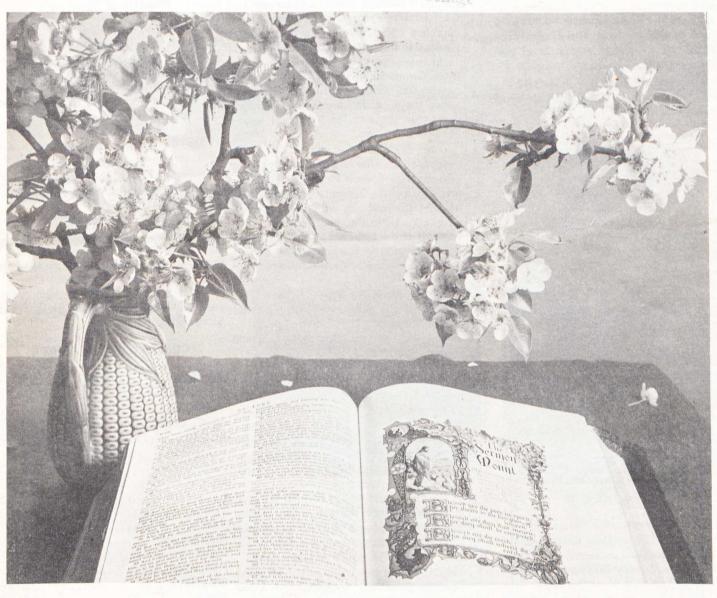
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#### Promotional Secretary's Corner

I began the first of the year by attending the New Year's Eve Watch Service with the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri and their pastor, Rev. Virgil Maness. I had the privilege to deliver the Sunday evening message, January 2, at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri.

On January 7-8 the Madison County Quarterly Meeting was held at the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church and I was chosen by the program committee to bring the Friday night message. This entire Quarterly Meeting contributes through the Co-operative Program of giving. These churches also give some designated pledges to the work at Cape Girardeau.

In response to an invitation from the Cape Girardeau Mission and their fine pastor, Don Jones, I delivered both mesthe names of prospects to the pastor, pects for the mission look real good. Pray for this work.

The St. Louis District Youth Rally assembled with the Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church Friday night, January 21, and the District Quarterly Meeting met the next day with the church in Overland. There was good representation from all of the churches. The St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting opened a mission in O'Fallon, Missouri with first services being on January 30th. This mission is sponsored by the local Home Mis-Home Mission Board.

The Sunnyview Church near Lebanon hosted the Laclede County Quarterly Meeting January 29th with each of their churches present with delegates. They gave an offering to the Missouri Cooperative Fund. The Niangua Fifth Sunday Meeting met with the New Prospect Church on January 30th. I was privileged to participate in the preaching services. The New Prospect Church gave an offering to the Co-Operative Fund.

Pastor Leland Horton and the Mission in Rolla obtained the use of the Seven Day Adventist Church building for worship services on Sunday morning and evening, also for the Wednesday evening service. The location of this building is 610 West Seventh Street and Highway 63. I had the privilege of bringing the evening message there on the first day of services that they had, on January 30th. There were sixteen persons in attendance and one young lady was saved. This mission is also off to a good start, thus helping to carry out the command of our Lord and

Saviour Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel of Luke in the 24th chapter, "And



HARRY BEATTY Promotional Secretary

repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

Remember this work in prayer and send Rev. Leland Horton, #3 King Drive, Rolla, Missouri 65401.

The Co-Operative receipts were real good for the month of January with 35 churches contributing. The Co-Operative Plan of Support puts your church in touch with the world.

Available at your Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Mo. 63111 are the following items: Bibles of all types, study books, guiz books, and other type of books for church use; and other church supplies. Be sure to get sion Board in cooperation with the State your materials from your State Book Store and help us grow.

#### **COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS**

Viburnum	\$ 131.64
Fredericktown	301.86
Twin City	41.00
Merl's Chapel	62.25
Monett	143.10
Parkview	89.68
Farmington	118.23
Hannon	21.53
Carterville	14.65
Trinity	100.00
Thayer	44.69
Pleasant Home	23.72
Flat River, First	167.15
Faith & Hope	14.00
Oskaloosa	28.66
Victory	131.27
Twin Oaks	60.00
Festus	59.00
Mt. Valley	40.47
Pleasant Hill	21.70
Rock Chapel	21.79
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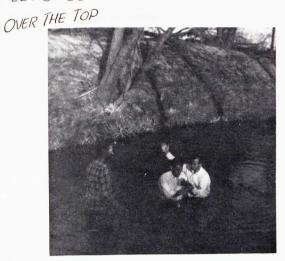
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MISSOURI STATE REPORT OF THE MILEY'S TRAVEL FUND ACCOUNT

Received and deposited in states treasury:

Cave Springs Association\$ Victory - Central Western Ass'n Hannon - Central Western Ass'n	119.93 45.00 50.00
Son Light Sunday School Missionary Conference - Mission and Union	
Associations	50.00 125.00
January Total\$	389.93
Suggested Quota\$1, Received to date, Feb. 1, 1966	,200.00 585.53
Total needed to reach the Goal\$	614.47

Harry Beatty, Treasurer



Baptismal Services, Olivet FWB Church, Marshall, Mo.

#### OLIVET CHURCH, MARSHALL, MO. REPORTS THE LORD IS STILL BLESSING

We have been enjoying good services and the Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. During the past two months we have had five conversions and a number of rededications and decisions for Christ.

Our baptismal services which were held a few months ago were well attended as two young men followed the example of our Lord in baptism.



Group attending baptismal services of the Olivet FWB Church.

Work on our new church **b**uilding continues and the progress is evident.

Our pastor, Rev. Junior Ussery, can be heard on KMMO radio, Marshall, Mo. each Sunday morning from 9:15 - 9:30. We pray for him as he sends forth the message from the Word of God that it may reach many hearts here and in surroudning areas.

The Young People of our church meet each Monday night for services. They are studying from the book of Mark and have had good attendance.

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# THE

# MISSION



FIELDS

JANUARY REPORT OF THE MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

A teenager was saved last Sunday evening, January 30, in the Rolla Mission. This is what is called the "results of missions." There were 14 in attendance in this first Sunday service in Rolla. They have been meeting during the week prior to this. However, the Lord has been blessing.

The Cape Mission has been a little slower this month because of the adverse weather conditions and sickness. The average has been approximately 20 in Sunday School. The enthusiasm has been high as God has led them beyond expectation. They have purchased a 2 1/2 acre parcel of land in the northern edge of Cape. This land is located in the growing part of town on one of the main paved streets of the city. It is a fine location. They are expected to erect the first phase of building by fall of 1966.

We are happy to report a new mission starting in O'Fallon, Mo. They are starting with six families at present. More will be reported later

The budget was more than met this past month. We thank God for it. We needed to exceed because of the lack of meeting it before.

The following contributed this month:
Copper Mines, Fredericktown \$ 5.00
Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting 15 00
AVIIII Creek, Fredericktown 15 00
State Woman's Auxiliary
20 00
Mileri's Chapel, Cassville
50 00
Central Church, Kansas City
Waster's Men, Thayer
15 00
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Hazel Creek, Kirksville
*Overland Church, St. Louis
Coop Fund, State Association
*First time contributors under present set-up
The above are did

The above special recognition is given to the new contributors, however, we also want to commend these pastors for leading their churches to support State Home Missions. These pastors are Lloyd Durbin, Mill Creek Church; Bob King, First, Farmington; Otho Boyd, Merl's Chapel, Cassville; Bud Hill, First, Monett, and Harry Asher, Overland Church, St. Louis.

