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## Promotional Secretary's Corner

As we go into this new year our hearts are made glad as we visit the churches, and witness the saving power of God manifested, when God's work is preached. In a recent service at Berkley church, and in Grant several souls were saved in Sunday morning services.

Sunday, January 1, I was privileged to deliver the evening sermon in our Gateway mission. The good Spirit prevailed, and fellowship was enjoyed. Souls have been saved there in recent service also.

St. Louis District Meeting assembled with Grace church Saturday, January 22. Pastor Bill Evans of South Side church delivered the sermon. One new minister was licensed, one pastor okeyed for ordination in the near future, also okayed tentative plans to organize O'Fallon and Gateway Missions. Time was given for our Mo. Cooperative Program, too.

Mrs. Beatty's father, Griff Harrison, of Thayer, Missouri, was called home to be with the Lord January 22. His body was laid to rest in the Thayer Cemetery in our home community. Every surviving descendant of his immediate family attended the funeral service there. Your prayers and sympathies in behalf of the family are sincerely appreciated.

January 28, Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting assembled with Waynesville church. They ordained two new ministers, They also raised their Fulcher's Travel Fund, quota, plus an offering, and gave time for our Cooperative program.

Niangua Fifth Sunday Minister's Meeting was held with Buffalo church. I was privileged to share in the preaching service and give the Cooperative program, too. The communion and feet washing services were final services. They also ordained one new minister.

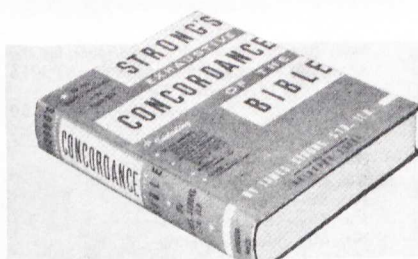
Some missionary contributions were made during the day. Sunday night I delivered the sermon in Cuba Church. Pastor Brown reported souls being saved there in their regular services.

Our Cooperative receipts need to average this month's receipts each month to reach the proposed \$40.00 goal. Come on, Brethern, let's go over the goal. Remember, available at your bookstore are Bibles and religious materials. 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

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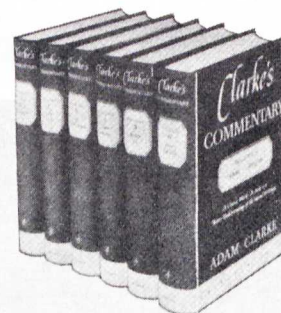
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## THE SIN WITH MANY FACES

by

Rev. Lester Jones  
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Kansas City, Missouri

"Thou shalt not covet..." (Exodus 20:17) This is the tenth commandment. To covet means: "To wish for with eagerness or have inordinate desire for." This has been a sin of the human race ever since its beginning. THERE IS NO SIN harder to ferret out than COVETOUSNESS. For one thing its chameleon-like quality of evasiveness makes it difficult to recognize. It is not a specific act as killing; it can not be pin pointed in one definition as adultery; but it does eventually advertise its presence.

Jesus said, "Take heed and beware of covetousness..." (Mark 12:15b) Covetousness is a hidden desire of the heart so subtle that even its possessor sometimes seems to be deceived. "For from out of the hearts of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these evil things come from within and defile the man." (Mark 7:21-23) Just because a person is not found guilty of them all it does not make the sin of covetousness any less evil. Just what is the nature of this sin which plays hide-and-go seek with the heart so successfully? COVETOUSNESS has three main faces namely: the love of money, the love of praise and the love of prestige or power. The inspired Apostle Paul defines Covetousness as IDOLATRY. (Colossians 3:5) The work IDOLATRY brings before our minds the bowing down before man-made gods or images. This is simple idolatry. But we are dealing with SUBTLE idolatry, which is a secret love for any earthly value above heavenly value. It becomes IDOLATRY the moment it assumes a larger place in our lives than God intended it. The Psalmist said: "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness." (Psalm 119:36)

We all know that the Scriptures say, "The love of money is the root of all evil." We don't dispute that. But we forget "that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." A love or desire to gain wealth may masquerade as "good business" the desire "to get ahead for a rainy day", "initiative and energy", "prudence or even "benevolence." Many are the professed motives which dupe the soul by obscuring the master motive lurking behind. Many a COVEROUS heart is camouflaged behind a white washed front of big promises and intentions concerning the work of the Lord--tomorrow, when God prospers my next big business adventure. March, 1967

Let me ask you this question: What are you doing with what God prospered you with today? If you are not using what you have to the glory of God today, He knows you are lying when you say you will use what He gives you tomorrow.

Admittedly, it would be wrong to deliberately beat a person out of something, but what if that person got into a hard place and had to sell it? Would it be wrong or just "good business" to make him an unfair offer? Absolutely, it would be wrong. You might argue "but I was helping him by buying it." Let us let Ezekiel answer this: "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before me as my people, and they hear my words but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their COVETOUSNESS." (Ezekiel 33:31) Beware and take note of the man who is always BOASTING of helping someone by buying something or one who is always finding a BARGAIN. "And they covet fields and take them by violence; and houses and take them away; so they oppress a man and his house..." (Micah 2:2) Most bargain hunters are those who watch and then connive in some way or use some unchristian principle to come into possession of that which he desires. That person has a COVETOUS HEART! If a possession cannot be purchased to the glory of God or if there has been evil conniving in any way - it is of the devil.

### THE LORD'S TITHE

What about the man (or woman) who uses his own pocket as God's storehouse and doles out the money according to his own selfish desires? This is where a heart is also COVETING after PRAISE OF MEN, POWER OR PRESTIGE. Let's find out what God's Word says about it: "Bring ye all the TITHES into the STOREHOUSE, that there may be meat in MY HOUSE." (Malachi 3:10) Do you think that God would call a man's bill fold HIS STOREHOUSE? And would He command to store HIS TITHE there? No, indeed! It must be taken to God's storehouse (the church) You may use your own money to help others but not the TITHE. THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S! No where in the Holy Bible can it be found that it may be used for a selfish motive. People may think they are getting by when they are not obeying the Word of God but they are only deceiving themselves. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth; that shall he also reap." If we use God's TITHE to buy power or prestige or any other fleshly lust unto ourselves we will of that fleshly desire reap CORRUPTION! It not WHAT WE THINK that counts but WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS that will stand in judgment.

If all of God's money (THE TITHE) that

is deposited in the banks of our land in Man's name was released and put into the coffers of God what a victory there would be! Not only would there be sufficient funds to finance God's cause throughout the world, but also, the COVETOUS HEARTS that have loved and held this money for so long would be set free from the terrible penalty that awaits them. "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your silver and gold is cankered; and the rust of them will be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as it were fire." (There's no use telling me the COVETOUS hearts are going to have a happy time.) "And the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord..." (James 4:1-4) Some of the cries will be those of the missionaries and ministers and of little children who have been deprived of many necessities of life WHO HAVE REAPED DOWN YOUR (spiritual) FIELDS (or the fields where you should have reaped) while the COVETOUS MAN (or woman) lived in plenty and heaped together riches for the last day--when it shall condemn you and cause you to go into a devil's hell. O, may God help us to wake up, confess up and pay up--before it is too late.

Covetousness is not just an inordinate desire for something we do not have but it may show its face in an excessive desire to "cling" to that we do have. In this category we find the "tight wad" or "miser" who will not give anything into the Lord's work. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (I Timothy 6:9-10)

Then there is that person who claims to have given GOD'S TITHE and has become guilty before God as did Ananias and Sapphira but spiritually they are just as dead. "For all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Revelation 21:8) "For this ye know that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, NOR COVETOUS MAN which is an IDOLATOR hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God." (Ephesians 5:3) The sin of COVETOUSNESS is so terrible that Hebrews 13:5 tells us: "Let your conversation be without COVETOUSNESS: and be content with such things as ye have..." It seems to imply here that is is a sin that is too bad to talk about.

### THE LOVE OF POWER AND PRESTIGE

This is the last "ugly face" that we shall mention in this discourse pertaining to



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## MARCH

REVIVAL CRUSADE MONTH



### THINGS TO REMEMBER!!

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer

March 20-24 Offerings to go for Foreign Missions

March 19 Palm Sunday

March 24 Good Friday

March 26 Easter

Help your pastor in revival efforts.

