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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

Cave Springs' Ministers and Deacons and Quarterly Meeting assembled with Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, Oct. 1-2. Open Bible subject discussions Friday all day, with two chosen messengers each noon and evening service. Twenty-one churches were represented by delegates and letters. Time was also given for our Missouri Cooperative Program. Rev. Terry Forrest is pastor of Smyrna Church. This association has several young ministers moving forward for the Lord.

I was privileged to deliver the messaged Sunday morning, September 3, in the Alton Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Glen Murray is the pastor there.

We enjoyed another good service Sunday evening with Pastor Dale Skiles and our Myrtle Church. And I delivered the sermon there. Myrtle Church continues to win some for the Lord. They have recently finished their new Sunday School Annex.

Pastor Robert Jones and Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly Meeting Oct. 8-9. Rev. S. A. Hand delivered the message Friday night, Oct. 8, and Rev. George Miller delivered the message Saturday, Oct. 9. Each of their nine churches were represented. Time was given Saturday to explain the 1966 Allocation of Missouri Cooperative Monies. This entire Quarterly Meeting has given through Missouri State Cooperative Program. They are also cooperating to start the mission work in Cape Girardeau.

I was privileged to deliver the Sunday morning sermon in Fredericktown. An elderly man was saved.

In response to the invitation of Pastor Truman Huffman and the Twin Oak Church, I delivered the message there Sunday evening.

Sunday evening, October 17, Pastor Floyd Arnold and North Side Free Will Baptist Church invited me to deliver the sermon there.

In response to Pastor Clarence Burton's invitation, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon, October 24, at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church while Pastor Burton was away in a revival meeting. An elderly man of four score years was saved in this service. Berkeley continues to win souls for the Lord. They are constructing their three story

Sunday School Annex Building at this time.

Laclede County Quarterly Meeting assembled with Jefferson City First Free



HARRY BEATTY  
Promotional Secretary

Will Baptist Church, October 30. Five churches represented with delegates. Also five gospel sermons were given during the day. Time was given for Missouri Cooperative Program, also an offering given by the Quarterly Meeting. I was privileged to deliver the sermon Sunday morning, October 31. They have purchased the church building. Brethren, if you have people in Jefferson City, send their names to Pastor Earl Irish, 411 Ashley Street, Jefferson City, Mo.

The Cooperative receipts were good for October with thirty two churches contributing.

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Harry Beatty

### COOPERATIVE REPORT OCTOBER, 1965

Southside .....	\$ 140.00
Alsbury Chapel .....	87.70
Monett .....	99.71
Parkview .....	95.04
Union Light .....	10.00
Farmington .....	86.18
Beacon .....	102.52
Viburnum .....	87.37
Hannon .....	25.10
Richwoods .....	84.01
Carterville .....	15.07
Fredericktown.....	279.93
Mt. Grove .....	219.80
Alton .....	16.00
Faith .....	47.11
Mill Creek .....	67.40
Merl's Chapel .....	69.35
Hickory Grove .....	14.32
Rock Chapel .....	17.90
Copper Mines.....	39.83

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# THE CHURCH AND ITS CRIPPLERS

By Rev. Robert Williams  
Granby, Missouri

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.  
(Matt. 23:23)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

(II Cor. 9:7)

Knowing how to give and where to give is of great importance. First, we must know how to give. This may be hard at first because some have been brought up from youth, with selfish motives and desires. But, I think Paul found the secret when he led us to believe it was a grace or a disposition created by the Holy Spirit inside of the individual. In contrast with the law which declares giving as a divine law, Christian giving is voluntary and will show our sincerity and love; not only for God but also for one another and for God's work.

Knowing where to give. God has always had a plan of support for His work. Many think because the Law of Moses included the plan of tithing and that Christ came to fulfil the law, that the plan of tithing was destroyed. But it was in existence long before Moses.

I know of no place where it was first given but in Genesis 14:20 when Abram was returning from the battle in which he delivers Lot, his nephew. He was met by Melchizedek to whom he gave tithe of all; therefore, the giving of the plan of tithing was in Abram's day or before. The law only gave strength to the plan and adopted it as the best possible means of support for God's work. I don't think man is capable of introducing a better plan. If God could see it to be an effective plan, surely you and I cannot surpass the knowledge of God.

I know there are a great many radio and television preachers today that plead and beg for support and beyond a doubt need some support, but not the tithe. Malachi saw two complete plans of giving, one the tithe, the other the offering, each has its own importance. We may give an offering to whomsoever we may desire, it makes no difference if he be saint or sinner, but, "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 you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10) If we live where we ought in God's love, then we can tithe the tenth.

From this reading we gather that the tithe is to be presented December, 1965

to the local church. From our pulpits come the cry to give and support the local church, and surely it does need support. But the plan goes far beyond the needs of the local church today. Some may have you believe that after the tithe has been given to the local church that we should not be concerned with it any farther; but we should be concerned with what the local church does with the tithe. From Numbers 18, we gather that the tithe was to be a plan and not to stop with the local church, but the church was to tithe right on to the higher authority.

Our organization of Free Will Baptist is a carefully planned organization and should function as such, each part dependant upon the other. Now, if one part fails to function properly, it causes great hindrance. (It's crippled.) Now we know that a crippled church or a crippled association is greatly handicapped. If the plan of tithing is to be carried out to accomplish its purpose it must be put to full use. If we as individuals tithe to our local church and our local church to our local association and to the State and the State to the National, God's plan will function properly and all the needs of God's work will be met in abundance. If we fail in one part, that part is going to be crippled and therefore cannot render good service to all concerned.

Most all of us are looking back over a year that God has blessed in abundance. God has met every demand of the flesh. The material has been supplied in abundance. God has met every demand of the Spirit. The spiritual necessities have been supplied in abundance. We have been made to rejoice because of God's blessing and presence many times.

But in many instances, the financial support for the church has come short, many projects have been hindered because of the lack of funds. Can we say that God's plan is not working? Can we say that God has failed to prosper us so that we can give? Or do we have to say that we have failed in the past year to give of the abundance that God has blessed us with having.

Let us turn now toward the New Year that we are entering soon. Let us call upon God that we might abound in the grace of giving. Let us ask Him that He might prosper us so that we

can exceed the tithe and give an offering now and then. Go to your local church and ask your pastor to help you to work out a plan of tithing for yourself. Ask him if the church under his care tithes to the local association? Ask him why. Ask him if the local association tithes to the State? And if the State to the National? Let us look to the year of 1966 as the greatest year for Free Will Baptist that has ever been. Let's all push a little in the next year and on't cripple God's work. Faith, mercy, judgment are weightier matters but don't leave the others undone, is our prayer for you.





### MILEY TRAVEL FUND

During the 52nd annual session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists which convened in Monett during the week of August 16, Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley spoke at two different services. Dr. and Mrs. Miley are our medical missionaries to Ivory Coast, Africa, now on furlough to the United States. The general consensus of those who heard Dr. and Mrs. Miley was that their appearance was the highlight of the annual meeting.

Some of our missionaries on furlough have recently been faced with deficit accounts; except for special collections taken at the last minute for that purpose, they would have been unable to return to their field at the scheduled time. Determined that Dr. and Mrs. Miley would not be placed in such an embarrassing position, the delegates to the State Association adopted a resolution directing the moderator to raise \$1,200.00 through the local associations to help pay the cost of their return fares to Ivory Coast.

In an effort to raise the amount, requests have been sent to the moderator of each quarterly meeting that special offerings be received at each quarterly meeting until the goal is met. Since there are many members who are unable to attend the quarterly meetings, an opportunity is being extended to anyone who wishes to contribute to send his gifts directly to the state promotional secretary.

