dr. Landera was active in her denomination in Cuba, for seven years as president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the West Baptist Convention. In her capacity as president of the WMU she traveled throughout Cuba, to the United States on several occasions, and to the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro in 1960.

Dr. Landera, who holds a doctorate in education from the University of Havana and who has studied at three colleges in this country, is looking forward to her speaking engagement in Monett. "To speak to Christian people," she says, "is always a blessing."

The Tuesday morning session of the Convention (which begins at 9:30) will, as in the past, be devoted to activities especially tailored to involve young people between the ages of nine and eighteen. The winning essay and declamation in the essay and declamation contests, both of which are already com-

pleted, will be presented.

The Sword Drill will be limited this year to Adventurers for Christ (ages 9, 10, and 11). The winner will be presented an award and may be eligible to represent Missouri at the National Sword Drill in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1966. Mr. Eddie Altis, a member of the Sunday School and CTS Board, will conduct the Sword Drill.

A new feature of the Tuesday morning program will be the Bible Bowl, patterned after the nationally televised show "College Bowl." The Bible Bowl, conducted by acting chairman Albert MacFarland, will consist of questions taken from the Bible. Contestants, who must be in the Heralds or Crusaders for Christ age group (12-17), will not be permitted to use their Bibles or any other aids during the competition.

There is no limit on the number of contestants that each church may send in either the Sword Drill or the Bible Bowl. An annual report form from the Sunday School and CTS Board has been sent to churches throughout the state; any young person interested in entering either contest should contact his pastor to make sure that his name is included on the report form before it is returned. (Contestants who fail to have their names submitted may still enter, however.)

The report forms are a very important source of information to the board. Each clerk and pastor should make every effort to return the forms as early as possible. Any church that has not received a copy of the report form should write for one to Hubert L. Harral, Route 2, Cabool 65445.

The Sunday School and CTS Board members devote a great deal of time and effort to the Convention each year, but it cannot be a success without a fair representation of churches from every part of the state. Plan now to attend.

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that GLAD REUNION DAY in heaven will be."

Just as Johnny finished his sermon she heard him give the invitation to the unsaved telling them, "TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU." As the choir sang, "LORD I'M COMING HOME," the sweet Mother rushed out from her seat and ran to Johnny. He threw his arms around his Mother and, holding the lilies in his hand, he wept on her tired shoulder. Right there Johnny and his Mother KNELT AT THE CROSS and thanked the Lord for giving them a reunion, though they knew it was nothing like the reunion they would have in heaven.

The two women who had treated the Mother so badly sat on their pews - yes, they had reserved pews four rows from the front - and thought how sorry they were for the things they had said to the little old woman.

As Johnny and his Mother got up from the altar, Johnny

turned to his congregation and asked, "DO YOU KNOW MY JESUS? JESUS SAVES everyone. Maybe you've gone to church for many years, but if you aren't a Christian, what good has it done?" The two women - though sitting on opposite sides of the pew - both got up and literally ran to the altar. They threw their arms around the frail body of the woman and asked her forgiveness. They poured out their hearts to God and said, "I AM THINE, O LORD - JESUS USE ME." When they got up from the altar, they said, "JESUS IS TRULY THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW," and they knew that through HEAVENLY LOVE they, as well as Johnny and his Mother, would someday see that MANSION OVER THE HILLTOP. They knew they were BOUND FOR THAT CITY, and now they can say I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW, and they can indeed say WHERE HE LEADS ME I WILL FOLLOW. Could you say this today????



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Victory .....	82.14
Cabool .....	40.58
Twin Oaks .....	100.00
Berkley .....	197.07
Fellowship .....	50.00
Myrtle .....	101.90
Aulsbury Chapel.....	97.35
Grant Avenue .....	43.00
Hurryville .....	210.85

Total ..... \$2,520.27

Disbursed:

55% Nat'l FWB Ass'n...	\$1,386.15
1% Missouri CTS .....	25.20
3% Youth Camp .....	75.61
4 1/2% Gem .....	113.42
8% General Fund .....	201.62
8 1/2% Mo. Missions ..	214.22
20% Promotional Dept. .	504.05

Total Disbursed ..... \$2,520.27



Dr. Lavene Miley  
Missionary to Africa



Mrs. Lavene Miley  
Missionary to Africa

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1965

State  
Sunday School  
and  
Church Training  
Service  
**Convention**  
**August 16-17**  
**First Free**  
**Will Baptist**  
**Church**  
**1112 No. Central**  
**Monett, Mo.**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Fellowship, Flat River	162	169	186	178	182	194					
First Ch., Festus			43	48	45						
Farmington	104	100	111	122	108						
Liberty-Phillipsburg	69	51	65	72							
Berkeley City	288	309	355	321							
Richwoods	42	44	42	51	53	50					
Kirkville	90	94	103	107	120	123					
Grant Ave., Springfield	164	181	180	208	182	199					
Hazel Creek											
Mine LaMotte	34	33	35	37	39	34					
First, Flat River		110	100	112							
Overland Church	145	156	187	190	169						
First, Mtn. Grove	318	329		348	325						
Desloge	102	113	112	116	115	110					
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	58	45	62	66							
Union Light	96	116	110								
First, Springfield	189	183	187	229	188						
Sunnyview Church	58	67	63	79	65						
Central, Kansas City	108	93	95	122	122	109					
Hannon	59	60	63	62	60	68					
First, Monett	131	131	139	137	138	123					
Garfield-Couch	43	37	44	52	47	51					
Leadington	77	95	100	114	90	105					
First, Fredericktown											
Copper Mines	81	72	89	101							
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	43	40	35	30							
Fourth Ch., St. Louis											
Twin Oaks Church	49	55	65	74	60	64					
West Plains	201	199	191	209	190	198					
Olivet Church, Marshall											
Southside	184	194	209								
First, Lebanon	90	100	97	97	116	106					
Myrtle Church											
Mt. Pisgah											
Joplin	83	84	91	101	106						
Grace Church	149	153	183	162	143	150					
Salem		38	37	42	35	38					
Thayer Church	130	135	162	155	135	121					
Alton Church											



# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

## AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Flat River - First FWB Church  
 Lebanon - First FWB Church  
 Thayer - FWB Church  
 Kirksville - FWB Church  
 Oskaloosa - FWB Church  
 West Plains - First FWB Church  
 Raytown - Beacon FWB Church  
 Flat River - Fellowship FWB Church

Dear Co-Laborers,

The month has arrived for our State Women's Auxiliary Meeting. The program, I know, will challenge us into future service.

