

Grider, John CF55
Rt. 2 Box 117
Greenfield

FREE WILL BAPTIST

NOVEMBER
1965

THE VOICE OF MISSOURI
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Gem



THANKSGIVING

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Organ of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Serving the church everywhere. Endorsed by National Association.

Published Monthly at 904 West Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625

Entered in the Post Office at Cassville, Missouri, under second class mailing permit.

TERMS

One dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per year cash in advance. Papers will be discontinued when subscription expires.

One dollar per year on the Every Church Family Plan consisting of five subscriptions or more.

Address all correspondence and subscriptions to Editor, Free Will Baptist Gem, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

Postmaster: Send All Forms 3579 to 904 West Street, Cassville, Missouri 65625.



Bud Hill
3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri
63111

SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK FOR THE GEM

Dear Editor:

Please add my name to the Gem Mailing List. I am enclosing \$1.50 for one year's subscription.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

ZIP Code _____

Promotional Secretary's Corner

Friday, September 3, I attended the closing day of the Union Association held with Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church near Ben Davis, Mo. Their minister's preaching fellowship continued through the evening service, in which I was privileged to participate.

Liberty Quarterly Meeting convened with Amity Free Will Baptist Church, September 4. Two young ministers from this association are entering our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. The worship service was good although the attendance was light. Time was given to explain the new allocation of our Missouri Cooperative Fund. While in this section I attended the closing night of the Pleasant Hill revival. Rev. Seth Draper is pastor here. Sunday morning, Sept. 5, we worshiped with Pastor Fred Winn and the Hartville Free Will Baptist Church and delivered the message there, and Sunday evening spoke in the Marshfield Church where Rev. Wm. Reeves is pastoring. The Greater Kansas City District meeting assembled with the Belton Free Will Baptist Church September 10-11. I was delegated to deliver the message Friday night and Rev. Junior Ussery Saturday morning. Their new sanctuary with a full basement beneath it is almost completed. Their new location is 122 West Mill Street, Belton, Mo. Rev. John McCallister is pastor of Belton Church.

Sunday morning, September 12, we enjoyed a good service with Pastor Howard Hensley and Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, 1113 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. I delivered the eleven a.m. sermon and Sunday afternoon Rev. Robert Sharry preached the deacons' ordination sermon as two deacons were ordained. A few years ago I served as evangelist in a brush arbor meeting at Garfield Free Will Baptist Church in Oregon County, Mo. when Richard Sandridge was saved. Brother Richard was one of the men ordained as deacon in Bethel Church. Brethren, this is a good example to follow, when you move from one locality to another, locate the Free Will Baptist Church and present yourself for the Lord's service there. Sunday night I delivered the message in Marshall Church. Rev. Junior Ussery is the pastor. They are worshiping in the church basement at present as they continue to build their new sanctuary on High and Franklin Streets, Marshall, Mo. Brethren, please remember each of these new works in prayer and any other help you may be able to give.



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

In response to the invitation of Pastor Chester Weir and the Twin City Free Will Baptist Church in Festus, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon there September 19th. This church continues to grow and win souls for the Lord. They adopted the cooperative plan of giving this month. This new organization is worshiping in a rented building and adopting and contributing to this worldwide ministry of God's Word, ought to encourage many more of our churches throughout Missouri to join ranks and support this good plan. It was my pleasure to deliver the evening message in the Grace Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Johnny Land and Grace Church continues a good Christian witness in the community of Arnold, Missouri. Evangelist Bobby Jackson began a ten day revival here September 26th. Some souls have been saved and the church edified through this revival effort.

Sunday night, September 26th, we visited and worshiped with Faith Church and their recently elected pastor, Virgil Maness. They also reported that souls have been saved in their regular services.

The cooperative receipts were good for September with thirty-five churches contributing.

There are many bibles available through your book store. They are published by Cambridge, Collins, Harper, Holman, Oxford, World, and the Zondervan Marked Bible Companies. These bibles may be ordered as listed in our 1965 Book Store catalogue.

Harry Beatty

SEPTEMBER, 1965

Parkview	\$ 102.64
Beacon	118.36
Kansas City Central	69.33
Festus, First	60.00
Hannon	17.40
Garfield	43.30

to page 11

Free Will Baptist Gem

YIELD UNTO GOD That God's Purpose May Be Accomplished

By Gene Norris

Romans 6:11-13, 22 - "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

God's purpose in man is that man should glorify God. The extent to which man glorifies God is the extent to which man yields himself to the purpose of God. Rather than man continuously yielding himself to God and His purpose, he alienated himself from God when he became disobedient in the Garden of Eden. Since that time, men, nations, and in many instances, churches have failed to accomplish the eternal purpose of God. When man became disobedient, he became incapable of having God's purpose accomplished in his life. Then, in order for God's purpose to be accomplished in man, a remedy must be provided to restore man to a right relationship to God. Thus, incapable man would be made capable through Christ to do the will of God. The same is true for Jerusalem. When the spiritual sun became darkened and the future dim in her history, God announced that the sun would shine again for Jerusalem and her people.

All of these things made redemption necessary.

GOD'S PURPOSE IN REDEMPTION Romans 8:28-30

For whom he did foreknow takes us back to a dim distant past known only to God. Our salvation has its roots in the past. Back to when it was only a thought in the mind of God. God in His Omniscience, was able to foresee the spiritual ruin that would come to man, and He planned a remedy.

He also did predestinate has to do with and determination of God. It was, and is, the will of God that we be conformed to the image of His Son. It is in the will of

God that all men come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Then he also called. This is a calling that results in a coming. Such as the calling of Abraham from the land of his kindred and from his country to a place that God would show him. Abraham heard the call of God and responded obediently even though he did not know where he was going. God promised him a great inheritance.

God called Moses to be a deliverer for His people, Israel. Moses was not physically qualified for such a task, but he was obedient to the call of God and God supplied his need. Moses became a great leader and a courageous leader because of his obedience.

On the road to Damascus, God called Saul of Tarsus. Saul had in vain kicked against the call of the Holy Spirit, but now hears the voice of God again. He now yields himself to God and obeys the voice of the Lord. Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor of Christians, now becomes the great Apostle Paul who delivered God's message to Gentile and Jew. Such a transformation could come about as he yielded himself completely to God.

These men were called to live lives of yieldedness and did so to the extent that their own lives were counted as nought. God is doing the same through His Spirit today.

Then he also justified becomes shouting ground for any born again believer. Those who yield themselves to God are declared by God to be righteous. He brings us into a new position and standing before Himself. Upon being justified, we are as though we had never sinned. God then views man as instruments through whom His will might be done. This justification is necessary so we may be spiritually qualified to accomplish His will and purpose in our lives. "It is God that justifieth" (Romans 8:33b).

Then he also glorified. Paul has already stated that we are to be conformed to the image of the Son of God. Note the past tense as if it already had been realized though future. God did not call and predestinate His people to a place but to a likeness and a relation.

How we praise God for His perfect plan of salvation and that He saves to the uttermost! GOD'S PURPOSE IN MAN.

God had in purpose in the original creation of man. Man became disobedient and failed to accomplish this purpose, so God provided redemption so that man might be reconciled to Himself. Man may now do the will of our Heavenly Father as he yields himself to God and sells out to Jesus. God needs men who are yielded to Himself more than He needs great denominations or great organizations. God needs men who will stand for God in this world and fight the evils of the day in which we live.

The person who does not yield himself to God usually yields himself to do evil in the sight of God. Let us look at the Bible and the present day for verification of this fact.

King Ahab was a man with tremendous capabilities and numerous opportunities to do the will of God and let God move in his life, but he chose to sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord. (I Kings 21:20-25) He let an ungodly woman have more influence in his life than God Himself. He yielded to this influence and to popularity and fame instead of yielding to God. We know the outcome from the Bible record.

Jerusalem had been chosen by God to be His possession as long as they would be obedient. Through the years they yielded to disobedience, rebellion, and idolatry and went into captivity without any price being paid by her conquerors. They failed to do the will of the great Jehovah God.

Many churches have sold out to modernism, formalism, liberalism, worldliness, and compromise rather than yielding to obedience as taught by Jesus Himself. Churches have lost the power of God and cannot effectively fight the forces of evil in this world. The church

as a whole has lost influence in the world. What the world sees is rank hypocrisy and not the Christianity that it ought to see. Oh, let us awaken out of our sleep and yield ourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead. Live quickened lives that will make Christianity attractive to those that are lost in sin.

