

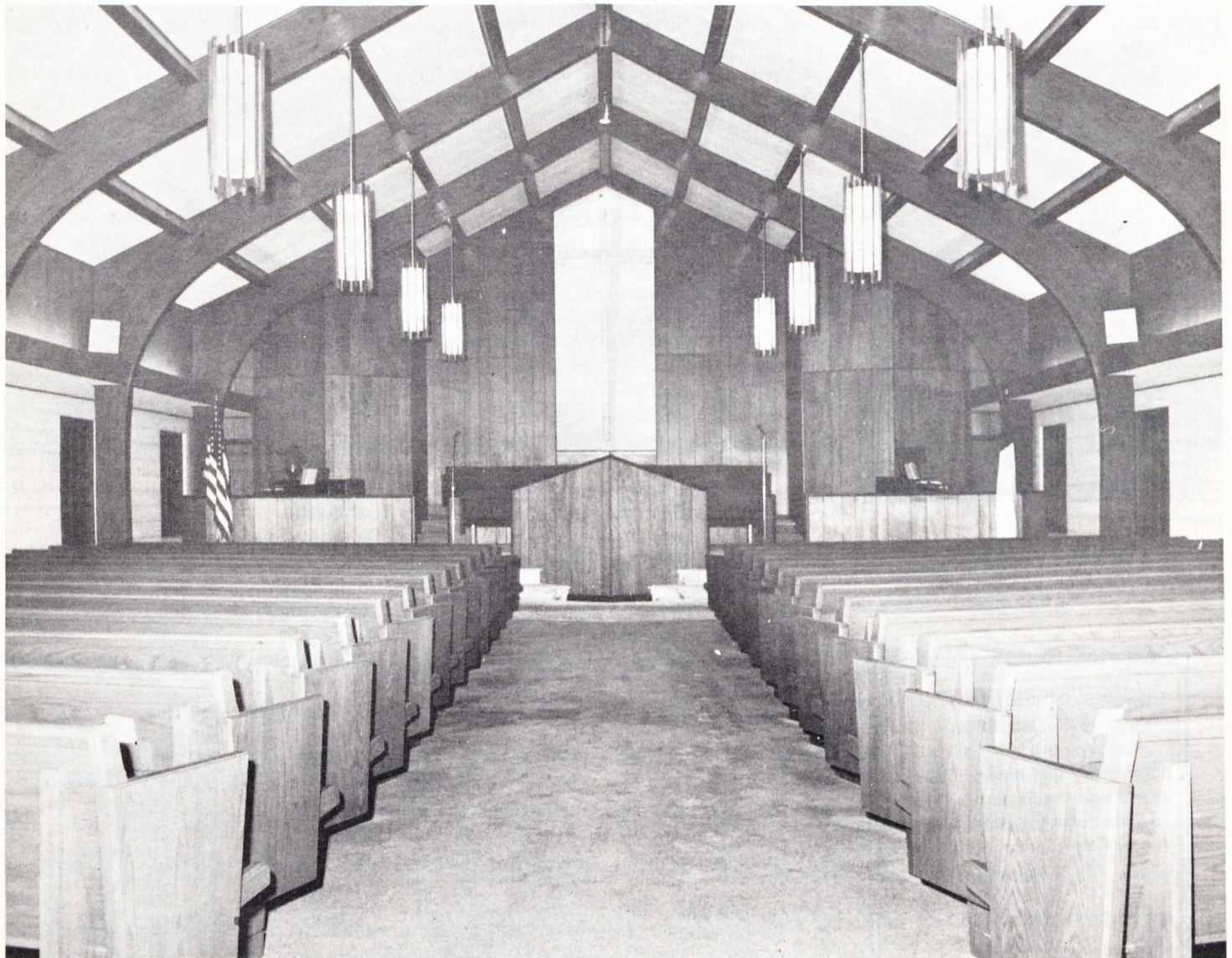
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Promotional Secretary's Corner

Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Liberty Quarterly Meeting Saturday, December 4th. With most of their churches representing with letters and delegates. Rev. Selph Jones delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon and I was privileged to preach the ordination sermon preceeding the ordination of Black Oak's pastor, Rev. McVay. Saturday night I journeyed with Pastor Cunningham to Pleasant Ridge Church near Urbana and delivered the evening message there. They experienced a good revival there recently. Sunday, December 5th, we worshiped with Calvary Free Will Baptist Church at Conway and I delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. Pastor Bowman and the Conway Church continues to support the Cooperative plan and also to win souls at home. In response to an invitation of Pastor Elvis Sawyer and the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, I delivered the Sunday evening sermon there. Some have been saved and affiliated with their church during the past quarter.

The Greater Kansas City District meeting assembled with Kansas City First Free Will Baptist Church Dec. 10-11. Missionaries Rev. Coffey and Dr. Miley were the principal speakers. Time was also granted to explain the 1966 allocation of our Missouri Cooperative Funds. Sunday, December 12, I was privileged to deliver the 11:00 a.m. sermon in Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Also the sermon at 2:00 p.m., preceeding the ordination of their pastor, Howard Hensley. And then Sunday night, I delivered the message in the Marshall Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Junior Ussery reports that souls have been saved in recent services. They resumed support of the cooperative program again this quarter. They are also striving to complete their new church house.

December 26th it was a pleasure to be with Pastor Pingleton and our former home church in Thayer and to deliver the 11:00 a.m. message. This church continues to win souls for the Lord. They tithe to the Missouri Cooperative program, plus partial support to a missionary. Sunday evening I was privileged to deliver the sermon in the newest organization in Missouri State Association, the Koshkonong Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Davie Combs reports souls being saved in their weekly services. They have purchased lots and propose to build a new sanctuary facing Highway 63 in Koshkonong, Mo.

As we anticipate The Year of Our Lord 1966, remember Jesus said, "Ye shall



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This involves every Christian and glistens our hope. Tit. 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great GOD and our Savior JESUS CHRIST."

Harry Beatty

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS DECEMBER, 1965

South Side	\$ 308.00
Hannon	25.31
Olivette	33.36
Cabool	36.71
Farmington	126.47
Central	138.67
Salem	10.00
Rock Chapel	20.09
Beacon	91.98
Parkview	68.85
Carterville	14.73
Pleasant Home	16.37
Thayer	47.01
Union FWB Church	25.00
Leadington	114.00
Monett	103.23
Grant Avenue	63.88
Olivett	26.10
Mine La Motte	12.14
North Side	71.04
Cape Girardeau FWB Ch. ..	10.36
Bethel, West Plains	41.00
Fellowship	50.00
Garfield	30.37
Cabool	39.62
Mill Creek	67.51
Beacon	94.39
Aulsbury Chapel	99.10
Union Light	10.00
Mt. Grove	148.34
Berkeley	213.17
Grant Ave.	85.53
Myrtle	114.26

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FIELDS

Cape Girardeau Mission



The crowd at the Fourth Sunday Service at the Cape Mission.



Children's Choir of Cape Girardeau Mission
February, 1966

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS REPORT December, 1965

We are indeed grateful to the Lord and our churches for the fine response to Home Missions for the month of December, 1965. You will notice \$203.23 designated gifts plus \$326.28 Co-op fund given in December. This is a total of \$528.51. Again we say, "Our contributing churches need to be commended for their faithfulness to this important work."

We are happy to report the work of Cape Girardeau doing fine. In December they had an average of 25 in Sunday School, 27 in morning worship, 14 in C.T.S., and 17 in evening worship. Cottage prayer meeting average was eight. Their total offerings were \$115.66 for the same period. This is a marvelous report from a mission starting with absolutely nothing. Bro. Don Jones is doing a fine work. This mission contributed \$2.59 to State Home Missions last month. Bro. Don says, "We are expecting great things."

