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## Promotional Secretary's Corner



**HARRY BEATTY**  
Promotional Secretary

Cotton Creek Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting July 1-2, with full delegation from each of their churches.

Time was given for our Missouri Co-operative program. Sunday, July 3, we visited our former home church in Thayer and preached the morning sermon there. They experienced a good revival there recently.

Mrs. Beatty and I visited our Walnut Ridge Church Sunday evening, July 10, on our way to the national association. I was privileged to deliver the evening sermon there. Rev. Keith Johnson is the pastor of this soul winning church. The national association was the best on rec-

ord. Many new challenges are coming to we Free Will Baptists from every department of work. Brethren let us rise up and work more earnestly!

We also visited the new congregation in Tulsa, Okla., Southeast Free Will Baptist, where our son and family worship. I was privileged to preach the Sunday evening message there on July 17. Rev. Kenneth Walker is pastor. This is the ideal way to start a new work. This church was sponsored by Lewis Ave. Church and the quarterly meeting in this district. St. Louis District Youth Rally and Quarterly Meeting convened here with our South Side Church July 22-23.

Rev. Lloyd Durbin, our O'Fallon Mission pastor, delivered the sermon at 11 a.m. Saturday. Encouraging reports are coming from the mission work there which is supported by St. Louis District and Missouri Home Mission Departments.

Missionary Lonnie Palmer was the principal messenger for Central Western Association held with Wagoner FWB Church near Stockton July 27-29. They had good response to the missionary cause. I was privileged to deliver the closing sermon Thursday. Happy Hill FWB Church hosted Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting Saturday, July 30. Each of their churches represented and new pledged support promised to the cooperative work.

Niangua Fifth Sunday Meeting met with Baily Chapel. I was privileged to bring one of the sermons during the day. Thanks to all the faithful churches and new churches too, for the support given through the cooperative fund. You helped reach 95 per cent of our \$35,000 proposed budget. I hope to have 1966 Book Store catalogues available soon.

## COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS JULY, 1966

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Oskaloosa.....             | \$ 22.70   |
| Fredericktown .....        | 313.76     |
| Union Light .....          | 5.40       |
| Merl's Chapel .....        | 25.57      |
| Central .....              | 78.00      |
| Mt. Grove .....            | 175.66     |
| Farmington .....           | 127.75     |
| Berkley .....              | 216.19     |
| Alton .....                | 14.00      |
| Rock Chapel.....           | 24.47      |
| Twin City .....            | 48.53      |
| Cape Girardeau .....       | 10.00      |
| Mt. Valley .....           | 51.08      |
| New Harmony S.S. ....      | 4.20       |
| Twin Oaks .....            | 60.00      |
| Hickory Grove .....        | 29.38      |
| Richwoods .....            | 115.27     |
| Hannon .....               | 32.75      |
| Pleasant Hill .....        | 10.00      |
| Monett First .....         | 112.08     |
| Myrtle .....               | 117.98     |
| Hurryville .....           | 181.74     |
| Overland .....             | 329.67     |
| Flat River First .....     | 299.38     |
| Eldorado Springs First ... | 3.82       |
| DeSoto FWB Mission ....    | 72.58      |
| North Side, St. Louis .... | 30.78      |
| Cabool.....                | 43.46      |
| Verdella .....             | 107.00     |
| Mine LaMotte .....         | 11.97      |
| Thayer .....               | 49.48      |
| Merl's Chapel.....         | 21.04      |
| Beacon .....               | 86.49      |
| Carterville .....          | 17.53      |
| Fellowship.....            | 50.00      |
| South Side .....           | 142.00     |
| Farmington .....           | 119.73     |
| Good Samaritan .....       | 50.00      |
| Received .....             | \$3,211.44 |

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# GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS

## DE SOTO MISSION REPORTS

We had a singing Sunday evening, July 10. The singers were the Lebonaires. This was enjoyed by all.

On July 17 we had a baptism. There were three baptized. Bob and Betty Baker, who were saved since the starting of our mission and Allan Rider, a 12 year old boy who was saved at Youth Camp.

On July 31 we had another singing. This time it was the Moyers Band, consisting string instruments. There was an attendance of 49.

The Lord has blessed us as we are trying to get started. We hope and pray that the Lord will keep on blessing us. We still need your support, both financially and prayerfully.

Our address is: Free Will Baptist Mission, Gen. Del., DeSoto, Mo.

## REPORT FROM MILL CREEK

Rev. Lloyd Durbin, pastor of the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Mill Creek, Mo. for almost six years, resigned on May 15 to go into full home mission work in O'Fallon, Mo. We saw our church grow spiritually and in number while Bro. Durbin was with us. We hate to lose the Durbins from our community, but we from Mill Creek Church pray God's richest blessing on them in their new field of work.

## OSKALOOSA FWB CHURCH REPORTS GOOD REVIVAL

Dear Brother Hill,

We have just completed a revival meeting at Oskaloosa. Rev. Grover Terry of Desloge, Missouri was the evangelist. Bro. Terry is truly a man of God not fearing to preach God's word. We thank God for men like him.

We praise God for ten souls which gave their hearts to the Lord. Hearts were blessed in a wonderful way by the good messages.

The attendance was very good each night with an average of 52. The spirit of the meeting was superb with full cooperation of our sister churches.

We were happy to have with us two nights, Bro. Terry's son, Gene and family from Springfield, Missouri.

Pray with us to keep the revival fires September, 1966

burning in our hearts that God will continue to bless.

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

On July 17 we had three new members to unite with our church and were baptized.

We are few in number but each one has a place to serve the Lord. May we seek our place of service and join with our pastor to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Laphema E. Herrell  
Reporter

## NEW BOOK OFF THE PRESS

Just barely a month ago a book rolled off the press, reproduced from the original 107 year old copy, entitled, "Minutes of the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist Connection". This book was first published at Dover, New Hampshire in 1859.

It contains a brief outline of the rise, progress, early polity, and leading measure of the denomination, including tables on denominational statistics, yearly meetings, sessions of the General Conference, Anniversary meetings and Chronology of the major events and includes the action taken by the conference in dealing with the subject of slavery, a topic of unusual interest just preceding the Civil War.

The book has a hard-back binding with a royal blue washable cover with gold lettering. It has 444 pages, 7 1/2 x 6 inches and sells for \$5.95 including tax.

Anyone may order this book by sending check or money order payable to either Herbert C. Holleman, 2823 Royal Oaks Dr., Visalia, Calif. or DeArthur Yandell, 219 So. "A" St., Tulare, Calif.

## CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church has called Rev. Darrel Morris as pastor for the coming year. Bro. Morris is from Desloge, Mo. Bro. Morris came to us as a licensed minister, but if the good Lord is willing he will be ordained August 13, so we are looking forward to that service. We are happy to have Bro. Morris, his wife Sue, and little daughter, Darlinda, with us.

## CAVE SPRINGS YEARLY MEETING A BLESSING

Dear Bro. Hill and Gem readers,

Greetings from the Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. We had the privilege of being host to our Cave Spring Yearly meeting July 22-23. We had good spiritual messages on Friday by Rev. Virgil Blankenship and Rev. Dale Skiles and on Saturday by Rev. Glenn Murray and Rev. Davie Combs. We also had two good days of Christian fellowship. Church business and committee reports were good.

There was a good delegation from our 22 churches. We are happy to report a new church added to our number this past year. It is Koshkonong Church, Rev. Davie Combs, pastor. It was voted on and passed that as a yearly meeting we go on record that we take a stand against Communism and the World Council of Churches.

Officers elected for the coming year for Cave Springs Yearly Meeting: Moderator, Rev. Glenn Murray, Alton, Mo.; Clerk, Mr. Roy Underwood, Thayer, Mo.; Treasurer, Rev. Howard Bowers, Thayer, Mo.; Statistician, Ruth Holman, Thomasville, Mo.

Remember us in prayer at Myrtle Church that we will win souls for the Lord.

Rev. Dale Skiles, Pastor  
Bernice Cantrell, Clerk

## CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

The Carterville Free Will Baptist Church has called Rev. Lester Nutting as pastor for the coming year. The church reports that they are doing fine.

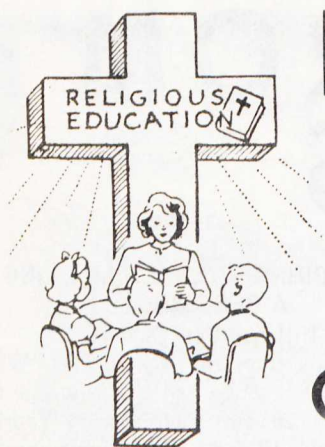
## ARKANSAS PASTOR MOVES TO MISSOURI

The Rev. Alton Loveless has been called as pastor at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri. Bro. Loveless comes to the church from a pastorate in Arkansas.