April 2-6 Bible Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

#### MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S

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Dear Co-Laborers,

Please check the following list. These are the Local Auxiliaries which have sent a list of their Officers for this year. If your Auxiliary is not listed, would you please send me immediately a list of your Officers for the year 1966-1967? It is necessary that I have a list of your Officers in order to send them the proper report forms to be filled out and returned to Miss Hazel Hutsell, our Recording Secretary and Treasurer. The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention passed a resolution last year to end our Auxiliary year the last of May. These reports must be sent to Miss Hutsell in June for her to get them to our National Woman's Auxiliary Convention on time. Thank you for checking the list and sending me your Officers if you have not already done so.

#### Local Auxiliaries:

Kirksville, Cabool, Grant Avenue, Joplin, Jones Chapel, Neosho, Farmington, Monett, Willow Springs, Mountain Grove, Parkview Church--Desloge, Mo., First Church--Falt River, Hannon, Beacon, West Plains, Verdella, Thayer, Fourth Church---St. Louis, Trinity--Bridgeton, Fredricktown.

#### District Auxiliary Conventions reported:

Central Western Missouri Association, N.E. Missouri Dist. Aux. Conv., Mission District Aux. Conv., Indian Creek Woman's Aux. Conv., St. Francis Dist. Aux. Conv.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Mrs. Luther Gibson  
State Corresponding Sec.

#### VALENTINES FOR THE ELDERLY

The Twin City Auxiliary of Festus met at the church for their first meeting of the year, with 11 members present.

The business consisted of drawing their partner for hostess and for their secret pal.

They voted to send their pre-season of Prayer offering and \$5.00 to the Willey's.

The project of the month was to take a valentine and a handkerchief to the elderly of the Mountain View Convalescence Home.

We ask your prayers that our Auxiliary

will grow in their work for the Lord.

Corresponding Secretary  
Sally Knotts

#### "PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP"

Ladies of the First Freewill Auxiliary, Lebanon, met February 1, 1967, for monthly meeting. Opening prayer by Sybal Agan. Seventeen members were present.

Meeting was called to order by our President, Dorthy Brawley.

We received a letter from Mrs. La Verne D. Meley of West Africa. We all sent her birthday cards November 26, 1966. A collection of pennies for friendship is being taken for the Willey's.

Our Aux. is giving a "Sweetheart" Banquet, February 13 for the youth of the church, and crowning Queen of Valentine.

Study Chorse will be with Dorthy Brawley, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Program Chairman, Freda Harp, and Jean Bowman was in charge of lesson, "We Have Fainted With Arrangement", Praying Hands, Bible and Book, "Hope of The World" were arranged on a table where all could see, each receiving a prayer reminder.

Lesson given in parts by Naomia Hefton, Eunice Barber, and Bernice Dickerson.

Closing with altet prayer. Refreshments were served in church dinning room to all.

Corresponding Sec.  
Eunice Barber

#### "AUXILIARY REPORTS"

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary enjoyed several activities the past two months.

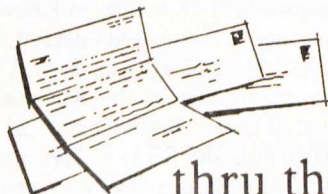
On December 14, they met with 14 ladies and enjoyed their Christmas meeting.

Testimonies were given concerning the meaning of Christmas. The woman then were favored with candlelight Christmas carols by Dale Laid, Albert Laird, Rusty Wilfong and Steve Giunta. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Dees.

The Auxiliary sponsored their first annual Christmas supper, Wednesday, December 14 at the church.

Table decorations and seating arrangements were by Pehgy Giunta and Sandra Morris. Turkey with all the trimmings was

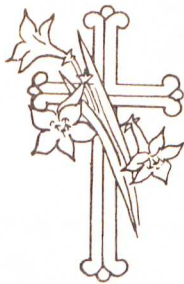
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LETTER BOX

(Is my face red! We are deeply sorry for the heading of the Thayer Aux. report last month. It should have read, "Quilt For Our State Missionary." Editor)





## "I AM DEBTOR... AM I READY?"

(Romans 1:14-15)

By Agnes B. Frazier, Author of the Pre-Easter Prayer Program, is state recording Secretary and Treasurer of Tennessee, a pioneer in WNAC work and major contributor to its literature department.

Remember March 20-24: May souls be saved because of this time spent in prayer.

prepared and served to 55 people.

The Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer was held December 19-23 at 10 o'clock each morning.

Our January meeting was enjoyed by 19 members.

Iva Treasther presided over the short business session. The 1967 achievement chart was introduced and plans were made for meeting the standard.

### "AN OPEN DOOR TO YOU"

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar and Emerson, Flat River, met January 23rd for their regular monthly meeting with nine present. The meeting opened with the business session which included taking in two new members, the election of a personnel service chairman, Mrs. Ella King, and other items of business.

The business session was closed and we entered into our program. The theme was "An Open Door To You". Mrs. Kennedy gave the scripture reading which was Revelations 3:8, and spoke of the many doors we could enter into for the coming year. Topics were given pertaining to the various doors and were as follows: Door of Prayer by Marian Wilson and Door of the Future by Marie Kemp. Door of Music by Rose Marie Kemp. Door of Faith by Connie Pirtle. Door of Humility by Ella King. Door of Loyalty by Marian Wilson. Door of Christianity by Vickie Mathews. Door of Cheer by Almeda Holmes. Door of Strength by Albert A. Pirtle.

A special song, "Don't Be Afraid", was sung by Rose Marie Kemp. Mrs. Alberta Pirtle led us in a prayer remembering the special request for our missionaries.

Mrs. Kennedy concluded the program by reading a recipe for a Happy New Year, March, 1967

and dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Yours in Christ,  
Marian Wilson  
Secretary-Treasurer

### "HELPS MISSION"

February 6, the West Plains Free Will Baptist Aux. met with 14 members present. Opening song, the Regions Beyond.

Prayer by Claudia Combs.

All officers were present and gave good report, except the Mission Chairman, and Sister Johnson gave her report of the Missionaries, Mayhew and Billows.

Motioned and Seconded, we put a hand rail down the basement stairway.

Motioned and Seconded, we send \$15.00 to the Free Will Baptist Mission at De Soto, Missouri.

Prayer at the close of our business period by Tula Johnson.

Our lesson, "We Have Fainted", was a wonderful lesson on prayer and was well given by the following: Effie Lour Moss, Ruth Roberson, Eudene Adkisson, and Nellie Georgery.

Following the lesson we had some good testimonies on the effect of prayer.

It is truly wonderful to be able to meet at an Aux. meeting, talk and pray and feel God's presence.

Mrs. Gattie Sims  
Corresponding Secretary

### "PERSONAL SERVICE"

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Mo., held their Co-Labor Study for the month of February at the church.

The program, "We have Fainted" opened

with the song, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Scripture from Psalms 27:13; Luke 18: 1-8 given by Verna Malone. Prayer by Mrs. Alberta Turley.

Janice Reeves served as Program Prayer Chariman introducing the program for the evening. Those taking part in the program were: Edith Brooks, Janet Bailey, Florence Burcham and Janice Reeves.

The reports were given in the business and accepted. The personal service group for January prepared and took dinner to Rev. Bob Kings home in Farmington. Rev. King is recovering from open heart surgery.

Our enlistment party will be held on February 20th.

Our circles sent a house plant and gown to Mrs. Holderbrand while she was in the hospital.

Pat Morris gave our Missions report.

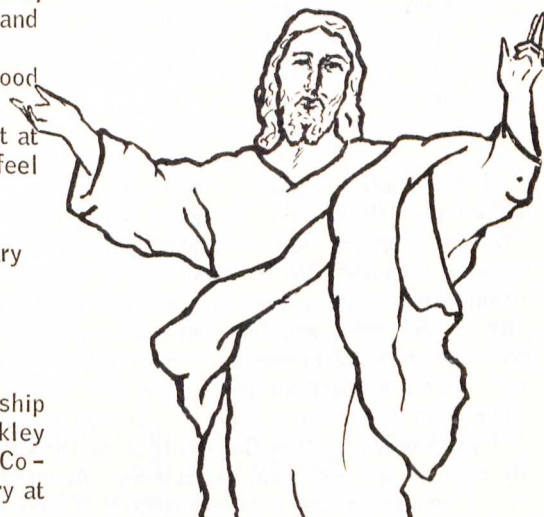
The program was closed with prayer by Deila Getz.

