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NEW EDUCATION BUILDING
(See story on page 3)

Promotional Secretary's Corner

Liberty Quarterly Meeting assembled with Cuba Free Will Baptist Church, Cuba, Missouri December 3rd. Most of their churches represented with delegates. They licensed one new minister. Rev. Henry Long delivered the 11 a.m. sermon. Time was given for us to explain the 1966 allocation of the cooperative funds. They also proposed a plan to raise their suggested quota for Fulcher's travel fund account.

Sunday a.m., December 4th, I was privileged to be with Pastor Max Courtney and our Salem church and deliver the sermon there. They reported souls being saved there in recent services. They have also completely refinished and redecorated their church house recently. In response to an invitation from Pastor Clarence Burton and Berkley First Free Will Baptist Church, I was privileged to deliver the dedicatory sermon for their new three story Sunday School annex on Sunday, 11 a.m., December 11th. Berkley church is an outstanding church, supporting every phase of our Missouri Cooperative Plan, plus special missionary giving, and as a result, they are reaping a soul saving harvest in Berkley community.

Pastor Durbin and O'Fallon Mission continue to progress. They are now worshipping in their new church parsonage basement, with Sunday School classes meeting in extra rooms upstairs provided for that purpose. I delivered the Sunday evening sermon there December 11th.

Our family attended Christmas services

together in our former home church at Thayer, December 25th. Pastor Pingleton and I shared the 11 a.m. preaching service. Several have been saved there during the past year and it is always good to see both the new and the steadfast, faithful Christians in attendance.

We participated with Pastor Dann and our Fourth Church in Maplewood in New Year Eve Services December 31st. This is a good soul winning church, thus, they are expanding their building, presently building a new Sunday School basement annex with future plans to build their main sanctuary above the same.

As we review 1966, this has been a good year. Some additional churches have adopted the cooperative plan of support, thus, the cooperative receipts for the closing five months, August through December, have increased 11% above the same period last year, 1965. We sincerely thank all participating churches and solicit all the rest to join hands and let's send this gospel to the ends of the earth real soon.

Remember, bibles and books are available as listed in our 1967 Book Store catalogue, through your own Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

Harry Beatty

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS DECEMBER 1966

Cuba -----	\$129.59
Salem -----	10.00
West Plains -----	39.00
Farmington -----	162.59
Twin City -----	38.84
New Harmony Sunday School	3.79



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

Beacon -----	89.72
Mt. Grove -----	216.27
Grant Ave. -----	242.35
Pleasant Hill Sunday School	20.00
Eldorado First F.W.B. -----	5.00
Grace -----	127.00
North Side -----	21.75
Monett -----	102.14
Leadinton -----	138.00
Carterville -----	19.14
Rock Chapel -----	25.88
Hickory Grove -----	42.39
Copper Mines -----	30.00
Cape Girardeau -----	23.13
Thayer -----	52.38
Cabool -----	42.01
Mine la Motte -----	9.43
New Home -----	19.78
Union Light -----	10.00
South Side -----	126.00
Garfield -----	24.27
Central K.C. -----	78.00
Hurryville -----	196.00
Fredericktown -----	286.24

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GLEANNINGS

from the fields

NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING DEDICATED

On December 11, Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church dedicated its new Educational Building to the Lord. The Rev. Harry Beatty, promotional secretary, delivered the dedicatory message. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Jim Mullen, sang "O Thou, Whose Hand Hath Brought Us" and the trio sang "To God Be The Glory". The pastor, Rev. Clarence Burton, gave a summary of the work, expressed appreciation to the Church for the splendid cooperation and recognized the building committee. Serving on the committee: Paul Stone, chairman, Calvin Plummer, Clarence Martin, Floyd Cantrell, Warren Caldwell, Taylor Coleman (Chairman of Trustee Board), Jess Hogan, Eugene McDowell and Willard Hovis, Church Treasurer. Mr. Lester Whiteman, architect from Greenville, Illinois, expressed words of commendation to the Church.

The new Educational Building is a three story unit. It joins the present building and is brick, following the same five-color pattern. The building provides a Junior Assembly and classrooms; Senior Assembly and classrooms; additional adult classrooms; Nursery and Sunday School office. The Beginner and Primary departments are in the lower level of the present building.

The Church has made steady progress since it was organized. Rev. Clarence Burton is the pastor.

THE KANSAS CITY AREA QUARTERLY MEETING

The Greater Kansas City Area Quarterly Meeting was held December 11 at the Central Church. We were also having at this time, our annual Missionary Conference with five of our missionaries and Bro. Rufus Coffey here with us. The missionaries were, Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain, appointees to Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Norm Richards, appointees to the Ivory Coast; and Bro. Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan. It was a time of real blessing for all of us here in the Kansas City Area Churches.

Because of the Missionary Conference, our Quarterly Meeting was confined to Saturday only. Letters were read with six churches reporting.

Bro. Coffey blessed our hearts with a message from John 20:24 entitled, "The Disciple that missed the first Missionary Conference."

A delicious dinner was served downstairs in the church.

In the afternoon we received information from the various fields by the missionaries and from the Foreign Mission Department by Bro. Coffey.

After a brief business session we were dismissed. The next meeting will be held at the First Church in March.

PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Virgil Maness has resigned as pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri. His future plans at present are to continue to preach the Word and finish the semester at Hannibal LaGrange College in St. Louis. He is praying that the leadership of the Lord will continue upon him, his ministry and his family in their future endeavors with God's people. February 1967

FULCHER'S TRAVEL FUND

Previous Receipts	232.80
Pleasant Ridge Church	10.00
Niangua Assn.	
New Prospect Church	10.00
Niangua Assn.	
Fifth Sunday Mission	41.50
Rally, South Section of	
Central Western Mo. Assn.	
Total in Acct., Dec. 31,	
1966 -----	\$294.30



Goal for Fulcher's Return Fund	\$1,000.00
Received	294.30
Our Need	<u>\$705.70</u>

OVERLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CHOIR



The children in the Youth Choir range in the age from the Beginners through the Intermediates. They worked long and hard learning new songs and all that goes with getting a Cantata together.

We learned songs that are sung by little children, in expressing their love about the birth of our Savior, from Germany, France, Spain, England, and then the well known carols that everyone knew.

They were dressed in costume and a lot of action was in the Cantata. In this picture you see only a portion of the choir and the Nativity scene. Playing the role of Mary was Lois Bridges, Joseph was played by Marty Milligan and the shepherd kneeling by the manger is John Renner. The entire Choir was framed by a host of winged angels. It was very impressive.

We also had a solo by Rhonda Asher, "In David's Royal City" and a duet by Linda Shaver and Rhonda Asher, "O Holy Night".

Pray for these children as they learn about the Lord through music and pray for us as we direct and lead them that they may develop a deep love through hymns for the Lord.

We will soon be in our new Sanctuary and then our Choir, as well as the entire church, can grow more and work harder for the Lord. Pray for all of us at the Overland Church and our wonderful Pastor and family, Bro. and Sis. Harry Asher.

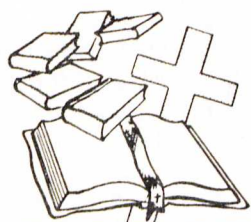
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Fields



The GREATEST
BOOK
of ALL



Rev. Homer Willis
Home Mission Director
RECORD YEAR FOR HOME MISSIONS
Receipts Double in Five Years

The department of Home Missions and Church Extension has had a record year in financial growth, the General Director

announced today. Mr. Willis stated that gifts for the year 1966 exceeded \$158,000.00, an increase of almost \$30,000 over last year, and double the receipts of five years ago. He pointed out that this is an increase of \$2,500 per month in gifts. This unusual increase was attributed to the work of a dedicated office staff, field staff, faithful work of the missionaries and board members. Gifts for December reached an all-time record of \$22,375.95.