## NEW PASTOR AT JONES CHAPEL

The Rev. Dale Underwood from Oklahoma has assumed the pastorate of the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Fairview, Mo. Bro. Underwood will teach school at the Rocky Comfort High School besides pastoring the church.

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# NEWS FROM OUR COLLEGE

MISSOURIAN ADDED TO STAFF  
AT OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE



Moore, Oklahoma - Additions to the administration and staff of the Oklahoma Bible College include one native Missourian according to a recent announcement by Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, president.

Joining the staff are the Rev. Eugene Workman, formerly of Springfield, Missouri, and his wife, the former Marjorie Hinton, a native of Bailey, North Carolina.

Mr. Workman will come to the college as registrar, supervisor of mens dormitory students and a teacher of Bible and Speech. He attended Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, and was graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. For the past two years he has pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church at Glasgow, Kentucky, and served as City News Editor of the Glasgow Daily Times.

Mrs. Workman will serve as supervisor of women dormitory students and as secretary to the president. She will also assume some teaching duties. She, too, was graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

## NORTH CAROLINA ALUMNUS DIES IN COLLISION

Rev. Ernest Bowen, 22, a 1966 graduate of the Bible College, was killed on July 15 in a head-on automobile collision near his pastorate in Belvoir, N.C. A native of Durham, N.C., Bowen apparently lost control of his car on the rain-slick highway and died instantly in a collision with an approaching vehicle. His wife of four months, Vicki, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Graves, survived the crash.

Funeral and memorial services were conducted by Rev. Ron-

aid Creech in Belvoir and Durham. Large crowds were present at both services.

Members of the Belvoir Church said that during the three months Bower had pastored there, great strides forward had been seen. It was reported that 11 decisions had been witnessed on the Sunday prior to the pastor's death and that his hopes were high for a community revival.

Bowen is the second member of the 1966 graduating class to die in the past five months, following the death of Ray Lee last March.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION APPROVES \$135,000 BUDGET FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

A \$135,000 general fund gift budget has been adopted by the National Association for the Bible College's 1966-67 school year. An increase of \$15,000 over last year, the new budget represents a step-up of 12 1/2%.

State gifts to the general fund totaled over \$108,000 last year, more than has been received during any previous year in the history of the school. In addition to general fund gifts, the Expansion Campaign brought in over \$60,000 in cash donations to the building fund, also reaching a new high for the school.

In the light of the above record, Dr. L. C. Johnson, president, said, "We feel that this year's operation has been one of the highlights of all the years in the history of Free Will Baptist Bible College." Concerning prospects for next year, he said, "The 25th year, which we plan to celebrate appropriately, faces us with the greatest challenges we have ever known. These responsibilities do not depress us because of their magnitude, but rather challenge us because of their prospects.

The following state general fund gift budget was approved in Little Rock, Ark., by the 30th session of the National Association:

|                   |            |                 |                     |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Alabama .....     | \$6,000.00 | Michigan .....  | \$10,000.00         |
| Alaska .....      | 200.00     | Mississippi ... | 5,200.00            |
| Arizona .....     | 600.00     | Missouri .....  | 7,500.00            |
| Arkansas .....    | 3,800.00   | N. Hampshire .  | 400.00              |
| California .....  | 4,700.00   | N. Mexico ....  | 400.00              |
| Colorado .....    | 600.00     | N. Carolina ... | 19,500.00           |
| Dist. of Col. ... | 300.00     | Ohio .....      | 4,200.00            |
| Florida .....     | 4,700.00   | Oklahoma .....  | 6,500.00            |
| Georgia .....     | 8,500.00   | S. Carolina ... | 6,500.00            |
| Hawaii .....      | 100.00     | Tennessee ....  | 16,000.00           |
| Idaho .....       | 500.00     | Texas .....     | 3,700.00            |
| Illinois .....    | 4,700.00   | Virginia .....  | 4,800.00            |
| Indiana .....     | 1,500.00   | W. Virginia ..  | 1,500.00            |
| Iowa .....        | 200.00     | Washington .... | 500.00              |
| Kansas .....      | 1,000.00   | WNAC .....      | 1,600.00            |
| Kentucky .....    | 2,700.00   | Other .....     | 6,600.00            |
|                   |            | <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$135,000.00</b> |

## EXPANSION CAMPAIGN REACHES \$135,000

Gifts of \$67,017 in cash and other assets, combined with \$67,981 in commitments, bring the mid-year Expansion Campaign total to \$134,998, according to Campaign Director Jack Paramore. In the six months since the drive officially opened, twenty-four \$1,000 gifts have been made to the Bible College, and seven gifts in excess of \$1,000 have been received.

Funds to expand the Bible College facilities have come from many sources. A check for \$100 was received recently from Cofers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. It was their Vacation Bible School offering which the children felt should be sent to the school in order to "help train the mission-

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aries." A \$500 check from a North Carolina youth camp came as the result of promotion work done by the Expansion Campaign's North Carolina representative, Rev. Bill Robinson.

Robinson's own church, Shady Grove, in Durham, N. C., recently sent the Bible College a check for \$1,445, including several match gifts yet to come. Another check, for \$1,520, was presented to Dr. Johnson by Rev. Johnny Eason from his church, Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, N. C.

With a number of other gifts reported during the month of July, it is estimated that the campaign total has reached \$150,000.

## BIBLE COLLEGE ENROLLED 354 STUDENTS LAST YEAR

Three hundred and fifty-four students enrolled at the Bible College last year, stated Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar, in his report to the National Association. A break-down of this record enrollment revealed that 203 men and 151 women attended the school. Ministerial students numbered 120, with 50 students registering as missionary candidates. Students came from 30 states and two foreign countries.

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| from page 2 | Disbursed:                          |
|             | 55% National FWB Ass'n ..\$1,766.30 |
|             | 1% Mo. C.T.S. .... 32.11            |
|             | 2.50% Youth Camp ..... 80.28        |
|             | 4% Gem ..... 128.46                 |
|             | 8% General Fund ..... 256.92        |
|             | 12.5% Mo. Missions ..... 401.43     |
|             | 17% Promotional Dept. .... 545.95   |

\$3,211.44

## The Place of Foreign Mission in the Church

Rev. Ronald E. Graham  
307 Elm Street  
Flat River, Missouri  
Virburnum Free Will Baptist Church  
Virburnum, Missouri

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19. This is God's divine call unto Christians to preach the word throughout the world. He is speaking directly to the Church.

To be pleasing unto the Lord we must have a well rounded Mission Program, in our own local Church as well as on a state and national basis. For us, as Free Will Baptists to be a strong denomination in the world today we must have a strong Foreign Mission program. The program must also begin in our own local church.

We often hear the question asked, "What can I personally do in the Foreign Mission work?" We can first start in our own personal part of Foreign Missions by praying for those on the foreign field. Next, by supporting our missionaries with offerings helping them to be able to preach the word unto all nations. We cannot all be as the Apostle Paul and travel many miles preaching the word, but by sending our prayers and offerings we can do our little part.

In Acts 8:26-39 we find Philip when God spoke to him to go to the mission field. By following in the Spirit he was able to see a soul won to Jesus. God is calling for we as a church today to go to the mission field. To fulfill God's commandment unto the church we must go into all the world and preach the word. This is our own individual responsibility to fulfill the commandment.

Last, it is a great challenge for us to go into all the world with the Gospel of Christ.

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## THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS SPEAK 50c

Marilyn Heiliger

The nativity — and the cross — bring conversion to Lanny Crosby, George Mueller, J. Hudson Taylor. Presented in shadowgraph form with parts for the whole Sunday School. Large or small. Concludes with dedication appeal. Includes music.

## TO ALL PEOPLE 50c

Edith Chaffee

A family, which has lost much of its Christian faith, unites for Christmas, and through an unwanted guest has its faith restored. An easily produced play of three acts; modern setting.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HELPS

No. 1 and 2 40c each  
Billvian Lessel

Two groups of original recitations ideally suited for primary, junior, and intermediate departments. Carefully graded for departmental or class use.