The mission in Rolla is doing fine under the leadership of Board Member Leland Horton. Bro. Horton is selling insurance for a livelihood while establishing this mission. He reports, "As a whole I think all is well. We have been having in the



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THE SLEEPING CHURCH

Jolt herto a realization of the importance of that first service on Sunday morning, and that first service on Sunday evening, namely the Sunday School and the Church Training service.

We need to remember that Jesus had some scorching words of rebuke in His day for those who were able by the skies to read the coming storms and yet were blind to the signs of the times. Can we read the signs of the times? Are we abreast of the grave situations that face us as believers in the Lord? Surely the hourglass of our dispensation is running out, and our skies flow red with the threatening storms of world distress. There are four peaks that stand out very clearly: First, Spiritual Lassitude, with millions who profess the name of Christ sleeping at the post of duty. Second, Political Servitude, with millions crushed under the heel of communism. Third, Scientific Aptitude, with millions of dollars being spent on man-killing, earth-scorching devices. And Fourth, Moral Turpitude, with millions being spent on anti-crime efforts, etc.

I'm concerned with the first, namely Spiritual Lassitude. What I have done in the past troubles me no more, because it has been repented of and is under the blood of Jesus; but what I have not done is the thing that troubles me.

Church, we have dynamite in our hands...the Words of the living God! And it's high time that we lit the fuse and blasted ourselves into a mass attack against the invading iniquity of our day. As long as Jesus tarries His coming, the devil will reign, and as long as he reigns, he must have prospects. Who does he have his eyes upon? Our young people. Not those who are

dedicated to a life for Christ, but to those whose hearts have never been warmed by the gospel. And doubtless, the most urgent need of this hour is that we as a church get our dynamite out, the everlasting truth, carefully detonate it beneath our present-day easy believeism and jolt ourselves into reaching these young people before the wicked one does.

Our young people are people of action. They look for, and invite excitement to satisfy their enthusiastic ego. Where does a lot of their ideas come from? From the filth of the magazine stand, pornographic literature! It's a mixture of witches brew with distorted standards and tempting iniquity, served up to the young minds in our America today, and these young minds are gullible, they are receiving this trash-can smut with open arms...but why? Because they are young minds, unprepared by prayerful parents, ignorant of family-altars, absentees from the Sunday School classroom and the Church Training service possibilities. They're being twisted, corrupted, and implanted with the seed of hell from the hands of money-hungry writers, while we sit idly by and let it happen.

"O God, give us men, women, boys and girls who are sick of the monopoly of the devil, folks with burning hearts, brimming eyes, and bursting lips; men who fear nothing but sin, love nothing but Jesus, and desire nothing but to labor for thy cause that others might find life."

Albert McFarland
Sunday School and Church Training
Service Board

teens in attendance."

Our budget for Home Missions is \$585.42 a month. We have lacked \$60 - \$100 a month meeting the budget so far. We need a few more churches to pledge support. Will your church be one of those added to the list of mission minded groups next month? Why not help?

\$100.00 a week is being gladly invested in the Cape Girardeau Mission for the support of our missionary Don Jones. We have invested very little more than that in Cape. \$75.00 a month is forwarded to the Rolla Mission for rent, etc. This is not missionary salary, Bro. Horton receives no salary from the state board.

As of January 4, 1966, we have \$3794.68 in the general fund of the Home Mission Board. We have \$8022.65 in the loan fund to be used only for loans to home mission churches.

The following is the list of churches contributing for December report:

Twin Oaks, Fredericktown	\$ 30.00
Copper Mines, Fredericktown	5.00
*Oak Hill, Fredericktown	10.00
Central, Kansas City	10.00
*First, Joplin	8.00
*Thayer's Master's Men	15.00
Cape Mission, Cape Girardeau	2.59

Parkview, Desloge	10.00
First, Fredericktown	37.64
Mine La Motte, Fredericktown	5.00
Twin Oaks, Fredericktown	15.00
Hurryville, Flat River	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Central, Kansas City	30.00
Co-op Fund	326.28

*New Contributors

One of these churches is to be greatly commended, namely, Oak Hill Church, with an average of approximately 15 in Sunday School. Bro. George Miller is pastor. Other pastors to be commended this month having churches as new contributors is Bro. Teddy Davis, Joplin and Bro. G. T. Pingleton, Thayer.

We make apology to two pastors we failed to recognize in last month's report as having led their churches in giving. They are Bro. Clarence Burton, Berkley, and Bro. Albert McFarland, Southside.

Again, we thank each one for having made missions a part of your prayers and budget. Give designated gifts - give cooperatively by adopting this efficient plan if you have not already done so.

Bob L. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer

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KEN'S KORNER

THE DWARF

I read recently in a local newspaper about a high school boy who was becoming a star on the varsity basketball team. At first this may not mean much, but the fact that this boy was only four feet and one inch tall changes the picture considerably. His team mates enjoyed having him on the team because of the morale he displayed. No, he wasn't a high scoring star, but he was a good ball handler. The thing that stands out, however, is his determination. He had learned to live

with himself. Some may say he is a handicapped person. He was a dwarf. He may be a dwarf but people looked up to him. A dwarf doesn't have to be as tall as Clyde Lee or Bill Russell. If you are not growing as a Christian you will soon become a dwarf in your spiritual life. Growth in the spiritual life is far more important than the physical life. This is why the Bible says, in essence, I would that your spiritual life prospered as much as your physical being. How do you grow as a Christian? These suggestions may sound old and repetitious, but have you put them into practice? Prayer is vital to spiritual life. Learn to pray about every decision. Reading the Bible, particularly in a language that is understandable, is essential. Getting

interested in Church and running with the right crowd is important. If you're not careful, the wrong crowd can make you do wrong things. Youth meetings, Sunday School, CTS, worship services, etc., are only a few of the ways that are available. You sometimes hear it said that the real old time Christians were "giants" for God. This does not mean in physical size, but rather in their personal devotion and dedication to God. Your church, your home, and your denomination needs some GIANTS. Someone has said "The only way up is down." This means to grow tall in the eyes of God we must humble ourselves and pray. Remember this: "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men." (Luke 2:52) (NASB)

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM WELL ACCEPTED

Sales reach all time high as Free Will Baptists respond to curriculum change. Nashville, Tennessee

The Sunday School Department of the National Association reports that their new curriculum has been well received by Free Will Baptists across the nation. One enthusiastic pastor wrote, "Our literature came the day before yesterday. We sure are proud of it. We think those who are responsible for it have done a mighty good job." Evidently others join in with this pastor in warm reception of the new material as some of the materials have been a "sell out."

The new curriculum comes after several years of research and study. The lessons are based upon Scriptures selected by Free Will Baptists. This is a departure from the International Lesson Outlines. Many complained that these lessons were fragmentary and difficult to teach to children. The new curriculum for Preschoolers, Primaries, and Juniors is prepared with children in mind.

According to Roger Reeds, General Director of the Sunday School Department, many other items were sold out during this shipping period. Sales for the Adult quarterly exceeded 55,000 for the first time. The second best seller is the Junior quarterly and it exceeded 19,500 in sales this time.