The indications are that ministers, laymen, and officials throughout the denomination are responding to the need of missionary work in North America as never before.

The 1967 budget is \$171,000 and should be reached early in the year.

The following states exceeded their quotas for 1966: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Washington. Other states came near meeting their quotas and all tried hard.

The state of Oklahoma was first in giving, followed by Tennessee and North Carolina.

State	1966 Quota	Amount Given	Balance
Alabama	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,115.56	\$ (2,615.56)
Arizona	500.00	833.27	(333.27)
Arkansas	6,000.00	3,547.23	2,452.77
California	6,000.00	12,720.05	(6,720.05)
Canada	500.00	80.73	419.27
Colorado	500.00	729.59	(229.59)
Florida	5,000.00	6,875.18	(1,875.18)
Georgia	5,000.00	3,729.17	1,270.83
Idaho	1,000.00	543.58	456.42
Illinois	4,000.00	1,956.69	2,043.31
Indiana	2,000.00	834.87	1,165.13
Iowa	500.00	745.19	(245.19)
Kansas	3,500.00	3,016.50	483.50
Kentucky	5,000.00	3,086.31	1,913.69
Maine	500.00	504.40	(4.40)
Mexico	500.00	76.00	424.00
Michigan	6,000.00	4,598.53	1,401.49
Mississippi	2,000.00	5,525.87	(3,525.87)
Missouri	10,000.00	10,613.39	(613.39)
New Hampshire	500.00	257.78	242.22
New Mexico	500.00	347.51	152.49
North Carolina	20,000.00	14,805.80	5,194.20
Ohio	5,000.00	8,285.51	(3,285.51)
Oklahoma	20,000.00	22,023.28	(2,023.28)
Oregon	500.00	876.40	(376.40)
South Carolina	4,500.00	3,294.42	1,205.58
Tennessee	20,000.00	19,360.59	639.41
Texas	4,500.00	4,482.97	17.03
Virginia	5,000.00	4,155.30	844.70
Washington	500.00	2,249.08	(1,749.08)
West Virginia	2,500.00	1,034.73	1,465.27
Other States	3,500.00	967.04	2,532.96
Miscellaneous	6,000.00	4,795.29	1,204.71
TOTALS	\$160,000.00	\$ 158,067.81	\$ 1,932.19
Exchange		614.35	
		\$ 158,682.16	

Dear Friend,

Due to many requests I have compiled this State-by-State listing of personell who are involved in missionary work or who can furnish information about Free Will Baptist mission work in the different states, and other countries of North America. It is encouraging to know we have so many missions in so many places, when we realize that only twelve years ago, there were no paid home missionaries among us. It is the desire of the Home Missions Department to see missionaries in every state, territory and province. (It has been difficult to secure some of this information and there may be a few errors.)

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FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS
MISSOURI
FOR DECEMBER, 1966

Rock Chapel FWB Norwood	\$ 10.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	25.65
First FWB, Berkeley City	147.50
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	135.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	75.00
Thayer FWB Church	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
First FWB Church, Spgfield	24.12
Glen D. Murray, Kansas City	25.00
A Friend	184.00
Myrtle FWB	37.53
Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Grace FWB, Arnold	50.20
Beacon FWB, Raytown	10.00
FWB Church, Cuba	102.52
Cope FWB, Hartville	200.19
First FWB, Fredricktown	40.00
Oak Grove FWB, Mt. Grove	15.00
Leadington FWB	26.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	2.00
Alton FWB	15.00
Pleasant Home Church, Vanzant	2.00
Rock Chapel FWB, Mt. Grove	10.00
Smyrna FWB, Thayer	30.00
Pleasant Home Church, Vanzant	10.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	62.81
Calvary FWB, Conway	15.00
First FWB, Springfield	41.00
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	31.32
Cuba FWB	10.25
Hannon FWB, Liberal	23.25
Oskaloosa FWB, Liberal	24.00
Verdella FWB, Iantha	50.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	147.50
Kansas City Q. M., Indep.	50.00
Leadington FWB	4.00
First FWB, Mt. Grove	77.00
New Rock Spgs., Cabool	17.00
FWB Church, Cape Girardeau	16.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	143.75
Hannon FWB, Liberal	47.25
Verdella FWB, Iantha	50.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	50.00
Aulsburg Chapel FWB, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Verdella FWB, Liberal	50.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	29.25
Oskaloosa FWB, Liberal	24.00
Hope Combs, Couch	3.00
Garfield FWB, Couch	20.00

VIRGIN ISLANDS-PUERTO RICO
Rev. Larry Powell, Missionary
P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202

Central FWB, K. C.	163.32
Copper Mines FWB, Fredericktown	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Mays, St. Ann	15.00
Cooperative Plan	564.87
Total	\$2962.78

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS REPORT

December report:

Don Jones, pastor of the Cape Girardeau church, reports an average of 20 in Sunday school for the month of December.

Ted Davis, pastor of the Independence Free Will Baptist Mission, reports an average of 17 in Sunday school for the month of December. At the present time, they are meeting for worship at the home of Brother Davis, which is located at 713 Sunset Drive. They are now trying to purchase a house and 10 acres of property located at Hi-way 24 and 71 Bypass. Remember the Independence Mission and their pastor and his family in your prayers.

Lloyd Durbin, pastor of the O'fallon Free Will Baptist Mission, reports an average of 31 in Sunday school for the month of December. He requests our prayers that God might fulfill the many needs of this mission.

Many of you pastors will be receiving letters from me in the near future concerning the special "St. Joseph Project". Please consider these very carefully, and then pray that God will use you and your church to help open up a work in St. Joseph, Missouri.

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

Rock Chapel Church	\$ 10.00
Myrtle Ladies Auxiliary	18.70
Madison County Quarterly Meeting	39.17
Kirksville Ladies Auxiliary	9.00
Central Church, Kansas City	10.00
Mine La Motte Church	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Church, Urbana	14.00
First Church, Fredericktown	30.00
Farmington Church	10.00
Victory Church, Kansas City	10.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	10.00
Union Light Church	15.00
State Association Cooperative Receipts	409.22
Total	595.09

Dale Skiles - Secretary Treasurer

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YOUTH CAMP

"News and Views"

The New Year 1967 is here. We are in it and I trust that we are off to a good start.

In thinking of this year's activities one naturally thinks about Youth Camp. For this is one of the important activities in the summer, especially for the youth. The Youth Camp Board anticipates another wonderful year. Plans are being made for a better and more effective camp. As we seek God's leadership and make our plans under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can be assured of another enjoyable and helpful encampment.

May we suggest three things -- (1) Begin now to talk about the forthcoming '67 sessions. The dates are, pre-teen June 19-23, teens June 26-30. (2) Set an attendance goal for your Church and Quarterly Meeting. It has been suggested that the Quarterly Meeting with the largest attendance be given special recognition. This will be done. (3) Begin now to pray for the 1967 sessions.

If the Churches throughout the state of Missouri will follow these suggestions surely the Lord will bless. Will you do your part?

The names of the camp personnel will appear in next month's issue of the Gem.

