

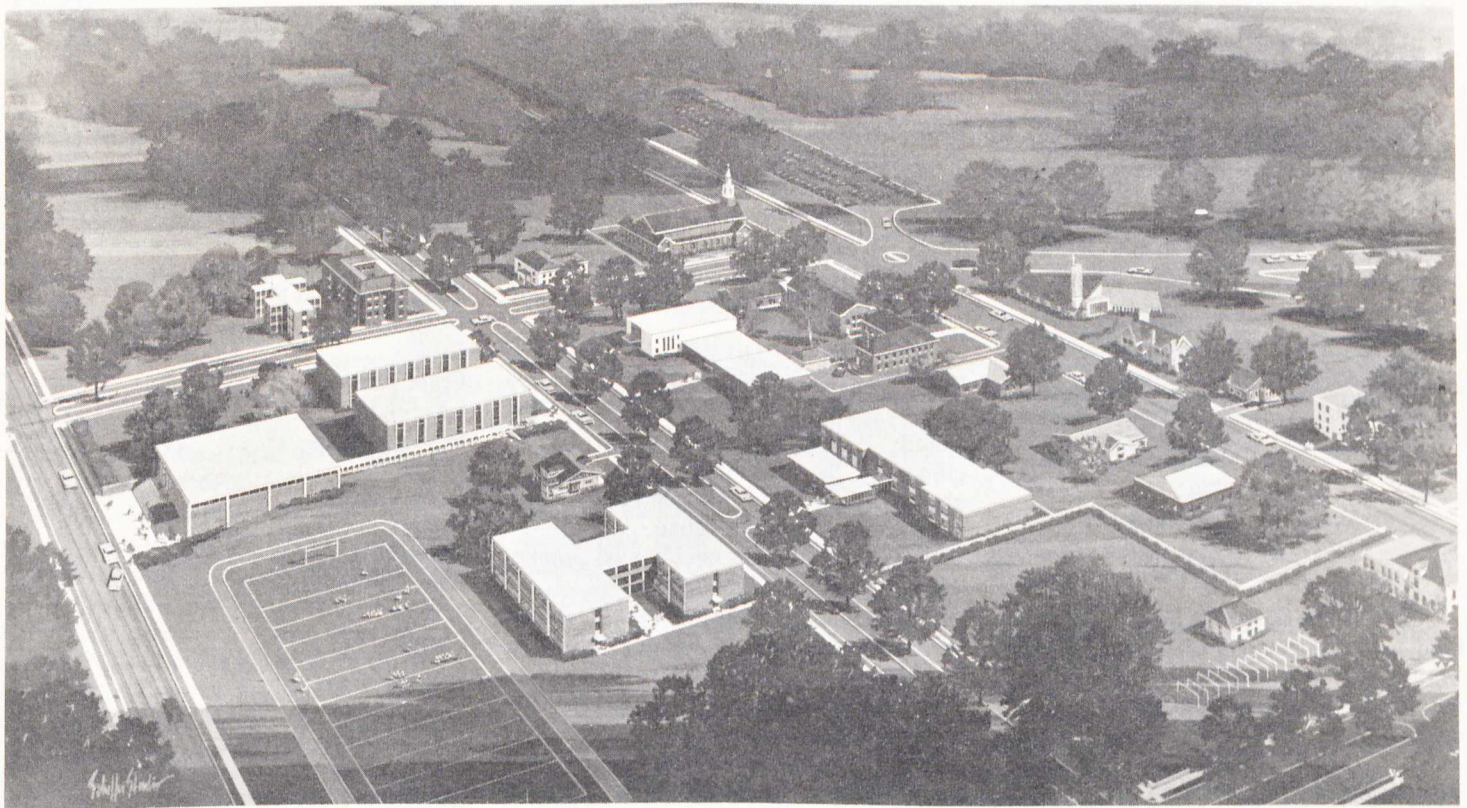
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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary
MARCH, 1966

The Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Niangua Church in Niangua Saturday, March 5th. Rev. Clay McVay delivered the 11:00 A.M. message and I delivered the message at 2:00 P.M. Most of their churches were represented with delegates and letters. There is a real breath of revival in this Association. We attended the closing night of a thirty day revival conducted in our Black Oak Free Will Baptist Church in which more than four score souls were saved, plus many lives rededicated to the LORD. Sunday morning, March 6, I was privileged to be with Pastor Wm. Reeves and our Marshfield Church and delivered the sermon there. This church participated in the Black Oak revival and received some new members as a harvest of the

same.

The Kansas City District Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Victory Church in Avondale, Missouri, March 11-12. Each of their churches were represented with delegates. Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative program Saturday afternoon. Saturday night we visited the New Hope revival meeting in Kansas. They were experiencing real revival there. Sunday, March 13, we shared with Pastor Rehkop and the Victory Church in worship and preaching services. This church continues to grow and win souls for the Lord.

March 18-20 Missionaries Miley and Fulcher participated in the missionary conference held in the South Side and the Fourth Free Will Baptist Churches, preaching the gospel messages in each church. They received good response for our Foreign Missions cause.

I visited our O'Fallon Mission Sunday morning, March 27. Different local ministers preach for them presently. Three mothers came forward Sunday following the sermon delivered by Rev. Floyd Arnold and renewed their vows with the Lord. Please pray for this mission that they will soon find a pastor to be with them regularly. Sunday evening we visited our Trinity Church in Bridgeton. Pastor Spurgeon delivered an evangelistic sermon following their CTS program. This church continues to grow and maintain a Christian witness in this section of St. Louis.

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Harry Beatty

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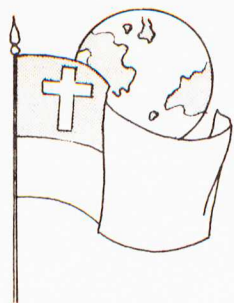
West Plains (Bethel)	\$ 38.00
Viburnum.....	33.53
South Side, St. Louis.....	162.00
Central, Kansas City.....	78.00
Mt. Grove, First.....	200.76
Berkley, First.....	287.28
Conway, Calvary.....	40.00
Hannon	29.70
Desloge, Parkview.....	73.97
Merl's Chapel.....	23.54
Monett	105.00
Cape Girardeau Mission ...	10.26
Beacon	88.08
Olivett	26.77
Grant Avenue	69.64
Leadington	118.00
Hickory Grove	19.25
Overland	171.18
Rock Chapel.....	19.83
Victory	75.64
Carterville	16.45
Mine La Motte.....	10.84
Thayer	58.02
Fellowship.....	50.00
Cabool.....	36.94
West Plains, Bethel	35.00
Union Light	10.00
Royal Oak.....	25.00
Garfield	34.52
Norman	6.50
Alton	18.00
Richwoods	79.13
Northside, St. Louis.....	56.42
Farmington.....	131.46
New Harmony	12.49
Hurryville	214.00
Fredericktown	306.95
Aulsbury Chapel	84.80

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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION WORK - MARCH, 1966

The Mission in Cape Girardeau averaged 23 in Sunday School for the month. They met with a little disappointment over the transfer of one leading family to Poplar Bluff. There seems to be a good spirit among them. They intend to build this fall if at all possible.

They have scheduled a revival for the third week of May with Bob L. Jones as evangelist. Pray much for this meeting. The organizational meeting should stem from revival.

The Rolla Mission continues to prosper. They are having good services with souls being saved. Continue to pray for them, too.

Work is underway to organize a church in O'Fallon, Missouri. We are in process of employing a missionary in conjunction with the St. Louis District Home Mission Board. The St. Louis District is to be commended for their work in missions. Pray for the mission and the boards as they work out the details of the mission.

Another fine response financially was shown again this month. This shows us what can be done if we pool our resources together. There are many more churches across our state who could support as these have faithfully given if Mr. Pastor will promote it. **WHY SHOULDN'T YOUR CHURCH BE AMONG THE NUMBER EACH MONTH FOR A GREATER STATE ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CHURCHES?** Will you respond this coming month? we need it!!!

The following contributions were made in March:

Twin Oak, Fredericktown	\$ 15.00
Parkview, Desloge	10.00
Hickory Grove, Freeman	26.00
Madison Co. Qt. Meet.	15.00
Mill Creek, Fredericktown ...	15.00
*Cape Girardeau Mission	5.59
Twin Oak, Fredericktown	15.00
First, Joplin	10.00

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Carterville Church	6.00
Thayer's Master's Men.....	10.00
Copper Mines, Fredericktown.	5.00
First, Fredericktown	39.21
Carterville Church	7.00
Central, Kansas City	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
*Union Light, Fredericktown .	5.00
Mine La Motte, Fredericktown	5.00
Hurryville, Flat River	20.00
First, Farmington	10.00
Co-op Fund, St. Ass'n.	357.12
Total	\$600.92

*First time contributor under new set up.