Many have not yielded to God and brought dishonor instead of honor and glory to God. Yieldedness to popularity, fame, king alcohol, worldly habits and

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

NOVEMBER 1965

HOME MISSIONS MONTH

Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer

NOVEMBER
15-19
NOVEMBER 21
HOME MISSION
SUNDAY



Dear Co-Laborers,

Rev. H. E. Willis is asking the auxiliaries all over the denomination to rally for the cause of Home Missions. As we approach November, 1965, Rev. Willis is asking the auxiliaries to work again toward the goal of raising \$20,000 for National Home Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. Willis, as treasurer of the Home Missions Department, cannot stress too strongly how much the National Home Missions depends on the auxiliary.

I trust that a whole state of Missouri will do their part. As we all count our blessings, let us give as we are blessed.

Your Editor
Mrs. Ted Davis

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Lebanon - First FWB Church
Desloge - Parkview FWB Church
Flat River - First FWB Church
St. Louis - District Women's Auxiliary
Raytown - Beacon FWB Church

Send all reports to:
MRS. TED DAVIS
2301 Conn.
Joplin, Mo.

By the 15th of each month.

CHURCH BAZAAR

The Ladies of the Lebanon First Free Will Baptist Church met October 6 at the church with 20 members and one visitor present who also became a member.

A church bazaar will be held at the community building Nov. 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. An assortment of things will be on sale.

Page 4

WELCOMES NEW PASTOR'S WIFE

Mrs. Ernest M. Kennedy, wife of the new pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, was welcomed into the Women's Auxiliary of the church at the Tuesday evening, October 5, meeting in fellowship hall of the church.

During the business session the District Meeting which will be at the Parkview Church in Desloge was discussed, along with a variety of plans for coming meetings.

GLORY OF MISSIONS

The Women's Auxiliary of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge met Monday evening, October 4, at the church for their monthly meeting. There were sixteen members present.

Agnes Terry, president, read the scripture, Jeremiah 36:20-23. Sandy Morris gave an inspiring object lesson, "How Big Is Your Bible?"

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE ST. LOUIS DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUX.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1965, our first meeting of the St. Louis District Women's Auxiliary was called to order by Mrs. Lucille Beatty.

It was agreed by the general body to meet twice a year on the fourth Tuesday of March and the fourth Tuesday of September. The constitution and by-laws was read and accepted by the body. Following the acceptance of the duties of the officers we accepted the report of the nominating committee and elected the officers for the coming year. The officers elected are as follows:

President, Mrs. Erma Lee Hagan; Vice President, Mrs. Geraldine Plummer; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lillian Moore; Ass't Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Kennedy; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lillie Tallent; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Mariam Willhite; Missions Chairman, Mrs. Lois DePriest.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The Beacon Co-Laborers have been busy since our last report. During the month of August booklets, "Life At It's Best" and "Life Eternally Yours" were distributed to a nursing home. A visit was made to the home of Mrs. Glenn

McGown, who is unable to attend church, but always proves to be a blessing to all who visits her.

A form of the recommended budget that was presented at the State Convention was adopted at the Sept. meeting. Also agreed to give food for the Hanna's as our October personal service project.

The book, "Peace With God", by Billy Graham, was discussed on the evening of Sept. 14 at the home of LaRue Horn. Eight attended this discussion.

The Sunday School opening program was given by our members. On a Sunday in October we gave a skit showing the importance of memorizing scripture, and what it might be like in case our bibles should be taken from us.

A study course on the Nervous Christian was conducted by Jean Williams at the church Oct. 12-14. Other churches were invited to attend.

Our district project for this year is money for the Fulchers' account.

The Co-Laborers of Beacon will be sending articles to the Provision Closet in November.

HELPING THE CALVARYS

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary at their monthly meeting held a discussion on sending an offering to some missionary's account that was deficit. We decided to send \$10.00 to the Wesley Calvary's account.

A special offering will be taken for the Student Loan Fund since September is set aside for Student Loan Fund month.

The Auxiliary voted to send \$10.00 to W.N.A.C. General Fund for the headquarters building.

MRS. ELIZABETH GIBSON WELCOMED BY AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of Mt. Grove Free Will Baptist Church met and the president, Miss Hazel Hutsell, read Acts 10:28-35 and commented on missions work. Reports of work at the State Meeting were made. A report was made by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, concerning the work of the District in the state of Miss. She spoke in favor of a District Meeting.

The Aileen Calvary Circle served delicious refreshments in a time of fellow-

Free Will Baptist Gem

ship to welcome the pastor's wife, Mrs. Gibson, and her mother, Mrs. Madison, into our midst.

HELPING THE MILEY'S

The Women's Auxiliary of the Lead-ington Free Will Baptist Church met and during the business session we voted to send fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to the Dr. LaVerne Miley's, our African missionaries who are now on furlough in the United States, their home country. Also, we voted to give clothing to the FWB children's home in Eldredge, Ala.

STUDENT LOAN FUND

The West Plains Ladies Auxiliary met and had the following officers reports: Secretary and Treasurer report read and approved; Corresponding Secretary had sent six get-well cards and one sympathy card, wrote several letters, made posters and etc.; Personal Service Chairman reported a good success in the ice cream social; sending clothing to one needy family, sending food to four families who had lost loved ones.

We voted to send \$10.00 to our Student Loan Fund.

\$50.60 FOR THE FULCHERS

New officers were elected at the last meeting of the First Free Will Baptist of St. Louis Women's Auxiliary. There were eight present.

The Auxiliary has raised a love offering of \$50.60 for our missionaries, the Fulchers, who arrived at the airport Friday the 10th of August.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Ladie's Auxiliary of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist, Springfield, met August 12 with their newly elected officers in charge. They are as follows: President, Georgia Glenn; Vice President, Delma Branson; Treasurer, Lucy Ray; Recording Secretary, Shirley Barnett; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Latimer; Program Prayer Chairman, Mary Fortney; Study Course Chairman, Margaret Dixon; and Personal Service Chairman, Mable Martin.

Immediately following the meeting a personal shower was given in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Edwards, who will be leaving soon with her husband, Rev. Therald Edwards for Vancouver, Washington where they have accepted a pastorate. Mrs. Edwards has served the Auxiliary for the past two years as Program Prayer Chairman.

Recent accomplishments of our Auxiliary have been donations of \$60 to each of the Free Will Baptist Orphanages in Tennessee and Alabama. Money for these projects was collected through re-

demption of coupons. Also a donation of \$25 was made toward the furnishing of the WNAC Office at the Headquarters Building.

MONETT SETS GOAL OF \$100.00

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Mo. hope you all enjoyed the state meeting at our church, as we enjoyed having you. It has been a blessing to each of us.

We set a goal of \$100.00 for "Go Another Mile for the Mileys". We are also making medicine envelopes for the Miley's to use.

The group adopted the "Student Loan Fund." It was also voted on to adopt the National Headquarters plan of \$1.00 per auxiliary member to help meet the expenses of the national office.

We have also been collecting old postage stamps for missions.

NEW PROJECT

In the business part of the Women's Auxiliary of Myrtle FWB Church, we discussed some things to use for a project for the coming year. Motion was made and carried to extend the student loan fund for another year.

MISSOURI STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION State Officers

President: Mrs. Harry Beatty, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis 11, Mo.

Vice President: Mrs. Everett D. Hel-lard, 811 Taylor, Farmington, Mo. 63640.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Hazel Hut-sell, 534 W. North St., Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711.

Assistant Secretary: Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop, Mo.

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Jean Williams, 11709 E. 77th Terr., Ray-town, Mo. 64138.

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Joan Filkins, Rt. 2, Kirksville, Mo. 63501.

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. Tom Carlson, Rt. 3, Box 96, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Field Worker: Mrs. O. T. Dixon, 305 E. Sunshine, Springfield, Mo.

Editor: Mrs. Ted Davis, 2301 Con-necticut, Joplin, Mo.

Missions Chairman: Mrs. Tom Ma-lone, 601 Buckley, Flat River, Mo.

from page 3

amusements have been practiced far more than a yieldedness to God.

We have viewed this subject nega-tively, now let us look into God's Word to find God's purpose in our lives as in-dividual believers and the church. It is God's plan for the preacher and the church to carry on this work that He has established in the world. Luke 24:45-48, "Then opened he their understand-ing, that they might understand the

scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jeru-salem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

To be sure, this is a tremendous task. How can it be accomplished? By one yielding himself to God!

The Bible teaches that each Christian is to be faithful and reproduce for the Kingdom of God. We are to be soul-winners and then teach converts to be soul-winners. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:" (St. Matthew 28:20a) is our com-mand as well as to go win them. This is God's simple plan for us.

Perhaps one question in the minds of many is, why are the majority of our Free Will Baptist Churches small compared to many of other fundamental denominations. I am afraid it is because too few preach-ers have mastered the art of personal soul winning and are not able to teach the few converts that we do win in this realm of Christian service. God's purpose in every Christian is the same. Get people saved! Teach them to be disciples! If we fail in yielding ourselves to God to this extent, we are disobedient backsliders, out of the will of God. All other interests must be incidental to the person who is yielded to God.