Clarence Burton,
Promotional Secy., Youth Camp Board

MY IMPRESSION OF YOUTH CAMP

When I think of Youth Camp I remember various things that have taken place on those grounds that seem to me to be sacred and set apart by God.

My first impression of Youth Camp leads me back to about thirteen years ago. My husband and I volunteered to help furnish transportation for our young people desiring to attend camp that year. Unaware of the fact that each church should send along a sponsor, no one made the necessary preparations to stay with our young people. It was a very forlorn little group that took turns hugging and kissing us before we left them that Sunday afternoon. Of course, God, in His love and mercy, provided for them and they were given a sponsor whom they learned to love, and who loved them, but I remember how I cried on the way home and vowed to God that if He would help me, no group from our church would ever again attend Youth Camp without a sponsor.

This vow has taken me down to Youth Camp to spend several glorious sessions with our young people from all over the state of Missouri, and with the workers, teachers, and other sponsors from various parts of this state. God has given to me so many precious friendships as a result of sessions at Youth Camp. I find no words to express the place Bro. and Sis. Reeves have found in my heart, along with Mrs. Sells and many, many others.

There have been many humorous times—from pranks by our lively youngsters to the time we slept in a cabin with an unfinished roof on a night when we were being blessed with torrents of rain. (I'm sure Gladys Turnbough hasn't forgotten that night!)

Then, of course, when I think of Youth Camp I also think of good hard work, because there is a job to be done there, and like it is elsewhere in the Vineyard of the Lord, the workers are too few. We usually leave the camp physically exhausted, but joyous in Soul and Spirit.

Of all my Youth Camp memories, the most outstanding is the one of a special service a few years ago when the devil outsmarted himself. Never have I seen the Holy Spirit in such complete

control of a service before, or since that day. The devil started it by causing two young people to become angry at each other, but God used it by bringing them to their knees in repentance at the altar of the Tabernacle. Before they got up more, and more young people came weeping and confessing their sins. Many of them would get up, go back and witness to others and bring them down to an altar of prayer. The Evangelist never did get a chance to preach. I believe there were about seventy decisions made for God during that one service.

I certainly could not think of our Youth Camp without thinking of our dear precious Free Will Baptist Young People. I have become acquainted with many young people from all over the state. I have seen them lifted up and brought close to Heaven. They return home with a glow on their faces and joy in their hearts.

Yes, I firmly believe the Youth Camp has been dedicated and set apart by God to transform the lives of our youth, and to spiritually uplift those of us who are older, and have a tendency to let the cares of this life rob us of that vital Christian joy that can be ours.

Mariam Willhite
Fourth Church, St. Louis, Mo.

MY EXPERIENCE AT YOUTH CAMP



Bridgette Harris

I had a lot of fun at Youth Camp last year! We had all sorts of activities. For instance softball, swimming, croquet, basketball and horseshoes. Most important were the classes and evening services.

I am thankful for the good Christian leadership and fellowship found at our Youth Camp. I am looking forward to seeing you there this year.

Bridgette Harris
Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church
Free Will Baptist Gem

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Myrtle -----	109.25
West Plains, Bethel -----	30.00
Mt. Grove -----	213.26
Grant Ave. -----	179.13
Kirksville -----	30.00
A Friend -----	30.67
Total -----	\$ 2,923.00

DISBURSED

55% National Assn. -----	1,607.65
1% Mo. C.T.S. -----	29.23
2.25% Youth Camp -----	65.77
3.75% Gem -----	109.61
8.00% General -----	233.84
14.00% Mo. Missions -----	409.22
16.00% Promotional Dept. -----	467.68
Total Disbursed -----	\$ 2,923.00

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MEETING THE CHALLENGE

Jan. 1967

Dear Friends,

We are getting off to a bad start in 1967--late the first month!

We trust your holidays were filled with the blessings of God. So far the month of December has been a very busy one as well as this one. Many blessings have come our way.

We had several visitors during the month of December. Visitors are always a blessing to us and to the work. We do enjoy the fellowship which we do not have on the field!

Maybe this will not be news to you anymore, but I must share it with you. Can you imagine the surprise for us who live in a tropic area - as we got up the morning of January 9th to a 10 inch snow fall! It began about 5:00 A.M. When we got up at 6, it could barely be seen on the ground. By 11 A.M. some 8 to 10 inches had completely covered the hill sides. My what a beautiful sight! We had oranges ripe on the trees, but all covered with snow, and the children so excited because they had never seen it before. It was the first time in 45 years that it had snowed here on this fashion, and the biggest since 1894. It scared everyone except us. No one left their homes all day long. There was no water, no gas, no lights in Monterrey, and no traffic allowed to pass. Of course, the school closed and all stores and offices as well. You see we aren't prepared for winter weather - but all of us, well, as soon as it stopped snowing, bundles up the kids and out side we went. Arthur had all the students come down and we made a big fire. We were about to freeze inside. I made some snow cream for everyone -- a real treat! Then we made a big snow man followed by -- you guessed it -- a good old snow ball fight. Every-
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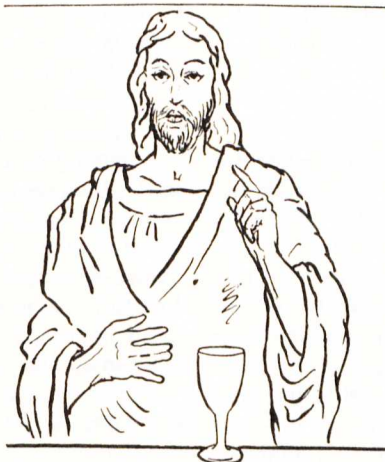
body thought we were crazy, but we had a real time. Along about 3 P.M. we killed 8 rabbits and roasted them on the open fire. Together with all the students we we had our combines dinner and supper. Today, three days later, there is still some snow left on the ground. It was the first I had seen in 9 years and I really enjoyed it, even if we did almost freeze. This has been something unusual and very outstanding for Mexico. People were actually scared to get out in it. Needless to say, many deaths have occurred and for thousands, it meant suffering with cold. God has been so good to us. How we praise Him for His protecting hand over us.

Arthur and the students left Monterrey January 3rd for El Canelito to hold a short revival. Arthur stayed 2 days and had to come home. It was so cold and with so much dirt, he felt the same as he did last summer when he took Typhoid up there. He came home to the doctor at once. This time, after five days in bed, he was up and going again. The weather was very bad and of course no heat at all. Although the group reports good services, one saved and the church helped spiritually.

Arthur, David and the quartet left Jan. 13 for Houston, Texas where they will be for two weeks. Remember them in prayer and especially Arthur's health. Also for the services, we ask special prayer that souls might be saved and the saints revived. Do remember all of us who remain here in the school. How we praise God for this school year. It has been the best year ever. Continue to pray for the native churches, that they will grow spiritually and feel the necessity to take on responsibility.

We thank each of you for your kindness shown us during the holiday season. May God bless you richly for it. Also we thank all who have sent continued support to the work. Our responsibility is great and you have been so gracious to stay with us. God bless you is our prayer.