The \$25.00 check from Overland Church was given in memory of Brother Lynn Tight. Your church might adopt this plan of support - that of a memorial to those who have passed on.

However you give God will reward you. Every church established adds souls to the book of life and that is our prime objective in this old world. Pray and give and go!



Mission Protestante B.P. 24 Koun par Agnibilekrou Republic of Ivory Coast, West Africa

Dear Brother Bud,

Dust, "rubboard" dirt roads and hot, muggy weather are usually enough to discourage most anyone - but not this year. God is blessing "too good".

The French Bible Institute is operating, village evangelism is going full-speed ahead; and plans call for both a boys' camp and, for the first time, a girls' camp this summer. God is good. His goodness toward us was seen in part as each missionary reported how God had led him the past 12 months. Statistically, there were 166 conversions. There are now about 620 Free Will Baptists in regular attendance in some 36 different places. But statistics fail to reveal the joy as we see someone come to the Lord for whom we have prayed or to see a new village open up. Statistics fail also to show the disappointment that touches the heart when one gives up the struggle to return to paganism; or, worse still, to a fetish form of Catholicism. In many ways these things that statistics fail to reveal are the most important out here, because they are the source of day by day encouragement. They are the results of your prayers.

This year of 1966 has a special promise for us. There seems to be a breath of revival in the air - God grant that it will sweep the Ivory Coast! Before us are the greatest possibilities ever. To meet this challenge, we have definite need of your prayers, especially for the Bible Institute and the youth camps which will be August 29 through September 4. We also need more personnel. God grant that we will not fail.

We sincerely appreciate what all of you in Missouri have done and are doing. May God bless you richly for it as we labor together with Him this year.

In Christ, Bill Jones



Part of our Vacation Bible School at the Church in Hawaii.

Caixa Postal 50 Araras, Sao Paulo

Hello there ...

We have a cracker box on our desk for letters to be answered and this time it is full of beautiful Christmas cards and letters. The mail service seems to be a little slow during the season's rush so we are still receiving Christmas cards. It was wonderful of everyone to remember us during this time and we are probably just a little bit spoiled now to having something in our mail box about every day.

You know how the "week before" is when you are dealing with church calendars. Well, we are having a busy one now. Next Monday, the 24th, begins our Daily Vacation Bible School. In

Portuguese it's "Escola Biblica de Ferias".

We can't buy material in Portuguese for our schools so we have to piece together a theme with material we can translate from English or write a completely new one. Then there are work books to type, invitations and attendance certificates to draw, and handcraft materials to gather for each class.

The material and lessons have to be presented and explained to the ones who will help long before the school starts. Usually neither your teachers nor pupils are acquainted with Vacation Bible Schools. However, it has proven to be a good means for reaching homes and hearts that usually would not be allowed to go to a protestant church. We are looking forward to great blessings from the Lord the next week.

In spite of our language difficulty, the Lord has blessed in the services here at our church and there have been several decisions for rededication and for salvation. How wonderful it is to hear the testimonies of people in our church whose lives have been gloriously changed by the miracle of salvation. After spending the last six or more years preparing in Bible College, on itinerary and in language school for this opportunity, it is almost more than you can take to see a lost soul bow his head and encounter for the first time the Truth, our precious Christ.

And because of many of you this is possible. We just wish that you could be here personally to see the results of your praying and giving in order to offer the Gospel of our Lord to these people. But because you can't be here, we thank you once again for what you mean to us and the ministry of Christ here in Brazil.

Please pray that the Lord will call forth more to come and help us.

Love in Christ, Jim and Shirley Combs

## SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett, Church Extension Workers



Dear friend,

More than three months have passed since we arrived in Seattle to begin the work of establishing a Free Will Baptist Church here. God has richly blessed and in many ways has shown His approval of this effort. We want to share with you some of the ways He has blessed.

We found two families here, the Ronald Winkles and the Orvil Thurmans, who were anxious for a Free Will Baptist church to be established. They have been the backbone of our work so far. Others have shown a growing interest and seem to be well

on the way to becoming totally involved.

Having found a nucleus of people to work with, our next step was to find a place to worship. We found two locations which seemed to have good possibilities. One was a church building in Renton, Washington, (a smaller city on the Southeastern edge of Seattle) which is owned by an Assembly of God church. The other was a place in the county a few blocks south of the Seattle city limits, which is owned by a Pilgrim Holiness Church. They had used it to start their church and had moved to better quarters. We chose the latter place. It has three buildings on it. One building, measuring 24' by 32', was built originally for a cabinet shop but makes a fine sanctuary. Another building is a dwelling house with a kitchen, two bath rooms, two rooms that make excellent class rooms, one room is well suited for a nursery and another room which can be used for a class room. A third building is a garage which has been made into a nice class room. We were able to get this place for \$40 the first month we used it, \$50 the second month, and just this week, we signed a one year lease which will give it to us until January 15, 1967, for \$80 per month.



The Free Will Baptist church in Vancouver, Washington gave us some money and a pulpit, and the church in Wenatchee, Washington, gave us some money to help pay our rent, 57 Broadman Hymnals and seven 16' pews. The pews are exactly the right number and length to fit neatly into our sanctuary and give us a seating capacity of about seventy-five.

There are three tithing families in the church and others who give liberal offerings. These tithes and offerings, gifts from our other churches in Washington, low rent for the first two months, and free Sunday school literature for our first order, has allowed us to buy a used piano and several other needed items without financial difficulty during our beginning state. Thank God for His people who love Him and support His cause!

As for our support, while we have been here working; we thank you that we have not had to worry about that. Our account was in the red for only one brief period. The past several state-

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# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

## MARCH

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3-7: Bible Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College.

April 19 - State Woman's Auxiliary Workshop, Joplin First Free Will Baptist Church.

April 4-8 - Pre-Week of Prayer - Offerings go to the National Foreign Mission Department.

#### **AUXILIARIES REPORTING**

West Plains - Free Will Baptist
Lebanon - First Free Will Baptist
Cabool - First Free Will Baptist
Flat River - Fellowship Free WillBaptist
State Officers: Lucille Beatty, President
Verna Malone,
Missions Chairman
Joplin - First Free Will Baptist

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#### \$75.00 FOR MILEYS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met at the church on Monday night, Feb. 7, 1966 for their co-laborer study with 19 ladies present. The program, "Keys to Evangelism in Brazil," was given. A talk was given on our missionary in Brazil by Pat Morris. Business was then taken care of. Coupons were Page 6

#### **Revival Crusade Month**



APRIL 19, 1966 Joplin, Mo., 2301 Connecticut First Free Will Baptist Church



Featured Speaker - Mrs. Miley
Informative Ideas - Interesting Program

Mrs. Jean Williams, Study Course Chm.

sent to the orphanage, nine get-well cards and two sympathy cards were sent. We voted to send Dr. and Mrs. Miley \$75.00 to be used for their travel fund account. Dismissed by Mary Grieshaber.

Let us use our hands to accept the keys so the gospel of our Lord may be preached in all the world.

Della Getz Corresponding Secretary

MEET YOUR STATE PRESIDENT



"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Ecclesiastes 11:1

I have just finished reading the Woman's page which I received today and I felt inspired to write a note of commendation and appreciation to all our auxiliaries over the state for the fine work that is being done. I especially appreciate the efforts exerted by our treasurer and editor in bringing us this helpful information. I believe I detect a more systematic form of giving. (Treasury report, February issue).