Dr. and Mrs. LaVern Miley have a most inspiring message. Pray much for each one that will take part in the program, that God's will may be done.

## NEW NATIONAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

(Elected at our National Meeting in North Carolina.)

President: Mrs. Robert Hill (Georgia), Virginia.

Vice President: Mrs. Robert Picirilli (Clara), Tennessee.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Gene Rodgers (Wanda), California.

Assistant Recording Secretary: Mrs. John Grant (Doris), Georgia.

Missions Chairman: Mrs. Ruffus Coffey (Maude), Tennessee.

Study Course: Mrs. Merilea DeFee, South Carolina.

Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Edwin Hill (Betty), North Carolina.

Personal Service: Mrs. Roy Thomas (Pat), Colorado.

## MISSOURI STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION MONETT, MISSOURI

Theme: For a witness - unto all nations.  
 Matt. 24:14

Wednesday Morning, August 18, 1965

Thought for the Day: "Love, for God and our fellow man, is the foremost requisite to effective witnessing."

Registration

10:00 Convention Hymn .. Jesus Saves

## AUGUST STATE MEETING MONTH

10:15 Recognition of Delegates and Appointment of Committees  
 10:25 Greetings ..... State Officers  
 10:35 Bits of Information ..WNAC Officer  
 11:00 The Hour To Worship  
 Worship in music  
 Special Music ..... Mary Fortney  
 Message .. Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley  
 Missionaries to Africa

Wednesday Afternoon, August 18, 1965

1:30 Convention Hymn .. Jesus Saves  
 1:35 Solo ..... Beth Harris  
 Devotional ..... Jean Williams  
 1:50 Business Session  
 Reports of Committee  
 Miscellaneous  
 Skit ..... Joplin Auxiliary  
 Reading of Minutes  
 Adjourn ..... Blest Be The Tie

Pianist ..... Miss JoAnn Thomas  
 Organist ..... Mrs. Albert McFarland  
 Music Director ..... Mrs. O. T. Dixon

## NOVEMBER: WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH

### Income is Needed for the General Fund

- \*No longer small operation
- \*Must have systematic support
- \*Lease signed for 20 years
- \*As one of the departments in headquarter's building, WNAC shares equally with the other five departments.

### Income Received in WNAC Office

- \*1/3 of each Co-Laborer Dollar - (\$1,500 last year)
- \*Small profit from Co-Laborer Magazine, Study Course publications, and literature sales
- \*Ten cents per member dues

Base Rental Charge is \$2,149.20 yearly - Telephone Charge is \$432.00 yearly.

Base rental includes:

- \*mortgage payment
- \*headquarter's receptionist
- \*headquarter's mail clerk
- \*headquarter's truck operations
- \*headquarter's utilities
- \*headquarter's postage machine maintenance

\*headquarter's janitor's supplies

(WNAC pays 30¢ per square foot for a total of 597 square feet.)

Additional expenses must be met as need arises

\*Insurance

\*Taxes

\*Repairs

\*General Maintenance

\*Pro-rated cost on all new equipment

\$146.00 - off-set press

40.00 - vacuum

31.83 - time clock

17.40 - hand truck and metal unloading plate

49.41 - hydraulic fork lift

## YOUTH CAMP AS PROJECT

The West Plains Ladies Auxiliary met with nine members present.

All new officers were present and gave a good report for the plans for the coming year. We all agreed to work harder and try to bring our auxiliary to at the least a B average on our chart.

Secretary had received a nice letter and some pictures from our home missionary in Idaho. The letter was read and picture put on bulletin board.

The letter was returned from our Foreign Missionary, Thomas Willey, Sr., address unknown, so it was decided to accept Rev. Sammy and June Wilkerson as our Foreign Missionary for this year.

The Auxiliary had bought new curtains, broom and waste can for the new cabin of the Cave Springs Association at Youth Camp.

An ice cream supper was set for July 31 at the park for our new pastor, Rev. Fines Johnson and wife, to meet and get acquainted with more people.

We are sending \$3.79 worth of coupons to the Children's Home at Greenville this month.

We welcomed Sis. Johnson, our pastor's wife, as a newmember into our auxiliary work.

We feel we are so few in number we ask your prayer that we may keep steadily pushing and working for the Lord through our auxiliary that we may gain new mem-

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bers who have a zeal to work for the Lord through our auxiliary efforts.

Our lesson "Compelling Witness" was a wonderful lesson for everyone who heard it. It would have been a good lesson for every Christian to have heard.

Just ask yourself the question on the following:

What compels us to witness?

Topic 1 - Love is the Key, by Jean Pierce.

Topic 2 - A Second Mile Christian, by Gracie Stephens. Are you a second mile Christian?

Topic 3 - Behind the Scene Witness by Addie Adkisson. Are you willing to witness behind the scene or do you want everyone to know all you do for the Lord?

Our new Program Prayer Chairman, Eudene Adkisson, gave a good introduction and talk on the lesson.

Dismissed by Eudene Adkisson.

Hattie Sims  
Corresponding Secretary

#### HELPS CHILDREN'S HOME

Auxiliary met July 8th with Sister Jennie and Frances Williams with seven members present.

Each member chose a missionary family to add to their prayer list and pray for them each day for the next month. We send \$5.00 a month to the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn. We have also sent clothing to them in the past year. We were dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

We are from a small church and auxiliary and we need your prayers that we may be always doing our Lord's work wherever we can.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Thelma Dickey  
Corresponding Secretary  
Oskaloosa, Mo.

#### PRAYER PARTNERS REVEALED

The Women's Auxiliary met Thursday afternoon at Fellowship Hall for the first meeting of the auxiliary's new year. The meeting was called to order by Ruth Jacobs, president. The first item of business was the installation of officers by Rev. Leland Horton. The following officers were installed: President, Ruth Jacobs; Vice President, Bernice Thomas; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Elfie Dare; Program Prayer Chairman, Velma Wellman; Study Course Chairman, Joan Filkins; Benevolence Chairman, Laura Glaspie; Corresponding Secretary, Lu Etta Stewart; Pianist, Esther Hediger.