Your missionaries,
The Billows



DRINK YE ALL OF IT... (Matt. 26:27)

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

-- Partial Listing --
(Continued from Last Month)

Rockwell Manufacturing Co.
Rockwell-Standard Corp.
Rust Engineering Co.
Sanborn Co.
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Smith Kline & French Lab.
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Turner Construction Co.-Calif.
Union Oil Co. of Calif.
United Clay Mines Corp.
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Watkins-Johnson Co.
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Western Publishing Co.
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.
Whirlpool Corp.
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
Williams & Co., Penn.
Wolverine Shoe and Tanning Corp.
Worcester Pressed Stell Co.
Worthington Corp.
Wyandotte Chemicals Corp.
Xerox Corporation
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"The Greatest of these is Charity"

I Corinthians 13:13

By Alton Loveless

Pastor First FWBC

Joplin, Missouri

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (I Corinthians 13:13) (Please read all of the Chapter.)

The Thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians has been called by many the Love Chapter of the Bible. And certainly it has much to say concerning the subject of Love. The first three verses tell us that even Gifts are valueless unless they are exercised in Love. Then the next four verses (4-7) give us the Characteristics of Love. The final expression of the Thirteenth chapter tells us that the Gifts are only temporary but that Love and the other graces are eternal.

The Greek word from which the word Charity is translated is "AGAPE" which means a 'spontaneous and divine love'. A Love that is more eternal than gifts.

May we seek that kind of love which is spoken about and apply it to our lives today. May this message be an aid to this new experience. May we first seek Him who is Love, and gave, because he loved, and now tells us to love.

WHAT IS THE LOVE OF GOD? To answer this question we go to St. John and his writing for he is veritably the apostle of love. He alone of all the apostolic band seems to have been chosen to understand somewhat the depths of this divine love, in order that he might tell it to men. The Spirit of Inspiration chooses fitting instruments; and we must assume that by nature and grace, St. John was best fitted to make known the gospel of eternal love. In the third chapter, verse 16, he opens for us this eternal spring. He says, "For God so Loved the world, .." He loved the world so much. O What Love! What is the Love of God? It is God Himself. He is the fountain of love. Many glorious things are spoken of God. His eternity, "The same yesterday, today, forever..etc."; His almighty power, so that He speaks and it is done, etc.; His omniscience, His wisdom, are all brought before us, and evoke our adoration and praise. BUT this feature of His nature is pre-eminent. It is said that God is the righteous one, holy One, etc. But it is not said, He is righteousness, here in verse sixteen. It says, He is LOVE. This is the attribute that runs through and dominates all the others. How comforting is the revelation of the divine love. How it has altered men's ideas of God, and changed the face of the universe for them. Now Jesus has come and told us of the Father's care and love for the world.

WHAT GOD GAVE BECAUSE HE LOVED. St. John said, "For God So Loved the World, that HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.." God first loved the world. It would have been long before the world would have come to love Him. But "He first loved us," and our love would never have blossomed in response to His had He not loved us. What does this imply in its fulness? It implies an eternity of love. In the Son whom He loved from eternity He loved His people. Thus all through the course of the world's history, even when He seemed to be coming in wrath, God has been coming in love to men. And we live in the times when the most amazing proof of that love has been bestowed. "He gave His only begotten son," and in all the history of the Church this divine love speaks in convincing tones--in that word of salvation that is preached; in the ordinances, the observance of which tends to the soul's spiritual health; in those gifts of the Spirit given freely to them who believe; in those promises that draw us near to the throne of grace,--in all these the love of God is proclaimed to our wondering eyes searching for

truth.

It is true that God is the Father of the whole world by creation, but this in no way provides for our salvation. Through faith in Jesus Christ, God's beloved son, we come into a new relationship with God and His love. Until we have been born again we are children of disobedience and are under the wrath of the Father. The Scripture says, "Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of Disobedience" (Ephesians 5:6).

The reason that God gave His son was "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He wants to give us life because He loves us. He wants to give us a new badge. The badge of Love! Some people would perhaps like to change their name. Some names carry more prestige and rights than others, but to share the "name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9) is an immeasurable privilege. Paul says, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14, 15). "Behold, what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not! (I John 3:1).

WHAT WE DO BECAUSE OF LOVE. We are able to come back to the Chapter from which the text was taken because this chapter deals more with what we are and what we do because of Love.

There are many ingredients of divine love found in this chapter. I have drawn from some of these verses some of the ingredients we must put to work in our lives as evidence of His Love within us:

1. Patience-(love passive): no hurry; suffers long; beats, believes hopes, and endures all things (v. 4, 7).
2. Kindness-(love in action): never acts rashly or insolently; not inconsistent, puffed up, or proud (v. 4).
3. Generosity-(love in competition): not envious or jealous (v. 4).
4. Humility-(love in hiding): no parade; no airs; works then retires (v. 4).
5. Courtesy-(love in society): does not behave unseemly; always polite; at home with all classes; never rude or discourteous (v. 5).
6. Unselfishness-(love in essence): never selfish, sour, or bitter; seeks only good of others; does not retaliate or seek revenge (v. 5).
7. Good Temper-(love in disposition): never irritated; never resentful (v. 5).
8. Righteousness-(love in conduct): hates sin; never glad when others go wrong; always gladdened by goodness to others; always slow to expose; always eager to believe best; always hopeful, always enduring (v. 6-7).
9. Sincerity-(love in profession): never boastful and conceited; not a hypocrite; always honest; leaves no impression but what is strictly true; never self-assertive; does not blaze out in passionate anger, nor brood over wrongs; always just, joyful, and truthful; knows how to be silent; full of trust; always present.

I think it is a privilege of sharing in God's Love and it demands of us to Love as He loved us.

Love demands love in response. No adopted son would be happy in a home where there was no love shown toward him, and his unhappiness would be greatly aggravated if there were natural-born sons in that family, also, who received all of the love and affection of the parents. God loves equally each of his sons and shows no partiality. Adoption is a gracious act of love that finds

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a real response in the heart of the adopted son. In the family of God, the adopted son is not only loved by the Father but also by his brethren. No one was more conscious of this love that was the Apostle of love, who said, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (1 John 3:14) The apostle spoke with authority because he had himself heard Christ say, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (St. John 13:34-35)

There is no limit to what a man will do for one he loves; in fact, love knows no bounds. Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:23)

Man's primary motive in life is to provide things abundantly for themselves and their families. Men toil hard and ceaselessly for the things that pass away with their using—food, clothing, and shelter. But the man who puts his trust in Jesus Christ finds that God's watchful eye is always over him in tender care so that he need never be concerned about his physical needs which God through His gracious providence will freely give. Such provident care never ceases to utterly amaze the world. Speaking about this very subject, our Lord told His disciples to "Consider the lilies how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth". (Luke 12:27-33)

Let us not forget that God is Love and that because he loved we were given a Saviour who tells us to love one another. Let us not forget that "Charity never faileth". We have Faith from the hearing of the Word, and we have hope because of the WORD that became flesh, and we have proof of God's love because of His Sons Atonement. Now let us show the World, God's love in us. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

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N.A.E.'S CLIMENHAGA TO ASSUME DENOMINATIONAL POST

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, General Director for the National Association of Evangelicals, announced here today the resignation of the organization's executive director, Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga.

Dr. Climenhaga returns to service with his denomination, the Brethren in Christ Church, where he will assume a major administrative position. A date for termination of responsibilities with the National Association of Evangelicals was not given.

Dr. Climenhaga has served his church with distinction as president of Upland College, Upland, Calif., as general superintendent of field missions and Bishop of Brethren in Christ Church, Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Dr. and Mrs. Climenhaga returned to America in 1960 when Dr. Climenhaga was named president of Messiah College, Grantham, Pa. He left this position in 1964 to provide leadership for NAE program and services.