## THE HOLY NIGHT 50c

Florence M. Beabout

A Christmas service for the five departments of the Sunday school. The Beginners are the "cherub choir;" the Primary presents the manger scene; Juniors — shepherd scene; Intermediates — the wise men; Young people — personal application.



## NO ROOM IN THE INN 40c

Billvian Lessel

A 20 minute play in three scenes. Action takes place in the home of the Innkeeper at Bethlehem. Depicts the visit of the shepherds and the wise men. Twelve characters — two major.

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS 50c

Ellen McKay Trimmer

A full-length program telling the Christmas story with a missionary, a salvation and a dedication appeal. Includes parts for all ages, and words and music for necessary songs.

## UNTO US . . . A KING 50c

Julie Fehr

The message of Christmas presented in scripture and song reinforced with pantomime. Christ came to be King in the life of the individual. Concludes with a dramatic sketch on this note. Parts for all ages.

## A MANGER FOR THE KING 40c

Billvian Lessel

Four easy acts; one simple setting — carpenters repairing the manger; easy to produce; 25 minutes; suitable for intermediates, seniors, and adults, cast of 10 with optional choir. Ideal for church groups.

## THIS SHALL BE A SIGN 50c

Eunice J. Fischer

An effective and worshipful one hour Christmas program providing a natural means of tying in the Christmas message with the personal testimonies of individuals in the local church. Participation by all departments of the Sunday school.

## THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS MEET CHRIST 40c

Ellen McKay Trimmer

The shepherds accepted Him; the wise men expected Him; the king rejected Him; the innkeeper neglected Him; and you? Visual presentation, readings and song suggestions. Parts for all Sunday school departments.

## THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS 40c

Elizabeth Brown

A complete program in four parts rung out on the bells of love, peace, joy and salvation. Recitations, pantomimes, narration, choruses, solos, duets — and bells. Adjustable to accommodate the whole Sunday school.

## THE GATES OF CHRISTMAS 50c

Ellen McKay Trimmer

Points to the birth of Christ with emphasis on the love of God and the necessity for personal salvation. Parts for children from nursery to seniors. Complete with songs.

## SIMEON THE STABLE HAND 40c

Billvian Lessel

The haughty spirit of the stable hand is changed to a spirit of humiliation as he serves in the most wonderful stable. 30 minutes; 2 scenes; 12 characters; 4 acts; seniors.

## THE THREE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS 40c

Ellen McKay Trimmer

God gave His Gift — His Son; Christ gave His Gift — Himself; God wants our gift — our heart. This unusual approach is strengthened with visual aids. Complete order of service given.

## CHRISTMAS STRANGER 40c

Edith Chaffee

At Christmas time a prosperous business man brings a guest home for Christmas; he introduces them to the Lord Jesus Christ — the Christ of the open Bible. Three scenes; one setting.

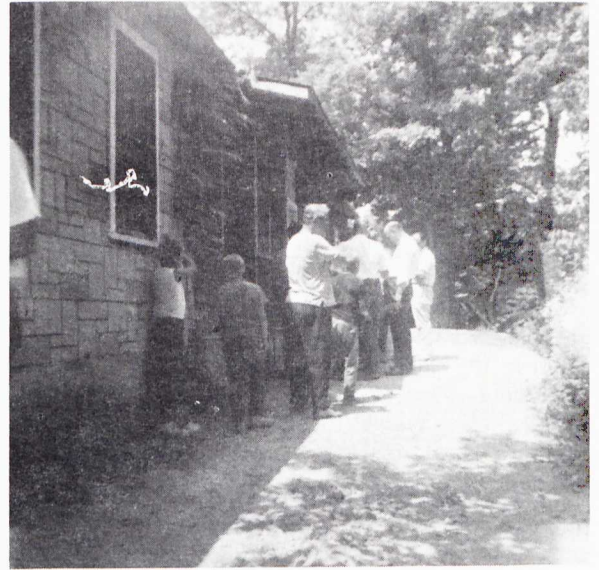
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# YOUTH CAMP REPORT



Rise and shine then flag raising time.



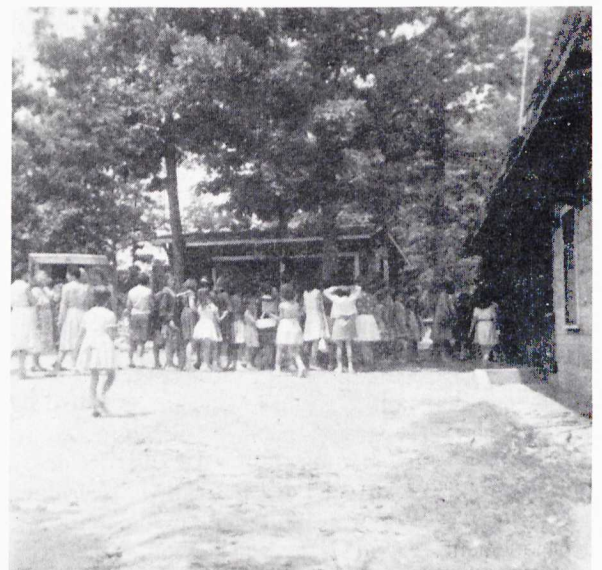
Chow time.



Who is winning?



Class sure makes a person thirsty.



Chow time is good, but I sure enjoy the snack bar.  
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Let's gather for prayer meeting.



Let us read God's word to prepare our hearts for evening service.

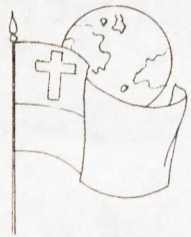


Sad time - Packing up to go home after a week of learning, fun and fellowship.



These two pictures are the children whose mothers or fathers were one time or the other campers themselves.

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# MISSION



# FIELDS

## MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings in the lovely name of the Lord Jesus Christ whom we love and serve. We trust the Lord may be so near and dear to each of your hearts, as we join you in prayers from this side of the Mexican border.

I am sure that you can tell right off that the writer of the Meeting the Challenge this month is Brother Billows, yet as in other times, my heart is filled with joy as I write this letter, and desire to tell you of some of the many blessings which the Lord has given us, in these last days.

Since my return from the states with the Mexican quartet, I have been extremely busy, there has been so much to do, I wonder sometimes if a person can get so involved in work of the Lord until he forgets to pray, forgets to have fellowship daily with his Lord. There is indeed nothing like a daily fellowship with God and His Word.

I heard someone make the statement once that the missionary was the one person who gets so busy that he forgets to have his devotions and soon finds himself out of fellowship with his Lord. I thought then that these folks did not know what they were talking about but as the years have gone by and the work here has multiplied and there are so many things to do, and the native workers haven't been able to be prepared as soon as they should, I find myself that the days have gone by and for some reason the Lord and I have not gotten together.

When I got home after a long stay in America, I found many, many things which needed my attention. Due to my wife's illness she could not take care of all there was to care for - unanswered letters, leaking roofs, work to be done in the office.

I rolled my sleeves up and started to try to catch up and my health just didn't hold up to it, and had to stay in bed for several days. The doctor said that I must remain in rest for several months, yet, the Lord gave me strength and my health returned and here I am now making noise

all over the place. Thank you for your prayers and concern. I received many nice get-well cards and I am sure that your wishes together with your prayers got me up.

I have held two meetings in the other churches and visited everyone of our missions. Since our convention is just around the corner, there have been many things that must be done to get ready for it. We have made some changes among the pastors. We felt that this would be good for the churches and them also. Bro. Jvaier Gallegos will be at the first church in Monterrey, and Cutberto Herrera and Arminda will probably go to Altamira. Lazaro will move to the school where he will be taking up much of the direction of it and also teaching. His wife, Eva, will be working in the office and also teaching. Santos de la Rosa, (no relation to Lazaro) will take care of two new missions, the one in La Presa, and El Peñuelo. Santos Estrade will pastor the Rodriguez church and also take care of the Camarron mission and Ejido Anahuac.

Ubaldo and Mica, may go to San Luis Potosi, to the newest work that has been started this year. While Valente and Rodolfo will work with the mission at the Empacadora, and also Tampico. We have several churches which are in need of a full time pastor. Please pray for us that we can soon have one prepared.

Faustino Balderas recently testified that the Lord had called him to full consecration and wants to enter school. He will leave his work at the brick factory he has had for many years and move to the school. He has a wife and three children. Sis. Francis Radford from N. C. has already secured \$20.00 for his support. We trust that this young married couple will soon be of great help and the answer to our prayers.

Also Bro. Harvey Aguirre from California will be coming soon to live and study in Monterrey that he may also be a great blessing to our work.