I am wondering how many of our auxiliaries have considered and adopted the suggested budget plan discussed at our State Convention. (Article 10 in Resolutions Report.) We, at Southside, are Free Will Baptist Gem

well pleased with this plan in our auxiliary. I would like to urge all presidents to re-read the resolutions and keep them before the local auxiliary. The State Convention is only as strong as the local auxiliaries of which it is composed. We are all aware that our local work is the vital organ of the body. It requires strong leadership with vision and determination to carry on regardless of the many obstacles along the way.

Discouragement - is the devil's chief tool that is used against our Woman's Auxiliaries. It is a very contagious disease. We can all help to defeat this ailment by attending and participating in auxiliary efforts. Nothing defeats the enthusiasm of a president like empty pews. But to the presidents, patience is a virtue which is a necessity to you. We must be patient of the faults and imperfections in others, for we have many of our own. If we are unable to make of ourselves what we desire to be, how can we expect to mould others in conformity to our will.

The Christian life is an enlistment for the entire being and for life. The call of Christ is a call to detach ourselves from many things in order that we may attach ourselves to one thing. I trust our auxiliaries statewide are reaching out through enlistment efforts to harvest reapers. I especially would desire to see a harvest of young women for auxiliary work.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the State Workshop April 19 in Joplin, Mo.

Your President, Lucille Beatty

#### I NEED YOUR HELP

On a special occasion a young lady was asked, "Who do you think is the greatest person in the world?" I do not remember her reply but if I had been asked that same question my answer would have been, "One who is willing to give his life so that another might live." The person I have in mind is a missionary. A missionary does give his life that others may have eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am your State Missions Chairman and with the help of the Lord I want to fulfill my responsibility to you and to God. In order for me to do this I need your help. I am asking that you send me the name and address of your local auxiliary Missions Chairman.

It is very important that we keep well informed of the latest developments in our Missionary Program.

I shall be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Your State Missions Chairman Verna Malone March, 1966 LOOKING FORWARD TO STATE WORKSHOP

Joplin Woman's Auxiliary has been enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We had our week-of-prayer for Christmas in December with an offering of \$25.00 for Home Missions. January an Enlistment Tea was held which was a wonderful success. February we had our monthly meeting, and also an offering of \$15.00 for Mack Owens. We send \$5.00 a month to Foreign Missions. We are looking forward to the State Workshop which will be held at our Church April 19.

Mrs. Fern Ellis

#### ANOTHER MILE FOR THE MILEYS

On February 8th nineteen members of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary assembled for their monthly meeting. There were five visitors.

We decided to give \$1.00 each to our treasurer for her to send for the state project "Another Mile for the Miley's".

The Auxiliary elected Sister Clara Allen to fill the new office of Missions Chairman. The new manuals of the Woman's Auxiliary were passed out at this meeting.

The Study Course Chairman and Program Prayer Chairman are working on a study course and Pre-Easter Week of Prayer.

Sister Nettie Bennett was in charge of the program in the absence of our Program Prayer Chairman. Sister Phyllis Miller sang, "The Keys to the Kingdom."

The topics were given and we were dismissed in prayer.

Gay Combs Corresponding Secretary

#### HEARTS FOR CHRIST

A special enlistment program was held by the Woman's Auxiliary at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Mo. on Thursday night, January 27, at 7:30. The basement of the church was decorated, carrying out the theme of "Hearts for Christ", using hearts, red and white streamers, and baskets of beautiful pink gladiolus.

The evening opened with songs "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations," and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." The welcome was given by Verna Malone. Followed with prayer by Rachel Milburn. Then song, "Our Best."

The program, "Woman's Auxiliary Queens" was emceed by Wanda Ragsdale. Each of the auxiliary officers were intro-

duced and asked why they thought they should be "Queen". They told what their duties of their office required so the visitors would understand the purpose and goal of the auxiliary is each lady that belongs to the auxiliary was recognized with a heart pinned on her. The old members, red hearts, new members, blue hearts, and all visitors, white hearts.

There were 41 ladies present; 13 old members, 12 new members and 16 visitors. At the end of the service seven visitors joined the auxiliary, giving a total membership of 34.

The program was ended with all ladies joining hands forming a circle, with a dedicatory prayer led by Norma Williams, followed by the singing of "Take My Life and Let It Be."

We thank the Lord for our auxiliary and what it is doing for the glory of our Lord. Pray for us that we may do more.

Della Getz Corresponding Secretary

#### HELPS ARTHUR BILLOWS

The Cabool First Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met February 8 for their regular monthly meeting. Our newly elected officers took charge. Estella Hanna, our president, called the meeting to order with singing, "Hand In Hand With Jesus." Seven members answered roll call with verses from the Bible containing the word "key". Coupons were turned in to send to our children's home in Tennessee. Motion made and seconded we send \$10.00 to the Arthur Billows account. Our Thanksgiving Week of Prayer offering was used to help prepare a basket for a needy family at Christmas time.

We continue with weekly visits to the rest home here in Cabool. At Christmas, gifts were made by members of the auxiliary and distributed to the aged folks at the rest home.

All members who can were urged to go to the missions district Woman's Auxiliary Quarterly meeting to be held in Springfield Grant Avenue Church.

Our meeting was turned over to our program chairman and a very interesting program entitled, "Keys to Evangelism in Brazil", was given. Meeting adjourned with altar prayer led by Ruby Montgomery.

Mrs. Jean Ellis Secretary-Treasurer



# TIPS

## for Church Reporters

By Merton Smith

Editor's Note: To make it easier for church correspondents to do their important work and publicize their churches more effectively, we have asked the writer to prepare this article. His suggestions are boiled down from many years experience as reporter and editor. We believe he knows the problems from both sides of the desk.

St. Paul's advice to "let everything be done decently and in order" is very applicable to reporting church news. Many church reporters have had little or no experience in this work, hence the suggestions which follow should be helpful.

In the effort to condense this article into as few words as possible, some statements may appear dogmatic. This is not the intention of the writer, for he is interested only in helping the reporter with his (or her) important job.

The church reporter should be chosen with care. If possible, he should possess a fair knowledge of English and the ability to write it. However, "polished" writing is NOT essential. What all editors want most are the facts, plainly and legibly written. Therefore a "nose for news" is more essential than writing or spelling ability. The editor has people who can rewrite the items if necessary, but he must have the facts on which to draw.

#### WHAT IS NEWS?

Generally, anything anyone does or is going to do that will interest other people. This is a good point to keep in mind. It isn't news to say "attendance is increasing." If you can be specific, give figures and reasons why, then this fact does become news.

"Names make the news." Names are VERY important if they contribute to the news value of the item. But just a list of people attending some local event is NOT news, usually, except to those who were there. Names, if used, should always be complete, and spelled properly. Not just "Bro. Jones," but "Bro. Charles Jones."

Newsmen check their "stories" by the "Five Ws." They are: Who, What, When, Where, and Why or How, if applicable. WHO did or will do it? WHAT did he or they do, or what will he or they do? WHEN? WHERE? And HOW or WHY, or for what purpose? These questions must be answered to make a story complete.

Let's apply them to a short fictitious item:

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"The Christian Endeavor Society of the Main Street General Baptist Church held a bazaar in the church basement Saturday, Dec. 00. Proceeds were \$145.00, to be applied toward the cost of erecting a new Sunday School classroom. Stephen Jones is president of the Society."

This item would be suitable for your local paper. If you are writing for the Gem you will, of course, omit the church name, since this appears on the first sheet of your letter. This item gives all the information needed by people who once lived in your community or who are acquainted with your church; it also shows that your CE Society is alert and active. These are the points you want to get over.