As this task of winning souls is ours, then we need the proper equipment. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples to "tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49b). Many times we become too busy in serv-ice to tarry for the power of the Holy Spirit as Christ commanded. It seems to be common opinion that this soul winning power was only for the early apostles. However, the power is as needful for us today as for the apostles during their ministry. The same commission is given to us as was given to them to preach re-pentance and remission of sins in His name among all nations. Because our ministry is similar to that of the apostles, God would not give us less equipment. It would be unfair of God to give them power which was necessary for winning souls and not give us the same power. He em-powers us for this purpose and we become more proficient as we exercise the power He gives us. The Lord says to go and win them. This is our task! This is God's purpose which we are to accom-plish.

The one big price of yielding to God and receiving the power necessary in our

to page 11



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

Greater Kansas City District Quarterly Conference convened September 10-11, 1965 with Belton Free Will Baptist Church.

Services opened Friday night with singing "When We All Get Heaven", "My Redeemer" and "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow". Message brought by Rev. Harry Beatty, our promotional secretary for the State of Missouri. His subject, "Crucified with Christ".

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Woodrow Mathews, Saturday morning at 10:00 with congregational singing - "When I See The Blood" and "I'm Redeemed", led by Rev. John C. McAllister. Devotion was spoken by Rev. Alice Dickey, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, taken from the 15th chapter of John. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Committees were appointed and recess was called.

The worship service was called to order by congregational singing, led by Rev. John C. McAllister, with Rev. James McAllister at the piano. The 11:00 o'clock message was presented by Rev. Junior Ussery, pastor of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, Mo. Scripture text, Galatians 2:20, subject, "I Live By Faith". Dismissed in prayer.

Dinner was served by the host church in the Legion Hall, Belton, Missouri, which was enjoyed by all.

Business session was called to order by singing of the hymn, "The Lily of the Valley" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", led by Rev. Woodrow Mathews with Sister Jean Williams at the piano. Devotion was given by Bro. David Brown, his text was Psalms 121. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James McAllister.

The December session of the quarterly meeting will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church, 9125 Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Time was given for a report by Bro. Harry Beatty, our promotional secretary for the State of Missouri. Dismissal song, "I'm Not Ashamed", prayer by Bro. Lee Sherrell.

Quarterly Meeting Reporter
Pansy McAllister



Bro. Leslie Logsdon preaches at Homecoming of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Festus, Missouri.

Dear Bro. Bud:

We are happy to be able to report once again and we thank the dear Lord for strength to serve Him.

Sunday, October 3, was our annual homecoming. We thank the Lord for beautiful weather for that Sunday and also for the fine crowd that attended the services for that day.

Bro. Leslie Logsdon, former pastor of the church, brought the

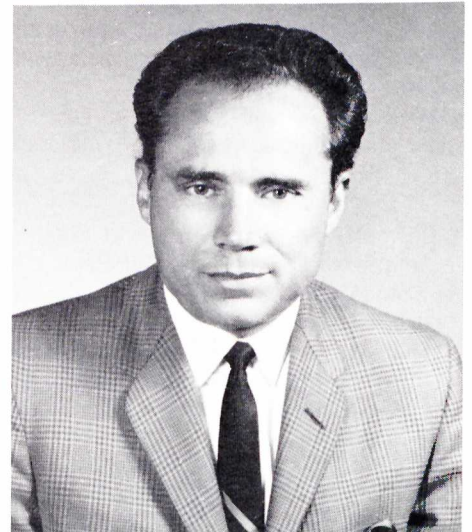
morning message.

A very bountiful meal was prepared by the ladies of the church and was enjoyed by all.

The Victory Quartet of Granite City, Ill. was present during the morning and afternoon services to sing for us. With the good spiritual preaching and singing throughout the day it was a great uplift for all present.

We ask for the prayers of Free Will Baptists throughout the state as we make plans for revival services in the month of December with Jack Parramore as our evangelist.

Yours in Christ,
First Free Will Baptist of Festus
Rev. Charles Moyers, Pastor



O. T. Dixon

SPECIAL REPORT FROM STATE MODERATOR, O. T. DIXON

Immediately after the adjournment of a very successful State Association the General Board was called into session to organize itself for a new associational years work. Immediately the Board elected the Executive Committee consisting of: Rev. Othel T. Dixon, Chairman; Rev. O. T. Allred, Vice Chairman; Rev. Frank Giunta, Clerk; Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Member; Rev. Harry Asher, Member; Rev. Howard Filkins, Member; and Rev. James McAllister, Member.

The first item of business after the organization was the careful analysis of resolutions passed by the State Association which bore a designated responsibility to the General Board to expedite.

Resolution No. 7 stipulated that the Moderator was to appoint a committee to examine the possibility of setting the date of the annual session of the Missouri State Association to precede the meeting of the National Association. Therefore, the following named people are designated to meet with the Moderator November 15, at 3:00 p.m., at the Headquarters Building in St. Louis, Missouri: Mrs. Lucille Beatty, President of the Women's Auxiliary; Rev. Albert McFarland, Chairman of Sunday School and Church Training Service Board; Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, Pastor of Trinity Church; and Rev. Harry Asher, Pastor of Overland Church.

Free Will Baptist Gem

The meeting date of the special committee is designated one day before the General Board is scheduled to meet November 16 at 10:00 a.m. This is, of course, for convenience sake.

Resolution No. 4 passed by the State body specified that the General Board was requested to be represented in person at the Missouri State Legislature for the purpose of influencing religious beliefs and practices. The General Board elected the Rev. Clarence Burton to serve as the official representative of our denomination in the Legislative body. Serving with Rev. Burton is to be Rev. Harry Asher, member of the General Board who is to coordinate the work.

The Moderator is at the present time corresponding with Bible College Presidents in different localities and with representatives of the North Central Accrediting Association to obtain guidepost for a committee that is to be appointed at the next General Board meeting to examine the feasibility of our State Association having a Bible centered Liberal Arts Junior College.

Up to this time unofficial reports from different areas of the state reveal that the churches have been enjoying an ingathering for which we praise God. God has given Free Will Baptist in the state of Missouri a great challenge. Let us faithfully carry the banner, accept the charge, and fulfill the mission whereunto we are called. My next report will be after the General Board has met November 16.

In conclusion you will note the following named people who are the duly elected members of the General Board. For your convenience their mailing addresses are given.

O. T. Dixon, Chairman, 305 E. Sunshine, Springfield, Mo.; Frank Giunta, Box 7, Leadington, Mo. 63652; Woodrow Matthews, 7920 Harris, Raytown, Mo. 64138; Harry R. Asher, 9917 Dennison, Overland, Mo. 63114; Glenn Rehkop, 3025 Jaudon, Avondale, Mo.; Howard Filkins, Rt. 2, Kirksville, Mo.; Hubert L. Harrall, Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo.; O. T. Allred, Rt. 3, Box 154, Cabool, Mo.; Len Gardner, Macks Creek, Mo.; Dale Jones, Box 292, Lebanon, Mo.; John C. McAllister, 215 Mill Street, Belton, Mo.; James W. McAllister, 8032 Brooklyn, Kansas City, Mo.

Sincerely,
Othel T. Dixon, Moderator
Missouri State Association

CHURCH SURPRISES PASTOR

We would like to take this opportunity to tell of a special service held at the Overland Free Will Baptist Church. On August 21, 1965, the church gave a surprise party for its pastor, Rev. Harry R. Asher. This was a three-fold party. First, a birthday party; second, to celebrate Bro. Asher's tenth year as the pastor of the Overland Church; thirdly, we surprised him with "This Is Your Life". Over two hundred and fifty (250) were present. Movies were taken and at the close of the service Rev. Asher was presented with the camera along with other gifts. Rev. Floyd Arnold moderated the program. Many out of town guests were present: Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo, pastor of the Aulsbury Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Bro. Ralph Morrow and wife from Old Reno, Arkansas and others. A letter from Rev. Harvey Hill, Bro. Asher's first pastor, was read, also a letter from Walter Ford, who was formerly the mayor of Cape Girardeau, Bro. Asher's "home town". Rev. Gene Canter sang three special songs that touched everyone's heart. Mr. Fred Koch (Brother Koch) who is the superintendent of the Nooter Corp where Rev. Asher worked for thirteen years, was also present.