From North Carolina Bro. and Sis. Spencer are coming to live with us for several months. They are an older couple with no children. Bro. Spencer has been retired from his work. This couple is a

great blessing to us, plus a great comfort. They are very nice people and love the work in Mexico. Bro. Spencer will be a real handy man to have around.

Pray for all these new students and many more who will be accepted in the school.

Arturo & Jenell

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI JULY, 1966

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Smyrna Ch., Thayer .....    | \$ 5.00 |
| First Ch., Fredericktown .. | 40.00   |
| Pleasant Home, Vanzant ...  | 7.00    |
| Rev. Floyd K. Ferguson,     |         |
| Webb City .....             | 5.00    |
| Southside, St. Louis .....  | 75.00   |
| Oak Grove, Mountain Grove   | 15.00   |
| Thayer Church .....         | 11.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse,     |         |
| Alton .....                 | 5.00    |
| Garfield S.S., Couch .....  | 20.00   |
| First Ch., Mountain Grove . | 80.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs,    |         |
| Fredericktown .....         | 5.00    |
| A friend .....              | 100.00  |
| First Ch., Berkeley .....   | 142.00  |
| Cooperative Plan .....      | 375.90  |
| Richwoods FWB Ch. ....      | 26.00   |
| Shiloh General Bapt. Ch.,   |         |
| Shook .....                 | 35.85   |
| Mo. State Youth Camp,       |         |
| Niangua .....               | 137.87  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Murray,  |         |
| Kansas City .....           | 25.00   |
| Hannon Ch. ....             | 32.75   |
| Mr. Floyd E. Green,         |         |
| Harrisonville .....         | 20.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey,   |         |
| Greentop .....              | 2.00    |
| First Ch., Monett .....     | 20.00   |
| New Harmony S.S., Greentop  | 2.00    |
| Grace Ch., Arnold .....     | 24.00   |
| Mrs. Nancy Mitchell,        |         |
| Greentop .....              | 2.00    |
| Willow Springs Ch.,         |         |
| Mountain Grove .....        | 15.72   |
| Parkview Ch., Desloge ....  | 15.00   |
| Rock Chapel, Mountain Grove | 26.15   |
| Beacon Ch., Raytown .....   | 16.00   |
| Beacon Ch., Raytown .....   | 10.00   |
| Kirkville Ch. ....          | 5.00    |
| A friend .....              | 150.00  |

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# Missouri

## State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists

JULY, 1966

The Cape Girardeau Mission is doing fine with an average of approximately 25 in Sunday School. They are slowly gaining. We are hoping they will be able to assume the percentage of missionary Don Jones' salary per contract. The Madison County Quarterly Meeting has voted to contribute \$25.00 monthly toward payment on the new building in Cape. We really thank God for this fine quarterly meeting for their missionary response?

This has been a hard work in Cape, however, it has been rewarding and we want each one to continue support to this needy field.

The O'fallon Mission is doing excellent! They are enjoying attendance in the forties and fifties. A \$1000.00 personal loan from a Fredericktown, Mo. bank to missionary Durbin and \$1500.00 from the State Home Mission Board has made the purchase of one half acre of land on which they have begun construction of a building. They have acquired a two year option on another one half acre next to the construction site.

Bro. Horton has given up the work in Rolla. He has accepted the call to the Hartville Church. He made a reimbursement to the State Board of \$435.83 as stated in the statistical report below.

The following contributions were made in July:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Twin Church, Fredericktown .....   | \$ 15.00 |
| Rock Chapel, Norwood .....         | 10.00    |
| Central, Kansas City .....         | 10.00    |
| Mine La Motte, Fredericktown ..... | 5.00     |
| Rolla Mission .....                | 435.83   |
| Thayer's Master Men .....          | 10.00    |
| Carterville, Carterville .....     | 13.08    |
| Fellowship, Flat River .....       | 15.00    |
| Mill Creek, Fredericktown .....    | 15.00    |
| State Woman's Auxiliary:           |          |

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| First Ch., Flat River .....      | 5.00       |
| Calvery Ch., Conway.....         | 18.50      |
| Hurryville Ch., Farmington ..... | 50.00      |
| Central Ch., Kansas City ..      | 87.26      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Murray,       |            |
| Kansas City .....                | 25.00      |
| Hazel Creek Union Ch.,           |            |
| Kirkville .....                  | 17.15      |
| First Ch., Kirkville .....       | 56.36      |
| Hazel Creek Union Ch.,           |            |
| Kirkville .....                  | 100.10     |
| Hazel Creek Union Ch.,           |            |
| Kirkville .....                  | 19.00      |
| First Ch., Springfield.....      | 18.12      |
| Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre     | 22.50      |
| Grace Ch., Arnold .....          | 36.14      |
| Hope Combs, Couch .....          | 3.00       |
| Fellowship Ch., Flat River       | 125.00     |
| N.E. Woman's Auxiliary ...       | 10.00      |
| Mrs. Paul Everson .....          | 2.00       |
| Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre     | 14.00      |
| Twin Oaks Ch., Fredericktown     | 25.00      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Neasby       | 12.00      |
| Total .....                      | \$2,130.31 |
| September, 1966                  |            |

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| First, Kirksville .....                          | 5.00      |
| First, Joplin .....                              | 20.00     |
| First, Cabool .....                              | 3.50      |
| Willow Springs .....                             | 5.20      |
| First, Mtn. Grove .....                          | 22.17     |
| Grant Ave., Springfield .....                    | 9.26      |
| Neosho, Indian Creek Association .....           | 4.95      |
| Merl's Chapel .....                              | 11.25     |
| Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting, Fredericktown ... | 15.00     |
| First, Farmington .....                          | 10.00     |
| Southeast Mo. Free Will Baptist Youth Camp:      |           |
| Youth Mission Class Offerings .....              | 36.03     |
| Edith McCormack, Fredericktown .....             | 2.00      |
| Barbara Sikes, Flat River .....                  | 15.00     |
| Coop. Fund .....                                 | 401.43    |
| Total .....                                      | \$1089.70 |

Thanks to each of you who have made a better state work through your support of the State Home Mission Board and missions. Each is to be commended - nothing has ever equaled it in the work of Missouri State Association. We have a fine thing going and let's keep it that way!

The Cape Girardeau Mission was organized the ninth of August. A detailed report will be given of it in the next report.

Let's clarify it: It has been rumored that the O'fallon Mission is a split of another church or churches. This is entirely incorrect! It is a new work of itself. It is made up of people who live in or near O'fallon, Missouri. Your Home Mission Board does not involve itself in split church work.

Bob L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.  
Pastor of First Church,  
Fredericktown, Mo.

| MISSOURI                     |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS       |           |
| A friend .....               | \$ 100.00 |
| First Ch., Fredericktown ... | 20.00     |
| South Side, St. Louis .....  | 16.00     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs,     |           |
| Fredericktown .....          | 5.00      |
| Pleasant Home, Vanzant ...   | 5.00      |
| Mr. H. W. Goorley,           |           |
| Springfield .....            | 5.00      |
| First Ch., Mtn. Grove .....  | 2.00      |
| First Ch., Joplin .....      | 20.72     |
| Richwoods Ch. ....           | 26.00     |
| Mrs. Fern Kelsey, Greentop.  | 2.00      |
| Mrs. Wilma Dodson,           |           |
| Maplewood .....              | 1.00      |
| Mrs. Floyd E. Green,         |           |
| Harrisonville .....          | 5.00      |
| Rev. & Mrs. Bill Fulcher,    |           |
| St. Louis .....              | 2.00      |
| Stedfast S.S., Overland Ch.  | 31.61     |
| New Home Ch., Hartville ...  | 10.00     |
| Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove.  | 1.00      |
| Mrs. Myron Simon,            |           |

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Florissant .....             | 20.00    |
| Overland Ch. ....            | 25.00    |
| First Ch., Monett.....       | 25.00    |
| Kirkville Ch. ....           | 5.00     |
| Janet McGowan, Mtn. Grove    | 5.00     |
| D. B. Wagner, Willow Spgs.   | 5.00     |
| L. E. Means, Willow Spgs.    | 5.00     |
| First Ch., Berkeley .....    | 2.01     |
| First Ch., Festus.....       | 5.22     |
| Mary-Martha Cir.,            |          |
| Mtn. Grove Aux. ....         | 5.00     |
| Mary-Martha Cir.,            |          |
| Mtn. Grove Aux. ....         | 2.00     |
| Wom. Aux., Bethel Ch.,       |          |
| West Plains.....             | 30.00    |
| New Rock Springs Ch.,        |          |
| Cabool .....                 | 15.00    |
| Fellowship Ch., Flat River . | 10.00    |
| Kirkville Ch. ....           | 5.00     |
| Cooperative Plan.....        | 207.40   |
| Total - July, 1966 .....     | \$623.96 |

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# KEEP CHRIST IN "BACK TO SCHOOL"

After being at the National Association in Little Rock, Ark., and seeing the young people of our great denomination as they worked for the glory of the Lord we can see why we should keep Christ in us as we return to school.

