

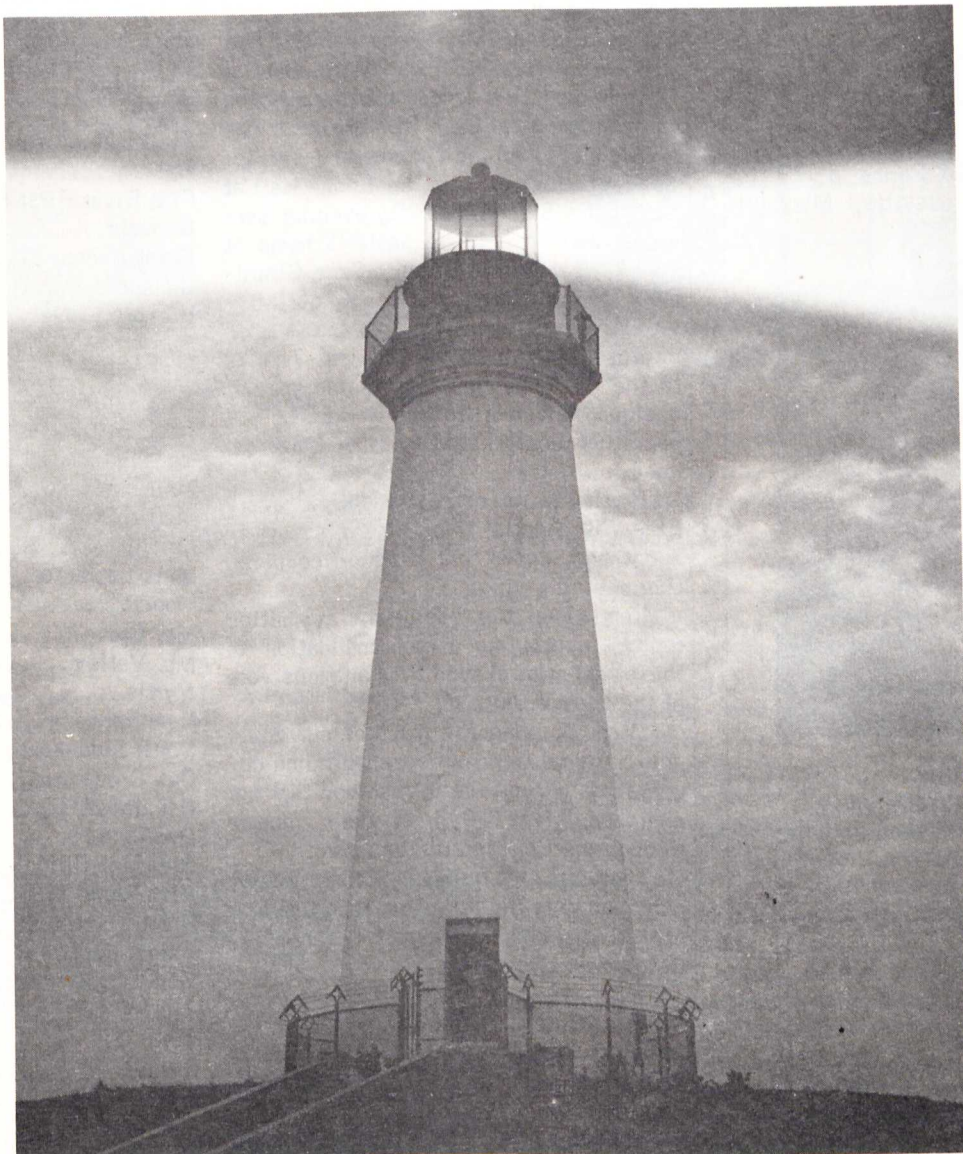
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"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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Promotional Secretary's Corner

November was a very busy month as we traveled in Missouri promoting the work. I attended three Quarterly Meetings, namely, St. Francis held at Cuba, Mission at Pleasant Hill and Indian Creek at Granby; also Southeast Missouri Minister's meeting at Twin Oak. I delivered one sermon in each of the following churches: Viburnum, Granby, Fredericktown and Fourth, St. Louis.

We welcome five new pastors and their families into the Missouri State Association: Pastor Ernest Kennedy, Flat River First Church; Bob King, Farmington; Luther Gibson, Mt. Grove First; Cecil Campbell, Neosho Free Will Baptist Church; and Don Jones into the mission work starting in Cape Girardeau. I was privileged to attend the opening service Sunday, Nov. 21, in the Lodge Hall at 825 Ellis St. Wednesday evening services will be held in pastor's home at 1917 New Madrid Street, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Brethren, let's hold our Mission Worker up in prayer; also send names of prospects to his home address. Thanks to the churches that are giving special designated support to this work. The co-operative receipts for November were real good!

Brethren, we earnestly solicit every Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri to adopt and support our Missouri cooperative plan of giving.

Item #3 of the resolutions committee report, containing a recommendation to this effect, was okayed by unanimous vote of the body in August, 1965.

"Item 3: Whereas much of our State and National work is dependent upon co-operative giving, be it resolved that our churches give (10%) of their income through the Co-operative program."

Therefore, we further solicit your support, and give the following report of Co-operative giving for August, September, October and November.

J	Alton	\$ 16.00
A	Aulsbury Chapel	87.70
N	Beacon	353.88
U	Berkley	1,189.51
A	Black Oak	25.00
R	Cabool	121.81
Y	Cape Girardeau Free Will Baptist (Mission) Ch....	6.19
'	Carterville	42.13
1	Central, Kansas City	277.33
9	Copper Mines	139.19
6	Conway Calvary	40.00
6	Cuba	109.62
	Desloge, Parkview	396.15
	Faith, St. Louis Dist.	184.24



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

Faith & Hope	12.00
Farmington	438.39
Fellowship	200.00
Fredericktown	279.93
Festus	60.00
Flat River First FWB Ch...	123.80
Garfield	129.24
Grant Avenue	311.40
Hannon	100.57
Hickory Grove	57.78
Hurryville	205.50
Kirksville	60.00
Leadington	576.00
Laclede Quarterly Meeting .	33.80
Lebanon First FWB Ch. ...	700.90
Martinstown	25.00
Merl's Chapel	69.35
Mill Creek	67.40
Mine La Motte	53.36
Monett	431.95
Mt. Grove	1,046.87
Mt. Valley	60.86
Myrtle	118.62
New Harmony	12.31
North Side	220.36
Oak Grove	5.00
Oskaloosa	21.17
Overland	466.35
Pleasant Hill	7.00
Richwoods	84.01
Rock Chapel	85.74
Salem	10.00
South Side	651.00
Thayer	201.70
Twin Oak	80.00
Twin City	135.94
Union Light	10.00
Verdella	99.60
Viburnum	87.37
Victory	286.62
West Plains, Bethel	174.00

Total Cooperative giving
for four months \$10,788.32

Total churches contributing - fifty five;
five of these have adopted the cooperative

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FROM MISSOURI TO HAWAII

By Mark Vandivort

About seven years ago the National Home Mission Board and General Director, Brother Homer Willis, were praying and asking God to call out from among the Free Will Baptist denomination a capable man to spearhead a Free Will Baptist witness in our fiftieth state of Hawaii. We are thankful that Brother Sanders, his wife Helen, and their daughter, Brenda, were obedient to the call of God. For the past six years they have been faith-