"We are grateful for the faithful and effective service rendered February 1967

by Dr. Climenhaga," said Taylor, "which brings us expectantly to our 25th year of service to the 43 member denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals and our more than 10-million service constituency."

MILL CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord. We thank God for the many blessings during the year of 1966. He blessed us in so many ways, praise His dear name. However, we are interested in the New Year so let us look forward to greater things in the coming year. God has them in store for His people if we will only pay the price, humble ourselves and pray and seek His face.

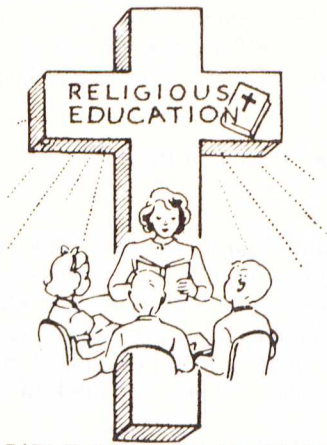
JOPLIN CHURCH HAS ADDITIONS

The First FWBC of Joplin reports that there has been 15 additions to the church in the last six months, also souls being saved regularly. Rev. Alton Loveless is the pastor.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Fellowship, Flat River	229	244	246	285	249	236
New Harmony Church	36	33	37			
Farmington	112	126	120	169	127	124
Liberty-Phillipsburg						
Trinity Church, St. Louis	101	108	121	149	128	119
O'Fallon Mission	37	30	48	33	30	31
Kirksville	111	107	98	108	96	89
Grant Ave., Springfield	200	216	221	231	216	206
Viburnum Church	42	41	47	46	38	
Mine La Motte	31	36	25	26	23	
Koshkonong				32	29	27
Thayer	113	125	117	109	125	113
First, Mtn. Grove	321	314	321	312		
Desloge	73	76	75	80	81	83
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	51	51	47	51	47	51
Union Light	106	112	113	105	108	110
First, Springfield	171	179	185	199	198	183
Central, Kansas City	123	129				
Cape Mission						20
Hannon	56	52	59	64	65	57
First, Monett	112	122	128			
Garfield-Couch	52	45				
Leadington	128	129	125	166	146	138
First, Fredericktown	165	165	168	177	166	158
Cooper Mines	92	90	74	83		
Joplin	76	88	102	100	105	95
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	118	119	125	155	138	115
Twin Oaks Church	58	55	66	62	58	60
West Plains	179	195	180	175	185	185
First, Lebanon	112	107	122	121	121	117
Myrtle Church	70	66	67	64	66	
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	36	64	44	44	
Richwoods	53	54	56	59	45	46
Hartville Church		58	60	58	56	54
Berkeley Church	255	291	330	300		
Grace Ch., Arnold	152	159	152	205		
Cuba Church	53	63	72	88	107	92
Salem Church					32	30
Meramec Heights Ch.			46	62	67	60
Cape Girardeau	20	19	24	22	27	



REPORT FROM OUR COLLEGES

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE RECEIVES LARGE GIFT

The largest single gift in the history of Free-Will Baptist Bible College was received December 22 from Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Goen, of Bryan, Texas, who gave \$10,000 to the Development Program. Mr. and Mrs. Goen have carried a special burden and manifested an unusual interest in the school through the years. This gift swelled the December total to more than \$20,000 for a new record of giving in any month for expansion purposes.

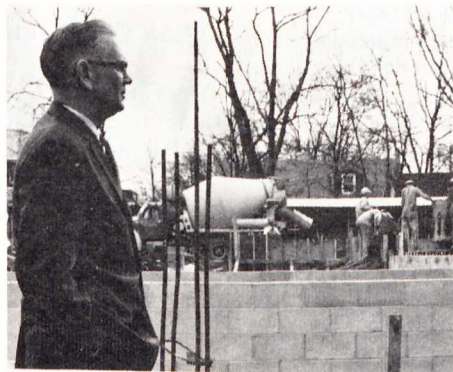
The One Thousand Church Campaign, the second phase in the Development Program, was officially launched the first of the year. As the first phase appealed to individuals, the Church Campaign will appeal to local churches and is designated to challenge at least one thousand congregations to raise a minimum of \$1,000 within twelve months. Special recognition is planned for churches that have contributed at least \$1,000.

More than \$120,000 has been given to the Development Program through December 31, with an additional \$120,000 in commitments on file. Free Will Baptist everywhere are asked to pray for the needs of the College in 1967 which promises to be a year of unusual advance.



This picture shows Cashier Barbara McGahey showing the \$10,000 check to Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, as Campaign Director, Jack Paramore, looks on.

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Work continues on the Bible College's new classroom building as Rev. William Mishler, chairman of the board, observes. The basement and foundation near completion and work is scheduled to begin soon on the first floor.



Concrete walls and I-beams surround the 15-foot deep cellar as workers prepare forms for new walls. The building will be completed next summer.

GENERAL FUND QUOTA DATA TO MISSOURI PASTORS

Missouri Quota	\$7,500.00
Gifts June - Dec. 1966	<u>4,924.27</u>
Balance Needed to Meet	
Quota by May 31, 1967	\$2,575.73
or	
Five Monthly Gifts of	515.15
Average Monthly Gift	
June - December	703.47

As the College grows the need for prayer and financial support increases. Have you a special day for the College? Is your

church sharing systematically in this work that seeks to meet the challenge of tomorrow's multitudes? We count on you and your people to keep sharing in this ministry.

Respectfully yours,

Paul J. Kettelman
Director of Public Relations

Editors Note: Let us all give, in order to reach our state goal. Plan a college Day and give a special offering to the college.

BIBLE COLLEGE OBSERVES "DAY OF PRAYER"

December 7th, just 25 years beyond the infamous day of tragedy at Pearl Harbor, the Free Will Baptist College family scored a spiritual victory as classes were dismissed and a "Day of Prayer" proclaimed.

Faculty and students met in the College's Memorial Auditorium at 8 a.m. to sing and share Bible prayer promises. The group was then broken into prayer cells to be presided over by junior and senior students, and dismissed to rooms about the campus. For an hour prayer was offered and testimonies shared. At 9:50 the students and faculty re-assembled in the auditorium for a challenging message by special guest speaker for the week, Rev. Billy Morris, pastor of Immanuel FWB Church, Durham, N.C.

Through the years it has been the school's practice to call such days of prayer from time to time lest too much study muddle the mind and weary the heart. These days have resulted in the discovery of God's will for many students, a fact that can be testified to by numbers of former students now in the pastorate and on the mission field.

FWBBC INSTALLS IBM EQUIPMENT

Several large pieces of IBM office equipment have been installed recently at the Bible College. This equipment, which has been obtained on a lease basis, will facilitate the handling of more than 3,000 bookkeeping entries per month in the College business office. It will also increase Free Will Baptist Gem

efficiency in recording the financial accounts of more than 400 students at the Bible College.

In addition to being used in the business office, all registrar's records are being transferred to punch cards for use with the equipment. These IBM machines will make alumni records instantly available, report student's grades, and speed up registration procedures.

The equipment installed so far include a sorter, collator, key punch, and 402 accounting machine. The regular staff members have taken IBM training to operate this equipment.

ANNUAL BIBLE COLLEGE TALENT CONTEST HELD

Two winners have been announced in the Bible College's most recent talent contest.

Winner of the speech division was Miss Zella Reedy, a junior from Johnson City, Tenn., for her reading, "The Willow and I." Second place was awarded to Senior Jimmie Ferreal from Smithfield, N.C., for a reading entitled "Day for Decision."