We wish to commend Rev. Curt Johnson, pastor of the Union Light Church, for his leadership in giving to missions.

"Thank you" for your gifts to missions. God will bless you real good.

We would like to see you churches in the middle part of the state start designating gifts to the Rolla Mission. Why not take it up in a church conference to support ten or twenty dollars a month? Be thinking about it. Pray about it!

Send your gifts to Missouri State Home Missions, 103 West Murta Street, Fredericktown, Missouri. Please don't write checks to me (Bob L. Jones) but to State Home Missions.

Bob L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.
State Home Mission Board

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI - MARCH, 1966

Thayer.....	\$ 10.00
Pleasant Home, Vanzant	11.25
South Side, St. Louis.....	75.00
Oak Grove, Mtn. Grove	15.00
First, Fredericktown	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Henderson,	
Purdy	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey ...	2.00
First, Mtn. Grove.....	107.00
First, Kansas City	20.00
Garfield S.S., Couch	20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry,	
Mtn. Grove	1.00
Myrtle	44.95
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove .	13.53
Hannon	29.70
Mr. Floyd E. Green,	
Harrisonville	15.00
Berkeley City Adult CTS.....	7.00
Mrs. Roger Phillips, Liberal .	5.00
First, Monett	88.03
First, Kansas City	20.00
First, Springfield	25.00
Parkview, Desloge	40.00
Neva Thomas, Kirksville...	4.00
Leadington	60.00
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	28.51
Grace, Arnold	37.78
Trinity W.A., St. Louis...	5.00
Olivet, Marshall	7.20
Alga Helsley, Hartville	35.00
Beacon, Raytown	10.00
Bethel, West Plains.....	43.16
First Baptist Ch., Southern	
Bapt., Winfield.....	33.00
Fourth, St. Louis.....	75.00
First, Joplin	62.41
Central, Kansas City	112.66
Fellowship, Flat River	125.00
Cope, Hartville	88.21
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Gaines,	
St. Ann	40.00
Miss Lillian More, LeMay	
(for film)	18.27
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	30.00
Union Light, Marquand	33.63
Pleasant Home, Vanzant ...	10.00
Myrtle	43.44
WNAC	392.89
Co-operative Plan.....	511.44
Alice McDonald	5.00
Total	\$2,406.06

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MISSOURI - MARCH, 1966

First, Fredericktown	\$ 20.00
Mr. Wm. F. Cruse, Lemay ..	11.00
Mrs. E. C. Henderson,	
Monett	5.00
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	10.00

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

MAY

Christian Home Month
National Family Week
Chaplain's and Servicemen's Sunday

Send all reports to:

Mrs. Ted Davis
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Joplin, Missouri

Due by the 15th of each month

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Leadington - FWB Church
Lebanon - FWB Church
Lemay - Faith FWB Church
West Plains - FWB Church
Viburnum - FWB Church
Kirksville - Hazel Creek FWB Church
St. Louis - Berkeley City FWB Church
St. Louis - Trinity FWB Church



MEET YOUR STATE STEWARDSHIP-PRAYER CHAIRMAN

Much is recorded in God's word concerning our stewardship as believers, so let us take a few minutes and think upon this phase of our auxiliary work.

This office, while separate in National and State levels, is combined with the treasurer's office in the local auxiliary. However, each officer should feel their individual responsibility in promoting better stewardship.

Your study course chairman usually will conduct one study each year on this subject and many good books are available for this - two being "THE LARGER STEWARDSHIP" and "MY MONEY AND GOD." These may be purchased at the FWB Book Store in St. Louis or the WNAC office in Nashville.

We need to encourage family altars and personal daily devotions among our members.

"Depth", a devotional guide, written by the people of our denomination, is available through our CTS office and is a good aid. Order some today if your members do not receive this, and I'm sure they will be a real blessing to your hearts.

Good stewards need to spend time in prayer and this is an area we should guard. Emphasis on prayer should be given each meeting by the local program prayer chairman. She will also conduct the three seasons of prayer at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. In preparation for the season of prayer offerings for State, Home and Foreign Missions, the stewardship and missions chairman may work together.

There are many areas included in stewardship. Normally we think of our money and this is an important part, but only ONE part. What about our time, do we use the 24 hours each day to glorify God? What about our home - is it open to those who need help or comfort? What about our car and other material possessions - do they belong to God and do we use them to bring others to services? Yes, all these are included in our stewardship. God has blessed we Americans with an abundance, but he expects us to use it wisely in the promotion of His Kingdom's work. May we prayerfully give our ALL to Him who has filled our cup to overflowing. Luke 16:10a He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much.

Your Stewardship Prayer Chairman
Joan Filkins
Rt. 2, Greentop, Mo. 63546

"CALL TO THE WORLD MISERY"

The Womans Auxiliary of the Leadington Church met Monday, March 7, at the church for the monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened with all singing, "Throw Out the Life Line," followed with prayer by Ruby Boren.

Plans were made for the pre-Easter Week of Prayer, beginning Monday, April 4. Meetings will be in various homes except Wednesday and the service will be at the church.

The lesson was from the Co-Laborer and three very inspiring topics were given. An article on Africa was also given by Iva Treaster and "Call to the World Misery" was by Hazel Morris.

The benediction was by Hazel Morris.

MISSOURI STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION State Officers

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PRAYER OBSERVED

Lebanon Auxiliary met April 6 with 26 members and three visitors present. Meeting was called to order by President Sue Cook. Prayer offered by Eunice Barber. A letter from the Hershey's, foreign missionaries, was read. Reports of officers were given. The Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale May 6-7. A chili supper will be held at the church dining hall April 15, starting at 6:00 p.m. Public is invited.

The meeting was then turned over to Naomi Hefton, who conducted the lesson, "Focus on Japan." Each one giving topics wore a kimono. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Farron Jones.

Pre-week of Easter Prayer services were observed by Ladies Auxiliary.

Dorothy Brawley
Corresponding Secretary

TWO SOULS SAVED

The Faith Auxiliary met at 7:30, March 28, in the church auditorium. We had 11 present out of 15 which is a very good percentage.

New officers were elected for the coming year.

On April 5 we sponsored a shower for Sister Mertz. She received many useful gifts and a good time of fellowship was had by all.

Our pre-Easter services were held April 6. We appreciate Bro. Maness letting us have charge of the service. A talk was given on missions and the true meaning of Easter. Our offering was \$9.64 and we voted to make it an even \$10. At the end of the service Bro. Maness gave the altar call and two souls were saved.

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for which we thank God.

Pray that our auxiliary will grow and strive to do that which will be pleasing to God.

President, Dorris Hassell
Cor. Sec., Mrs. Dorothy Scott

SHOWER FOR PROVISION CLOSET

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met April 4 with 13 members present. Opening song, "Joy Unspeakable." Prayer by Gracie Stephens.

Matt. 9:35-38 and a letter from the Calvary's were read by the president.

Officers reports were accepted.

The personal service chairman plans a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Cozort and a linen shower for the provision closet at Nashville.

Study course chairman gave a good report on the study course on prayer and set April 25 as a date for study course on evangelism.

The auxiliary is sponsoring a CTS for pre-teen age group, having their lessons each Wednesday night and a review on the lesson once a month on our auxiliary date.

Addie Adkisson and Ruth Roberson were appointed as teachers for the CTS group.

The lesson, "Focus on Japan," was a very interesting lesson. Studying this lesson made us realize more than ever just how careful we should all be about the precious seed we plant.

Pray we may always plant the precious word in the right way to win a great harvest for God.

We were dismissed by Corresponding Secretary, Hattie Sims.

SPECIAL FEATURE

The Woman's Auxiliary of Viburnum held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Christine Pinkley. A covered dish luncheon was served using name place cards of our missionaries in Japan, helping and inspiring us to pray and do for our missionaries.

Our table was decorated oriental style. The program, "Focus on Japan," was given. Special feature given by Mrs. Betty Ogle, dressed in a Japanese robe and removing her shoes, then sitting on the floor at a low table to give her topic and telling us some customs of Japan. She gave each lady a cutting from a Japanese potted plant, telling us as we watch it grow to think of our missionaries there. Tea was served at the close of the program.

Our officers: President, Mrs. Christine Pinkley; Program Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Pirtle; Study Course and Mission Chairman, Mrs. Elgie Burr; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Betty Ferrell; May, 1966

Treasurer, Mrs. Odessa Francis.

Pray for our work here.