All contributions should be mailed no later than April 15, 1966, to Promotional Secretary, Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, St. Louis

63111. Please mark your gifts "MILEY TRAVEL FUND" so that they may be applied to the proper account. Any money that is received in excess of \$1200 will be forwarded to the Foreign Missions Board to be credited to the Miley's regular account.

The following table lists the amount which each association is requested to raise as its share of the \$1200. When you mail your contributions, please indicate which association you wish credited with your offering. (Any gifts no so designated will be entered under "Undesignated.")

The amount received will be listed in each issue of the Gem through the month of April so that you may be apprised of the progress of this most worthy undertaking.

Association	Suggested Quota	Total Received
Southeast Missouri.....	\$ 350.00.....	\$
Northeast Missouri.....	100.00.....	
Central Western .....	150.00.....	
Indian Creek .....	100.00.....	
Liberty .....	100.00.....	
Laclede County .....	50.00.....	
Cave Springs .....	100.00.....	
Niangua.....	50.00.....	
Mission.....	200.00.....	
Northwest Missouri.....	- .....	
Undesignated .....	- .....	
TOTAL .....	\$1200.00.....	\$

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# KEN'S KORNER

TRY IT AND SEE

What happens when you take a stand for Christ? Oft times we think we will be ridiculed or called a "twinkie" that we chicken out. Yes, some may make fun of you, but others will respect you. Let me share a testimony with you of a teenage girl in the state of Alabama. This young lady is a Free Will Baptist, high school student, and chaplain of a Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs. At a recent retreat, she was to bring a devotional and conduct a panel discussion. After the retreat she had this to say:

"....Never before have I stood before a crowd feeling so proud to be a Christian than at this retreat. Lately young people don't take the stand that they should. However, I am certain that I gained much respect because I, as a teenager, took my stand. Thanks be to God that I had the courage to stand. Many of the clubs requested a copy of it (her testimony) so the "Y" is typing it up and making copies of it. God made the retreat a success; I was only His instrument...."

I share this with you to show you there are teenagers, just like you, taking a stand for Christ. All teenagers are not being pulled away by the force of the crowd or society. Some are standing firmly for Christ. What about you? Try it and see what happens to you. Hey, after you try it, share your experience with me and then all of us can share with each other. Who knows, we could get a fad going!

—Ken Riggs

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Victory .....	64.01
Northside .....	48.72
Overland .....	466.35
Leadington .....	97.00
Fellowship .....	50.00
Thayer .....	44.26
Kirksville .....	60.00
Mine La Motte .....	14.64
Laclede Co. Ass'n .....	10.11
Central, Kansas City .....	69.33
Cabool .....	37.86
Farmington .....	130.87
West Plains, Bethel .....	47.00

Total Receipts ..... \$2,744.49

Disbursed:

55% Nat'l FWB Ass'n .... \$1,509.47  
1% Mo. C.T.S. .... 27.47

December, 1965

2.5% Mo. Youth Camp ..	68.61
4% Gem .....	109.78
8% General Fund .....	219.57
12.5% Mo. Home Missions	343.05
17% Promotional Dept. ....	466.57

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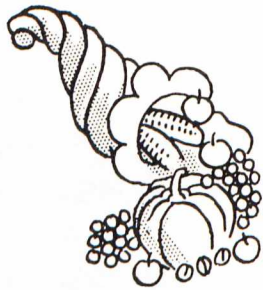
## The Christmas Message



### 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	254	
First Ch., Festus			43	48	45			49	39	46	
Farmington	104	100	111	122	108		96	91	85	91	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	69	51	65	72	60	64		60	58		
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	184	205	
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	189	
First, Mtn. Grove	318	329		348	325	310	327	306	332	323	
Desloge	102	113	112	116	115	110	111				
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	58	45	62	66	61	66	61	67	69	74	
Union Light	96	116	110	131	107	114	106	115	110	106	
First, Springfield	189	183	187	229	188	171	166	177	188	206	
Sunnyview Church	58	67	63	79	65	63	57	69	63	62	
Central, Kansas City	108	93	95	122	122	109	112	131			
Hannon	59	60	63	62	60	68	67	56	57	56	
First, Monett	131	131	139	137	138	123	117	121	123	133	
Garfield-Couch	43	37	44	52	47	51	44	47	50	47	
Leadington	77	95	100	114	90	105	87	107	124	136	
First, Fredericktown	143	137	149	153	147	139	147	160	171	193	
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	183	
Olivet Church, Marshall				28							
Southside	184	194	209								
First, Lebanon	90	100	97	97	116	106	94		99	113	
Myrtle Church								71	72	80	
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	122		
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye	51	56	56	72	53	54	58	56	68		
Aulsbury Chapel Church							61	65			
Alton	80	81	75	88	72	74	79	91	83	64	





# GLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD



### PASTOR HONORED WITH A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

On September 23rd, Rev. Russel B. Spurgeon, pastor of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, Missouri, was surprised with a "This Is Your Life" birthday party given by the teenagers of the church.

Each person was hid as they spoke into a microphone and told of some funny experience they had had with the pastor or what he meant to their lives.

Refreshments of birthday cake, punch, and coffee were served. Bro. Spurgeon was presented with a leather briefcase.

The teenagers gave this party in appreciation of their pastor who has spent much of his time working with them.

### REVIVAL AT MONETT

The First Free Will Baptist Church conducted a revival last month with Rev. Johnny Land, pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri, as the evangelist. There were three rededications and one conversion. Bro. Land brought some very soul stirring messages. Then on November 14 there was another rededication.

### WHALEY'S REPORT ESKIMO GIRL SAVED

A young Eskimo girl was saved recently and is now waiting to be baptized. This will be one of the first natives to follow the Lord in baptism. Praise the Lord for the breakthrough.

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### A NEW CHURCH AT KOSHKONONG

A large group of about 200 people gathered in Koshkonong, Missouri at the building being used for a church on Sunday, October 31, 1965 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church.

The service began by congregational singing led by Rev. Bernard Roberts with Perlene Roberts as pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. O. T. Allred of Cabool, the assistant State Moderator, then followed by a Quartet from West Plains Free Will Baptist Church that sang, "Don't Weaken the Wheel" and a solo, "God Bless This Church" by Lunita Spears. Rev. Jesse Dunkin of Myrtle, Mo. led us in prayer. The message was delivered by Rev. E. E. Simpson of Alton, our oldest active minister in the ministry of the Cave Springs Association, with scripture read from I Cor. 12:12-25 giving the charge to the church. After the message the Articles of Faith were read by Rev. Dale Skiles of Myrtle, Mo., the Quarterly Meeting Moderator. Then was asked that all who wished to unite into a Free Will Baptist Church to come around the altar. Twenty-one responded to the call. They are as follows: Bill Sims, Beverly Sims, Ellis Dills, Alice Dills, Larry Dills, Bernice Dills, Alf Harris, Lorene Harris, Randal Harris, Jim Kenter, Carrie Vaughn, Mary Jean Vincent, Leo Stidman, Rev. Bernard Roberts, Perlene Roberts, Herbert Williams, Willa Williams, Janice Williams, Rev. Davie Combs, Claudia Combs. The Church Covenant was read to the group by Rev. James Lee Reed of Myrtle, the Yearly Meeting Moderator. These were ac-

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cepted by all. Rev. F. D. Johnson of West Plains presented the Bible to the church.

