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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER, 1966

Beacon .....	\$ 87.60
Viburnum .....	45.75
Garfield .....	47.14
Merl's Chapel .....	24.07
Mt. Grove .....	173.64
West Plains, Bethel .....	34.00
Berkeley .....	283.66
Leadington .....	160.00
Monett .....	115.45
Grant Avenue .....	340.15
Olivett .....	22.82
Pleasant Home .....	42.43
Hannon .....	31.38
Eldorado, First .....	3.00
Central, Kansas City .....	78.00
New Harmony Sunday School .....	64.09
North Side .....	22.48
Victory .....	86.43
Grace .....	147.00
Twin City .....	31.80
Jefferson City, First .....	12.50
Hickory Grove .....	31.45
Copper Mines .....	30.00
Rock Chapel .....	18.63
Carterville .....	17.33
Mine La Motte .....	10.88
Thayer .....	48.54
Fellowship .....	50.00
Union Light .....	10.00
Fredericktown .....	305.42
Cape Girardeau .....	19.24
Oskaloosa .....	28.26
Victory .....	102.34
Berkeley .....	215.94

Total ..... \$2,681.42  
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Disbursed: 45% into six Missouri Departments	
1% Missouri CTS .....	\$ 26.81
2.25% Mo. State Youth Camp .....	60.33
3.75% Mo. FWB Gem ..	100.55
8% Mo. General Fund ..	214.51
14% Mo. State Home Missions .....	375.40
16% Mo. Promotional Dept.	429.03
Total to Mo. Depts. ....	\$1,206.63

Disbursed: 55% into seven Departments of FWB National Association	
.55% Stewardship Comm.	14.75
1.65% Superannuation Dept.	44.24
5.50% CTS Dept. ....	147.48
8.80% Home Missions ..	235.96
11% FWB College, Nashville	294.96
11.55% Exec. Dept. of FWB	309.71
15.95% Foreign Missions	427.69
Total to Natl. Depts. ...	\$1,474.79

100% Total Disbursed.... \$2,681.42

Sept. 2, 1966 I visited Union Association held with Oak Grove Church near Norwood. They reported souls were saved during the past year. I visited the closing night of the revival at Mt. Zion FWBC conducted by two young ministers, Shirley and Ronie Turner. They had nine conversions during the entire meeting.

Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled Saturday, Sept. 3, with North Side Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield. They ordained one young minister, Terry Shingear, recently elected pastor of Liberty Church. Sunday, Sept. 4, at 11:00 a.m. I filled the North Side pulpit for Pastor Manard Moore. Pastor Moore was scheduled to enter the hospital. Please remember both pastor and the church in

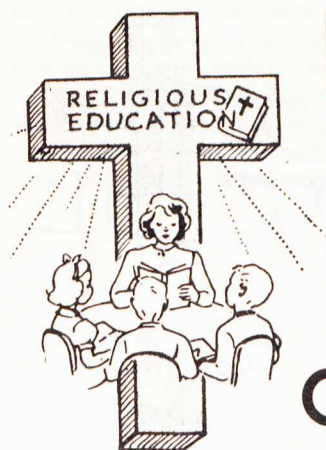
prayer. Sunday evening we assisted Pastor Terry in the Liberty Church preaching service. They witnessed two souls saved in the noon service there.

The preceeding Saturday night this church had a Lord's Acre sale at one of the member's farm. Members donated produce, grain, livestock and fancy hand-made garments. The cash proceeds from this sale were placed in the local church treasury. I thought how good our Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri would fare if all the members would give the Lord's tithe plus an offering, plus the Lord's acre income, into the Lord's treasury, which is really the local church here on earth. Brethren, pastors, lay members, I challenge you to PROVE the Lord of Hosts according to Malachi 3:10, and experience the blessings promised therein. God's plan really works. The people tithe into the church. The church tithes into the cooperative plan of work which shares in the worldwide ministry of God's word. to page 7



HARRY BEATTY  
Promotional Secretary  
Free Will Baptist Gem





# NEWS FROM OUR COLLEGE

## BIBLE COLLEGE EXPANSION CAMPAIGN OVER \$200,000

With over \$31,000 in commitments received during the month of September, the Expansion Campaign has now passed the \$200,000 mark. According to Evangelist Jack Paramore, Director of the Campaign, the drive to reach 1,000 laymen who will give \$1,000 each toward the development of Free Will Baptist Bible College is now well underway.

A recent trip into Michigan by Rev. Paramore resulted in commitments of \$17,000, bringing the total commitments from that state to over \$24,000. Laymen's Rallies in the Richmond-Tidewater areas of Virginia brought in \$10,000 in commitments. Dr. L. C. Johnson, Bible College president, made a trip down to Tupelo, Miss., recently and returned to Nashville having raised \$5,000. Ernest Owen reports that \$2,500 in gifts have been raised recently in Florida.

The school has now received 36 individual cash gifts of \$1,000, with nine more in excess of \$1,000.



**ACADEMIC BUILDING**

## CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON ACADEMIC BUILDING

Hardly had the crowds dispersed from ground-breaking ceremonies than heavy equipment began moving in to start construction on the school's \$425,000 classroom building. Trees were cleared from the vacant lot next to the Haven, men's dormitory, and work crews began tearing down the old Parker Hall building in preparation for the 3-story brick structure. The basement has now been excavated and forms prepared for the concrete foundation to be poured.

The building is scheduled for completion at mid-summer of next year.

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## BIBLE COLLEGE OPENS 25TH YEAR WITH 339 ENROLLMENT

A record 339 students registered for the fall semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College, reports Registrar Robert E. Picirilli. This enrollment is 24 per cent above that of any previous year. Including Summer Session and Evening School students, the total for the year has now reached 397. With nearly 250 students living in the Bible College dormitories, facilities have been increased to provide three buildings to house the women and two, including the new 3705 Richland Ave. property, for the men.

By classes, the enrollment is 163 freshmen, 93 sophomores, 43 juniors, 24 seniors, and 16 special students. Of the 180 men on campus 107 are enrolled as ministerial students.

The following number of students were registered from 30 states and three foreign countries:

Tennessee .... 51	Georgia ..... 13	New Mexico .... 2
North Carolina . 47	West Virginia .. 9	Montana..... 1
Michigan ..... 23	Ohio ..... 8	Alaska ..... 1
Missouri ..... 21	Mississippi .... 8	Iowa ..... 1
Florida ..... 20	Kentucky ..... 6	Vermont ..... 1
Virginia..... 17	Alabama..... 6	New Hampshire . 1
Oklahoma .... 17	Idaho ..... 5	Maryland ..... 1
Arkansas ..... 16	Indiana ..... 4	Pennsylvania ... 1
South Carolina. 15	Washington..... 4	Canada ..... 1
Illinois ..... 15	California..... 3	Argentina..... 1
Texas ..... 15	Kansas ..... 3	Mexico ..... 1

## CRUSADERS QUARTET TOURS 22 STATES FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

The official Bible College quartet, Crusaders, covered 22 states during their summer itinerary, reaching as far west as California and Washington. According to Rev. Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations for the school, the group travelled more than 15,000 miles during their summer tour. The Crusaders conducted 77 services, attended several state youth camps and associations, and sang before the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The group includes David Chamberlin, first tenor, from Wheelersburg, Ohio; Douglas Henderson, baritone, from Austin, Texas; Blaine Hughes, second tenor, from Columbia, Tenn.; and Herman McFaddin, bass, from Ashland, Kentucky. More than \$17,800 has been received by the College as a result of their ministry.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION GIVES \$640.73

The Sunday School Convention of the South Carolina Conference adopted the Development Program of Free Will Baptist Bible College as its special project, and between sessions raised \$640.73. A check for this amount was presented to Jack Paramore, Campaign Director, on October 1, following his message to the convention. The figure reached is considered highly commendable, and an unofficial goal of \$1,000 has been set for the next convention.

