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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS AUGUST, 1966

Grant Avenue .....	\$ 224.95
Central .....	78.00
Monett .....	116.80
Viburnum .....	45.53
New Harmony S.S. ....	4.89
Mt. Grove .....	252.51
Berkeley .....	193.93
Eldorado Springs, First ...	4.00
Garfield .....	44.23
Bethel, West Plains .....	55.00
Lebanon, First .....	150.00
Victory .....	199.30
Carterville .....	17.88
Jefferson City, First .....	14.44
Twin City .....	46.12
Olivett .....	51.64
Hannon .....	29.77
Beacon .....	91.85
Cape Girardeau .....	30
Hickory Grove .....	10.80
Thayer .....	64.85
Copper Mines .....	30.00
New Home (Laclede Ass'n) ..	16.30
Cuba .....	60.45
Rock Chapel .....	77.39
Fellowship .....	50.00
Cabool .....	49.00
Mine La Motte .....	16.49
South Side .....	113.00
Farmington .....	127.73

Total .....\$2,261.15

### Total Disbursed:

55%-National FWB Ass'n..	\$1,243.63
1%-Mo. C.T.S. ....	22.60
2.25%-Mo. Youth Camp ..	50.88
3.75%-F'WB Gem .....	84.80
8%-General Fund .....	180.90
14%-Mo. Home Missions ..	316.56
16%-Promotional Dept. ...	361.78

Total Disbursed .....\$2,261.15

As usual August has been a very busy month with the yearly meetings convening. Indian Creek Association assembled with Jones Chapel Church near Stella, Mo. August 10th. I attended one full day there. Time was given for our Mo. Cooperative Program, which is supported by 50% of their churches regularly. Our National Home Missionary to Canada, Rev. Adkinson, was one of the messengers for their preaching hour. We welcome Pastor Underwood and family to Jones Chapel and Missouri State Association.

Cabool Church hosted Mission Association August 11-12. Each of their churches represented. They received the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church into their fellowship. The preaching services were real good. Time was given for Missouri Cooperative Program, to which 35% of their churches give regularly.

Southeast Missouri Association assembled with Festus First Free Will Baptist Church August 13th. We had a good harmonious yearly meeting. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative Program; 85% of our churches here give through the state program. Pastor Jack Stallings delivered the 11 a.m. sermon. We welcome Pastor Stallings and Mrs.

Stallings to Missouri.

Missouri State Association assembled in Liberty Association with Lebanon First Free Will Baptist Church August 22 thru 25. Each service and sermon was outstanding, opening Monday night with our Church Training Service, followed Tuesday with our State Woman's Services, and Tuesday evening the State Association proper. This was the best on record. Thanks again to every member and church giving through Missouri State Cooperative Fund; to the World Wide Ministry of God's Word. 69 churches gave \$33,123.44 July 31, 1965 to August 1, 1966. 55% or \$18,217.89 was disbursed to the National Free Will Baptist Association, therefore, for the calendar year 1965, Missouri State Association stands in number one place in Cooperative giving in the United States. We gave approximately \$30,000.00 to foreign missions

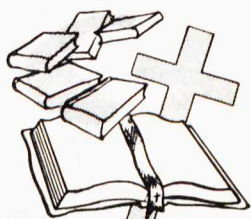
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HARRY BEATTY  
Promotional Secretary  
Free Will Baptist Gem



# THE MISSION FIELDS



The GREATEST  
BOOK  
of ALL

3647 E. Edgar  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Friends,

Just two more months and we will be on our way back to Uruguay, the Lord willing. This year of furlough has passed very quickly for us. We have enjoyed it very much and praise the Lord for His blessings during this year. However, we are very anxious to return to our work in Rivera, Uruguay. There is much to be done there, and we are expecting great things from the Lord during our second term on the field.

It has been a real joy to us to visit many of the churches here in Missouri while we have been home. We appreciate all your prayers and the offerings you have received for us. We especially enjoyed being at the Teen Youth Camp in June. And we are very grateful for the good offering we received from the campers as well as the youth camp board. A few of the churches and auxiliaries have been very faithful to support us during these past five years. And we thank you so much. As we return to the field for another term of four years we are depending upon your regular prayer and financial support. We know the Lord will bless those who are concerned in the work of missions, around the world.

Remember us in prayer during these next few months as we make final preparations to leave, and also as we make the adjustments necessary back on the field. We shall be looking forward to hearing from many of you down in Uruguay. May God bless each of you.

Yours to serve,  
Bill and Glenda Fulcher  
and sons

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI AUGUST, 1966

Beacon, Raytown .....	\$ 42.80
Myrtle Church .....	51.88
Myrtle Church .....	34.05
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown .....	5.00
South Side Church, St. Louis	80.00
Rock Chapel, Norwood ....	20.00
Cooperative Plan .....	407.69
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	40.00
Timberlane Ch., Olathe, Woman's Auxiliary .....	15.00
Rock Chapel, Norwood ....	10.00
New Prospect, Buffalo ....	10.00
Thayer Church .....	9.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n, Liberal .....	72.47
Farmington Church .....	152.72
FWB Ch. of Berkeley .....	142.00
Bethel Ch., West Plains ..	177.27

Mrs. Isabel Doing, Phillipsburg .....	5.00
Garfield Ch. S.S., Couch .	20.00
Mr. Glenn Beeson, Cassville	35.00
Oak Grove, Mtn. Grove ....	15.00
Alton Church .....	26.76
Hannon Church, Liberal ...	29.77
Leadington Church .....	48.75
Beacon Church, Raytown...	10.00
Smyrna Ch. S.S., Thayer .	13.00
Fellowship, Flat River ....	250.00
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	15.59
Calvery Church, Conway ...	19.50
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville .....	20.00
New Rock Springs, Cabool .	23.00
Mrs. Fern Kelsey, Greentop	2.00
Parkview Ch., Desloge ....	15.00
Verdella Ch., Iantha .....	21.56
Pleasant Home Ch., Cabool	20.00
Good Shepherd Ch., Greentop	50.00
First Methodist Church, Beacon Light S.S. ....	16.22
North East Mo. Youth Rally, Kirksville .....	12.85
North East Mo. Ass'n, Kirksville .....	171.50
Martinstown Ch., Worthington	10.00
North East Woman's Aux., Greentop .....	10.00
Lowground Ch., Novinger ..	10.00
Beacon Church, Raytown ..	21.37
Victory Church, Avondale ..	35.00
Central Church, Kansas City	34.07
First Ch., Monett, Woman's Auxiliary .....	10.00
First Ch., Mountain Grove .	80.00
FWB Church of Berkeley ...	142.00
Grace Ch., Arnold .....	31.00
First Ch., Springfield ....	55.12
Lila Hiatt, Kirksville .....	5.00
New Harmony Ch. S.S., Greentop .....	33.64
St. Francois Quarterly Meeting, St. Louis ....	150.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	11.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Missouri State Woman's Aux. Convention, Mtn. Grove .	10.00
Mrs. C. D. Neasby, Phillipsburg .....	12.00
Fellowship Ch., Flat River	32.00
Mill Creek, Fredericktown .	25.00
Copper Mines, Fredericktown	15.60
Parkview Ch., Desloge ....	46.88
Hope Comb, Thayer .....	3.00
Overland Ch., St. Louis ..	20.12
Central Ch., Kansas City ..	111.69
Missouri State Woman's Aux. Convention, Mtn. Grove .	50.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux. Convention, Mtn. Grove .	73.26
Fellowship Ch., Flat River	125.00
WNAC .....	527.40
Mrs. Clara B. Allen, Thayer .....	1.00

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



## ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

Change in address:  
Please send reports to  
Mrs. Ted Davis  
713 Sunset Drive  
Independence, Mo. 64050

## OCTOBER

Sunday School Month  
Missionary Conference (October 3-5)  
Free Will Baptist Bible College,  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Reformation Sunday  
CONTACT Subscription Month

## SKETCHES FROM THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION August 23, 1966

From the opening hymn to the closing prayer of the convention, the Thought for the Day, "Service for Christ rewards the Christian with more real happiness and satisfaction than any other venture in life", was emphasized and proved to be true.