A short business meeting was held with Rev. Davie Combs acting as Moderator. The following officers were elected: Pastor, Davie Combs; Clerk, Beverly Sims; Treasurer, Alice Dills; Ministers of Music, Rev. Bernard and Perlene Roberts; and Bro. Jim Kenter was accepted as Deacon. Trustees were Leo Stidman, three years; Herbert Williams, two years and Alf Harris, one year. The church is to be known as Koshkonong Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Claude Bryan of Thayer led the Prayer of Consecration as we knelt around the altar. The hand of fellowship was then given by those present. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. G. J. Pingleton of Thayer. There were 23 ordained ministers and 16 ordained deacons present to help in the organization of the church, as follows: Charles Gower, Thayer; Howard Bowers, Thayer; J. W. King, Couch; Dale Skiles, Myrtle; Finis Johnson, 1024 College St., West Plains; Ode Hackworth, Thayer; A. L. McGhee, Myrtle; O. T. Allred, Cabool; Ezra Butts, Cabool; W. S. Turner, West Plains; E. E. Simpson, Alton; Jesse H. Dunkin, Myrtle; Louis Stephens, Myrtle; Meril Shaw, Alton; Glen E. Murray, Alton; James Lee Reed, Myrtle; S. D. Johnson, Alton; G. J. Pingleton, Thayer; Noah Miller, West Plains; Claude Bryan, Thayer; Bernard Roberts, Koshkonong and Davie Combs, West Plains.

The following are the ordained deacons that were present: Elza W. Webb, Thayer; C. L. Robinson, Thayer; Lee Clark, Alton; Paris Wheeler, Alton; Homer Harper, Thayer; Roy Underwood, Thayer; T. J. Adkisson, West Plains; David Uhlmann, West Plains; Mack Warren, Alton; Leamon Combs, Couch; Ben Pohnert, Thayer; Ulus Caldwell, Couch; Luke Boze, Alton; John Shaw, Couch; Herbert Bowers, Thayer, and Jim Kenter, Koshkonong.

This group has worked together as a mission for the past two months with an average of about 35 in Sunday School and 50 in the evening worship. We plan to build a new church building in the near future.

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# A REPORT FROM THE WHALEYS



D. L. Whaley and family in 1957 when they first went to Alaska.

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior who said, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Since our last newsletter in May we have encountered many changes which we wish to share with you.

On Sunday, June 6th, we had a very encouraging day in the Lord. In the morning service a young man, who is a Puerto Rican with a Catholic background, was saved. In the afternoon I performed our first Free Will Baptist Baptismal service to be held in Fairbanks for what we thought to be a two month furlough in the south 48 states. We arrived in Jacksonville, N. C. on Saturday night, thirteen days later. We found several open doors for our mission services, for which we praise the Lord. The response and interest shown in these services have been most encouraging. On July 1st our mission account at the Home Mission office was more than \$1,400.00 in the red. By the last of August this deficit had been cleared up by the generous giving of those who attended our services. I want to thank each of you who had any part in making this possible. As many of you will remember, in July, 1964 Ethel became very ill with a kidney disorder which has continued to give her trouble since that time. After arriving in the south this condition grew worse until it was necessary for her to be admitted into the hospital for treatment and a complete physical checkup. She spent fifteen days in North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. On August 12th, just at the time we had made plans to depart for Alaska her doctor advised that we not return until there was an improvement in her physical condition. Also, I was advised by Brother Willis, the director of National Home Missions, that several members of the board felt that our furlough should be extended for a longer period of time. We had our car packed and were ready to leave when we were confronted with this sudden change, naturally, it put the whole family into a state of confusion. I met Brother Willis in the missions office on August 19th and he advised that I continue to do deputation work in the states until after the October board meeting. The Lord wonderfully went before us and we were able to rent a house near Ethel's mother in time to get the children in school on its opening day.

During the first week in October the mission board met and discussed us and the work. The following decision was made by the board: "That he be paid \$200 per month until May of December, 1965

1966 and that he follow the leadership of the Lord as to what he should do during this time and any monies received in Missions services be placed in his account. In the event that any money is left in his account when his contract terminates that it be transferred to the Alaska account. This is to be the maximum responsibility of the National Home Missions and Church Extension Board." The Lord has led us in obtaining the services of a returned medical missionary from Africa as Ethel's physician, who is a man of vision, passion, and has a tremendous medical skill. In a recent conference with him he assured us that he has high hopes for our continued missionary ministry, therefore we are making tentative plans to return to Alaska in June. Please pray with us as we fervently seek God's will and leadership.

Our young, tender church in Fairbanks is carrying on in our absence. God has given us a nucleus of Free Will Baptist from the South 48 states who are leading in the mission work. Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan and their daughter, from Florida and Millie Hall and Dixie Myers. Dixie and Millie are employed at the University of Alaska and the Sullivans are with Civil Service. We do so much appreciate all you have done through the years in standing by us in prayer and financial support. Some of you have been with us from the beginning, since we pioneered seven and one-half years ago. "God bless you abundantly for every prayer and gift you have given." We have endeavored to be faithful in service and the appropriation of every dime that has been committed to our trust. In these days of testing, both for us and the work we are undertaking, I trust that you shall continue to keep this ministry before you as you have so faithfully done in the past. While we are here we are continuing to promote and push missions, so if you have not had a missionary service with us, we will be happy to schedule one.

Betty Jean, our little seven year old Alaska native girl who was added to our home in April, is adjusting to the change very well. Her time in the South 48 states is proving to be very educational to her.

If you have the opportunity, please drop by to see us while we are in this area. May the Lord bless you real good as we continue as "Laborers together with God."

Yours for Missions,

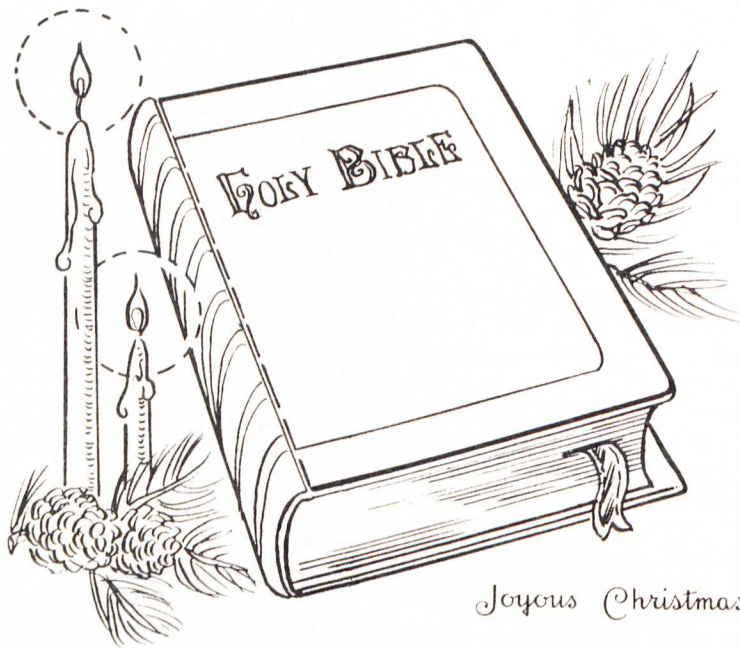
D. L. Whaley & Family



D. L. Whaley and family in 1965.



# *Season's Greetings*



*Joyous Christmas*

FROM

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## CHRISTMAS

By Rev. Grover Pingleton  
Pastor of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church  
Thayer, Missouri

We wonder how we might describe Christmas to someone who has never known of it? Could we describe it in color or taste or sound? There is the beautiful lights of many different colors and the glittering things that we put upon the tree. There is the turkey, fruit cakes, candy, pumpkin pie and all the other good things we have to eat. Then there is the sound of ringing bells and the beautiful Christmas carols and the music of the organs and choirs. All these wonderful things and yet they all do not bring the wonderful Christmas feeling that we share at Christmas time.

Yet, are we sure that what we have is really the feeling of Christmas? If we would stop to analyze our seasonal happiness, many of us would realize that it is not. Christmas, as the widely held belief, gives us the right, once a year to be just plain "EXTRAVAGANT!" We go to extremes in buying things we can not rightly afford, often going in debt just to give more than we expect to receive, or maybe we want to climb up a little higher in society with our boss or other higher, up-to-date people. Then we go to the extremes with our meals. Overeating and making a glutton of ourself and overdrinking and making a drunkard of ourself. Brethren, these things ought not to be.