The Bible Bowl, Tic Tac Toe, and the Declamation which is offered to our young people is something that is wonderful and the Lord certainly was with our young people who were at the National this year. And He really did bless all of them and us.

So, as it is time for many to start back to school, some are going to grade school, some to high school, and some will be going to college. If it is college I hope you are going to our "Free Will Baptist College." WHY? 1. This is a place where they teach and preach Christ in all classes, to all age groups that attend. 2. It is a place where many good Christians attend, and the atmosphere is much better in a school like this one. 3. It is a place where they prepare you for the future, so when you read this article please remember that the important thing is, that wherever you go, Christ will be there in your life only if you take Him with you. Back to school but with Christ as your guide.

As you prepare for the future remember; Sunday School is a MUST for all ages; Church Training Service also is a must, it

helps you to become a better worker for the Lord, you are trained, and can be trained to the extent you might be one of those who can better our Great Denomination and our State of Missouri by bringing home some of the prizes from the National Association for the greatness of your Christian character and the knowledge of the bible "THE WORD OF GOD." Some of the young people from Missouri did bring some trophies home this year. Trinity Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Praise the Lord for them, their pastor and others who might have had a hand in helping them.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH CHRIST IN IT means Education with Christ as your helper, and He is a helper in school as well as in the church. Education with Christ as your helper means better Christian living, more complete dedication, and a more complete dedication means only one thing: "A better world to live in" here in this life and then home to be with Him forever. Heaven is worth it all and we only go there if we keep Christ in our lives here in school OR anywhere else we may choose to go.

LET US GO FORTH THIS DAY TO GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THAT WE DO.

Member of the S.S. and C.T.S. Board,  
Grover Terry

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## BIBLES FOR COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA?

Lubbock, Tex. (MNS) - "Moscow has gone into the Bible publishing business," says an article by Leo Heiman in *The Missionary Crusader* (July, 1966). The Bibles are with commentaries which turn them into propaganda tools for the Communists.

The report continues: "Milton Obenge, a young African from Kenya who arrived in Nicosia by Olympic Airways, en route to Athens and Rome, disclosed that Communist-front booksellers and magazine dealers in East and West Africa are now peddling three re-written and 'updated' editions of the Holy Book. 'The True Bible' printed in English, French, Swahili and Portuguese by the publishing department of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, purports to debunk, unmask and expose the lies and falsehoods of the Christian Bible disseminated throughout Africa by European missionaries over the past 150 years...."

"The True Bible," which copies the format and printing method of standard missionary Bibles, goes on to explain how Christianity was forged as an instrument of reactionary and feudal classes, who stole the ideology of Jesus and corrupted it for their own nefarious uses...." Christian missionaries are viewed as those who spearheaded the colonization of Africa and Asia by European imperialist powers.

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"The Illustrated Bible" is directed toward illiterates and primitive semi-literates. It contains illustrations implying the same accusations against Christians.

The third book being circulated is entitled "Stories from the Bible" and also depends heavily on cartoons to attack the West. Cain, for example, is depicted as an American soldier who kills a Vietnamese "Abel."

Soviet cultural attaches in East Africa deny that "The Illustrated Bible" has been printed in the USSR or distributed by Soviet agencies, Mr. Heiman says.

## WORLD LITERATURE SUNDAY MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Wheaton, Ill. (MNS) - October 16, 1966 is the date set for World Literature Sunday, it was announced here by James L. Johnson, executive secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas.

Special materials for observance of World Literature Sunday are available. Those desiring information about posters, bulletins and brochures prepared by ELO and made available at cost should write to ELO, P. O. Box 725, Wheaton, Ill. 60187.

## WHY THE LACK OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Philadelphia, Pa. (MNS) - In the current issue of the *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* (Summer 1966) Charles H. Troutman discusses the shortage of missionary candidates under the title "What

## Really Keeps Students from Volunteering for Missions?"

At the top of the list of reasons for slow response he notes "the psychology of the closed door" which he says "has so permeated missionary thinking that it is now taken for granted."

Mr. Troutman says the student is asking whether there will be any doors open for him when his training is completed. He needs more than newspaper headlines and the "closed door" approach to help him respond to God's call.

"The presence in the United States of so many able-bodied ex-missionaries" is viewed by Mr. Troutman as a bewildering matter "that never seems to be explained satisfactorily to potential candidates." It causes them to wonder what their chances are of "a full life of missionary service."

"Another obstacle to enthusiastic missionary volunteering is the faulty impression given of the relationship between the missionary society and the national church," Mr. Troutman believes.

The subtle, often unexpressed feeling of the student that missions are not doing the right things, to meet today's situation is described as the obstacle of "Non-revolutionary Missions."

In the rather lengthy article Mr. Troutman explores a number of areas of concern related to the problems outlined in the major divisions mentioned above.

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## PASTOR ON FIELD

The Rev. James Franklin has arrived on the field at Monett, Mo. He preached his first message as pastor on Aug. 21. The church has been looking for his coming. Rev. Bud Hill, the former pastor, is living in Springfield, Missouri where he will attend Southwest Missouri State Teacher's College to further his education.

## A LETTER FROM FOURTH CHURCH, ST. LOUIS

Dear Bro. Hill and Gem Readers,

Since it has been three months since our last report, I hope to bring to each of you a quarterly report of a few things accomplished for the Master.

We were blessed with several conversions in our regular services. There were nine baptized with five uniting with the church. We are very thankful for all these young converts. We pray earnestly that God will use them that they may become soul winners for Him.

Our Sunday School average for the quarter was 120. The officers and teachers for the coming year were elected as follows: General superintendent, Louis Willhite; Assistant, Lindell Hovis; Junior Assembly Sup't, Leamon Killian; Assistant Jr. Sup't, Lillian Hovis; Secretary-Treas., Alice Dodson; Assistant, Brenda Hovis; Men's Adult Class, Lindell Willhite; Assistant, Gordon Bracken; Ladies Adult Class, Mildred Killian; Assistant, Wilma Dodson; Young Adults, Hazel Hughes; Assistant, Fred Tinker; Seniors, Lillian Hovis; Assistant, Mildred Smith; Intermediates, Miriam Willhite; Assistant, Don Williams; Juniors, Ruby Pendergrass; Assistant, Polly Tinker; Primary I, Jean Willhite; Assistant, Judy Lingerer; Primary II, Nellie Willhite; Assistant, Almedia Bequette; Beginner I, Margie Hurston; Assistant, Opal Turnbeau; Beginner II, Nancy Ives; Assistant, Wilma Dodson; Nursery Class, Velma Coursey; Assistant, Pat Way; Cradle Roll, Betty Wright; Assistant, Virginia Mologon.

The church officers were elected as follows: Reporter, Leamon Killian; Clerk, Lowell Willhite; Treasurer, Howard Coursey; Building Fund Treasurer, Clarence Turnbough; Piano, Miriam Willhite; Song Leader, Louis Willhite.

In our business meeting we passed the following recommendations:

I. That each fourth Sunday night offerings go to missions and that we send \$5.00 a week for the next three months to the O'Fallon Mission.

II. That we send \$20.00 to the CTS and Sunday School boards of the State Association.

III. That we have a revival beginning Sept. 19 and continuing on to the 28th. and that Rev. Carey Watkins of North Carolina be the evangelist.

IV. That the church elect a Christian Education Board and the pastor and general superintendent be on the board.

V. That the church elect members to this board from recommendations of the general church board, and the members to serve terms of one year and these officers be elected in October.

The officers and teachers of the CTS were elected as follows:

President, Leamon Killian; Assistant, Howard Coursey; Sec.-Treas., Virginia

Willhite; Assistant, Lela Dann; Adult Class, Tilford Land; Assistant, Lindell Willhite; Crusaders, Miriam Willhite; Assistant, Lillian Hovis; Heralds, Archie Wright; Assistant, Don Williams; Learners, Nancy Ives; Assistant, Betty Wright; Helpers, Velma Coursey; Assistant, Gene Willhite.