The Sunday School Department operates exclusively from the sale of its Sunday school literature. It is a service agency of the National Association and offers a free lending library of filmstrips as well as an extensive program of teacher training and promotion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1965

	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	December	January	February	March	April
Fellowship, Flat River	194	171	218	275	254	247	261				
First Ch., Festus			49	39	46						
Farmington		96	91	85	91	103	97				
Liberty-Phillipsburg	64		60	58	68	72	69				
Berkeley City											
Richwoods	50	49	50	54	49	48	37				
Kirksville	123	117	126	111	101	95	100				
Grant Ave., Springfield	199	190	197	184	205						
Hazel Creek		45	44	39	41	36	41				
Mine LaMotte	34	37	40	32		28					
First, Flat River		91	92	70	86						
Overland Church	155	139	167	168	189						
First, Mtn. Grove	310	327	306	332	323	317	313				
Desloge	110	111	107	113	112	105	113				
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	66	61	67	69	74	70					
Union Light	114	106	115	110	106	111	115				
First, Springfield	171	166	177	188	206	189					
Sunnyview Church	63	57	69	63	62						
Central, Kansas City	109	112	131								
Hannon	68	67	56	57	56	61	53				
First, Monett	123	117	121	123	133	126	131				
Garfield-Couch	51	44	47	50	47						
Leadinton	105	87	107	124	136	130	122				
First, Fredericktown	139	147	160	171	193	178	191				
Copper Mines	76	79	96	75							
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.											
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	97	80	93		133	116	138				
Twin Oaks Church	64	61	59	60	59	58	59				
West Plains	198	187	180	191	183	175	177				
Belton			21	32	39	40	33				
Southside	152	141	154	156	159	148	131				
First, Lebanon	106	94		99	113	114	123				
Myrtle Church			71	72	80	67	75				
Twin City Ch., Festus	40	42	49	53	45	35	43				
Joplin											
Grace Church	150	115	146	157	171	146	165				
Salem	38		41			34					
Thayer Church	121	142	133	122							
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye	54	58	56	68							
Aulsbury Chapel Church		61	65								
Alton	74	79	91	83	64						

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

FEBRUARY

DATES TO REMEMBER

World Day of Prayer: Feb. 25
Indian Creek District Meeting,
Monett Church: Feb. 15
Mission District Meeting,
Grant Ave. Church: Feb. 19

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Thayer Free Will Baptist Church
West Plains Free Will Baptist Church
Flat River First FWB Church
Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church
Flat River Fellowship Free Will
Baptist Church
Joplin First Free Will Baptist Church

YOUNG PEOPLE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains, Mo. met January 3 with nine members present. Opening song, "God Can Do Anything" and "Standing on the Promises."

Officers reports were well given. A letter was read from Rev. Jerigan thanking us for the gift box at Christmas which was valued at \$12.50. Letters were also read from the Children's Home and the Wesley Calvery's.

We chose the Calvery's as our foreign missionary to correspond with the remainder of this year.

A study course on the manual was set for Jan. 17, quilting dates Jan. 11 and 25.

The lesson was well given by our Young People who are sharing the lesson with us each month since they like our co-labor lessons so well. We have our lessons together.

Topic I by Juanita Henry; Topic II by Connie Bunch and Beverly Moss; Topic III by Venita Adkisson. Poem by Geneva Adkisson.

We are sending \$7.70 worth of coupons to our children's home.

Hattie Sims, Cor. Secretary

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MRS. MILEY TO SPEAK

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grant Avenue in Springfield are to be host to the Mission District Woman's Auxiliary for their Quarterly Meeting on Feb. 19, 1966. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock a.m. with the theme for the day being "Visions of Missions". Speaking at the 11 o'clock hour will be Mrs. Lav-erne Miley, Missionary to Africa who is presently home on furlough. Many other interesting things are being planned throughout the day with a covered dish lunch being served at noon.

HELPING TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met January 11 for their monthly meeting with 15 members present and one visitor.

The officers report were given and ap-proved. Our treasurer reported that we had sent 12 books of Top Value and S&H Green Stamps to the orphanage in Ten-nessee. Also there were \$32.28 worth of coupons sent plus a \$12.00 gift offer-ing from our auxiliary. An acknowlegement letter of appreciation has been re-ceived from Bro. Ray C. Turnage, man-ager of the orphanage, for our gifts.

The auxiliary observed their pre-Christmas Week of Prayer and at it an offering was taken of \$8.00 which was sent to the State Home Missions.

After our business session we enjoyed

the good program from our co-labor books.

We were dismissed from our program in prayer by Sis. Hayes.

Gay Combs, Cor. Secretary



VERDELLA AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The two circles of the Verdella Auxil-ary met on Monday night, December 13, to have their pre-Christmas service. Mrs. Hilda Nichols, president of the com-bined group, led the group in a Christmas carol and presided over a brief business meeting. After this she introduced each speaker and their topic.

After the inspiring lesson we were dis-missed and met in the annex for cake and coffee, or hot chocolate. This was also visitation night so the men joined us after their visitation, for the refreshments.

The cakes were to represent Jesus birthday and for the ladies who gave their lives to Christ as a gift for a better year and a better consecrated life.

Mrs. Roger Phillips

Secretary of the Combined
Auxiliaries

\$31.00 FOR MISSIONS

Myrtle Free Will Baptist Ladies Aux-iliary met Dec. 20th for our Christmas lesson, "Why Jesus Came". For this meeting we had six members, six visitors and eight children present.

We were very fortunate to have Sis. Mary Ruth Wisheart from Nashville Bible College with us at this time.

She presented to us our lesson, "Why Jesus Came." Some of the points she gave to us were, "Not of his birth, but when he came to die on the cross for the sins of men, as Jesus came to identify Himself with man, so we must also iden-tify ourselves with our fellowman today."

Some activities of our auxiliary through December we baked a number of cakes, filled baskets of fruit to be given to the

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elderly people of our community for Christmas, and sent the Hannas a box for Christmas, also sent some articles to the provision closet in Nashville, Tenn.

We had a missionary offering of \$31.00.

Mamie Crase, Cor. Secretary

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AS PROJECT

The January meeting of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo. Woman's Auxiliary was Tuesday, January 4, in fellowship hall of the church. The inspiring program, "The Field Is the World," was enjoyed with topics by Mrs. Bob Wilson and Mrs. Anthony Burcham.

Reports were given from missionaries and also on the church directories which are a joint project of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Ladies Mission of the church. The business session was under the direction of the president, Mrs. Ernest Kennedy.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ENJOYED BY AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River had their annual Christmas party at the home of Berniece Dodd on Tuesday night, Dec. 21. The living room was beautifully decorated with a lighted tree and a large open Bible by the fireplace. Service was opened with 19 members, two visitors, and six children present. Prayer by Della Getz. Song, "Silent Night." Scripture Matt. 2:1-12 was read by Norman Williams. Prayer by Mrs. Pirtle. Poem, "The Road to Bethlehem," Rachel Milburn. Song, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Topic I, "Why Jesus Came," Wanda Ragsdale. A reading, "How a Debt Was Paid" by Berniece Dodd. Topic II, "The Gift of God" by Verna Malone." Song, "Joy To The World." An offering was taken for Home Missions - \$13.00. Exchange of gifts were made by each lady taking a balloon, blowing it up till it popped. A number inside told which gift was yours. Special gifts were presented to our president, Wanda Ragsdale, and our pastor's wife, Verna Malone. Refreshments of cupcakes, ice cream, coffee and punch were served by the hostess committee. Dismissed by Marie Sherrills. Cor. Secretary, Della Getz

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

October, November, December, 1965

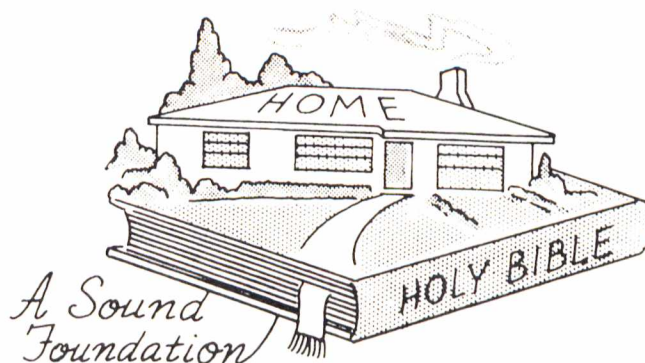
Tithes:
Thayer\$ 4.15
Beacon, Raytown 6.87