Now may we say "why" we have this wonderful feeling at Christmas time. Let us go back to a small stable in the little town of Bethlehem and take a look in the manger where the sheep and ox and ass had been feeding upon the straw and see the little bundle of warm flesh wrapped in a swaddling cloth or better known as a burlap sack. How does our Christmas feeling "measure up" now? Would we be happy if this was all of Christmas? Or are we like so many others, find that this dear loving Saviour interferes with our holiday? And we will not rightfully be able to take a social drink of alcoholic beverages with our associates, or go to the places of the world and be ungodly, or do the things that we know will not please God.

Yes, Christ is the answer, and is all of Christmas.

Merry Christmas can not be wrapped in a package, nor hung on the limb of an evergreen tree. Christmas is not limited to taste, sight, sound or touch. Christmas is the unlimited love of God in Christ Jesus, to be embraced with the whole heart; not for just a holiday or for a season, but forever.

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### CHURCH ANNOUNCES REVIVAL

Rev. Jack Paramore, evangelist of Greenville, N. C. will be conducting revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Festus Dec. 12 through Dec. 19. The Blackwood Bros. Quartet, recently formed by Ron Blackwood, son of the late R. W. Blackwood, will be singing in the revival services on Tuesday night, Dec. 14. Pastor of the church is Rev. Charles Moyers.

### YOUNG MAN ANNOUNCES CALL TO PREACH

Kenneth Jones of the Sunnyview Church near Lebanon, Mo. has announced his call to preach the gospel and by the help of the Lord is doing a fine job. Pray for this fine young man that the Lord will December, 1965

use him in a mighty way. The pastor of this church is Rev. James Henson.

### NEW WORK IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Home missionary, Lloyd Plunkett, is in Seattle, Washington to establish a Free Will Baptist Church. Free Will Baptists of Missouri who have friends or relatives in or near Seattle who may be interested in the church there, are asked to notify them and send their names and addresses to Mr. Plunkett at 9220 37th Ave. South, Seattle, Washington (98118) Phone: PA 5-9495.

### ENTHUSIASM WORKS AT MERAMEC HEIGHTS CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS

I would like to say that we, as the

young people from Meramec Heights, really appreciate the cooperation and help that we have received and are receiving from our fellow churches in the surrounding areas. For a long time, we lost the interest and enthusiasm that keeps a Christian alive. There was nothing along the line of youth activity to keep us interested and enthused. Oh, we attended the Youth Rallies and for awhile participated in the Bible Bowl, and Tic-Tac-To. But, this wasn't enough to keep us going. This was just a-once-a-three-months activity. We needed something to keep us going, and interested throughout the three months.

We have started to organize a YPA before, but we didn't expect to achieve much. And we didn't. This time we really got down to brass tacks, and realized that this isolation among Meramec Heights and Southside, Trinity, Faith, Overland, Grace, Berkeley and the others was going to be ended. We decided to ask for the cooperation, help and FELLOWSHIP from the other churches, and Young People's groups. The Lord says to ask and ye shall receive, well we asked and we received. We set a date for the first meeting, which was Nov. 13, 1965 at Meramec Heights. I know that the other churches and young people's groups are going to give us all the assistance they can. We have a lot of ideas and suggestions, now all they need is some legs to walk on.

We also felt the need for a revival. A revival that would start in OUR hearts first, and give us a burden for our lost loved ones and friends and then spread throughout the community. The date was set for Nov. 15-20. We know that the Lord is going to bless us because he said he would in his word, if we only believe. You know, we have a fine group of Christians in our denomination, and we could have more if this burden for lost friends, and loved ones grows. We, as Christians, are obligated to the non-Christians to tell them of this Savior and tell them that he loves them, too. Time is drawing nigh, and the Lord will soon be coming back to get his believers. So it should really make us more concerned about this world we live in and the sinful people that make up this world.

Again we say thanks. We know that in the near future we will be able to report some wonderful news of souls being brought back to their maker.

Yours in Christ,  
Ernestine Burns  
Meramec Heights  
F.W.B. Church



# THE MISSION FIELDS

## CUBAN EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND REACTIVATED AS 50,000-300,000 REFUGEES EXPECTED IN MIAMI

Nashville - The Board of Foreign Missions acted in special telephone conference October 11 to reactivate CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund) in face of an expected renewed influx of Cuban refugees into Miami.

Several hundred refugees have already arrived in Miami by boat following Castro's new open door policy allowing all who desire to leave Cuba to do so.

A massive exodus is expected as negotiations between the U. S. State Department and Cuba are completed.

Exiles in Miami estimate that 50,000 persons are ready to leave Cuba. But sources in Havana say the figure could run much higher, depending on how long the open door policy remains in effect.

Florida Governor Haydon Burns estimates the eventual number could run from 300,000 to a half million.

The Reverend Benito Rodriguez, pastor of the Spanish Free Will Baptist Church in Miami and editor of Spanish publications for the board, will direct the reactivated CERF operation. The building used during the last mass exodus from Cuba has been cleaned and repaired for the new emergency.

The Center will operate at least four hours per day giving relief to refugees who arrive in Miami without clothes, personal effects or money. Yet the main activity of the Center will be to give spiritual counsel to those seeking assistance.

General Director Reford Wilson said, "Our ministry is a spiritual one, not merely humanitarian. Our main purpose in operating a refugee center is to give these needy friends the gospel. Naturally, it would be hypocritical of us if we were not concerned about their physical needs as well. Thus, we plan to disseminate clothing and food as these are made available to us by our people."

The Center in Miami is urgently in

need of good clothing of all sizes, blankets, sheets and pillow cases. Food supplies are also needed.

Individuals and churches desiring to be of assistance are urged to send clothes and similar supplies directly to CERF, 232 S.W. Eighth Street, Miami, Fla.

Approximately \$400 per month has been allocated to operate the Center. There is no budget provision for these funds, and individuals or groups are urged to make special contributions to CERF in care of the foreign missions office. Funds should be clearly earmarked for CERF and sent to the Foreign Missions Department, Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

## MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS OCTOBER RECEIPTS

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wagner, Willow Springs .....	\$ 5.00
Southside FWB Church, St. Louis .....	19.50
First FWB Ch., Monett .....	20.00
Mr. Fern Kelsey, Greentop ..	1.00
Mrs. Oma L. Scott, Mountain Grove .....	4.00
Mt. Grove First FWB Ch. ....	24.50
Mt. Pisgah FWB Ch., Cabool	10.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Mrs. G. E. Davis, Mtn. Grove FWB Church, Berkeley .....	5.00
Cooperative Plan of Support .	167.12
New Home FWB Ch., Hartville	10.00
Fourth FWB Ch. S.S. Class, St. Louis .....	3.00
Ladies S.S. Cl., Copper Mines FWB Ch., Fredericktown ..	6.50
Grant Ave. FWB Ch., Sr. Adult CTS, Springfield .....	15.00
Mrs. Pauline Means, Willow Springs .....	5.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove .	1.00
Ever Ready S.S. Cl., Monett .	15.00
Mr. Louis Willhite, Bridgeton .	2.00
Mrs. Charles Deatherage, Berkeley .....	1.00
Overland FWB Ch. ....	75.00
Myrtle FWB Ch. ....	5.00
Leadington FWB Ch. ....	24.00

Fellowship FWB Ch.,

Flat River .....	10.00
Mr. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold ...	10.00
Myrtle FWB Ch. ....	5.00

Total Receipts ..... \$495.92

## HOME MISSION BOARD

P. O. Box 1088 — Nashville, Tenn.  
Dear Friends in Missouri:

If I could make a Christmas wish, I believe I would wish that I could go to some of the many towns and villages that I have seen which do not have a Bible-preaching church. Or, I would like to begin working for my Lord in some of our great metropolitan areas where some sections are in almost total spiritual black out. I would like to share the gospel with the people of Mexico, some of whom have not yet read a Bible. It would be thrilling to minister in Hawaii, a melting pot of western and eastern cultures, languages, and religions. I can sense the unique challenge of ministering in Alaska and Canada. All of North America's people must know our Saviour, or they will die in their sins.