One item of business that was passed concerns the CTS.

After receiving our quarterly literature and looking through the Focus quarterly, we expressed a desire that each family of the church be given a copy, regardless if they came to our CTS services or not.

Rev. H. T. Dann, our pastor, recommended that this be done and the church

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966

|                           | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Fellowship, Flat River    | 241     | 261      | 297   | 309   | 257 |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| New Harmony Church        | 39      | 39       | 36    | 42    | 37  | 39   |      |        |           |         |          |
| Farmington                |         | 150      | 126   | 148   | 122 | 122  |      |        |           |         |          |
| Liberty-Phillipsburg      | 60      | 59       | 51    | 51    | 62  | 55   |      |        |           |         |          |
| Berkeley City             | 280     |          | 304   | 384   |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| O'Fallon Mission          | 46      |          |       | 22    | 26  | 32   |      |        |           |         |          |
| Kirksville                | 96      | 100      | 99    | 106   | 94  | 97   | 111  |        |           |         |          |
| Grant Ave., Springfield   | 205     | 202      | 211   | 216   | 206 | 209  | 200  |        |           |         |          |
| Hazel Creek               | 40      | 41       | 43    | 45    |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Mine La Motte             | 31      | 29       | 30    | 34    | 29  | 28   |      |        |           |         |          |
| First, Flat River         | 82      | 81       |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Overland Church           | 167     | 196      |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| First, Mtn. Grove         | 297     | 319      | 338   | 370   | 321 | 310  | 321  |        |           |         |          |
| Desloge                   | 100     | 99       | 101   | 114   | 96  | 95   | 73   |        |           |         |          |
| Mill Creek, Fredericktown | 61      | 57       | 61    | 69    | 59  | 51   | 51   |        |           |         |          |
| Union Light               | 116     | 99       | 107   | 102   | 100 | 124  |      |        |           |         |          |
| First, Springfield        | 180     | 201      | 194   | 235   | 203 | 194  | 171  |        |           |         |          |
| Sunnyview Church          | 54      | 66       | 57    | 62    |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Desoto Mission            |         |          |       |       |     | 29   | 28   |        |           |         |          |
| Hannon                    | 55      | 58       | 64    | 63    | 52  | 60   | 56   |        |           |         |          |
| First, Monett             | 120     | 126      | 124   | 124   | 114 | 107  |      |        |           |         |          |
| Garfield-Couch            | 48      | 46       | 49    | 43    | 46  |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Leadington                | 128     | 197      | 154   | 159   | 131 | 137  | 128  |        |           |         |          |
| First, Fredericktown      | 164     | 164      | 188   | 191   | 171 | 165  | 165  |        |           |         |          |
| Copper Mines              | 67      | 66       | 75    | 85    | 73  | 67   | 92   |        |           |         |          |
| Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk. | 35      | 30       | 40    | 51    |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Fourth Ch., St. Louis     | 109     | 118      | 117   | 134   | 110 | 117  |      |        |           |         |          |
| Twin Oaks Church          | 54      | 54       | 56    | 68    | 64  | 58   |      |        |           |         |          |
| West Plains               | 187     | 191      | 198   | 205   | 191 | 187  | 179  |        |           |         |          |
| First, Lebanon            | 114     | 126      | 108   | 128   | 103 |      | 112  |        |           |         |          |
| Myrtle Church             | 70      | 72       | 73    | 80    | 71  | 72   | 70   |        |           |         |          |
| Twin City Ch., Festus     | 37      | 35       | 54    | 50    |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Joplin                    | 88      | 79       | 87    | 96    |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Grace Church              | 179     | 188      | 207   | 213   |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Central, Kansas City      | 143     | 141      | 134   | 126   | 146 |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Viburnum Church           | 41      | 42       | 46    | 42    | 40  |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Aulsbury Chapel Church    | 54      | 53       | 54    |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Trinity Church, St. Louis | 112     | 122      | 117   | 126   | 114 | 108  | 101  |        |           |         |          |
| Faith Church, Lemay       | 74      | 80       | 92    | 114   |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Thayer                    | 106     | 118      | 114   | 125   | 109 |      |      |        |           |         |          |
| Richwoods                 | 44      | 46       | 51    | 52    | 56  | 51   | 53   |        |           |         |          |

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

SEPTEMBER

Christian Education Month  
Stewardship Emphasis  
National Sunday School Week  
Memorial Student Loan Fund Month  
for WNAC

ATTENTION PLEASE!!!!

Change in address:

Please send reports to

Mrs. Ted Davis

713 Sunset

Independence, Missouri 64050

## CHAMPS WITH STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

▪ The young people of the Free Will Baptist Church of Checotah, Oklahoma, saved stamps for missions. They redeemed them for \$84.00 worth of merchandise for the Missionary Provision Closet.

▪ Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh, who are leaving shortly for missionary service in France need a motor vehicle. Only 750 books of S & H Green stamps or T.V. stamps are needed to obtain one. Send your stamps to the Board of Foreign Missions or WNAC, marked Merkh's Vehicle.

## MEET YOUR STATE FIELD WORKER

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. The words of John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work" cautions us to redeem the time and warns us of an oncoming day when the opportunities that are in evidence today will have passed.

In the work as your Field Worker, blessings of God have been observed in different places throughout our state. When called upon to speak or share programs in different areas gracious hearts overshadowed by the Holy Spirit been found which makes the work easy and my burdens light. I love our co-workers in our beloved denomination.

It would be of interest to you to know that several women over the State have been assisting me in this task of promoting and organizing local and district auxiliaries. They are Mrs. Barbara Oxendine, Indian Creek District; Mrs. Russell Spurgeon, St. Louis Area; Mrs. Howard Filkins, Northeast District; Mrs. Bob

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Wilfong, Lead Belt Area; Mrs. Genevieve Sorrells, Cave Springs District. We take this opportunity to thank them for all the help and assistance they have given.

It is with a thankful heart we are able to report to you that there have been two District Auxiliaries organized this year; one in the St. Louis area and one in the Missions district. We praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I shall be praying for the total program of the Woman's Auxiliary and if definite services are needed, I trust you shall feel free to let me know.

Your State Field Worker,  
Margaret Dixon

## AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Festus - Twin City FWB Church  
Lemay - Faith FWB Church  
Desloge - Parkview FWB Church  
Saint Louis - Berkeley FWB  
West Plains - FWB Church  
Flat River - Fellowship FWB Church  
Thayer - FWB Church

\*\*\*In our next Gem we will feature our State Auxiliary Meeting!!!

## MISSOURI STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION State Officers

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Editor: Mrs. Ted Davis, 2301 Connecticut, Joplin, Mo.

Missions Chairman: Mrs. Tom Malone, 601 Buckley, Flat River, Mo.

## OUTSTANDING PROGRAM

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday evening, Aug. 9, at the church for our regular meeting. There were 17 members present and one visitor, Mrs. Ralph

Underwood, Jr.

The meeting was called into session by Sister Phillis Miller, president. All old and new business was taken care of then Sister Clara Allen, our most able mission chairman, gave each member a self stamped envelope for us to write to one of our missionaries by our next meeting date. May God guide us in this, that we will be drawn closer and understand better the needs of these faithful servants of our good Master.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn our business session by Sister Worel.

Services were then turned to Sister Ruby Johnson, program chairman. She had a most impressive program given by Sister Maureen Holman after singing "Open My Eyes That I May See" by Sister Phillis Miller.

We are sure Sister Holman had really prayed and worked hard on this program. She used a candle which was burned down to a very short length. This was to make us realize how very short time has become. She also had cards with "Stop" - "Look" - "Go".

"Stop" - to examine ourselves to see if we were in the right condition with God to be led by the Holy Spirit.

"Look" - for someone we can witness to about the Lord.

"Go" - help the needy and those in distress.

Our auxiliary is really stirred to the needs of others and we are fully realizing our own need of getting "self" set out of our way that we will get up and go about our Saviour's work.

We earnestly ask the prayers of all that our little group will grow in His work, always ready and willing to turn our hands to any duty set before us.

Emma Hinkle, Cor. Sec.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Missouri, held their regular monthly meeting in the church basement on August 8, 1966. Services opened with the group singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves", led by the president, Verna Malone, followed with prayer by Mrs. Turley. Scripture for the evening was taken from John 4:35, read by the president. Wanda Ragsdale, Della Getz, and Verna Malone lead in a chain prayer. Jean Ragsdale then sang a solo, "Open My Eyes".