### "BUSY HOUSEWIFE"

At the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, a skit was presented by Mrs. Kay Case and Mrs. Mary Thorp. Mrs. Case played the role of a busy housewife, unconcerned in the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Thorp called on Mrs. Case on her home and was able to interest her in the Auxiliary's many projects.

In the business meeting, Mrs. Lois DePriest resigned as President of the Auxiliary and our Vice-President, Mrs. Kay Case, assumed the duties of President. Our Auxiliary thanks Mrs. DePriest for her fine work as President and is sorry to lose her leadership, but we feel fortunate in having Mrs. Case step into this position and will be praying for her and the work of the Auxiliary.

Bea Colby,  
Corresponding Secretary  
Trinity Church  
Bridgeton, Missouri





# GLEANNINGS

## from the fields



### JANUARY RECEIPT FOR FULCHER'S TRAVEL FUND ACCOUNT:

North East Mo. Assn.	\$ 100.00
% Buffalo Church(A Friend)	3.00
Laclede Co. Quarterly Meeting	50.00
An offering received by Laclede Co.	
Quarterly Meeting & Friends	24.90
*****	
January receipt	\$ 177.90
Previous receipt	294.30
*****	
Total in Account	\$ 472.20



### PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Trinity Sunday School of Bridgeton, Missouri, was very pleased to award perfect attendance pens to the following people. Those receiving first year pens were Mrs. Nell Ott, Jan Ott, Lisa Ott, Jimmy Hodges and Donnie Hutson. Receiving third year pens were Debbie Heine and Debbie DePriest. Donnie Depriest was awarded his fifth year pen. Carol Spurgeon has earned her seventh year pen and Jean Ann Spurgeon was awarded her ninth year pen. Congratulations to each of you and may God bless you for your faithfulness.

### REPORT FROM THE DESOTO MISSION

A lady from southeast Missouri sent us an offering of \$10.00. The Berkely Free Will Baptist Church sent us an offering of \$35.00. For these offerings we thank the givers. It will be put to the use of the Lord. We hope the Lord will continue to bless the Mission in the future as he has in the past.

On December 21, 1966, the young people of the Mission put on a Christmas play. The Beginners, Primary, and Junior classes pantomined the scene of the nativity while the narrator, Mrs. Moyers, read the scriptor. The Junior Choir provided the music.

We at the De Soto Mission hope that you will remember us in your prayers everytime you pray.

We are happy to report from the De Soto Mission very spirit-filled services.

Each member of the mission has seen the need for a building fund. Everyone has pledged beyond their thyrth for a building fund. The women of the church had a bake sale which amounted to \$35.00.

We are starting church socials, with the members bringing someone. We are also having a special vission service where everyone in the church participates. We meet and have an early service, then everyone goes out in partners. Each person is to try and contact at least one person a week.

The mission needs the prayers of everyone. We ask that you would pray that God would bless the De Soto Mission as a "soul saving station." And that He would open the doors of more hearts, that more might be saved.

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

### CHURCH HAS E.T.T.A. COURSE

The Fourth F.W.B. church called Rev. Harold Harrison, our National Sunday School Promotional Director, January 9-13, for an E.T.T.A. study course. God did bless in this endeavor. There were twenty-nine received their certificates. The first book covered in this five-day study was, "Techniques of Teaching."

Rev. H.T. Dann, our pastor, continues the teaching of the course and we meet each Friday evening. We give thanks for the many who are continuing with the course. It is a blessing to have a people who are willing to sacrifice some of their time to learn the scriptures to the fullest extent and be ready and able to teach when the Lord would call.

The Church elected the members to the newly organized Board of Christian Education. Those elected to serve on this board besides Bro. Dann, our pastor, and Bro. Louis Willhite, the Sunday School General Director, are Bro. Archie Wright, Bro. Stan Pendergras and Bro. Leamon Killian.

With the growth of our Sunday School, and a new building soon to be ready for occupation, this Board will see that each class and department will serve every age group that would attend.

Being overcrowded has meant a lot of confusion and extra work for our teaching staff, but there have never been a complaint. God bless each and everyone.

The Sunday School averaged 160 in attendance for January. This has been the highest average ever for the church. We praise the Lord for everything because we know... "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father." James 1:17 a

Our C.T.S. continues to grow in number. We averaged in the sixties for January. This is a department that each Christian should participate. This is the training department of the church and we should all be willing to train for Christ.

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## MISSOURI STATE MINISTERS RETREAT

Convenes

April 24-25, 1967

At the

FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP,

NIANGUA, MISSOURI

PROGRAM

MONDAY 1:00 P.M.

Presiding ..... Rev. O. T. Dixon

Moderator of Missouri State Association

Singspiration ..... Rev. Don Jones

Message ..... Rev. James Franklin

Hymn

2:00 P.M.

Panel Discussion .... Rev. Dale Jones, Moderator

3:00 p.m. Fellowship & Recreation

5:00 p.m. Evening Meal

7:00 a.m. Tuesday - Breakfast

EVENING SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

Presiding ..... Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Raytown, Missouri

Singspiration ..... Rev. Andy Lay

Kirksville, Missouri

I would recommend the Church Training Service to each and every church in our entire Free Will Baptist denomination. It could be, through our neglect to train, that we would miss out on being able to fulfil our mission while here on earth, and would therefore be failing our Lord.

We are planning all day services for March 12, 1967. This will be the first Sunday set aside for an annual Home Coming Day. A day of fellowship, and seeing old friends, a day of worshipping our Savior, a day of rejoicing for past blessings, a day of testifying of past blessings, a day of prayer for the present, and the future.

### CHURCH BUILDS NEW BUILDING

The Kishkonong Free Will Baptist Church is building a new church at Koshdonong, Mo., which is 30' x 60' with full basement. The auditorium is nearing completion. We had the first service in the church the 5th Sunday in January, with the Pastor Davie N. Combs delivering the messages to a large crowd. We were thankful to have 110 in Sunday School and about 150 for 11 o'clock service. God blessed in this service with one rededication. We had approximately 100 for evening service with one conservation. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless and save souls in our new church.

### LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Gem Readers,

Greeting in the name of the Lord from Meramec Heights Church.

We would like to share with you, news concerning some of our services.

Recently, on occasion, Bro. Hugh Stogsdill, Bro. Fred Lewis, from our church, and Bro. Guy Gillum, from Grace church, delivered a most complete and stirring message on the second coming of Christ at a morning service.

There was a watch night service at the church, where (42) forty-two people took communion, which was also the date of our monthly singing. We were happy to have Christians of other denominations pre-

March, 1967

Message ..... Rev. Alton Loveless

Joplin, Missouri

Benediction

TUESDAY 9:00 A.M.

Presiding ..... Rev. Frank Giunta

Leadington, Missouri

Devotion ..... Rev. Luther Gibson

Mountain Grove, Missouri

9:20 a.m. Workshop ..... Ministerial Ethics

Rev. Ernest Kennedy, Flat River, Missouri

10:30 a.m. Recess

11:30 a.m. Worship

Presiding ..... Rev. James McAllister

Kansas City, Missouri

Singspiration

Message ..... Rev. Grover Pingleton

Thayer, Missouri

Benediction

12:00 Noon Meal

(A small fee will be charged for the meals.)

sent and taking part in the service. We were thankful for the freedom of the Holy Spirit and praises unto God.

We are especially happy for the service on Saturday, February 4, when our pastor, Bro. John Peterson, was ordained, by man, to preach the Word, administer the ordinances and otherwise perform the work of a minister. Bro. Johnnie Land delivered the message. Bro. Harry Asher gave the charge and Bro. Clarence Turnbough led in prayer. Present for this service were many of Bro. Peterson's family, including his mother and three sisters from Oklahoma. We are thankful for Bro. and Sis. Peterson.

Would you remember Meramec Heights church that the Lord will supply our needs, but most of all, we will continue to see souls saved and Christians will be of one accord and inspired to run with patience the race that is set before us.

Thanks to all who have visited and taken part in the services. May the Lord bless you.