As we remember our Saviour's birth in a special way, let us pray that we will be willing to go where He wants us to go.

Our National Home missionary family is growing. We now have 32 adult workers under sponsorship of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. There are increasing demands and opportunities for service, but we are more than \$30,000 short of meeting our 1965 budget.

We are thankful for the way you have responded already this year and we pray that God will bless you in a special way as you share some of your Christmas giving through the National Home Missions. I believe it would please our Saviour for us to make a special Christmas contribution in the interest of winning lost men for Him.

In Christ,  
Mark Vandivort  
Field Secretary  
Free Will Baptist Gem



## MEETING THE CHALLENGE NOVEMBER

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the lovely name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Truly we can say with the psalmist, David, "The Lord has done great things whereof we are glad."

For the next few months our letter will be dedicated to your getting acquainted with our students, workers and teachers. We will begin with the third year students.

Juanita Lugo or Juana, as we call her, is from our church in El Canelito. She is 17 years old and an excellent student. Juana was saved at the age of 14. She

was brought to the Institute by one of her uncle's when she was not a christian. She only came because of obedience to his wishes. During the 1962 convention she was saved and has lived a very dedicated life ever since. She is studying at present, besides her Institute classes, First Aid with the Red Cross. She has completed her book studies and is now working two afternoons a week to put into practice what she has learned. She can continue studies with the Red Cross and become a practical nurse. This is her desire so that she can return to our church in the mountains and help her own people. There isn't a doctor or nurse within 50 miles of this village. Juana is also a member of the girls trio at the Institute.

Ruth Rodriguez - Ruth is from Piedras Negras and came to the Institute in Sept. of 1963. She, too, is 17 years old. Ruth comes from a family of very religious people. She was not raised a Catholic but of another cult. I don't know what they are called in the States, so I will not try to name it. As soon as school started and she began to hear the gospel in all its truth, she was convinced that she had not been taught the truth. When school ended and her father came for her, she went home for the summer. When they found out that she had learned another doctrine and would no longer go along with them, she suffered many things. When school began in Sept. of 1964 we did not know whether to expect Ruth or not, but she arrived, all alone. When school this last year had ended, she refused to go home. Truly Ruth has left father, mother and all to serve Christ. She, too, is studying at the Red Cross. Her only real desire is to serve anywhere and in anyway, her Christ. Ruth is a very good singer and does solo work. Pray for these two girls as they better prepare themselves for His service.

Raul de la Rosa - Raul was among some of our first converts in Mexico. Seven years ago he was only 11 years old. As the years have passed we have

seen Raul grow from a boy into young manhood. Also we have seen him grow spiritually. Raul entered the Institute in 1962 but due to financial problems at home, had to leave before school ended and work. Again the following year he entered, but had the same problem. Again last year he entered and was determined that nothing was going to keep him from studying God's Word. Many of you met Raul personally; he sings the lead in the school quartet. Mexico requires every boy 18 years old to fulfill military service. They must spend every Sunday for one year of training in camp. We have four boys at the Institute that must fulfill their military service beginning in Jan. 1966. Raul is one of them. He needs your prayers for strength during this coming year.

Each month you will be meeting other students. We trust this will better acquaint you with our work and perhaps you can pray more effectively for our needs and prayer requests.

Arthur is still in the States. He is in Florida at present, but should be home by the 23rd of this month. He has been gone so much this year that I'm almost always alone. We do need your prayers as there are many decisions to be made daily and problems to be faced with their solutions. God truly gives strength when it seems there is no strength.

Since this is Thanksgiving month in the States, we truly want to thank each of you who has so faithfully stood with us during these past years. We have been in Mexico seven years the 17th of this month. You, our dear friends, have made this possible with your financial help and prayers. May God richly bless each of you is our prayer. May He give us many years more to work together in His vineyard in Mexico.

Your missionaries,  
Arthur and Jennell Billows

House #2143, Irumagawa  
Sayama Shi, Saitama Ken  
Japan

Dear Supporters:

Spring and Summer were filled with activity and now Fall weather has come. We think Fall is the nicest season in Japan. We thank you for your faithful support which enables our ministry here to continue. Your financial support - gifts both large and small to our account - are very much appreciated.

Last Spring after looking for a meeting place to start a new work here in our town we finally were able to rent an old run down building which was located on Main Street. It had to be fixed up quite a bit

before we could use it for services. It had no floor, electricity, decent walls or ceiling. You might say that we rented an old shell of a building which had a pretty good roof on it. Many pass our place every day as we are only a few minutes from the local train station and center of town.

Special services were held in July and we made a number of good contacts. Attendance was pretty good for about two months and then we hit a real slump. So many have come for one service and never return. This past week we had four new ones to attend services. After the evening service a young man talked with me for almost an hour. He had passed our building many times and wanted to come to services. He finally decided to come as he has no real peace in his heart or purpose for living. What a thrill to be the first person to explain the plan of salvation to him. Pray for this man, Matsumoto San, that he will be saved. Because of your continued prayers and support many more like him can be reached with the Gospel.

Just a word about the family. Philip (5th grade) and Samuel (3rd) are attending the Christian Academy - an evangelical school for missionary children. Stephen will soon be 5 years old and enjoys playing with Vivian who just turned two in September. Vivian has a good time trying to do everything her brothers do. All the children as well as Fred and Evelyn are enjoying good health for which we praise the Lord.

Again, let us thank you for your continued support and we want you to know that you are very much a part of this work. Pray that we might minister effectively to these people in the Japanese language. Your letters and birthday cards are always appreciated. Bye for now.

Yours in Christ,  
Fred & Evelyn Hersey

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI OCTOBER, 1965

South Side Ch., St. Louis.	\$ 75.00
Ernest James, Alton.....	5.00
Everett Kerr, Alton .....	5.00
FWB Ch., Mt. Grove.....	98.20
FWB Ch., Hurryville .....	51.38
FWB Ch., Thayer .....	8.00
Overland FWB Ch. ....	48.70
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Howard Muse, Alton .....	5.00
Floyd Green, Harrisonville.	15.00
Oak Grove Ch., Mt. Grove.	15.00
FWB Ch., Berkeley .....	90.00

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# LETTERS

## FROM

## OUR

## READERS

Dear Bro. Hill,

As we here at Festus look back over the past month we would all have to agree that the highlight of the month was Sunday night, Oct. 17th. On that night it was a great pleasure to have Bro. Wesley Calvary and his fine family in services with us.

The service that evening was presented by Bro. Calvary. He showed some films and talked a great deal about the Free Will Baptist churches in Japan and the conditions under which they must exist. The service truly was a great challenge for the entire church. At the close of the service an offering of \$111.00 was taken for the work in Japan.

We thank the Lord also for a new member added to our church this month. I'm sure that our church will be blessed as he labors with us. Please pray for our revival in December.

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

Dear Co-workers:

Greetings to you in the name of our blessed Lord from the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church.

The dear Lord has been blessing us richly and we are so thankful, with our hearts overflowing with joy.

On September 5 we had our homecoming at our church. The day began with 60 attending Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Brother Clarence Sohn in charge. Our lesson was "Growing in Faith". Scripture taken from Colossians and Hebrews.