We as a church feel that Rev. and Mrs. Asher and children, Ronnie and Rhonda, are the hardest working, most humble and sincere family you can find anywhere. Brother Asher has diligently, with great personal sacrifice, labored for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and our church. We are in a continual revival

November, 1965

spirit. Our church has experienced a steady growth for the last several years. We have two very fine ladies trios, a junior girls trio, a junior choir, which is directed by Sister Marie Wood, an adult choir, which is under the direction of Brother Howard Dobkins. We also have a thirteen member string gospel band which is under the direction of Bro. and Sis. Evans. To all this we give God the praise, honor and the glory. The Overland Church is "Old Fashioned", yet modern in facilities, true to our beloved denomination. We support the cooperative program, home and foreign missions, as well as mothering a new mission at 2907 South Jefferson. This only comes through leadership, which our pastor has given. This is why we love him and want everyone else to know that we do. God bless you, if any of our Gem readers are ever in St. Louis, come and visit our church which is located at 9440 W. Milton, Overland 14, Missouri.

Dear Gem Editor,

It has been a long time since I have written you concerning things here at the Thayer Church. We are so thankful for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Pingleton.

First I would like to say that we who represented our church at the State Association in Monett enjoyed it very much. It is really a blessing to be with other Christians to worship together and do business for our Lord. We especially enjoyed hearing Dr. and Mrs. Miley.

Our revival began October 2 and closed the 11th. Rev. Henry Long from Springfield was our evangelist. He brought to us many soul stirring messages. The Holy Spirit certainly came down several nights. Our hearts rejoiced when three gave their hearts to Christ. We were privileged to have the Ozark Gospel Singers with us. This quartet is really doing good for the Lord. I truly believe they feel what they sing.

Just a few weeks ago, preceeding our revival, we had two nine year old girls saved.

October 20th we will begin our CTS on Wednesday evenings. We are hoping this will bring more out on Wednesday evenings.

We covet the prayers of every Christian over the state. There are so many in our church who seem to only find the way to services on Sunday morning. Pray for them. Also pray for the faithful ones that they might "be thou faithful unto death."

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Robert L. Miller

TRIPLE OPPORTUNITY

Give to the work of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children
Route 9 - Greeneville, Tenn. 37743

GENERAL

Operating expenses of the Children's Home consist of Salaries, Food, Utilities, Clothing, Medical, Insurance, Vehicle, Farm Supplies, and others. Around \$7,500 is needed each month to take care of regular expenses. If building improvements are made or new equipment is purchased, additional finance is needed. Please keep in mind the fact that our bills must be taken care of when they come due.

EDUCATION

Interested in helping our children receive training above High School? This year we have two boys attending college. Billy Taylor will study engineering at LeTourneau College, Longview, Texas. James McIntosh, ministerial student, will attend Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. What better project could your Sunday School class, C.T.S. group, or any group choose? Remember the importance of an education and help

to page 9

Thanksgiving



Through Thanksgiving

Psalms 116:12

By Dale Skiles

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

A few weeks ago I visited in the home of a lady who had just returned home from the hospital, following a critical illness. A neighbor lady was visiting in the home at the same time. In the course of our conversation, I asked the sick lady who was staying with her during her sickness, as she had not sufficiently recovered to be able to do her own house work. The neighbor lady spoke up and said, "I am," and she went on to explain. She had recently lost her husband, and during her time of loneliness, this same lady who was now ill, had often visited her and had given her many helpful words of encouragement. She went on to say, "I believe that one favor deserves another in return."

I believe that this would be the typical answer for most people, and especially Christians, if faced with this same situation. We all believe in returning kindness for kindness, and oftentimes even good for evil. If someone renders unto us a good deed or a helping hand, we show our appreciation by returning the favor, if possible, or at least with a simple "Thank You".

But I wonder if we, as God's people, are forgetting the one who bestowed upon all mankind the greatest favor imaginable. He so favored us that he gave His life on the Cross of Calvary in order that we, through Him, might obtain salvation and eternal

life. Of course, I am referring to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. How often do we pause in our busy schedule of life to even utter a simple "Thank you, Lord, for all your wonderful benefits toward me." I believe that we, especially during this season of the year, should ask ourselves along with the Psalmist David: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

First and foremost, we can render unto him our lives. We need to realize that in him (Christ), we live, move, and have our being; that we belong to him body and soul. "And ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Corinthians 6:20).

At one time during the history of mankind, we had been sold into slavery because of sin. But Jesus, on the Cross of Calvary, paid the price for our redemption with his blood. "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." (Eph. 2:12-13). The penalty placed upon mankind because of sin was death. But Jesus, through his matchless love and tender mercy, took that penalty upon himself. He died in our stead in order that we through him might live.

And what is it then that Christ demands of us? Even as He gladly died for us, that we should gladly live for him. "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Note that this is the only thing that is acceptable in the sight of God. Ourselves, yielded unreservedly into the Master's hands. And after all, this is not an unreasonable request that Jesus makes of us. Seeing that he died for us, surely we can live for him. And so, let us say "Thank You Lord" by living each day in his service, in order that our lives might be a constant witness and testimony of the marvelous saving power and redemptive love of our Saviour.

Secondly, we can render unto God our money. The tithe belongs to the Lord. Ten per cent of all our income automatically belongs to God. Failure to render unto God his portion makes us guilty of robbery in God's sight. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Mal. 3:8). Furthermore, the judgments of God are pronounced upon an individual or nation that fails in their financial obligation unto Him. "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Malachi 3:9).

On the other hand, a blessing is pronounced upon those who give their tenth unto the Lord. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Malachi 3:10-12).

Therefore we, as God's children, should pay our tithes unto him, because he has commanded that we do so. But there is a far greater reason than this, that motivates God's people to joyfully return a portion of their goods unto him. We pay tithes unto God because we love him; and in this manner, even as through separated living, we show our appreciation unto God for all the wonderful blessings that he directs into our lives from day to day.

So, let us say "Thank You Lord", by dropping our tithe envelopes, with the tithe enclosed of course, into the offering plate each Sunday morning.

I'm sure that on many occasions and in various places during our Christian experience, all of us have failed God. But I believe

Free Will Baptist Gem

that especially in these two (2) areas; in our failure to fully and completely dedicate ourselves into the service of our Lord, and in our refusal to pay our tithes unto him, we as Free Will Baptists have miserably failed.

And so may we as Free Will Baptists and as Christians, during this Thanksgiving season, resolve within our hearts to completely surrender ourselves into the will of the Master. And then may we give meaning to our purpose, by returning unto our Lord a portion of that which he has so bountifully blessed us with. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (John 13:17).

Dale Skiles, Pastor
Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Myrtle, Missouri

Dear Heavenly Father,

I guess this is the most appropriate time to send my sincere thanks and gratitude to You.

First and most of all, I'm thankful for You as my Heavenly Father - for Thy blessed word and Thy comforting Spirit. I'm grateful for the joy, contentment, love and grace Thou hast bestowed upon me; and that You are ever near me and will watch over and take care of me - feed, shelter and clothe me.

I am so grateful for my Church because it is one of the happiest and dearest places for me to fellowship and worship Thee. I shall never forget the memories of my childhood days at church when I was saved. It was such a wonderful experience and I am so thankful I gave my life to You. I'm thankful for my Christian home and pray that I will strive to make it what You would have it to be; that it will be filled with Thy Spirit of love; that it will warm and gladden every heart that will enter therein; that all homes and children everywhere will be as happy as my home and children; that they will have faith in God, habits of reverence and devotion to Thee.

"I'm thankful I was raised in a home that loved You; that Your Spirit made a radiance in the faces of those who loved You; for father and mother, for sisters and brothers who know You.

I'm forever grateful for my friends. Help me to welcome new friends and love old friends. The value of friends is so wonderful and dear to me.

Heavenly Father, looking back over the past year I'm thankful for a great deal of things - for the unexpected gifts of life; for the work I've been able to do; for relaxation and fun on sunny shores and for the pleasant social occasions which have been mine to enjoy in the homes of others.

I thank You for the shifting seasons -- last winter's dreadful ice and snow has a remembered beauty; the spring season so delicate and brief; the glowing summer months and the glorious autumn just departing -- all these You so graciously gave to me.

I'm grateful for the things I have learned since last Thanksgiving, however painful they might have been. I thank Thee for the very little I have overcome, for every overcoming is a triumph and a victory and for the ability I have to cope with my small problems.

I'm grateful for each holiday which holds a special spiritual meaning -- Memorial Day that we may take a moment to pause in respect and remembrance of those gone on; the gratitude of Thanksgiving; Christmas with its spirit of giving and New Year's is like starting a brand new book. I've often wondered why Mother's Day is just one day out of a hundred and Father's Day, too, and why we should decide to love our country openly one day, the 4th of July.

I'll try to be thankful and grateful every day. I have no excuse. I know You. You gave your life on Calvary for me. So for me to know You is to love You, and to love You is to serve You. I'm thankful for this privilege.

November, 1965

As for Thanksgiving, I'll give thanks now and for always for all You have done, and for all which You so wisely denied me. For all these things and a great deal more I'll try to be thankful in act, word and deed. I'll love You with my heart and mind whichever will last the longest, reach the highest and mean the most. I thank You for the day just past, no matter what it brought; for the good that came to me and for the strength I might have been granted. I'm thankful for this.