Plans are being made to continue the project for the duration of the College's expansion. "Projects like this will give us a great boost as we seek to provide adequate facilities for our growing student body. We hope many organizations within our denomination will follow the excellent example set by the Sunday School Convention of the South Carolina Conference," Rev. Paramore stated.

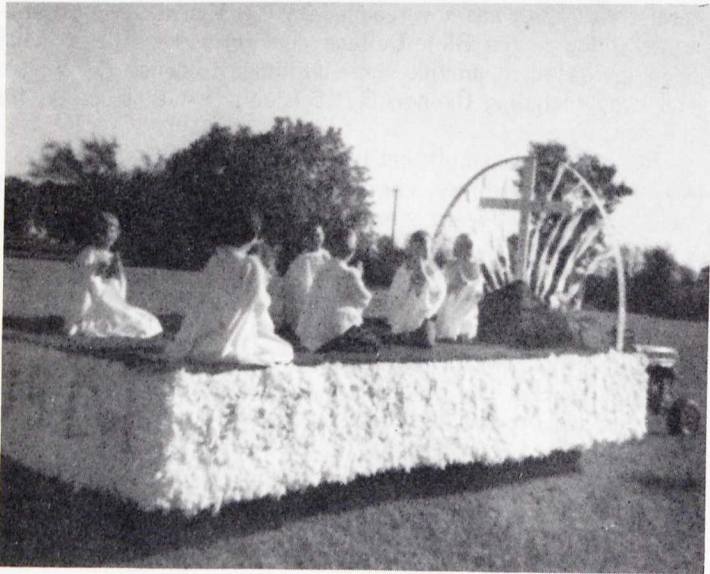
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# GLEANINGS

## from the fields



Hannon Church Float, Oct. 1966

### HANNON CHURCH NEWS

The Hannon Free Will Baptist Church held a baptizing Sunday afternoon, September 11, at the Ralph Smith farm. Four young people were baptized by Rev. Lester Nutting. They were Phil Smith, Rodney Bunton, Brenda Selvey and Elaine Rouse. That night at the close of the service six persons joined the church. We had a farewell party after church for Bro. Lester Nutting and his family. Bro. Nutting brought the message after which cake and coffee were served. We were privileged to have Mrs. Robert Nutting also in the service. Bro. Nutting is now pastoring the Carterville Church.

A tape recording of a song, "Sorry I Never Knew You," was played as a surprise by our new pastor, Bro. Grover Terry, of Desloge, Mo. The song was taped five years ago at a revival which Bro. Terry had conducted.

The church now has full time services which we are very thankful for. Three men from the church moved Bro. and Sis. Terry from Desloge, Mo. on August 26. The ladies of the church painted and papered the house we are using as a parsonage and the men did the plumbing and carpenter work.

The church made a float for the Bronaugh and Liberal Fall Festivals. We took second and third prizes at these parades.

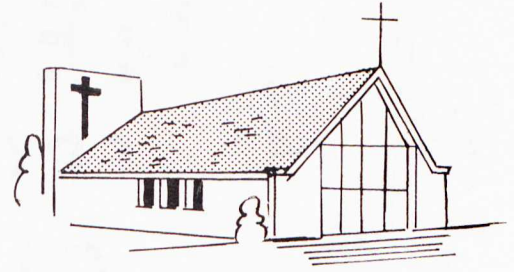
Our church held a revival that started Oct. 31. Rev. James Franklin was the evangelist. Pray for the church that we might be a soul winning people for Him who is our Saviour.

### QUARTERLY MEETING

The Greater Kansas City Area Quarterly Meeting was held at the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Raytown, Mo. on September 9-10.

The Friday evening service was opened with singing and prayer. Special music was presented by Kathy and Catherine Barcliff from the Central Church and Arlo Starnes from the Victory Church. We were also blessed by the selection "The Awakening Chorus", sung by the choir from the host church. Also Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Glenn Rehkop blessed our

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hearts with a duet, "Wonderful Peach."

We were privileged to have with us Bro. Harry Beatty and he blessed our hearts as he brought us the message from Romans 12:1-2, "The Perfect Will of God."

Saturday's services were opened with the singing of "Victory In Jesus", and prayer by Bro. Billy Hensley. The devotional was given by Bro. Woodrow Matthews. Letters were read and delegates seated. After a brief recess we came together again with singing and prayer by Bro. Harry Beatty. Special music was presented by Kathy Barcliff and Rita Custine from the Central Church and by Arlo Starnes and Lou Thurston from the Victory Church.

Rev. Bob Sharpy, who is pastor of our Free Will Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas brought us the very heart warming and challenging message from God's word.

After a delicious dinner and a good time of fellowship together we came together again for our business session. Bro. Harry Beatty gave us our devotional. Rev. Bob Sharpy blessed our hearts by singing two songs for us, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Ship Ahoy". We thank the Lord that Bro. Sharpy was able to be with us.

Minutes were read from last meeting. The report from the business committee was read and among items adopted was one to help raise money for the Fulchers travel fund and also to help in any way we can Bro. Teddy Davis and his work in Independence. A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality. Time was given to Bro. Beatty to explain the new budget adopted at our State Association.

The meeting was closed with the singing of "Amazing Grace" and prayer by Arlo Starnes. Our next meeting will be held in December at the Central Church.

Lou Thurston, Reporter

### SOUTHSIDE CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Bill Evans has been called to pastor the Southside Church in St. Louis. Bro. Evans took over as pastor on October 23.

### PASTOR REPORTS FROM O'FALLON MISSION

Bro. Bud,

We again write to you with a thankful heart for God's goodness. We have seen many things working together to bring glory to God.

We have made much progress on the building and expect to be in it within the next few weeks if nothing unforeseen happens. It will be wonderful to have something permanent belonging to the Lord in O'Fallon.

Our number has been up and down because of vacations and holidays. Our average in July was 37 and August, 30. We did have our largest attendance for the summer with 51 on July 10. There are many in this area that need a church home, so pray that the Lord will move upon them to come and support the work.

We are thankful for the many gifts from all over the state and are thankful that God has laid it upon the hearts of people to

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support Home Mission work.

There is always a reward for our efforts. On Sept. 4th again God blessed our service with the salvation of a young man we had been praying for and now we are looking forward to a baptismal service as we have three candidates to follow the Lord.

Pray for us and the work in O'Fallon. It is going to be a great witness in the area with your help, prayers, and support.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Lloyd Durbin

#### FOURTH CHURCH REPORTS

Our revival began Monday night, Sept. 19, with Rev. Carey Watkins, the evangelist.