After Sunday School our pastor, Rev. Askern, was in charge of the devotional services. Several special hymns were rendered by some of our young people.

We were happy to have Rev. Virgil Maness with us, so Bro. Maness delivered a very inspiring message. He used I Cor. 13:1-13 and his subject was on love divine.

A delicious meal was served at the noon hour and a wonderful fellowship was had by all.

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The evening service began at two o'clock with congregational singing, Sister Elsie Schutte leading and Rita Kelso at the piano.

Rev. James Barker, pastor of the Hurryville Church, near Farmington, brought the evening message. His scripture taken from Hebrews 12:25-29; his subject - "The time of a great shaking." This message was accompanied by the Holy Spirit to our hearts and the presence of the Lord was felt by all. After supper all returned home and as we went all felt it was good for brethren to dwell together in unity.

On October the 18th our revival began with Rev. Tom Malone, the evangelist. Bro. Malone is pastor of the Fellowship Church in Flat River, Mo. The Lord blessed each night in the meeting with souls at the altar finding Jesus precious to their souls. The meeting lasted six nights and there were four people saved and five rededications. Bro. Malone brought very inspiring messages and the Lord anointed him for each service.

On Saturday, October 23, the quarterly meeting was held at our church. There were 92 registered. Bro. Spurgeon brought the gospel message at 11 o'clock. We had a real good meeting and the Lord seemed to bless our efforts.

We thank him from whom all blessings flow.

Praise His Holy Name. He is so precious to all of us.

Pray for us.

Yours in Christian love,  
Sister Ackerson

Dear Bro. Hill,

Greetings in Jesus' name from the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

God has been blessing the church in His most powerful way these past five or six weeks and now, mere words cannot express the thankfulness we all feel.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The church began praying for a revival several weeks ago and soon an evangelist was selected and a date set to begin.

The date was Oct. 18 and the evangelist, Rev. Don Pegram from Wilson, N.C.

Several weeks before, the pastor, Rev. H. T. Dann, preached heaven sent messages on being filled with the Holy Spirit and being fully dedicated to the Lord. I believe it was during this time that we, as a church, became more burdened for lost souls.

We began to pray harder, work harder, and several Christians rededicated their lives unto the Lord for special service. We prayed for the lost, we prayed for one another, for our pastor, for the revival to come, and, praise the Lord, God looked down from heaven and saw the revival fires beginning to burn.

Precious souls began being saved in our regular services, in cottage prayer meetings and during visitation. God was wonderfully answering our every prayer.

A prayer list was begun. Names were mentioned in our prayers. People that needed to be cleansed of sin's stain, as only the blood of Jesus can cleanse.

And, praise God, the Holy Spirit began to move in all our services. Precious souls coming, seeking, and finding Jesus as personal Saviour. In just four weeks 27 souls were saved.

Finally, the date of our revival came. Bro. Don Pegram, surely a man of God, preaching from the heart, messages with power from on high, messages that caused people to ponder their eternal destiny.

There were souls saved every night throughout this ten-day meeting. Besides, people were saved in their homes. One brother was saved at his work. God was present everywhere.

When the meeting came to a close on Wednesday, Oct. 27, and was Bro. Pegram's final night, the church decided to have services the remainder of the week. Bro. Dann did the preaching. The fires were yet burning. There were several others saved in these last few services.

In my heart I know what the Holy Spirit has done for me. I have been drawn closer to God these past several weeks. I never realized I had grown so indifferent to the Lord's work. Since I have rededicated my life I know that I will strive to always do whatsoever God will bid me do.

Free Will Baptist Gem



Does God answer prayer? We here at Fourth Church can say most emphatically — AMEN!

How many souls have found the Savior in the last five or six weeks? When Bro. Pegram began preaching there had been 27 saved. From the 18th through the 29th there were 39 precious souls that found the Lord, bringing the total to 67 souls that found their Savior. Thank God.

This feeling of being a part of this wonderful reviving power has compelled me to tell others of the wonderful experiences we have shared together.

We are thankful that God has made the Fourth Church a soul saving station.

And as you enter your closet this evening breathe a prayer for us.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Leamon L. Killian  
CTS President

### THE VICTORY WE FEEL

The Fourth Church in St. Louis  
Is the place where sinners meet  
To learn of free salvation,  
Then bow at Jesus' feet.

It was here in West St. Louis,  
At the edge of Maplewood,  
God sent revival fires from Heaven  
Just as He said He would.

The pre-revival messages,  
Were preached by Bro. Dann,  
Then we called in our evangelist,  
And he was Don Pegram.

The Holy Spirit was moving,  
The Christians they did pray.  
And sinners sought repentance  
In the services day by day.

They gathered at the altar,  
Calling out in Jesus' name,  
And God was ever present,  
To take away their shame.

The church was dedicated  
To the winning of the lost  
And prayers went up to Heaven;  
And we never spared the cost.

Dear Gem Editor,

It has been a long time since we have written you. This has been a very busy summer for us but the Lord has been with us and blessed in so many ways. Our church has grown spiritually and in number. On Oct. 23rd Marvin Chapman, one of our young men of the church, was ordained as deacon. We are thankful for Bro. Marvin, his wife, Jo Ann, and children, Terri and Rickie. Our pastor is December, 1965

Rev. Lloyd Durbin.

### Mill Creek Free Will Baptist

Dear Gem Readers:

With the Thanksgiving season approaching, we all should stop and count our many blessings. We have so much to be thankful for. In a country where we can still enjoy our "freedom of worship" we should not abuse this great privilege. Let us pray that it will always be free for everyone.

Our church is having good attendance. We are to begin a week's revival on November 8th with Bro. Tom Malone of the Fellowship Church of Flat River, Mo. as our evangelist. We extend a cordial welcome to all that can come and be with us in these services.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church, Cuba, Mo. on November 7-8-9. Our pastor, Bro. Dean Burpo, delivered the Friday night message and the Chapelaires Trio from our church sang for the Friday night and Saturday services.

We had a Halloween party in the church basement with approximately sixty in attendance. An enjoyable time was had by all. We appreciate the young people in our church and the interest and participation they have in the services.

Pray for our church.

Doris Waller, Church Reporter  
Rev. Dean Burpo, Pastor

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Garfield S.S., Couch ....	20.00
Cooperative Plan .....	302.91
Beacon FWB Ch. ....	110.00
Women's Aux., Joplin .....	5.00
Hannon Church.....	25.10
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	92.57
Willow Springs Ch., Mt. Grove	13.31
Hazel Creek Union Ch.,	
Kirksville .....	70.66
Maude Etherton, Cabool ...	10.00
Clayton Ramsey, Farmington	1.00
Madison Quarterly Meeting,	
Fredericktown.....	27.21
Parkview Church, Desloge .	40.00
Grace Church, Arnold .....	54.05
Louis WilfHITE, Bridgeton ..	1.00
Val Arnold, Florissant ....	25.00
First FWB Ch., Springfield	25.00
Berkeley FWB Ch. ....	383.00
Crusaders for Christ, St. Ann's	200.00
Twin Oak Ch., Fredericktown	50.00
First FWB Ch., Festus ...	136.00
Fellowship FWB Ch.,	
Flat River .....	125.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington	15.00
Leadington Church .....	24.00
Merl's Chapel, Cassville ..	6.00

Kirksville Church .....	178.52
New Rock Springs, Mt. Grove	16.50
Myrtle Church .....	55.55
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry,	
Mt. Grove .....	1.00

Total .....\$2,433.66

### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Free Will Baptist Gem  
3100 Mt. Pleasant  
St. Louis, Mo. 63111

Dear Bro. Hill:

The following is a report of Missouri Home Missions for the month of October, 1965:

Several more churches have responded this month with pledged support to the Cape Girardeau Mission work. We really thank the Lord for our mission minded pastors and churches!