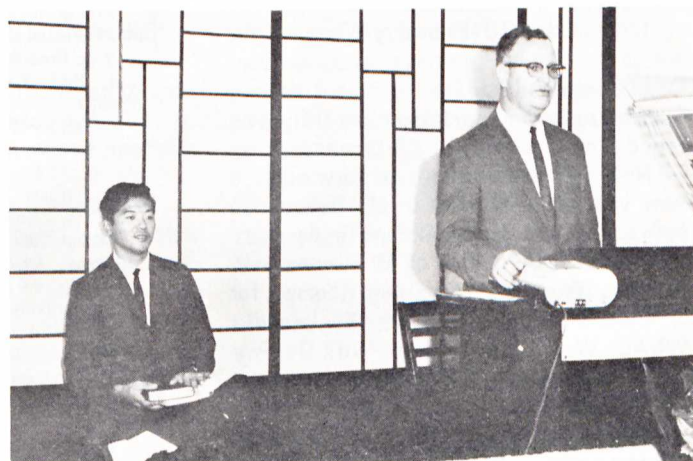
About 3,000 men died in the damaged and burning ships at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Luther Sanders was scheduled to be in Pearl Harbor aboard the aircraft carrier Enterprise which was still at sea because of technical difficulty. Eighteen years later in September, 1959, Rev. Luther Sanders and family returned to Hawaii to preach the Word of God.

(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)



Free Will Baptist home missionary, Rev. Luther Sanders, is shown with Harold Hashimoto, a leader in the Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church.
January, 1966



Luther, Helen and Brenda Sanders enjoy fellowship with the Harry Black family, members of Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church.

fully serving the Lord in Waipahu, Hawaii. The Sanders family was ministering at Monett, Missouri before leaving for Hawaii.

I am thankful that God chose to protect a choice servant of His on that eventful day twenty-four years ago, December 7, 1941. On that day young Luther Sanders was aboard the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Enterprise. The Enterprise was scheduled to have been docked along Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor. However, because of some technical difficulty, there was a delay and the Enterprise was still at sea. In its place, the battleship Utah was docked and received the death blow of the Japanese bombs during the famous Pearl Harbor attack. Fifty-eight men lie entombed in the rusting hull of the battleship Utah. Today a part of her super-structure still protrudes above the water as a silent reminder of the terrible war and also a reminder of the providence of God which kept our missionary, Reverend Luther Sanders, safe from this fate.

After the war, Luther returned home and answered the call of God to the ministry and prepared for service at Free Will Baptist Bible College and Bob Jones University. We are thankful for the testimony of the several pastorates where the Lord has used Brother Sanders and his wife Helen.

During my visit to Hawaii this fall I was greatly impressed with the spiritual need of the people of our fiftieth state. I feel that perhaps there is a smaller percentage of born again Christians in our fiftieth state than any other state of the United States of America. The thousands of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino immigrants, who have migrated to Hawaii in years gone by, have brought with them their Oriental religions and have propagated these religions in our fiftieth state. Buddhism, in its various forms, is the number one religion in Hawaii. Mormonism and Catholicism rank second and third. Eight per-

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

JANUARY

ENLISTMENT MONTH

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

Women's Auxiliary Enlistment Month
National Youth Week
(January 30-February 6)

Dear Co-Laborers:

We trust that each one has truly enjoyed a most wonderful Christmas.

Now is the time to look forward to a new year. May the state of Missouri go forward with a strong desire to do more this year for the cause of Missions.

The Women's Auxiliary theme for 1966 is "The Field is the World"; WNAC Watchword: "Who Will Go For Us" (Isaiah 6:8); WNAC Hymn: "Christ for the Whole Wide World".

This month is a most important time for the local auxiliary. I trust each co-laborer will read the outstanding report - "Enlistment", by our National Vice President, Mrs. Clara Picirilli (in our Co-Laborer).



By CLARA PICIRILLI
Vice President, WNAC

ENLISTMENT

"Auxiliary members should not wait for the enlistment committee to bring in all the members..."

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Neosho - First FWB Church
Flat River - First FWB Church
Missions District Women's Auxiliary Convention
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West Plains - First FWB Church
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SPECIAL SERVICE

Showers of blessings were enjoyed by all attending the special Thanksgiving service Wednesday, November 17, by the members of the Ladies Mission and Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church. The Mission and Auxili-ary cooperated in the event which the Mission has each year. The tables were decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Trays were prepared and taken to Mrs. Emma Womack, Mrs. Dean Bess, Mrs. Delia Jose, M. A. Henson, Mrs. Mary Rickard, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson, Mrs. Levi Brimm, George Hart, John Ho-vis and Tudy Kirkpatrick.

The program was opened with all sing-ing "Showers of Blessings" and "Where-ever He Leads", followed with prayer by Mrs. John Keeney. The inspiring devo-tion was by church pastor, Ernest M. Kennedy. Appropriate poems were by Mrs. Dale Blakeley, Mrs. Anthony Bur-cham, Mrs. Les White. A duet, "What A Friend" was by Mrs. Dale Blakeley and Mrs. Bob Wilson.

The entire program was directed by Mrs. Hazel Scott and she also led the praise service. The benediction was by Mrs. Anthony Burcham.

First Free Will Baptist
Flat River, Mo.

NEWS RELEASE

The Field Secretary for the Missouri State Women's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Margaret Dixon, led the women of the Missions Associational District into an official organization on October 30, 1965. Churches in attendance at this meeting were Grant Avenue in Spring-field, Willow Springs, Cabool, and the host church, Mountain Grove. This or-ganization should stimulate the ladies of the Springfield and Mountain Grove areas to do a greater work for Christ than ever before.

The Executive Committee of the Mis-sions District Women's Auxiliary Con-vention met at 9:00 A.M. on November 20, 1965 to determine exact meeting dates for the Convention. After a profit-

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REPORT FROM NEOSHO CHURCH

We enjoyed having the Indian Creek Women's Auxiliary Quarterly meeting at our church.

Bro. Don Jones was our speaker and he told of his work in Cape Girardeau.

We want to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell, and his wife to our church.

We have just completed our pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer where our offering will go to home missions.

We enjoyed a fellowship at noon with the guests that were here from the differ-ent churches.

Virginia Pogue
Corresponding Secretary

able time of fellowship and a business session it was agreed that the Convention would meet quarterly. The date for the first meeting was set for February 19, 1966.

The following were named as officers: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson; Vice-President, Mrs. Letha Fry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary Latimer; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dola Cooper; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dorcas Weisman; Treasurer, Mrs. Fern Hill; Field Secretary, Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Shepard; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Ruby Montgomery; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Hazel Elliott; Missions Chairman, Mrs. Gloria Carlson.

Please pray that this organization will add much to the kingdom's work.

Mary Latimer
Grant Avenue FWB Church
Springfield, Missouri

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Kirksville Ladies Auxiliary observed pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer with services on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings and an all day meeting on Thursday.

The Monday evening meeting was presented by the youth with Rev. Andy Lay in charge. The Wednesday meeting was entitled Christian Living, with Ruth Jacobs in charge. Thursdays meeting was presented by Jaon Filkins and Friday evening the meeting was on "Stewardship", with Lola Matthews in charge. The Friday evening meeting was preceded by a supper at Fellowship Hall. On Thursday afternoon the ladies divided into visiting teams and took fruit plates to shut-ins.

The meetings were all well attended and many sincere prayers were offered for our missionaries, both home and foreign.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

LuEtta Stewart
Recording Secretary

BRO. WILLEY, SR.
A "LOVE" OFFERING

The Women's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. met at the church on Monday, Dec. 6, for their co-laborer study. There were 16 members, one visitor and two children present. Service was opened with song, "The Light of the World is Jesus." Scripture John 1:14 and Luke 2:1-20 was read by Wanda Ragsdale. Prayer was led by Pat Morris.