Miss Judy Pike, a junior from Norfolk, Va., won the music division for her piano selection, McDowell's "Hungarian." In second place was Miss Beverly Lee, freshmen from Houston, Texas, who sang "Bali Ha'i," from South Pacific.

The contest was held on November 25, following the Thanksgiving holidays.

43 STUDENTS MAKE BIBLE COLLEGE MID-SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

With the conclusion of mid-semester examinations, 43 students' names were posted on the Bible College honor roll. The following students are those who maintained a "B" average or better...

"A" Honor Roll

Mike Trest, senior; A.B. Brown, sophomore; Lynn Miley, freshman.

"B" Honor Roll

SENIORS: Jimmie Ferrell, Larry Montgomery

JUNIORS: Harvey Dupree, Raymond Getz, David Popiel, Bobby Smith, Shirley Walker, Bob Woodard

SOPHOMORES: Linda Alexander, Christine Barrow, Janice Baskins, Brenda Baxter, James Cox, Larence Cusick, James Kixon, Judith Felts, Larry Hampton, Dari Keifer, Jeannie Parson, Patsy Perry, Addie Rhodes, Willis Shimel, Lonnie Skiles, Mike Spikes, Lavinia Toole, Lana Turner

FRESHMEN: Jane Bilbrey, Alfred Cates, Linda Collins, Marcella Crew, Karen Dyer, Dale Edwards, J.C. Farrand, Kay Malone, Wanda Spruill, Kerry Steedley, Dolly Stox, Neva Thomas, Patsy Vanhook, Brenda Wehmeyer.

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REGIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE PIEDMONT BIBLE INSTITUTE

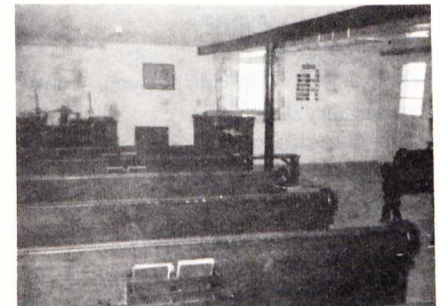
February 14-15 there will be a regional Missions Conference at Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, North Carolina. Rev. Roy Rikard, President and Founder of this Bible College will serve as host. Speakers will be Rev. Fred Hersey, Mr. Paul Robinson, and Director of Home Missions, Rev. Homer E. Willis. Mr. Hersey will be the first service for Missionary Paul Robinson since his return from Uruguay. Mr. Willis will speak to the student body and give a challenge for workers in the field of church extension. He will preach at the closing rally on Wednesday night.

It is hoped that friends of missions will attend the conference from nearby states as the people of North Carolina.

Other conferences in 1967 will be held at Oklahoma Bible College (April 17-19) and California Bible Institute (Feb. 23-26) and Free Will Baptist Bible College (October 2-4). In each of the mission conferences the Home and Foreign Departments will be working with the college faculty and student mission leaders. By having conferences at all of our colleges, it is thought that a greater number of people can attend and that more young people can be enlisted for missionary work.

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MISSION REPORTS PROGRESS



We are happy to report of our progress at O'Fallon. God has been real good to us, he has blessed us with his spirit and given us some workers with a burden for souls.

We do still have many needs here and do hope people everywhere will continue to pray for us and also support us with what God lays on their heart.

We are into the basement of our parsonage, which has been built at O'Fallon. It was built with this purpose in mind so as to control our expenses as much as possible. We do have options on 1/2 acre next to our parsonage with hopes to buy soon to build our church. There are many financial needs and this is the greatest, to purchase this ground. If anyone somewhere, has a burden to help establish the work I am sure God will bless them for all that is done to help us.

Fredericktown, First Church

LAST YEAR IN FOCUS.....

Well, it was the finest year even in the history of this Church in most every way!

Thirty-nine conversions were witnessed as compared to eleven the year before. Twenty-three received Christian Baptism as compared to six the year before. Nineteen join with us in Church membership as compared to fifteen the year before. This is fine report from a spiritual standpoint. This is the most important part of the Church ministry!

This has been the best year financially in the history of the Church, with \$14,069.73 contributed from all sources with the exception of special offerings in cash given to missionary speakers, etc. This was an average of \$3,517.43 each quarter. This is an outstanding report when considering that many of our supporting membership has moved to other areas - some have also passed on to be with the Lord. Our new membership and friends that have come our way have filled in the gap left by others who have moved on. In fact, they have more than filled the gap because of increase in income.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

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

FEBRUARY

TEACHER TRAINING MONTH

THINGS TO REMEMBER---

World Day of Prayer - February 10.
Valentine's Day - "Remember your Youth"
on February 14.
Pray for your state officers.
Pray for your state missions and Mission
Board.

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

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REPORT ON DAN MERKH FAMILY

The Womans Auxiliary of the Fellowship
Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley
Street, Flat River, Missouri had their
monthly meeting on January 9, at the
church with fifteen members present. The
program, "More Than a Statistic," was
opened with group singing of "Win Them
One by One," and Scripture from Luke 14:
23 was read by our vice-president Janet
Bailey, prayer by Mrs. Turley.

The program given in "round table" dis-
cussion by Florence Burcham, Mrs. Tur-
ley, Pat Morris, Mrs. Minnie Bureham
and Della Getz, carried the theme of how
to solicit new members.

The business followed with reports from
the various committies. Pat Morris, Mis-
sions Chairman, gave a report on the Dan
Merkh, family our Free Will Baptist mis-
sionaries to France.

It was decided to have an enlistment pro-
gram in February. The program will be
planned by Janet Bailey.

Dismissed with prayer.

\$20.00 FOR STATE PROJECT

On January 2, the West Plains Free
Will Baptist Auxiliary met with 10 mem-
bers and three visitors present. The open-
ing song was "Beyond the Regions." Hattie
Sims, acting president, read for a scripture
lesson from Luke 14. Prayer was by
Edith Dumler. Each officer gave good
reports and were all accepted.

The Study Course Chapter is planning a
study course on the manuel, to help ex-
plain the Auxiliary work, at the Alton Free
Will Baptist Church at a recent date.

It was voted to send \$20.00 to the
Thomas Willey Sr. on the Missouri State
Project.

The Auxiliary ladies are quilting a quilt
for a family who had lost their home by
fire.

It was voted for each Auxiliary member
to bring to next month's meeting one wash
cloth, one hand towel, and a cake of soap

to be sent to the Children's Home at Green-
ville, Tennessee.

The lesson, "More than a Statistic" was
given as a play by Alice James, Beverly
Moss, Tula Johnson, Edith Dumler and
Lucille Kerby. There was a poem by
Hattie Sims, and a reading by Addie Ad-
kinson.

We were dismissed by an alter prayer,
lead by Alice James and Juanita Henry.

SPECIAL PROJECT

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First Free
Will Lebanon met for their mothly meet-
ing Decemember 7, 1966. The meeting
was called to order by President Dorothy
Brawley. The prayer by Madlyn Loney.

Each member gave 25 cents each for
missionary offering as a Christian project.

There was a song, "The Love of God",
and the lesson, "It's Christmas Time in
The City of Bethlehem", was presented.

Those having parts were Janelle Walters,
Jean Bowman, Madeline Loney, Gladys
Montgomery, and Sue Lewis.

A pink and blue shower by Mrs. Jean
Yeager.

Refreshments were served to 24 members
and two visitors.