February, 1966

Student Loan Fund:
Thayer 14.71
Beacon, Raytown 3.43
Hannon, Liberal 11.00
National Home Missions:
Kirksville 2.50
Co-Laborer Fund:
Thayer 4.50
Beacon, Raytown 20.58
Kirksville 1.98
Foreign Missions (General Fund):
Kirksville 2.50
Mo. State Project - Miley Account:
Beacon, Raytown 13.82
St. Francois Co. Dist. Aux. Convention 15.00
FWB Orphanage (Tenn.):
Beacon, Raytown 3.43
Fulcher's Account:
Beacon, Raytown 6.87
Verdella, Iontha 20.00
Wesley Calvary's Account:
Thayer 10.00
Garcia's Account:
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove 4.00
WNAC Headquarters:
Thayer 10.00
Total for October \$155.34

Tithes:
Southside FWB, St. Louis...\$ 4.21
Student Loan Fund:
Southside FWB, St. Louis... 2.11
Co-Laborer Fund:
Kirksville 1.32
Southside FWB, St. Louis .. 12.63
Foreign Missions (General Fund):
Kirksville 2.50
National Home Missions:
Kirksville 2.50
First FWB, Mtn. Grove 5.00
Grant Ave., Springfield 26.00
Mo. State Project - Miley Account:
Southside FWB, St. Louis .. 8.42
FWB Orphanage (Tenn.):
Indian Creek Dist. Aux. Conv. 3.50
Southside FWB, St. Louis .. 2.11
Wesley Calvary's Account:
First FWB, Mtn. Grove, (A. Calvary Circle) 10.00
Total for November \$ 80.30

Tithes:
Grant Ave., Springfield\$ 5.72
Monett 5.29
Student Loan Fund:
Grant Ave., Springfield 5.72
Mo. State Home Missions:
Kirksville 2.00
Grant Ave., Springfield 5.00
Thayer 8.00
Southside FWB, St. Louis... 19.55
First FWB, Flat River 4.00
New Harmony Mission, Greentop 5.00
Co-Laborer Fund:
Kirksville 1.45
Grant Ave., Springfield 5.72
Thayer 4.50
First FWB, Lebanon 12.00
National Home Missions:
Thayer 11.67
Myrtle 12.65
Southside FWB, St. Louis... 24.61
New Harmony Mission, Greentop 7.40
Hazel Creek, Greentop 6.50
Kirksville 2.00
Indian Creek Dist. Aux. Conv. 19.50
St. Francois Co. District Aux. Conv. 42.15
Joplin 34.00
Hannon, Liberal 29.00
Fellowship, Flat River 15.00
Mission Dist. Aux. Conv. ... 27.50
Foreign Missions (General Fund):
Kirksville 2.00
Myrtle 31.70
WNAC Office Furnishings:
Victory FWB, Kansas City ... 12.00
Joplin 17.00
Fulcher's Account:
Victory, Kansas City 25.00
Southside FWB, St. Louis .. 70.10
Miley's Account:
Hazel Creek, Greentop 15.00
Patsy Tyson Account:
Indian Creek Dist. Aux. Conv. 5.00
Ella Rae Jones' Account:
Indian Creek Dist. Aux. Conv. 5.00
Total for December \$498.73
Total for October, November, December \$734.37



INTO THE WORD

The command of Jesus was to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There are multitudes of people in all denominations who make so-called "decisions" for Christ but never reach the baptism. Others who are baptized are never enlisted in the active life of the local church as a Christian.

THE GREATEST WEAKNESS OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Our problem is not decisions, but discipleship! This can only be accomplished through teaching the new convert the Word of God and it's claim on his life. How many Free Will Baptist churches do you know of that has an adequate follow-up program of teaching? Too often, the first time a church thinks of helping a new convert is when he misses a couple of Sundays. We then go to his house for cake and coffee fellowship and tell him "not to get discouraged even though it is hard to be a Christian."

The Jehovah's Witness cult seldom loses a convert because of its follow-up teaching program is so thorough. It is time we beat them at their own game with qualified teachers, appropriate free literature, and home teaching.

BOOK BORN OF NECESSITY

In one Free Will Baptist Church this has been tried with success. The first year of work saw at Lewis Avenue Church, 125 new church members received into fellowship. This was more than any pastor could work with personally. There were dozens of booklets on the market, but not for Free Will Baptists. The pastor then, of necessity, wrote and mimeographed a study course for new Christians.

It was given to each new church member and convert to study at home. This was a good idea, but only a few would study on their own. This was disappointing, but later it was realized that it was the fault of the church. Many older Christians do not realize that in pagan America most new converts have no Bible

background. To illustrate let me tell you of a man I recently talked to who did not know what a simple Bible reference meant, i.e. John 3:16.

He had been reading his Bible some, and when I referred to the book of John he wanted to know if I meant "big John or little John".

THE ANSWER

The answer then is to go to the home of the new convert who has made a decision and teach him personally. The pastor cannot go to all the homes personally. He must train a dedicated group who will take the Bible study to the new convert one or two hours per week. When he has been taught, he must expect to teach others. Some object saying, "but what if the new Christian is not willing for you to come to his home once a week for a Bible lesson?" Then I do not believe he has been saved!

The real problem is getting old church members to prepare and go to do this teaching job. The main reason that church members do not go on visitation is that they do not know what to do when they get there. After small talk of weather and fishing, too often the discussion comes to airing the church problems.

It is the pastor's job to train a group of laymembers to teach the new convert. Then it is the job of the church member to go weekly into that home to teach and if nothing more to guide the study of the new Christian.

After the decision is made, the new Christian must immediately be taught to pray, witness, tithe, read the Bible and accept his Christian responsibility. This can be accomplished by 12 to 15 weekly visits in a guided study and Bible fellowship. The average pastor needs only to compare his list of decisions to his list of disciples to see the crying need of regular, personal home teaching.

This will also strengthen your older members and give them a real purpose as a Christian. It is imperative that the new Christian be taught these things before he finds out that the majority of the old ones don't do them.

LAYMEN SHOULD TEACH

When the persecution came to the early church in Jerusalem (Acts 8), the believers were scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word" (Acts 8:4). The Bible plainly says in verse 1 that these were laymen, and that the Apostles did not leave Jerusalem.

Now notice in Ephesians 4:11-12 what the Apostles, Prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are supposed to do. They are given to the church for the perfecting of the saints, i.e. bringing them to Christian maturity for the work of the ministry. Read the next few verses to see the value of this work, and the consequences when new Christians are not established in the Word of God.

TWO REASONS TO TEACH

The first reason we should teach people is to win them. It is not enough to have an emotional religious experience unless it is based on the knowledge of Christ's finished work on the cross. Too long have accepted conviction for conversion in Free Will Baptist ranks. People need to be taught that the altar is a place of sacrifice, i.e. a place to die! Every mention of an altar in the Bible is connected with death. If people are not ready to die to self and the world, then they should be taught to stay away from the altar of God! This type of pre-decision teaching will not limit the number of your converts, only the kind. Paul said, "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (II Cor. 5:11). In the light of the coming judgment it is time we begin to teach men with a view to persuasion.

The second reason for teaching is to keep them. This problem is not unique with any one denomination. C. E. Matthews, late secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, says in his book, A Church Revival, "The most justifiable criticism that can be made of all that Southern Baptists are doing today is their

failure to conserve the results of their evangelistic efforts." In 1953 there were 2,460,437 non-resident Southern Baptist church members and 5,425,579 resident. At least 25%, or 1,356,395, of the resident members were inactive. This means of the reported 7,886,016 members, 48.4% of the entire membership of Southern Baptist churches is lost to the cause of Christ.

This is our problem simply on a smaller scale!

DOES NOT HAVE TO BE

There is a series of books being prepared for Free Will Baptist use for personal home teaching. These are offered through our various book stores and the C.T.S. program. Your Adult C.T.S. groups would do well to get these books called "Christian Life Series" and really train some adults to become home study teachers to new converts!

The first book is called "Into The Word" and covers the essentials for the new Christian. The second book available is a survey course of the "Pentatouch" (first five books of the Bible) with character studies of the main Old Testament characters.