Mrs. Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Nashville, Tenn., challenged the convention with a brief report of the progress of the WNAC during the past 31 years. Mrs. Pursell also told of the plans and needs of the WNAC office for the coming year, including the resolutions as adopted at the 1966 WNAC convention.

The highlight of the day was the 11:00 a.m. message presented by Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., our Latin America missionary, presently living in Miami, Florida. Mrs. Willey blessed our hearts as she shared her experiences and the ways in which the Lord has directed and blessed the work in Cuba, Panama, South America, and presently the Cuban Refugee work in Miami, Florida.

Other special features on the program for the day were the inspiring devotionals given by Mrs. Barbara Oxendine of Joplin, Mo., and Mrs. Kathy Lay of Kirksville, Mo.

Special music during the day was presented by the Woman's Trio of First Church, Lebanon, Mo., and Rev. Jack Stallings, recently from Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Margaret Dixon directed the congregation in singing hymns and choruses throughout the day.

The business session, with president Lucille Beatty presiding, brought about several new things for the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

One new venture is the planning of a Retreat for the women to be held sometime during the coming year at the State Youth Camp.

An important change adopted by the convention was setting the closing of the convention year, in regard to the Annual Reports, at May 31st rather than June 30th. This change will enable our State reports to be made to WNAC before the WNAC convention in July, therefore, our reports will be more current.

The convention accepted as the State Auxiliary project for the coming year, funds designated as support for the Thomas Willey's, Sr. The slogan for the year is "A Goal That is Greater", with an unlimited amount of funds to be given.

The various committees gave their reports, which will be given in detail in the State minutes.

The nominating committee report was given nominating the new officers for the convention. (See list of officers elsewhere in Woman's Page of GEM.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson conducted a very impressive installation service using various flowers in lavender and white to represent the different offices. Mrs. Cleo Pursell prayed the prayer of dedication at the conclusion of the service.

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

1. We recommend that we comply with the following resolutions that were adopted by WNAC at the convention in 1966. Number 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10. (Memo: The Missouri quota in regard to #6 is 456.)

2. We recommend that we elect a new officer known as historian. Due to the fact we have not kept a history of our auxiliary, we further recommend that she do research from the beginning of the auxiliary to date as much as is possible.

3. We recommend that we have a Retreat for the women of the auxiliary in the

coming year instead of the state Workshop. The retreat to be held at the State Youth Camp.

4. We recommend that the names and addresses of the State Woman's Auxiliary officers be printed in the GEM each month.

5. We recommend that we give an honorarium of \$50.00 to our guest speaker, Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., and an honorarium of \$50.00 to Mrs. Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

6. We recommend that we give an honorarium of \$25.00 each to Mrs. Teddy Davis, Editor of Woman's Page in the GEM, and Miss Hazel Hutsell, Secretary-Treasurer.

(All resolutions passed.)

## MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION State Officers - 1966-1967

President, Mrs. Joanne King, 303 W. Columbia St., Farmington, Mo. 63640.

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Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Kathy Lay, 502 E. Patterson, Kirksville, Mo. 63501.

Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Hilda Nichols, Rt. 1, Ianta, Mo. 64753.

Field Worker, Mrs. Margaret Dixon, 305 E. Sunshine, Springfield, Mo. 65804.

Editor, Mrs. Peggy Davis, 713 Sunset Dr., Independence, Mo. 64050.

Missions Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Oxendine, 2615 E. 8th St., Joplin, Mo. 64801.

Historian, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, 325 Park St., Neosho, Mo. 64850.

NOTICE!!! Local Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary, would you please send to me immediately the list of your local officers and their addresses?

District Corresponding Secretaries, please send me a list of your District Officers and their addresses. Include in your list the churches in your District.

Thank you for this information.

In Christ,  
Mrs. Luther Gibson  
State Corresponding Secretary  
Free Will Baptist Gem

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S  
AUXILIARY CONVENTION  
TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966

Balance Brought Forward	
August 1, 1965 .....	\$231.73
Amount Received:	
Tithes .....	209.01
Representation dues .....	128.60
Student Loan Fund .....	126.23
*W.A. Achievement	
chart seals.....	1.00
1965 State Conv. offering	
(Dr. Miley) .....	336.13
*Mission Dist. Conv.	
offering, Mrs. L. Miley.	28.07
*State Aux. Workshop	
offering, Mrs. L. Miley.	106.75
Mo. State Home Missions -	
General Fund .....	194.61
State Home Missions -	
Rev. L. Horton .....	10.05
State Home Missions -	
Rev. Don Jones .....	60.13
*Co-Laborer Fund .....	409.12
*WNAC - General &	
Furnishings .....	113.18
*Superannuation .....	17.00
*FWB Orphanage, (Tenn.).	67.96
*FWB Bible College,	
(Tenn.) .....	11.26
Bible College - SEE Cam-	
paign (Clark & Walker) .	10.00
*'64-'65 State Project -	
Hannas .....	125.60
*'65-'66 State Project -	
Mileys (Go A Mile) ....	796.82
*Foreign Missions -	
General fund .....	332.89
*Foreign Missions -	
Personal accounts:	
*E. Garcias .....	50.00
*W. Calvays .....	53.92
*L. Mileys .....	15.00
*B. Fulchers .....	178.48
*Patsy Tyson .....	5.00
*Ella Rae Jones .....	5.00
*C. Hannas .....	10.00
*T. Willey, Jr. ....	35.00
*Jim McLains.....	8.25
*B. Aycocks.....	10.00
*B. Pools.....	24.25
*John Moehlmans .....	5.00
*National Home Missions -	
General fund.....	398.50
*National Home Missions -	
Personal accounts:	
*Mack Owens .....	40.25
*Arthur Billows .....	10.00

Total Received .....\$3,933.06

Disbursements:  
Honorariums -  
Mrs. Maude Coffey .... 25.00  
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Dr. Lavern Miley .....	50.00
Mrs. Peggy Davis .....	25.00
Miss Hazel Hutsell ....	25.00
Declamation Winner -	
Sharon Cope .....	5.00
Essay Winner -	
Imogene Burns .....	5.00
Office Supplies & Postage.	7.25
State Minutes - '64 & '65	57.60
WNAC Representation dues	42.20
FWB Bible College -	
SEE Campaign .....	10.00
Mo. State Home Missions .	264.79
Dr. L. Miley -	
Convention offering ....	336.12
WNAC - Student Loan Fund	126.23
WNAC -*Gifts as designated	
as received .....	2,858.31
Total Disbursed .....	\$3,837.50

Balance brought forward  
July 31, 1966 .....\$327.29

Aboard the S. S. Del Aires  
in the Gulf of Mexico  
August 27, 1966

Dear friends in Missouri,

After many weeks of planning and working, our dreams are becoming a reality. At least, we're on the boat which should take us back to our work in Africa. Although it takes this cargo ship a month to get there.

There's only three of us - LaVerne, Lynette and myself. I still feel a little guilty in enjoying this trip without the boys. It's the first real adventure in which they have not shared. Lynn will stay with his grandparents until school begins in Nashville. Larry flew on to Africa the 14th in order to begin school the 17th. He was a little reluctant to go alone, but he knew it was best. It was a case of the spirit being willing, but the flesh weak. We haven't heard from him since we kissed him goodbye and won't until a month, but we placed him in the Lord's care and He takes good care of His children.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and money that enabled us to return. Continue to pray that His name will be glorified among the heathen as we return.