There have been several saved thus far in this meeting. We need to pray much for those that are still without Christ.

In this day and time when there is so much sin on every hand, we as Christians need a closer fellowship with our Master.

We need to pray as we never prayed before for the Holy Spirit to fill our very depths. Now, as never before, we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. With the presence of the Holy Spirit all things are possible. It is possible to draw nearer unto the Lord. It is possible to pray in close communion with our Saviour. In our daily devotions it is possible to partake of the Bread of Life and enjoy the Holy Scriptures to the fullest extent.

It is also possible to have revival. ....if my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14.

And in the following verse we can see what God tells us if we seek His face and pray. Verse 15, Now mine eyes shall be open and mine ears intent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

Let us pray humbly, submissively, completely. Only in complete dedication can we reach the throne of grace.

If our church is to experience a heaven sent revival, then we, as Christians, must first get on fire for God. Before our church can experience a heaven sent revival we must first put on the whole armor of God. If there would be anything in our lives that is contrary to the will of God, we should put it from us.

Then will God look down from His Throne in Glory and say "I will harken unto the prayers that are made in this place."

And in verse 16, For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name shall be there forever, and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

Our church can be, as it were, a lighthouse for those that are out in darkness. A beacon that is chosen of God as a soul-saving station. A temple that is completely purged of the ways of the world. A house dedicated to God. A people loving one another, praying for one another; always working, praying and helping to win the lost to Christ.

Is this the church we go to?

Let us ask ourselves this question -

If every member in my church was just like me, what kind of church would my church be?

God bless you all.

Leamon L. Killian

#### MISSION AT DESOTO GOING FORWARD FOR THE LORD

The Lord has blessed our mission in various ways. One of these was our weekend revival on the nights of September 14-18 with an average attendance of 77 and a record attendance of 102. There were two souls saved and many new prospects. Our evangelist was Rev. Clarence Burton. The mission was November, 1966

going to pay Rev. Burton for his services, but he would not accept the money. One lady who was a visitor remarked, "I've never seen any evangelist turn down money before." We were very thankful for Brother Burton's wonderful messages. We are also very proud to have such a "man of God" in our denomination. There were people from most of the denominations in the DeSoto area who attended, and a few Free Will Baptists in the area.

Sunday, Sept. 18, we had an attendance of 43 for which we were very thankful.

We still need some financial help and most of all, the prayers of every Christian in the Free Will Baptist denomination, that this mission will grow and prove to be a success to the glory of God.

#### FOR SALE

ONE CROSS - I don't have time to bear, too wrapped up in worldly pleasures.

ONE FIVE PIECE SET OF CHRISTIAN ARMOUR - needs polishing, hardly used.

ONE BUNDLE OF CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITY - like new.

ONE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE GOD BY ATTENDING CHURCH REGULARLY - used slightly.

ONE BUNDLE OF CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE - can be repaired if handled carefully.

All of this equipment is stored in the basement behind fishing tackle, golf clubs, lawn mower, picnic basket, and bathing suits. The address is: Corner of Neglect Street and Worldly Avenue. For more information call --- A-Lotta-People.

—Joplin Ch. Bulletin

#### 'THEN WILL I HEAR' IS THEME OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Wheaton, Ill. (CNS) - "Then Will I Hear" is the theme for the 1967 World Day of Prayer, February 10, the National Association of Evangelicals announced. Each year churches in hundreds of communities across America are observing this special day on the Protestant church calendar.

This year Charlotte B. Meredith, who wrote the script for NAE's much-in-demand documentary film, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, has written the devotional guidebook based on the theme. Mrs. Meredith has written a number of books and articles appearing in Christian magazines.

The 1967 theme comes from the well-known seventh verse of II Chronicles: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will heal their land."

Bible-centered worship materials for the World Day of Prayer are made available free of charge from the National Association of Evangelicals. A sample copy may be secured by writing NAE, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

#### HOWARD GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Route 1, Cottonwood, Alabama

Dear Bro. Hill,

I have been intending for sometime to send to you my \$1.50 for another year of the Gem. I would like to say that I look forward to receiving it. I think it is one of the best papers that Free Will Baptists have.

May God bless you and the good people of the state of Missouri.

In his service,  
Rev. Leo R. Curtiss



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



## ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

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

## NOVEMBER

Home Missions Month  
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer  
Home Missions Sunday - November 20

## REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH !

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

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## NEW OFFICERS

We are very happy to have Bro. and Sis. John Long as our minister at Viburnum. Thursday night the ladies auxiliary met with six members present. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Sis. Long, president; Sis. Betty Ogle, program chairman; Sis. Christine Pinkley, study course chairman; Sis. Talley, secretary; Sis. Odessa Francis, treasurer; Sis. Betty Ferrell, corresponding secretary.

Sis. Long had charge of our meeting.  
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She read Psalm 96. The lesson "Missionary Giving" was read and discussed. The next meeting will be an all day meeting Thursday, Sept. 22, at the church.

In June we completed a very successful Bible School with an average of 32 pupils and teachers present. This was our first attempt at Bible School and everyone received a great blessing. Our Vacation Bible School offering was voted to be sent to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Greenville, Tenn.

Mrs. Betty Ferrell  
Corresponding Secretary

## STEWARDSHIP

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met Oct. 3 with 16 members present.

Opening song, "Send the Light", followed by prayer by Gracie Stephens.

The scripture reading was from Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8. The officers' reports and secretary's report were read and approved.

Corresponding secretary reported sending 10 cards, one thank you note, four letters and one report of meeting.

Personal service chairman reported of visit to shut-in, furnishing food for the Asberry family for a death in the family, and set the date Fri., Sept. 21, for a pink and blue shower for Carolyn Johnson.

Study course chairman plans a study course on Oct. 10 on Stewardship.

Mission chairman gave interesting reports on some of the home and foreign missionaries.

It was voted to send \$10 from our treasury and \$5 donated by Sister Kerby, a total of \$15.00 to our missionary in Hawaii, the Sanders.

Our lesson, "The World's People Cannot Wait" was given in question and answer form by most all members present.

We were dismissed by Lucille Kerby.

## MONTHLY MEETING

Womans Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist, Lebanon, met Sept. 7 for the monthly meeting with 22 members and nine visitors.

Meeting was called to order by Presi-

dent Sue Cook.

Opening prayer by Farron Jones. The auxiliary voted to have a full time baby sitter for nursery through all Sunday services.

Reports of all officers were given. There will be a bazaar sponsored by the auxiliary at the community center Friday, Oct. 28. Various articles to be sold with special entertainment. Meeting was dismissed in prayer by Mary Lindsay.

A bridal shower was given in honor of Judy Arnold and Doyle Embry.

Refreshments were served to Masters Men and Ladies Auxiliary.

Corresponding Secretary  
Eunice Barber

## MYRTLE AUXILIARY REPORTING

Since our last report, in fact since our last auxiliary meeting, God has seen fit to call one of our dear members from our midst.

Sister Mary Alice Wisehart passed away Sept. 29, 1966. We will miss her so much in our auxiliary work. We wonder why things so happen like this, but then we are not to question God's will and ways. She was a real Christian, a good church worker and a friend to all.