January, 1966

Our business consisted of a vote to send Bro. Willey, Sr., a love offering of \$10.00, also three get well, two sympathy and one baby card were sent. Song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". Mildred Hilderbrand then took charge of our Study "The Word Incarnate"; topics were given by Della Getz, Goldie Kellerman and Rachel Milburn. Everyone present enjoyed the service. Dismissed by Jean Glore.

Della Getz
Corresponding Secretary

CHRISTMAS FOR MISSIONARIES

The West Plains Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church met Dec. 6 with 11 members and seven young people for our regular meeting.

Opening song, "Joy to the World."

Scripture reading by president, John 1:14 and Luke 2. Prayer was offered by Eudene Adkisson.

The officers reported as follows:

Secretary's report read and approved. Corresponding Secretary had sent several get well and sympathy cards and made posters for the meeting.

Personal Service Chairman reports a good wedding shower for Patsy Bell and a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Gordan Burton who had adopted a new baby girl.

Study Course Chairman set Monday night, Dec. 13, for a study course on our manual.

Our pre-Christmas program was set for Dec. 17-18 with Rev. Glenn Murray and Rev. Howard Bowers as our guest speakers.

Another quilting date was set for Wed. Dec. 8, at Addie Adkisson's home.

We are to visit the rest homes and some shut-ins, taking home made cookies just before Christmas.

It was agreed our young people would join us in our lesson from the co-labor book. We are proud of our young people who have worked so faithful with us in all our auxiliary work.

The box was fixed for mailing to our Home Missionary for Christmas with many useful gifts from all of us.

Our lesson, The Word Incarnate, was a good lesson and was given by the following: The young people sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Introduction by Sister Johnson; Topic 1 by Sis. Addie Adkisson; Topic 2 by Sis. Lucille Kirby; Topic 3 by Sis. Gracie Stephens.

We are still so few in number to compare to the size of our church, we ask your prayers and we feel the Lord is adding his blessing to the auxiliary and our young people's work.

Bro. Glenn Lewis, a young man from our church has recently accepted his call in the ministry. We feel Glenn can do a great work for the Lord if we will do as the Lord leads. We can all do a great work and receive a wonderful blessing.

We again ask your prayers in our behalf.

Hattie Sims
Corresponding Secretary

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Women's Auxiliary of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge met Monday evening, Dec. 6, at the church for their monthly meeting. There were 14 members and three children present.

The meeting was opened by singing "For God So Loved the World" and "Everyday With Jesus." Prayer by Ava McFarland.

Agnes Terry, president, presented the lesson, "The Word Incarnate", and read John 1:1.

We were thankful to have Bro. Rufus Coffey at our church for the Missionary Conference and several of the members told what this conference meant to them.

During the business session plans were made to take fruit and cookies to the Farmington State Hospital Monday, Dec. 13.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Hazel Winfrey and refreshments were served.

Jean Dodson
Corresponding Secretary

\$34.00 FOR MISSIONS

The Joplin First Free Will Baptist Auxiliary has been enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

We had our pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer with a total offering of \$34.00 for our National Home Missions.

We had a wonderful study course on Christian Living, taught by Mrs. Barbara Oxendine.

We made large food baskets for Thanksgiving and two fruit baskets for the needy.

We sent \$15 for Foreign Missions. We are now in our pre-Christmas Week of Prayer.

We have had our monthly meetings. We are happy to have a new auxiliary member. May God bless all as we work for His cause.

Mrs. Fern Ellis
Corresponding Secretary

The Coming of the Master

John 11:28



Rev. Johnny Land

John 11:28

The words of Martha to her sister Mary "The Master is Come" are words following an aftermath of fear and anxiety. Lazarus, her brother was dead, this was cause for concern, but the news of Jesus coming to Bethany was soon to erase all fear and doubts in their hearts.

We read in (John 11:5) "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus". It was His great love for them that brought him to Bethany, and His coming brought life to him who was dead and hope to those who were despairing.

It was God's great love for man that sent His Son (Jesus) into the World. His coming on that first Christmas brought life and hope that had long been anticipated. Perhaps many had given up hope that the Messiah would ever come.

I can imagine that those shepherds out on the Judean hills, as they sat around their campfires, often spoke of the prophecy of the coming Messiah and in their hearts longed for that day. Then one night as they watched their flocks, a most unusual thing took place. Heaven seemed to come down to earth, and as pure white light of heaven was turned upon those Judean hills, an angel stepped on the scene and said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11) Praise God! He's my Saviour, and I am glad that the angels announcement, "was to all people". Suddenly that Heavenly Host burst into singing the Hallelujah Chorus and praising God. I tell you I am about to shout right now ----- I think I will but I don't

know how to write it down on paper.

The Coming of the Master Demands Action.

These Shepherds said, (Luke 2:15) "...Let us now go even unto Bethlehem" "...Go ye into all the world", said our Master. (Mark 16:15) But before we can go with His message, we must have a personal relationship with Him. We must go to Him as the shepherds did (Luke 2:16-17) "And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

Proclaiming His Message:

The Shepherds made known abroad the message that was told them by the angels, "nothing more nothing less."

This is one of the world's great needs today to hear again, thus saith the Lord. The ministry needs to recapture the Spirit and zeal of the apostles, who said in (Acts 4:20) "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." This can only be done by those who have been to Jesus and have received of Him that abundance of life, through a born again experience.

Dear Reader, "What is Christmas to you?" To many it is just a time of feasting and exchanging gifts. So many times everyone gets a gift but Jesus.

Yes, the Master is come, he is calling for you.

He Calls You to Repentance:

The Lord Jesus, in the very beginning of His earthly ministry preached repentance. (Matt. 4:17) "...Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Luke 13:3) "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

If you are living in rejection of God's gift to this sin cursed world, which is the Lord Jesus, you stand in need of repentance.

He Calls You To Receive Him As Your Personal Saviour:

The Bible says in (John 1:10, 11, 12) "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Have you received Him? If not, God at this Christmas season is offering you the best gift that heaven had "His Son the Saviour of the world." Have you received Him by faith as your Saviour? If not, open your heart

to Him this day. (John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31)

He Calls You to Complete Concentration:

The Bible says (Romans 12:1-2) "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. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." We, as Christians, are no longer our own, because the Master has come and on the cross he purchased our redemption with His own blood. (I Peter 1:18-19) "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold....But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," we are not our own. Oh! what a price that was paid for our salvation, and in this high and holy transaction, God has made us "kings and priests" unto him. The Bible says in (Rev. 1:6) "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever."

The question is, are we living lives that has been transformed by the Holy Spirit, or is our living conformed to this world.

Jesus Calls us To Follow Him:

In (Matt. 4:18-19) "Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, fishing. And Jesus saith unto them, follow me, and 'I will make you' fishers of men." Only Jesus can make a man what he ought to be, his transforming power can change the course of a man's life, and give him a desire to follow him and be partners with him in bringing hope to a hopeless world.

Christians don't be afraid to follow him because he's the Master and he knows the WAY. He has not promised a smooth journey, but "praise God", he has promised a safe landing, to all those who trust him for it.

The Master's Final Call:

As the Lord Jesus came to Bethany, and called for those he loved, and that loved him, even so will he come again in (Heb. 9:28) "So Christ was once offered

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CROSSING

THE

DATE

LINE

"And Israel took his journey with all he had...and came into Egypt..." Gen. 46:1-6

"...Joseph was in Egypt already." Exodus 1:5

Once again we cross the date line. The old year has passed, and we now face the New Year.