Mrs. Lucille McCarver
Corresponding Secretary

"PRE-EASTER PRAYER"

The Hazel Creek Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon, April 6, at the church for the Pre-Easter Prayer Program. There were nine members, four guests and two children present.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. Gladys Cooper introduced the program which had as its theme, Harvesters in the Field. Mrs. Ethel Thompson read the scripture and Mrs. Lena Miley read a poem, "On Wings of Prayer". The five topics were given by Mrs. Maizie Sevits, Mrs. Lola Filkins, Mrs. Mary Filkins, Mrs. Dora Sponsler and Mrs. Wanda Riley. Mrs. Gladys Riley sang "This is My Father's World". At the end of each topic there were special prayers for specific requests. Mrs. Gladys Cooper concluded the program with the poem, "The Ministry of Prayer". A special offering of \$8.25 was received for Foreign Missions. It was designated to be sent to Rev. Jim and Olena McLain's fund. Mrs. McLain is formerly from our church, and they have recently been appointed to go to Japan.

After the benediction a surprise birthday card and handkerchief shower was given for our oldest and a very faithful member, Mrs. Lizzie Filkins. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to her and to Mrs. Lena Miley, who also had a birthday. The auxiliary presented a quilt top as a wedding gift to Mrs. Darlene (Halley) Vincent. We were glad to have Darlene and her mother, Mrs. Alice Halley, and son meet with us. Birthday cake and fruit juice were served to all who were present.

Mrs. Wanda Riley
Corresponding Secretary

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

The ladies of the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church had a pre-Easter day of prayer and fellowship on April 6 at the home of Mrs. Frances Combes. Each lady turned in their sacrificial offering which will be used to promote missions work, and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The ladies went to the home of Sister Clessie Dennison on Thursday afternoon, March 3, where they had a prayer meeting. Sister Dennison has been unable to attend services because of illness. A wonderful spiritual time was enjoyed by everyone.

We are very happy to have Glenda Fulcher and her family home from the mission field. Recently she taught a study course in our St. Louis District Woman's Auxil-

iary meeting.

The Lord continues to bless the Berkeley Church for which we are very thankful.

Geraldine Plummer
Recording Secretary

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

Trinity Church enjoyed a spirit-blessed Pre-Easter Week of Prayer, presented by the Woman's Auxiliary, with Mrs. Kay Case, as Program-Prayer Chairman.

The first service of this special week of programs was held the Wednesday evening before Easter, with Mrs. Lois DePriest and Mrs. Opal Hughes giving topics on "Preparing the Field" and "Cultivating the Field". The pastor, Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, then spoke on "Harvesting the Field".

Thursday and Saturday were designated as special prayer days at home.

The Good Friday service consisted of a reading of the Easter Story by Mr. Bill DePriest. During this reading, a three-scene drama was enacted in a dimly-lit setting, portraying the Last Supper, the Agony of Gethesemane, and the Crucifixion. After the reading, the Lord's Supper was served by candlelight.

Easter Sunday was filled with music and song as members and friends participated in a sunrise service at the church, and in the regular morning worship hour. The day's services were brought to a close with a Family Night Service. A challenging and thought-provoking film, entitled "The Master's Face", was shown during the evening worship hour.

Corresponding Secretary
Woman's Auxiliary

SEND TEA TOWELS TO PROVISION CLOSET

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary met at the Parkview FWB Church of Desloge Monday, March 7, with 10 members and two visitors answering the roll call with a scripture verse.

After the regular business, the assistant program chairman, Ava McFarland, took charge by reading the scripture Isa. 55:1-11 and gave the introduction to the program, "Facts of a Field."

The meeting ended with joined hands and standing in a circle led in prayer by Dean Adams and closed by Edith Foshee. Our special project for last month was a special offering for the Miley's who were in our area and this month we brought tea towels to send to the Provision Closet. Pray for us.

Dean Adams
Secretary-Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

STATE-WIDE WORK DAY AT YOUTH CAMP

A state-wide work day for Youth Camp is being called for the week of May 16-21. If you have a cabin at the camp, try to come this week and clean-up, fix-up, and paint-up. If you cannot come this week, come as soon as possible around this time. Be sure to let Bro. Reeves know when you are coming. All the help that can come is needed.

It's that time of year again - time to think about and make plans for Youth Camp.

This could well be the best year we have ever experienced. I say that because it seems our Youth Camp is enlarging year by year and consequently more young people are benefiting from it.

Something new has been added this year. The State Sunday School and CTS Boards will be holding state-wide Tic-Tac-Toe, Bible Bowl and Declamation Contests at Camp this year. This should be interesting and enjoyable.

Now some exceptionally good news - Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher will be serving as teachers for the Teen Session. Bill will be using as his theme - "Five Dimensions of Missions". Glenda will be using as her theme - "God's Will For My Life". They will also be available for counseling. Rev. and Mrs. Fulcher have been serving as missionaries in Uruguay for the past five years and are on furlough at present. The Youth Camp Board is especially thankful to have them for Teen Session this year.

Our goals this year are Pre-Teen - 400 and Teens - 350. This may seem a little high but think what we did last year. The dining room and kitchen are being enlarged (perhaps Brother Reeves has it near completion) in anticipation of an increase in attendance. The Youth Camp is making plans for you - we hope you are making plans to attend.

The Lord surely has been good to our Camp. Over a thousand have made profession of faith and several have committed themselves to special Christian service. Surely, every person in sympathy with the Youth Camp is grateful for God's bountiful blessing. The program at Camp is set up to meet the needs of our youth - the youth appreciate it and are responding to it.

Let us pray especially for our sessions this year. Pastors, it has been suggested that the Mid-Week Prayer Service, Wednesday night, May 25, especially remember the Camp Sessions this year. Per-

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haps some of the youth could help in this service.

Don't forget the dates - Pre-Teens - June 20-24 and Teens - June 27-July 1. The cost is the same as last year - Pre-Teens - \$9.00 and Teens - \$10.00.

Hope to see you at Camp!
Clarence H. Burton
Promotional Secretary
Youth Camp Board



I am going to try my best to go to our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Are you?

I have gone to Youth Camp for three years and each year it gets better. I didn't get to go last year, which hurt me very much, because I know that I missed a lot of wonderful things, especially the blessings from God.

One of the things that I missed by not going last year was seeing the friends that I had made the years before, and missing out on the new friends that I could have made if I could have gone.

To start off in the morning you go to your classes which are taught by people who know Christ as their personal Saviour. Before church services at night we gather outside and have our prayer meetings. Then we go to the chapel for church services. During these services God is speaking to many unbelievers or Christians to get things right with Him or to give their all to Him. The rest of the time you are usually fellowshiping with other kinds. Youth Camp is a place for good clean fun. They have basketball, softball, volleyball and other games to enjoy. You get to go swimming for an hour each day if the weather isn't bad.

If you are a Christian you should go to receive the fellowship with other Christians. If you aren't a Christian you should go and have fellowship with other kids your own age. While you are there you might accept Christ as your personal Saviour then you would know how we, as Christians, feel about being with God at Youth Camp. To me the most important thing about going to Youth Camp is learning more about God.

May God be with each and every one of

you and may He give you blessing upon blessing. I hope and pray that I will see you at our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp this year.

Your Christian friend,
Barb Clark
First FWB Church of Berkeley



MIKE McLAUGHLIN
President, C.F.C. - Age 17
First FWB Church of Berkeley

I plan to attend Youth Camp this summer because of the many wonderful blessings I'll receive. I know I'll get many blessings because Youth Camp gets better every year. Last year was my first year at Camp and I had the most wonderful week of my life. As I look back it seems like more of a dream than a reality. All the wonderful experiences, the fellowship, the games, the entire attitude of the whole place was really great. Most of all I enjoyed the services at night, it was really great to see kids coming from all directions every night to give their hearts to Jesus Christ.

In closing I would like to say that if you've never been to our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp I would encourage and challenge every one of you to see me at Youth Camp and we will enjoy the wonderful moments together. See everyone at Camp.

Love in Christ,
Mike

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Disbursed: 45% to six Missouri Departments sharing in the Cooperative receipts; and 55% to National Association Departments:

1% - Missouri CTS	\$ 28.57
2.50% - Youth Camp	71.42
4% - FWB Gem	114.28
8% - General Fund	228.56
12.50% St. Home Missions	357.12
17% - St. Promotional Dept.	485.68
55% - Nat'l FWB Ass'n ...	<u>1,571.32</u>

Total Disbursed \$2,856.95

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Ring the Bell!

From Your

State Sunday School and C.T.S. Board

Teenagers from all over the State of Missouri will be trying to "Ring that bell" or "Buzz that buzzer" first in the State Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe competition which will be conducted during the Teen session of Youth Camp, June 26 - July 1.

Also, competition to determine the State declamation winners in the Herald and Crusader divisions will be held during that week. The competition to determine the State declamation winner in the Adventurer division will be conducted during the Pre-Teen session of Youth Camp, June 19-24.

The winning team, or individual, in each category will then represent our State in the National competition at Little

Rock, Arkansas, on July 12, 1966.