Luke 10:42 describes to us Mary Alice's life, as did Jesus say about Mary's. She hath chosen that good part, which cannot be taken away from her. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Sister Mary Alice was our auxiliary president, a member of the church quartet, and the Beginners Sunday School class teacher.

We ask your prayers for our auxiliary (although our hearts are heavy from our loss) that we will be strong and carry on the work as would be pleasing to our Lord.

Besides our co-laborer lessons, we are having for our study course work, Total Involvement, a Stewardship Study in four parts, which helps us to understand and be better stewards for the Lord's work.

Corresponding Secretary

## RETARDED CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

The Womans Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Missouri, met at the church on October 3, 1966 for our regular monthly co-labor study with 20 members and one visitor present. The service was called to order by the president, Verna Malone. Song, "Serve The Lord With Gladness", prayer by Bernice Dodd. The program chairman, Betty Reeves, gave the introduction to the program, "The Worlds People Cannot Wait".

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The program was given in question and answer form by Verna Malone, Betty Reeves, Janice Reeves and Della Getz.

The business meeting followed with reports from the various committees. Last month it was decided that the auxiliary would be divided into four personal service groups. One group to work on a project each month. Della Getz gave the report for the group working the month of September. They collected clothing for the rummage sale to be given by the Retarded Children School.

It was decided that the auxiliary will have a study course, "Soul Winning Made Easy". The study course will be held on a Wednesday night.

We received one new member, Mrs. Edith Brooks.

Wanda Rangsdale gave a report on "Mission Project 5000".

Services dismissed with prayer by Verna Malone.

### PROVISION CLOSET PROJECT

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist met Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, at the church for our regular monthly meeting. Sixteen members present and three visitors.

Meeting opened with song, "To the Work", led by song leader, Sister Nettie Bennett. Followed with prayer by Sister Worel.

President Sister Miller called for all old and new business. Each chairman gave good reports. Our mission chairman, Sister Allen, asked that our October project be sending a gift to the Provision Closet at Nashville, Tenn. The motion was made and seconded and voted we send two six-place settings of stainless steel tableware. Also discussed for January project the making of a quilt for a home missionary. For this we picked a pattern to start piecing.

Sisters Worel, Holman, Pingleton and Pohnert gave most interesting reports on the state meeting. I'm sure we were all greatly benefited from this meeting.

Our study on Missionary Giving was by program chairman Sister Johnson. All singing "Onward Christian Soldiers", followed with scriptures, Psalm 96, Matt. 28:19-20, and II Cor. 9:7.

The skit presented by Sister Cox and Sister Combs was so well prepared, makes me wonder how many times we fail to deny ourselves and hinder God's work.

The book given us by Sister Lucille Beatty, "The Woman's World", will be put in our church library. We pray God's blessing upon Sister Beatty. She is most dear to our hearts.

Meeting adjourned in prayer by Sister Jones.

Emma Hinkle, Cor. Sec.  
November, 1966

## Pre-Thanksgiving WEEK OF PRAYER



This is a very important time of the year - "Thanksgiving". I pray every auxiliary will have this special season of prayer. Our hearts were thrilled to hear the National Home Mission Board report given at Little Rock, Ark., yet a little saddened because Missouri was \$2,828.23 under our state quota. Please remember and send your offerings to the National Home Missions through our state secretary, Miss Hazel Hutsell. May we give as God has blessed. Pray for Bro. Homer E. Willis as he works for this God given cause.

The following have been appointed to home missions fields this year:

Rev. Leslie Carney, Trenton, N.J.  
Mrs. Leslie Carney, Trenton, N.J.  
Rev. Larry Powell, Virgin Islands  
Mrs. Larry Powell, Virgin Islands  
Rev. Harvey Lee Aguirre, Mexico  
Mrs. Harvey Lee Aguirre, Mexico  
Rev. William Adkisson, Canada  
Mrs. William Adkisson, Canada

### SURPRISE FOR RETIRING PRESIDENT

Ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon met for our monthly meeting Oct. 5 with 22 members and two visitors.

Opening prayer by Ruth Garrett. Surprise for Sue Cook, our retiring president who is leaving for Kansas City, was a card and a dollar from each one.

Our new president is Dorothy Brawley. Ladies of the Auxiliary will attend a district meeting in Cabool Oct. 27.

Manual study course will be given at the church Thursday evening at 8:00.

Orders for Contact and Gem magazines were taken and will be ordered soon.

Program, "The World's People Cannot Wait" was held in panel discussion around the table and was very good.

A bazaar will be held at the community building Oct. 27 by the ladies of the auxiliary. Special music in evening.

Corresponding Secretary  
Eunice Barber

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Another good church adopted this plan this month!

Beacon Church hosted the Greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting Sept. 8-9. I was privileged to deliver the Friday evening message. The attendance was better than usual. This quarterly meeting pledged support to the mission work in Independence, Mo., started with Pastor Teddy Davis as their minister.

Sunday evening I delivered the sermon in Belton Free Will Baptist Church. They have a nice new church with full size basement and living quarters for their pastor in the basement.

Rev. Jack McAllister, Belton's former pastor, has accepted a pastorate in Oklahoma. Therefore they are in the process of electing a new pastor.

Friday evening, Sept. 16, I attended the revival in Desoto Mission. Pastor Clarence Burton was the evangelist for this meeting. One lady was saved Friday night. The prospects for a church looks good. Rev. Charles Moyer is the pastor here.

O'Fallon Mission is making good progress. Three souls have been saved there since Mission Pastor Loyd Durbin assumed full charge. Their dual purpose new building, parsonage with Sunday School and church facilities in the basement, are almost ready to occupy. This new building is on Sandy Lane Street in sight of Interstate Highway 70.

Sunday evening, Sept. 25, I visited Pastor John Peterson and the Meramec Heights Free Will Baptist Church. This church is growing and winning souls for the Lord, too. Thirty two churches contributed through Missouri Cooperative Funds in September. Twenty-five dollars came in for Fulcher's special travel account. Please clearly mark designated funds. Remember -- Bibles and Books available at your own Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63111.



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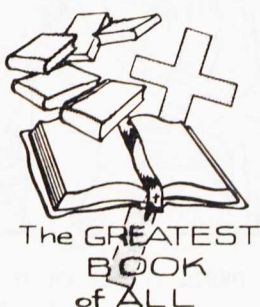
(Matt. 26:27)





# The M I S S I O N

## Fields



Dear Friends,

Our hearts were thrilled a few weeks ago to hear that the people of Missouri had voted at the State Meeting to raise \$1,000 for our passage back to Uruguay. We appreciate your concern for our work and your desire to help us return to the field. May the Lord richly bless each one of you who gave to this project.

This will be a tremendous help to us. We were to raise \$5,500 before returning to the field. At present we still lack around \$1,500. So with the \$1,000 coming in from Missouri we will not have to draw the cost of passage from our account. We are trusting the Lord for the other money we need. In addition to our passage, we will have to pay a lot of money to send our baggage. It has been decided that we will fly back to Uruguay. The trip by ship would take 23 days. And with the Robinsons coming home the first of December for their furlough, we need to be back a few weeks before they leave. So we will be carrying all our baggage as air freight. We have learned from past experiences that we must accompany our things or there is the danger it will go into customs and we would have to pay a lot of money to get it out, perhaps wait several months, and run the risk of having many things stolen. So our baggage will probably cost as much to send as our passage fare. Be praying that the Lord will supply this need for us.