When Jacob made his journey from Canaan to Egypt, he not only crossed the borderline, but he also crossed the date line. This was to mark the beginning of a new period in the history of Israel. Jacob took with him all of his tangible possessions and his family. "Joseph was in Egypt already." Beside these, there must have been some things in Jacob's heart which he carried with him into Egypt.

Consider Jacob's journey from Canaan to Egypt - what he must have carried in his heart, and how this may symbolize the transition from the old year to the new.

SORROW

For many years, Jacob had mourned the loss of his son, Joseph. Grief had left its mark upon him. When he crossed into Egypt he took with him his sorrow.

Yes Jacob would see his son again; he would rejoice at the reunion; but the sorrow and grief which struck him at the sight of that blood stained coat, and the years of separation would not be forgotten January, 1966

in a moment of time. Joseph was not the same little boy that went out from the home that morning wearing his beautiful coat of many colors. At heart he was the same humble servant of God. But now, he was Governor of Egypt; a man of prestige; one who commanded respect for his wisdom. Jacob's sorrow was not to be removed in a moment, but "Joseph was in Egypt".

The sorrow which one has borne in the past will not suddenly disappear at the crossing of the date line of 1965 to 1966. There is no magic wand to remove our grief or to assure us that sorrow will not come; but Joseph was in Egypt to greet his father, and to comfort and care for him, so will Christ be with His people in this New Year.

PERPLEXITIES AND FRUSTRATIONS

Looking back upon Jacob's life, one will find that he faced many perplexities and frustrations. Some were the consequence of his own doing, others were not. His fears and misgivings did not fade away as he crossed into Egypt; there was consolation in the fact that "Joseph was in Egypt already."

Reflecting upon the last year, there are many things for which we are grateful. God has blessed the work of Free Will Baptist in the state of Missouri.

However, 1965 has presented its perplexities and frustrations. Racial tension, noisy demonstrations and violence in the streets, disrespect for law enforcement, and the war in Vietnam has caused much concern in the nation the past year. Added to this list is the big power failure in the Northeastern States last November. What the future holds - only God knows. But we know that Christ will be with us, and that he is able to care for His own.

FAITH AND HOPE IN GOD

Though Jacob may have carried his sorrow and misgivings into Egypt, he also took with him his faith and hope in God. God had been very real to Jacob in his life time, and he did not abandon his faith in Egypt. Jacob believed that God would fulfill his promise to Abraham, and make of his descendants a great nation.

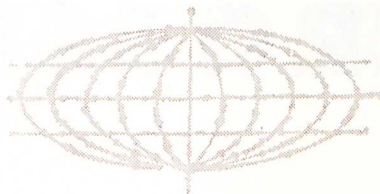
As we enter upon this New Year, let us take with us our Faith and Hope in Christ. There may be many things which disturb us, but let each one keep faith in God. He is able to give grace for every trial, and strength for every task.

By Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Pastor of the Beacon Free Will
Baptist Church
Raytown, Missouri

THE

MISSION

FIELDS



Dear Friends:

The song was a little weird, but it had words concerning God. The Lord's Prayer and other prayers included God and even Jesus Christ. Did this mean that this was to be a meeting of God's people?

"For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do. The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." Deut. 18:14-15.

Dressed all in white, the spiritist "mediums" stood in a circle in a special section in the front of the long building which seated around 200-250 persons. They sang, chanted, prayed and scattered incense smoke around the building. Suddenly one of the mediums bent forward at the waist, shook as though in a trauma. Another medium assisted her to a bench, gave her a pan in which to spit, a pipe to smoke and placed a hat on her head and long string of rosary beads in her hands.

Other mediums, men and women, followed similar patterns one or two at a time until about half of the mediums were as though in a trance, possessed by the spirit of someone who had long since died. Satan's power in action! These acted as "diviners" for those in the audience who wished some sort of need met in their lives.

While I don't know what questions they asked or the answers they received, they went forward by the dozens. Some sought special "cleansing" by the spirits. Some wanted healing. Some wanted others in their family to be cared for, etc.

But God's Word tells us that the Prophet (Jesus Christ) is the one to meet our needs whatever they be. "Diviners" are not part of God's plan.

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The meeting was that of a middle-class spiritist group. There are several variations of spiritism of which this is only one phase. But this meeting was enough to demonstrate the hunger in the hearts of people and the depraved nature's way of feeding that hunger. This is Satan's substitute for God's substitutionary provision.

This hunger for something is typical of the people in Brazil now. The question is, "What will they turn to in order to satisfy the hunger?" Communism? Spiritism? The cults? We are praying that they will turn to Christ.

Pray that God will grant us the wisdom and the power to preach this wonderful message of deliverance to these people.

Yours for Christ,

Don and Carol Robirds and
Family

P.O. Box 85
Millville, N.B. Canada
November, 1965

It is with great joy that I write you this letter. God has been good to us these years of service here in the Northeast. We have come to the close of our ministry in New Brunswick. The Lord has been faithful in giving us precious souls in this part of the vineyard.

Home missionary, Herman Brooks will be taking over this field of four churches the first Sunday of December, 1965. Pray that the Lord will bless him in this needy area.

Mrs. Owens and I will be returning to the states for a period of months for deputation work. We trust we will be seeing you the next few months. The Lord has been dealing with us about going to an

area with a good number of people where the need of the Gospel is most needed. Indications now seem to lead us to believe the area needy of the Gospel is New England.

We have been burdened for a town in New Hampshire. Berlin is its name. This town has 16,000 people without any sound Gospel Witness. Berlin has 85% French speaking Catholic people; this opens the door to a bi-lingual work. The Lord has layed a heaviness for the souls of these French Folks lost in darkness offered them in the Roman Catholic System.

There are other towns in Maine that are in real need; for example, Lewiston, Maine which is 85% French Catholic with only one Baptist Church (Liberal). The population of this town is 45,000. There are other towns in similar circumstances in New Hampshire and Maine.

Over the past two years our account has steadily slipped deeper in the RED so, the Lord helping us, we will be doing deputation work for a good while until our account is out of the red and we have raised sufficient pledged support.

We thank each of you who have faithfully supported us over the past year! We are counting on your continued faithful support in the coming year.

There is a special prayer request we would share with you. Andrea, our five year-old daughter has heart murmur. The doctor feels it is necessary for her to go to Montreal for special tests and examinations. We are waiting now for the doctor to contact us as to when the appointment will be.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, too!

Your Missionaries to the Northeast
Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens
and Family

Free Will Baptist Gem

THE NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS
BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PRESENTS

Another "Project 30" Family
Cynthia, Leslie and Chris Carney
Church Extension Workers
to Trenton, New Jersey

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY FOR CHRIST

Like any other cultural, industrial, and intellectual center, Trenton, New Jersey is a city where there are many hungry souls - hungering and thirsting after the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Trenton is a city of approximately 150,000 people. It is a growing city and strategically located on our eastern seaboard. Philadelphia is about 30 miles south, New York City is about 60 miles north, and Newark and Jersey City are about 50 miles north. In the midst of these great metropolitan centers there is a great spiritual dearth.

Brother Carney says, "The Lord began dealing with me about this area while I was making a survey of this area last summer. The Lord has led me to Trenton and by His grace I plan to be on the field by late next summer (1966.)"

"We trust the Lord to awaken Free Will Baptists to rise to the challenge of establishing a church that will be a strong gospel witness in this great potential area of our nation."