Others will be forth coming. You do not need commentaries to study these, only a Bible and a pencil. They are strictly on a simple approach for laymen's use. Contact your Free Will Baptist book stores or the C.T.S. order blank for prices and books.

"Into the Word" is in its second printing and is becoming widely used for study courses and personal home study use. It should be provided free of charge by the local church for all new members and converts.

Rev. Paul Inbody
Pastor of the Lewis Avenue
Free Will Baptist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Faith	40.48
Hurryville	200.00
New Harmony S.S.	13.17

Total\$2,610.24

Disbursed:

55% Nat'l Ass'n	\$1,435.63
1% Mo. C.T.S.	26.10
2.5% Youth Camp	65.25
4% Gem	104.40
8% General Fund	208.80
12.5% Mo. Missions ...	326.28
17% Promotional Dept....	443.78

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MISSOURI STATE REPORT OF THE MILEY'S TRAVEL FUND ACCOUNT

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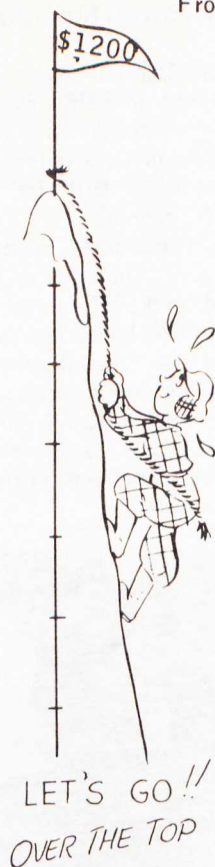
New Home Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 21.10
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Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church	35.00
% North Western Association	
Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church	22.00
% Central Western Association	
Greater Kansas City District Meeting	100.00
% Central Western Association	
Cape Girardeau Free Will Baptist Mission	7.50
% Madison County Quarterly Meeting of the South East Association	
Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	10.00
% Indian Creek Association	

December Total\$195.60

Suggested Quota Needed \$1200.00

Received 195.60

Total Needed to reach Goal..... \$1004.40



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The Wesley Calverys

Wesley, Aileen, Jonothan, Rebecca

Your Missionaries to Japan

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."
JEREMIAH 33:3

CALVERY'S RETURN TO JAPAN

On January 28th the Calverys will once again be in Japan. Please pray for the following needs as they begin their third term.

- (1) Re-adjustment to the mission field.
- (2) Completion of Koshimizu Church.

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GLEANINGS

from the fields

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN LEBANON REPORTS NEWBUILDING

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo. (pictured on front cover) moved into their new auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 19. We were given a welcome to the city by Police Chief Bill Marley who is a member of the church.

The building was constructed by the Hershel Griffin, Jr. Co. The exterior is of concrete block and brick. The interior is of walnut paneling which matches the whiteoak pews, and the stained glass windows. Above the baptistry is a golden cross resplendent with spotlights. A nursery and the pastor's study is located above the auditorium in the rear of the building.



This is a group of people who drove to Cape from Flat River Dec. 18, 1965. They brought four "carloads" of groceries. This was a grocery shower for the home missionaries from the churches in the Flat River area. The Jones family are very thankful for this act of love.

20 + 8 CAMPAIGN IS ANNOUNCED

Nashville, Tenn. - A special campaign has been announced by the management committee of the National Office Building. Designated as the 20 + 8 Campaign, the purpose of this effort will be to raise \$20,000 to purchase two acres of land adjacent to the present property and to raise \$8,000 for the building which is not covered in the permanent loan. The option on the land expires September 22, 1966, and the \$8,000 is now covered by a ninety day note.

The first major effort of the 20 + 8 Campaign will take place on Sunday, February 20, 1966. At this time, each church member is asked to give one dollar (or more) to help retire this indebtedness. Special envelopes have been prepared for this appeal and will be mailed to each pastor.

According to Samuel Johnson, Director of CTS and chairman for the campaign, the saying "Let George do it" will be the

basis of the special emphasis. Mr. Johnson states, "George Washington's picture appears on a one dollar bill. Since his birthday is February 22, we are asking every Free Will Baptist to give one dollar on Sunday, February 20. If every pastor and church will cooperate, we believe that George can do it."

Pastors are urged to announce this campaign early in February and push for at least one dollar per member on Sunday, February 20. "Shares" in the Free Will Baptist future are still available at \$50.00 each. Churches sending offerings in multiples of \$50 will receive proper share credit.

Offerings may be sent to 20 + 8 Campaign, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

PARKVIEW CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

We are moving along so fast these days there seems to be not time enough for everything we want to do. But the Lord said, "There is a time for everything," so we are taking a little time to count our blessings at Parkview Church in Desloge.

There have been trials, death has visited our midst and illness is with us. These things have caused our hearts to be sad. Then we remember the Lord said "My grace is sufficient for thee," and we must leave these things in His hands.

We have been blessed many ways. The church obligations have been met and attended to as they have risen. A new furnace was installed in the parsonage and it is proving itself to be a warm blessing. The church purchased an organ and through generous and cheerful giving it was paid for in about three months time. It is good to know there is no debt against it. But the blessing comes when the beautiful music comes forth in praise to the Lord. Everything materially and financially has been a blessing for which we are all thankful.

All of these things are for only one purpose and that is so the church can be a soul saving station. Yes, the Lord is good. Souls have been saved, and their value is beyond worldly measure. New members have been added to the church and for this we are thankful.

The year 1965 was a good year. But we must not look back on it and be satisfied. 1966 must be better. We are looking forward to a revival in April, Rev. Glen Rehkop of Kansas City will be the evangelist. Cottage prayer meetings are beginning the week of January 10th. There is to be a prayer meeting in some home one night each week, in addition to Wednesday night services, for eleven weeks. The week prior to the start of the

Free Will Baptist Gem

revival services, April 4, 1966 there is to be a week of nightly cottage services. We are planning and looking forward to this revival. For "Where there is no vision, the people perish." We invite you to look forward with us, pray with us, for many souls to be saved, and for the church to be strengthened and do more in the coming year, if the Lord tarries, than ever before.

There is a mountain of time and blessings behind us. We should be thankful and should not look back on this with complacency and satisfaction. There may be only a little mole hill of time ahead of us, but through work and prayer we can surely see it changed into a mountain of blessings. For the Lord said "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

We at Parkview praise the Lord for all of His bountiful blessings.



FRUIT BASKETS

The Intermediate and Junior boys and girls of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church donated fruit and made up six beautiful fruit baskets. They had a joyous time and received many blessings delivering them. One carload of this "Cheer Committee" visited Mrs. Vada Reeves in the Jewish Hospital and Mrs. Inez Coggin in the Missouri Baptist Hospital. The entire group enjoyed a delicious luncheon served by Mrs. Amanda Cole (the lady with the apron on in the picture.) Brother Carl Cole and Brother John Counts are shown in the picture with their baskets. A basket was also delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coulter. A wonderful blessing was received when the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrester was visited. Mrs. Forrester was in the yard and couldn't believe that our young people would remember them since Mr. Forrester had been bedfast for two years and she had been unable to attend services. He was too ill at the time to have visitors. A prayer was said and we all felt closer to our Creator as we stood outside under God's beautiful sky warmed by the golden February, 1966

sunshine. Our cups were running over with joy and our eyes misty with tears. It is truly a privilege and a tremendous blessing to work with the young people of our Berkeley Church. The "Cheer Committee" consisted of: Mrs. Helen Coleman and Terry, Mrs. Bonnie Deatherage and Dana, Barbara Clark, Rodney Reppy, Ronnie and "Butch" Hovis, and Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Burton, John and Steve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS MEETING

The annual Christmas class meeting of the Loyal Workers Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. was the evening of Dec. 10 at the church.

A very beautiful program was enjoyed by all and included Christmas carols, prayer, poems and scripture reading.