Mary Lou Lynch

Church Reporter

### CHURCH ELECTS NEW PASTOR

Rev. Harley Brown of Newport, Tennessee, is the new pastor at Desloge church. He and his family moved from Tennessee to Missouri the last week in January. Rev. Brown united with Parkview church and preached his first sermon as pastor on January 29, 1967.

On February 5, there was an all day service at the church. Rev. Brown brought the morning message. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed in the church basement at noon. During the afternoon there was special singing by several visiting groups. Rev. James Barker of Hurryville Free Will Baptist Church was guest speaker. Attendance for Sunday School was 116, and the worship services were well attended.

### HANNON CHURCH REPORTS, "THE LORD IS STILL BLESSING."

On Sunday afternoon, January 22, Hannon and Os-daloosa Free Will Baptist churches held a baptism at

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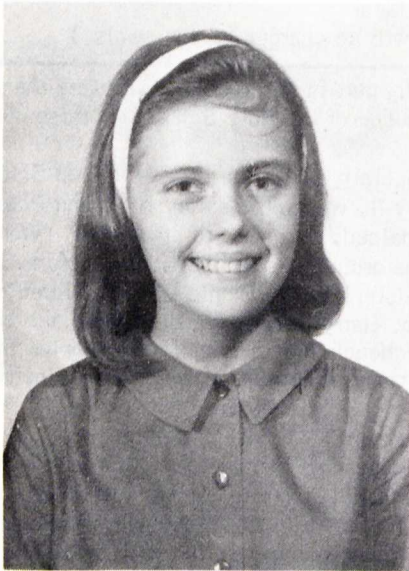
# YOUTH CAMP

## "News and Views"

**Attention All Campers:** If you would like to write an article for the "News and Views", please do so and mail it to Rev. Clarence Burton, 8941 Springdale Ave., Berkeley, Missouri, 63134. Please include a snapshot or school picture with it.

The dates for Youth Camp: Pre-Teen, June 19-23, Teens, June 26-30. The Camp Crier will be mailed in the near future with Camp Personnel and all necessary information.

### "A CHALLENGE TO 'YOUTH' FOR YOUTH CAMP IN 67"



I am looking forward to attending "Youth Camp" this year with a thrill in my heart. Last year at youth camp was one of the grandest weeks I had ever spent during my school vacation. Youth Camp is where boys and girls from all over the State of Missouri can come together in Christian Atmosphere with other Christian young people and we can play together, sing together, eat together and worship together. As young people, we need this Christian fellowship. I enjoy the classes during the day where we are taught the Word of God, then we can hide it in our heart that we might not sin against Him. I enjoy the Christian recreation that is supervised by Christian sponsors. But the highlight of the whole day is when we come together under the tabernacle for the great evening service. The special singing and the message from God's Holy Word really thrills my heart with praise unto Him. When the invitation is given, we that are saved pray for our friends that are unsaved. Oh, how it thrills me to see the unsaved go up to the altar to be saved. We Free Will Bap-

tist young people that know the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior can use our talents for His glory while we are at camp. Attention All Young People in Our State! Let's make this one the best Youth Camp Year ever! This is "A Challenge To 'Youth Camp 67'".

"You'll Love It!"

Rhonda Asher,  
Overland Free Will Baptist Church

### WHY I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUTH CAMP

There are many reasons why I look forward to Youth Camp. There are the devotional times, the sing-a-longs, the classes and the recreational times. I have been to Youth Camp just once and I enjoyed it greatly. I especially enjoyed the competitive Bible activities, the Declaration Contests, Bible Bowl, and Bible Tic Tac Toe. I was a member of one of the Tic Tac Toe teams and I enjoyed being the competition. It was very enriching listening to the teams from other churches. I am eagerly looking forward to the time when I will go again this year.

Deborah Heine  
Trinity Church

### YOUTH CAMP IS GREAT



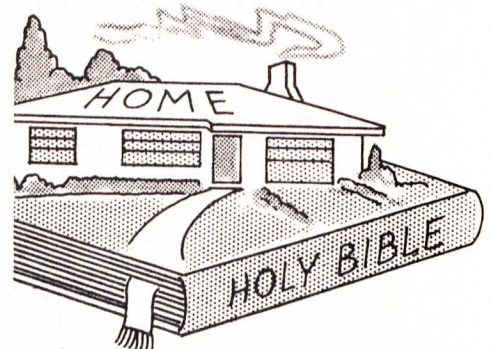
I have been to Youth Camp several times. I always enjoy it. I like softball and horseshoes, but I think I like swimming the best. The classes and the evening services are good and this helps us to be better Christians. I am looking forward to Youth Camp this summer and I hope you are too. I'll see you at camp.

John Burton



I have attended Youth Camp for two years. I hope to attend this year. I enjoyed the fun we had together. At camp you meet new friends and you can learn a lot about the Bible. Many from my church went to Youth Camp last year. The atmosphere of friendship is great and I am hoping to see many friends at Youth Camp this year.

Ronnie Hovis  
Berkeley Church



*A Sound Foundation*

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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**COVETOUSNESS.** There could possibly be no difference among these three "ugly faces" mentioned namely: the LOVE of POSSESSIONS, the LOVE of PRAISE and the LOVE of POWER and PRESTIGE. Each of them comes forth from a HEART of COVETOUSNESS which is the breaking the tenth commandment, "Thou shalt not COVET..."

Again we state that COVETOUSNESS is an inordinant and excessive desire; and when it takes possession of the heart it has become SUBTLE IDOLATRY and an individual will go to any length to obtain what "self" desires. Many individuals have been duped by desire to have PRESTIGE above others and POWER to rule. We have an illustration of this in the Bible. The apostle John wrote about a character of this type in the church. "I wrote unto the church but Kiotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence (superior) among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith." (III John 1: 9-10) What minister has not had to deal with this type of individual in the church? We realize that when we encounter a malicious worker of this type in the church that we "Wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We cannot fight with carnal weapons as with malicious words or evil deeds as they who fight against us: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

The COVETOUS heart is straining his ear to hear of some good thing spoken of him or the glory of some deed attributed to him. Those who have spent money on some cause to accomplish this may become very angry and cantankerous because it is not forth coming. They often use the carnal weapon (the tongue) and try to tear down the influence of those whom they are angry at. None of us would likely be guilty of setting a literal fire in our community yet many "tongue arsonists" are in our midst, they may claim to be christians but are they? Let us allow the Bible to answer if for us: "If any man (or woman) among you seem to be religious and bredleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart; that man's religion is vain." (James 1:26) James goes on to say "...it is set on fire of hell." (James 3:6b) Jesus gets at the root of the matter in Matthew 12:24 when He says: "O, generation of vipers, how can ye being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." There is no need of anyone being deceived with this March, 1967

type of person. However according to the Word of God they often deceive women. "Thus know that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves COVETOUS, boasters, ...false accusers, incontinent, FIERCE, despisers of those that are good. "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts." (II Timothy 3:1,2,3,6) Also Jesus teaches that of this sort are they; and He said of them: "Woe unto you scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretense make long prayer; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation....for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte (a convert to your opinion, system or party) and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." (Matthew 23:14-15)

Jesus met with great opposition with the Pharisee in His day. In Luke 16 when He was giving the parable of the unjust steward and because His words condemned them the Bible states: "And the Pharisees also, who were COVETOUS, heard all these things: and they derided (laughing with contempt and mocked) Him. And He said unto them 'Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.'" (Luke 16:15-16) Is there any wonder that they hated Him and sought to put Him to death? His Gospel brought them down to their natural size and deflated their egotism until they were angry beyond words.