Ruth Jacobs gave the Devotional, reading Acts 9:36-42. Roll call was answered by 14 members and one visitor. August, 1965

Recording Secretary, Elfie Dare, gave the yearly report of progress made by the auxiliary and also the Financial Report.

Secret prayer partners were revealed. A special prayer for missions was given by Rev. Leland Horton. The program topics were given by Joan Filkins, Thelma Berry and Bernice Thomas. The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Maude Elsea.

#### DORCAS

The Beacon Co-Laborers opened their July meeting by singing, "Make Me A Channel of Blessing". The new president, LaRue Horn presided. She stressed particular prayer request. The lesson being about Dorcas, "who was full of good works and alms deeds", made the group more conscious of the many works we women can and must do.

There were six members and two visitors present. The personal service project was bibles for service men.

A fellowship time was enjoyed after refreshments had been served by the hostess, Ruth Postlewait.

Greta Carter  
Corresponding Secretary  
Beacon FWB Church  
Kansas City, Missouri

#### \$40.00 FOR HEADQUARTERS FURNITURE

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met at the church for co-labor study. We received two new members last month and two this month for which we are very thankful. We thank the Lord for our Auxiliary and for the blessing we receive at every meeting. We love our co-labor study book so much; it seems like it gets better every quarter.

The devotional was led by our President, Wanda Ragsdale. Song, "Make Me A Channel of Blessing", followed by prayer by Sister Rachel Milburn. Our co-labor study was Sis. Hilderbrand. Song, "The Kingdom Is Coming" and prayer by Flora Burcham.

We received \$10.00 for our Auxiliary as a gift. Topics were given by Jerry Wilfong, Rachel Milburn, and Goldia Kellerman. Dismissed by Pat Morris.

Our final offering for Auxiliary Headquarters Building furniture was \$40.00.

#### A COMPELLING WITNESS

Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, each brought a dainty apron to the July meeting to be sent later to the Free Will Baptist Home in Greenville, Tenn.

The opening song was "Make Me A

Channel of Blessing," followed with prayer by Lizzie Pirtle. Genevieve White is president and directed the business session. The program was "A Compelling Witness." The benediction was by Virginia Watkins.

Jean Blakeley  
Secretary

#### GOAL FOR CARPETINGS

Met July 7 with 21 members present.

It was voted for Ladies Auxiliary to work toward the goal of carpeting for the new church now underway.

An ice cream social is to be held July 30 by Ladies Auxiliary.

The lesson was introduced and devotional given by Eunice Barber and Naomi Hefton.

Meeting was dismissed in prayer by Dorothy Mosier.

Reporter-Corresponding Sec.  
Dorothy Brawley  
Lebanon First FWB Church

#### NEW OFFICERS

Women's Auxiliary had their last Study Course June 24th. It was given by Sister Clara Allen, our Study Course Chairman, on prayer.

At our June meeting the new officers were elected and are: President, Phyllis Miller; Vice President, Ina Bennett; Recording Secretary, Charleen Janes; Corresponding Secretary, Gay Combs; Treasurer, Lorene Pohnert; Study Course, Maureen Holman; Program Prayer, Ruby Johnson; Personnel Service, Lavern Hayes; Song Leader, Nettie Bennett; Pianist, Barbara Cox. The installation service is being planned to be before our next auxiliary meeting.

Our new president was in charge of the July meeting.

The group voted to give the pastor \$10.00 toward the expenses on their trip to the National Association.

Several young people from our church attended Youth Camp. There were three converted at Youth Camp of our group.

We had another to join our auxiliary at this meeting. We had 16 members present. The lesson, "A Compelling Witness", was well given by members of the auxiliary. We enjoy these lessons very much. We were dismissed in prayer and following the prayer we all gave Sister Jean Lau a handkerchief shower as she is having to move to Batesville, Mo. We surely will miss them.

Gay Combs  
Corresponding Secretary





Moderator  
O. T. DIXON  
Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church  
Springfield, Missouri

PROGRAM OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION  
OF THE  
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

AUGUST 17-19, 1965

MISSOURI STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH  
TRAINING SERVICE CONVENTION  
August 16-17, 1965  
Monday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

YOUTH EMPHASIS PROGRAM

Special Guest Speaker ..... Dr. Umbelina  
Landera, Cuban Refugee

Tuesday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Scripture Reading and Prayer ..... Rev. Eddie Altis

Chorus Time  
Sword Drill (Ages 9-11)  
Winning State Essay Read  
Winning State Declamation Presented  
Bible Bowl  
Presentation of Awards

"YIELDED UNTO GOD"

Tuesday Evening, August 17

7:30 p.m. Worship in Song  
Rev. Albert McFarland ..... Director  
Mrs. Albert McFarland ..... Organist  
Mrs. Joan Thomas ..... Pianist  
7:45 p.m. Convening of the Session .... Rev. Gene Norris  
Welcome to Monett  
8:00 p.m. Welcome to State Association .... Moderator of  
the Indian Creek Association  
Response ..... Rev. Henry Long  
8:10 p.m. Moderator's Message and Appointment of Com-  
mittee on Committees ..... Rev. O. T. Dixon

52ND ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FIRST FREE W

Program of the 52nd Session of the

8:20 p.m. Special Music ..... Mrs. Verna Malone

Keynote Message: "YIELDED UNTO GOD That  
Grace May Abound" ..... Rev. Harry Beatty

9:00 p.m. Benediction

Wednesday Morning, August 18

Music Director ..... Rev. Frank Giunta  
9:00 a.m. Devotional ..... Rev. Grover Pingleton  
9:10 a.m. Credential Committee's Report  
Corresponding Letters Received  
Seating of Corresponding Messengers  
Report of Committee on Committees  
9:55 a.m. Adjourn for Woman's Auxiliary Program

Wednesday Evening, August 18

Presiding ..... Rev. James McAllister  
Music Director ..... Rev. Chesley Hill  
7:30 p.m. Time to Sing  
Special Music ..... Preachers' Quartet  
8:00 p.m. Message: "YIELDED UNTO GOD That God's  
Presence May Be Manifested"-Dr. Laverne Miley  
8:45 p.m. Benediction