Dear Heavenly Father, I realize life is an open door. I may walk through only once and if I keep my eyes on You I'll have a vision of a far off country -- my heavenly home to live with Thee some day.

I owe my life to You -- guide me and direct me, and fill me with Thy Holy Spirit that I might be worthy of Thy love.

Your servant,
Erma Lea Hogan
Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church

from page 7

these two fine boys. When giving to the Education Fund, indicate which boy is to receive your contribution. The money will be distributed from the Children's Home.

BUILDING

Construction of the Jane Brown Cottage has begun! The building is badly needed. It is hoped that this Cottage will be completed before cold weather. If it is not, we have to vacate the white dormitory and make room for 16 girls and 4 adults anyway (orders of the Tennessee State Welfare Department). It is serious that we push the building program at this time.

NOTE THIS! There is still time left for individuals and groups to get their names on the bronze plaque to be placed near the entrance of this new Cottage. Those contributing as much as \$250.00 will have their names engraved. Individual name plates will indicate those contributing \$500.00 or more. Gifts to be listed on this large plaque must be sent by December 31, 1965. When you help to build buildings, you are helping to build lives. If you haven't given to the Building Fund, then do it soon.

Anything you do for the Children's Home is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely in His work,
Ray C. Turnage, Superintendent

REVIVAL A SUCCESS

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Old Bethel Church. We just closed a two week revival meeting with Bro. Frank Giunta of Leadington, Mo. as evangelist. We heard inspiring messages from this man of God, saw souls saved and some rededicated and the church revived. Four united with the church and six were baptized. We feel the church is going forward for the Lord. Please pray for us at Old Bethel that we will always be in the will of the Lord. Bro. Clarence Burcham is church pastor. Lord bless you in your work there, Bro. Hill.

Old Bethel Church,
R. 1, Patton, Mo.

BRO. DALE JONES' GRANDMOTHER PASSES AWAY

Funeral services for Martha Jones, 90, were held at 2:30 p.m., Sept. 3, 1965 at New Home Free Will Baptist Church near Falcon, Mo. The Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., a lifelong friend, officiated.

THE IMPORTANCE OF

Sunday School Teaching

C T S _____ Training

Sunday School is a very important part of the Christian life for it includes the teaching part of the work for the Lord.

Teaching is a very important part of the Christian life. We all stand in need of being taught about the Word of the Lord.

Through teaching there is a certain amount of training, but the teaching is necessary for all of God's children that we may know more about the word.

"And the things that you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Timothy 2:2.

Being taught that we might be able to teach, then teach that others may be able to teach others also.

Several places in the bible tells us that Jesus was a teacher. Matthew 11:1, Mark 4:1, 6:2, 34, 8:31, Acts 1:1, and others. Yes, Jesus was a teacher who taught men that they in return could teach others also.

The Holy Spirit was and still is a teacher and a great teacher He is.

Grandma Lois and Mother Eunice taught their son, Timothy. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9, which commands you and I to teach continually.

The apostles taught many and what a good teacher they were because they had been taught by the best teacher there ever was, the Lord Himself. And we have Him, the Holy Ghost to teach us today.

What we need in our churches today is teachers that have been taught and trained by others, by God, and by the Spirit of the living God, which is the Holy Ghost, which are the best teachers that have ever been known. James 1:5. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

It is important that we have teachers in our Sunday Schools who never miss any of the services and who can come before their class prepared to stand there with confidence that they know that the Holy Spirit is their guide in the lesson that is to be presented.

Missing prayer meeting weakens anyone and especially someone that is to be before a class on Sunday morning presenting to their class the lesson that they need to know. Be in prayer meeting so He, the Holy Spirit, can prepare you to be able to stand and teach your class next Sunday.

A well known farmer in Jackson County in Arkansas raised his son and put him through college. After he had received his master's degree he decided to go back to the farm and help his father. With the knowledge he had, and the training his father had, they worked very successfully together. He had the teaching, his father had the training, and that made a good team together.

So we know that teaching in the services and in the word of the Lord is very essential to the Salvation of the soul of mankind, make it a point to be in the teaching part of our churches all over the world every Sunday morning.

Church Training Service (C.T.S.) is the part of our denomination that offers training for our people. It is very important, or will you admit you are too old or too dumb to need training?

We do stand in need of teaching, but what can we do with the teaching if we never put it into practice? So that brings in the importance of being trained. C.T.S. each Sunday night.

Training prepares the students to stand before people and expound to them the Word of God, which is so important to get before the people of our world today.

Teaching brings forth knowledge, but all the knowledge in the world would be worthless without being able to present it to others; so that brings in the part of training people to stand in the presence of others and teach.

It was necessary for the apostles to be trained. After the Lord had taught them for a long period of time He sent them out on a trip of practical training so they would know how to act when He was gone from this world. How will our Free Will Baptist people who haven't been trained act when it is in their hands to take hold of the leading reins? Friends, let you and I take hold now and train our people so they can take a leading part when it is left to them.

Some of our parents seem to think they can send their children to school and get them an education and then when they are finished, they can go out and take over the whole world, also they think they can send them to Sunday School one hour a week and that is enough for them and one hour of teaching is enough to save their souls for eternity. Also it seems that they think sending their children to church and Sunday School is going to save their own souls; but, they need to take them and be there for all the services including the training part so they can see their children trained to work for the Glory of the Lord.

TRAINING IS VERY IMPORTANT

I was teaching a man one time to be a (moulder operator), as long as I did all the setting of the knives and heads of the moulder he wasn't learning too much but when I started him to setting the knives and he began to put them into place, this is what helped him the most, train them to do.

A man can be called of God to go into the pulpit to preach the Gospel. He can study his bible, he can listen to all the others. But he never becomes his best till he has some training, standing before the people is one of the best things a person can do in the Lord's work, stand there and preach, teach, and train others.

We never like to be told how to do something unless the person also can do the thing he is trying to tell us how to do. So one who has been taught also needs to be trained.

Put the two of these together, which is the most important?
Teaching or Training?

It is like the Word & Spirit. It takes both of them to get the job done.

Grover Terry, Pastor
Parkview Free Will Baptist Church
Desloge, Missouri

from page 2

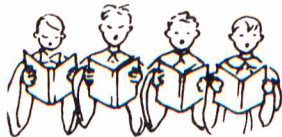
Garfield	24.89
Farmington	115.00
Monett.....	119.41
Faith	47.31
Faith & Hope	12.00
Martinstown	25.00
Grant Avenue	56.44
Carterville	27.06
Berkeley	250.66
Berkeley	211.13
Salem	10.00
Mt. Grove	222.20
North Side, St. Louis	78.87
Black Oak	25.00
Lebanon, First	175.00
Copper Mines	36.00
Thayer	53.64
Rock Chapel	23.25
Hickory Grove	33.80
Victory	76.78
Leadington	126.00
Fellowship	50.00
New Harmony Sunday School	12.31
Bethel, West Plains	35.00
Cabool	47.00
Myrtle	118.62
Twin Oaks	80.00
Mine La Motte	12.88
Hurryville	205.50
Pleasant Hill	7.00
Kansas City, Central	69.34
Twin City FWB Church	49.87

\$2,847.99

Disbursed:

55% National FWB Assn ..	\$1,566.40
1% Missouri CTS	28.48
2.50% Youth Camp	71.20
4% Gem	113.92
8% General Fund	227.84
12.50% Mo. Home Missions	356.00
17% Promotional Dept.	484.15

\$2,847.99



From the Desk of the Editor:

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

from page 5

lives to live victoriously and win souls is prevailing prayer. This is a price we gladly pay as we get really hungry for the daily infilling of the Spirit of God. Pray day and night - while you eat, while you work, in your leisure time for the one thing of importance in your life. Oh, that we might begin to wait on God and adjust our lives to the one purpose, the purpose of witnessing for Jesus and bringing glory to God Himself. Oh, that we might confess Him as Lord of our lives with our lives as well as our lips. Let Him be Lord of your church life, prayer life, spare time, pocketbook, recreation, and life's plans. He desires this kind of yielded life.

If you want to be yielded to God so that His purpose might be accomplished in you, this is God's plan for you. Are you ready to say, "I am going to set out to have a reorientation in my life, a re-adjustment in my viewpoint until God makes me fit to win souls, until I want God's purpose to be accomplished above everything else, until I am empowered from Heaven to win souls."

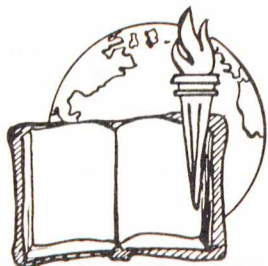
May God bless you abundantly as you yield yourself to Him today!