If there had been some kind of contest connected with the bazaar, you would also mention that, together with names of prize winners.

Test your news items by asking yourself, "Would I be interested in this if I lived at a distance and knew only some of the people in that church?"

#### USE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

While the primary concern here is with church letters to the Gem, you should also furnish news to local newspapers and radio and TV stations. Try to give them the news in advance; an item telling what is going to occur is more likely to be used. Sometimes you can get publicity twice on the same affair by furnishing an advance announcement, than a report after the event takes place. This should be handed in immediately. It will help if you are personally acquainted with the editor or reporter to whom the story is given. Remember, all editors want and welcome genuine news.

#### YOU HAVE COMPETITION

Whether you are writing for the Gem or a local paper, you DO have competition for both space and time. Every publication has definite space limits. There's just so much room and no more.

And timing is important. If your report concerns a past event it may be sidetracked in favor of one that tells about something which will take place in the future, if the letters are of about equal importance in the editor's judgment. He weighs everything by its importance to a large number of his readers, not just a handful. His judgment may be wrong some times. He is only human, working under heavy pressure, against time. If he has to choose between a fairly well written story and one in an almost illegible scrawl - well, which would you choose?

You will sometimes see an unimportant "filler" item used and wonder why your news was left out. Well, most papers like the Gem are printed in two or more "press runs." All of the pages cannot be made up and printed at the same time. Hence really important news may occasionally be held over because it did not get to the editor in time for the first run, and the space in the second one had all been allocated. Or some material may be held overbecause it must be re-written before going to the type-setters — and there wasn't time to do this.

So timing is VERY important. Letters should be in as early as possible, especially if some items tell of future events.

#### **EDITORALIZING**

Generally, news letters should be just that: NEWS from your church that will interest other readers. If you want write something of personal opinion or belief, write it on a separate sheet. It will be given careful consideration, perhaps used at a later date.

The church reporter will, of course, avoid controversial matters or those which reflect lack of harmony. However, if you feel you have something worthwhile to contribute to a controversial subject that affects a substantial part of the denomination, write a separate article on the subject and sign it. Your name will not be published if you so request, but a signed article generally carries more weight with readers.

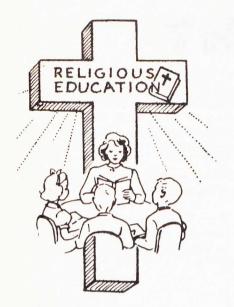
If you are a Sunday School teacher, be sure you do not unconsciously give your class undue prominence. It IS your class, and unless you watch yourself, ol' human nature may cause you to favor it unintentionally.

#### HOW OFTEN TO WRITE

This applies mainly to church letters. Write whenever you have news to report — and there's really more genuine news in your church than you think until you start looking for it!

It isn't necessary to write once week, and neither is it desirable to wait several months and then review everything in one letter. By that time much of your news is stale, and may result in the letter being so long that it will have to be cut or held until an even later date.

If you have just one "hot" news item, by all means send it in; news about a soul-saving revival, a new addition or building started, finished or dedicated, a newly chosen pastor, new officers elected, and so on. In the latter case be sure to give names; don't just say, "We elected new officers Dec. 00."



# NEWS FROMOUR COLLEGES

LIBRARY

"A" HONOR ROLL

Larry Mayhew, Tennessee (Senior)
Mike Trest, North Carolina (Junior)
LONNIE SKILES, MISSOURI, (Freshman)

"B" HONOR ROLL

#### BIBLE COLLEGE PLANS 23RD BIBLE CONFERENCE

Final plans are being made for the 23rd annual Bible Conference, held on Free Will Baptist Bible College campus, April 3-7. Two special speakers have been invited to address the conference: Rev. Patrick Henry, experienced evangelist with over 30 years in the ministry, and Rev. Eugene Waddell,

pastor of Cofers Chapel FWB Church.

Born and reared in Alabama, Rev. Pat Henry was ordained to the Baptist ministry in Mobile County. He has just completed four years of pastoral work in North Carolina and is returning to a full-time evangelistic ministry. He has been active in establishing Baptist churches in both the North and the South. Mr. Henry holds the B.A. degree from Bob Jones University and received his B.D. degree from Grace Theological Seminary. Concerning his ministry, Dr. Monroe Parker, president of Pillsbury College and past Bible Conference speaker, says, "He is loyal to the fundamentals of the faith and preaches the Word of God with an unusual insight and unique ability."

Rev. Eugene Waddell, who is well-known among Free Will Baptists, will also be a featured speaker for the conference. He is a graduate of the Bible College and travelled with the College quartet. Prior to his present pastorate in Nashville, he ministered in Garner, N. C., and edited the North Carolina state paper, The Witness. Waddell is presently serving on the

Foreign Missions Board.

Other speakers during the conference will include members of the Bible College faculty. Special music will be provided by the College choir, quartet, trio, and other groups. Based on previous years' attendance, it is estimated that between 500 and 600 people will attend the conference. A special Wednesday night service last year saw 1100 people present in Nashville's War Memorial Auditorium.

The services will open at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 3, and close Thursday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m.

#### BIBLE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 31 HONOR STUDENTS

With the first half of the school year completed, 31 students emerged from semester examinations with an average of "B" or higher. Three of that number maintained a straight "A" average for the first 18 weeks of school. Many of these students are studying for the ministry, several, with wives and families, even pastoring local Free Will Baptist churches. Listed below are the names of these 31 honor students:

March, 1966

Seniors:

Robert Bryan, Virginia Ronald Niebruegge, Tenn. Douglas Randlett, Maryland JACK STALLINGS, MISSOURI BILL VAN WINKLE, MISSOURI

Juniors:

Gregory Lewis, Mich. Larry Mongtomery, Oklahoma Thurman Pate, Tenn. James Sturgill, Tenn.

Sophomores:

Sue Gage, Oklahoma Brenda Grindstaff, Tenn. Sharon Hand, Georgia Mathel Mayo, Miss. Bessie Richards, Tenn. Robert Woodard, N. C. Freshmen:

Brenda Baxter, Georgia
Barbara Brewton, Georgia
A. B. Brown, N. C.
Carolyn Dail, N. C.
James Dixon, N. C.
Judy Felts, Tenn.
Juanita Hinton, N. C.
Dari Keifer, Idaho
Phyllis Pettus, Arkansas
Jerry Powell, Michigan
Kathy Tippett, N. C.
Lavinia Toole, Florida
Linda Williams, N. C.

#### COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEETS

In response to a resolution adopted by delegates to the 1965 State Association, the General Board has appointed a special committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing aliberal-arts junior college in Missouri. The committee (consisting of Othel T. Dixon, chairman; Russel B. Spurgeon; Clarence Burton; Teddy Davis; and Hubert L. Harral) met in Springfield on Tuesday, January 4, at the Grant Avenue Church.

The committee members report that they have noted favorable interest from both pastors and laymen in various parts of the state. While the committee has not as yet completed its survey and has not arrived at a final recommendation, the general consensus of its members seems to be that such a college is within the means of Missouri Free Will Baptists if they are convinced of the need. A report of the committee's work was presented to the Executive Board at its meeting in Springfield on January 18.