Here is a brief outline of the "Project 30" plan.

Salary to be paid by Home Mission Board	Salary we trust the new church will assume
Mo. 1-12 \$100 per wk.	\$25 per wk.
Mo. 13-18 75 per wk.	50 per wk.
Mo. 19-24 50 per wk.	75 per wk.
Mo. 25-30 25 per wk.	

The "Project 30" plan is designed to assist the church extension worker during those first few months until a young church can assume the full support of its pastor.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS
FOR MISSOURI
NOVEMBER, 1965

Clayton Ramsey, Farmington	\$2.00
Mrs. Fern Kelsey, Greentop.	10.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	89.06
Neva Thomas, Kirksville ...	4.00
Central Church, Kansas City	43.30
Cooperative Plan.....	454.26
Bethel Church, West Plains .	56.57
Oak Grove, Mt. Grove	15.00
Herald for Christ, Kirksville.	2.75
Meramec Height Church,	
Valley Park.....	19.50
FWB Church, Berkeley	142.00
Mt. Zion Church, Gower ...	5.00
Thayer FWB Church	4.00

January, 1966

Mt. Grove FWB Church	197.50
South Side Ch., St. Louis..	75.00
Women's Auxiliary, Joplin ..	10.00
Floyd Green, Harrisonville ..	15.00
Hannon FWB Ch., Liberal ..	29.10
Howard Muse, Alton	10.00
Northeast FWB Ch., Greentop	15.03
Berkeley Church, St. Louis .	380.00
Overland FWB Church	35.54
Beacon Church, Raytown	10.00
Garfield Sunday School,	
Couch	20.00
First FWB Church, Festus ..	18.50
Merls Chapel, Cassville ...	28.50
Steadfast S.S., St. Louis..	16.67
Parkview Church, Desloge ..	40.00
Belton FWB Church.....	20.36
Fellowship FWB Church,	
Flat River	242.52
Chester Wright, St. Louis ..	200.00
Willow Springs, Mt. Grove..	13.18
First FWB Ch., Greenfield..	12.12
Cabool FWB Church.....	10.86
Leadington FWB Church	32.00
Lillian Moore, St. Louis ...	84.00
Fellowship FWB Church,	
Flat River	125.00
Bob Wilfong, Flat River	10.00
Christian Youth Rally,	
Booneville	5.00
Senior S.S. Class, St. Louis	4.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington	15.00
Central Church, Kansas City	94.92
Myrtle Church	47.53
W.N.A.C.	217.26

Total \$2,881.78

HOME MISSION
CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD
National Association of Free Will Baptists
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee

MISSOURI	
WNAC, Headquarters	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah FWB Ch., Cabool	10.00
Cooperative Plan of Support,	
Headquarters	250.62
Faith FWB Wom. Aux.,	
Lemay	15.00
Mr. G. E. Davis,	
Mountain Grove	5.00
Meramec Heights FWB Ch.,	
Valley Park	19.50
Southside FWB Ch.,	
St. Louis	18.00
Mountain Grove FWB Ch.	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Donald B.	
Wagner, Willow Springs...	5.00
Miss Katherine Jordan,	
Normandy	5.00
New Home FWB Ch., Hartville	10.00
Mr. Donovan E. Maxwell,	
Cabool	73.00
Ladies SS Cl., Copper Mines	

FWB Ch., Fredericktown .	4.00
Festus FWB Church.....	18.50
Central FWB Ch., Kansas City	15.00
Miss Anna Lincoln, Flat River	1.00
Mr. George J. Brown, Myrtle	10.00
Mr. R. W. Greer, Farmington	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Macy Gregory,	
Hartville	5.00
Mr. Fern Kelsey, Greentop ..	2.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River.	5.00
Rev. L. E. Means,	
Willow Springs	5.00
Mr. W. I. James, Fredericktown	1.00
First FWB Ch., Greenfield ..	5.73
Mr. Roger Phillips, Liberal..	5.00
Monett FWB CTS	5.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	32.00
Miss Dora Fry, Mountain Grove	1.00
Mr. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold ..	10.00
Kirksville FWB Wom. Aux. ..	17.30
Mrs. Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove	4.00
Mr. Wm. Barker, Flat River..	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. I. James,	
Fredericktown	5.00
FWB Church, Farmington	12.88
Copper Mines Wom. Aux.,	
Fredericktown.....	5.00
Liberty FWB Ch.,	
Phillipsburg	50.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	34.00
Big Creek FWB Ch., Yukon ..	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bandy,	
Yukon	10.00
Myrtle FWB Ch.	5.00
WNAC	39.21
Total Receipts	\$757.74

Reports from our Missouri State Home Mission Board

103 West Murta St.
Fredericktown, Missouri 63645

December 2, 1965

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

Missionary Don L. Jones had the first Sunday School and Worship services November 21 with three families present from the Cape Girardeau area. Bro. Charley Smith, music director of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, Mo., attended this first Sunday service to give them encouragement musically. Bro. Harry Beatty, State Promotional Secretary, also attended with Bro. Smith. The three families attending are entirely new to the work. Bro. Don

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LET'S GO BACK

Last week one of our small town newspapers carried a shocking account of vandalism. Someone, in the night, had broken out plate glass windows among other things to an estimated \$3000 worth of damage. No reason for the action was obvious. Another of those things done for "kicks"--just to hear broken glass and get the thrill of doing something and not getting caught.

Some said, "Juvenile delinquents," and wondered what the world is coming to. Others wondered where the "law" was and why they were not stopped and caught. To me it was an unfortunate commentary on today's parenthood. I have taught school several years and it would probably shock parents to know how obvious it becomes to teachers the type of parents students have as revealed by their habits and behavior. Why were teenagers out on the streets after midnight? Why have the apparent majority of young people not learned to respect and obey rules? Who has failed in responsibility? The church? The school? Society? God puts the complete responsibility of children upon their parents.

Few parents really want to evade their responsibility of teaching discipline to their children, but there are many kinds of discipline. There is that discipline of order and routine; there is group discipline, as when we speak of a "well-disciplined army"; and there is the less tangible, but more important one called moral discipline. Moral discipline is really a kind of self discipline learned as one becomes able to choose between right and wrong. A right and wrong that may be taught but is best acquired when caught by way of example in parents and other adults. I can never think of discipline without remembering it comes from the same "root word" as disciple.

In a parent education class a young mother remarked that the older she grew the more she marvelled at her own mother. They were a large family of children, and yet, she said she couldn't remember a one of them ever deliberately disobeying their mother. On the contrary, her children seemed to think if they argued long enough and loud enough, they could talk mother around, and she admitted that far too often, that was just what happened.

Another mother confessed, "I just can't do a thing with my Jimmy." Jimmy was six. What will that mother be able to do with her Jimmy when he is 16?

Two basketball players stayed after school one evening to catch up on some make-up work. As the one who finished first left he asked the other to go to the movies that night. The slower student replied that he would have to ask his mother, then confided in me after the other was gone, "I hope mother says no." It is sometimes good for boys, and girls as well, to hear "no" whether they want to or not. Many times young people feel they cannot say no to the group and wait for their parents to say it for them, only to be let down. It is often easier to explain the reason to your son or daughter for not letting them go, than it would be to explain why you did, if such an explanation be-

came necessary. We will ultimately have to answer for each of those decisions. Pray God they are the right ones.

There is always the problem of the "happy medium" when it comes to discipline. Some raise the cry, "Back to the woodshed," and with Lewis Carroll agree:

Speak harshly to your little boy
And beat him when he sneezes.
He only does it to annoy,
Because he knows it teases.