Thursday Morning, August 19

Music Director ..... Rev. Lonnie Skiles  
9:00 a.m. Devotional ..... Rev. Cliff Bowman  
9:15 a.m. Business Period  
Report of Statistician  
Report of General Board  
Report of Youth Camp Board  
Report of State Treasurer  
Report of State Promotional Secretary  
Report of Business Committee  
10:50 a.m. Ten (10) minute recess  
11:00 a.m. Presiding ..... Rev. Woodrow Matthews  
Music Director ..... Rev. Clarence Burton  
Let's Sing  
Special Music ..... Mrs. Beth Harris  
11:25 a.m. Message: "YIELDED UNTO GOD That God's  
Purpose May Be Accomplished"-Rev. Gene Norris  
12:00 Noon Adjourn for Lunch

Thursday Afternoon, August 19

Music Director ..... Rev. Glenn Rehkop  
1:30 p.m. Let's Sing  
1:35 p.m. Devotional ..... Rev. Johnny Land  
1:50 p.m. Business Period  
Report of Business Committee  
Report of Superannuation Board  
Report of Missions Committee  
Report of Obituary Committee  
Report of Placement Committee  
Report of Temperance Committee  
Report of Publications Committee  
Report of the Sunday School and Church  
Training Service Board  
Report of the Nominating Committee  
4:30 p.m. Adjourn



# MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## Thursday Evening, August 19

Presiding ..... Rev. Dale Jones  
 Music Director ..... Rev. Ted Davis  
 7:30 p.m. Worship in Song  
     Devotional ..... Rev. Dale Skiles  
     Special Music ..... Mrs. Mary Fortney  
     Message: "YIELDED UNTO GOD That We May  
     Obtain Everlasting Life" ....Rev. Tom Malone  
 8:40 p.m. Benediction

## MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION August 18, 1965

Theme: "For a witness....unto all nations." Matt. 24:14.  
 Thought for the Day: "Love, for God and our fellowman, is  
 the foremost requisite to effective witnessing."

Registration  
 10:10 a.m. Convention Hymn ..... "Jesus Saves"  
 10:15 a.m. Recognition of delegates and Appointment  
     of Committee on Committees  
 10:25 a.m. Greetings ..... State Officers  
 10:35 a.m. Bits of Information ..... WNAC Officer  
 11:00 a.m. The Hour to Worship  
     Worship in Music  
     Special Music ..... Mrs. Mary Fortney  
     Message ..... Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley  
     Missionaries to Africa

## Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 p.m. Convention Hymn ..... "Jesus Saves"  
 1:35 p.m. Solo ..... Mrs. Beth Harris  
     Devotional ..... Mrs. Jean Williams  
 1:50 p.m. Business Session:  
     Reports of Committees  
     Miscellaneous  
     Skit ..... Joplin Woman's Auxiliary  
     Reading of Minutes  
     Adjourn ..... "Blest Be the Tie"  
 Pianist ..... Mrs. Joan Thomas  
 Organist ..... Mrs. Albert McFarland  
 Music Director ..... Mrs. O. T. Dixon

## PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

Dixon, O. T. .... Moderator, State Association  
     Pastor, Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield  
 Allred, O. T. .... Assistant Moderator, State Association  
     Pastor, Free will Baptist Church, Cabool  
 Beatty, Harry ..... State Promotional Secretary  
 Bowman, Cliff ..... Pastor, Calvary Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Conway  
 Burton, Clarence ..... Pastor, First Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Berkeley City  
 Carlson, Tommy ..... Free Will Baptist Pastor  
 Davis, Ted ..... Pastor, First Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Joplin  
 Giunta, Frank ..... Pastor, Leadington Free Will  
     Baptist Church, Leadington  
 Hill, Chesley, Jr. .... Pastor, Free Will Baptist Church,  
     Monett; Editor, Gem  
 Jones, Dale ..... Pastor, Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Lebanon  
 Land, Johnny ..... Pastor, Grace Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Arnold  
 Long, Henry ..... Pastor, First Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Springfield  
 Malone, Tom ..... Pastor, Fellowship Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Flat River  
 Matthews, Woodrow ..... Pastor, Beacon Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Raytown  
 McAllister, James ..... Pastor, Central Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Kansas City  
 McFarland, Albert ..... Pastor, Southside Free Will Baptist  
     Church, St. Louis  
 Miley, Laverne .... Medical Missionary, Ivory Coast, Africa  
 Norris, Gene ..... Clerk, State Association  
     Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River  
 Pingleton, Grover ..... Pastor, Free Will Baptist Church  
     Thayer  
 Rehkop, Glenn ..... Pastor, Victory Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Avondale  
 Skiles, Dale ..... Pastor, Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Myrtle  
 Skiles, Lonnie ..... Pastor, Faith Free Will Baptist  
     Church, Lemay



Tuesday Evening Speaker  
**HARRY BEATTY**  
 Promotional Secretary  
 August, 1965



Host Pastor  
**BUD HILL**  
 Monett, Missouri



Wednesday Evening Speaker  
**DR. L. MILEY**  
 Medical Missionary to Africa

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# THE MISSION FIELD

## MORMON ZEAL

According to John Hornok of the Utah Bible Mission, the Mormon system has "five hundred new churches under construction today in America. Many are costing over \$200,000 each. They have a strong missionary program. Recently they sent nearly 200 missionaries to Australia - at one time.

Can the Mormons' zeal to earn salvation outstrip the zeal of the Christian who has been saved by grace alone? We ask, can the Mormon by the flesh do more than the Christian disciple can do by grace? How easy to use Jesus Christ as a fire escape and then play church!

### —Mission Grams

Twenty-two new Free Will Baptist churches were organized the first five months in 1965, as reported to our Church Extension office. This is about the average reported annually, which means that we are organizing churches at the rate of approximately one per week. (Of course, some are organized which are not reported.)

### —Mission Grams

## HAWAII STILL CALLS

In 1959 the Luther Sanders family went to Hawaii as pioneer Free Will Baptist home missionaries. They have developed a good witness at Waipahu and secured valuable property for the church.

Reverend and Mrs. Sanders are both from eastern Kentucky and graduates of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Luther graduated from Bob Jones University in 1951. Before going to Hawaii, he was pastor of churches in Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, and Missouri.

The National Home Missions Board is glad to recommend this couple for your prayers and financial support. The job is not finished, and the need is still pressing. Hawaii still calls!

"Eternity will be too short to praise God for His blessings to me".