The State Sunday School and C.T.S. Board will help defray the expense of the winning teams attending the National competition, in the amount of \$50.00 per team. Individual contestants who win in the declamation and sword drill divisions will receive \$15.00 each to help defray their expense of attending the National competition.

In addition to this, the State Board will also pay the registration fee for all of the contestants for National competition.

Every young person participating in any of the State competitive activities will receive a Certificate of Participation award. Trophies will be awarded to the

winning teams in Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe, to the winning individuals in the declamations, and medals to the individual members of the winning Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe teams.

Teams and individuals entering the State competition are asked to pledge that if they should win, that they will participate in the National competition unless providentially hindered.

Registration forms for entrance into the State competition have been mailed to every Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri that is affiliated with the State Association.

Please observe the instructions on these forms.

SEE YOU ALL AT YOUTH CAMP!

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	241	261	297	
New Harmony Church								39	39	36	
Farmington		96	91	85	91	103	97		150	126	
Liberty-Phillipsburg	64		60	58	68	72	69				
Berkeley City	264	259	257	335	309	297	302	280			
Richwoods	50	49	50	54	49	48	37	46			
Kirkville	123	117	126	111	101	95	100	96	100	99	
Grant Ave., Springfield	199	190	197	184	205	191	185	205	202	211	
Hazel Creek		45	44	39	41	36	41	40	41	43	
Mine LaMotte	34	37	40	32	31	28	29	31	29		
First, Flat River		91	92	70	86	91	92	82	81		
Overland Church	155	139	167	168	189	185	163	167	196		
First, Mtn. Grove	310	327	306	332	323	317	313	297	319	338	
Desloge	110	111	107	113	112	105	113	100	99	101	
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	66	61	67	69	74	70	63	61			
Union Light	114	106	115	110	106	111	115	116	99		
First, Springfield	171	166	177	188	206	189	192	180	201	194	
Sunnyview Church	63	57	69	63	62	64	65	54			
Cape Girardeau Mission										23	
Hannon	68	67	56	57	56	61	53	55	58	64	
First, Monett	123	117	121	123	133	126	131	120	126	124	
Garfield-Couch	51	44	47	50	47	49	46	48	46	49	
Leadington	105	87	107	124	136	130	122	128	197	154	
First, Fredericktown	139	147	160	171	193	178	191	164	164	188	
Copper Mines	76	79	96	75	87	80	89	67	66	75	
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.			35	37	34	30	30				
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	97	80	93	112	133	116	138	109	118	117	
Twin Oaks Church	64	61	59	60	59	58	59	54	54	56	
West Plains	198	187	180	191	183	175	177	187	191	198	
Belton			21	32	39	40	33				
Southside	152	141	154	156	159	148	131				
First, Lebanon	106	94		99	113	114	123	114	126	108	
Myrtle Church			71	72	80	67	75	70	72	73	
Twin City Ch., Festus	40	42	49	53	45	35	43	37	35	54	
Joplin		92	93	93	97	93	92	88			
Grace Church	150	115	146	157	171	146	165	179	88		
Salem	38		41			34					
Aulsbury Chapel Church		61	65					54	53		
Trinity Church, St. Louis	82	78	88	96	116	97	95	112	122	117	
Faith Church, Lemay				58	64	64	64	74	80	92	

Ken's Corner

What color is sin? The day in which we live some of you may be asking: What is sin? Sin is separation from God; it is iniquity; it is not doing the will of God. The color of sin is referred to as black. However there are those who are seeking to change its color to a dirty gray. In other words, some things that were a sin a few years ago are considered okay today. Sin is still black and wrong. It has not changed.

There are three sins being committed among teenagers today. They are not smoking, swearing, and stealing, even though I believe these three can contribute. Neither are they drinking, dancing, or dope. The three greatest sins among teenagers are rebellion, sensuality, and wasting time.

Rebellion among teenagers is seen and felt in the latest demonstrations and riots. The main thing I want to warn you about is that all rebellion, whether it be against the government, society, or your parents, is rebellion against God; therefore rebellion is a sin. Sensuality is a fulfillment of the lust of the flesh, particular in the areas of sex. The latest dances, fads, and fashions, and music all play their part in contributing to this sin. What you read and listen to also contribute. The sin of wasting time is seen around the country. The biggest waste of time is the silly idea that you'll wait until you get older to serve God. Young people, time is quickly running out! "Redeem the time," Paul says.

These three sins, like any other, must be forgiven. Christ can and will forgive you. Ask Him to today. (Read Romans 10:13)

May, 1966

MOTHERS

Exodus 2:1-4

Perhaps one of the most moving stories written in the Bible is the one recorded in Exodus the second chapter. The scripture reads as follows: "And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi, And the woman conceived, and bare a son; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months, And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein: and she laid it in the flags by the rivers brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him."

The first thing, a very important one at that, we notice about Moses' mother is the fact she had a Godly background. As a daughter of Levi we know that she was taught and knew about God. Her mother, no doubt, had been true to God and trained up her child in the way she should go so when she was old she would not depart from it. Moses' mother in carrying out what her mother had taught her was also honoring God.

Our world today needs mothers who will follow after the teachings of God. Our mothers today are too taken up with the things of the world to even have time to achieve the spiritual training they need. It is common sense to know that someone can't teach someone else something when they themselves know nothing of the matter. Too many of our mothers are out working to help provide for the family. I always had the understanding this was the husband's obligation. I can hear some of you mothers screaming now. "We wouldn't have what we have now if I didn't help my husband provide." I am convinced that you are telling the truth. However, the question I must ask you is: "Is your new house, new car, boat, and other things that important?" Are they so important that to obtain them you fail your children in providing for them the Godly background needed and they die and go to hell? Mothers, this is the most important job you can possibly do. This is a golden opportunity God has given to you. You are with your children more than any other person, at least you should be. Yours is the place to teach your children about God. Don't leave this important responsibility in the hands of some baby sitter, she hasn't the time nor the desire. Even if it means living in a cheaper house, driving an older car, doing without a boat, and other related things, won't it be worth it to know that you have placed

your children on the straight and narrow road that leads to Heaven and Life Eternal. That road is a much better road than the broad one that leads to hell and eternal death.

Getting back to our story of Moses' mother. She put the right value on her God given child. She realized that this child had something to do or else God would not have given him to her. Mothers, who knows but that God may have a job for your child to do that is just as important as the one He had for Moses. Does not the Bible say that children are an heritage sent from God? Again mothers, I ask you the question, "What is the most important thing you have?" If your answer to the above question was not your children, you need to go to God and let Him open your eyes.

Another important characteristic in any mother's life is her God-pleasing character. Moses' mother counted her own life as nothing to save the child God had given her, from death. She pleased God by simply doing His will. Are you doing God's will by your children? Are you taking them to church every time the church is conducting services? If not, you are not taking them often enough. Furthermore, a child is never too young to take to the House of God. The sooner they are started on the right path the better. Mothers don't fail your children by failing God.

Moses' mother also trusted her child to God's care. She stepped out on the promises of God and took Him at His Word. More mothers need to do this today. Dedicate your children to God and to His service and God will use them to reach lost and dying humanity. If you do not yield them to God, satan will take them from you and use them to satisfy his own wants and desires. If God calls your child to become a minister or a missionary, please let God have His Way in your child's life. It may be hard for you to give up your child, but remember God gave His only begotten Son to die for you and me. Therefore, isn't it the least we can do to give your sons and daughters to Him and His service? Trust them to His care, then rest assured He will take care of them. Yes, mothers, even better than you can. Moses' mother had done all she could. She then turned her son to God's care. We must do this today also.

Moses' mother even obeyed God before man. Pharaoh had made the decree that all the baby boys born to the Hebrews must

be killed at birth. The mother of Moses chose to not report the birth of her son in direct defiance of the man who had the power to put her to death as well as her son. I am afraid that many times today mothers are guilty of taking man's advice above God's. Many books have been written about how to rear children. Some of them are fairly good. Others are not worth the paper they are written on. Even the best of man's books cannot come close to measuring up to God's book, the Bible.

Moses' mother also acted with God-given wisdom. Many times mothers act without consulting God. Many mothers want their children to be popular regardless of the cost. Personal character and virtue are sacrificed many times simply for a few minutes of popularity. Many times this is directly urged by parents. Mothers today need more wisdom than ever before because satan is working harder than ever to gain control of the minds of our precious young people.

This message is supposed to be to mothers, but I can't close without saying a word to the fathers.

Dad, don't put extra pressure on your wife by asking her to help you provide for your family. If necessary, do without some things you want and can't get without your wife working. She has a full-time job on her hands caring for your children. Also, don't shove all the responsibility off on the wife in regards to rearing your children. You are pretty important in the household, too. You do your job, mother you do yours, God will do His part and your children will be a tribute to you and Him as long as they live.