While others agree with the other extreme as illustrated by the anonymous verses about Little Willie:

Willie jumped on father's hat
Sassed the preacher, kicked the cat
Mother murmured with a smile
Willie dear, now rest awhile.

The older generation grew up with the idea that "Mother knows best." She may or may not have, but at least she had the strength and the authority of her convictions. An authority usually based upon the Bible. An authority which has not changed with the passing of time. The Bible still clearly says "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee," and there is no asterisk directing us to a footnote that says this commandment is invalid if parents sometimes make mistakes.

It says "Thou shalt not kill" and there is no phrase in parentheses to indicate that this does not apply to foolish or unwise use of the family car.

It says "Thou shalt not commit adultery" and no exception is made for the contents of the Kinsey report.

It says "Thou shalt not envy -- anything thy neighbor hath" and I believe it refers to his financial standing and his personality and his social development.

Where, then, do parents lack authority. In the Wisdom of Solomon we are told to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." So the wisest of all men tells us that with assurance we can know that early training brings results.

It is time for parents to re-read these Commandments and to strive to live by them, to cease quibbling about whose responsibility lies where and accepting their responsibility toward their children. For it is actually no one's responsibility but theirs.

May we suggest that the Church Training Service of the local church is an excellent aid in instruction and training in moral standards and responsibility. If your church doesn't at present sponsor a CTS group, talk with your pastor. Materials may be obtained from the National CTS Office, Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee.

By Eddie Altis
Member of the State Sunday School
and Church Training Service Board
Free Will Baptist Gem

KEN'S KORNER

A SQUARE OR A CIRCLE?

No one likes to be called a square. Have you ever heard anyone called a "circle". When someone is called a square it is usually meant that that person is "not with it" or off his rocker or a party pooper. But is that what it really means?

Draw a square on a piece of paper or a blackboard and look at it for a minute. What do you see? Look again and you'll see more than a picture of a square. You'll see an object that has four right angles. It's flat and hard to push around when it's sitting on something solid. Now draw a picture of a circle. A circle is round and easy to push. One small shove and it'll start rolling. It has no right angles.

Of these two objects which one are you liked? Not too long ago it was a compliment to be called a "square shooter". That meant you were honest and dependable. In a sense we are to be squares in that we have right angles, or motives, and are the same Christian no matter how people look at us. We are to be dependable. We are to stand on the solid foundation and truths of the Bible. A circle may be compared with the fellow or girl who always goes along with the crowd----by the slightest clue or tug----easily pushed into doing wrong. Which one are you, square or circle?

Ken Riggs

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to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

The hope of the Christian today is not the space program and moon shots, but the coming again of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Bible says in (I Thess. 4:16, 17, 18) "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

At this Christmas season, as we look upon the world that is reeling to and fro like a drunken man, a world that is gripped with fear of bombs and missiles, let us take new faith, hope and courage in the coming again of the master.

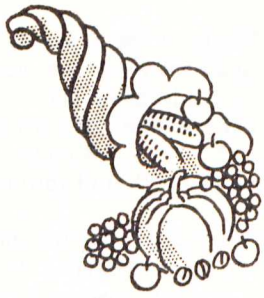
Mrs. Land and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each Gem reader, a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Rev. Johnnie Land
Pastor of the Grace Free Will
Baptist Church
Arnold, Missouri



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	247
First Ch., Festus			43	48	45			49	39	46	
Farmington	104	100	111	122	108		96	91	85	91	103
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	101	95
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		28
First, Flat River		110	100	112			91	92	70	86	
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	107	113	112	105
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	58	45	62	66	61	66	61	67	69	74	70
Union Light	96	116	110	131	107	114	106	115	110	106	
First, Springfield	189	183	187	229	188	171	166	177	188	206	189
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	61
First, Monett	131	131	139	137	138	123	117	121	123	133	126
Garfield-Couch	43	37	44	52	47	51	44	47	50	47	
Leadington	77	95	100	114	90	105	87	107	124	136	130
First, Fredericktown	143	137	149	153	147	139	147	160	171	193	178
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	175
Southside	184	194	209								
First, Lebanon	90	100	97	97	116	106	94		99	113	114
Myrtle Church								71	72	80	
Joplin	83	84	91	101	106						
Grace Church	149	153	183	162	143	150	115	146	157	171	146
Salem		38	37	42	35	38		41			34
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



AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

New York - Receiving a page from the Book of Romans printed in Burmese at the recent advisory council of the American Bible Society are (l. to r.) Rev. Dr. Laurence T. Beers, of Scranton, Pa., executive secretary, United Churches of Lackawanna County, and Billy A. Melvin, of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary, National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Making the presentation is George Amann of the society's production department. The page is printed on a press sent to Burma for Bible publishing in 1816, the year of the society's founding. Delegates from 81 Protestant and Orthodox denominations designed 1966 as "The Year of the Bible" in honor of the society's 150th anniversary in May.

They also unanimously approved a "strategic plan to implement the Supreme Court decision" by placing modern Bibles in public and public school libraries as a means of increasing knowledge of the Bible. The vote emphasized the need for modern Bibles in terms of easy-to-read translations and up-to-date formats, and stressed the fact that the Supreme Court decision placed no ban on the Bible as a cultural and historical source.

The delegates, who represented 95 per cent of the Protestant and Orthodox church membership in this country, also approved unanimously a drive by churches to enlist 10-million new Bible readers during 1966; an advisory to the society "to be responsive to Roman Catholic requests for help in Bible translation and distribution"; approval of the proposed budget of \$6,645,000, largest in the society's history; a request that every church in the country set aside one Sunday for emphasis on Bible work and for an offering to support such work.

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in Jesus name from Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

We had pre-Thanksgiving services beginning on Sunday night running through Wednesday night with three of our sister churches participating in the services with special singing and speaking

each night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We had real good attendance and wonderful fellowship. On Wednesday night the host church served refreshments of kool-aid, coffee and cookies. Thank the Lord for the sweet fellowship through all the services. We are thankful for our Gem editor. May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

Belle Coffey, Reporter
Rev. L. Durbin, Pastor

FOURTH CHURCH STILL HAVING REVIVAL

The Fourth Free Will Baptist Church has elected me church reporter, and with God's help I wish to send in a report of church activities. We give thanks for the Free Will Baptist Gem and the good it has accomplished throughout the state and denomination.

My wife and son, and I moved our membership from the Copper Mines Church June 28th. We felt the need of a home church where we could worship regularly and since we were living in St. Louis, the Lord led us to Fourth.

We give thanks for Rev. H. T. Dann, our pastor, and his family. He is a man of God with a message for all, truly the keeper of this vineyard.

The Sunday School has shown a steady increase for which we give God the praise. In June the record attendance was 120. This has risen several times in recent weeks and now is 152. The average for October was 133. The average for November 116.

The morning and evening worship services have been well attended. We have experienced one of the most victorious revivals in recent years here at Fourth. The Holy Spirit has manifested Himself in each service, sinners raising hands for prayers, Christians praying, souls upon the altar seeking forgiveness of their sins. We thank God for the power He has shown in our services.

Rev. Don Pegram, of Wilson, N. C., was called to conduct a ten day revival and we give thanks for the many souls that were born into the Kingdom, many for the first time. There were rededications and Christians dedicating their lives for special service.

Surely the entire world needs an experience such as this, to be humble, know the power of prayer, and be dedicated to the cause of Christ. There would not be so much unrest around the different countries of the world.