In Him,  
The Mileys

August, 1966

Dear Ladies,

We want to thank you for the regular support we have been receiving from the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. We do appreciate it very much. We trust the Lord will bless each of your

meetings and each of you individually.

Just two months and we shall be returning to Uruguay, the Lord willing. The time is drawing short and we are very anxious to return. We still need to raise \$2,500 before returning. We are trusting the Lord to supply these funds so that we will not be delayed in returning to the field. Please help us to pray concerning this matter. We plan on returning by ship around the first of October. We are very anxious to get back to our work there.

The family is all enjoying good health and we praise the Lord for His blessings to us during this year we have been home.

May the Lord richly bless you for your interest in Missions and all you have done to help us financially as well as by prayer.

Yours to Serve,  
Bill and Glenda Fulcher

SPECIAL SPEAKERS FOR  
DESLOGE AUXILIARY

Desloge Parkview Free Will Baptist Mission Ladies met Wednesday, August 17, 1966. Opening song, "Take Time To Be Holy". Prayer by Mildred Miller. Scripture read by President Edna Moore. Twelve answered the roll call by reading scripture verses. Two visitors were present. Prayer by Sylvia Lix. Lesson by Edith Foshee.

Our guest speaker was Sue Aycock, missionary from Brazil. She made a very interesting talk on winning souls in Brazil. She, her husband, and three children were our mission dinner guests. They have just returned from Brazil. They first went in 1960. They are to be in this vicinity for a few days and Bob Aycock is to be our speaker at the morning service Sunday, August 21. We enjoyed our visit with them very much and thank God for them.

Mrs. Hazel Winfrey,  
Mission Reporter

LEBANON WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist, Lebanon, met August 3rd with 18 members and two visitors.

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Cook. Opening prayer by Hazel Embry. Ladies voted to have an ice cream social in the church dining room on August 19th. Book review will be given Wednesday evening, August 10th, by Jerry Garrett at the church. Meeting was turned over to Freda Hays. Lesson topic was "Mission Field at Our Doorstep."

A pink and blue shower was given for Mrs. Jerry Bowman.

Corresponding Secretary  
Eunice Barber

# GLEANINGS

## from the fields



Rev. Ronald Creech  
PASTOR TAKES NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION POST

Rev. Ronald Creech, pastor of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina for nine years, has resigned effective November 30 to become state evangelist for the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists and editor of the Free Will Baptist Witness, the Association's monthly magazine.

Mr. Creech is married to the former Mary Belle Smith of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and is the father of five children - Ruth, 13; Elizabeth, 12; Lois, 10; Becky, 7; and Paul, 3.

In his new post, Creech will promote activities and aims of the association throughout the state by speaking at revivals and other meetings.

The association plans to move its headquarters from Goldsboro, North Carolina, to Durham within 30 days.

Creech is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. While in college he served as a student pastor in churches in Kentucky and Mississippi.

Upon graduation he was named pastor of Hickory Chapel Church at Ahoskie, North Carolina, and later served the First Church in Newport News, Virginia, and the First Church of Florence, South Carolina.

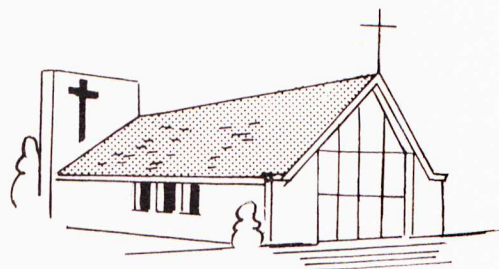
A committee of five men will search for and recommend to the congregation a new pastor. They are Lloyd Williford, Chairman, H. M. Stegall, Jimmy Miles, Macon Perry, and Tom Lee.

### MISSOURI STUDENTS WANTED

Kirkville, Missouri - Anyone knowing of students having a Free Will Baptist background, attending the Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College in Kirkville, are asked to please contact the pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Kirkville - Rev. Andy W. Lay, 502 East Patterson Street, Kirkville, Missouri 63501.

Springfield, Missouri - Anyone knowing of any Free Will Baptist Students that are attending Southwest Missouri State College are asked to please contact either Rev. O. T. Dixon, 305 E. Sunshine or Rev. Henry Long, 2641 West Nichols.

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FULCHERS' TRAVEL FUND

Last year Missouri Free Will Baptists responded enthusiastically and loyally to a request to raise travel funds to send Dr. and Mrs. Miley back to their mission station in Africa; an amount well in excess of the goal was raised, with the balance going to the Miley's account. Our churches in Missouri have consistently supported every worthwhile cause of our denomination when the need was presented and when they were convinced that it was the will of God.

This year at Lebanon, the delegates to the Missouri Association approved unanimously a resolution proposed from the floor that a similar fund be raised for the return of missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher to their station in South America. The Fulchers, now in the states, are scheduled to return to their work in mid-October. There will not be time to raise that amount by that time, of course, but when the fund is completed, it can be used to reimburse the cost of their return fare. Since Mrs. Fulcher is a native Missourian, we know that our people will respond generously.

The delegates voted to retain the same committee that was appointed last year to assist with the Miley travel fund. We have decided that the best plan is to assign a quota to each quarterly meeting rather than to each district association.

Therefore, the following are the quotas that we hope will be raised in the next few months.

Cave Springs .....	\$100.00
Central Western	
Greater Kansas City.....	100.00
South .....	50.00
Indian Creek .....	100.00
Laclede County .....	50.00
Liberty .....	100.00
Mission	
First .....	75.00
Douglas County .....	25.00
Niangua .....	50.00
Northeast .....	100.00
Southeast	
St. Louis .....	150.00
St. Francois County .....	50.00
Madison County .....	50.00
Northwest .....	No Quota

Please send any amount that you collect to Rev. Harry Beatty, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63111. If individual churches or members wish to contribute, please ask them to indicate the quarterly meeting or association to which they belong. Contributions should be clearly marked Fulcher Travel Fund and should be sent to reach St. Louis before December 31, 1966.

We would like to get our Free Will Baptist students in the churches.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Any student attending Southeast Missouri State College is asked to contact Rev. Don Jones, 505 Timonway, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701.

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## HOMEcoming DAY AT RICHWOODS

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord Jesus from the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church.

The Lord has been blessing us with showers of blessings and we would like to share them with you.

On September 4th we held our annual homecoming at our church. We began the day with Sunday School starting at 9:45 a.m. with Bro. Clarence Sohn in charge and 64 attending. Sister Betty Luke led the singing and Rita Kelso was at the piano. The Sunday School lesson was a very inspiring lesson with scripture taken from Exodus 20:16, the ninth commandment, and Proverbs, Matthew and Ephesians. We learned how God hated a lying tongue. The lesson title was "Speak the Truth in Love."

We were delighted to have Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Arnold and daughter with us, so Rev. Arnold was called on to bring the gospel message. This service opened with our pastor, Rev. Pinkney Askren in charge. Singing led by Sister Elsie Schutte and Dorothy Cordia at the piano. Hymns were sung and prayer was led by Bro. Bob Luke.

Sister Doris Arnold and Dorothy Cordia sang "Sheltered From the Storm."

Sister Sophia Ackerson, the only chartered member on the roll was called on to give her testimony and then led our thoughts in prayer.

At this time Rev. Arnold, a former pastor, took charge of the service to bring the message. Bro. Arnold chose his scripture from Luke 11:29-32, using the last clause in the 31st verse, "A greater than Solomon is here." The gospel message was inspiring and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Prayer was led by Bro. Leamon Riggs who was visiting our church along with his wife. The gospel message reached our hearts and helped us to know God is not dead. He is very much alive and still working in the hearts of His people. He also is still touching the hearts of sinners and will save all who come to him. The altar call was made and one young girl came and accepted Christ as her personal Saviour.