Mother, if you feel you have failed your children by failing God, just simply kneel right there where you are and ask God to forgive you. He will not only forgive but also give you strength to do that which is right. Mother, put your faith and trust in God, He will never fail nor forsake you.

One last word in closing. Mother, give your children the best you have. Remember they deserve just that. After all, they didn't ask to be born into this world. You asked God for them.

May God bless and keep you is my fervent prayer.

I have a Christian mother and I am thankful and grateful for her guidance and direction. I am forever indebted to her for this. I love her more for this than for any other thing she has ever given me. Your children will, too.

Rev. Gary Terrel, Pastor
Carterville Free Will Baptist
Church, Carterville, Mo.

Free Will Baptist Gem

Vision of Missions

(Genesis 1:1) God the maker of all things had the first vision of missions. He had the master plan, the plan of salvation, even in the very beginning. His vision and plan started even before His first creation. He could see the generations ahead down through the ages, even unto this very day, even unto the end of time, when He shall speak the word and Jesus shall descend in Glory to take His people home. Yes, God, the Great Creator, the Beginning and the End truly had the first vision.

(Luke 2:11) Thus it was that Jesus was born. Only a baby, but what a great and marvelous baby. A very miracle Himself, born as any child, flesh and blood, but being the Son of God.

(Luke 2:40) When Jesus was twelve they went to Jerusalem for the feast of the passover and you remember that when Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem Jesus was not with them. Mary and Joseph journeyed back to Jerusalem in search of their boy and when they found Him in the temple He was much surprised at their concern. (Luke 2:49)

We know how Jesus withstood Satan's temptations, how He gathered His disciples, and of all the miracles He worked, of His teachings and parables, each one with a significant meaning to mankind. (Luke 6:47-48) And so it was that Jesus' life continued to about the age of thirty-three, until the plan so carefully laid out for our salvation came to pass.

They laid Him on the cross and drove the huge nails in His hands and feet. We know how it feels to prick our finger with a needle. Think of the anguish and pain of having a spike driven through one's hand. Many of us have known people who have suffered a great deal of pain. Take that and multiply it ten times ten and more for the suffering of Christ. For His pain was to cleanse a world of sin, to cleanse each person who believes in Christ and asks His forgiveness, to give you and me life eternal. Thus, it was that Jesus died and was laid in the tomb, but glory to God, on the third day he arose. After He had risen He talked with His disciples. (Luke 24:38-39) (Acts 1:6-9) So it was that the greatest mission was accomplished.

(Acts 1:8) Every child of God has a mission today, that of spreading the gospel, of telling others about Jesus. Some have a greater mission, some have been called of God to preach and become missionaries. We, as Christians, have a responsibility, that of helping the missionary in every way possible. They need funds. Money to spread God's word to the far corners of the earth. Yes, we need to do all we can and this concerns more than money, this concerns our prayers.

Let us stop here and think a moment. How content we are here in America with our lives, in our nice comfortable homes, with our electric lights, our running water, our soft beds and our good food, where our daily problems consist of just what we will fix for dinner, or perhaps it's getting Herman to wash his ears before going to school, or maybe we're upset because we don't have the money to buy a new car when the Jones right next door do. We really do have big problems don't we. But what of the missionaries? An article from the August, 1965 issue of HEARTBEAT titled "Is It Worth It?" tells us some of their problems. "Isolation, no running water, no flush commode. Missionaries like nice things too...Everyone seems hungry, scarcely enough rich for ourselves. Missionaries need to eat too...And the dust, no place to take a shower, wonder what's in the water. Boiling kills the bugs, but out in the villages they don't always boil things too well. Missionaries like to be clean and healthy too...Never seem to get caught up, always tired. I wonder, is it worth it all? Yet, there's the man at the market and the children in the village. I promised to come back to see them. There's the village grandfather who accepted the Lord last week and the hostel boys. Their dedication to the

Lord shames me. At least we aren't completely alone out here. The Lord's with us, and He knows our needs. Folks at home remember us in prayer...Is it worth it? You know the answer."

Yes, we here at home know the answer. Let's each do our part to support our missionaries both with funds and our most earnest prayers. Jesus said "...all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22)

Mrs. Judy Underhill
Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church
Springfield, Missouri

The Answered Prayer

By Jackie Owens



ELEANOR ROBSON
Registered Nurse
in Montreal, Quebec

Recently I was in the hospital in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. It was expected that I would be there only for tests, but upon examination and many varied kidney tests, it was discovered that surgery would be necessary. Of course, I was disheartened, as it was a week before Christmas when this was determined and this would really upset our holidays with the children. We had planned to be in North Carolina for Christmas and New Year's. Our plans can be, and often are, subject to changes which only the Lord knows and permits for reasons we know not at the time they occur.

After being admitted to the hospital, it was my privilege to meet a registered nurse by the name of Eleanor Robson. Eleanor is a most pleasant girl and one who cheered the patients just by chatting with them. When it was definite that I would be operated, they moved me to another floor. I felt disappointed as it wouldn't be possible for Eleanor to be on the same floor and she was most eager to converse about many things concerning my work for the Lord. However, I prayed that the Lord would help me to be a witness no matter where I was and, although Eleanor wasn't on the same floor, I prayed that the Lord would undertake in her behalf. She did come and make brief visits on her way to work and away from work. I prayed, Lord, give me one soul while I'm here for you.

You know, a wonderful thing happened. It was my prayer that the Lord would help me to extend my personal faith in Christ to others and this He did. Eleanor, however, was a constant burden to me and on the final day of my stay (three weeks) there my real opportunity came. You see, there had not been any time nor a real opening before.

Upon meeting Eleanor in the corridor as I was waiting to be discharged, she greeted me with these words: "Good morning, Mrs. Owens, I hear you are leaving today." I told her I was

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GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS



June 12 is the day for the
Gospel Broadcasting Prayer Day

We are calling on all Christians everywhere to pray for gospel broadcasting on June 12, 1966

Each year the International Christian Broadcasters sponsor this Annual Day of Prayer for Gospel Broadcasting around the world.

There are currently 53 missionary radio and television stations on the air, scattered across the world. In addition, hundreds of programs are produced and released over commercial stations. Presently there are over 400 million radio receivers, or an average of 13 sets for every 100 people. Some 12,600 transmitters are in use throughout the world, and the transistor - pocket radio - has brought millions of people within the reach of the gospel. TV is expanding with fantastic speed, and color TV is actively developed in many countries. About 2,500 TV transmitters are now in use and the opportunities for the church of God are unlimited.

Pray especially on JUNE 12 for effective communication. Pray for your favorite program and gospel broadcasting everywhere. Contact the ICB office for additional information regarding the Prayer Day.

International Christian Broadcasters
4440 Saratoga
Downers Grove, Ill. 60615

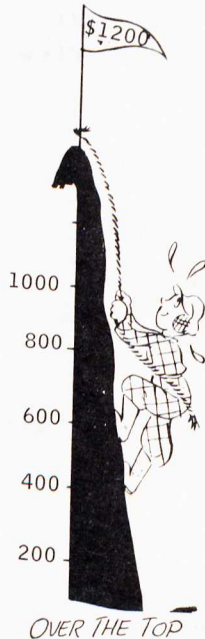
A HISTORY OF ONE YEAR

A year ago, March 19, 1965, the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at Flat River, Missouri celebrated the 19th anniversary of the church. At the same time we were hearing a prospective pastor. Our pastor had resigned to accept a new

Miley's Travel Fund

Indian Creek Quarterly Conference . \$80.00

Total Received April 1, 1966 . \$1206.77



pastorate and the Rev. Tom Malone preached at the morning worship service and was voted in as church pastor that night. I'm sure at that time many of us asked ourselves if this young man, only 24 years old, could handle such a responsibility.

A year has passed and we have seen the power of God lead this young man and the church in a very remarkable way.

We have seen the Sunday School average 100 more each Sunday the past two months and also the offerings are averaging \$1,000 per month over last year. The Lord has wondrously blessed by drawing his people into a much closer relationship with Him. We have a progressive visitation program which is drawing men and women to the services and the Holy Spirit is so convicting that we are seeing several souls saved each week. Only the power of God can give such results.

We have seen one of our young men enter Bible College to prepare himself for God's ministry. Others have dedicated their lives to the Lord for services to Him according to His will.

March 13, 1966, we started a new Sunday School campaign, "PUT YOUR HEART IN THE CHURCH." Each person

enrolled in the Sunday School has a church and a heart will be placed in the church when he brings another person to Sunday School. This campaign terminated Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966, with an attendance of 413, 38 over the goal set of 375. We had set aside this Sunday also to bring an offering of 30 pieces of silver above our tithes. The result was an offering of \$1,241.64. For all this we praise the Lord.