Bro. Don has arrived in Cape to start the work. We are real pleased with his work. He is doing a fine job. A group of people have had services with him several times. They are meeting in his home, 1917 New Madrid St., Cape Girardeau, Mo. Anyone having friends or kinfolks in Cape may forward their address to the above address.

We are also glad to report a new work starting in Rolla, Mo. Bro. Leland Horton has already arrived in Rolla and started the mission. We thank God for his leadership in this needy field. You may refer the names of friends in Rolla to Rev. Leland Horton, 3 King Dr., Rolla, Mo. 65401.

Above all, pray for these men of God and the people who meet with them each week. Pray for good strong Biblical churches.

Following is the response financially for October, 1965:

Cooperative .....	\$343.05
Berkley City .....	50.00
Central, Kansas City .....	10.00
Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting	15.00
Fellowship, Flat River .....	15.00
Madison Co. S.S. Conv. ....	33.73

Yours for Missions,  
Bob L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.





# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

## DECEMBER 1965

## HOME MISSIONS MONTH

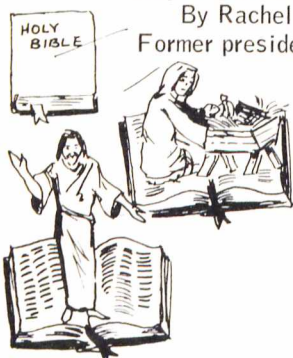
### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 12 - Bible Sunday  
Dec. 13-17 - Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer  
Dec. 25 - Christmas

### PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK OF PRAYER

"Why Jesus Came....."

By Rachel Crawford  
Former president of WNAC



### OUR STATE HOME MISSIONARY

Please remember that all the offerings at the close of the Week of Prayer go to our "Missouri Missions".

Dear Co-Laborers,

Will you help Missouri State Home Missions? I am sure that many of our co-laborers have already spent several dollars on Christmas gifts and treats — let's put Christ back into Christmas! Give a gift that is worthy, from a heart of love and desire — for the cause of Christ. Rev. Don Jones and his family are working now in the Cape Girardeau, Mo. area. His entire support will be borne by your State Mission Board, so let's get behind this work with prayer and money!

Your Editor,  
Mrs. Ted Davis

**WILEY UNDERGOES SURGERY**  
Miami - Thomas Wiley, Sr., underwent surgery here October 1 to remove a cancerous gland from his neck. Doctors believe malignancy isolated and predict successful recovery. Partial facial paralysis resulted from necessitated removal of infected nerce. Cards may be sent Mr. Wiley at 2521 SW 25th, Terrace, Miami, Fla.

**WILEY RECUPERATING**  
Miami - "Pop" Wiley, veteran missionary to Latin America, continues recovery from an operation October 1 to remove a cancerous gland from his neck.

He is undergoing therapy to compensate for loss of nerve controlling one side of his face. A six-week series of cobalt treatments are being administered as a preventive measure.

Mr. Wiley will remain in Miami for a three-month recuperation period forcing cancellation of his missionary conference schedule for the remainder of the year.

**CO-LABORERS** — Please remember Bro. Wiley, Sr. with a card shower from your auxiliary.

### MISSOURI STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

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Fredericktown - First FWB  
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By the 15th of each month.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

September, 1965

Tithes:	
First FWB, Joplin .....	\$ 2.73
Grant Ave., Springfield...	15.63
First FWB, Mtn. Grove...	5.73
Student Loan Fund:	
Kirksville .....	13.00
Grant Ave., Springfield...	15.63
First FWB, Mtn. Grove...	2.87
Myrtle .....	10.00
Co-Laborer:	
Kirksville .....	1.29
Grant Ave., Springfield...	15.64
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	2.40
New Harmony Mission,	
Greentop .....	5.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove...	17.20
Myrtle .....	7.50
National Home Missions:	
Kirksville .....	2.50
First FWB, Mtn. Grove...	10.00
Beacon, Raytown .....	1.00
State Project '65-'66 Mileys:	
First FWB, Mtn. Grove...	11.46
Foreign Missions:	
Kirksville .....	2.50
Orphanage (Tenn.):	
Beacon, Raytown.....	20.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove...	2.87
WNAC - General Fund:	
New Harmony Mission,	
Greentop .....	6.00
WNAC - Office Furnishings:	
Verdella .....	14.02
Garcias' Account:	
Beacon, Raytown .....	3.00
Total amount received	
in all accounts .....	\$187.97

Please be sure and send all money through our state Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutsell, 534 W. N. St., Mountain Grove, Mo. 65711.  
Free Will Baptist Gem



The 1964-1965 project for the Mo. State Women's Auxiliary Convention was the "Pay and Pave the Way for the Hanna's" campaign, with the goal to be reached July 30, 1965 being \$1,500. The amount of gifts received by this date was \$1,035.64, as shown in the Treasurer's report. Additional gifts for this project were received in August in the amount of \$125.60. This made a total of \$1161.24 for this project.

The amounts received on this project were given as follows:

Grant Ave., Springfield.....	\$ 140.50
Fellowship, Flat River .....	42.00
Hazel Creek, Greentop.....	27.00
Trinity, Bridgeton.....	63.93
Southside, St. Louis.....	33.02
Fourth, St. Louis.....	5.00
First FWB, Fredericktown ..	32.30
First FWB, Monett.....	100.19
First FWB, Joplin .....	34.00
First FWB, Myrtle .....	30.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove ....	224.90
First FWB, Kansas City ....	25.00
Beacon, Raytown.....	27.00
Victory, Kansas City.....	45.00
Hannan, Liberal .....	18.00
Verdella, (both groups), Iantha.....	20.00
First FWB, Lebanon .....	10.00
First FWB, Kirksville.....	27.00
Parkview, Desloge .....	50.00
Bethel, West Plains.....	10.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove.	13.25
First FWB, Thayer .....	63.00
New Harmony Mission, Greentop.....	31.15
St. Francois Co. District ...	59.00
Indian Creek District, (Jones Chapel).....	30.00
Total .....	\$1161.24

Our State Project for this year is "Go another Mile for the Miley's" - we have set our goal for \$1,000.00

#### ALABAMA ORPHANAGE

The Women's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri met at the church for their Co-Laborer Study. There were 14 members, one visitor and two children present to enjoy the study. The service was opened with the song, "Wonderful Words of Life", followed by Goldie Kellerman leading in a word of prayer. The only article of business was concerning the Alabama Orphanage. Each of the ladies contributed different items that would be useful to the orphanage. After the one item of business another song was sung, "Take My Life and Let It Be." Mildred Hilderbrand led the program.

Special music was rendered by a trio  
December, 1965

consisting of Wanda Ragsdale, Norma Williams and Jean LaDonne Ragsdale singing "That Will Be Glory For Me."

The service was enjoyed by everyone and Ollie Smith dismissed in a word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Della Getz  
Corresponding Secretary

#### FREDERICKTOWN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORTS

It has been quite some time since our auxiliary reported to the Gem. But we are still working faithfully for the cause of Christ. We are few in number, usually we have ten or twelve members present. But, those that are present have a great zeal for the work of the auxiliary. To us it is one of the most sacred and personal services of the church.

In July, 1965 we elected the following new officers: President, Ester Graham; Vice President, Audrey Jones; Secretary, Margie Hahn; Program prayer chairman, Blanche Matthews; Study course chairman, Hallie Dettmer; Treasurer, Helen Gamblin; Personal service chairman, Lula Freeland; Song leader, Jovana Matthews.

We are striving to make this year our most worthwhile year in regards to missions, and the many needs of our church, community and to all those whom we may serve.

Reporter,  
Hallie Dettmer

#### BAZAAR

Ladies Auxiliary of the Lebanon First Free Will Baptist Church met Nov. 3, 1965 with 23 members and two visitors present.