This service closed with prayer led by Bro. Clarence Sohn and blessings and thanks for the meal to be served. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

At one o'clock we all gathered back in the church for the afternoon service with Rev. Askren in charge of the devotional. The choir sang two songs, led by Sister Elsie Schutte and Sister Doris Arnold at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Raymond Askren and services were turned over to Bro. Perry and his group of Potosi, Mo. This group sang many beautiful hymns and had special music.

Some of our young people are very talented so they rendered special numbers also. They were: Sister Betty Luke and son, Monty, sang "I'll Be Somewhere Listening"; Karen, Rita, Betty Luke and Dottie sang "Mansions Over the Hilltop"; and Karen and Rita sang "When I Looked Up, He Looked Down." Mrs. McMullen from the Methodist Church, sang "How Great Thou Art."

Bro. Askren brought the closing comments and we were dismissed by prayer led by Bro. Cecil Randall.

The Richwoods Church had a birthday September 5th. It was organized on September 5, 1938. So it is 28 years old now. I have been here in the church all these years and have seen many souls saved and many healed. The church of Richwoods has been a training station for many young ministers just starting out in the ministry. Richwoods was their first pastorate. They received many blessings learned through many experiences that helped them in their Lord's work. They were able to climb

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to higher heights when they left from this church.

Bro. John Ackerson always said, "These came to school in God's house at Richwoods." Bro. John will soon be gone three years. He is in heaven enjoying all of its beauties and most of all he is safe in the arms of the blessed Saviour.

We are planning a revival in the near future. We desire the prayers of God's people for us. Many souls in Richwoods need Christ.

Yours in Christian love,  
Sophia Ackerson

## BAPTIZING SERVICE AT MERAMEC HEIGHTS

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." What a wonderful command this is.

On August 21, 1966 this command was carried out at a great baptismal service held by Meramec Heights FWB Church. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day and a beautiful place for the service.

Seven dedicated men and women followed the Lord all the way. These good Christians were baptized by Rev. Harry Asher of the Overland Church. Our pastor, Rev. Johnny Peterson, and a deacon from our church, Sam Waller, assisted Bro. Asher. We had a great crowd, beautiful music, and wonderful blessings.

The baptizing service was held in the Meramec River. There was a beautiful view looking down into the river from the top of the river bank. To me it looked like the River Jordan. You could see Jesus everywhere. The scenery was very beautiful. I don't believe I have ever heard "Amazing Grace" and "Shall We Gather at The River" sung with more love and joy than that day. All together it was a wonderful old-fashioned spirit-filled day.

Thank God for old time religion and for Christians who will humble themselves and gather at a river. If more churches today would practice the old time religion instead of trying to please and follow in man's footsteps, there wouldn't be as much conflict in the churches and world today. I once heard it said that churches today are so cold and modern that if God ever got into them that he would either get lost or freeze to death. What a sad but true statement. Christians today aren't looking to the churches for the preaching and teaching of God's word, but for the fish supper, rummage sales, bake sales, etc. Christian fellowship is fine, but if it is put before God then it is wrong. The Bible clearly states that there is a time and place for everything. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

I thank God that I belong to a church that practices the old time religion. Our church is full of dedicated, wonderful people. We have an old fashioned altar of prayer and we still sing those sacred old hymns.

Man can modernize themselves and any material thing they want to, but they can never modernize Jesus, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Mrs. Imogene Wiggs, Meramec Heights Church

## MILL CREEK CHURCH REPORTS

The Annual Homecoming Day for the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Fredericktown will be held October 16th. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend. We would like for all of the former pastors and members to attend if at all possible.

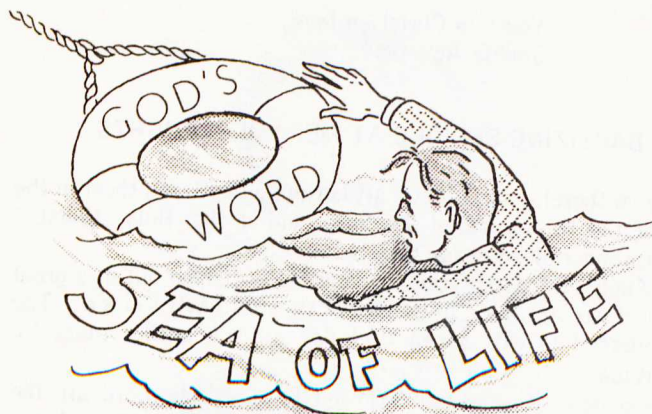
There will be a basket dinner and then an afternoon of gospel singing. Come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us.

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# Missouri

## State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists



THIS IS WHAT HOME MISSIONS ARE DOING.  
HELPING THOSE WHO ARE IN THE SEA OF LIFE.  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP?

### AUGUST REPORT

During the last board meeting of the State Home Mission Board, I was elected Secretary-Treasurer, replacing Rev. Bob Jones. In the future, please send all correspondence or offerings relating to the Home Mission Department to Rev. Dale Skiles, Myrtle, Missouri 65549. On August 9 the State Home Mission Board traveled to Cape Girardeau for the purpose of organizing the Cape Mission into a church. Four board members were present: James McAllister, Teddy Davis, Bob Jones, and myself. I was privileged to bring the organizational message. Bro. James McAllister, chairman of the board, was in charge of the organizational meeting. He read the proposed constitution and by-laws used by the State Board in organizing new churches. Bro. Teddy Davis presented the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice reading Hebrews 4:12 and II Timothy 3:16. The church covenant was presented by Bro. Lloyd Durbin. A dedicatory prayer was then offered at the altar, led by Bro. George Miller. Pray for the Cape Church and for their faithful pastor, Bro. Don Jones.

We are happy to report that Rev. Teddy Davis has moved to Independence, Missouri for the purpose of starting a new work there. Anyone knowing of any Free Will Baptist prospects in that vicinity, please contact Bro. Davis at 715 Sunset Drive, Independence, Mo., or call him at CL 4-8762. Pray earnestly for this new work.

Those making contributions to the Home Mission Department this month are listed below. This list is probably incomplete as many churches are still sending their gifts to Bro. Jones, who in turn is sending them on to me. So, if you have sent a gift to Home Missions and you are not listed this month, I have not received your offering as yet, but will list you in next month's report.

Twin Oak, Fredericktown .....	\$ 30.00
Carterville Church .....	9.20
Hurricane Church .....	30.00
First, Joplin .....	5.00
Central, Kansas City .....	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River .....	15.00
Mine La Motte Church .....	5.00

First, Farmington.....	10.00
State Ass'n - Coop Fund .....	316.56
Total .....	\$430.76

A very special thank you to each one who contributed to Home Missions this month. Keep your gifts coming in, and if you have not already placed Home Missions on your budget, may God burden you to do so this next month. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" II Cor. 9:6. Pray for your Home Mission Board as they endeavor through God's help and yours to spread the gospel into every city and town in Missouri.

Rev. Dale Skiles, Sec.-Treas.



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### PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. Grover Terry has resigned from the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Mo.

He has accepted a church at Liberal, Mo. Rev. and Mrs. Terry have already moved from Desloge to Liberal and have begun their new work there.

We are having regular services with different ministers filling the pulpit. Rev. Ronnie Graham and his family were with us the last Sunday in August. Robert Wilfong filled the pulpit the first Sunday in September.

Rev. John Rogers was with us for morning and evening service on September 11th.

We are undergoing a period of waiting for a pastor. Remember us in prayer.

### CHURCH HAS SERVICE IN NEW BASEMENT

We at the Twin City Free Will Baptist Church, Festus, Mo. have very much to be thankful for. We had our first service in our new basement on Sept. 4 to start the new church year. We had a very spirit filled service with an attendance of 56. The Lord has given us many blessings the past two years. We invite each and every one of you come visit us in our new basement at any time. Continue to pray for us that we may grow and prosper only for the Lord.