We are depending upon your prayers as we return to our work in Uruguay. We are getting most anxious to return.

Thank you for all you have done to help us this year we have been home. May God bless you richly during the four years we are apart.

Yours to serve,  
Bill and Glenda Fulcher

Dear Christian Friend,

The Virgin Islands, lying some 1200 miles east and south of Miami, Florida, in the Caribbean, is a field rich with opportunity in winning men to Christ. This ministry marks the beginning of a new frontier for Free Will Baptists. We desire to reach men for Christ in the coming years, not only in the Virgin Islands but also in Puerto Rico, the Greater and Lesser Antilles and the hundreds of other islands of the West Indies.

We will begin our work in the capital city, Charlotte Amalie, of St. Thomas, an island of 17,000 souls.

According to a report published by EFMA, there are only three or four thousand of some 40,000 souls of these islands being reached by various Protestant groups. This leaves many thousands without the gospel of our Lord. Perhaps

there are many who have never heard once the way of salvation in Jesus.

God has given us a deep burden to go and tell the dying men of life in Christ. We pray that God will give you a vision of these who are yet in darkness. We ask you to stand with us in prayer and support that we might build a strong church in Charlotte Amalie and establish many vital preaching points in the islands.

Many of the people travel through the islands and into Puerto Rico working and seeking employment. We believe this presents a wonderful opportunity to spread the gospel by way of literature. Let us pray together that God would give us vision and then the means by which we may reach these souls for Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Larry and Wanda Powell

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				Total .....	\$ 863.55

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#### DEDICATION OF NEW CAMPUS CLIMAXED ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE AT OBC

The dedication of the new 36 acre campus of the Oklahoma Bible College was an event of Saturday, November 5, and will serve as a climax of the two-day Bible Conference that started Friday morning, November 4.

The speakers for this annual Bible Conference, according to Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, president of the College, were the Rev. Jerry Rhoades, Ardmore, Oklahoma, and the Rev. Odus Eubanks, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Rhoades, who is chairman of the Oklahoma Bible College Board of Trustees, pastors the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ardmore. Mr. Eubanks is the Executive Secretary of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists and pastors Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Both men are well known in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

The speaker for the dedication service was President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell. Representatives from the State and National offices also participated in this event.

Four buildings, valued at approximately \$200,000 have been built on the 36-acre tract located two miles south of Moore on Interstate 35. The four units include an Administration Building, which is a multi-purpose building, two men's dormitories and one dormitory for women. Two of the dormitories also include a faculty apartment.

The College, which is authorized to operate as a junior college by the Oklahoma State Regents For Higher Education, is able to confer an Associate of Arts degree upon those successfully completing the required two year curriculum.

Course work is transferable to several colleges at the present time.

#### OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE ESTABLISHES ENROLMENT RECORD

Oklahoma Bible College has established a record enrolment of full time students according to figures released from the office of Eugene Workman, college registrar.

A total of 57 students have been enrolled for the Fall semester and of that number 31 are full time students. This is the November, 1966

largest number of full time students to enroll at the college in its eight year history. Fifteen of these full time students are preparing for the ministry.

The breakdown of enrolment figures shows that 22 students enrolled as freshmen and 15 students returned or transferred to compose the Sophomore Class. The remainder of the students enrolled are part time or special students.

The students, who were officially introduced to the faculty at the annual Faculty Reception Friday night, September 16, hail from four states with Oklahoma having the largest representation on the new 36 acre campus. The other students are from Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas and Texas.

Twenty-five of the full time students are being housed in the college's three new dormitories. This figure almost doubles that of last year when 14 students lived in the college's temporary dormitories in Oklahoma City, according to Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of the College.

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Classes have just begun but three months of the Bible College year have already passed. Each of our pastors are being asked to put forth a maximum effort toward meeting your state's suggested gifts quota to the College during this TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY Year.

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Sincerely yours,  
Paul J. Kettelman  
Director of Public Relations  
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# LET US GIVE THANKS



By Rev. Eddie Altis  
Member CTS and SS Board

November is the month of Thanksgiving. A special time to count our blessings. So it was when the Pilgrims first thanked God for what he had done for them. They thanked Him for a new home in a new land. They were thankful for a new beginning and the privilege to worship Him as they saw fit. They thanked Him that the graves on the hillside were as few as they were, though over half those arriving were now buried there. They had much for which to be thankful. So have we.

Let us thank God again this Thanksgiving for our church. Not the building only, but the people - the deacons, the general board, the music director, the director of education, the congregation...oh, yes, and the pastor.

For our Sunday Schools we can also be thankful. This part of God's work which teaches old and young alike, but especially the young, about God and His Book. So we are thankful for the Sunday School staff of the local church - superintendents, secretaries, teachers - everybody. Also, the National Sunday School board who, under the direction of Roger Reeds, make an excellent variety of literature available. For these we thank God.

We are especially thankful for the Church Training Service, a new venture which, we feel, through God's blessing has proved successful where it has been honestly tried by the church. A training organization to help the church train its adults as well as youth in the knowledge of God's word and work. We thank God for those who direct this work in the local church. Those willing to give time and energy for this training program. For Samuel Johnson and his staff who, through the National C.T.S. Board, work to help us have a better program, we are thankful.

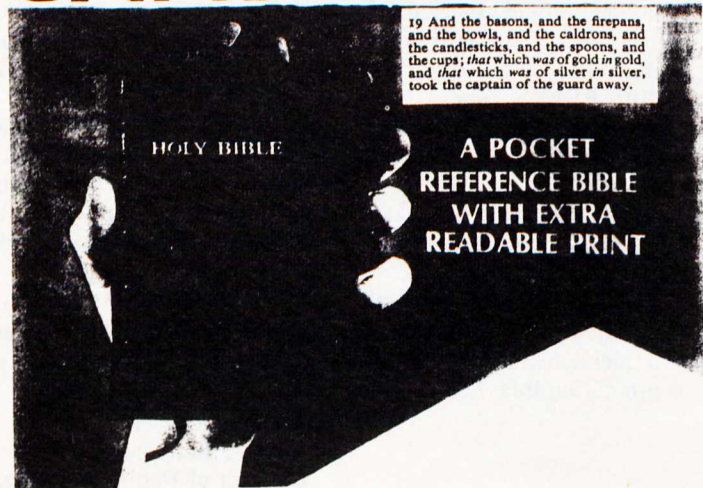
We of the Missouri State Sunday School and C.T.S. Board are especially thankful for these things, but most of all for Missouri Free Will Baptist churches who are going forward by the spirit of God. For the vision of the church, for its work to see that God's message is sent forth and its people trained to better serve God, we take time this Thanksgiving month to be thankful.

I have always considered my God to be not only Holy, Righteous, Just, and Merciful, but also very Practical. He never wastes time, talent, or people. So we thank God for these practical things, these people, and these talents, knowing he will use them to build His Kingdom.