Our Church Training Service has been well attended also. I truly appreciate this part of the church program because the Lord has been much a part in our studies. Also beginning Dec. 5th there will be another class added to our regular C.T.S. service. It will be known as the Sunday School Teachers Training Class. Bro. Dann will be the teacher with a diploma awarded those that complete the course and get passing grades.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer with services every night at the church. A different minister preached each evening. May the Lord richly bless these ladies as they carry on the work in this capacity. Their prayers

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- their visitation - their help to the needy - their work in the church - have brought a blessing to all.

One of the most important phases of any church is the mid-week prayer meeting and, some churches would have to confess, the least interest shown. Not so here at Fourth. The desire to work while the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few, brings people to the prayer services. Thank God for a church that works together in all the different programs of the church.

At this time plans are being made for a new sanctuary complete with classrooms. God is giving us the increase in numbers. It will be up to the church to supply the building. With our prayers and His help all things are possible.

YOUNG MAN ANNOUNCES HIS CALL TO PREACH

Raymond Getz of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. has announced his call to preach the gospel. He will enter the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. in January. In August of this year he was married to Miss Everyl Hellard, whose father, Rev. Everett Hellard, is pastor of our Free Will Baptist Church in Okla. They are now making their home in Nashville, Tenn. Pray for this young couple as they prepare for the Lord's work. Their pastor is Rev. Tom Malone.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The Young Peoples Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo. recently had election of officers for the coming year. The new officers are: President, Ronnie Wells; Vice President, Butch Honbeck; Secretary-Treasurer, Midge Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Karen King. The teacher is Mrs. Dale Blakeley.

For the month of October, the class enjoyed a social hour at the home of the class teacher, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blakeley of Cantwell. All the members of the class attended revival services at the church before going to the home of the teacher.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DEVOTION

Sunday morning, November 21, the members of the Young Peoples Class, taught by Mrs. Dale Blakeley, and the Intermediate Class, taught by Ray Barker, enjoyed a special Thanksgiving devotion before the classes went to their respective classrooms.

Debby Wells directed the program and led in singing, "Thank You Lord," followed with reading of scripture Luke 17:11-18 by Karen King. Prayer was by Butch Honbeck. The lesson was "The Word of God is Not Bound," and all read Psalms 100, a Psalm of praise, in unison and the benediction was by Debby Gammon.

CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Ernest M. Kennedy has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River. He and Mrs. Kennedy moved into the church parsonage in early October.

They have worked in many phases of the Free Will Baptist denomination. They were in mission work in Ponca City, Okla. before moving to Flat River and they were in California before going to Oklahoma. He headed the music department at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Richmond, Calif. and also at a college in Oklahoma.

He has served as church executive secretary for the state of Oklahoma and edited the Sunday School literature for the entire National Association of Free Will Baptists.

They have traveled many miles in evangelistic services, serving as an evangelistic team for fifteen years. They are both January, 1966

termed outstanding musicians.

One of the goals the new pastor has set for First Church is to build a great Sunday School and teaching ministry.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It seems that our churches in Missouri are doing nothing. We received very little news from them. PLEASE, we need news of our churches. Send it and pictures if possible (black and white glossy prints). Let us have a Missouri paper with Missouri news. We appreciate news from other states also, so continue sending it.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

Dr. Edward Simpson, Dean of Education, Fort Wayne Bible College, was elected chairman of the Advisory Committee of the World Evangelical Fellowship's Christian Education Department at the first official meeting held recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the 20th Annual NSSA Convention.

Dr. Paul Loth, president of Evangelical Teacher Training Association, Wheaton, Illinois, was chosen vice chairman and Dr. Roy Zuck, Scripture Press Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois, was elected secretary.

The Advisory Committee directs the program for the newly organized Christian Education Department of W.E.F. Dr. Clate Risley is executive secretary of the department.

The major emphasis of the department's work is helping missionaries and nationals on the field with their Christian education ministries. In this connection Dr. Risley toured 12 Latin American countries last year.

Other members of the committee are:

Mr. Hal Cory, businessman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Grace Hollinger, Erie County Sabbath School Assoc., Erie, Penna.

Jim Johnson, Evangelical Literature Overseas, Wheaton, Illinois.

George McNeill, National Sunday School Asso., Wheaton, Illinois.

Stan Mooneyham, Billy Graham Association, Atlanta, Ga.

No treasurer was named as this group reports to the American Committee of the World Evangelical Fellowship, which acts as the board for the Department of Christian Education. Dr. Arthur Climenhaga of National Association of Evangelicals, Wheaton, Illinois, is treasurer of the board.

The Department of Christian Education maintains offices at 5202 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60644.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHURCH ETIQUETTE

- I. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor the Amen refuse to wait.
- II. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain when speaks the organ its refrain.
- III. And when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt join in, not look about.
- IV. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free for more to share the pew with thee.
- V. Forget not thou the offering plate, not let the usher stand and wait.
- VI. Thou shalt not make the pew a place to vainly decorate thy face.
- VII. Thou shalt give heed to worship well and not on thine own business dwell.
- VIII. Thou shalt the Sabbath not misuse, nor come to church to take thy snooze.
- IX. 'Tis well in church thy friend to meet, but let thy ardor be discreet.
- X. Be friendly at the church's door, so shall the stranger love God more.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS AT YOUTH CAMP

Work has begun on enlarging the dining hall. The dining hall area will be enlarged to include the entire kitchen area. This will give additional space for the dining hall that has been needed for quite some time. A new kitchen will be built on the end of the building.

Another project that will be completed before the Youth Camp sessions next year is pouring a concrete floor in the two classrooms behind the Chapel. The campers will surely appreciate this because the dust gets quite thick before both sessions are over.

This leads us to a very important matter - MONEY. The Youth Camp Treasury does not have enough funds to complete these two projects and take care of its regular obligations. Therefore, we are asking each church or some organization within the church to help raise this needed money.

Suggestion:

After Christmas how about a Sunday School Class or an auxiliary placing a container or containers in noticeable places in the church? Then, suggest that people who love and appreciate the Youth Camp give what they are able, when they are able.

It is very likely that two containers, placed in the church, with a little push from some group, will collect at least \$15 or \$20 in a three-month period. WILL YOU TRY IT? Don't wait on someone else - why don't you try it?

New Board Members:

Two new Board Members were elected at the 1965 State Association. They are Reverend Grover Pingleton, pastor of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church and Reverend Tom Malone, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River. The Youth Camp Board welcomes these two fine ministers. The Youth Camp is a very important part of the Missouri State Association work. It is the prayer of the Youth Camp Board that every Christian will pray for, encourage and promote the Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

Goals for 1966 Sessions:

Inasmuch as the response was so favorable to our goals set last year, it has given an incentive to set higher goals. This is right - for the Church and the work of the Church is to move forward. The goals for this year: Pre-Teen - 400 and Teens - 300. **WE CAN DO THIS!** The best kind of advertising that can be done for the Youth Camp is - tell others how you enjoyed it and were blessed by being there. If you were there last year try and make plans to attend this year and encourage someone to attend with you. If you were not there last year why not make plans to attend the 1966 Session?

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.

"Where is God"

Malachi 2:17 - This question has been asked many times in one way or another all down through the ages. It has been asked in the time of disaster and when personal tragedy or loss comes to us.

The people of Malachi's day asked it "where is the God of judgment and justice?"

The Son of God Himself had it said to Him as He died upon the cross. They said, "If thou be the Son of God come down from the cross" or the question asked, "Where is thy God now, why don't He deliver you now, where is God?" He is high above man, but He is also in the life of man. It is possible for man to know the will of God and to identify Him with it.