(Preached on Thursday night of the 52nd session of the Missouri State Association by Rev. Gene Norris, now pastor of the Northside Free Will Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1965

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Fellowship, Flat River	162	169	186	178	182	194	171	218	275		
First Ch., Festus			43	48	45			49	39		
Farmington	104	100	111	122	108		96	91	85		
Liberty-Phillipsburg	69	51	65	72							
Berkeley City	288	309	355	321							
Richwoods	42	44	42	51	53	50		50	54		
Kirksville	90	94	103	107	120	123	117	126	111		
Grant Ave., Springfield	164	181	180	208	182	199	190	197			
Hazel Creek							45	44	39		
Mine LaMotte	34	33	35	37	39	34	37	40	32		
First, Flat River		110	100	112							
Overland Church	145	156	187	190	169	155	139	167	168		
First, Mtn. Grove	318	329		348	325	310	327	306	332		
Desloge	102	113	112	116	115	110	111				
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	58	45	62	66							
Union Light	96	116	110	131	107	114	106	115			
First, Springfield	189	183	187	229	188	171	166	177	188		
Sunnyview Church	58	67	63	79	65	63	57	69			
Central, Kansas City	108	93	95	122	122	109	112	131			
Hannon	59	60	63	62	60	68	67	56	57		
First, Monett	131	131	139	137	138	123	117	121	123		
Garfield-Couch	43	37	44	52	47	51	44	47			
Leadington	77	95	100	114	90	105	87	107	124		
First, Fredericktown	143	137	149	153	147	139	147	160	171		
Copper Mines	81	72	89	101	87	76	79	96	75		
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	43	40	35	30							
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	97	103	103	97	97	97	80	93			
Twin Oaks Church	49	55	65	74	60	64					
West Plains	201	199	191	209	190	198	187	180	191		
Olivet Church, Marshall				28							
Southside	184	194	209								
First, Lebanon	90	100	97	97	116	106	94		99		
Myrtle Church											
Mt. Pisgah											
Joplin	83	84	91	101	106						
Grace Church	149	153	183	162	143	150					
Salem		38	37	42	35	38		41			
Thayer Church	130	135	162	155	135	121	142	133	121		
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye	51	56	56	72	53	54	58	56	68		
Aulsbury Chapel Church							61	65			

THE MISSION FIELDS



October 4, 1965

Dear Friends:

I should have written but things have changed so from day to day that we would write one day wouldn't be true the next, so I just kept waiting. Besides the ambassador sent us word that he was keeping people at home informed through state department announcements that we are all safe with no injuries to Americans in India. So we felt people wouldn't feel undue concern.

The week I left Kishanganj, Dan went to Calcutta to get the doors and windows for the house. When he got back to the river the police didn't want to let him come back into the area because it had been restricted to foreigners. He told them his wife was in there, he had to go back. Finally he suggested that they send an armed guard with him. They gave in and let him come back, but as soon as he got back he sent me out to Mussoorie to be with Randall (this is about 1,000 miles up in the hills) and the American community here. Mussoorie had been declared a safe area, but even so, the embassy had arrangements all made to evacuate us to Beirut, Lebanon if it should be necessary. Dan decided to stay in Kishanganj. He didn't want to leave and not be able to get back the next time. Carlisle brought the new jeep and came on over here. He has a valid permit for his station so he doesn't expect to have any trouble getting back. We don't even have a valid residence permit.

Right now we are in an uneasy pause. Nobody knows what's going to happen. But at least there's no bombing now and the lights are on again. Our area, though

it is right on the Pakistan border, is not so much concerned with Pakistan as with what China may do, because we are right near Sikkim. Anyway, Dan thinks it's all right for me to come back home this week. So unless the situation changes overnight I'll return with Carlisle and Mark in the jeep, along with two pups! It's three days by jeep, but we'll spend the nights at missions in Kanpur and Patna, so it won't be so hard. There's only one more month of school before the winter holidays so Randy doesn't seem to mind going back in boarding for a month only.

Dan has kept right on with the building. Bagdogra (our nearest airport was bombed the day I left, and we thought maybe our new house would get it too eventually, but Dan said that the only thing he knew to do was to get on with the job and business as usual sort of thing. So if he gets enough cement we should move in by Christmas. He had a village workers' school scheduled right when the bombing started and Kishanganj was thought to be a target, so Dan thought he'd cancel the school rather than have them come in where it was more dangerous, but they came anyway so they went on with the school. This week they are having a retreat for ex-hostel boys. I'll be glad to get home and help out and I hope I don't have to leave again soon.

I hope you are having a lovely fall, and that church attendance is picking up again now that people are back in their normal routines. The Lord bless each of you and sustain you daily by His grace.

Love,
Trula

P.S. The food situation in India seems a lot better than it was last year, though if fighting breaks out on a large scale

again, it probably won't last.

(Taken from First Free Will Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan church bulletin.)

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI SEPTEMBER, 1965

Cooperative Plan.....	\$ 432.18
South Side FWB Ch.,	
St. Louis	75.00
Oak Grove FWB Ch.....	15.00
Terry Sevits, Kirksville ...	9.65
Mr. Howard Muse, Alton ..	5.00
Copper Mines Auxiliary,	
Fredericktown	5.00
Junior CTS, FWB Ch.,	
Monett	5.00
Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Meramec Heights FWB Ch.	41.30
Myrtle FWB Ch.	41.23
Youth Group, Kirksville ...	3.00
Mo. State Assn, St. Louis.	604.16
Grant Ave. FWB Ch.,	
Springfield	5.00
First FWB Ch.,	
Fredericktown	40.00
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal .	17.40
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Junior Girls SS Class, Arnold	5.00
Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown	30.00
First FWB Ch., Monett ...	20.00
South Side FWB Ch.,	
St. Louis	83.23
Merl's Chapel Ch., Cassville	44.70
N.E. Mo. CTS Youth	
Rally, Greentop	9.00
Garfield S.S., Couch	20.00
First FWB Ch., Joplin ...	5.00
Louis Willhite, Bridgeton .	1.00
Son Light Miss. Conf.,	
Cabool	26.53
First FWB Ch., Springfield	28.00
Steadfast SS Class, St. Louis	22.11
Willow Springs Ch.,	
Mt. Grove	12.43
Clayton Ramsey, Farmington	1.00

Free Will Baptist Gem

Parkview Ch., Desloge ...	40.00
Union Light FWB Ch., Marquand	40.15
First FWB Ch., Festus ..	6.50
Timberlane FWB Ch., Kansas City	20.00
Leadington Church.....	38.00
Beacon Church, Raytown .	10.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	125.00
John Moehlman (by Terry Forrest - Alton).....	11.00
Trinity Baptist Ch., Bridgeton.....	105.00
Central Ch., Kansas City .	64.34
Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington	15.00
Beulah Midgett, St. Louis	12.00
Cope Church, Hartville ...	100.78
Myrtle Church	42.00
Total	\$2,276.69

HOME MISSIONS
MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER, 1965

New Home FWB Ch., Hartville	\$ 35.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Ron E. Barr, Arnold.....	2.00
Meramec FWB Ch.	41.30
Mo. State Assn of FWB	14.86
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	21.00
New Rock Springs FWB Ch., Cabool	70.00
Hartville FWB Ch., Mountain Grove	15.00
Faith & Hope FWB Ch., Elk Creek	30.00
Mountain Valley FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	50.00
Oak Grove FWB Ch., Cabool	13.26
Mt. Pisgah FWB Ch., Cabool	10.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
First FWB Ch., Springfield..	35.00
Rock Chapel FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	21.85
Pleasant Home FWB Ch., Vanzant	20.00
Ron E. Barr, Arnold	1.00
Martinstown FWB Ch., Worthington.....	31.50
Ever Ready SS Cl., First FWB Ch., Monett ...	15.00
Mrs. Pearl Alexander, Monett	4.00
Mr. Louis Willhite, Bridgeton	2.00
Rev. Leslie Means, Willow Springs	5.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	1.00
First FWB Ch., Festus.....	6.50
Aulsbury Chapel Ch., Flat River	51.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	10.00

November, 1965

Mrs. Pearl Alexander, Monett	5.00
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	10.00
Miss Lillian Moore, LeMay..	29.00
Mrs. G. E. Davis, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Total Receipts	\$580.27

Dear Friends,

PRAISE THE LORD. WE ARE OUT OF THE "RED". When we returned to the United States in January, our account was approximately \$4,000.00 in deficit, but thanks to your generous offerings that deficit has been removed. Now we must continue to trust the Lord to supply needed funds for our return to the field during the latter part of December. We will need approximately \$4,000.00 in our account, in addition to our regular monthly faith-promises, before we can return to our field of labor in Japan. Will you trust God with us for this need? Will you have a part in this ministry?