—Helen A. Sunday

## NATIONAL HOME MISSION RECEIPTS MISSOURI JUNE, 1965

WNAC, Headquarters .....	\$ 51.50
Myrtle FWB Church .....	5.00
Adventurers for Christ, Leadington FWB Ch. ....	3.00
Faith FWB Ladies Aux. Lemoy .....	10.00
South Side FWB Ch. ....	19.00

Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville.	1.00
Mrs. Edith Blair, Kansas City	5.00
First FWB Ch., Monett .....	4.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Mrs. Marguerite Darnell, Fredericktown .....	6.00
Mrs. Dorothy Childress, Neosho	5.22
Myrtle FWB Ch. ....	5.00
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River .....	10.00
WNAC, Headquarters .....	9.73
Wom. Aux., Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis .....	5.00
First FWB Ch., Monett .....	22.68
FWB Ch. of Berkeley .....	12.64
First FWB Ch., Festus .....	10.00
Mrs. Philip Fry, Mtn. Grove.	1.00
Leadington FWB Ch. ....	27.00
Mr. Ronald Barr, St. Louis ..	10.00
Northside FWB Mission, Springfield .....	48.30
FWB Wom. Aux., Leadington	3.00
Total Received .....	\$294.07

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING MISSOURI JUNE, 1965

South Side Church, St. Louis .....	\$ 75.00
Clayton T. Ramsey, Farmington .....	1.00
Oak Grove Church, Mt. Grove .....	15.00
Edith Blair, Kansas City...	5.00
Myrtle Church .....	101.93
1st Church, Fredericktown.	40.00
Missouri State Ass'n .....	18.23
1st Church, Mt. Grove ....	110.30
1st Church, Mtn. Grove	
Woman's Auxiliary.....	18.02
Alton Church .....	15.00
Grant Ave. Ch., Springfield	5.00
Northeast Mo. CTS Rally..	21.06
Grace Ch. Woman's Aux., Arnold .....	26.27
Steadfast S.S. Class, Overland Ch. ....	13.73
Arlie E. Hoover, Liberal...	22.74
Faith Church, Lemay .....	50.00
Garfield S.S., Couch .....	20.00
1st Church, Berkeley City .	90.00
Willow Springs Church, Mt. Grove .....	12.26
New Rock Springs, Cabool .	22.00
FWB Church, Berkeley ....	232.00
1st Church, Monett .....	18.89
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown	10.00
Parkview Church, Desloge .	40.00
Macedonia S.S., Niangua .	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton .....	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Joplin .	5.00
Southside Ch., St. Louis .	32.50
Leadington Church .....	20.00

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Kirksville Church .....	15.14
Billy Joe McDonald, Fairdealing .....	5.00
Rock Springs Ch., Mt. Grove	30.10
Terry Forrest, Alton .....	10.00
Mt. Pisgah Ch., Cabool ...	25.00
Clayton T. Ramsey, Farmington .....	1.00
1st Church, Mt. Grove ....	143.00
Central Ch., Kansas City ..	90.00
Sharon Robinette, Raytown.	5.00
Lester Barks, St. Louis ..	10.00
Twin Oak Ch., Fredericktown	75.00
Youth Group, FWB Ch., Kirksville .....	6.00
Son Light Missionary Conf., Cabool .....	50.00
Cape Church, Hartville ....	130.65
Trinity Church, Bridgeton ..	105.00
Fellowship Ch., Flat River	125.00
Hazel Cr. Ch., Kirksville .	83.39
WNAC .....	187.15
1st Church, Festus .....	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington	30.00
	<u>\$2,193.36</u>

# REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

## FINANCIAL REPORT January - June, 1965

Cash in bank, Jan. 1, 1965 .....	\$ 22,298.69
Receipts .....	57,437.42
Total .....	<u>\$ 79,736.11</u>
Disbursements .....	56,232.30
Cash in bank, July 1, 1965 .....	\$ 23,503.81

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS - July 1, 1965

Missionary accounts and designated funds ....	\$ 15,259.28
General Fund .....	8,244.53
Total .....	<u>\$ 23,503.81</u>

Amount of 1965 budget.	\$149,270.00
Receipts (total receipts minus exchange moneys not posted to state quotas in this dept.) .....	56,979.02
Balance .....	<u>\$ 92,290.98</u>

NOTE: Our receipts for the first six months of 1964 were \$56,881.27. This report shows an increase of only \$556.15 for this current six-month period. However, November and December are our strong months, so we hope to reach our budget.

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS - July 1, 1965

Reserve Fund .....	\$ 5,000.00
August, 1965	

Loan Fund .....	5,228.78
Furniture & Fixtures, New Building .....	157.00
Godwin .....	107.15
Billows .....	1,831.15
Jernigan .....	333.34
Ledlow .....	61.86
Barker .....	1,625.00
Fairbanks Church .....	70.00
Plunkett .....	125.00
Austin Project .....	720.00
	<u>\$15,259.28</u>

## DEFICIT ACCOUNTS - July 1, 1965

Whaley .....	\$ 1,435.26
Johnson .....	2,135.61
Yeley .....	1,015.50
Owens .....	1,940.30
Sanders .....	1,612.44
Walker .....	1,207.98
Sharry .....	148.97
Miscellaneous .....	6.00
Perry .....	2,327.02
Harwell .....	518.82
Rolen .....	251.75
Kansas Missionary .....	1,338.87
	<u>\$13,938.52</u>

REV. & MRS. HAROLD STEVENS  
P. O. Mkuze  
Zululand, South Africa

Dear Friends,

The older I get the more totally I realize how wrong I was as a young Christian "several years" ago when I first read Psalm 136. You will recall that the closing phrase of all 26 verses is "for His mercy endureth forever." Upon first reading this Psalm I thought that the printer had made a mistake when setting his type! Now I realize that the Psalmist was bearing testimony about his most merciful God whose mercy is a precious thing indeed to us humans.

In order that you might rejoice with us in His abundant mercy I mention some recent events.