God is not absent from us. He is a co-worker with us. God is in His world with His people. He is in His world in the daily experience of His people. That means all the experiences of life. The dark days as well as the bright ones.

It is so easy to find God when people want to find Him. When we look out over this earth and see all the beautiful things and we look at man and think what God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." We see God and know He is real. As the poet wrote, "God is real because I can feel Him deep in my soul."

Some folks act like God is far away and maybe He is to them. This is because they are following Him afar. They do not live close enough to God to know He is near.

Supremely God is on earth in the Spirit and in the work of Him who said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Mrs. John Ackerson
Richwoods, Missouri



plan since August. Twin City Free Will Baptist Church is a new organization and Cape Girardeau is actually a mission at this time; however both of them are giving 10% of their offerings to Missouri State cooperative plan. We emphasize this point to challenge every church in the state into greater action.

Please remember your Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, Missouri 63111, when purchasing Bibles and other supplies listed in 1965 Book Store Catalogue.

NOVEMBER, 1965 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Berkley	\$ 286.40
South Side	189.00
Parkview	109.69
Garfield	34.20
Hannon	29.10
Twin City FWB Church	52.38
Oak Grove in Cave Springs .	5.00
Faith	50.93
Cuba	56.88
Mt. Grove First.....	229.91
Beacon	133.00
Monett.....	116.34
Mt. Valley	60.86
Grant Avenue	178.40
Oskaloosa	21.17
Lebanon First	100.00
Verdella	99.60
Copper Mines	35.36
Rock Chapel.....	19.25
Thayer	57.35
Leadington	154.00
Hickory Grove	9.66
Fellowship	50.00
Victory	85.68
Flat River First FWB Ch...	123.80
North Side	50.50
Twin City	33.69
Mine La Motte.....	14.15
Cape Girardeau First FWB	
Mission Church-10% of	
two weeks offerings	6.19
Garfield (Nov.).....	26.85
West Plains	30.00
Berkley (Nov.)	229.14
Mt. Grove First (Nov.)	192.35
Lebanon First	425.90
Total Receipts	\$3,296.73
Disbursed:	
55% National FWB Ass'n ..	\$1,813.20
1% Mo. C.T.S.....	32.97
2.50% Youth Camp	82.42
4% Gem	131.86
8% General Fund	263.74
12.50% Mo. Missions	412.10
17% Promotional Dept.	560.44
Total Disbursed	\$3,296.73
January, 1966	

cent of Hawaii's people are reported to be Protestant, of which a large percentage are liberal in doctrine.

Hawaii impressed me as a place where the east meets the west. In fact, the University of Hawaii is sponsoring a huge East-West center of learning where eastern and western thoughts and cultures are exchanged. Many students come to Hawaii from eastern Oriental countries. The first and second source of economy in our fiftieth state of Hawaii is United States military and the mainland tourists. This means that multiplied thousands of people are coming to Hawaii annually. Will these multitudes find a witness for Jesus Christ?

About five miles leeward of Pearl Harbor is the city of Waipahu, a growing city of about 15,000 people. There are two Bible-preaching churches in this city. We are thankful that our Free Will Baptist denomination is represented here by Luther, Helen, and Brenda Sanders. We are thankful for the hundreds of lives who have been transformed by the power of the Lord Jesus and strengthened as a result of our Free Will Baptist church in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Some of you will remember that during our National Association in Raleigh, North Carolina, Mrs. Sanders reported that there had been over 900 people who had worshiped at least three months in our Free Will Baptist church in Waipahu, Hawaii. In my travel as Field Secretary for the Board of Home Missions, I am continually meeting people who have been members of our church in Hawaii. No doubt, you are familiar with the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Timmis who left our church in Hawaii and established a Free Will Baptist witness in Taiwan (Formosa). Here a church has been established and the military has moved the Timmis family to another city where again they may be able to establish another Free Will Baptist witness.

We are thankful for the wonderful property that is owned by our Free Will Baptist church in Waipahu. The Bank of Hawaii has recently evaluated this property as more than double the purchase price. Property in Hawaii is very difficult to obtain. Various church groups have abandoned their efforts to establish a church because of the inaccessibility of property. We have property in Waipahu because you have contributed to our Pearl Harbor Land Fund. We would like to encourage you to continue to remember the land fund until the few thousand dollars indebtedness that remains can be paid off.

We are thankful that many of our Free Will Baptist military personnel are finding a church home in Waipahu. Other military families are meeting Jesus for the first time in our church there. We praise God for the several Oriental families who are permanent residents of Hawaii and who are serving the Lord in our Free Will Baptist church in Waipahu.

We urge you to pray earnestly with us for the spiritual needs of the workers and people of our fiftieth state. Pray that God will open doors of hungry hearts to receive the message of Jesus as proclaimed in our Free Will Baptist church in Hawaii.

Finally, let me share with you a special item of prayer concern. Brother Sanders and his family have faithfully served the Lord Jesus Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination during the past six years. Our records show that you have contributed to the ministry of the Sanders' in Hawaii. Therefore, I know that you will be especially concerned by the fact that when we closed our books last month, Brother Sanders' account was \$714.34 in the red. Will you pray with me that this deficit can be removed by those who are concerned about this ministry? I would like to encourage you to continue giving to the Sanders' account as God directs your heart.

You can help us very much by encouraging your church and other Free Will Baptist friends in your local area to share in the Sanders' ministry in our fiftieth state. Pray also that God will call workers to strengthen our witness in Hawaii.

made these contacts since going to Cape. The Cape work is strictly a missionary endeavor. The work will possibly by slower than usual, however, we are well pleased with progress made so far. God is blessing!

The Rolla, Missouri Mission seems to be progressing well under the leadership of one of our State Home Mission Board members, Bro. Leland Horton. This is an encouraging work!

Your State Home Mission Board met in Cape Girardeau, Mo. this past month. We had a fruitful and inspiring meeting and fellowship with Bro. Don Jones.

Pray for and support financially your State Missions!

We are so thankful for the following response financially:

Coop. Fund\$412.10
Copper Mines, Fredericktown. 5.00
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Fredericktown	5.00
Hazel Creek, Kirksville	3.18
Central, Kansas City	10.00
First, Fredericktown	11.03
Mine La Motte,	
Fredericktown	5.00
Parkview, Desloge	10.00
Hurryville, Flat River	20.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Parkview, Desloge	8.00
Cape Girardeau Mission	1.54
Indian Creek Women's Aux. ..	36.19

Each of these churches and pastors are to be commended for their faithfulness to missions.

Each of these pastors just simply placed the challenge of State Missions before their church conference. Their congregations saw and met the challenge, by majority vote, and now they are proudly enrolled as consistent contributors to the needy areas of our beloved State of Missouri. These pastors are Rev. Willard

Darnell - Coppermines Church, Rev. O.D. Matthews - Mine La Motte Church, Rev. James McAllister - Central Church, Rev. Grover Terry - Parkview Church, Rev. Tom Malone - Fellowship Church, Rev. James Barker - Hurryville Church, Rev. Cletus Nichols - formerly at Hazel Creek Church, and Rev. Bob L. Jones - First, Fredericktown Church.

Dear Pastor, why not take it to your congregation to support State Missions with consistent monthly contributions? You may be greatly hindering the work of your church by neglecting this! SAY! HERE IS AN EXTRA POINTER....it is a proven fact that churches who are led to support outside themselves generally pay the pastor a better salary. Unselfish pastors have unselfish churches! Try it! It works!

In Christ,

Bob L. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer



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