There are undoubtedly a considerable number of young Free Will Baptists not now attending college who might do so if a denominational school were open to them. In addition, there are several students who attend secular schools, and while they receive an education of unquestioned excellence, many are subsequently lost to the denomination because so few college towns in Missouri have Free Will Baptist churches. College training to page 12

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## SPACE FLIGHT

A promoter of space travel stated that the world is space conscious but not space minded, and if we do not accept the advances of civilization we have a 'gold fish bowl mind' and we eventually become stagnant.

If we are Christians, we are space minded. We have a Saviour in heaven who rules earth and heaven, and we expect to

travel through space to be with Him.

A space traveler must have sufficient desire to conquer space to be willing to leave the earth behind. Too many people today are not willing to leave the world behind. With so many wonderful modern conveniences and so much worldly pleasure, people have their hearts so set on earthly things it seems impossible to move them. But in Col. 3:1-2 - "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

To travel through space, there must be a specially built space ship. God has provided only one way for us all, and that is salvation through faith in His Son. John 14:6 - "Jesus saith unto him. I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Jn. 4:12 - "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus is the

way. Then why waste time traveling some other way?

There must be provisions in the space ship to meet the physical needs of the traveler. Ph. 4:19 - "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This includes both physical and spiritual. Jn. 6:35 - "Jesus said, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger--" Jn. 4:14 - "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst--" Mt. 5:6 - "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Christ never sends any away empty but those who are full of themselves. In His presence we find complete contentment and peace.

Rigorous training and study is necessary for the one who will be projected into space. Today is the training period of every Christian. Jesus said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Job said he found the words of God's mouth more than his necessary food. The Psalmist stated, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" To grow spiritually we must read, study and hear the word of God. IP. 2:2 - "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." Let's not feed our body and starve our soul! To train for service for the Lord we must "study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth! Why study and train for other professions and neglect to train for service in the kingdom of God? The life of a Christian is the greatest life and the greatest work on earth. Train through study, so we will be worthy to be called a servant of God, then go, go, go, and serve, serve, serve! We do not do God a favor by serving Him. He honors us by allowing us to serve Him.

Those who travel through space must wear clothing especially made to wear in the space ship. God has alos given us instructions as to the clothing to wear as a Christian. The clothing can injure or help our influence as a Christian. This admonition is specially given to women. I Tim. 2:9-10, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." I Peter 3:3 - "Whose adorning

let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;" v. 4 - "but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." It is important to keep ourselves clean, neat and attractive but we sometimes place too much stress and

expense on clothing.

How would a space traveler know whether his ship is functioning correctly? By studying the instrument panel. If we make a careful examination of our life we can know if we are functioning according to the will of our Creator. Is our life more inclined toward righteousness or unrighteousness? Is it our desire to please and serve self or our Lord? If we are functioning properly we are putting self last and sacrificing to serve God. D. L. Moody asked a traveler on the train what his business was. He answered, "My chief business is serving the Lord, but I pack pork to pay my expenses." Do words that we speak testify to the fact that we are Christian? Mt. 12:37 - "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Our words and deeds are guided by our innermost thoughts, and Pr. 12:5a - "The thoughts of the righteous are right." Our thinking might need changed. The instrument panel in the space ship is controlled by a battery. Within us there is a small organ called the heart, and from the heart issues the spiritual power to keep our life right. Pr. 4:23 - "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." The heart must have constant contact with God through Christ. Ph. 4:7 - "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." God doesn't change His robe to fit the man, but changes man to fit the robe.

There must be fuel to project the ship into space. The Holy Spirit keeps our lives safely functioning. Rom. 8:11b -"He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mor-

tal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

After the space traveler has reached home he is given a thorough health examination. Has not the apostle Paul said in Rom. 14:10, that "we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ?" and v. 12 - "every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." We shall either stand before Him in shame or confidence.

Who do you have at the controls? There is only one capable of piloting our soul safely to heaven's shore. II Cor. 3:5 - "Not that we are sufficient to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." The Father has sent His Son for the captain of our salvation and only He can take us safely home.

By Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Mo.

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.

### Studies from the Book of James 2:1-13 to get their help in building the biggest

The first chapter of James has to do with the subject of the respect of persons. We also notice in this chapter a little of the personality of James in that he was a great sympathizer of the poor.

2-1 "My brethren" this phrase refers to the christians that James was writing to. The text doesn't say if it is Jews or Gentiles, but it seems as though it were written to the Jews.

"With respect of persons." It seems as if the christians of this time had a respect of different persons, but if they would have even been following closely the teachings of even the part of the Bible they had they would not have had that feeling toward one another; however we should not have this feeling because the Bible teaches us not to. In the book of Proverbs 28:21 we read, "To have respect of person is not good" and in Leviticus 19:15 it says, "Thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, not honor the person of the mighty."

2:2 "For if there come into your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment." The goldring here represents wealth and high position while the vile raiment represents poverty and low standing. Here is the setting that James gives us of this church.

2:3 "And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and to the poor, stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool." We see here that the people were giving the rich the best seats in the house or seats where they would stand out in the crowd. The poor were told to stand; or sit on the footstools which could have been a little higher than the floor. In other words they were telling the poor to find a seat in the back. Either the poor could take these seats or not come at all.

In verse four we see where James has asked a question. First, "Are ye not then partial in yourselves." In simpler words, are you not showing that you are partial toward the different people that come to their church? Or have you not made a difference among yourselves.

The second part of this question is "And are become judges of evil thoughts?" It seems as if the people were judging the strangers that came to their church by the clothing they wore and the gold rings they had on; and not by the way their lights burned. If our churches today would do that, I am afraid that we would have some people put out of the church according to the life some of them live. There are some people in the churches of our land that on Sunday stand up and sing, "Oh, March, 1966

How I Love Jesus" and then during the week go to their stores and sell beer and other things of the devil to the people. I think we should put those people out of the churches.

In verse five James goes on to show his beloved brethren that the rich had no special claim on their favor and the poor should be esteemed more than the rich; because in that verse we read, "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world." To show this better we will take for example a couple of Jesus disciples. In Matthew 4:18 and 4:21 we see where Jesus called Peter and Andrew; and James and John. What were they doing before Jesus called them? They were fixing their fishing nets so that they could go back fishing; so we see that they were just poor fishermen. Many others of Christ's followers were poor of the world's goods BUT rich in faith. They had to have faith to give up the things they had done all their lives and follow someone they had never known. That is the way it is with the ones who believe today. We have to give up a lot of things to follow Jesus.

When the people Jesus called gave up everything they had on earth they became "heirs of the kingdom which Jesus promised to them that love HIM." Here also James was putting up an argument against putting the rich above the poor. He uses this verse in a form of a question to show them that God choses the poor; but He still won't turn the rich away if they come to him with a repenting heart because God has no partiality.

2:6a "But ye have despised the poor." Still having seen how God choses the poor they were still despising them.

In the last part of the sixth verse James says that even though the rich men appear to like them, they still try to crush them into even lower poverty than they were in before the rich men came to their church. Still the christians were having respect for them.

James continues to show them how they try to draw the Christians into or before the judgment seat or other words to drag them into the courts for things that they never did.

In verse seven he shows them that the rich were blaspheming Christ by letting works take the place of true salvation. Also these rich people sometimes persecuted the christians because they were christians; but still these rich people were being shown favor when they came to church. I think the church did this because the rich had the money to help the church. Even today some of the church cater to the rich no matter if they have had a true experience with the Lord just

church in town.

In the eighth verse we see where they were supposed to keep the royal law; a law that requires us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We were also to keep it according to the scriptures, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." They were supposed to keep it very well not with ones they liked but with ones they didn't like. They were to treat each other as they were "worth" not as in money, but how good of a person they were whether they be rich or poor.