We are now trying to obtain space to begin a new building program which is needed very badly. We desire your prayers for the Lord's guiding hand to continue to lead us. All we as a church have accomplished, we owe to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A MISSOURIAN AT FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Miss Pansy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith of Fredericktown, Missouri, is holding office as treasurer of the recently organized Phi Beta Lambda Business Club.

Miss Smith is a sophomore at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. She is also a member of the Louisa Mae Alcott Literary Society and a cheerleader for the William Jennings Bryan Literary Society.

Phi Beta Lambda is sponsored by the National Business Education Association, which is a division of NEA. The purpose of the business club is to help increase students' knowledge of the business world and to help them face the problems of the world with a Christian attitude.

Phi Beta Lambda members are working hard to make their Club a success and an asset to the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

A LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Bro. Hill and all the Gem readers:

We of Oskaloosa Church are thankful we are serving a living Christ. April 10 we met at 6:30 for sunrise service.

April 1 Verdella and Hannon met with us for Fellowship meeting. A number of special songs were sung. Rev. Bob Dickey read Eph. 4. Each deacon and minister present spoke five or ten minutes on a verse or verses.

Our pastor, Frank Johnson, and wife attended a Bible Conference at Nashville, Tenn. April 3-8.

Free Will Baptist Gem

Pray that our church will grow in spirit and in truth. Pray with us for revival, that God will send the right minister and souls will be saved. God help us to let our light so shine that others may see Jesus through us. May God give us a deeper burden for those about us.

Mrs. Laphema Herrell

A GOOD REPORT

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

Truly, this is what the good folk at Leadington Free Will Baptist Church did, and for their efforts and labor of love they now have a beautiful new church.

May we take you on a tour of our lovely church through the doors of the Gem?

Back in 1958 the basement was built. Nothing more was done until July, 1965. At that time, building of the church got under way. Contractors were Medford Stevens & Company.

Mr. Stevens, who was a member at Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, passed away December 11, 1965.

In September of 1964, the present pastor, Rev. Frank Giunta, came and from then on the church grew and grew.

Our first service in the new building was January 16, 1966, the dedication was January 23, 1966. The main auditorium has 2880 square feet of floor space. This consists of the nursery, one classroom, pastor's study and two rest rooms. All floor space, including the choir and steps to the baptistry and basement are carpeted wall to wall with moss green carpeting.

Actual seating capacity is three hundred.

Our church deacons are Marvin Milburn and Fred Boren; trustees, Bob Clay, Loyd (Monk) Halter, Oscar Treaster, Carl Penrod, Albert Spradlin, and Bill Morris. Church clerk is Elaine Spradlin; Sunday School secretary is Ruby Campbell. Music director is Peggy Giunta. Pianists are Margie Wilfong, Beverly Howell, Marilyn Barnes and Christine Dees.

Our beautiful church chimes were donated by Mr. Elmer Hovis of Flat River.

In all our rejoicing over our new building our hearts were saddened by the passing of Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Anna Lincoln in February. Mrs. Lincoln was a charter member of our church.

Our Sunday School has four departments. Brother Harold Wilfong is general superintendent. The Senior Adult superintendent is Brother Bob Clay, Senior High superintendent is Peggy Giunta, Junior superintendent is Margie Wilfong, and Cradle Roll superintendent is Sandra Morris.

May, 1966

We have a total of twelve classrooms and plans are underway now for expansion as soon as possible, as we are out growing our room capacity. For all this we truly thank the Lord.

Our C.T.S. is fair. Average for the past quarter was 42. We are working hard to bring this average up.

General Superintendent of C.T.S. is Bob Clay; secretary is Maxine Clay.

If you have detected proudness in the description of our church, yes. Boastfulness, no!

We are grateful to God for all the good things He has given us. But we are still not satisfied. Since Bro. Giunta came to Leadington Church September 8, 1964, we have had 140 decisions for Christ. We would still like to see more in C.T.S., Sunday School, and more souls saved. God has promised us all these things if we only believe.

We are in revival at this time and so far eight souls have been saved. Rev. Owen Ganey from LaGrange, North Carolina is our evangelist.

As we read in Psalms 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it ---."

So we request the prayers of all, that we may remain a dedicated and prayerful church so all of God's blessings can rightfully be claimed by us.

Our prayers and God's blessings on our wonderful Gem family.

CHURCH HAS HOMECOMING

As the First Free Will Baptist Church at 411 W. Ashely, Jefferson City, Missouri, was three years old on May 3, we had a homecoming on May 1, 1966 with special singing and guest speakers. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us. Remember us in your prayers.

Rev. Earl Irish, Pastor

IT WAS A HILL

It was a hill where my Savior died,
On a hill called Calvary, where his
Mother cried,
Next to his Mother, stood a man whom
we all know,
John saw my Saviour as to death He did
go.

There were of course the others, who
went just to see,
They, too, saw my Saviour, as He died
between two thieves,
And only from these watchers, scorn for
Him was shown,
For it wasn't until his dying, that His
love was really known.

There were also the soldiers, of Pontious
pilate's guard,

These men it is now known, were not so
really hard,
For as the lightning flashed, and the
Heavens did get dark,
My Savior by dying, did upon them leave
His mark.

Oh, what a scene it must have been, as
My Savior died,
To see Him in His suffering, as His
blessed Mother cried,
Oh, but one who was absent, as my Lord
he did betray,
And as they later found him hanging,
Judas chose this way to pay.

Oh, for those who have accepted Him,
shall see Him soon again,
The ones who've asked forgiveness, forgiveness from their sin,
Oh, the ones who have accepted Him, and
live their life his way,
Are the ones who are to see Him, when
He comes on His great day.

I know I want to see Him, after all He
died for me,
But what about you others, do you long
with Him to be?
Oh, think of all His suffering, which was
done for only you,
Can't you return His love a little, be to
Him a little true.

By Alex J. Townson, Jr.
Inmate at the Missouri State
Penitentiary

FOURTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH REPORTS

Just a short report of church activities for March. God has wonderfully blessed throughout the month.

We were privileged to have some of our missionaries for special services this month.

March 18-20, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, our missionaries to Uruguay, gave us the news of their work there. God has blessed them in many ways. After seeing the slides and hearing their messages, it stirred our very depths, and placed upon us a deeper burden for the work over there.

Sunday morning, March 20, at the close of the service, there were 18 souls upon the altar completely dedicating their lives to God. Thank God for Bro. and Sis. Fulcher and their service to God.

Sunday evening, March 20, Rev. Lavern Miley, our medical missionary to the Ivory Coast, was with us and related the work over there in slides and message. God again wonderfully blessed. There were souls upon the altar rededicating their lives to Him. How wonderful Jesus

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DR. L. C. JOHNSON
President



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

3606 West End Ave.

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Layman:

The pages you are about to see include the most far reaching plans ever undertaken by Free Will Baptist Bible College, or any other agency of our denomination. These plans represent almost twenty-five years of progress for our College. Beginning with a first year enrollment of sixteen students to a present enrollment of almost 350, it is easy to see why it is necessary for us to talk with you about the challenges contained in this book.

In a day of moral let-down, and much of this attributable to a godless system of education, Free Will Baptist Bible College is seeking to give to every Christian young man and woman in our Free Will Baptist churches an opportunity to study in an institution where God and His Word are honored and old fashioned Christian standards maintained. To assure this goal, we invite you to join with us in the march of progress for a greater denomination through an expanded Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Yours truly,

L. C. Johnson

L. C. Johnson
President

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WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR

For nearly a quarter century, Free Will Baptist Bible College has stood as a unique institution because of its inflexible loyalty to a single purpose - to provide for every student a fundamental, Christ-centered, Bible education.

Subordinating all other things to this one purpose has not been easy. Many modern-day trends in education are in direct conflict with the Word of God, and pressures are being exerted on Christian schools to conform to those trends. But Free Will Baptist Bible College cannot compromise her basic objective.

Since the founding of the school in 1942, when this purpose was first determined, its achievement has reigned supreme in the minds of those charged with administering her affairs. From a student body of 16 to over 300, that basic objective has gone unchanged, because we know what we're here for.

The Bible College has been constantly beset by needs during the past two decades, but never by a student shortage. Since that opening day in 1942, the school has operated at near capacity, and the Lord still sends more students each year. But facilities are becoming increasingly crowded. Expansion is vital, not for tomorrow, but for today.



The Objective
of Free Will Baptist Bible
College, as Stated in Her
Charter Is:

"The Free Will Baptist Bible College is devoted to the promotion and impartation of higher Biblical education, instruction, and training as may be deemed essential to the equipment of Christian workers, teachers, ministers, and missionaries of both sexes for Christian service."