Gifts were exchanged by the group and special gifts were presented to the class teacher, Mrs. Genevieve White, and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy, church pastor's wife.

REPORT FROM ALASKA

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska has seen substantial growth since the organizing of a Good News Club for youth. It is under the direction of Mrs. Ann Johnson, wife of Home Missionary Rev. Carl Johnson. The club has proved to be a great success and has become a very valuable asset to the church. It captures the attention of young and old alike; although it primarily specializes in the ages of three to fourteen years. The Club meets every Saturday between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Johnson. There were 25 boys and girls enrolled in the Good News Club at its first meeting on the 25th of September, 1965. Since then it has climbed to a high of 58 enrolled and has had as high as 35 being present at the meetings.

A small electric organ was donated to the club by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Slocumb. Mrs. Sarah Trout assists Mrs. Johnson by playing the organ and Mrs. Martha Siren also assists in various details, i.e. roll call, memory verses, discipline, etc.

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.

To date the club has reached four souls and it has great potential for reaching more. The success of this club has marked a definite increase in Sunday School attendance. It is providing much needed Christian leadership to many boys and girls in the Anchorage area as the practice here is "send the children" rather than "take the children".

Mrs. Johnson has worked untiringly for the youth in her area and she and her assistants are to be commended for a job well done in reaching youths for Christ.

Mrs. Donald Berkly

YOUNG PEOPLE HAD GET-TOGETHER

Sunday evening, December 19, following the annual Christmas program of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, members of the Young Peoples Sunday School Class of the church enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the home of the class teacher, Mrs. Dale Blakeley of Cantwell.

The program included carols and was under the direction of the program committee. Games were played and enjoyed by all. The refreshment committee served refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, olives and punch and potato chips. The blessing on the food was by Brenda Horton.

All enjoyed a gift exchange. The class teacher, Mrs. Blakeley, was presented a lovely gift from the class.

REPORT OF THE NEW HOME CHURCH AND THE LACLEDE COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

The New Home Church with Rev. Edward Ruble, who is young in the ministry, is going forward for the Lord. Just recently they had three additions to the church. On January 11th, we met with the Happy Hill Church for a fellowship meeting. There were nine ministers present and each one brought a three minute sermonette. This fellowship meeting is held every second Tuesday of each month.

The Laclede County Quarterly meeting recently issued licenses to two young men to preach the gospel. One from the Lynn Street Church in Lebanon and the other from the Sunnyview Church near Lebanon. Pray for these two men as they start out for the Lord.

OSKALOOSA CHURCH REPORTS

As we are beginning a New Year, let us take the opportunity to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. "Therefore if any man be

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I AM THE LIVING BREAD

"Then Jesus said unto them, 'verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.'" John 6:53

It was Thursday. Jesus had told His disciples to prepare for the feast of the passover. This was to be the last passover. Since that fateful night centuries before when the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorpost to protect against the angel of death, the Jews had religiously celebrated this traditional feast. But now the time had come to replace this feast with another of more significance.

The disciples gathered into the upper room and there in the midst of this group of followers Jesus broke the bread, blessed it, and gave to them to eat. He poured the juice of the fruit of the vine, blessed it and gave to them to drink. As each move in the feast of the passover was significant, so each step in this supper was of great importance.

This was the meeting place of law and grace. Every act in the passover meal was a type of this scene now about to unfold. The sprinkling of the blood on the doorpost was necessary because the Jews, God's people, were in slavery to Pharaoh. Their captivity was a type of sin, and Pharaoh a type of Satan. The angel went through the city killing the first born of every living thing. This is true of sin, "The wages of sin is death." But every house that had the blood of the lamb sprinkled on the doorpost was saved. This lamb is a type of Christ, His blood saves us from the penalty of sin.

"And He took the bread, gave thanks and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19. The bread represented the body of Christ, it did not actually become the body of Christ either at the blessing as the Roman Doctrine of Transubstantiation teaches or when it entered the disciples mouth as the Lutheran doctrine of Consubstantiation implies. It was and is merely a type or representative of the body of Christ. Jesus blessed the cup and gave to them saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

After the meal Jesus proceeded to take a towel and wash the disciples feet. In John 13:14 Jesus said, "If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." There are people who deny that this is an ordinance of the Gospel, but Jesus here tells us to do this, and he does not tell us we ought to partake of the Lord's Supper. Others would say this was traditional, but again a closer study of God's word will show that this was not a tradition, but Jesus

actually inaugurated a new ordinance for our spiritual benefit.

Now, of what importance is there in the believers participating in these two ordinances of the gospel?

First, we reaffirm our faith in the bodily death, burial and resurrection of Christ for the atonement of our sins.

Second, we show a desire to obey the teachings of our Lord. Jesus implies that we should eat of the Lord's Supper, and He definitely states that we ought to wash the saints feet.

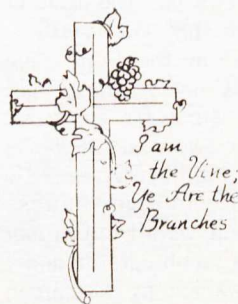
Third, my love and appreciation for Christ is revealed in this service. All of us who know Christ as our Saviour cannot help but experience a lump in our throat when we hear the words of Jesus, "Take eat, this is my body, which is given for you."

Fourth, I confess to the world that I'm on the Lord's side. I testify for all to hear that I have accepted the broken body of my Lord on Calvary, the spilled blood of Christ has washed my sins away, and I trust in this Jesus to justify me before God.

Fifth, it makes me happy. Some of the greatest moments of my Christian experience have been mine when I met with a few of God's people to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. Then in deepest humility, bowed before my brother and washed his feet. Jesus said in John 13:17 - "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

And last, it causes me to remember to remember the love God has for me; to remember the cost of my redemption; to remember that Jesus has saved me; and to remember that he expects me to keep myself clean and unspotted from the world.

James McAllister
1112 East 77th St.
Kansas City, Missouri
Central Free Will Baptist Church



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in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

We are few in number but may we go forth in this new year and labor more for the Lord. May we have a renewed vigor to do God's will in everything that we plan to do.

We can step forth into the unknown new year ahead, wide awake and alive to our opportunities and responsibilities with the help of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let Christ direct our thoughts away from the darkness of night into the light of the dawn. Maybe the pastor does step on our toes, perhaps, the reason for this is that our toes are not what they should be. He is only preaching God's Holy Word with the directing of the Holy Spirit. Let us all pull together throughout the State to see that God's work grows and grows and grows.

We here at the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church desire the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ that we may be one of the growing churches. On December 31st, we had the privilege of hearing Rev. Dean Dickey of Independence, Missouri. He used as his text Matthew 28:16-20. During this service several special songs were sung, refreshments were served and as the old year went out and the new year was coming in, we were in the spirit of prayer.

In July of 1965, we called as our pastor, Rev. Frank Johnson of Belton, Missouri. Pray for this young man as he leads the church.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Emerson and Cedar Streets, Flat River, Mo. was Sunday evening, December 19. The first part of the program was presented by the Nursery, Beginner, Primary and Junior departments and included poems and songs.

The adult program was "A Child Shall Lead Them." The music between the acts of the play was by the church pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest M. Kennedy and also selections by the Junior-Intermediate Choir which is directed by Ardell Polk.

Mrs. Bob Vineyard served as organist and Miss Midge Wilson served as pianist.



February, 1966

LETTER FROM FOURTH CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS

6926 Mackenzie Road
Affton, Mo. 63123

Dear Bro. Hill and Gem Readers,

....I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms 122:1.

My heart was made to rejoice when I went to the house of God, because it was there at an old fashioned altar that I gave my life to Jesus. And down through the years as I have walked with Him, I have seen the manifestation of the Holy Spirit as He leads me day by day.

Bro. Hill, as we enter into a new calendar year, we can look back at the many blessings God has bestowed upon us here at the Fourth Church in St. Louis throughout last year.