Then in verse nine, James tells them that they were still having a respect of persons and because of this they had committed sins and were convinced of the law as transgressors. This doesn't mean that he should base his salvation on the law but to let the law be used as a mirror to look on the inward side of himself.

Verse ten is a verse which can be made into a doctrinal point. We know that some religions base some of their arguments on this verse but we are not going to make it a doctrinal point. Some of the denominations say that if a person doesn't keep the whole law including the keeping of the sabbath that you can not be saved but when Jesus died on the cross we was not under the law (Galatians 3:13, Galatians 4:4-5) Some of these people who claim that they keep the whole law I think do not. I doubt if they love their neighbors as much as themself. If not, then they are breaking the laws of God. This verse and the next shows a person that the law cannot save them. The eleventh verse also gives a good explanation of what the tenth verse means. The word kill could represent "hate toward your neighbor and adultry as spiritual deadening of the person.

The Jews at this time didn't have much knowledge of the New Testament and they were trying to live under the law and under the religion that Jesus left. But according to what they were doing in respecting the rich over the poor, they were not following either one.

In the next verse, James is saying that they should get rid of this because they will be judged by the law of liberty which is the correct standard of conduct which God has set up. We today should not be like these christians were doing BUT EVERYTHING that we do in deed or word should be for the glory of God. Also in this verse he is stressing that there is going to be a judgment; therefore if we turn our ears from the cries of the poor and the unsaved we will be judged and condemned for it and as we see in Ezekiel 33:6 we have to be like the watchman that warns the people and not like the one

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Every Sunday evening there are thousands of church members in Missouri who, as consistently as the winds blow in March, stay away from CTS. (For those who haven't been to church recently, CTS stands for Church Training Service and is now used instead of the old term "League.") Some of these thousands do manage to get to evening worship an hour later; great numbers of them do not. I've slowly come to the conclusion that Missouri Free Will Baptists are suffering from spiritual anemia or spiritual sterility, either of which is quite serious. Poor attendance on Sunday evening is both a symptom and a cause of these two maladies.

Since so many people don't know what goes on in CTS, I'd like to review the lessons for the current quarter, just for their benefit. In the first place, the CTS curriculum is excellently arranged, and the individual lessons are generally well written.

The first quarter lessons are divided into four topics. The first Sunday of each month (January, February, March) is devoted to the study of foreign missions in three areas: Missions literature, missions as a part of the total church program, and the future of missions. The remaining Sundays of each month are given to lessons on a single topic. The last four Sundays in January saw lessons on Christian Living: True Spirituality, Holiness, The Deeper Life, and Total Commitment. The February lessons were on Tasks of the Church: Giving, Education, and Evangelism; and the March lessons are devoted to the study of revivals: Revivals in the Bible, Revivals in America, and Revival in the Local Church.

The second quarter lessons will involve our denominational beliefs concerning such matters as the resurrection, the Bible, sin, perseverance, God, man, Christ, and atonement. In addition, there will be a three-part lesson on the study of Christian love - the limits of love, the meaning of love, the extent of love, the results of love, and the ingredients of love. Can any pastor or any church member who is really interested in Christian Living deny the importance of studying such topics as these?

There are two common complaints against CTS, voiced so frequently that most of us grow rather weary of hearing them especially since they both come under the heading of excuses. Some say that CTS is just like Sunday school, and others that it just isn't interesting. Unless your local churches uses Sunday school quarterlies for CTS, they're not alike; find the Sunday school lessons that cover subjects such as those found in first-quarter CTS. (Actually, having a CTS exactly like Sunday school wouldn't be so bad, would it? Should a Christian complain about studying the Bible twice in the same day?)

It doesn't really matter whether CTS is so very interesting; certainly your staying home won't make it more interesting (at least, not in most cases!) But your study of the lesson can be interesting; your contribution to CTS can be interesting. Let others give their bit in an uninteresting fashion, but you give yours in an interesting manner; then you'll have no right to complain.

Try CTS for one quarter. I dare you to attend, study your lessons carefully and prayerfully, and see if you don't enjoy it despite all the excuses others may make. Chances are that Popeye didn't even like spinach until he tasted it a few times.

Hubert L. Harral Member, Sunday School and CTS Board from page 9

has proved to be of inestimable value to church groups that have supported them in the past, and the need for such schools is obviously greater now than ever before.

The North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges sets rigid standards in four areas: (1) buildings and grounds, (2) faculty, (3) library facilities, and (4) laboratory facilities. The committee reports that a church-supported junior college should be equipped to offer academic training that would compare favorably with any of the state-operated colleges. The immediate goal of a college must necessarily be full accreditation so that course work may be transferred to any senior college or university.

The committee plans further meetings to investigate the matter fully before making a final recommendation to the State Association.

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ments from the Home Mission Board have shown our account farther in the black than it was the previous month, which has eliminated our having to worry about lack of support from those who promised it. You have not failed to keep your promise. Those of you who have pledged and have honored those pledges, and others of you who have supported us here, are as much responsible for the success of our beginning here as anyone working here. Events have made us certain that you have been praying for us too. May God richly bless you for that!

We had our first service on November 14 with eighteen present for Sunday school and church. Our best attendance for November was 21 for Sunday school and church. Average attendance for our three Sundays in November was 17.

In December, our average was only 12. One Sunday we had only eight for Sunday school and church.

The first four Sundays of January have shown a steady increase in attendance. This is a record of our attendance this month:

January 2 - 11 present for Sunday school and church. January 9 - 13 present for Sunday school and church.

January 16 - 16 present for Sunday school and 24 for church.

January 23 - 25 present for Sunday school and church.

We are doing all we know to do to build up our attendance. Aside from visiting, we are buying necessary materials and equipment, building, painting and cleaning in order to have the best possible to offer when people do come. This is God's work. We want to present His Word to people in an effective way when they come, and we know He will give the increase. Will you help us build this church for the glory of His name by your continued support and prayer?

In Christ, Lloyd Plunkett

#### MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Apartado 2094 Monterrey, N.L. Mex.

Greetings in the lovely name of Christ,

From the land of Old Mexico where God's power and love is so real, we greet all of our Christian friends, and believe the Lord for great victory and success in all of your lives. It is so wonderful to be back again after a long span away from home and write you folks about God's love and riches in our lives and the lives of those with whom we have come in contact.

My trip to the South Central America - This was a blessing

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## KEN'S KORNER

WHERE THE BOYS ARE

The movie industry recently used the above title in one of their motion pictures. It is seemingly saying that where ever you find the boys, you'll find the action. Take the same four words and change them around and you get an entirely different meaning: Where Are The Boys? See what I mean? Just where are the boys? You'll find some under the hood of an automobile; some may be in the nearest Model Car racing center; or if you look hard enough, you may find some burning their draft card. The point I'm trying to get across is this: THERE ARE TOO FEW BOYS IN FULL TIME CHRISTIAN WORK. Almost without exception every youth revival that I have been in was lacking in fellows. It's not that there weren't any fellows around,

although that is ture in some places. It's just that the fellows seem uninterested. They pride themselves in being men - except when it comes to church work and serving Christ, Isn't Christianity for girls anyway, or fellows that act like girls? How about it fellows, how active are you in your church? Preachers that have felt the call of God are desperately needed! I find it hard to believe that God hasn't called some of you to preach. Not only do we need preachers, but we need more dedicated laymen. Out of approximately 68 missionaries in our denomination, only one is considered a laymen. The field of Christian education in your local church is another area where men are needed. The problem is not having the jobs, but having the personnel to do the jobs. The stories of David, Daniel, Samson, the Hebrew children, Paul, Jesus and others are thrilling, but we need some more fellows to "quit ye like men be strong." Can God count on you?