We see the selfsame spirit the Pharisees has; manifested many times in these last days, namely; "If I cannot have my way I will wreck the boat." Then they use the power they think they have to get the job done. But Jesus told this class of people: "Ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess....ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but within are full of dead man's bones....Even so ye also appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity,....ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore I send unto you prophets...and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them will ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city." (Matthew 23: 25,27,28,33,34)

We would become frustrated at times by the work of the wicked one in the lives of people if Jesus had not told us: "Remember the work that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you: if they have kept my saying they

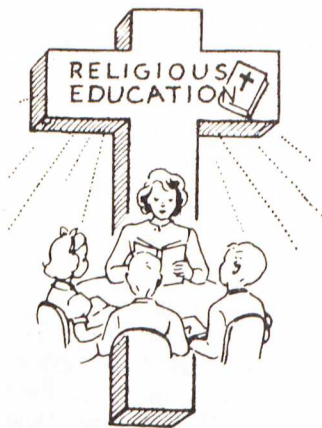
will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not Him that sent me." (John 15:20-21) Then He goes on to say: "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God's service." YOU MIGHT ASK "How could this be?" Let us go with Paul to the second letter to the Thessalonian church and it will help us to look into the events of the present day fulfillment of the scriptures. Paul says to the church at Thessalonica: "Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, (even though John tells us there are many false spirits gone forth--but Paul says, 'Be not shaken by them') nor by word (regardless of what these false teachers say unto us we are not to be shaken by them) nor by letter, (no doubt many of them would try to shake your faith by letter) As that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that He is God. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thessalonians 2:1-4, 11, 12) Let us stop to analyze these scriptures more thoroughly. Let me ask you: Have you ever seen a time when the real child of God is meeting with more opposition than He is today? Why? Because Jesus told us if they persecuted Him they would then they would also persecute us. If we do not compromise with satan we are sure to meet with opposition sooner or later. We, as christians, need not be frustrated by it. Then I also ask: Are we not living in the time of the falling away? Is not the wicked one (satan) being revealed in lives that we one time thought were christians? Are not those who at one time in their lives seemed to be christians, but because of some of the things we have mentioned in this article have now fallen away?

Throughout the Gospels Jesus reveals to us the things that are happening again today. "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity the love of many shall wax cold." (Matthew 24: 11-12) That is why they have fallen away. It is sad to see those who have been deceived by the unfruitful workers of darkness. If they have gone beyond

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# REPORT

## FROM OUR

## COLLEGES

### SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR 24TH BIBLE CONFERENCE

Rev. Rolla Smith and Rev. Herman Hersey have been chosen as featured speakers for the Bible College's 24th annual Bible Conference, April 2-6. Dr. L. C. Johnson has announced.

Rev. Smith, who has been pastoring Nashville's Donelson Church for the past five years, is a Missouri native and graduate of the Bible College. He has also pastored several churches in his home state prior to serving a two-year term as general director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Rev. Smith has been a member of the Foreign Mission Board for 12 years. He is presently pastoring the First Church in Savannah, Georgia.

Rev. Hersey, well-known North Carolina pastor and musician, has been in the gospel ministry for 17 years. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and has studied music in both the Chicago Musical Institute and the St. Louis School of Music. He has pastored the Raleigh FWB Church, spent two years in evangelistic work, and now serves in Garner, N.C.

The Bible Conference services will run from Sunday evening, April 2, through Thursday morning, April 6. Crowds exceeding 1,000 people are anticipated.

### COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 1st SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

Fifty-two Bible College students maintained a semester grade average of "B" or better, Dean Charles Thigpen has announced. The following students' names appeared on the list from his office:

"A" Honor Roll: Michael W. Trest, senior; A.B. Brown, sophomore; Lynn D. Miley, freshman.

"B" Honor Roll, Seniors: Thomas R. Clark, Jimmie A. Ferrell, Jerry Pinkerton, Larry Montgomery, Blaine Etterling.

Juniors: James Dixon, Harvey Dupree, Carolyn Hathaway, Zella Reedy, Bobby Smith, Shirley Walker, Bob Woodard.

Sophomores: Christine Barrows, Janice Baskins, Brenda Baxter, Barbara Brewton, Larry Cusick, Raymond Getz, Sandy Goodfellow, Lavinia Toole, Larry Hampton, Jeannie Parsons, Addie Rhodes, Jo Rubright, Lonnie Skiles, Mike Spikes, Kathryn Tippet, Lana Turner.

Freshmen: Jane Bilbrey, Joseph Bragg, Alfred Cates, Linda Collins, James Cox, Marcella Crow, Dale Edwards, J.C. Farrand, Mary Goode, Judy Hayes, Beverly Lee, Kay Malone, Lana Perkins, David Poppel, Nathan Ruble, Wanda Spruill, Kerry Steedley, Dolly Stox, Neva Thomas, Patsy Vanhook, Brenda Wehmeyer.



Rev. Paramore discusses "1,000 Church" strategy with Expansion Campaign secretary, Katy Chasteen.

### Your Church—One in a Thousand

by Jack Paramore

JANUARY 1 was set aside as official launch date for the second phase of the Bible College Development Program. As the One Thousand Laymen Campaign appealed to individuals for \$1,000 gifts, the One Thousand Church Campaign will request a like commitment from a thousand Free Will Baptist Churches.

For example: A rural Tennessee church votes to give \$1,000 out of the church treasury. A congregation in North Carolina borrows \$1,000 and repays the sum through prayer meeting offerings. A pastor leads his congregation in observing College Day and raises \$1,500.

And so, even before the campaign is officially launched, churches, eager to participate, have responded in various ways. No single plan will work in every church, but a common interest is already drawing many responses.

The Layman Campaign has yielded nearly a quarter of a million dollars, which is commendable, but we have only begun. Three million dollars is a staggering sum, and to raise the full amount will require the involvement of every good Free Will Baptist across the denomination.

A thousand churches are needed to raise a million dollars. Could yours be one in a thousand?

### 38 CHURCHES JOIN BIBLE COLLEGE'S "One Thousand Church" CAMPAIGN

At early February, thirty-eight churches had been listed in the Bible College's "One in a Thousand" drive. This number had either given or pledged to give at least \$1,000 to the school's current Development Program. The churches are listed below:

Current Gifts	
Piney Grove, Chipley, Fla. ....	\$1,356
First Church, Cherstefield, Ind. ....	1,000
Olivet, Guthrie, Ky. ....	1,000
Davis, Davis, N.C. ....	1,520
Shady Grove, Durham, N.C. ....	1,545
Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, N.C. ....	1,000
Grace, Greenville, N.C. ....	1,200
Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, N.C. ....	1,000
Chillicothe, Chillicothe, Ohio ....	1,000
Porter, Sciotoville, Ohio ....	2,430
Bethany, Timmons ville, S.C. ....	1,025

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# MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS REPORT

## JANUARY REPORT:

O'Fallon: On February 7, 1967, the State Home Mission Board travelled to O'Fallon for the purpose of organizing the O'Fallon Mission into a Free Will Baptist Church. All members of the board were present. Also present, were members of St. Louis District Home Mission Board, members of the St. Louis District Executive Board, Rev. Harry Beatty, State Promotional Secretary, and several area pastors.

Rev. Bob Jones, State Board member, moderated the organizational meeting, Rev. Teddy Davis, Missionary to Independence, brought the organizational message, using for his text, Nehemiah 4:6,17. An invitation was given, and one young man was saved. The call for proposed membership was given by Bro. Bob Jones. 23 persons came forward and presented to the church, as their only rule of faith and practice, by Rev. Johnny Land. Rev. Don Jones, Missionary to Cape Girardeau, read the church covenant. The constitution and by-laws were read by Rev. Dale Skiles. A prayer of dedication and consecration was led by Rev. Leland Horton, State Board member. Rev. James McAllister, Chairman of our State Board, extended the right hand of fellowship to the charter members of the church. The meeting was dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Clarence Buton.

We urge you to pray for this young church and for their fine pastor, Rev. Lloyd Durbin and family.

Cape Girardeau: Rev. Don Jones reports that things are progressing well in Cape. He reports an average of 22 in Sunday School for the month of January. He also reports that one young lady was saved during the month. Please pray for Bro. Don and the church as they endeavor to secure a loan to erect a church building.

Independence: Rev. Teddy Davis reports an average of 11 in Sunday School for January. They are having some difficulty in locating a place in which to worship. They are having difficulty with the Mormon Cult, as Independence is the "New Jerusalem" for the Mormon religion. Pray for God's leadership for Ted and his family, and for the mission, as they labor to establish a Free Will Baptist Mission in Independence.