He has blessed the Sunday School so that our attendance has almost doubled. During the year the record was broken six times and now stands at 165. The average for December was 138. Bro. Louis Willhite is our superintendent, Sis. Virginia Willhite, the secretary.

He has blessed in the C.T.S. also. December 19th we had a record 76 attending. Thank God for this department of the church program. In the church of tomorrow may well be these that have been an active member of the Church Training Service. The president, myself, the secretary, Sis. Virginia Willhite.

I have written of the wonderful services we have been a part of the past year. I don't believe I have ever been in a church that has worked harder than the entire church here. Through prayer, visitation, witnessing, giving of our lives and our talents to our Saviour. He has answered in ways that have brought the church, as a whole, closer to God.

When a church gets a burden for lost souls, such as we have, the awards are bountiful.

In the year that has passed there were a total of 113 saved in our various services, homes, hospitals, prayer meetings. Near 70 of this number were first time conversions. God truly loves a working church.

Rev. H. T. Dann, our pastor, is truly under the leadership of God. His messages are indeed Heaven sent. He is always ready to witness to our loved ones, our neighbors, wheresoever we may ask him to go. We have come to love him, his family, and this people very much. It is a blessing to work with Christians such as these.

Bro. Dann and myself visited in the hospital with my nephew, Marvin Thomas, who had had a stroke and was partially

paralyzed. He also had lost his voice. This boy had never known the presence of God. After speaking with him, we asked if he would like to know Jesus. He answered by nodding his head. Yes, yes, oh God, we prayed, if it would be Thy will, take the sin from this lad, nevertheless, not our will but Thine be done.

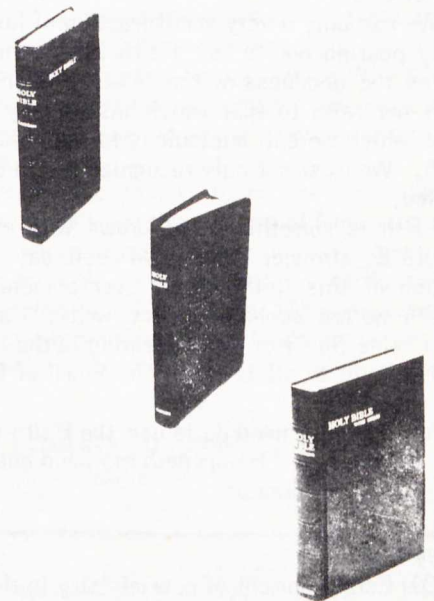
Need I say more? Marvin accepted the Saviour that day and was able to walk from the hospital a few days later to spend the holidays at home. He has since regained his voice and praising God for what He has done for him.

He can do the same for all who but ask God to forgive them.

Pray for us as we continue to be witnesses for Jesus throughout the St. Louis area and throughout the uttermost parts of the world.

Leamon L. Killian
Reporter

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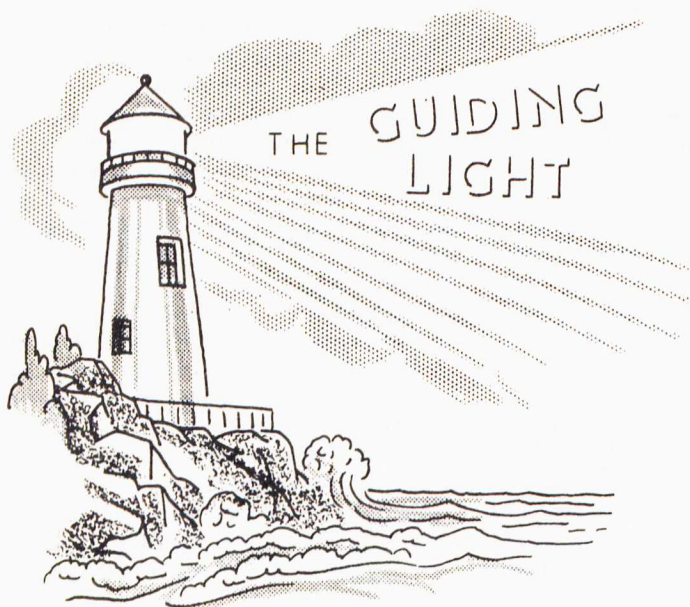


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FAITH

The Scriptures that speak to us of faith are too innumerable to mention. I want to use the two verses we are more familiar with. Ephesians 2:8-9. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. We recognize that grace is the gift of God, but often fail to accept faith as God's gift also.

Faith is an unmerited favor, it is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We use only a very small fraction of faith that God is continually pouring out to us. Faith has no limitations. Faith believes the goodness of the universe is unlimited. We must not limit our faith to that which has already been accomplished. That which we call miraculous is only natural with God through faith. We must not only recognize the faith in God but the faith of God.

Faith is something that grows with experience. My faith should be stronger today than yesterday. We use only a small portion of this faith that is ever present for us. This is the reason we are so helpless and weak. Faith is an attribute of the Divine Spirit of God operating in the life of man, this faith is available to all because the Spirit of God is no respecter of persons.

All that men need do is use the Faith which is God's gift to all. David said "He openeth his hand and satisfieth the desire of every living creature."

Faith gives peace and confidence. Faith will cause us to believe the words of Jesus speaking of the mustard seed, He said nothing shall be impossible unto you. Nothing can hinder God's richest blessings upon us, nothing but the lack of Faith.

Where there is no faith there is no prayer at least there is no prayer that will remove mountains.

Faith removes mountains, overcomes the world, brings sure success. In each of our churches and lives the measure of blessings will be according to the measure of our faith. Recall with me that incident when Jesus came to visit Nazareth, His old home town, His own neighborhood where He was reared. He came with many blessings if they would accept "but" it is recorded He did no mighty works there because of their unbelief.

"Faith has healing power." The centurion came to Jesus to ask that his servant be healed. Jesus said, Go thy way and as thou hast believed (or had faith) so be it done unto thee. Jesus said, I have not found so great a faith, no, not in all Israel.

The woman used the faith which God gave, and said, if I can but touch the hem of His garment I will be healed.

"Faith" believes, in our presence are the powers of a God who makes us complete in everything.

Rev. Dale Jones
First Church
Lebanon, Missouri

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- (3) Establishment of new ministry in the City of Sapporo.
- (4) Beginning of rural film evangelism.
- (5) Beginning of radio ministry.
- (6) The meeting of the Hokkaido Association in January.

These ministries are being made possible through the prayers and gifts of Free Will Baptist churches and individuals who have accepted the challenge to have an active part in the work in Hokkaido, Japan. Thank you for your prayers and gifts. Pray for us as we go in person to the mission field that we will be found faithful unto Him.

ABOUT THE CALVERYS

Millions bowing in homage to man-made gods of stone.... millions praying to spirits of dead ancestors....this is the Japan to which Wesley and Aileen Calvery became the first Free Will Baptist missionaries.

Wesley, born in Texas on May 27, 1929, realized while at Page 14

Free Will Baptist Bible College that God wanted him on the mission field. Aileen, born March 3, 1928, in Arkansas, also received the Lord's call while attending Bible College.

The Calverys arrived in Japan in 1954. After completing language study they travelled to the northern-most island of the chain that makes up Japan. Choosing the northeast corner of Hokkaido as the first area for development, they moved into the town of Bihoro.

The task wasn't an easy one. The highly educated Japanese, steeped in pagan Shintoism or Buddhism, does not quickly become Christian.

Yet some were saved. Today three churches are established in Hokkaido at Bihoro, Abashiri and Koshimizu. Two other missions are maintained.

During their third term, the Calverys are initiating Free Will Baptist ministries in Sapporo, the capitol of Hokkaido, with a population of more than 700,000 and located in the southwest.

The Calverys have two children: Rebecca, born June 3, 1954, and Jonothan, October 25, 1956.