For a considerable length of time now we have felt a real need for spiritual refreshing in our work here at Mseleni. There were many things that grieved the heart. In March during two weeks of special Bible Study for the men of our district the Lord was pleased to use our guest speakers David Evans and Ernest Majose. The lessons were from Jeremiah

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State	1965 Quota	Amount Given	Balance
Alabama	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,873.99	\$ 3,126.01
Arizona	1,000.00	160.82	839.18
Arkansas	4,000.00	1,162.93	2,837.07
California	4,000.00	5,981.02	(1,981.02)
Canada	500.00	315.40	184.60
Colorado	570.00	336.97	233.03
Florida	5,000.00	1,786.87	3,213.13
Georgia	5,000.00	1,033.69	3,966.31
Idaho	1,000.00	673.48	326.52
Illinois	4,000.00	1,114.28	2,885.72
Indiana	2,200.00	545.00	1,655.00
Iowa	500.00	182.45	317.55
Kansas	2,000.00	1,655.30	344.70
Kentucky	5,000.00	897.27	4,102.73
Maine	500.00	290.00	210.00
Mexico	500.00	5.00	495.00
Michigan	6,000.00	3,070.39	2,929.61
Mississippi	2,500.00	796.10	1,703.90
Missouri	10,000.00	3,714.01	6,285.99
New Hampshire	500.00	91.08	408.92
New Mexico	1,000.00	92.75	907.25
North Carolina	18,000.00	5,477.73	12,522.27
Ohio	5,000.00	1,902.00	3,098.00
Oklahoma	20,000.00	10,370.79	9,629.21
Oregon	1,000.00	120.00	880.00
South Carolina	4,500.00	1,157.03	3,342.97
Tennessee	18,000.00	6,216.73	11,783.27
Texas	4,500.00	1,500.24	2,999.76
Virginia	5,000.00	1,285.13	3,714.87
Washington	500.00	40.62	459.38
West Virginia	2,500.00	354.06	2,145.94
Miscellaneous	7,500.00	775.89	6,724.11
TOTAL	\$149,270.00	\$26,979.02	\$92,290.98



# THE BIG FRONT

Rev. Tommy D. Carlson  
Pastor of Willow Springs Church  
Mtn. Grove, Mo.

I used to have a little dog that would bark viciously every time someone would come to the door. To hear it bark you would think it could tear off a leg if it could get to you. Actually the chihuahua was about five and one-half inches tall and weighed a little more than four pounds. But it could sure put on a **BIG FRONT**.

I am afraid this is the picture of many so called Christians, who put on a show or a "Big Front" when actually their Christian testimony is about five and one-half inches tall and carries a little more than four pounds of weight.

In Acts 5:1-12 we read the story of Ananias and Sapphira. It seems at this time among the new Christians there sprang up a kind of holy rivalry. Everyone was eager to place his means at the feet of the apostles. Ananias and his wife were in the crowd. But wait! as the others gave their all, these two gave only a part and acted as though they had done as much as everyone else. They were putting on a big front, a show before mankind. They had not fooled God.

Where did all this get them? Did they enjoy the luxury of the extra amount they had kept? NO! They could not hide from God. They lost their life because of their hypocrisy.

When Moses came before Pharaoh with the message of God, the ruler laughed and said, "No, Israel can not leave." Moses performed before Pharaoh as God has commanded him. Pharaoh established a big front with his sorcerers and their enchantments.

God began to work and move through the leaders of the children of Israel. The Lord sent plagues upon the Egyptians until the big front was broken down and the children of Israel were permitted to leave Egypt.

Oh listen today people, relying upon a front can get you no place with God. For he sees and knows all our nations.

Matt. 23:27 says, "Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

In our life today we find people who are in church on Sunday, some even teach, but through the week they are found in drive-in-picture shows, pool halls, half dressed, and still calling themselves Christians. Is this not a picture of the verse in Matt. 23? When with Christians or the family, some are acting out a big front but inwardly full of uncleanness.

The Bible tells us that man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart. People dress up outwardly to please men with a big front. But until individuals do away with this front and get into reality, humbling themselves before God; they are doomed.

Take a picture of your life right now. Then look at it. Are you inwardly "full of dead men's bones, and full of uncleanness?" Are you outwardly putting on a "Big Front?" Remember, "God seeth the heart."

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on God's demands for effective service. Near the end of our study when David felt impressed to have a few minutes of special prayer the hour that followed hearts were broken and amid many tears from eyes estranged to this precious dampness many things were made right with God and men. Evidence of the reality of these decisions is obvious each day. His mercies!!!

Soon after the Bible Study was over we left with the men for our Annual Pastor-Missionary Conference, where about 75 gathered. There our Mseleni Pastor,

Rev. Ephraim Mbonamb, was Chairman of these meetings and the blessing received at Mseleni was carried over here and each of the six days were filled with victory and blessing. Four men who had obviously come to cause confusion left defeated after two days. So His mercy was most evident again.

On May 28th I was returning to the mission in my Land Rover at 6:30 in the night and five miles out I came over a little knoll and straight into the bottom of an upturned truck heavily loaded with five tons of building material. The driver, who had been drinking, turned it over two

hours earlier, completely blocking the road and left no worker to warn of the danger. There were three Africans with me and none of us were seriously hurt even though my big, almost new, Land Rover was damaged beyond repair. One of the African boys was knocked unconscious but soon recovered and another had a knee injury. I was not conscious of it but the mercy of instinct provided by the Lord was sufficient to save my eyes. My right forearm shielding my eyes took the beating on the jagged edge of the windshield. There were minor cuts on my

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# KEN'S KORNER

This true story will not influence you to change cigarette brands, but will definitely put some "fighting blood" in your spiritual veins.

King Nebuchadnezzar created hanging gardens in Babylon and surrounded the city with a wall on which chariots could race. The proud king began to boast amidst all the glories that surrounded him: "Is not this great Babylon that I have built by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty?"

So the king decided to pay honor to his god when he claimed had given him so many riches. He had a great image erected - covered with gold. It was ninety feet tall, about as tall as an eight-story building. Some think the image, which was in the form of a man, was the likeness of the king himself; others believe it was the image of their greatest god.

At the time of the uncovering of the great statue, Nebuchadnezzar made a grand festival, attended by all the dignitaries of his empire. The people were gorgeously robed. Soldiers and musicians were dressed in fine array. In the very center of the dazzling grandeur King Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to bow down to the golden image at the sound of music. Every person who refused to bow to the image would be cast into a burning, fiery furnace.

Thousands of gaily dressed dignitaries

stood waiting for the burst of music. And...suddenly...it came! The crowd fell low to the ground - but not everyone. Standing straight and tall were three young men - Shadrach (shād'rāk), Meshach (mē'shāk), and Abednego (ā bēd' nē gō). Some Chaldeans told the king what the three had done.

Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury. In fierce anger, he commanded his servants to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was heated before. After Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were bound by the strong soldiers, they were cast into the burning furnace.