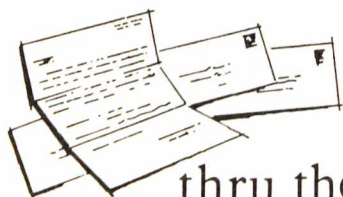
The closing prayer by An O'Dell.
Corresponding Secretary -- Eunice Barber

BIRTHDAY CARDS

The Myrtle Free Will Baptist Auxiliary
met January 3, at the church for our first
lesson of the New Year, with 7 members
present. We were very happy to have the
visitors. The meeting opened with the
group singing our hymn for the year, "The
Regions Beyond." We like the song very
much. President Sis. Skiles took charge
and the Secretary's report was given and
accepted. Prayer was by Sis. Geneva
Sorrell. We discussed some ways as to
what we could do to let our missionaries
know that we do think of them and pray for
them. We realize that they get depressed,
burdened, and lonely. We voted to get
Birthday cards and as each one has a birth-
day send them a Birthday greeting.

The program chairman then presented our
lesson, "More Than a Statistic." Sis.
Cantrell also gave a very good talk on the
lesson. The skit, about an imaginary local
Auxiliary meeting, which would have been
very good for all other ladies of our churches
that do not attend Auxiliary meetings
to have heard, was presented by the mem-
bers. Our church auxiliaries are more than
just having our names on membership rolls.

We are still trying to enlist new members.
Visitors are always welcome. Scripture
Luke 14:23 says, "And the Lord said un-
to the servant, Go out into the Highways
and hedges, and compel them to come in,
That my house may be filled." We were
all blessed by being present. And thanks
be to God we still have this priviledge of
Free Will Baptist Gem



thru the
LETTER BOX

worship. We know God is not dead. We can see his works all around us everyday, and feel the presence of his Holy Spirit. God--the Supreme Being. The existence of God is everywhere, as found in the scripture.

Corresponding Secretary - Mamie Crase

GUILT FOR OUR STATE MISSIONARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. This was our monthly meeting at the church.

The meeting was called to order by President Sis. Miller. Song #127, "Bring Them In," was sung by the group. Prayer was by Sis. Allen.

We had 16 members present and no visitors. Our meeting fell down in number due to sickness.

The reports were given by all officers. Old and new business was discussed. We are to bring food, such as jello, potato buds, etc. to next meeting to be sent to Sister Volena Wilson. We pray God to be ever close to this wonderful worker.

Also, Sis. Allen showed us the quilt that the Auxiliary had made. I'm sure Sis. Allen needs extra praise in this project. The quilt is so pretty we are most pleased with it. Sis. Allen mailed this quilt to Bro. Don Jones, Mission pastor, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Sis. Charleen James, our historian, gave her report, and also read what she had finished on Our Auxiliary History. The motion was made and carried that we accept this report.

Each one of us is to try to win at least one member this month.

Be sure to remember World Day of Prayer February 10.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn with prayer by Sis. Fern Hickinbottom.

Our program was presided over by Sis. Johnson. It really was inspirational---given by Sis. Phyliss, Sis. Gay, Sis. Lorene, Sis. Ruby, Sis. Jo, and Sis. Charleen.

We thank the Lord for our Co-Labor and its wonderful lessons planned for us to use. May we never be guilty of putting our Standard strive to perfect---Always the soul for the Lord.

We were dismissed by prayer by Sis. Lorene.

A wonderful fellowship hour followed our meeting, giving a bridal shower for the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Johnson. Billy is a service boy stationed in Germany and a member of our church, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Johnson (Sis. Ruby). We join in wishing them a happy wedded life with the good Lord as the head of their new home.

Corresponding Secretary - Emma Hinkle
February 1967

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SUGGESTED CALENDAR OF STUDY FOR 1967

January - March

April

May-June

July - August

September

October

November - December

W.A. Manual

Prayer

Youth Guidance

Christian Living

Stewardship

Evangelism

Missions

Merlea DeFee

WNAC Study Course Ch.

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▲ LAVERNE, M.D., AND LORENE MILEY

State Woman's Auxiliary
November 19, 1966

Dear Friends,

Has a missionary began a term with more rest than we? After 36 days on the boat we yearned for a full active schedule again and now, after being on our station less than a month, we find ourselves in that schedule with hardly time to even think about correspondence.

We are not concerned primarily with the medical work at this time. Dr. Griffin arrived in June and is proving herself entirely competent; thus we can devote our time to something we often wished we had time for last term--the study of the tribal language. Sandra Payne is taking a month's rest from the clinic and I'm helping there each morning, so I can devote afternoons to study with a bit more enthusiasm. If you remember, this isn't exactly my my choice of work, and it is work. French and I are not on too familiar terms. But we have come to translate God's Work into their own understanding, and this is rarely effective through an interpreter.

Pray that we will learn this language well and quickly since we will become involved again in the medical work when the Gages arrive on the field. Pray that we will have ears to hear and lips to speak. We're unaccustomed to pronouncing these difficult sounds, like kp and gb. And the only difference between a husband and a

sickness is aspiring the h. LaVerne is hoping I'll learn well!

A word about our children--we spent the week end with Larry before coming up to our station. We had received news on the boat that the second day of school he broke his leg, and it was quite a shock to see he had lost about 15 lbs. Our last letter said he had lost 2 more, but he added, "I'm beginning to like it here."

Lynette is doing well in her correspondence course but lacks physical activity. Her chief relaxation is her accordian. We continue to be amazed at the marvelous way He provides for us. We haven't bought a car since arriving on the field, but hope to get something before long as we are planning to equip our old Volkswagen into a mobile dispensary.

May God richly bless you in your work for Him.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
The Mileys



SECRETARY REPORT

August 1, 1966 to November 30, 1966

NAME	AMOUNT
Central Western Dist.	\$ 95.27
St. Louis Dist. Aux.	241.54
Thayer Auxiliary	34.50
First FWB Aux. Kirksville	57.09
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Fredericktown	73.90
Beacon Aux. Raytown	17.60
Mission Dist. Aux.	208.19
Indian Creek Dist. Aux.	57.02
Hazel Creek Aux.	7.00
Myrtle FWB Aux.	19.50
Hannon Aux.	12.00
First FWB Aux. Lebanon	12.00
First FWB Aux. Monett	4.28
Oskaloosee Aux.	10.06
First FWB Aux. Flat River	18.26
First FWB Aux. Farmington	12.32
	<u>895.47</u>
State Meeting Missionary Offering	157.05
	<u>\$1,052.52</u>

(The above amounts were received for:)

(Amount given for:)

WNAC Emphasis	\$ 203.45
'66-'67 State Project	
"Willey's"	68.55
National Home Missions	
(Including Week of Prayer)	68.08
Student Loan Fund	95.61
Co-Laborer Fund	103.01
Foreign Missions (Gen. fund)	8.00
'65-'66 State Project	

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PRELIMINARY COURSE



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This shows you the helpful techniques of effective soul-winning, emphasizing the ministry of the Holy Spirit.



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Written in nontechnical language, this spiritually strengthening study will help you present the teachings of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.



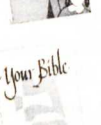
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THIS IS TEACHER TRAINING MONTH

Make Plans
NOW to
begin a
Teacher
Training
Program in
Your Church

HOW TO BEGIN

- ★ Determine Time & Place.
- ★ Select the Course.
- ★ Choose the Instructor.
- ★ Publicize Your Plans.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ★ Sunday School Teachers & Officers.
- ★ Deacons— CTS Officers.
- ★ Prospective Teachers.
- ★ Parents.