THE HAVEN
65 Students, Staff Apartment



ENNIS HALL
30 Students, Staff Apartment



DAVIDSON HALL
25 Students, 3 Classrooms, 3 Officers

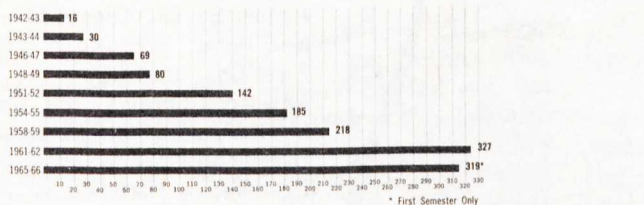


WHY MORE BUILDINGS

The answer is evident. Dormitories are crowded and have been for years. Classrooms packed to capacity. In 1942-43, there were 16 students. Five years later, in 1948-49, there were 80 students, an increase of 500 per cent. Two years later, there were 142 students, an increase of 178 per cent; and in 1965-66, the student body numbered 350, another increase of 246 per cent.

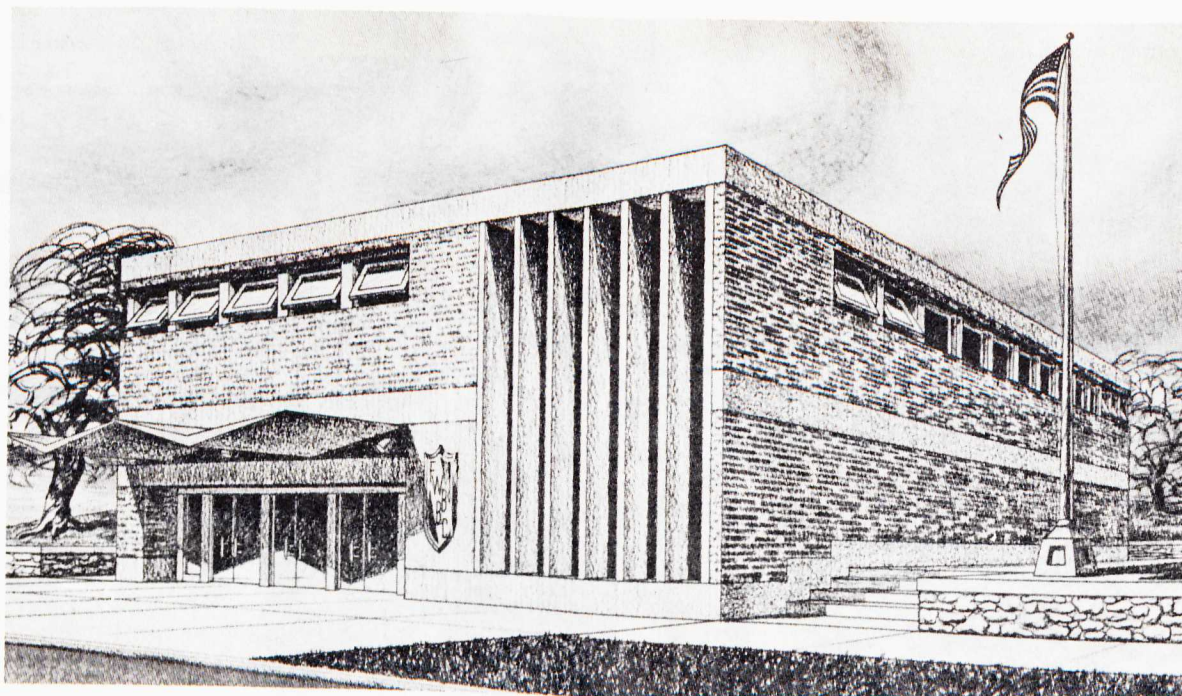
God is leading our sons and daughters to Free Will Baptist Bible College. We must provide for them adequate dormitory and classroom space.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT



RICHLAND HALL
75 Students, Apartment for Dean of Women
May, 1966



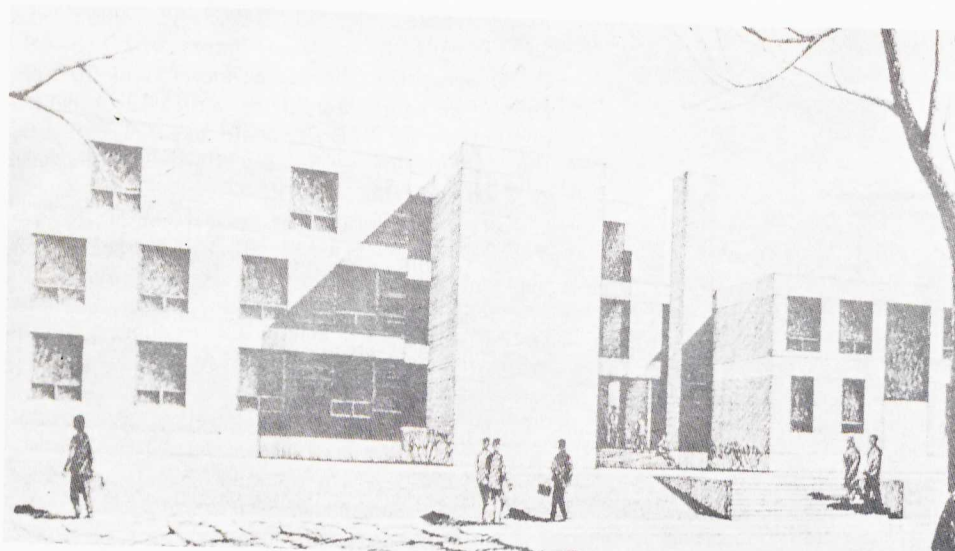


PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING AND OVERFLOW AUDITORIUM

Capacity: Undetermined

Approx. Cost: \$250,000

A physical education building will complete the first phase of the Development Program and become the transition into the second phase. In addition to providing facilities for physical exercise, the building will serve as an overflow auditorium for large crowds. The present auditorium seats 430. In one recent service of the annual Bible Conference sponsored by the College, the crowd reached nearly 1500, making it necessary to rent one of the downtown auditoriums. The addition of this overflow auditorium would be beneficial, not only to the school, but to other Free Will Baptist agencies as well.



ACADEMIC BUILDING

Capacity: 650

Approx. Cost: \$350,000

This 3-story Academic Building is the first unit to be constructed under the current Bible College Development Program. It will provide 15 rooms for classes now meeting in various locations scattered about the campus. Two high-capacity lecture halls and eight teachers' offices are also included in the unit. This building, with a central campus location, is scheduled to be opened during the 1966-67 school year.

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Pleasant Home, Mtn. Grove ..	7.00
Mrs. Fern Kelsey, Greentop ..	2.00
Mrs. Pearl R. Alexander,	
Monett	10.00
Mr. Herbert Gourley,	
Springfield	20.00
Myrtle Ch.	5.00
Mrs. Myron Simon, Florissant	23.00
Ladies SS Cl. Copper Mines .	5.85
New Home, Hartville	10.00
First Ch., Berkeley	17.10
New Rock Springs, Mtn. Grove	19.00
Mrs. Myron Simon, Florissant	12.00
Overland Ch.	50.00
Leadington, Hartville	19.50
Mrs. Olga Helsey, Hartville .	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Fry,	
Mtn. Grove	1.00
New Prospect SS, Long Lane	24.49
Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Wagner,	
Willow Springs	5.00
Mrs. Pauline Means,	
Willow Springs	5.00
Fellowship Ch., Flat River ..	10.00
Myrtle Ch.	5.00
Faith Ch., Lemay	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Farmington .	25.00
Pleasant Home Ch., Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mary-Martha Cir., Mtn. Grove	5.00
Farmington Ch.	44.20
Fellowship Ch., Flat River ..	36.30
Mrs. Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove	2.50
Cooperative Plan	282.18
WNAC	93.06

Total\$830.18

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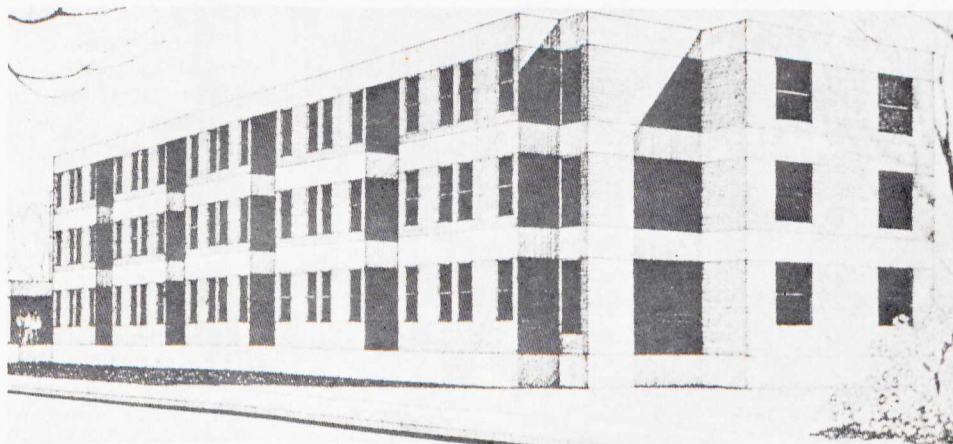


WOMEN'S DORMITORY

Capacity: 100

Approx. Cost: \$300,000

Two dormitories on the Bible College campus are now housing the 97 young women enrolled during 1965-66. Only one of these buildings will continue to be suitable for this purpose in the future; therefore, the pressing need for a new women's dormitory is evident. Equipped to comfortably accommodate 100 students, this building will nearly double the present College facilities for women. It will include an apartment for the Dean of Women and a lounge for group meetings among the women students.