But something amazing took place in the furnace. The three young men just walked around inside it. They had no fear of what would happen to them. They knew of a certainty that the God in whom they had complete confidence and for whom they had taken their stand would take care of them. Then they walked out of the fire with not even a blister, nor a scorched hair, nor even the smell of fire on them.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said by their actions, "We'd rather fight (or stand) for what's right than switch (or conform) to the things of the world. Just because everybody else is doing it is no reason for us to join in."

Were these fellows "sissies"? No! They were courageous. It takes more courage to be a Christian than it does not to be. They were strong fellows. There's strength in unity. Remember, three refused to bow. You and your friends should stand together for Christ and be strong in Him.

Dare to do right even if you stand alone. Dare to do right if you have to die for it - to die is better than to sin. It takes real courage to do right, but God always gives courage to His children.

God needs fighters instead of switchers. Ask God to help you be a fighter for His sake. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

**FIGHT  
OR  
SWITCH**

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forehead which six stitches fixed up. There was quite a hole, about the size of an orange, in the bottom of my forearm which produced a considerable flow of blood until one of the African fellows, Phillip, tied me up and corded the arm. He then washed my face with water from the radiator so I wouldn't scare Josephine so badly. Fortunately the drunk man returned to his truck in about 45 minutes and took me to Mseleni. Dr. Vos took the stitches out of my arm and forehead two days ago and I feel much better now. "His mercy endureth forever."

August, 1965

These are Women's Bible School days at Mseleni and of course Jo is very busy with 99 women in here for three weeks. This means accommodations, lights, water and food, as well as all the teaching and preparation. Jo has been busy getting some pictures and I am sure that a special Bible School letter will follow with pictures.

Do PRAY for two months of special tent meetings which a young African evangelist, Hebron Vilakazi, is holding in several places in our area...June 1st - July 31st. To date there have been 18 decisions for Christ!

His mercy has also been evident in the past ten days as I have been showing the Billy Graham film, "The Heart Is A Rebel" to little groups of white traders, government officials and farmers within 150 miles of the mission. There have been at least 20 conversions among these white people.

"OH GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN: FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER."

In Christ,

Harold Stevens





# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



REV. DONALD LEE JONES  
Missouri Home Missionary to  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD PLANS NEW WORK

The Rev. Donald Lee Jones of Guymon, Oklahoma has accepted the position as Missouri State Home Missionary and will move to Cape Girardeau, Missouri October 17th to begin his work. Rev. Jones graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1962 and has been pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Guymon, Oklahoma for the past three and one-half years. During this time a good strong work has come into being. Brother Don and his wife, Beverly Ann, have two children. They are Timothy Ray and Mark David.

Brother Jones has been highly recommended by officials of the National Home Missions Board of Free Will Baptists, and the Missouri Mission Board feels that he will be a great asset to the work of Free Will Baptists in Missouri.

Cape Girardeau is a city of approximately 30,000 population on the Mississippi River in Southeast Missouri. It is the home of Southeast Missouri State College. Fredericktown, Missouri is the nearest town with a Free Will Baptist church. The area surrounding Cape Girardeau and the other neighboring town of Jackson, Missouri is predominantly Catholic, and certainly a Free Will Baptist

witness is needed.

The Missouri Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists request that our good Free Will Baptist members of Missouri pray much for Brother Jones as he begins this new work in Cape Girardeau. If you can help support this work, please send your offerings to Rev. Bob L. Jones (no relation) 103 West Murta St., Fredericktown, Missouri, or to Rev. Harry Beatty, 3100 Mount Pleasant, St. Louis, Missouri. In either case be sure to earmark your gift for the Cape Girardeau Mission. If you would like to have Brother Jones in your church for a missionary conference, contact Brother Bob Jones. Remember to pray for this mission.

### QUARTERLY MEETING

Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting convened with the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown, Missouri, June 11, 12, 1965.

Service opened with singing on Friday night with a good attendance and each church represented. The message was presented by the Rev. John C. McAllister, Pastor of the Belton Free Will Baptist Church, with scripture located in Luke chapters 12, 16, 18; subject "The Foolish Farmer."

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Glen Rehkop, Saturday morning at 10:00 with singing led by Bro. Arlo Starns, of the Victory Church.

The morning devotion was presented by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, pastor of the Beacon Church. The committees were appointed.

The worship hour was called to order by congregational singing led by Rev. John C. McAllister with Rev. James McAllister at the piano.

The 11:00 message was presented by Rev. Robert Sherry, pastor of the Topeka, Kansas Free Will Baptist Church. Scripture text was taken from Nehm. chapter 13 and it presented that there WAS A JOB IN GOD'S VINEYARD FOR EACH

OF US.

A fine dinner which was prepared by the host church was enjoyed by all.

Business session was called to order by singing of the hymn "Face to Face," led by Bro. Arlo Starns. Devotion was given by Bro. Harry Beatty, our promotional secretary. His test was Eph. 4.

The following were elected to service the Quarterly Meeting in the Lord's work for the coming year.

Moderator: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, pastor of the Beacon Church.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. John C. McAllister, pastor of the Belton Church.

Clerk-Treasurer: Sister Rutha Alltus, Member of the Beacon Church.

Assistant Clerk: Sister Vern Smith, Member of the First Church.

Quarterly Meeting Reporter: Sister Pansy McAllister, member of the Belton Church.

Board members to represent the respective church of the Quarterly Meeting are as follows: Hickory Grove, Bro. Joe Cockrell; Olivet (Marshall, Mo.), Rev. Junior Ussery; Victory Church, Rev. Glen Rehkop; Belton Church, Bro. Marion Allmon; Beacon Church, Bro. Clifford Alltus.

The September session of our Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Belton Free Will Baptist Church in their new building, on the corner of Mill and Baldwin Streets.

At the close of the service time was given for a report by Bro. Harry Beatty, our promotional secretary for the state of Missouri. We appreciate having Bro. Beatty with us in our services.

Pray for us as we grow and work for the Lord.

Yours for Christ,  
Pansy McAllister  
Quarterly Meeting, Reporter

### FIRST CHURCH OF FESTUS REPORTS

We had eight young people that went to pre-teen youth camp this year. Those going were Sis. Moyers, Sis. Livingston, Cindy Long, Debbie Livingston, Denise Livingston, Lana Moyers, and Linda Stevens and her sister. Also two went to teen session, Marilyn Burkett and Marceen Hill. I was going until I had an

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accident and broke a rib.