Reports were given by various officers. There will be a Bazaar sponsored by the auxiliary held at the community building Nov. 11, beginning at 7 p.m. Various articles will be sold, with special entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m. Pre-week of prayer for Thanksgiving will be held Nov. 15, 16, 17 at 7 p.m. with a covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 to climax the prayer services.

Henrietta Garrett read a newspaper clipping on tragedy.

Betty Moore sang a special number, "I want to see my Savior First of All."

Meeting was dismissed in prayer by Farron Jones. A pink and blue shower was given for Shirley Vance. Refreshments were served to Masters Men and Ladies Auxiliary.

#### "THANKFUL FOR ME"

Myrtle Auxiliary met Nov. 2nd at the church for our regular monthly meeting with eight members present.

Some talk about the "Hanna's" and we are continuing prayer for Bro. Hanna. Some discussion for our Thanksgiving program.

Our program chairman took charge and presented the lesson, "Thankful for me." A good lesson and well presented.

Our personal service chairman, Sis. Ora Wisehart, was taken very ill with a heart attack a week ago and is in St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo. Our president appointed two ladies to carry on in her absence.

Again we ask you to pray for our auxiliary.

Corresponding Secretary  
Mamie Crase

#### ORPHANAGE IN TENNESSEE

The ladies of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met Nov. 9th with 17 members present. All officers reports were given.

It was decided to have our pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer on the 18th and 19th. Along with this we are having a study course on Home Missions. At this meeting we are to take a special offering for Home Missions.

The orphanage in Tennessee was discussed and how we might help. It was decided for each member to bring Top-Value stamps and S & H Green Stamp books filled to our pre-Thanksgiving program and our treasurer will send them to Bro. Turnage toward the purchase of a refrigerator for the orphanage. They have use of coupons in many ways so we are going to save coupons and send to the orphanage.

At our December meeting we have always brought a small gift of about 50¢ each and exchanged for Christmas. This year we are going to bring our money and send it to the orphanage in Tennessee instead of the gift exchange of our group.

After we were dismissed in prayer from our business session we had the program from our Co-Labor books.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Joplin Free Will Baptist Church met Nov. 15 for their monthly meeting.

A pre-Thanksgiving prayer program was to be held during the coming week. Altar prayer was led by Mrs. Dean Eaton.

We sent \$17.00 to the Student Loan Fund, also \$15.00 to Missions.

The program was enjoyed by all.

#### \$25.00 FOR HOME MISSIONS

The Women's Auxiliary of the Leadington, Mo. Free Will Baptist Church had their regular monthly meeting Nov. 8. During the business session we voted to send \$25.00 to Home Missions, also to



observe pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer, beginning Nov. 15 in the homes of our members except Wednesday night at the church. Everyone is invited.

Anna Lincoln

#### GIFT FOR HOME MISSIONARY REV. JERGAIN

The West Plains Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church met Monday night with 10 members and seven visitors present. Each officer gave a good report. Personal service chairman reported of serving food at Sister Lydia Jones at the passing of her husband.

Another quilting date was set for Thursday, Nov. 11, at Gracie Stephens. The pre-Thanksgiving program was set for Nov. 22 and 23.

A committee was appointed to select a Christmas gift for our home missionary and family, the Rev. Wade Jergains.

We also revealed our secret pals for the past year and drew names for the coming year.

We were very happy to gain two new members this month, Lucille Kerby and Edith Dumler.

We were thankful to have five ladies from the new Free Will Baptist of "Kosh" to visit our auxiliary. We're hoping and praying for a good success of this new church and pray they will accept the auxiliary work and will go forward with it.

Our lesson, "Thankful for me" was indeed a wonderful lesson and we feel it gave us all a new insight as how much more we should be thankful for all our good Christians, people whom we have to fellowship.

#### CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

The Women's Auxiliary of Fourth Church in St. Louis met on Oct. 11. "Christmas in October" was the theme of our meeting. We sang "Silent Night" which was followed by prayer. Sis. Wilma Dodson, our missions chairman, gave a report on Rev. and Mrs. Don Jones, who are working in Cape Girardeau area.

Our auxiliary sent \$5.00 to our state project "Another Mile for the Miley's". We had a challenging lesson on the "Glory of Missions". We were made to see that we have been slack in our giving and praying for our missionaries.

We assembled in our church kitchen. Sis. Mariam Willhite, our auxiliary president, had the kitchen decorated with Christmas lights and a small Christmas tree. Each one put an offering in a box under the tree. An offering totaling more than \$30.00 was received. The offering will go to our Free Will Baptist Children's Home to help make their Christmas

brighter. We enjoyed refreshments of Christmas cookies, kool-aid and coffee. We ask your prayers as we work for the

Lord through our auxiliary.

Lillian Hovis

Corresponding Secretary

## Churches Should Pay a Minister a Fair Salary

by Harold Sedrel

*Ruling elder, South Park Presbyterian Church  
Rock Island, Illinois*

**M**OST PEOPLE want to be fair. Perhaps Christians, especially, strive to be fair. Congregations are often perplexed when they try to establish a fair salary for their minister. What criteria can they use? Where should they start?

They should NOT start by making a comparison to other ministers salaries for ministers are poorly paid. Consider that there is no other vocation as important as the ministry, that few occupations require as much education, that none have as much responsibility.

But how should the congregation proceed? Here are a few suggestions:

The Bureau of the Census in a June, 1965, report stated that the median family income rose 5 percent in 1964 over 1963. Did your minister's salary rise 5 percent in 1964? or in 1965? How much will it rise in 1966?

From 1954 to 1964 the median family income rose 57 percent, the Bureau of the Census reports. Did your congregation raise your minister's salary 57 percent in that period? If it did, you "kept pace."

But did you start at a fair point? More important, are you at a fair point now? And how do you judge?

The median family income in the United States in 1964 was \$6,600 (half the families received more; half received less). With the responsibility that a minister has, fairness would demand that he get more than the median. As a bare minimum it would seem that he should get the \$6,600, plus the rent-free use of the manse.

Families with their head "a year around full-time worker" have a median income of \$7,720. Those with a "professional, technical or kindred worker" as their head have a median income of \$10,469. Many of the latter do not require the education or experience of a minister; some do not even require a college degree.

When you make comparisons, consider the free manse and the cash salary of the minister as income. But to be fair, other expenses paid by the church cannot be treated as part of the minister's

income. The car allowance, conference expenses, the church's share of pension payments, or professional book allowance are properly church expenses.

Comparisons to national averages will often lead to improper conclusions. The minister in a large city where the cost of living and the average income are higher should, out of fairness, receive a higher salary than the minister in a small town where costs are less, and incomes are substantially lower.

Incomes vary according to the section of the country too. The Northeast is \$274.00 above the national average; the North Central is \$142.00 above; the South is \$970.00 below; and the West is \$825.00 above.

Incomes in your city or community are still more important. The Census Bureau published income data for every county in the United States after the 1960 Census. This material is a good starting-point. The median income has gone up 21 percent since then.

Maybe the minister doesn't need a fair salary. Maybe he should be so dedicated that he should not be concerned. Maybe money should not be important to him. He should be dedicated; and so should every other Christian. Maybe money should not be so important to any of us Christians. But excusing poor stewardship of the church members by saying that the minister should be dedicated is bad practice for the church. The dollar the church member keeps in his pocket because the minister is dedicated and uncomplaining is not helping the work of the Kingdom.

Christian fairness demands that we pay the minister a fair salary. If the membership would be as dedicated with its money, its time, its talents as the minister (or even half as dedicated), there would be sufficient funds to pay the minister a fair salary. And, more important, the money available to the church's benevolent programs would be two-, three-times, or even ten-times as great as we now spend to spread the Word of God through the world.