Free Will Baptist Gem

MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS
DECEMBER, 1965

Cooperative Plan	\$241.52
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Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove.....	1.00
Faith FWB Wom. Aux., Lemay	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Wagner, Willow Springs	5.00
Rev. O. T. Allred, Cabool.....	5.00
Leadington FWB Ch., Leadington.....	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Alexander, Monett	10.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Simon, Florissant	20.00
First FWB Ch., Jefferson City	15.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	20.00
Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	10.00
Total Receipts.....	\$508.88

(A word from your National Home Mission Board)
THERE IS A LEAK IN THE MOLASSES BARREL
By Mark Vandivort

Recently, I attended the Mississippi State Association where I heard an interesting challenge from Rev. M. L. Hollis, pioneer Free Will Baptist pastor in the state of Mississippi. The state meeting convened at the Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church which was the first church established in the state of Mississippi under Brother Hollis' ministry. Brother Hollis testified that he had established 13 Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Mississippi which are now strong, progressive churches. Brother Hollis has also been instrumental in establishing several churches in other states.

Brother Hollis drew some interesting observations concerning the current conditions in our denomination. By way of illustration, he referred back to the good old days when Mississippi families relied heavily on the sweet molasses from the sugar cane which is abundant in this state. I know this to be a fact for I have taken some of these molasses back to my home in Tennessee. Brother Hollis explained how the molasses were stored in 50 gallon barrels. When the family needed molasses, they would go out to the barrel and draw a pitcher of molasses for use on the table or for cooking. Sometimes, a leak would spring in the barrel and the molasses would begin dripping away. Whereupon, the man of the house would immediately take measures to repair the leak because the leaking molasses barrel meant that an important source of sustenance for the family was gradually dripping away.

Brother Hollis observed that for the past several years, Free Will Baptist people have been on the move. Basically, they have been moving from rural to urban communities. Many of these people have been lost to the strength and fellowship of our denomination as families move into cities where there are no

Free Will Baptist churches. Some of our people have aligned themselves with other denominations; however, many have neglected their church attendance and have back-slidden in their faithfulness to Jesus Christ. This exodus from our Free Will Baptist churches is still going on and it is a situation that should demand our attention. May God help us to be concerned enough to start doing more about it. It is the interest of our National Home Missions Board to assist whenever possible in establishing a Free Will Baptist church in cities where we do not have a church and where our people are establishing new residences. It is also a primary concern of our Home Missions Board and Church Extension workers to establish a Bible preaching witness in some of the many towns and cities where there is very little witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. It would be virtually impossible, of course, for our National Home Missions Board to establish a church in every town and city where our Free Will Baptist people are establishing new residences.

Actually, the basic responsibility and greatest potential for response is found in the people themselves who are doing the moving. It has been most encouraging during the past several months to receive various reports from Free Will Baptist groups who are congregating together and establishing a nucleus for New Free Will Baptist churches. These groups afford excellent opportunities for church extension projects from the local church or quarterly meeting, or perhaps even the state association. Sometimes, just a little encouragement and temporary financial help will give a new group that added boost which is needed to get a new church established. This also presents a great challenge for a pastor who can supply capable leadership and who may be able to temporarily provide some of his own support.

A great challenge and responsibility rests on the local church to train and encourage their people when they move away to be used of God as instruments in establishing a Free Will Baptist church. It is of eternal importance that families who move away should stay in fellowship with and in active service for our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

I would like to encourage pastors to be very sure to help families who are moving to learn the address of Free Will Baptist churches in the area to which they are moving. Also, it is important to write to Free Will Baptist pastors, notifying them of the arrival of a new family. This may mean the difference in a family staying with our denomination. It should be of great concern that they continue in faithful service in a good Bible preaching church.

MISSOURI FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS
DECEMBER, 1965

C. T. Christensen, Pleasant Hill	\$ 5.00
Cooperative Plan.....	437.75
Lee Bunton, Liberal.....	10.00
Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church	142.00
Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold	20.00
South Side Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis ..	75.00
L. P. Fry, Mountain Grove	2.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington	89.27
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church	25.30
Missouri State Association	216.85
First Free Will Baptist Church, Fredericktown ...	40.00
Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Mtn. Grove .	15.00
New Rock Springs Church, Mountain Grove	23.50
Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall	10.00
Garfield Free Will Baptist Church, Couch	20.00
Jewell Maberry, Greenfield	75.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenfield	26.95
Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge	44.75
Cope Free Will Baptist Church, Hartville	121.68

Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Willow Springs FWB Church, Mountain Grove	11.70
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Ch., Flat River	500.00
John McAllister, Lebanon	10.00
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church, Liberal.....	26.18
Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Avondale	65.47
Pleasant Hope FWB Church, Vanzant	60.00
Merl's Chapel Church, Cassville	10.00
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	25.00
Greater District Quarterly Meeting, Independence .	100.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton	40.78
Aulsbury Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington ...	15.00
Leadington Free Will Baptist Church	10.00
Central Free Will Baptist Church, Kansas City ...	205.90
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton	167.70
Berkeley City Free Will Baptist Church	138.00
Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge	15.00
Adult S. S. Class, Arnold.....	22.00
CTS, Berkeley City	200.00
Valentine Arnold, Florissant	37.00
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River .	152.00
Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church	40.34
Master's Men, Farmington	656.50
Union Light, Marquand	24.20
Rev. Melba White, Gower	25.00
Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	1.00
Total	\$3,978.82



THE ROBIRDS
Don, Carol, Judy, Terri and Steve
A MESSAGE FROM THE ROBIRDS

We are rejoicing that we have finished language school at last and are now living in the city of Piracicaba. It is still very difficult to preach in Portuguese, but we enjoy trying because we know that these people need to hear the wonderful news of salvation.

The crowds have dropped off some from the original "curiosity seeking" group. We have had some children who have been stopped by their Catholic parents. Others we just don't know about. It is a situation that is going to demand prayer and work. Do pray for us.

Now we are having Sunday School, evening evangelistic service and Thursday night Bible study. It is difficult to keep up with this in a new language. We have to study vocabulary to

use as well as the lesson to teach.

We will now also be more involved in the literature program and, the Lord willing, will have some literature available soon.

To you who have been so faithful throughout this year in prayer and giving to keep us on the field, we would like to give a picture of our family to be put before the people to keep them reminded that during this coming year also, we are going to be needing your continued prayers and support.

May the Lord bless you throughout the New Year, and our desire is to win others here to be placed on your account. (Phil. 4:17).

Your Servants for Christ,
Don and Carol Robirds and Family

HOME MISSION BOARD
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Dear Friend in Missions:

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

Thirty-two men and women have heard the Lord say "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" They have answered and said, "Here am I; send me". They have given up families, homes and jobs to go to towns and cities in North America to establish a Free Will Baptist witness for Christ.

These men and women went out in faith believing that God would provide their needs through the Free Will Baptist people. They felt that those who could not support them financially would support them by consistent prayer.

Many great and wonderful things have been done because of the faithful prayers of Christians. J. Hudson Taylor, while home in England from China, prayed for 24 missionaries to go back to China with him. His friends discouraged this type of prayer. But, when Taylor sailed for China, he had his 24 missionaries, excluding himself, plus \$53,000.

Seven of our missionary families' accounts are over \$500 in the red. They are as follows: Carl and Ann Johnson, Bessie Yeley, Mack and Jackie Owens, Luther and Helen Sanders, Lewis and Kathleen Perry, Richard and Tippy Shade and Ken and Lou Walker (not presently receiving financial support from the Home Mission office). If one man, Hudson Taylor, could pray for 24 missionaries and get them and \$53,000 too, how much could be accomplished by the united prayers of hundreds of Free Will Baptists?

Free Will Baptist missions will grow according to our sincere prayers and witness. How much will missions grow according to your prayers and witness???

Sincerely in Christ,
Rosie Crisher
Secretary