Twin City FWB Church, Festus, Mo.

Free Will Baptist Gem



Bible stories come to life in sight and sound with the new Canon Bible Programs. Youngsters are fascinated and teachers find it easy to use the programs and General Electric "Show 'n Tell" phono-viewer.

#### CHILDREN'S BIBLE PROGRAMS NOW INCLUDE SIGHT & SOUND

An entirely new method of presenting Bible stories for children in the Sunday School, children's church and Bible clubs has been released this fall through religious publishers and bookstores.

Thirty of the most-used Bible stories come to life in both sight and sound with the new Canon Bible Programs, which include a full-color filmstrip and seven-inch record. Bible narratives for youngsters 4 to 9 are presented in words children understand without interpretation or application.

The programs are produced by Double Sixteen Co., Wheaton, Ill., and can be used with any Sunday School curriculum.

A special plastic key holds the filmstrip safely and eliminates all threading problems. The record and filmstrip are designed for use with the General Electric "Show 'n Tell" phono-viewer, which can be operated safely and easily by children.

Teams of experienced Christian educators carefully researched the programs, which were written by well-known Christian education and audio-visual writer Alma Gilleo. The programs were specifically designed to give Sunday School teachers an up-to-date method of gaining and holding the attention of youngsters.

Related Bible activity projects and instructions for handwork are included in the program packet. The cost is within small church budgets. Canon Bible Programs are now available through most religious publishers and Christian bookstores.

Order from Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Mo. 63111.

#### CHURCH REPORTS A GOOD REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Festus is happy to report a successful revival meeting which ended Saturday night, September 3. Our evangelist was Rev. Jesse Webb of Guthrie, Kentucky. Bro. Webb is a dedicated man of God whose messages each night touched each heart.

A man and wife were saved during this meeting, also members of the church were drawn closer to the Lord, dedicating their lives to a greater Christian witness. We also had the privilege of being the host church to the Southeast Missouri Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting which was held August 13-14.

On Friday night we had Youth Rally Night with young people October, 1966

as our guest speakers and a young girls' trio to sing for us. We had good attendance at this meeting. We desire your prayers as we labor here that many souls will be saved through the ministry of our church.

#### NIANGUA CHURCH PLANS OCTOBER REVIVAL

According to Rev. Marion Allsman, pastor of the Niangua Free Will Baptist Church will begin a revival meeting on Monday night, October 10, with Rev. R. E. Helsley of Mansfield as evangelist. Rev. Helsley is a young minister of the gospel and pastor of the Caudle Free Will Baptist Church north of Norwood, Mo.

On Sunday night, October 2, the famous Nickel Family will be at the church to present a service in sermon and song. The Nickel Family are of Springfield, Mo. and have recently returned from a tour of the northern U.S. and Canada.

In the past few months a new piano has been purchased for the church and in business meetings it has been decided to buy new carpeting for the stage and have city water installed in the church basement.

Rev. Allsman asks for the prayers of every Christian in behalf of the services at the church and invites everyone in the vicinity of Niangua to attend the revival services which will begin each evening at 7:45 DST.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN SERVICES

The Intermediate Class of Aulsbury Chapel Church met for their monthly meeting on August 26. Plans were made for the youth group to lead the Fifth Sunday service in October. Our message will be on the "Challenge of the Cross". Our class meeting included games and refreshments and they were enjoyed by all.

#### FORMER MISSOURI PASTOR ACCEPTS NEW WORK Project 30 For State

It has been reported that Rev. Harvey Hill will accept the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Winter Haven, Fla. on the Project 30 basis. As you know the Winter Haven church has suffered a set back and is in need of a pastor, so, Brother Hill under the sponsorship of the State Mission Board, will be going to Winter Haven to pastor the church. Let us be in prayer for this work there.

— From FWB Co-ordinator

Editor's Note: If anyone would like to help this work with an offering, send it to: Rev. Harvey Hill, 1415 26th St. N.W., Winter Haven, Fla. 33880. Mark the offering Winter Haven Project 30.

#### CRUSADERS SAVE STAMPS

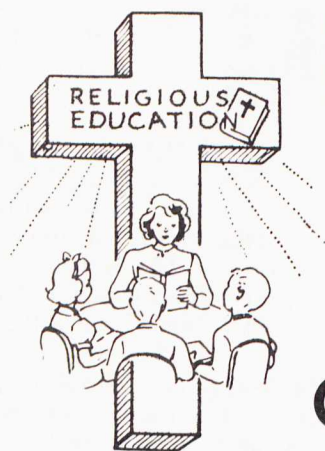
The teenagers of Trinity Church wanted to do something for our church. After serious thought and consideration we decided to purchase a small Sunday School bus. This bus would be used by all ages for class socials, Sunday School, picnics, Youth for Christ, D.V.B.S., and such.

Before Crusader monthly meetings, the group goes to nearby subdivisions and communities to collect trading stamps of all kinds, from those who wish to contribute. The stamps that are collected are traded off for the certain needed stamps.

We feel this bus is needed to reach souls for our church.

The project has been under way since March, and 150 books have been collected.

Pat Richardson  
CFC Group of Trinity



# NEWS FROM OUR COLLEGE

## A REPORT FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The contract is signed and work is underway on the new classroom building. Price: \$423,000 (without furnishings). This will give us 17 classrooms plus nine teachers' offices. This building has excellence without lavishness. You will be pleased with it.

Free Will Baptists have never undertaken a project of this size. I have full confidence we can and will do it. We are greatly encouraged. We are beginning below sea level so to speak. I feel that since we are actually building, many who have not given will do so. Let me tell you just how we stand financially.

This time last year we owed the First American National Bank approximately \$100,000. We have paid this down to \$40,000. The architect has been paid \$18,000. Another \$12,000 has been paid on miscellaneous items connected with the campaign. So we have raised in cash some \$70,000 since the beginning of this development program. We have another \$75,000 in commitments. The immediate need is to get \$40,000 to pay the old note at the bank. This we have promised the banker before we ask to borrow more. In thirty days we will have to pay the contractor his first payment. In other words, we need \$40,000 in thirty days to clear us with the

bank to be in a position to secure some of the construction cost of the building. Join us in earnest prayer. Ask your church to pray. We have stepped out on faith. We must not fail.

Applications continue to come in. It is a joy to know that so many young people want to come to a college like this. Of course they have to be willing to live in crowded conditions until we can do better. I believe we are on our way to providing adequate facilities for Free Will Baptist Bible College to offer to the youth of our churches who want to come here.

Gifts to the General Fund have been good for the first three months of this fiscal year. The quartet had a good summer. Thanks to each church who had them.

We are still looking for 1,000 men to give \$1,000 to our development campaign. Some men are giving at great sacrifice. Some men have given twice already.

In this day of sin and moral letdown we need Free Will Baptist Bible College. Stand shoulder to shoulder with us in prayer and giving to meet these urgent, immediate needs.

Yours in Christ,  
L. C. Johnson, President

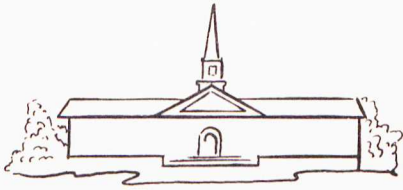
P.S. Can we raise \$40,000 in thirty days? I believe we can.