The church had it's annual Sunday school picnic at Lake Killary, Saturday, July 10th.

Karen Smith, Reporter  
Rev. Charles Moyers, Pastor

Dear Gem Editor:

I am resigning the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church this week. This is our annual conference time (locally).

I came here from a Home Mission project in West Texas. It was self-created and self-supported after having pastored for over ten years in Houston, Texas.

I have been at Farmington over two years and we have had about 100 decisions during our stay here.

Our plans are indefinite at present.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Everett D. Hellard

Dear Gem Readers:

Thought I would let you know some of the happenings of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Neosho, Missouri.

Sunday, June 6th, we had one saved and six joined our church. We had vacation bible school from June 7 to 11, with a large group attending. Am sending a



snapshot of our primary class to be published in the Gem with Violet Mahaffey as their teacher.

June 13th we had a baptizing directly after services with four being baptized. Rodney and Mary Turner were baptized by Rev. Kenneth Turner and Mary Weston and Larry McIliviane were baptized by Rev. Charles Black.

The second Friday of each month the First Free Will Baptist Church holds an old-fashioned gospel singing (everyone is invited to attend) at 7:30 p.m.

Yours in Christ,  
Dorothy Childress

PAUL C. FAST

Paul C. Fast, born March 14, 1896 in Barton County, Mo., the son of O. T. August, 1965

and Nellie McWilliams Fast, pioneer settlers in the Verdella neighborhood, died June 7, 1965 at his home in Liberal, Mo.

He was a retired farmer and lifetime resident of the Verdella and Liberal communities.

He was married on December 15, 1917 to Miss Jane Alta Gilmartin of Ianta, Mo., who survives. Membership was held in the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church of which he was a member of the board of deacons. He was a World War I Veteran.

Surviving in addition to the widow of the home, are two sons, Paul Eugene Fast, of Ianta, Mo., Rev. Forrest Thayne Fast of Liberal, Mo.; Mrs. Martha Nell Elbrader of Ft. Scott, Kansas, Mrs. Ruby Frances Riley of Liberal, Missouri, Mrs. Helen Joan Brenner of Tacoma, Washington and Mrs. Phyllis Jane Carpenter of Olathe, Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Dixie Eccher of Liberal, Missouri and Mrs. Mary Hizar of Ianta; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A son, Orin Taylor Fast, preceded him in death February, 1924.

Also surviving are a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri officiated at the services. Vern Denny sang two solos "Sunrise Tomorrow" and "The Last Mile of the Way." Mrs. Lucille Myers accompanied the soloist at the piano.

The active casket bearers were nephews of the deceased.

Following the service in the church the remains were escorted to Barton City Cemetery where American Legion and VFW military rites were accorded this native son of Barton.

#### FROM OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE

Don W. Payne, president of Oklahoma Bible College since 1961, has taken a leave of absence to accept a Graduate Fellowship to complete his doctoral studies in education (Ed. D). Mr. Payne will study at a graduate seminar at Oklahoma City University for the summer. For the fall and spring term he will continue studies at the University of Tulsa. The doctorate program will be in administration of higher education.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell will replace Mr. Payne. Dr. O'Donnell has the B.D. and Th. D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

O.B.C. has launched an ambitious building program of four buildings which will be completed on the new 39 acre campus site this year.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Route 9  
Greeneville, Tennessee

#### THESE ARE THE FACTS!

Our income for April and May is out of balance. Many have shifted their regular giving to the Building Fund. This means our General Fund is low.

To be truthful, we are almost \$5,000 in the RED! (General Fund)

Building Fund total May 31, 1965 - \$23,500. \$6,500 needed to reach goal of \$30,000.

Our needs are great and urgent at this time. Use your influence to help us raise the necessary funds to operate during these lean months.

Your interest, prayers, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

In His Service,  
Free Will Baptist Home for  
Children  
Ray C. Turnage  
Superintendent

Phillipians 4:19

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Friend:

I come to you with a need facing Free Will Baptist Bible College that must be met. A note owed to First American National Bank for \$18,500 will be due soon. There is approximately \$233 in our building fund account. We need \$18,300 designated "building fund" in the next few days.

Some of you have sent us building fund gifts in the past which have been applied as you requested. We want to thank you again for your past help. Perhaps you can help again. Some of you are very faithful in sending undesignated gifts, which is very important. May I ask you for a special favor for Free Will Baptist Bible College. Could you designate an extra amount for this one time for this note. We are asking thousands of others to join you in paying off this special item.

We are trying to manage the affairs of the Bible College in the most business-like way. We have spent thousands of dollars in interest money, and we feel you agree with us that this small amount should be paid. Please let us hear from you.

Yours truly,  
L. C. Johnson  
President





NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

# YOU CAN SAVE MONEY

The best way to save money is to watch how you spend it. Everyone of us is responsible to God in the use of the money entrusted to us.

"The love of money," we know, "is the root of all evil," but not the money itself. The fault does not lie in the money, but in them that use it. It may be used ill: and what may not? But it may likewise be used well.

Money is of unspeakable service to all civilized people, in all the common affairs of life. It is certainly a handy instrument of transacting all manner of business, and if we use it according to Christian wisdom, it can be an instrument of all manner of good.

In the hands of God's children, it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked. It gives to the traveller and the stranger a place to lay his head. By it we may supply the place of the husband to the widow, and of a father to the fatherless. We may be a defense for the oppressed, a means of

health to the sick, of ease to them that are in pain. It may be eyes to the blind, as feet to the lame.

It is probably one of the most important and comprehensive of all of man's talents. It is, therefore, of the highest concern, that all who fear God know how to employ this valuable talent. We need to be instructed as to how we may use our money to accomplish all these glorious ends in the highest degree.

If your church has a world-wide ministry, the money which you give through your church helps to accomplish these ends. If your church is fulfilling its stewardship responsibilities, then you can be assured that, "every minute of every day, somewhere, someway, my church is extending the influence of Christ to the world." Our contributions to home and foreign missions, the Bible College and other departments of work, are being used to meet these glorious ends. (Reprinted from Attack, A Magazine for the Master's Men.)

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PREACHERS, DEACONS, LAYMEN AND WOMEN, AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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AUGUST 16 - 17, 1965

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