Those making contributions to the State Home Missions Department this month are listed below. In behalf of your board, let me again say thank you to you that have met the challenge of Home Missions, and are supporting the state work monthly. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

Mine La Motte	\$ 5.00
Madison County Quarterly Meeting	51.50
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	15.00
Hazel Creek	3.80
Farmington	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Central, Kansas City	10.00
Victory, Kansas City	10.00
State Association Coop. Receipts	463.60
Total	\$ 583.90

Dale Skiles, Sec.-Treas.  
Myrtle, Mo. 65549

## BOARD MEMBERS:

James McAllister, Chairman, 1112 E. 77th Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64131

Bob Jones, Member, 103 W. Murta, Fredericktown, Mo. 64635

Teddy Davis, Member, 713 Sunset Drive, Independence, Mo. 64050

Leland Horton, Member, Hartville, Mo. 65667

## "ST. JOSEPH PROJECT"

In a recent board meeting, the Missouri State Home Mission Board decided to launch a special "St. Joseph Project". We plan sometime this year, to be able to send a pastor into the city of St. Joseph, for the purpose of establishing a Free Will Baptist Church.

However, before we can begin work in St. Joseph, we will need regular monthly support from our Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Missouri. Can we count on you???

Many of you are already supporting Missouri missions through designated monthly gifts. We thank God for these churches that have met the challenge, and it is through your giving that we have been able to establish churches in Cape Girardeau, O'Fallon, and Independence this past year. Surely God has done wonderful and mighty things, and we wish to give Him all the praise.

However, many of our churches in the State of Missouri, are not supporting our Mission Program through regular designated monthly offerings. It is you that we would like to challenge in this letter. For the sake of souls that are lost in the St. Joseph area, surely you would be willing to give \$5.00, 10.00, 15.00 or 20.00 a month regularly to help win them to Jesus Christ.

Perhaps there are individual lay members in Missouri who would be willing to give a regular monthly gift to the cause of Home Missions.

Whatever you do in meeting the challenge that lies before you, pray earnestly that it will be in the will of God.

We thank God for what our people in this state have done in the past, for Home Missions, and we feel sure that we can count on you in the future.

Send gifts earmarked "State Home Missions, St. Joseph Account", to Missouri State Missions, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Missouri, 63111, or Dale Skiles, Myrtle, Missouri, 65549.

Please consider this prayerfully as we need immediate monthly support.

## DONATIONS FROM STATE OF MISSOURI

Mrs. Paul Postlewait, Raytown	\$ 5.00
Ever Ready S.S. Cl., 1st FWB, Monett	15.00
Leadington FWB Church	12.00
Overland FWB Church	25.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Peterson, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Pleasant Home FWB Ch, Vanzant	4.50
Yng. Adult Cl., Leadington Church	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Edwards, Hartville	10.00
Richwoods FWB Church	15.00
Lad. S.S. Cl., Copper Mines FWB, Fredericktown	5.25

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# Come and Gone

Many months have come and gone. Much has been done and much neglected; especially our Youth. What is Sunday School or Church Training Service? Both of these are for the Youth. But also, it is for the older ones. Don't just take the children but go there yourselves. I am afraid many of our Free Will Baptist people go to S.S. and C.T.S. just because of our children. Well, it is time we decide that it is the place for the teaching of the Word, and we need more qualified teachers such as the E.T.T.A. is offering us.

You, my friend, regardless how much education you have or do not have, you need to be in Sunday School.

Now about Church Training Service--yes, I agree that this is for children, but I also say it is for men and women. We stand so badly in need of taught teachers and then how can they know if they have no training? We need the training to help us teach our children. Then the question comes, "I am not a teacher, what about me?" If you love the Lord and want to make Heaven your home, attend so you can see if your children are getting the kind of teaching they need. And not only that, you might find that God has a place for you that you don't know about and you aren't trying to find out about because you are too lazy to work for God, or just don't love Him enough to want to serve Him. Too much to do around home or in your other work and don't have time for the Lord's Work.

We are teaching the E.T.T.A. in our church to the Adults during C.T.S. time for the children. This is proving to be a great blessing to each of us and it is going to help our people to be better teachers in order that our children can be brought up under better, qualified teachers.

Yes, C.T.S. is a service that we all need. Adults need to be trained and there isn't any better way than to start with the child and go right on through the adults.

"What about me? I have a good education." The answer to this important question is--you never get too old to learn, so let's join the Sunday School and the Church Training Services of our churches.

Now to our Young People. It is also necessary for all of you to attend these services. By attending these services, and taking a real part in them, you can and will be better qualified when you get older. Some of our churches use the teen-agers to teach in their S.S. & C.T.S., but I am afraid this isn't proper and good. Teenagers, I am all for you and you are better qualified to teach than some of our people, but there is class for you to go ahead and better yourselves while you can and while you have the ability to learn. When you get older you don't learn as well as you do now. I know by experience, so my advice is, "Get all you can while you can."

A boy in school once said, "Daddy, I don't want to be an 'A' student, I don't want to make the Honor Roll. I just want to be one of the boys. They would laugh at me and call me the teacher's pet." So he finished high school that way. But, when it came time for him to enter the Service for our Country and his daddy talked to him. He said, "Daddy, I am going in to get everything Uncle Sam has to offer and make the best I can." Today that boy is in business for himself, and is doing good, because he made the best of it and learned all he could while it was being offered.

Grover Terry  
S.S. & C.T.S. Board Member

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the Reed Smith farm. The ice was broken and Ken and Kent Thornton and Lorena Hunter from the Hannon church and Mrs. Fred Ricketts of the Oskaloosa church were baptized by the pastors Rev. Frank Johnson and Rev. Grover Terry.

Our church was host to the Fifth Sunday meeting on January 29. Rev. Grover Terry, church pastor, brought the message at 11 o'clock. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour. Over 100 persons attended the program in the afternoon.

The church has been enjoying good services and there have been a number of rededications.

There are about 20 adult members of the church that are taking the Evangelical Teacher Training Course. The group has completed the first five lessons thus covering from Genesis 1:1 through Ruth 4:21. Our pastor is teaching the classes. The average attendance at these classes has been 18.

## CHURCH IS GROWING

We at Richwoods are enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

Our Christmas program was a good success and well attended. Had a watch night service which was enjoyed by all, with special singing by friends from

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the Grace church at Arnold, Mo. Bro. Guy Gillan brought the message, a wonderful message from the word of God. As the old year went out, there was an unbroken circle of prayer going up for God's blessings in 1967.

The attendance in all the services are growing in number. The Sunday School and C.T.S. have increased in number since the first of the year.

The prayer meetings are well attended and are spirit lead. It is such a blessing to see so many of our young people interested in the things of the church.

The pastor and family moved in the parsonage near the church on January 13.

The church has set aside the 5th Sunday night as Young People's night. The offering goes to the children's home in Tennessee.

The sponsors of the young people are Bro. and Sis. Bob Lude with Bro. Raymond Askren a helper. On January 29, about 25 young people took part in the program. Different ones represented Bible characters. It was a very interesting program. The meeting closed with a short message by Bro. Raymond Askren using "Obedience to God and Parents" as his subject. The program was very inspiring all the way through.

The attendance of our young people in all of our services have increased 50% in the last year for which we are thankful.

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Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	5.00
Leadington FWB Church	3.25
Mrs. Lucy Postlewait, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Pleasant Home FWB, Vanzant	11.00
First FWB Ch., Kirksville	10.00
Vicotry FWB Ch., Avondale	21.00
Mrs. Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Mary-Martha Cir., 1st FWB, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Rev. Willard Darnell, Fredericktown	5.00
Central FWB Ch, Kansas City	25.27
New Rock Spgs. FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove	20.00
Mrs. Anna Robertson, Cabool	10.00
First FWB Ch., Cape Girardeau	21.50
Fellowship FWB Ch. Flat River	10.00
WNAC	89.83
Total - January, 1967	\$345.60