# TEACH A ETTA COURSE

The Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is using the State of Missouri as a pilot state for a new plan of Sunday School teaching. They are sending out to every pastor an application for approval to teach the ETTA courses. If you, as a pastor, have received this, we would like for you to fill it in and return it in order to become able to teach these courses. I know that it would pay rich dividends in the growth of your churches. It would give better

trained leadership in your churches. There are twelve courses in all in the ETTA, beginning with the Old Testament and going through the New Testament. Beside the subjects on Bible, there are subjects on other church related material. Why not start a class in your church? See the results of these courses as your church grows and your people "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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### WHAT MY CHURCH MEANS TO ME

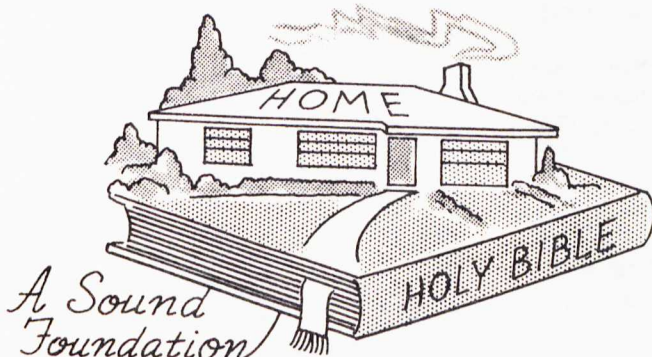
My church means more to me than a place to go on Sunday to see friends that I haven't seen all week. It means more than singing in the choir and listening to the sermon. To me my church has a real and active part in my life. I know of no more dedicated Christians than the ones in my church. The people are always there when I need them for advice, when I have a problem, or when I need a friend. The warm friendship they give and the help and trust mean a lot to me. I feel very close to the members and friends of my church; really, to me it is like a big family.

The teens of the church are active, and the trust and help given to us by the people and the pastor is greatly needed and appreciated. The projects the church lets the teens undertake makes me feel closer to the church, for maybe through these projects we have helped the church in some little way. For example, the Crusaders of our church are buying a Volkswagon bus through trading stamps, mainly for transportation for kids to Sunday School, but it will also be used for transportation to Youth for Christ, to camp, and other church activities. By letting the teens be in charge of this project instead of the whole church, it makes the teens feel that they are helping the church, that they are giving something to the church. It may take a little while to get our bus, but we will try our best.

And our pastor, Rev. Spurgeon, a very important member, means a lot to our lives. He shows an interest in the teens, so in turn we show an interest in the church. Our pastor is always there whenever we need him. He and the whole church makes me feel that I am a part of the church of today, not just a member of the church of tomorrow.

My church offers the kind of worship that I need for my life. The people I look up to, to pattern my life after, are the kind of people that help form the church with a meaning and a message, and maybe through my life I will help to increase that meaning and send the message to the many people who are not a part of the church of today.

By Miss Nedra Horton  
16 years old  
Trinity FWB Church, Bridgeton, Mo.



### ROCKING CHAIR RELIGION

Ezekiel 34:1

Rev. Bill Eden  
Hartville, Missouri

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Eze. 34:3, Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed; but ye feed not the flock.

People today have been rocked to sleep because the pastors are afraid to preach the word. Many pastors have their minds and hearts set upon getting the fat of the land rather than preach the word.

Over in Isaiah 56:10-11, His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, everyone for his own gain, from his quarter. I believe that too many ministers today are looking to their own gain rather than God's gain.

Eze. 34:4, The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; and in verse 7 it says, Therefore ye shepherds hear the word of the Lord.

I'm so afraid many pastors are rocking their churches to sleep, failing to obey the great commission that Christ gave when he said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Over in Matthew 12:36-37, our Lord and Savior said, But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by the words thy shalt be justified, and by thy words thy shalt be condemned.

In I Peter 1:13, it tells pastors what we must do. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; verse 18 says, Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by the tradition from your fathers. Verse 19, But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Then in verse 22 and 23, Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

I believe that if a pastor is truly dedicated to God he will be up and about his Father's business and he will feed his flock with the word of God, and he will not rock his congregation to sleep.

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in the same period last year. This year we will participate in foreign mission "Project 5000". We are in the zone with Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. 1967 Book Store catalogues are now available: Bibles, Books, and Religious material as priced therein - Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

Harry Beatty

# COME....HELP US

Paul and his party had made plans to carry the gospel into Asia, but the Holy Spirit forbade it. They travelled to Mysia and made plans for a campaign into Bithynia, "but the Spirit suffered them not." So, they journeyed on to Troas. While here a man appeared to Paul in a vision entreating him to "Come... help us," and the gospel began its trek across Europe that brought it ultimately to the North American continent.

One man had a vision and by faith followed it ---

---a vision of souls dying without God

---a vision of men bowing to idols

---a vision of gross sins committed in the name of religion and the gods

but most of all ---

---a vision of what God could do for such a people.

The wise man of Old Testament times declared, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Before us today looms a world beset with problems of equal magnitude for spiritual concern as that which faced Paul. What is required today to recreate among the church that same vision that challenged Paul to an ever-widening missionary witness for his Master and Lord, and to help us realize millions are without salvation--not because they have rejected, but because they have never heard.

Never heard that---there is a rock that earthquakes can never shake.

Never heard that---there is a light that that shadows, however dim, can never hide.

Never heard that---there is a heart that sorrows cannot break.

Never heard that---there is a friendship that is true and tried.

Never heard that---though they walk through the valley dark and grim

God's love is sure---there can be peace in Him.

Are we not challenged by 304 millions of Africans living in spiritual darkness?

Does not their domination by "buddism" and witchcraft stir our hearts within us so that we must proclaim to them that the power they seek is in the true and living God and both physical and spiritual healing are available from only the hand of the Great Physician?

Does not the knowledge that 170 millions living in Latin America need to know about the true love of God and the freedom of real salvation encourage us to action? Surely we are not unconcerned when we realize that the religious domination of the Roman Church stretching from the Rio Grande boundary of Mexico to Tierra

del Fuego at the tip of South America has kept millions in ignorance and spiritual bondage. Can we not hear them pleading, "Come.....help us"?

How does it affect your heart to remember that over 1 1/2 billions of souls in Asia have never heard of your Savior? Can we see them bowing to idols of wood and stone and dying in ignorance of Christ and salvation and not be compelled to tell them of one they may worship. One---

---whose ear can hear

---whose eyes can see

---whose heart can be touched

---whose hand is not shortened?

Nor can we forget the 480 millions of Europe and the 286 millions of North America who in their sophisticated, socially-centered culture have strayed far from the religion declared in the scripture to be "pure and undefiled before God."

As we survey the world we must, with Paul agree, "I am a debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarian; both to the wise and the unwise." This can be our only conclusion if the Holy Spirit of God ---that spirit which gave Paul his vision of "harvests ready for reaping"---is the force which guides our hearts.

Paul's life and experiences with God remain unequalled. His encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus and the results of that meeting cannot be excelled for sheer drama. Here was an active, robust man-with-a-purpose who thought he saw clearly suddenly struck blind for a time that he might truly see, and completely reverse his course of life.

But not all who have gone were so dramatically called, for God rarely moves in headline fashion. For every obvious, miraculous sign of His presence, each life is filled with countless hidden ones. His guidance is always available to us--perhaps not in rare, amazing miracles, but certainly in quiet, sincere prayer. If we do not know which way to turn it is only because we do not ask, or listen.

William Carey heard the call while at his cobbler's bench in England. He closed his shop door forever that he might open doors for the gospel in India. David Livingston heard the call while tending a spinning jenny in a British factory. It pulled him to his feet and projected him into the depths of darkest Africa. Where you are, or what you are doing will be of little consequence when God calls.

Some are called to India, some to Latin America, some to New York, some to Chicago, and many are called, as the Gadarene, to proclaim Christ at home. But God will call. For to be a follower

of Christ is to be a missionary.

Many have heard the call and have gone---

---gone out to lands where the bodies of animals were sacred and men's bodies were cheap

---gone where gods were made of wood and stone

---gone where misery rode the backs and poverty ached in the stomach and hopelessness cried in the heart

---gone out because the call "Come.....help us" entered their minds and hearts and compelled them to serve.

Can you sing---

Ready to go. Ready to stay.

Ready my place to fill.

Ready for service lowly or great.