WHEN TO HOLD CLASSES

- ★ During Sunday School Hour.
- ★ During Training Hour.
- ★ During Prayer Meeting.
- ★ Week Night Classes.

From the Desk of the Editor:

Please let us know when you are going to move. It costs us ten cents for each paper that is returned to us. Also, we will have to have ZIP Code numbers on all subscriptions. Remember, let us know when you move.

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"Mileys"	41.99
FWB Orphanage, Tenn.	36.76
Mo. State Home Missions	9.00
Home & Foreign Missionary	
Personal accounts	356.06
Other misc. funds	62.01
Total	\$1,052.52

"Please", each Auxiliary send your money to our State Secretary, Miss Hazel Hutsell at 543 West North Street, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

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The Church has not been selfish with its income. A total of \$2,853.32 was given to outside causes. This is plus 20% given outside the local Church. This is the way outside giving was expended: \$1212.38 to Coop. fund; \$577.55 to foreign missions; \$240. went to national home missions; \$156.68 to state home missions; \$120. to quarterly meeting home missions; with \$242.46 going to Greenville, Tennessee orphanage; with \$240. going to Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee; \$49.25 to National Association of Free Will Baptist headquarters building; and \$15. to area Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Percentage wise, this is an excellent report, too.

The average Sunday School attendance for the past year was 170 per Sunday. Again, this is a tremendous increase because of the many moving away for employment in other areas.

To God be the glory for progress in 1966. This has been a blessed year of victory. This year should see us move forward. God expects continued progress in this battle against the demonic forces of the world.

It hasn't been easy by any means, for the devil is at work at all times and places. Faithfulness has been rewarded with victory, in part, at least.

The older faithful members of the Church are to be greatly commended for a good job done. The newer members and friends are to be praised for so faithfully taking up where the others left off. Each one needs to consider the need of being even more faithful to Christ and His Church. The need of the world is great and the Church must meet that need through evangelization.

All together - the new and the old makes the Church the witness for the Lord of harvest.

Bob L. Jones, Pastor

IMPROVEMENTS ON CHURCH

The First FWBC of Fredericktown is doing \$3,000. worth of remodeling, new light fixtures in the basement, completely painting the basement, replacing doors in main auditorium.

Then on the outside, they are placing new aluminum canopies over each auditorium entrance, painting trim, repairing the steps. They have also purchased a Baldwin organ. Rev. Bob Jones is the pastor.

REPORT FROM REV. H. E. HILL IN FLORIDA WE THANK GOD

God has certainly blessed us since our last news letter to you from our church. Several have been saved and more have united with our church. 27 have now united with our church since I came here as your missionary some 3 or 4 months ago. Yet we all realize the surface has not yet been scratched and there is so much to do. We continue to ask your prayers that God may bless us and help us to become a full time self supporting church much sooner than the 30 months. We all know it will take lots of hard work but with God's help it can be done.

February 1967

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION ANNOUNCED BY NAE

The National Association of Evangelicals will mark 25 years of service to American evangelical Protestantism with a silver anniversary convention at the Statler-Hilton in Los Angeles, April 4-6.

With the theme, Evangelical Certainty in a World of Confusion, the conclave is expected to attract 1500 key evangelical leaders to consider the major church issues of today's world.

Dr. Billy Graham will address the 25th Anniversary Dinner on April 6.

Past presidents of the Association will participate in the discussions: Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Dr. Leslie R. Marston, Dr. R. L. Decker, Dr. Stephen Paine, Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, Dr. Paul S. Rees, Dr. Henry H. Savage, Dr. Paul P. Petticord, Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Dr. Robert A. Cook, Dr. Jared F. Gerig.

A full schedule of seminars and workshops for all church leadership has been arranged by the Association's commissions and affiliated organizations.

In early November of last year, NAE's Silver Anniversary Committee announced a Year of Evangelism, April to April, 1967-68, calling on its two-and-a-half million members to engage in an active outreach with the gospel. The Nature of Evangelism is a major topic for discussion at the convention.

WHAT DOES A PASTOR DO?

"The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor, a bit of a philosopher and entertainer, a salesman, a decorative piece for public functions, and he is supposed to be a scholar. He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow and to admonish those who sin, and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty. He plans programs, appoints committees when he can get them; spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair; between times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, what a job - one day a week!"

—Anonymous

A LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Jefferson City

Dear Gem Readers:

Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. In the wonderful name of our Savior we greet thee.

Since our last writing which was some time ago, we are very happy to report that Bro. Donald Carter has been ordained as a Deacon which we thank God.

We had a small but a very inspiring Christmas program given by the young folk of our Sunday School.

New Years Eve we had a very spirit filled Watch Service with our good Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the General Baptist Church as special guests. Sermons were delivered by Rev. Earl Irish and Rev. Z. H. Tannehill, followed by communion and feet washing service. A time of fellowship and lunch was next followed by a candlelight service and prayer at the midnight hour. We truly had a good time in the Lord.

But again we are making a plea with our Christian laborers to pray for our work here. Especially to Fathers and Mothers that have children that have moved our way to encourage them to find their place in the Savior's work at our little church.

OFFICERS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

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Home Mission ----- Rev. James McAllister, Kansas City
We need the names and addresses of other chairmen of Standing Boards.

Place of next State Association - 1967
Central Free Will Baptist Church
1112 E. 77th Street
Kansas City, Missouri
Host Pastor: Rev. James McAllister

CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Fellowship Church Flat River
Aurora Church Aurora
Black Oak Church Marshfield
Alton Church Alton
Happy Home Church Ava
Leadington Church Leadington
Copper Mines Church Fredericktown
Myrtle Church Myrtle
First Church Kirksville
Overland Church Overland
First Church Berkeley
Liberty Church Phillipsburg
Hickory Grove Church Harrisonville
Meremec Heights Church Kirkwood
Verdella Church Liberal
First Church Farmington
Trinity Church Bridgeton
Richwoods Church Richwoods
Norman Church Thayer
Mt. Zion Church Gower
Southside Church St. Louis
Thayer Church Thayer
Carterville Church Carterville
First Church Fredericktown
Pleasant Grove Church Anderson
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Hannon Church Liberal
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Mill Creek Church Mill Creek
Beacon Church Kansas City
First Church Kansas City
Cedar Ridge Church Long Lane
Merl's Chapel Church Cassville
Macedonia Church Niangua
Grace Church Arnold
Pleasant Hill Church Thayer
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Faith Church Lemay
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Hurryville Church Farmington
First Church El Dorado Springs
Olivet Church Marshall
Rock Chapel Church Norwood
Graysville Church Livonia
New Home Church Hartville
Old Bethel Church Patton
Pleasant Home #1 Church Cabool
Green Ridge Church Climax Spring
O'Fallon Mission O'Fallon

Bailey Chapel Church Tunas
Big Creek Church Houston
Belton Church Belton
Happy Hill Church Lebanon
Pea Ridge Church Hartville
Twin City Church Festus
Hartville Church Hartville
New Home Church Falcon
Jones Chapel Church Stella
First Church Greenfield
First Church Viburnum
Pleasant Ridge Church Urbana
New Harmony Church Greentop
Grant Avenue Church Springfield
First Church Monett
Aulsberry Church Bonne Terre
First Church Lebanon
Cotton Creek Church Myrtle
First Church Flat River
Mtn. Valley Church Mtn. Grove
Northside Church St. Louis
Cabool Church Cabool
Marshfield Church Marshfield
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