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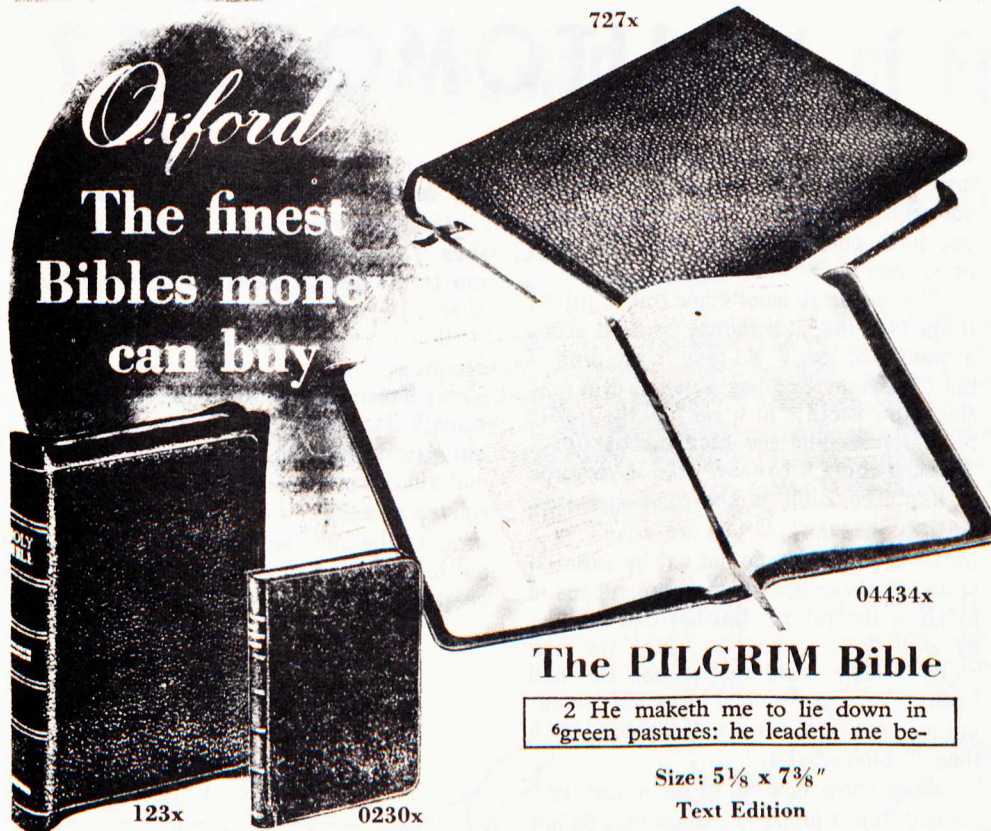
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# WHAT KIND OF AUTOMOBILE?

I Cor. 9:24a-27  
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"...So run that ye may obtain...but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (I Cor. 9:24a-27)

Most of us are familiar with the automobile today. Many rules that govern safe driving also govern us in Christian life and conduct. We are prone at times to disobey traffic rules but we should keep in mind that they were enacted for our good that we may stand a greater chance of not killing ourselves or others. Likewise God did not have the Bible written to try to put man in a strait jacket so to speak but that we may learn what is best for us and how we may shun the pitfalls and snares of Satan.

Perhaps the first quality we demand in an automobile is dependability. In comparison to Christian living this is also a requirement of God. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful (dependable)". I Cor. 4:2.

As we drive an automobile we must be careful with the steering. Careless steering endangers life and limb. If one swerves to the left he might hit another car, if too far to the right he is liable to go in the ditch. So traffic signs say, "Keep to the right; Watch out for children; Watch out for danger signs; Steep hill; Detour and many, many others.

God's Word warns us in II Peter 2:15 that there are those "Which have forsaken the right way and gone astray." We must watch for the children! When parents go wrong it may not be long until the children are as wrong as they! Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the Spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26:41)

Watch out for danger signs for the Christian! Some of these danger signs are the works of the flesh found in Galatians 5:19-21. "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: Of the which I tell you before, and I have told you also in times past, that they which do (or continue to practice such things) shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

When temptations come we must detour  
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if necessary and "abstain from all appearance of evil." Do not be rushed into something or pushed into something until you have considered the evil that could come from it.

The motorist must know traffic rules. If one is going on a journey he must study a good road map. No less is required of the Christian. God has given us His road map, the Bible. In it we find the traffic rules for running the race successfully! We must study it to know what is required of us. The Bible is the road map from earth to heaven. If you are caught in a traffic accident you do not get by with the state patrolman because you are supposed to know the rules! Neither can one get by with God! It pays to watch the road signs. Jesus said to the man He had healed "...behold thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." (John 5:14b)

Many know how to drive a car who cannot stop it properly. Often they do not apply the brakes in time to keep from running into something. How about your spiritual brakes? Do you have habits that are harmful that you can't stop? If you have it would be wise to get them adjusted by cleansing in the blood of Jesus. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Paul speaks of temperance (which is keeping under control) in Galatians 5:23.

If the motorist does not keep the battery charged he may be caught out with a dead motor and have to be pulled into a station. The church is God's filling station. Faithful trips to this station certainly helps to keep our spiritual batteries charged. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31). No doubt there are those who need to be pulled into God's filling station today to have a recharging of their faith in Him! We assume that some have stepped on the starter and their motor did not start or if it did start they had forgotten to look at the road map (the Bible) and instead of coming to church they went the other way. These are reminders for our good. It is not man that pronounces judgment upon man for his failures, but judgment of these things are written in God's Holy Book.

There is a warning of the thing which happened to Samson! The Bible says,

"He wist not (or knew not) that the Lord had departed from him." (Judges 16:20)

It behooves each one to get his motor (heart) tuned by God's Word that we may run this race that we may obtain as Paul charged us to do!

If you are not a Christian, you need a complete overhaul. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isaiah 1:18). If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9). You must come to the Saviour just as you are without one plea! And believe His blood was shed for thee!



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# Missouri

## State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists

### SEPTEMBER REPORT

Brother Don Jones, pastor of the Cape Girardeau Free Will Baptist Church, reports that things there are progressing very well. They hope to begin construction of a new church on their already purchased building site in the near future. Pray earnestly for the Cape Church.

Brother Lloyd Durbin, pastor of the O'Fallon Free Will Baptist Mission, reports that construction of their basement church and also their parsonage is nearing completion. He further reports that souls are being saved during their regular worship services. We praise God for his marvelous saving power. Continue to pray for the O'Fallon Mission.