Ready to do His will---

and from your heart mean that you are really ready?

What vision of service has the Holy Spirit given you? Has God directed you to go to proclaim His word among the nations, or is your call to stay and through prayer and giving fill this vital place in missions?

May God help us to be ready---

---ready for a vision of service

---ready to listen

---ready to hear---"Come.....help us."

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Oak Grove Ch., Mtn. Grove 15.00

Total .....\$3,839.03

Aboard the S.S. Del Aires

To the Missouri State Association  
of Free Will Baptists:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ! Finally we are on our way back to Ivory Coast, Africa to continue our labors for the Lord there. We left New Orleans four days ago but have several stops in gulf ports before actually getting out on the ocean. We expect to arrive in Ivory Coast about September 27.

As we think back over our year at home we are reminded that it was a blessed year, and we thank the Lord for it. We thank Him for you and others such as you who continue to share in this ministry of taking the gospel message to those who have never heard. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for the giving of the money to secure passage for us back to africa. The scripture says: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:15a). You have sent and now we go to preach His blessed Word.

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Do pray much for us during these days and months ahead. We feel so much our need of the guidance and blessing of the Lord.

Again, thank you for that which you have done for us. May God richly bless you each one as you labor to make Christ known.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,  
LaVerne and Lorene Miley

Gen. 31:49

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF FAIRBANKS  
P. O. Box 503  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Editor:

The members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fairbanks would be very grateful if you would present to your readers our call for "HELP". Our call for help is for a pastor.

In June, 1965, Rev. and Mrs. Whaley and their family left Fairbanks for a short furlough. However, due to Mrs. Whaley's illness they have not been able to return and resume their work here. They labored faithfully, willingly, lovingly and sacrificially, and souls were won to the Lord. It has not been their desire to remain in the South 48 while their hearts are still burdened for this far north state. But be that as it may, their greatest desire is to serve faithfully wherever the Lord would have them.

In May, 1966, the Home Mission Board met and discussed the Fairbanks work, the fact that Rev. Whaley had resigned as missionary pastor, and that we were requesting a replacement. But to our amazement the only answer we received from the Board regarding their decision was that the "works in Fairbanks be deferred". We do not know why.

The Lord has blessed our small group and we have seen souls won to the Lord - adults and children. Many have come and gone through our little church during the past year, leaving our congregation still very small.

We need a pastor but it will mean making a sacrifice. Is anyone willing to meet the challenge? The church will provide a home for a pastor and pay him \$25.00 a week. This, by far, is not enough to live on so his wife would need to work to supplement their income. We say "his wife" because we feel a man and his wife could do a better job, since the pastor would need as much time as possible in the mission work. The cold climate drains one of his energy and especially so if he has to hold a secular job and pastor a church.

It takes constant personal work to keep the people attending services and it is through personal work that the church's October, 1966

attendance and membership increases.

The cost of living is high, the temperature drops far below zero, the snow drifts bring about a lot of work shoveling, but in spite of these things there is a real joy in serving the Lord here. Without a pastor immediately the church will have to close. Without a shepherd the sheep cannot be kept together.

We desire a person with high Christian standards, who upholds the Free Will Baptist doctrine as stated in the Free Will Baptist Treatise and one who does not indulge in worldly habits such as attending movies, social drinking or in the use of tobacco.

Does anyone have a burden for the work here?

Is there anyone willing to ask the Lord if Fairbanks would be God's place of service for him, and if so is he willing to exercise faith and come?

Pray! We need a shepherd.

The members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fairbanks

Frances Sullivan, Ch. Treas.  
Dixie Myers, Church Clerk

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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	272	229	244			
New Harmony Church	39	39	36	42	34	39					
Farmington		150	126	148	122	122	112	126			
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	107			
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	31				
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	51			
Union Light	116	99	107	102	100	124					
First, Springfield	180	201	194	235	203	194	171	179			
Sunnyview Church	54	66	57	62							
Desoto Mission						29	28				
Hannon	55	58	64	63	52	60	56	52			
First, Monett	120	126	124	124	114	107					
Garfield-Couch	48	46	49	43	46	47	52	45			
Leadington	128	197	154	159	131	137	128	129			
First, Fredericktown	164	164	188	191	171	165	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	118	119			
Twin Oaks Church	54	54	56	68	64	58	58	55			
West Plains	187	191	198	205	191	187	179	195			
First, Lebanon	114	126	108	128	103		112	107			
Myrtle Church	70	72	73	80	71	72	70				
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Joplin	88	79	87	96							
Grace Church	179	188	207	213							
Central, Kansas City	143	141	134	126	146						
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# The Message of Evangelism

(This is the message preached by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon at the National Association this past July in Little Rock, Ark.)

I Corinthians 15:3-4

That we live in a time of anxiety, ferment, crisis, danger, fear, war, and death is evident. There is the constant expectancy that something is about to happen. We awaken each morning wondering what new crisis has come upon us during the night. Voices call to us from every side to believe this or that, to accept certain opinions. Millions wait, with pathetic eagerness, for some voice of authority to which they may anchor themselves.

At the time of perhaps her greatest opportunity, the church has faltered and failed because she, too, is seemingly drifting around in confusion, unsure of what her message is, uncertain as to her mission in the 20th century.

Look Magazine, in a recent article, had this to report after talking with various religious and community leaders: "What the experts are saying about almost every aspect of American morality is - In a rapidly changing world we have lost our traditional guidelines, we are groping painfully and blindly for new standards that will enable us to live morally and decently; we cannot turn back to earlier rigid behavior patterns, we must find a new moral code that will fit the needs of the society we live in".

That we live in a time of theological uncertainty and compromise is evident. In bewilderment, people hear terms such as "Christian Atheist", "God is dead", "The ground of our being", "The Communitive Gospel", "Honest to God".

All of this terminology reminds me of the joke told by Everett Dirksen, Senate Minority Leader. It seems that a group of people visiting Washington noticed great numbers of people wearing large buttons with the letters BALK on them. One of the visitors asked the question, "Why are you wearing those buttons, and what do the letters stand for?" One of the button-wearers replied, "The letters stand for - 'Boy, Am I Konfused'". The inquirer said, "But you don't spell confused with a K", and the person replied, "You don't know how confused we are!"

Whom shall we follow? What can we believe? Shall we follow Altizer and

Christianity without belief in God, who has said, "Ours is a time in which God is dead. We must not simply accept the death of God with fortitude, but rather will the death of God with the passion of faith"? This is no new heresy. Three thousand years ago God, through the Psalmist, said, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." Or perhaps we can find the answer in Robinson's Christianity without religious experience, who declares, "God is no longer a person...he is the ground of our being".

But the most devastating and appealing of all the new theologies is the cry of Christianity without transformation. Simply announce to people they are saved. Saved social structure, not individuals.

Dr. Marikawa, Secretary of Evangelism of American Baptist Convention in 1964, said, "The redemption of the world is not dependent unto the souls we win for Jesus Christ. There cannot be individual salvation...salvation has more to do with the whole society than with the individual soul".

Last Sunday night I stood by the bedside of a young woman dying of cancer of the brain. The doctor had diagnosed her case as a sinus condition and had treated her for such. He was sincere in his diagnosis and treatment, but he was wrong, and by the time malignancy was discovered it was too late.

The social gospel deals only with the effects of sin, and fails to touch the cause. What good does it do for the doctor to rush to the aid of the victim if he has nothing to minister to the dying patient? What good for the fireman to speed to the burning building if he has no water with which to put out the flame?

There are those in the church who use the language of orthodoxy with the old thought patterns of the social gospel. This is why many churches have inadequate programs - poorly conceived, ineffectively articulated, and divisive and unproductive in results.

We have allowed Protestant professors of exegesis to make interpretations of the Holy Scriptures that even the church of Rome would not allow the Pope to make - that of taking the miracles of the Virgin Birth and Christ's bodily resurrection, and interpreting them as myths and legends.