There is still the need for someone to underwrite our radioministry in Hokkaido, Japan. This can be done for \$45.00 monthly. This will be a new ministry which we plan to begin upon our return. If you or your group is interested in supporting this ministry, write to us for details.

Plans are being made for us to spend our third term of service in establishing a church in the city of Sapporo, the capital city of the Island of Hokkaido. Located about 200 miles west of our present churches on Hokkaido, this city of 700,000 presents a great challenge to Free Will Baptists. Will you pray with us that the Lord will prepare the hearts of many in Sapporo that soon a church may be established there for His honor and glory? Already we have three baptized believers from our established churches who have moved to this city.

Rebecca (grade 6) and Jonathan (grade 3) have entered school in Batesville, Arkansas, where they will remain with Aileen at Grandma Mullen's house until our return to Japan. I will be away most of the time visiting churches. Pray for our family. Pray as we begin to make our final preparations for returning to the place where we feel that God has called us to labor in His harvest field.

In Him,
Wesley Calvery and family

Our Dear Friends on the Mainland:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy" Philippians 1:3-4.

Well we are back in Hawaii - in fact,

we returned on August 10 but this is the first opportunity that we have had to publish a news letter. We had a wonderful trip to the Mainland and a very busy one. We were very happy to have the opportunity to visit many of our churches and the loyal friends who have faithfully supported the missionary work in Hawaii for the past several years; however we sincerely regret that we were unable to visit all the churches where we had invitations. We tried to make as many of the State Associations as possible.

On Saturday after we returned I performed the wedding ceremony for a young Japanese couple, Harold Hashimoto and Sadako Kansako. Harold and Sadako are both faithful members of our church and are public school teachers. On Friday night after we returned, Brenda's Japanese girl friend, for whom Brenda had requested prayer in almost every church where she spoke, came to visit Brenda and after witnessing to her until about 11:00 p.m. Brenda was able to lead her to the Lord. Her family is Buddhist and opposed her becoming a Christian but she has been faithful in attending all the services at the church since she has been saved - please continue to pray for her.

Upon our return we found things in fine shape - the members of the church had worked faithfully under the leadership of Rev. Mike Kaneshiro and Harold Hashimoto and since we have returned our total attendance has averaged in the seventies. We have just finished our Vacation Bible School. We enrolled 102 students and with 15 teachers and helpers made the total enrollment 117. We had an average student attendance of 83 and an average of 14 teachers and helpers which made the total average attendance of 97. On Sunday night, August 29, we had our closing program when many of the parents came to watch their children perform. The total attendance for the closing program was about 150-175. Several of the students made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ during the week of Bible School. The Missionary offering was designated to help get the missionaries to Taipei to take over the work there that was started by Bill and Jan Timmis who are members of our church in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Helen's dad and mother, returned to Hawaii with us for a visit. They are both very busy helping us with much of the work here and they seem to be enjoying their stay very much.

Thank you again for your support which has made the work here in Hawaii possible. Please continue to remember us before the Throne of Grace.

Aloha and God bless you,
Luther, Helen and Brenda

Missouri State Home Mission News



Rev. Leland Horton

CHURCH AT ROLLA, MISSOURI

Rev. Leland Horton and family moved to Rolla, Missouri October 17th to start a new Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Horton, a member of the Missouri State Mission Board, has served as pastor of the Kirksville Free Will Baptist Church the past two years. The church there has experienced a rapid growth since he assumed its pastorate. He pastored the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church and the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church both near Mountain Grove, Missouri prior to his ministry in Kirksville.

Rev. and Mrs. Horton will live at 3 King Drive, Rolla, Missouri. The Missouri State Mission Board requests the prayers of Free Will Baptists across the state for this vital work. Rolla is in a strategic location in Missouri. Located on highway 66, just 55 miles from Lebanon, 60 miles from Jefferson City, and approximately 100 miles from St. Louis, this city affords Free Will Baptists a

wonderful opportunity to close in the gap across Missouri.

Any persons wishing to contribute to the support of the Rolla, Missouri Mission should send their offerings to Missouri Free Will Baptists Mission Board, 103 West Murta, Fredericktown, Missouri. Please remember to pray and give for the work of Christ in Rolla. If you know of friends or relatives living in or around the Rolla area, please send their names to Brother Horton.

Dear Bro. Hill:

The following is a report of Home Missions for the GEM:

We feel that Missouri Churches are beginning to respond to the need of missions in our State. This thrills our hearts to overflowing. Several churches are taking the need of this endeavor seriously to church conferences and even Sunday School classes. People are responding in varied ways. We thank God for it. It is just a matter of time until other churches other than those listed below will have forwarded a good offering to this work. Following is a list of churches and gifts in response to State Home Missions this past month:

Southside, St. Louis \$25.00
Fellowship, Flat River 15.00

There are many more pledges made that

sex. Make them superficial. Destroy their ruggedness."

Stop and think for a moment about the above statement and then look around you and see if you think it's true. Teenagers are becoming athiests every day. Sex is at its highest peak. There is little ruggedness among boys, proven by the fact that some of them look like girls. Yes, that is why long hair and high heel boots are so popular with some boys. Their ruggedness has been destroyed.

Let me ask you a question. Are you man enough to stand up for God? God needs you to stand up for Him no matter what your future occupation or vocation. Recently an evangelist said that Free Will Baptists need more full time pastors, music directors, church secretaries, Christian Education Directors, and teachers for Christian Day Schools. That's quite a broad field. Will you accept the challenge? If you think you're man (or woman) enough I dare you to stand up for God. I dare you to preach or go to a mission field. I dare you to say yesto God. Go see your pastor and tell him you've decided to go all out for Christ - if you're man enough.

have not been received at present.

May God bless you!
Yours in Christ,
Bob L. Jones

IT'S A GIRL!

Name DEBORAH ANN
Date 9-16-65
Weight 7 lbs. 13 1/2 oz.
Parents Don & Beverly Jones
Cape Girardeau

'What Is Freedom?'

"Give us more freedom," has been our constant cry. America has so much freedom now that it's hard for people to judge right from wrong.

Everywhere we look there seems to be a decline in morals; in our schools, in our homes, yes and even in our churches:

1. Nakedness when there was once decency; have you seen what is on our screens at local theaters? Do you PARENTS know what your children are watching? Maybe you KID yourself by saying -- oh I trust my daughter (or son) she would never choose a show unworthy of seeing, but there is so much confusion in our world today that it's up to the parents to show the way, for many kids would choose a way that they think is right just because everyone else is doing it. You can make excuses for your children's actions now but, at the judgment they will be on their own.

2. Crime when once everyone respected the law; there is so much vandalism today. Some people will try anything for attention. Everyone says we have freedom to drink, freedom to do as we please. Have you forgotten God's rules? He has given us set laws to follow. Many think rules are made to be broken, but there will be great disappointments to these on judgment.

FREEDOM does not mean you are free to do what you want, but to do what is RIGHT.

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

THRU

FAITH & LOVE

Mary Shipley
Hickory Grove F.W.B.
Harrisonville, Mo.

Free Will Baptist Gem

KEN'S KORNER

"See your recruiting officer, if you're man enough." This slogan is part of an United States Army advertisement. It is an attempt to challenge young men to return to action and purpose. There is seemingly a lack of get up and go among teenagers. Many teenagers are becoming soft both physically and mentally. Physical labor and hard thinking are almost a thing of the past.

Hold on a minute because this may shock you. This softness is part of the communistic plan. In the year of 1946 a copy of "Rules for Revolution" was discovered among some communistic files. The first rule says this:

"Corrupt the young. Get them away from religion. Get them interested in

WHAT WILL BECOME OF OURS?

"Many private schools will be forced to close their doors and go out of business each year between now and 1970." This statement was a recent prediction made by one of the outstanding educators of our day. It seems that the population explosion, devaluation of the American dollar, increase in the cost of building, property, and living in general has thrown a brand new twist to an old problem in the laps of educators concerned with both private and public schools alike. In short, educational institutions mortality rates are increasing every year.