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS

##### MISSOURI

##### FOR JANUARY, 1967

Mr. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	4.00
Kirksville FWB Church	76.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	283.09
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Rev. Melba White, Gover	15.00
First FWB, Mnt. Grove	166.25
Hurryville FWB, Farmington	48.00
Union Light FWB, Marquard	31.92
Smyrna FWB, Thayer	22.00
Alton FWB Church	18.50
Oak Grove FWB, Mtn. Grove	15.00
South Side FWB Church	75.00
Thayer FWB Church	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Shrum, Monett	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elmon Martin, St. Louis	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	48.07
Myrtle FWB Church	39.08
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	14.12
Cope FWB Church, Hartsville	321.00
First FWB, Kirksville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hatfield, Bridgton	10.00
Leadington FWB Church	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	135.00
Timberlane FWB, Kansas City	20.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	22.45
Willow Spgs. FWB, Mtn. Grove	10.50
Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Murray	30.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville	152.78
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. George J. Brown	10.00
Leadington FWB Church	4.00
Richwoods FWB Church	15.00
Rock Chapel FWB, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Berkely FWB, Florissant	5.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	10.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Pleasant Home Church, Vanzant	3.25
New Harmony FWB, Greentop	28.37
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Clift, Marshall	6.00
First FWB Church, Monett	20.00
Farmington FWB Church	50.00
First FWB Church, Monett	10.00
Leadington FWB Church	3.25
Mrs. Glenn Beeson, Cassville	23.00
Mrs. G.W. Hopper, Poynor	10.00

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Bailey Chapel FWB, Urbana	5.00
Kirksville FWB Church	5.00
Grace FWB Church, Arnold	5.00
1st FWB, Cape Girardeau	19.00
Sun Light Missionary Con., Cabool	19.32
Twin City FWB, Festus	34.50
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.43
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
1st FWB Church, Cuba	8.50
Hope Combs, Coun	3.30
1st FWB Church, Kansas City	20.79
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	77.85
Mr. & Mrs. Elmon C. Martin, St. Louis	5.00
Belton FWB Church	13.85
1st FWB Church, Belton	40.19
Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Murray, Kansas City	30.00
1st FWB Church, Kansas City	61.38
W.N.A.C.	295.80
Cooperative Plan	558.45
Total	\$3,161.19

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966

	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan.
Fellowship, Flat River	229	244	246	285	249	236	233
New Harmony Church	36	33	37	31	33	30	
Farmington	112	126	120	169	127	124	
Southside, St. Louis							128
Trinity Church, St. Louis	101	108	121	149	128	119	122
O'Fallon Mission	37	30	48	33	30	31	
Kirksville	111	107	98	108	96	89	100
Grant Ave., Springfield	200	216	221	231	216	206	221
Viburnum Church	42	41	47	46	38		
Mine La Motte	31	36	25	26	23	28	
Koshkonong				32	29	27	48
Thayer	113	125	117	109	125	113	
First, Mtn. Grove	321	314	321	312	321	314	311
Desloge	73	76	75	80	81	83	90
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	226
Central, Kansas City	123	129					
De Soto Mission					27	26	29
Hannon	56	52	59	64	65	57	64
First, Monett	112	122	128				
Garfield-Couch	52	45					
Leadington	128	129	125	166	146	138	153
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	160
Twin Oaks Church	58	55	66	62	58	60	
West Plains	179	195	180	175	185	185	176
First, Lebanon	112	107	122	121	121	117	130
Myrtle Church	70	66	67	64	66		62
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	36	64	44	44	46	51
Richwoods	53	54	56	59	45	46	
Hartville Church		58	60	58	56	54	55
Berkeley Church	255	291	330	300			
Grace Ch., Arnold	152	159	152	205	186	186	
Cuba Church	53	63	72	88	107	92	
Salem Church					32	30	26
Meramec Heights Ch.			46	62	67	60	57
Cape Girardeau	20	19	24	22	27	20	22



# Teaching A Sunday School Lesson

By GAYLORD TAYLOR

As a teacher you should have as your purpose to teach in a way that will cause your pupils to put into action in everyday life the truths of the lessons.

Expose your students to the basic truths of the Bible. Assume they are as "babes" with regard to even the most simple truths. Many do not believe because they have never heard. The heathen nations are a good example of this. 2. Many readily accept when they once hear of God's love.

Repetition is one of the best ways to learn. Advertisers make use of it to sell their products. We should use it to sell the unsaved on the hope we have of eternal life through acceptance of God. Take a few minutes every few Sundays to ask questions on men, places, events, and verses of the Bible. These need not necessarily be connected with the day's lesson but are those things the students should know and remember.

As a teacher you should "practice what you teach." Believe what you are teaching strongly enough to stand on it and for it. The best way to stand is firm when your Christian convictions are involved. You will not always be popular when you do this. As Jesus said to those who would follow Him in His day, "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." Yet we have the assurance God gave to Jeremiah when he said, "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee" (Jeremiah 1:8). However, be sure that your convictions are based on solid Biblical truth and not on tradition or your own ideas.

Learning is based almost wholly on interest. Students learn what they

want to learn. The hardest part of teaching is keeping students' interest. There is no answer any one can give as to how to keep their interest. However, having yourself prepared would be a must. Learning is always based on need. Gear your lessons to the needs of the students. If one of them has a question or problem, don't just say, "Let's pray about it." This is not always appropriate. In explanation I believe there are many times when you should first talk with and to the student about the problem or question and then pray about it.

## Planning and Preparing the Lesson

In our present day, time seems to be at a premium. As a teacher of the Word of God, you must have a definite time for study. Begin early in the week to study the following Sunday's lesson, no later than Monday night. Go over the lesson at least twice more during the week. Waiting until Saturday night is not nearly enough and only studying on Sunday morning is almost a mockery of the sacred job of teaching.

In order for a teacher to fully prepare he or she needs certain materials. The minimum would cost approximately twenty dollars. For this reason it might be feasible for the Sunday School to furnish all or part for the teachers. The following books should be in every teacher's library:

1. A Bible Dictionary
2. A Bible Atlas
3. An All Bible Commentary
4. Bibles — A King James Version and a later translation
5. A Sunday School Lesson Commentary.

The teacher's preparation of himself is extremely important. It takes a lot of prayer to be a good teacher. If you leave God out of the lesson, you have no lesson. Daily prayer is a must. You also need to be prepared physically as well as spiritually. Get a good rest on Saturday night. Then, get up early enough on Sunday morning to have the proper attitude when you get to church.

As you plan the lesson, think of your class members one by one and try to determine what they need most that can be obtained from the lesson. If no one in the class has a drinking problem, for example, and the lesson is on temperance, don't spend much time on prevention but more on what could they do as non-drinkers to alleviate the present problem. Select a lesson aim and build around it. Make notes to be used during presentation. It is too easy to forget important points unless you have them written down.

I have tried various methods of preparation. I would like to mention two of them. One week I made out a list of discussion questions and sent them to all class members and some who did not attend church. This requires some time and expense. However, a list of questions could be prepared and given to each student on Sunday for the following Sunday's lesson. The other method which I have used extensively is to go over all the lessons for a month or six weeks at a time. Underline important points in the commentary. Tape a piece of paper in the commentary for each lesson and jot down important points and six to eight discussion questions.

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the point of where they have been turned over to delusions they shall be damned. II Peter 2: 18-19 tells us: "For when they (the false prophets and deceivers) speak great, swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, (Marked by arrogant recklessness of justice, of the feelings of others, or the like as wanton cruelty---willfully malicious or desire to hurt others) those which were cleaned escaped from them who live in error. While they (the deceivers) promise them liberty, they themselves, are the servants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same

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is he brought into bondage." It is a sad and pitiful sight to see good, honest hearted people who have "sold themselves out" to these servants of corruption. Sometimes a good man, when in need, is deceived and "sells out" to these deceivers for money to help him out of the crisis. When this happens he will be able to get along nicely so long as he does not "cross their path" or oppose any of their unrighteous acts. But the moment that he does--look out! If you do not do (as the one you are in bondage to) desires you will either be ostracized or murdered by the power of the tongue. James says no man can tame the tongue, but the christian can, by the help and

power of God, control it. If he doesn't, James says: "Man's religion is vain." It is not WHAT WE THINK about a thing but WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, that counts.

I feel greatly the need of this message in these days because people are being deceived upon every hand. "Remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there would be mockers in the last time, walking after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, (which means gratification of the senses; sight, hearing, feeling, and et cetera) having not the spirit. These are murmurers, complainers

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(not satisfied with what others are doing- "big I" and "little you" attitude) walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaking great, swelling words having men's person in admiration (or desiring to bring them under bondage to themselves) because of advantage." (Jude 17,18, 19, 16) They COVET their following that they (the deceivers) may achieve POWER and PRESTIGE.