Ken Riggs

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Cabool	32.62
New Prospect	25.00
North Side, St. Louis	44.96
Faith	37.53
Central, Kansas City	78.00
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who doesn't warn the people because of it their blood will be on our hands.

The last part of this verse James is still stressing the idea of judgment. He is saying that those who show no mercy toward others would not be shown any in the judgment.

This also could refer to us today. Because we have to show mercy to people who try to harm us and show them we are christians.

This could also refer to us today in a sense that the devil tries to overcome us but mercy (which represents the Holy Spirit) overcomes the devil in some cases.

Therefore, in these first thirteen verses James is warming the christians not to try to be saved by the law or to try to live by the law but to let it be a mirror to see what kind of life they are living; to see if they love their neighbor as themself, etc. He is also saying not to rank or show partiality toward one another.

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which I shall never tire of giving God thanks and praising His wonderful name, of course there are others who I am grateful also, such as my good and faithful wife who stays behind keeping the fires burning at home, my children who make it hard for me to leave, yet so understanding, the native workers with whom we are privileged to work, who stay at home and keep things going at home and in the school. This time Brother Joe Mooneyham, who had enough money to share his expenses with me, and invite me to make this life time trip with him. We had a good time together and it was wonderful to see the country and the difference from one state to another.

As we visited the Santuario de Guadalupe in Mexico City early one morning, I saw how Brother Joe's eyes filled with tears as he saw how the people would walk on their knees over the hard pavement to pay the penance which was placed by the Priest on their confession. This, I am sure, was the first time that Brother Joe had ever seen this.

I am sure that it is very unbelievable to those who have never seen idol worship. Sometimes I wonder if people actually believe hundreds and thousands of folks around us worship in such a manner. We hear about it and many times know those who have come from dark heathenism, and their testimonies many times are considered very lightly. It grips the heart of any Christian as he sees those for whom Christ died, drag themselves through dirt, rocks and hard concrete in search of the peace which hearts long for. I am sure that the story of any missionary would be the same everywhere, if he were asked "why doesn't he bring them all to Christ", the answer would surely be as that given by the small lad who had accepted Christ as his Saviour, and was walking home from church one day when two skeptics waiting for him, wanted to shake his faith in Christ, as they asked him, why didn't his brothers who were supposed to love him buy him some shoes and some clothes. They continued to tell him that why didn't their Father God tell them to help him. The small lad, with a smile in his face, replied, "My Father in heaven tells them to do just that, but they don't listen to Him."

Yet, we don't do much - Three missionaries go to Mexico, the land of great need where the people are deep in sin. Mexico is lost, lost, lost in fear, superstition, fear and idolatry. The church of Christ instead of being overwhelmed with sorrow and reproach that so few have gone, so pleased with herself for "sending out so many". So many - oh, if we could only see as God sees and feel as God feels, and care as God cares, and love as God loves. If only we could take in what it really means that our fellowmen are being left without God - if only our eyes were opened to see things as they really are, should we not be horror stricken on our faces in the dust before God? Should we not be crying for mercy for ourselves and pleading in agony for a neglected world.

Then surely, filled with a burning shame and God-like enthusiasm, we should rise to our feet, bent at last upon doing our Master's will. From all sides Christian men and women would be pouring into the Mission Fields. Parents would no longer be keeping back their children, but urging them on. Money would not be lacking. The churches would have their representatives abroad. Christians would be doing – each one his part. And in a short time every man in the world would have heard of the Saviour's love; whilst our own beloved land would be a thousand fold richer – oh, it might be done, it might be done, but satan has blinded our eyes. We are asleep, whilst dreaming we are awake.

According to reports the population is increasing by 2.6 per cent a year in Latin America while protestantism grows by 15 per cent annually. Estimates say that by the year 2010 there will be 50,000,000 Protestants in Latin America – in 1914 there were 100,000 believers. In 1938 there were 1,500,000 Page 14

and by 1960 there were 10 million. It is said that there are 750,000 converts to the Protestant faith each year. I am sure that with your help we can continue to lead these people to Christ and as they come to know Christ train them that they may continue to win others to their Lord. When a Latin gets saved he gets on fire for the Lord and wants to serve his Master. HELP US. HELP THEM.

Your Missionaries, Arturo & Jenell

#### GIFTS TO NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS FOR JANUARY

Mrs. Floyd Luney, Cassville Faith FWB Woman's Auxiliary, Lemay Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River Overland FWB Church Mr. Lee Bunton, Liberal Myrtle FWB Church Beacon FWB Church, Raytown Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre. Mrs. Myron Simon, Florissant Leadington FWB Church A friend, Joplin Richwoods FEB Church Mrs. Clara Allen, Thayer Kirksville FWB Church Mrs. Fern Kelsey, Greentop First FWB Church, Fredericktown Mr. David Buie, Helena New Rock Springs FWB Church West Plains Woman's Auxiliary Mtn. Grove FWB Church Mrs. Olga Helsey, Hartville Southside FWB Church, St. Louis	10.00 2.50 10.00 75.00 55.00 5.75 13.00 36.00 5.00 1.00 70.25 2.00 20.00 10.00 15.00 2.59 21.85 5.00
A friend Jonlin	-
Richwoods FFR Church	
Kirksville FWR Church	
First FWB Church Fredericktown	
Mr. David Buie, Helena	10.00
	15.00
	2.59
	21.85
	5.00
	25.00
	5.00
Mt. Pisgah FWB Church, Cabool	10.00
First FWB Church, Festus	12.00
Pleasant Home FWB Church, Vanzant	5.00
Rev. Melba White, Gower	25.00
Copper Mines Ladie's Auxiliary, Fredericktown	7.15
New Home FWB Church, Hartville	10.00
Ever Ready S.S. Class, Monett	15.00
Rev. L. E. Means, Willow Springs	5.00
WNAC	265.48
Cooperative	519.81

#### FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY, 1966 MISSOURI

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Aulsbury Chapel Church, Farmington	T
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	10.00
Beacon FWB Church, Raytown	10.00
	103.58
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	
Copper Mines FWB Church, Fredericktown	5.00
Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River	135.00
Festus FWB Church	12.00
	142.00
First FWB Church, Berkeley City	
First FWB Church, Fredericktown	40.00
First FWB Church, Kansas City	13.25
First FWB Church, Monett	20.00
Garfield FWB Church, Couch	20.00
Hannon FWB Church, Liberal	21.53
	67.13
Hazel Creek FWB Church, Kirksville	
Kirksville FWB Church	5.00
Free Will B	aptist Gem

Kirksville FWB Church	5.00
Kirksville FWB Church	85.79
Leadington FWB Church	8.50
Thayer FWB Church	4.00
Cape Girardeau FWB Church	5.18
Mt. Grove FWB Church	62.25
Hurryville FWB Church	50.00
Mt. Grove First FWB Church	10.00
New Harmony Sunday School	132.07
Springfield First FWB Church	25.00
Myrtle FWB Church	39.52
Oak Grove FWB Church, Mt. Grove	15.00
Overland FWB Church	19.40
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	40.00
Pleasant Home Church, Vanzant	5.00
Richwoods FWB Church	16.00
South Side FWB Church, St. Louis	75.00
Timberlane FWB Church, Kansas City	20.00
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgetown	105.00
Twin Oaks FWB Church, Fredericktown	50.00
Willow Springs FWB Church, Mt. Grove	11.80
Mr. Glenn Beeson, Cassville	45.00
Virginia Bunton	60.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Plummer, Florissant	5.00
WNAC	174.72
Cooperative Plan	942.16
Fern Kelsey	2.00
Total	,652,88
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#### MEDICARE FOR RETIRED MISSIONARIES

Washington, D.C. (MNS) - Mission executives will want to be consulted for additional details.