The service was then turned over to the Program Chairman, Betty Reeves, who gave the introduction to the program, "Mission Field At Our Doorstep".

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Verna Malone, who went as representative from our auxiliary, gave a report on the National Association.

The regular monthly business meeting followed. In closing, Pat Morris gave a report on our Home Missions and their locations. Services closed with prayer by Bernice Dodd.

### ACTIVE TEENAGE GIRLS

The Ladies of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met Aug. 1 with 15 members, one visitor, and seven teenagers present.

Every officer was present and each gave a good report.

The personal service chairman reported a good service at the rest home of how the old people enjoyed the singing of the old gospel songs. Mission officer substituted and ask another lady to give her report. The ladies gave us some of the latest news on some of our missionaries.

The auxiliary voted to have as our church project a church library and voted also to order \$30.00 worth of good books and some Bible dictionaries to begin the library and anyone who wishes may donate books to our church library.

We also voted to save old postage stamps to be used in printing tracts for our missionaries in foreign lands.

Motion and second we send \$20.00 to the missionary Wesley Calvary for school supplies for their children.

We were happy to gain Sister Euylen Daffron as a new member.

We feel our auxiliary is gaining but still ask your prayers that we may yet gain a lot more into the auxiliary work.

Our lesson, "Mission Field at our Doorstep" was a good lesson for everyone to hear, followed by the teenagers reading poems and giving a story on the four lepers.

We thank the Lord for our teenage girls who are so faithful to help out any way they are asked to.

When our auxiliary was first organized these teenage girls began their work as GTA and have been faithful all the while and have done a lot of good deeds for our church and community.

Remember us when you pray.

Mrs. Hattie Sims, Cor. Sec.

### GLEND A FULCHER SPEAKER

The Berkeley Woman's Auxiliary elected the following officers at their June meeting:

President, Geraldine Plummer; Vice President, Virginia Stone; Secretary-Treasurer, Vivian Burton; Corresponding Secretary, Gusta Barks; Missions Chair-September, 1966

man, Marie Forrester; Study Course Chairman, Mildred Dobkins; Program Prayer Chairman, Frances Combs; Personal Service, Auvern Lewis.

We were privileged to have Glenda Fulcher, our missionary to Uruguay, show slides on their work in Uruguay that night. All received a blessing from seeing them.

Our auxiliary sends \$10.00 each month to some missionaries account. In June the \$10.00 was sent to the Aycocks, and in July to the Gracias account.

Pray for us as we labor to promote and support missions at Berkeley.

Gusta Barks, Cor. Sec.

### REPORT ON NATIONAL

Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge, Mo. Ladie's Mission met July 20, 1966. Opened with song, "Tell It To Jesus". Prayer at altar led by Nellie Rosnie, closed by Agnes Terry.

Scripture by president, Edna Moore, Psalms 26:14. Roll call was answered by reading scripture verses. Fourteen members and two children were present.

Lesson by teacher Edith Foshee, Acts 24:17-27. Talk made by Sister Agnes Terry on the yearly national auxiliary association at Little Rock, Arkansas, and the report was very good.

Dismissed by Mildred Miller to go to the basement for a birthday dinner with cake and presents. Bro. Terry asked the blessing on the dinner. Sister Terry received many nice presents.

Hazel Winfrey, Mission Reporter

### SILVERWARE FOR YOUTH CAMP

The women of the Twin City Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Peggy Robbins for their May auxiliary meeting.

There were 12 members present and we are happy to welcome two new members, Mrs. Oneida Whitehead and Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Saturday, May 7, the ladies prepared and took dinner to be served at Sister Hennings' in the death of Bro. Henning.

On Father's Day the auxiliary visited Mountain View Nursing Home and presented each father and retarded boy with gifts.

We also sent 16 sets of silverware to the youth camp.

The meeting was closed with song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus" and dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Naomi Whitehead.

Sally Knotts, Cor. Sec.

### AUXILIARY MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of Faith Church, Lemay, was held May 18 at the church. The meeting was opened in prayer by Sis. Honey. Song was led by Sis. White. Seven were present. Reports were given. Lesson was given by Sis. Hassell. We dismissed in prayer at the altar.

Wanda White, Cor. Sec.

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overwhelmingly voted to do so.

I am sure that each family will get a blessing as they study and meditate on these lessons in their daily devotional.

Bro. Dann has taught a Sunday School Teacher's Training Course during our CTS hour each week beginning the first Sunday in January, 1966. This has been very well attended. The interest shown in this course has indeed been a blessing to our CTS. It will end with this month.

Then for September Bro. Dann will review the lessons in this quarters Focus to all.

Deepening One's Spiritual Life...

Truly there is a great need among Christians in this day to get a little closer to their Lord. We can all realize the necessity of deepening our spiritual life through the reading of God's word, prayer, being spirit-filled, and through complete surrender to Him if we are to accomplish His last command. St. Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Leamon L. Killian, Reporter

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# REVIVAL! IS IT POSSIBLE?

Are you real sure of the need of revival? If you are, why are you so sure? Understanding the need should make each one pay the price for it. If you're not sure of revival need, you certainly need one! At any rate, we should beyond doubt see the urgent need of the hour.

Indifference is widespread. Formalism has robbed our power. Ceremony has become our service. Tradition has become our goal. Atheism, communism, and the philosophy of this age has hounded us. The ecumenical compromise of many city-wide minister's meetings, etc. has hindered the fundamental stand of many of our ministers. This is a fact to be traced from community to community over America. It tells a sad story - a story of backslidings and apostasy. None of us are immuned!

There is a great company agreeable to the present false prophets of this earth. Most religion is going with the crowd - the crowd of popularity and compromise. In the midst of this, it is increasingly difficult to sift through the perpetual propaganda of today and decipher the truth. One of the most damning lies being polished and believed today is "it makes no difference what you believe, who you believe, what you join, what you propagate, whom you align with, etc., so long as you are sincere about it and it is religious." This is a concoction of the devil and has already led many ministers, churches, and governments astray. Ecclesiastical pride, men's admirations, official aspirations, and sectarianism has kept us from the call of personal evangelism and true bible preaching.

There is a great drift from the Bible. It is dangerous to leave the book. A preacher is to be "holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Titus 1:9). It is easy to make shipwreck in the hustle of the world. There is a great religious hustle. You may attend church services regularly while making shipwreck. Going to worldly gain churches, listening to false prophets, and reading Christ denying literature all contribute to the shipwreck of many a good sincere person. For example: It is an alarming fact that liberal minds in the clergy should go on record as approving "deviate sexual acts 'privately and discreetly engaged in between competent and consenting adults' should no longer constitute a crime." In contrast, what did God say about it? "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolat-

ers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind" (1 Cor. 6:9).

The theories and ever present blinding effects of the 'new' morality, musical madness, sex deviates, sorcery, television trends, increasing alcoholic and narcotic problems, street demonstrations, cheating, espionage, political boasters, theological revolution and the rise of the liberal modernistic social church institution playing politics and hands with everything should also present the need of a real revival for survival. Yes, we need revival to survive physically, financially and spiritually!

One of the most chilling statements which we have heard in recent days is attributed to Guss Hall, the number one communist in the USA, taken from the pilgrim torch, April 1961, and which was first given by Guss Hall before the 8th National Convention of the Young Communist League in New York in May, 1937, then later repeated in early 1961 at the funeral of communist Eugene Dennis, who was then chairman of the communist party.

Guss Hall said, "I dream of the hour when the last congressman is strangled to death on the guts of the last preacher - and since Christians seem to love to sing about the blood, why not give them a little of it? Slit the throats of their children and drag them over the mourner's bench and the pulpit, and allow them to drown in their own blood; and then see whether they enjoy singing these hymns."

Doesn't this further describe the need of old-fashioned revival to change the minds and hearts of devil bent men? Yes! And all this is alarming. It places a demand on each of us; either we turn further away from God in backslidings or nearer to him in revival to unadulterated Christianity. The pressure is on! We must become so dedicated as to be wreckless for the cause of Christ.

Revival! Is it possible? Yes it is? Not everybody will be revived but we need people revived to take a stand in the face of danger - increasing danger. Do you want revival? If you do, seriously ponder the following simple way to receive it.

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth (revived) her fruits," (James 5:17-18).

In II Kings 2:1-16, we understand Elijah had ascended - gone to God. Had God departed too? Or does he still work

among men of the earth? Your answer is quite obvious! What mighty men have passed on to their reward but God is not dead and his cause still lives on. He is here and anxious to give revival in this sin-torn world.