Thanks be unto God: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh of uncleanness, and despise governments. Presumptuous are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." (the quality of those who are esteemed, as ministers) The Pharisees were not afraid to speak evil of the dignity of our Lord and Savio, neither is the false accuser afraid to speak evil of people of esteem today.

If you will notice in this scripture it said they despised government. The reason is very easy to be diagnosed because they want to have AUTHORITY and POWER. This type of individual will gather together a group of people, most always a small group, because they can rule them--taking unto themselves the praise and honor that is due unto God. It also said they were "sensous". They are looking for some outward "words" or words that are pleasing to their ear and will attribute unto themselves "self glory". Generally they have within their power the physical assets of the group so they can "rule or ruin." In other words their attitude is: "If you don't want to play marbles the way I play marbles, you can take your marbles and go home. I'm boss around here." Sometimes the offenders are ostracized because they did not do as the "false leader" approved. They do not have the souls of people at heart. Is this what the Bible teaches? Let us see: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples of the flock." (II Peter 5:2-3) I think this scripture plainly teaches that we are not to try to overpower them. If we use money we must give it unto the Lord with a "hands off" policy and never to gain power or prestige to ourselves. IT IS OF THE DEVIL if we do, for it is done to satisfy A COVETOUS HEALTH. "...there shall be false teachers among you....and many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken.... and through COVETOUSNESS shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." (II Peter 2: 1-3) Yes, evil work-

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ers cause "the way of truth to be spoken evil of" because the unsaved want no such form of religion. They will make merchandise of you because they will cause you to "sell out" to them to accomplish their selfish purposes.

May God awaken us to this terrible SIN OF COVETOUSNESS which is plaguing our ranks today. It is much worse than I have pictured it. James 2:10 tells us: "For whosoever keeps the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." "Thou shalt not covet...." is the tenth commandment of the law. Perhaps it is the "root" of all sin in the human heart in this twentieth century in which we live.

The love of POWER and PRESTIGE is a great temptation of men today. Even Jesus was tempted in the wilderness with it when satan said: "All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me." But Jesus said: "Get thee hence, satan; for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

When a person is seeking after anything except to glorify God he is not serving the Lord but his own self. The apostle Paul said, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (II Cor. 3:5) Paul showing that his sufficiency was of Christ and man has nothing of which to boast said this: "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God has distributed us, (the Bible) a measure to reach even unto you." (II Cor. 10: 12-13) This should certainly bring each one down to his proper size since we cannot be measured by what we think of ourselves nor even of what we say about us, but only by the Lord's standard. If a man had whereof to glory. Paul did, but he said in II Corinthians 12:6, "For though I would desire to glory (or be tempted to glory) I shall not be a fool...."

We close with this admonition: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If we from a COVETOUS heart seek after possessions, praise of men, power and prestige over men--we may reap some of these things but we shall in the end reap eternal damnation. "They that do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God..." (Galatians 5: 21b)

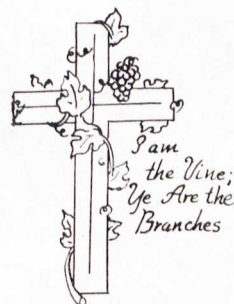


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## COOPERATIVE RECEIPT

JANUARY 1967:

Berkley(For Dec.) .....	\$ 244.42
Farmington .....	149.67
Grace .....	157.00
Alton .....	14.00
Mill Creek .....	73.96
Cope Free Will Baptist....	16.62
Flat River First .....	279.65
Leadington .....	126.00
Fellowship (Dec.) .....	50.00
Overland .....	216.00
Twin Oake .....	66.00
Merl's Chapel .....	26.20
Hannon .....	44.88
Victory .....	103.85
New Harmony Sunday Sch..	3.14
Carterville .....	20.29
Mt. Valley .....	52.30
Richwoods .....	109.76
Monett .....	109.70
Oskaloosa .....	27.07
Beacon .....	98.98
Pleasant Hill % Mission Assn.	20.00
Faith & Hope .....	14.00
Salem .....	10.00
Copper Mines .....	30.00
Eldorado First .....	4.50
Mine La- Motte .....	16.24
Aulsbury .....	120.80
Oak Grove .....	5.00
Rock Chapel .....	23.80
Cape Girardeau .....	21.17
Cabool .....	47.55
Grant Ave. ....	191.90
Thayer .....	44.91
Twin City .....	46.90
Lebanon First .....	333.20
Berkley (Jan.) .....	272.00
Fellowship (Jan.) .....	50.00
West Plains, Bethel (Jan.) ..	41.00
Garfield (Jan.) .....	29.01
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Total .....	\$3,311.47
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55 % Nat. F.W.B Assn. ....	\$1,821.30
1 % Mo. C.T.S. ....	33.11
2.25 % Youth Camp ....	74.50
3.75 % Gem .....	124.20
8.00 % General .....	264.92
14 % State Missions .....	463.92
16.00 % Promotional .....	529.84
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Total Disbursed .....	\$3,311.47





Fellowship, Kingsport, Tenn. ....	1,000
Forrest Grove, Knoxville, Tenn. ....	1,317
Wooddale, Knoxville, Tenn. ....	1,000
<u>\$1,000 Commitments</u>	

First Church, Florence, Ala.; Grace, Greenville, First Church, Pochhontas, Ark.; Chipley Church, Chipley, Fla.; First Church, Greensboro, N. C.; First Church, Raleigh, N. C.; First Church, Miami, Fla.; Swannanoa, Swannanoa, N.C.; First Church, Tupelo, Miss.; Okefenokee, Waycross, Ga.; Hill Top, Greenville, S.C.; Charleston Heights, Charleston, S.C.; First, Farmington, Mo.; First Church, Spartanburg, S.C.; Fellowship, Flat River, Mo.; Tippetts, Clayton, N.C.; Davis, Davis, N.C.; Fuquay Springs, N.C.; Faith, Goldsboro, N.C.; Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tenn.; Randall, Memphis, Tenn.; Cofer's, Nashville, Tenn.; East, Nashville, Tenn.; Woodbine, Nashville, Tenn.

#### STUDENTS RAISE \$1,335 FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

Sixteen students returned from Christmas holidays

#### OFFICERS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Moderator -----	Rev. O. T. Dixon, Springfield
Assistant Moderator -----	Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Raytown
Clerk -----	Rev. Frank Guiana, Leadington
Chairman of Various State Boards	
Youth Camp -----	Rev. Grover Pingleton, Thayer
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

with more than \$1,300 in gifts for the school. Following an example set by students last year, they took home with them gift checkbooks, posters, and other promotional materials to be used in presenting the ministry of the school. Some held services in their local churches. Others approached friends and relatives on a personal basis. Rev. Paul Kettelman expressed the school's thanks to these faithful students.

## 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  
Martinstown Church ..... Worthington  
Salem Church ..... Salem  
Koshkonong Church ..... Koshkonong  
Parkview Church ..... Desloge  
First Church ..... Festus  
Hannon Church ..... Liberal  
New Rock Springs Church ..... Cabool  
First Church ..... Springfield  
First Church ..... Neosho  
Cape Church ..... Cape Girardeau

Mine La Motte Church ... Mine La Motte  
Union Light Church ..... Marquand  
Bethel Church ..... West Plains  
Mt. Pisgah Church ..... Cabool  
Fourth Church ..... St. Louis  
Twin Oak Church ..... Fredericktown  
Victory Church ..... Kansas City  
Hazel Creek Church ..... Kirksville  
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  
Oskaloosa Church .... Arcadia, Kansas  
Cuba Church ..... Cuba  
First Church ..... Joplin  
Calvary Church ..... Conway  
New Prospect Church ..... Long Lane  
First Church ..... Mtn. Grove  
Walnut Grove Church ..... Myrtle  
Faith Church ..... Lemay  
Lone Star Church ..... Seymour  
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  
Mt. Zion Church ..... Thayer  
Sunnyview Church ..... Lebanon  
Garfield Church ..... Couch  
Pleasant Ridge Church ..... Alton  
First Church ..... Granite City, Ill.  
Smyrna Church ..... Alton  
First Church ..... Jefferson City  
Willow Springs Church ..... Mtn. Grove  
Granby Church ..... Granby  
Central Church ..... Kansas City  
Mt. Olivet ..... Blue Eye

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