Those making contributions to the Home Mission Department this month are listed below:

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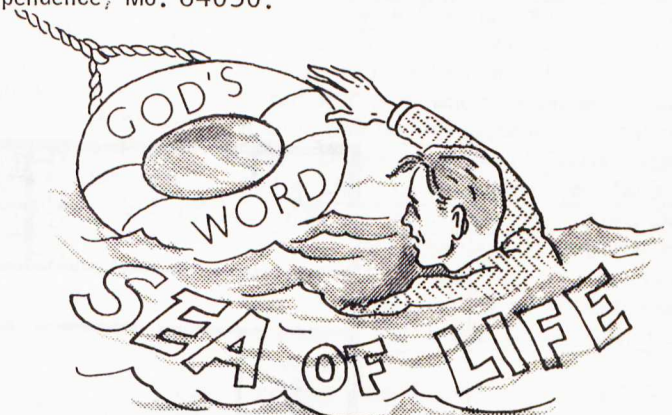
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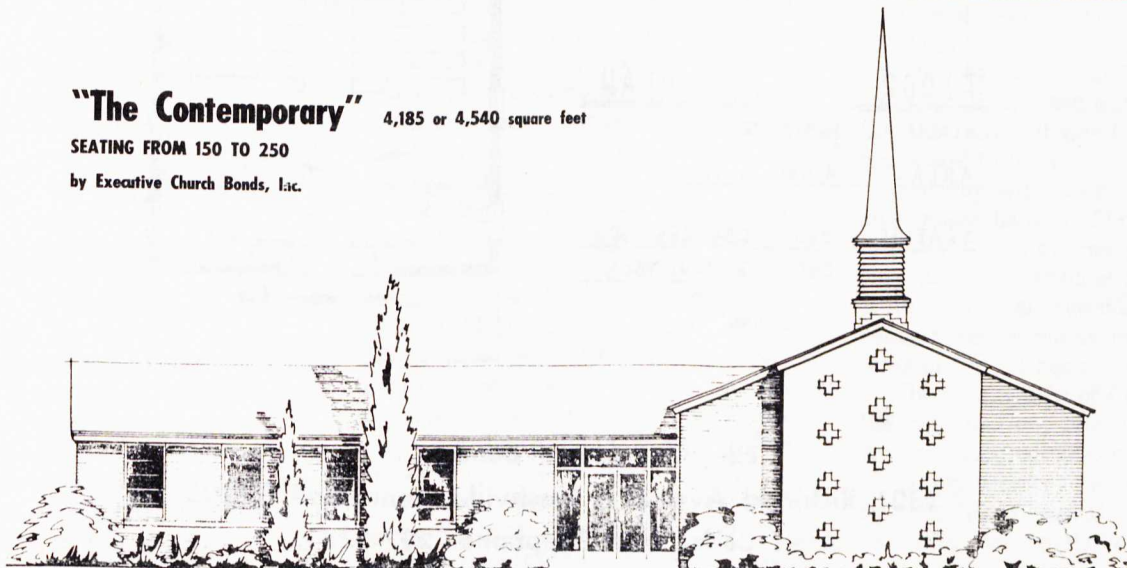
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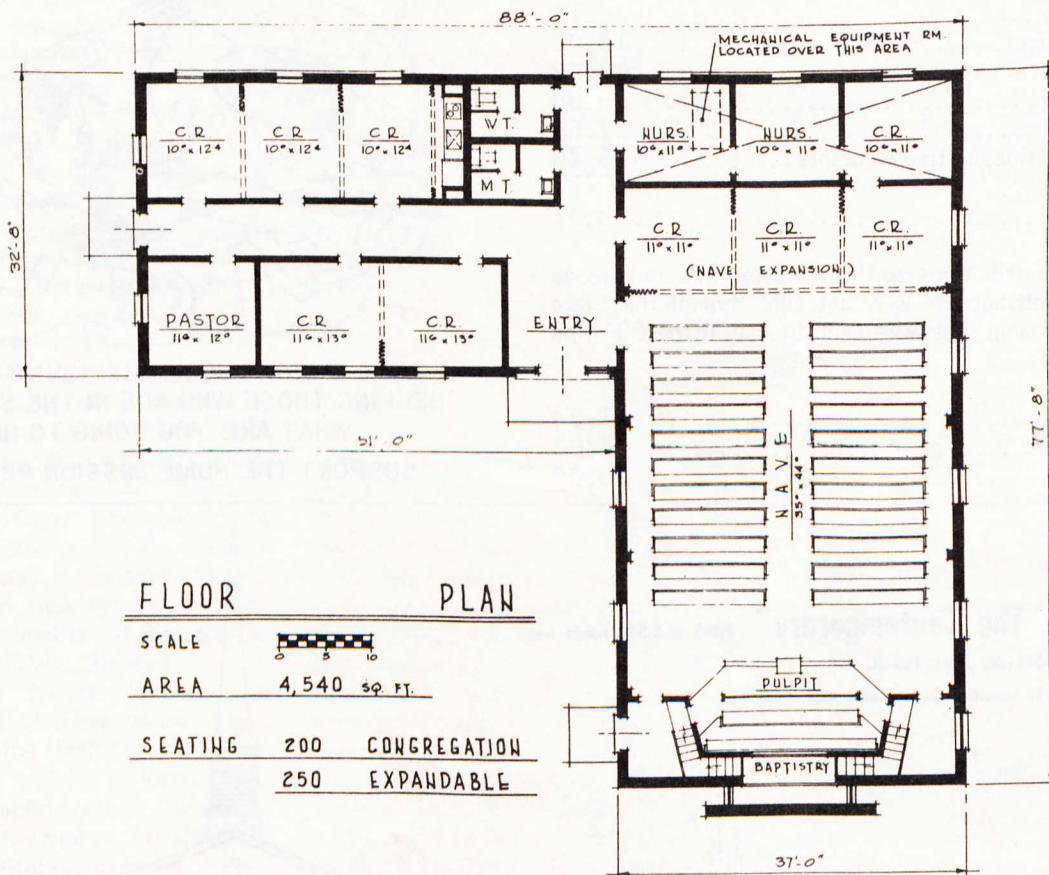
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# The Message of Evangelism

from October issue

We hear the voice of the liberal theologian (Bultmann) declare the irrelevance of the saving events of the gospel for the message of "redemptive history". Liberalism continues, "The death of Christ is not to be understood as the expiatory death of a substitute. That an incarnate divine being should cancel out the sins of men through his blood is primitive mythology." But Romans 5:8 says, "God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us".

Man may shrink from the thought that his sins require the death of God's Son. He may insist that blood shed 2,000 years ago has no power today; blood-bought redemption may be distasteful to him. He may refuse to accept by faith the forgiveness of sins on God's terms, but the fact will remain - this is God's way and God's offer, and there is no other. God's Word says, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There is no general amnesty in the cross - it is the basis of redemption to those who believe.

The sentimentalist who cries out what a cruel, barbaric, and unjust being God is, to demand Christ's death on the cross, has no understanding of the atonement. The atonement is not an impersonal event to the Father, nor a sole concern of the Son; both Father and Son active; not an affair where Christ takes firm initiative while the Father adopts a passive role. At the cross God is bearing the penalty of sin Himself in Christ. Christ didn't happen to get mixed up with sin; God made Him sin. Christ did not redeem men from the curse or law by becoming man, but by the death of the cross. And, as we must not overlook the activity of God in what happened at Calvary, we must not fail to see that it is only as men actively identify themselves to the cross that reconciliation to God is possible.

One of the corrosive forces of our time is Bultmann's position that the death of Christ is merely revelational. By this he doesn't mean that the atonement consists of historical fact; all that is needed in this view is the "story" of the cross. The real cross, the cross of history with the real God-man hanging upon it, is superfluous for the revelational view. In this view, the cross is only an event in communication, and not the reality that the November, 1966

good news tells.