This theology of presumption is a substitution of human reasoning for divine revelation. Man is not a lost creature - he is saved and needs to be told of his salvation? Man's perilous position as a sinner is questioned: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die", is rebuked with Satan's words, "Ye shall not surely die".

Let us be clear that this theology is not a "statement of old truths in a new

and different way". It is a denial of the validity of the Holy Scriptures and substitutes human philosophy for divine revelation.

Does this mean that we are to wring our hands in despair and throw in the towel? Does this mean we have no message left to proclaim?

Paul, too, lived in a time of crisis; war, poverty, disease, and unnatural vice were rampant. He had his Robinsons of the first century.

The philosophies of Socrates and Diogenes on physical conduct failed to satisfy and the lofty plain of intellectual analysis of Plato and Aristotle was unable to bring an inward change. Man felt helplessly trapped by his own feelings, drives, and desires.

Through mystical religions they thought salvation was by social and physical cleansing rather than inward spiritual regeneration. Asceticism and gnosticism were prevailing schools of thought. Then, as now, there was a cry for moral guidance.

Today the corrosive forces of time, joined with human frailty, have eaten away the heart of the Christian message until a social, secular, almost pagan substitute has appeared instead.

The greatest stumblingblock to the acceptance of Jesus Christ by today's mass of society is not the "scandal" of denominational divisions, but is the ineffective witness of those churches who have lost the message and spirit of a dedicated evangelistic outreach.

The basic problem facing our world is not social inequality, poverty, or lack of education. Thousands of good, kind-hearted, well-meaning people are concerned and anxious about a better world. But they are idealistic, ignoring the basic cause of man's problems and the deep-seated disease that plagues the human race. Greeds, hates, passions, and lust are not eliminated by food and education. The root of sin in man is deep. This is the basic cause of the world's problems, and only Jesus Christ can solve it.

Christianity is being equated with demand for social action, pacifism, eradication of poverty, new social concept - these are important, but not the FIRST concern of the church.

To be effective, the church must have a sure message; authority more than the finite mind of the latest theologian. The primary purpose for our existence is to mediate the grace of God as revealed in Jesus Christ to the dying millions. God's good news is to be through men who have found a perfect Lord and worship a Holy God.

The twentieth century church stands at

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Dear Friend,

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all October, 1966

ages, world without end" (Eph. 3:20, 21).

Eleven years ago this month our family left the mid-west to travel over plains, deserts and mountains to the beautiful country of the Northwest. We looked forward to serving Christ in this new country where Free Will Baptist churches were not known.

These past eleven years have been filled with many wonderful and new experiences. We have made a host of friends, seen many souls saved, and seen the beginning and growth of seven Free Will Baptist churches. We thank God for sending other laborers into this area to help with these churches.

We do not wish to look back for any other purpose except to give God the glory for the great things he has done. Out of these churches have come many dedicated people, some of which have attended our Free Will Baptist Bible College and are now engaged in full-time Christian service. There are approximately 250 Free Will Baptists serving Christ in the Northwest.

By looking back, our faith is renewed, but we do not wish to stop here. We want to look to the future and expect more new and great things.

Our newest organized Free Will Baptist church is the one here in Portland, Oregon. We now have 30 members, a good Sunday School, C. T. S., and a missionary-minded group of people. We are presently worshiping in a rented building and are looking forward to having a building of our own when the Lord provides. The entire state of Oregon is still a big mission field.

We appreciate beyond words the many friends and church groups who have contributed to our account and have shared in establishing the work in the Northwest.

We still need your prayers and financial support. Presently our account is some over \$1,500 in the red. We feel assured that many of you can and will help us clear our account as you are made aware of our needs. We are praying that God will move your hearts to prayer even now as you read this letter and that you will ask Him to lead you in giving to this cause. We are now only under partial support of the National Home Mission Board and have to seek some other employment to supplement our income.

We know we can depend on Him to supply this need through you. Above all, please remember to pray for our family as we witness for Christ here.

We will appreciate your offerings for the "Postlewaite account." Send all offerings to Board of Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. In Christ, Rev. and Mrs. John J.

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a "crossroads" as she ponders the meaning of the cross. The integrity and identity of her heritage are at stake. The cross is still crucial and the focal point of our message. As we form our judgments about it, God, through the cross, is judging us.

The church's message is primarily for the spiritual needs of mankind. When she keeps to her divinely appointed mission the Holy Spirit leads men to perform the will of God in all other areas of life.

The church must adhere strictly to the infallibility of the Scriptures. As long as the church cleaves to her scriptural responsibility of evangelism she will be kept from error, but when she becomes involved in secular controversial matters, those who oppose the church's position on these issues will question the ability of the church to speak authoritatively on spiritual subjects.

The message of evangelism is the message of the Scriptures - that message is Christ as the Saviour of mankind by His death on the cross, and the only hope of the world by His resurrection.

God's good news will bring profound personal conviction of salvation, of the personal experience of justification by faith, of the priesthood of all believers, and of the authority of the Bible as the Word of God.

If we relinquish these truths we have no ground upon which to stand.

The Word of God is as up-to-date as newsprint wet from the presses, and as sturdy as grandfather's hickory cane. No wonder Luther looked to the Bible and said, "Go lay hold upon the Word, and you shall never be alone."

William E. Gladstone said, "There is but one question of the hour; how to bring the truth of God's Word into vital contact with the minds and hearts of all classes of people".

John Locke, English philosopher, once said about the Bible, "It has God for its author, Salvation for its end, and Truth without any admixture of error for its matter. It is all pure, all sincere, nothing too much, nothing wanting".

Woodrow Wilson once said, "When you read the Bible you will know it is the very word of God - it is the key to your heart, your happiness, and your own duty".

Dr. Carl Morlock, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Mayo Clinic said, "I find the Bible a limitless source of encouragement and inspiration. It affords a verbal assurance of God's plan on behalf of my eternal destiny. I accept it in its entirety as God's Holy Word and approach it in expectation of meeting Him on virtually every page".

The Bible is the only book that has been written in blood, carried on by foot,  
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and read by torch smoke in caverns and catacombs.

There is a hidden, unseen power in the Word of God.

Our forefathers believed in it emphatically, and their vigor is attested by the tremendous growth of Protestantism in the nineteenth century. The church was vocal, boldly proclaiming the faith - now she is often confused and controversial. God's good news will make the church again vigorous, vocal, and visual in her Christian proclamation.

In our text Paul said, "according to the scriptures". The Word of God has been ridiculed, cursed, torn apart, burned, banned, and ignored; but it stands high against the waves of time and men like the Rock of Gibraltar in the sea.

May we, with John Wesley, say, "According to the light we have, we cannot but believe the Scripture is of God, and thus we dare not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left."

As John Fisher, sixteenth century bishop, was being led from the Tower of London to his martyrdom, he saw the high scaffold on which he was to die, and his courage wavered. He took his Greek Testament from his pocket and prayed, "Oh God, send me some special word to help me in this awful hour." He opened it and read from John 17, "This is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." "Blessed be God," he cried, "this Word will suffice for all eternity" - and he went, singing, to his death.

The gospel is designed to be simple enough for its message of God's intercession on behalf of a lost world to be understood by all.

The message by God's bearer of good news is authoritative because it is the Word of God. And the Word of God declares in the text of the message tonight, through the ringing affirmation of Paul, that the Message of Evangelism is the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that reads, "One cannot carve rotten wood." Yet we find continued efforts to carve the rotten wood of unredeemed men into pillars of righteousness by the process of reformation without the transforming power that comes only through the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. Fellow Free Will Baptists, this is one of the great relevant issues of the hour. The Word declares in II Corinthians 5:20, "(Him) who knew no sin He (God) made to be sin on our behalf."

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