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REPORT FROM PARKVIEW

There is sadness and joy to report this month. Our dear Sister Glenda Gray has left us to be with the Lord. We will miss her so very much. She was a good and willing worker in the church. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Praise the Lord for the hope He has given.

Our Sunday School is having a contest this quarter and there is good natured rivalry between the one's and the two's. Right now the one's are ahead. It has raised our attendance, although it might have been better except for the weather. Attendance in services has held up very well this winter. There is usually lots of illness and some transportation problems this time of year.

A Valentine supper was given February 10th for the young people of our church. The devotional was given by Miss Charlotte Hampton. There was special music by Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo. Sisters Agnes Terry and Lorna Huff are teachers and sponsors for the Teen Class.

The College Quartet visited with our church on Sunday evening, February 6th. The service was a real blessing. One young girl was saved that evening and a new member was received into the church in the Sunday morning service. Wonder-March, 1966

provide elderly missionaries with information relating to the insurance provided under the Medicare program adopted by Congress. Here are some considerations which now seem firm.

Those persons who are 65 or over and are receiving Social Security benefits will automatically come under the provisions of the Hospital Insurance phase of the program and will be kept informed by the Social Security office about the Medical Insurance available at a premium of \$3.00 per month.

Persons who are not covered by Social Security (including missionaries and retired missionaries) but have reached the age of 65 are eligible but may need some guidance.

Such persons who are living in the U.S. are eligible for the free Hospital Insurance, but in order to benefit they must visit the Social Security office and enroll. They should enroll before March 31, 1966. They may also enroll in the voluntary Medical Insurance program and pay the \$3.00 monthly premium. In either case, they must enroll before March 31, 1966 in order to be ready for benefits when the program begins in July, 1966.

Persons reaching 65 between March 31, 1966 and December 31, 1967 should apply prior to their birthday. They may enroll as much as three months before their birthday, thus becoming eligible for benefits on their birthday.

Persons over 65 living outside the U.S. should sign up at the American Consulate. While living overseas they cannot receive any benefits from either plan, but they may want to sign up so that they will be in the plan when they get back to the States.

Enrollment privileges for those not in the Social Security system are temporary. Those reaching 65 after January 1, 1968 who were never enrolled in Social Security will not be permitted to enroll for Health Insurance or Medical Insurance under the Medicare plan. Your local Social Security office may

ful blessings.

#### THE WORK OF GOD IN OUR CHURCH

God has really blessed our church in 1965. Praise God for His blessings. Here are some of the things that the Lord has done for us here at Parkview in Desloge.

Although we have lost a few members, one family went to Texas, this was six of the attendance and one family of four and another of three went to Leadington Church, but thanks be to God the attendance hasn't dropped any. Our average has held up good.

God has blessed us materially. We have added to our church, purchased 100 FWB songbooks from the National Association, 24 folding chairs, and an organ and also all the needed supplies to our buildings.

Financially, all the above has been paid for and we have \$500.00 more in the treasury now than we had at the first of the year. All the other expenses have been taken care of as they came.

We THANK GOD for all this; BUT most of all we thank Him for the following. There have been seven conversions, four rededications in the regular services, four have been baptized and six have joined the church; have married three couples

and have had only one death.

SPIRITUALLY, we feel that the church is in the best shape it has been for years, the presence of the Holy Spirit is felt in all our services and God is really blessing all who attend. One remarked just recently, "I felt something in my soul the moment I came through the doors, God took all my fears away right then." For this feeling in our church we are very grateful to God, it is only through His power that this can be accomplished.

PRAY for us, PRAY for our church. There are several lost that we are very much interested in and we are praying that we can reach them in 1966.

#### SUNNY VIEW CHURCH PRESENTS SUNDAY SCHOOL PINS

In January, the first Sunday, we had a small record set since we started the Sunday School pin system. We gave a year-one pin to one-year-old Karen Sue Starnes and a year-two wreath to twoyear-old Steven Eden for perfect attendance.

We had the privilege of having Bro. Harry Beatty with us in our Quarterly Meeting the 29th of January. We also licensed another new preacher from our association, Bro. Ancil Markum, on the afternoon of our Quarterly Meeting.

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#### OFFICERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev.	0. T.	Dixon,	Springfield, Mo	Moderator
Rev.	0. T.	Allred,	Cabool, Mo Ass't	Moderator
			Leadington, Mo	

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

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Lynn Street Church Rev. Dale Broyles
Leadington Rev. Frank Giunta
Copper Mines Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle Rev. Dale Skiles
Kirksville Rev. A. Lav
Kirksville
Berkeley Rev. C. H. Burton
Farmington Rev. Bob King
Verdella Rev. Cletus Nichols
Richwoods Rev. P. Askern
New Rock Springs Church Rev. C. Postlewaite
Mt. Zion, Gower Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side Rev. Al McFarland
Thayer Rev. G. J. Pingleton
CartervilleRev. Gary Terrell
Fredericktown Rev. Bob Jones
Pleasant Grove
Martinstown Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon Rev. Lester Nutting
First, Flat RiverRev. Ernest Kennedy
Alton Rev. Glen Murray
Trinity, St. Louis Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
SalemRev. David Brewer
Mt. Olivet, Blue Eye Rev. M. Davis
Grace, Arnold Rev. John Land
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Joplin Church Rev. Ted Davis
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Jefferson City Church Rev. Earl Irish
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Conway Church Rev. Cliff Bowman
Willow SpringsRev. Tommy Carlson
Granby Church Rev. Jas. McCully
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Lakewood, Colorado Rev. L. M. McGowen
Cotton Creek Church
Walnut Grove Church Rev. J. W. King
First Church, Mtn. Grove Rev. L. Gibson
Faith Church, Lemay Rev. Virgil Maness
New Home Wom. Aux Melbourne, Ark.
Olivet Ch., Marshall Rev. Jr. Ussey
Graysville Church
Old Bethel Ch., Fredricktown Rev. C. Burcham
Pleasant Home #1
Green Ridge Church Rev. Curtis Wilson
Wagoner Ch., Stockton, MoRev. Bill Beazley
Aurora Church Rev. Raymond Leigh
Pleasant Hill Church, Hartville
Happy Hill Church
Twin City Church, FestusRev. C. Weir
Hartville Church Rev. Fred Wynn
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New Prospect Church Rev. Len Gardner
Garfield Rev. Howard Bowers
Neosho Rev. C. Campbell
Mine La Motte Rev. O. D. Matthews
Wilne La Wotte Rev. O. D. Watthews
Union Light Rev. Curt Johnson
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Mill Creek Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon Rev. Woodrow Matthews
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Old Language
Oskaloosa
Jones Chapel
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New Harmony Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Avenue
First, Monett Rev. Bud Hill
Aulsberry Chapel Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon
Mountain Valley Rev. Homer Smith
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Desloge Rev. Grover Terry
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Cedar Ridge Rev. A. E. Ford
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Lone Star Church
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Hope Well Ch., Tunas Rev. Frank Linton
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Bailey Chapel, Tunas
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Little Vine Church
Pea Ridge ChurchRev. Warren Mitchell
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