But regardless of the theories of men about the atonement, the Bible testifies to a change in God's relations to sinners as a result of Calvary; and this is attested by the very order of the books of the Bible. It is unthinkable that the account of Pentecost could be placed ahead of the crucifixion story.

The cross is a transactional event affirming that something happened at Calvary; a change affecting and involving God. It happened objectively and not merely in the minds of men. It is not simply a timeless truth but an event by which God is saying things to men about Himself and His revelation to them that He could not say before.

The death of the cross was judicial in relation to the penalty of sin and vicarious in its relation to its regenerating power in our lives.

The cross is love doing its perfect work in the judgment death of sin that Christ the Saviour died. The cross deals with the judgment of sins where Christ bears them away in His own body.

The Word in I Peter 2:24 says, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness."

The central theological truth of the New Testament is that there is an immediate and direct connection between the death of Christ and the forgiveness of sins. Any doctrines that bypass the atonement are heresy, and let there be no wavering nor compromise of our denomination upon this truth.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. But the atonement is only half of the message - He rose again from the dead according to the Scriptures.

Paul further declares in I Corinthians 15:4 that God's acceptance of the work of Christ's death was guaranteed when He raised Him from the dead.

In Romans 10:9-10 man's salvation is linked to the resurrection of Christ.

Phillips translates it, "If you openly admit by your own mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord and if you believe in your own heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved."

In death, no less than in life, Christ was Lord. He was not a pacifist, not a martyr, not a good man caught in circumstances. His death was self-chosen. He said, "I lay down my life; no man taketh it from me." Even in the jaws of death He remained Lord. He was not a passive but an active sacrifice. Death did not come to Him - He went to death. He was not a victim, but a victor.

The resurrection is being discredited by many liberal theologians today. Their view is expressed by Bultmann, a lead-

ing proponent of the visionary resurrection: "This is not an actual event, inasmuch as the return of one dead into life simply does not occur."

But Paul declares the very diety of Christ depends upon His resurrection. Romans 1:4 "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

How different from the liberal is the apostolic proclamation on the day of Pentecost when Peter declared, speaking of Christ, "Whom God hath raised up having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." And again in Acts 2:32, "This Jesus hath God raised up whereof we are all witnesses."

Hear Paul as he writes to the Corinthian church in I Corinthians 15:12-20a, "Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead."

This victory is meant to be realized in the dust and heat of everyday living.

Paul leaves no doubt that the truth of the believer's identification has its earthly application as well as its heavenly assurance of personal resurrection. There is not one note of pessimism in the New Testament after the resurrection.

"They nailed him to a cross and thought that they had won; that love was lost and goodness dead, and truth forever done." But they forgot it was God's world! God spoke and Christ rose from the dead!

The day will come when the bruised and broken body of Christ becomes the church victorious. Her stigmata shall be her glory, the scandal of the cross her crown, and her shredded garment shall become the seamless robe, clothing the redeemed of all ages.

The incarnation of Christ, His cross, His resurrection, and His coming again, are not mythological conceptions but acts of saving history, brought to completion by God. It has been shown and confirmed that only this "mythological" gospel has



power to win men to Christ; to redeem them and make known the saving grace of God through the activity of the Holy Spirit.

This is no time for despairing retreat; it is a time for belief, for confidence, and for involvement. A redeemed social structure will never come into being without redeemed men. We need changed hearts, not changed environments; conversion, not conversation; dedication, not dialogue. Not a new message we need, but new messengers with an old message for some age-old sins. Not help from government, but help from God we need.

The church will pulsate with life and power when she ceases trying to prove the existence of God and simply declares His mighty acts.

Luther brought the church back once, but one reformation will never serve the church. She needs continually to be wound up and set going anew. The doctrines that Luther brought forth have had layers of errors deposited upon them until the truth has become covered up and the wisdom of men has been substituted for the power of God. Bold prophets must "clear away the rubbish and bring out the truth once again." The tendency of the church is to be perpetually covering up her own naked simplicity, forgetting that truth is never so beautiful as when it stands unadorned in its own God-given glory.

The sophistications and refinements of the preachers must be laid aside, and truth must be preached by men whose lips have been touched with the live coals from the altars of God.

Archimedes once said that he could move the world if he had a large enough fulcrum and a place on which to stand. God hath given to us our fulcrum - the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ; and a place on which to stand - His Pulpit.

If there is a place under Heaven more responsible than another, it is the pulpit. This is the measuring point of Christianity. Here must the great battle be fought between Christ's church and the invading hosts of Satan. It has been consecrated by a Saviour's presence, established by the clearness and force of the apostle's eloquence, and maintained and upheld by the faithfulness and fervor of a succession of evangelists who have marked the era in which they lived.

God's good news will be proclaimed. He has raised up prophetic voices in the past and will raise them up again. Voices that will bring with them God's good news, the message of and for the church.

The good news of the truth of God in  
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Christ is ours. Not to alter, supplement, or annotate; but to declare clearly and forcefully. When it is announced with maximum clarity it will satisfy not only the mind of the scholar, but also the heart of the saint.

God's good news calls, not for a ghetto

existence, but for a strong faith and power to revolutionize whenever man's revolt has failed.

It's action time! Ring out the news - Christ died for our sins, rose for our justification, and is coming again for His own.

## 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	246		
New Harmony Church	39	39	36	42	34	39	36	33	37		
Farmington		150	126	148	122	122	112	126	120		
Liberty-Phillipsburg	60	59	51	51	62	55					
Trinity Church, St. Louis	112	122	117	126	114	108	101	108	121		
O'Fallon Mission	46			22	26	32	37	30			
Kirksville	96	100	99	106	94	97	111	107	98		
Grant Ave., Springfield	205	202	211	216	206	209	200	216	221		
Viburnum Church	41	42	46	42	40	43	42	41			
Mine La Motte	31	29	30	34	29	28	31	36			
Faith Church, Lemay	74	80	92	114							
Thayer	106	118	114	125	109	107	113	125	117		
First, Mtn. Grove	297	319	338	370	321	310	321	314	321		
Desloge	100	99	101	114	96	95	73	76	75		
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	61	57	61	69	59	51	51	51			
Union Light	116	99	107	102	100	124	106	112	113		
First, Springfield	180	201	194	235	203	194	171	179	185		
Central, Kansas City	143	141	134	126	146	138	123	129			
Desoto Mission						29	28				
Hannon	55	58	64	63	52	60	56	52	59		
First, Monett	120	126	124	124	114	107	112	122	128		
Garfield-Couch	48	46	49	43	46	47	52	45			
Leadington	128	197	154	159	131	137	128	129	125		
First, Fredericktown	164	164	188	191	171	165	165	165	168		
Copper Mines	67	66	75	85	73	67	92				
Joplin	88	79	87	96	86	77	76	88	102		
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	109	118	117	134	110	117	118	119	125		
Twin Oaks Church	54	54	56	68	64	58	58	55	66		
West Plains	187	191	198	205	191	187	179	195	180		
First, Lebanon	114	126	108	128	103		112	107	122		
Myrtle Church	70	72	73	80	71	72	70	66			
Twin City Ch., Festus	37	35	54	50	37	39	39	36	64		
Richwoods	44	46	51	52	56	51	53	54	56		
Hartville Church								58	60		