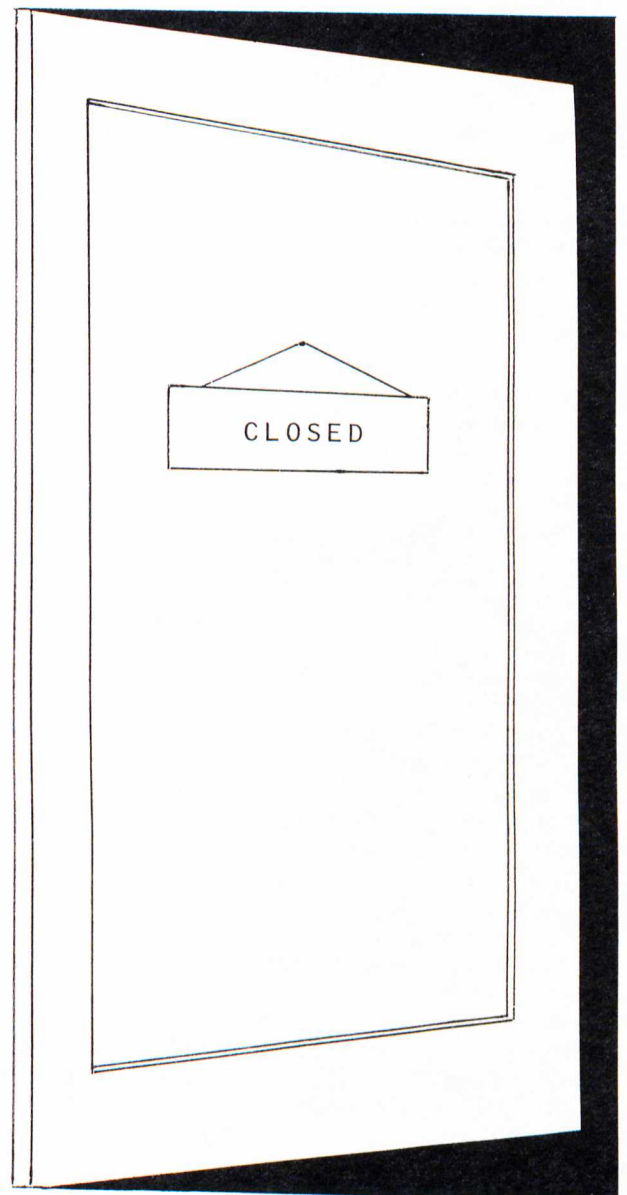
This should be of vital concern to Free Will Baptists as we scan the horizon and view our future. How long will our denomination be able to continue its educational program? How far can we hope to expand to meet the ever-increasing demands presently being made on Free Will Baptist Bible College? What is the measuring rod that will give us an answer or prediction to our situation? How can we evaluate or estimate our future potential and build to meet this need?

Free Will Baptist Bible College could become just a statistic in the next seven years as one among possibly hundreds of colleges that no longer can carry on its program. Based on the lack-a-daisical concern of many Free Will Baptists in supporting with prayer and finance, it will become that statistic. But it shall not--must not be allowed to do so--if our people remain true to Jesus and share in the ministry of the school through consecrated concern which can only be interpreted in support through prayer and finance!

It is impossible to predict the future but we can certainly look at present trends and determine some facts from them. The Bible College has not received a pro-rata share of the denominational giving for the past several years. The months of October and November of this year were unusually lean months for the Bible College. December gifts were perhaps a little above normal, but even with the considerable increase in December the College received only 71 1/2% (per cent) of what it should have received to meet its proposed budget. Our present needs at the Bible College are great. Many facilities and provisions are needed to aid toward doing a better job in instructing dedicated young men and women in the things of Christ and equipping them to render a world-wide ministry through the doors of service that stand open for our denomination. A library-classroom building, increased dormitory space, enlarged auditorium, and other facilities are needed in the very near future for continued growth.

Expansion in any direction demands finance. Without additional finance, there can be no additional growth. To limit growth is to limit service. Every pastor needs to evaluate his present church giving program in the light of Paul's command to Timothy (II Timothy 2:2) "and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." There can be no greater way than this that the local church can expand its services. There can be no greater way for a denomination to fulfill the commission of Christ Jesus "Go ye therefore, and teach..." (Matt. 28:19) than through an institution such as our denominational Bible College that is dedicated to the purpose of instructing men that they may instruct others.

Paul J. Kettelman



OFFICERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. O. T. Dixon, Springfield, Mo. Moderator
 Rev. O. T. Allred, Cabool, Mo. Ass't Moderator
 Rev. Frank Giunta, Leadington, Mo. Clerk

EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN OUR GOAL: 3,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS 125 CHURCHES

Fellowship Rev. Tom Malone
 Black Oak Rev. Clay McVay
 Lynn Street Church Rev. Dale Broyles
 Leadington Rev. Frank Giunta
 Copper Mines Rev. Willard Darnell
 Myrtle Rev. Dale Skiles
 Kirksville
 Overland Rev. Harry Asher
 Berkeley Rev. C. H. Burton
 Farmington Rev. Bob King
 Verdella Rev. Cletus Nichols
 Richwoods Rev. P. Askern
 New Rock Springs Church Rev. C. Postlewaite
 Mt. Zion, Gower Rev. Ralph Cook
 South Side Rev. Al McFarland
 Thayer Rev. G. J. Pingleton
 Carterville Rev. Gary Terrell
 Fredericktown Rev. Bob Jones
 Pleasant Grove
 Martinstown Rev. Kermit Crooks
 Hannon Rev. Lester Nutting
 First, Flat River Rev. Rashie Kennedy
 Alton Rev. Glen Murray
 Trinity, St. Louis Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
 Salem Rev. David Brewer
 Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye Rev. M. Davis
 Grace, Arnold Rev. John Land
 Faith & Hope Rev. Bill Price
 Joplin Church Rev. Ted Davis
 Springfield Rev. Henry Long
 Cabool Church Rev. O. T. Allred
 Jefferson City Church Rev. Earl Irish
 Mt. Zion, Thayer Rev. Meril Shaw
 Sunny View, Lebanon Rev. Roy Jones
 Conway Church Rev. Cliff Bowman
 Willow Springs Rev. Tommy Carlson
 Granby Church Rev. Jas. McCully
 Rock of Ages Church,
 Lakewood, Colorado Rev. L. M. McGowen
 Cotton Creek Church
 Walnut Grove Church Rev. J. W. King
 First Church, Mtn. Grove Rev. Gene Rogers
 Faith Church, Lemay Rev. Virgil Maness
 New Home Wom. Aux. Melbourne, Ark.
 Olivet Ch., Marshall Rev. Jr. Ussey
 Graysville Church
 Old Bethel Ch., Fredricktown Rev. C. Burcham
 Pleasant Home #1
 Green Ridge Church Rev. Curtis Wilson
 Wagoner Ch., Stockton, Mo. Rev. Bill Beazley
 Aurora Church Rev. Raymond Leigh
 Pleasant Hill Church, Hartville
 Happy Hill Church
 Twin City Church, Festus Rev. C. Weir

New Prospect Church Rev. Len Gardner
 Garfield Rev. Howard Bowers
 Neosho Rev. C. Campbell
 Mine La Motte Rev. O. D. Matthews
 Union Light Rev. Curt Johnson
 Bethel Rev. Finis Johnson
 Mt. Pisgah Rev. E. Butts
 Fourth, St. Louis Rev. H. T. Dann
 Twin Oaks Rev. Truman Huffman
 Victory Rev. Glen Rehkop
 Mill Creek Rev. Lloyd Durbin
 Beacon Rev. Woodrow Matthews
 First, Kansas City Rev. Alice Dickey
 Merl's Chapel Rev. Otho Boyd
 Oskaloosa Rev. Frank Johnson
 Jones Chapel Rev. Robt. Duck
 Pleasant Ridge, Urbana Rev. Len Gardner
 New Harmony Rev. Mildred Gilliam
 Grant Avenue Rev. O. T. Dixon
 First, Monett Rev. Bud Hill
 Aulsberry Chapel Rev. Dean Burpo
 Lebanon Rev. Dale Jones
 Mountain Valley Rev. Homer Smith
 Liberty Rev. Elvin L. Sawyer
 Desloge Rev. Grover Terry
 Meramac Heights Rev. Hugh Stodgsdill
 Festus Rev. C. Moyer
 Pleasant Hill Church Rev. Jas. L. Reed
 Macedonia Church, Niangua Rev. Selph Jones
 First Church, Greenfield
 Hickory Grove Rev. Jas. O'Dell
 Northside Rev. Floyd Arnold
 Hazel Creek
 Marshfield Church Rev. Wm. Reeves
 Pleasant Ridge, Alton Rev. E. E. Simpson
 Rock Chapel, Norwood
 Viburnum Church Rev. Graham
 Central Church, Kansas City ... Rev. James McAllister
 Cedar Ridge Rev. A. E. Ford
 Norman Church Rev. Charley Gower
 First Church, Granite City, Ill. .. Rev. Leslie Logsden
 Lone Star Church
 Hurryville Church Rev. Jas. Barker
 First Church, El Dorado Springs
 Freeman Chapel Sunday School
 Hope Well Ch., Tunas Rev. Frank Linton
 New Home Ch., Hartville
 Bailey Chapel, Tunas
 Smyrna Ch., Alton, Mo. Rev. Sam Johnson
 Big Creek Ch., Yukon, Mo.
 Belton Church Rev. J. C. McAllister
 Little Vine Church
 Pea Ridge Church Rev. Warren Mitchell
 Free Will Baptist Gem