MEN'S DORMITORY

Capacity: 125-150

Approx. Cost. \$350,000

The second unit scheduled for construction is this men's dormitory. This building will replace the two former apartment houses now being used for that purpose. Approximately 100 men are already being housed on the campus in crowded conditions with limited facilities. This dormitory will provide comfortable living quarters and an excellent atmosphere for study for the future pastors, missionaries, and laymen in training at the Bible College.

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and then she asked, "What makes you folks that have great faith? What is it you have?" I said, "Eleanor, I don't have great faith (God knows I don't), but I would like to tell you what took place in my life about twelve years ago. I then began to tell her how my brother came home from the Navy on leave and how he explained the plan of salvation to me and how I needed Christ, even though I led a good moral life. She said, "This is wonderful!" I asked her if she knew Christ as her own personal Saviour. She said that she didn't, but that she was trying to believe on Him. I then proceeded to tell her how she, too, could know Christ, that He loved her just as much as He did me or anyone else. I told her about the Gospel Hand that we use to show folks their need for Christ and this is how the hand works: THE THUMB (First) Eleanor, the Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). You Eleanor, have sinned and cannot save yourself. You must fully realize that you are utterly helpless and lost without Jesus Christ. When you realize this, over half the battle is won. POINT NUMBER TWO: (Your Index Finger) Although, you have sinned, God loves you. "For God so loved the world (Eleanor) that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever (Eleanor) believeth on Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). POINT NUMBER THREE: (Middle Finger) Because God loves you, He sent Christ to make a provision for your lost soul, Eleanor. "But God commendeth his love toward us (Eleanor) that while we (Eleanor) were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Eleanor) that while we (Eleanor) were yet sinners, Christ died

for us (Eleanor)" (Rom. 5:8). Now, POINT NUMBER FOUR: Because Christ died for us (Eleanor) you can receive Him into your heart. "But as many as received him to them (Eleanor) gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). And then if you receive Him, Eleanor, you can say, POINT NUMBER FIVE: I AM SAVED!!! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved (Eleanor)" (Acts 16:31).

You know, Eleanor, I wish we could be around one another more, but anywhere you realize you are lost - whether it's walking down to the nurses' station, going to the grocery store, or sitting in your apartment - you can let or ask Christ into your heart. I won't be seeing you anymore, Eleanor, but I'll be praying for you and so, as I boarded the plane that day to fly from Montreal to Raleigh, North Carolina, I prayed, Help Eleanor, Lord, to see she is lost and cannot save herself and then help her to receive you.

After we had been on itinerant in California for about a week, I got a letter from Eleanor. You will enjoy what she has to say. May God bless her life that it may count for His glory.

She writes: "In my own life without Christ, I had no purpose. I tried to satisfy myself with the pleasures of this world, but it wasn't working. I have since accepted Christ as my Saviour, and no kidding, it is something else entirely. I haven't asked all the questions yet, or found all the answers; all that I know is I must try to keep growing in my new life." Another letter I just received the other day she says, "This new dimension of life is really something." What a joy to see a young life seeking the Lord and finding Him to be everything He promised in our lives.

All I missed in not being home for Christmas outside of being with my family was just a few lighted Christmas tree bulbs and the festivities that vanish away so quickly, but this soul that trusted Jesus far outglows anything I might have received if I had been home.

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is. Without Him we would be nothing.

Sunday morning, April 3, Rev. Mack Owens, on itinerate in the state of Missouri, was our special guest. He and his family have been with the home missions work in New Hampshire, Maine, and on into New Brunswick, Canada. God has wonderfully blessed them in their ministry for Him. Many souls have sought and found the Saviour through their ministry.

An offering was taken at each of these missionary services. \$75.00 from the church for Rev. and Mrs. Fulcher. An offering of \$15.00 was given later making a total of \$90.00.

The same happened in our offering for Dr. Miley. The church gave \$75.00 and later a member of the church gave \$15.00 bringing the total to \$90.00.

An offering was taken April 3 for Rev. Mack Owens and his family in the amount of \$85.00. To this was donated by a member of the church, a tape recorder and a projector.

We give thanks to the church and every member for seeing the needs of our missionaries and giving of their means to their support.

We want to thank each one for their prayers for Rev. H.T. Dann, our pastor. God has healed his afflicted nose and throat since the operation. Thank God for hearing and answering prayer.

Bro. Dann left April 4 for Nashville, Tenn. to attend the Bible Conference.

NEW MISSION IN DE SOTO

Greetings Gem Readers:

On Sunday, April 3, 1966, another Free Will Baptist Mission came to life, located at 1014 S. Main St., Desoto, Mo. with 34 present for the first service, and a young mother was saved.

This mission is under the direction of Rev. Chas. H. Moyers, who is an old hand at missionary work. He and Rev. George Hibbits, of Fredericktown, and others, started the Farmington Mission that grew to a soul saving station. Then a few years later he and Rev. Hibbits started the Hurryville work, also growing into a successful church, and while in Oklahoma he started a work that is still in progress.

The folks at Desoto request every prayer you pray that they will continue to win souls. If you know of anyone in the Desoto area, send us their names, for we need all the help we can get.

REPORT FROM STATE MODERATOR

Dear Christians of the
Missouri State Association:

The activities throughout this state, although not seen at times, continue to

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The Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church recently purchased a lot that joins the church property. This lot will be used for an additional parking space. The above pictures were taken when the newly acquired property was dedicated to the Lord. Rev. Clarence Burton is the pastor.

prove that God is blessing our state work. In many different localities dedicated and humble servants are quietly doing a work that only the Holy Ghost could use men in doing. There is something to be said about people who continually give themselves to God. The dedicated ministers of the State Association, the humble church leaders that have given sacrificially in order to see the kingdom's work move forward are to be praised and thanked by all who love God.

The Executive Committee of the State Association of Free Will Baptist and the membership of the General Board are pleased with efforts that are being put forth by the different churches. However, there are just a few months left before we meet again at our annual convention. We urge all people to begin now to pray that God will give us a great annual convention. Representatives, messengers, delegates, and guests who attend the convention come expecting to receive a blessing. Let's have such a convention that they cannot help but be blessed and want to come again year after year. The state meeting will be announced in different state papers throughout the United States, therefore, we should have guests with us at our state meeting.

As Chairman of the College Committee, your Moderator is happy to report the two different meetings thus far held in connection with this work seems to be blessed of God. The movement which brought about the investigation of the possibility of an Accredited Junior College in the state of Missouri was brought about through prayer and many men of means have responded favorably toward such possibilities. However, much prayer and supplication needs to be made in this light. It will be only after the State Association this year that we will know for sure if this is the time that God would have us to proceed with this move to the complete perfecting of a college. Nevertheless, outstanding things have been accomplished in the investigation and we at least now know where we stand. You will be hearing more from this matter at an early date.

May I urge all members of the General



Board, members of the Executive Committee, and all other interested personnel to feel free to correspond with the Moderator should there be other detailed information that might be needed. We stand ready to help when the need arises.

Thank you and God bless you in your work wherever you are.

Your State Moderator,
Othel T. Dixon

TOTAL GIFTS TO 20+8 BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN AS OF MARCH 30

Alabama	\$ 587.13
Arizona	39.00
Arkansas	436.16
California	79.66
Florida	269.00
Georgia	335.10
Illinois	320.82
Indiana	90.00
Iowa	13.00
Kansas	26.00
Kentucky	199.50
Maine	27.00
Michigan	299.20
Mississippi	312.00
Missouri	435.05
New Hampshire	14.00
New Mexico	65.50
New York	3.00
North Carolina	301.46
Ohio	535.55
Oklahoma	246.75
South Carolina	249.20
Tennessee	876.65
Texas	111.00
Virginia	186.00
West Virginia	446.27
Total	\$6,504.00

Look how poor our state did. Let us strive to raise this amount by next month. We need the land that is next to our National Headquarters. Will you do your part? Send to 20+8 account, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. I hope that I can count on your.

Rev. Bud Hill, Editor

REVIVAL

Carterville Free Will Baptist Church will begin a Revival May 23, 1966. Services will be nightly at 7:30. Rev. James McCully is evangelist, Rev. Gary Terrell, pastor.

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