We talk about revival in this manner too many times: "The good ole days," "The good times," etc. and sign "The revival times have passed - you never see it any more - the world is too wicked" etc. But remember revivals are not dependent on 'the good ole days' and 'the old folks' and 'the good ole times' and neither is the world too wicked or God too weak, or, neither is he dead! God is still here and His people are still here. God has given Christian men a commission to preach and this preaching was to borne out of a close walk with God which produces a compassion for sinners. Love covers a multitude of sins.

Let's think of the God of revival, Elijah's God, the God of yesterday. The bible says he is "the same yesterday, today and forever." This makes Him present now forward. God presently does three things for His children: (1) God is the God who hides His people. "In the time of trouble He shall hide me" (Psalms 27:5). Ahab sought Elijah's life and God said, "Go hence and turn eastward and hide thyself..." (I Kings 17:3). The devil would defeat us but God hides us behind the cross; (2) God is the God who provides for His people. "Thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee" (I Kings 17:4). The devil would spiritually starve us but God feeds us of the bread of life; (3) He is the God who guides His people. Every step Elijah took was by divine direction. "The word of the Lord came unto Elijah" (I Kings 17:2). The devil would mislead us but God guides us by the way of the cross. What was the secret of Elijah's revival?

The "God is dead" issue is sickening to us. We detest it. We know God is real. We know where he is. We know what he is doing. But where is God's Elijah? This is the more important question. This is the man we are looking for. Yes! God is real. We need Elijah pastors, evangelists, and leaders. Fine! Good! But what we need most is some 'praying', 'obeying', 'staying' Elijahs!!

Wherever you find God's Elijah you will find a man who prays, obeys and stays with the Lord and His word: (1) a man who prays. Elijah was preeminently a man of prayer. Behold him out on Mt. Carmel praying for God to send fire to consume the sacrifice. See him praying  
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# THE PLACE OF THE PASTOR IN REVIVAL

The pastor of a church must never underestimate his place and his responsibility in order to have a revival in his church. Revival comes from God but only after the church has come to the place where they are willing to pay the price for revival. Confession of sin is necessary when sin is present in the church. There must be a genuine love among the brethren. The church must become a burdened church for lost souls and then prevail in prayer till revival comes.

What place does the pastor have in a church that is experiencing revival? The pastor is in a place of leadership and must lead the way if the church is to experience revival. I doubt that a church could rise above an unconcerned pastor. The pastor's enthusiasm must be great enough to become contagious, or his church will not be moved to work for revival.

I know that many of our pastors are handicapped as to the amount of time they are able to spend in pre-revival effort. Prayer meeting and visitations are essential. The pastor must enlist every member of the church help in the revival effort. Success or failure of the revival certainly is influenced by the willingness of the church to work with the pastor for revival.

Sometimes the church may call a man as evangelist that might not be of the pastor's choosing. He may have had his favorite preacher in mind for the meeting. But unless he is willing to work with the evangelist, regardless as to whose choice the evangelist may be, the revival will be hindered. The pastor must stand in the gap and with the help of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit prepare the way and when the evangelist arrives, stand behind the evangelist for the success of the revival and the salvation of souls. God will reward the pastor for his faithfulness, not for his likes and dislikes. May he never become envious of the evangelist. During the revival it is easy to preach when the power of God is moving and souls are being saved. Don't let Satan get in your heart, dear pastor, when the church may be giving the evangelist the credit for the success of the meeting, just praise God and work harder for more souls. Work on good pastor, that when the meeting has come to a close, the revival will continue on in your church.

Rev. James Barker, Pastor  
Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church

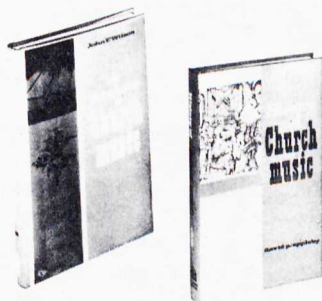
seven times for rain. Hear James say, "Elijah was a man of like passions with us and he prayed"...pray, pray, pray! We all agree we need to pray more. What makes prayer effective? Prayer is effective from: (2) a man who obeys. God works through men - not animals, things and gadgets. We so often limit God by our unwillingness to obey him. Elijah's willingness was wonderfully tested. Take the command to go to the valley brook. The king might find him. It wasn't far from the palace. But "He arose and went." Take the command to go to the poor gentle widow's house when the brook failed. Would he live off of a widow? But "He arose and went." Take the command, "Go shew yourself to Ahab." Would not Ahab kill him? "But he arose and went. You just don't pray when you fail to obey! We can't expect God to answer a prayer we don't try to answer ourselves. We have something to do too. (3) You find a man who stays when you find God's Elijah. He stood on God's eternal word. His motto was "No surrender." He believed God in all circumstances. When God placed him there he stayed until God said move on. God said it. He believed it. September, 1966

That settled it. "Stand" implies so clearly: Stand - hold your ground - obey; obey - take your ground - pray; pray and pray and pray until you get the answer!

We have a great God but our God needs a people who are great - mighty to pray - mighty to pray through.

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## PASTORAL CALLING

One of the most touchiest subjects that I know about is our thought for this month: that is PASTORAL ELECTION.

Basically a lot of this is my own thinking, but after you read it I believe you will have to agree it is practical and true.

In our area we have two methods of electing pastors.

1. The annual call.
2. The indefinite call.

First, look at the annual call each year. I am not saying this method is wrong, but it sure has a lot of disadvantages. If a church or pastor uses this type of electing a pastor there must be a close relationship between the church and the present pastor. Every year when it comes time to elect a pastor the usual race is on: Churches will run two or three, sometimes four ministers and the best man will win. This is wrong. What pastor would take a church under these circumstances? Some do.

Generally, when this takes place the usual politicking starts (and the preachers are no exception).

A minister should not talk to anyone unless they are sent by the church, or the officials of the church.

Some sorehead who doesn't like the present pastor goes out on his own and asks several preachers if they will accept the church. Generally this is not the feeling of the majority of the church.

I don't think preachers should work against each other, but yet they do. Several years ago I made this my policy, when a group comes to me relative to pastoring their church, I want to know what the feeling is of the present pastor. We should go to him and if he feels his work is not finished, I will not run against him.

This does not apply if the preacher is not sound or is preaching something rather than our doctrine. I read in a book recently, "The Minister's Mission", the following statement: Our men in Congress in Washington, D. C. could learn a lesson in politics from preachers and the way they operate. This is a shame.

The members of churches are guilty of politicking sometimes weeks ahead of election time. I know what I am talking about, they sow discord among the members, go out and gather up people who haven't been to church for a year or more and get them to vote for their man.

When it is all over these people are never seen, never pay, or take any part, and the pastor is with people who have been

faithful and the backbone of the church who never voted for him.

Also, people will go out and get members to send in their vote. This has its disadvantages. We are not in a popularity contest to get churches.

So many people say our pastor is a good mixer, fine personality, etc., but he can't preach a lick.

Friend - this man has missed his calling.

God calls men to preach - not to be a gin hand.

2. The Indefinite Call. Every pastor who has the work at heart has some definite plans and goals to achieve as he takes over his new work. He cannot hope to get this done in a year's time, as he barely becomes acquainted with the people. So here is the advantage of the indefinite call. By this we mean, a pastor is not elected for any specific time. There is an understanding between him and the church relative to changing pastors. Some churches have a 90 day time to inform their pastor if they want to change, or if he wants to leave. Some have 60 day limits. Someone has said it would be hard on a church to inform their pastor they wanted a change. Two thoughts are to be considered here: 1st, both pastor and church must let the Holy Spirit direct them. If a pastor is not preaching sound doctrine or his character is being questioned, they should dismiss him. 2nd, if a pastor feels his work is finished, I believe the church will feel the same way, hence no hard feelings either way. A pastor should always leave a church on a harmonious note. The indefinite call to the Pastorate eliminates this year after year business. The pastor uncertain as to staying or the church unhappy also. A pastor should definitely feel led of God to accept a church. He should not let salary or friends or even a big church influence him. To me pastoring a church is serious business and we must have our work at heart if we accomplish anything. I have often thought when a church wants a pastor, do they pray and seek God's leadership, or do we let personalities influence us? By the same token do we as pastors ask God if he wants us to pastor this church? One thing is certain God will surely lead both parties right. Read Acts 13:1-4.

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