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THE CROWD AT THE BIBLE CONFERENCE  
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## Promotional Secretary's Corner



**HARRY BEATTY**  
Promotional Secretary

### MARCH, CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS: 1967

Farmington	\$ 140.65
Merl's Chapel	33.71
Beacon	103.21
Hannon	50.72
Leadington	122.00
Mt. Grove	211.98
Eldorado First	2.10
Grace	137.69
Cuba	96.77
Cope FWB	16.36
Grant Ave.	202.24
Monett	112.80
Carterville	20.37
Central, Kansas City	86.67
Olivette	22.26

Viburnum, 2 months	81.72
Pleasant Hom3	16.96
Jefferson City	12.75
Hickory Grove	9.00
Salem	10.00
Copper Mines	28.59
Rock Chapel	22.54
New Harmony Sunday School	4.44
Thayer	52.12
Central	86.67
Mine La Motte	11.26
Grant Ave	187.92
Fellowship	50.00
West Plains Bethel	35.00
Twin City	45.42
Viburnum	41.26
South Side	130.00
Oskaloosa	38.80
Garfield	24.50
Cabool	39.01
Myrtle	118.78
Overland	232.00
Berkley	255.82
New Harmony S.S. Mar.	4.43
Hurryville	215.00
Farmington Mar.	137.03
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Alton	15.00
Monett, Mar.	106.60
Cope, Mar.	14.56
Eldorado First, Mar.	2.60
Victory	109.96
Total	\$3,509.27
<b>TOTALS:</b>	
55% National FWB Assn.	\$1,930.10
1% Mo. C.T.S.	35.10
2.25% Mo. Youth Camp	78.95
3.75% Gem	131.60
8.00% General Fund	280.74
14.00% Mo. Missions	491.30
16.00% Mo. Promotional	
Department	561.48
<b>TOTALS Disbursed</b>	<b>\$3,509.27</b>

Greetings in Jesus' Name. The first quarter of 1967 has passed so rapidly. This is a real reminder that whatever we are going to do for the Lord, we must earnestly be about it, now. We enjoyed the Home Coming service with Fourth Church Saturday, March 12, along with Pastor Donn and all the former pastors there. It was a pleasure to hear each minister preach God's Word. Fourth Church is striving to complete their basement annex to accomodate their growing sunday school and church.

Sunday, March 19, I was privileged to share with Pastor Harry Asher and Overland Free Will Baptist Church. In the dedication service of their new, completely furnished sanctuary, which is located adjacent to their former church, which will continue to be used for Sunday school and educational purposes. Four young people were saved in the 11:00 a.m. service. Overland Church consistantly tithe their income to Missouri Cooperative plan of support.

I attended the semi-annual Moderator's and Promotional Men's Meeting held at our National Headquarters building in Nashville, Tenn., March 30-31. Promotional directors from several states attended this meeting. Real emphasis and enthusiasm, for our total Free Will Baptist program was keenly manifested. Good fellowship and inspiration reigned throughout the two-day meeting. Thursday evening special prayer service climaxed with communion and feet washing services. They were held in our Done!son Free Will Baptist Church. Every moderator and promotional worker present participated. Through the goodness of God to our Bro. Stan Mooneyham, (God granting him com-

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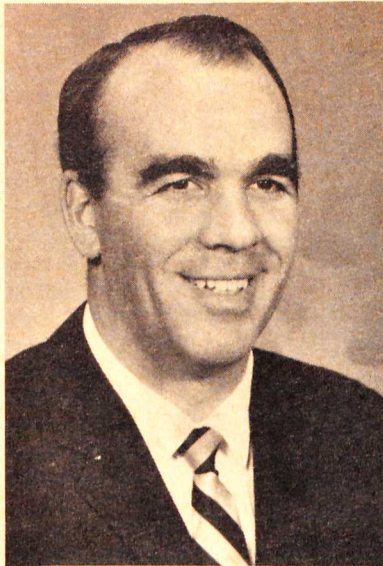
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# GLEANINGS

## from the fields

### FULCHERS' TRAVEL FUND MARCH, 1967

Liberty Association	\$ 79.98
Adventures for Christ	
C.T.S. Class, Thayer Church	10.00
Total received in March	\$ 89.98
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Plus previous receipts	\$472.20
*****	
Total received	\$562.18
*****	
GOAL FOR FULCHER'S RETURN FUND	\$1,000.00
Received	562.18
Our Need to reach the Goal	\$ 437.82
*****	



The Fulcher family leaving from Lambert airport going back to their mission field in Uruguay.

FULCHERS' TRAVEL FUND

Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals. Announcement was made by the president, Dr. Rufus Jones, after action was taken by the Association's Board of Administration. The board met in conjunction with the 25th anniversary convention of the NAE, meeting at the Statler-Hilton, Los Angeles, April 3-7.

"I announce with pleasure the appointment of Mr. Melvin to this responsibility," said Dr. Jones. "He comes with an intimate knowledge of our organization, having served as a member of our Board of Administration since 1955 and as a member of the Executive Committee for five years."

National offices for the 2.5 million member conservative Protestant association are at Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. Melvin will move to Wheaton about August 15 following the election of his successor at the Free Will Baptist national convention in July. He will terminate almost eight years of service as Executive Secretary of his denomination.

Commenting on his decision Mr. Melvin said, "I am grateful for the opportunity which I have had during these years to serve as Executive Secretary of our National Association. I certainly do not view my new responsibility as marking the end of my service to my denomination. I will still be serving, but in a different capacity. I shall always desire to make whatever contribution I can to the total program of the National Association of Free Will Baptists."

#### DATA SHEET

Rev. Billy A. Melvin; Birth: November 25, 1929, Macon, Ga.; College: Taylor University, 1951, B. A., Upland, Indiana; Seminary: Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., 1956, B. D.; Pastorates: Newport, Tenn., Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Va., 1951-1959; National Association of Free Will Baptists Executive Secretary, 1959-1967; National Association of Evangelicals, Board of Administration, 1955-, Executive Committee, 1962-; American Bible Society, Advisory Council, 1959-.

#### STATEMENT MADE BY REV. BILLY A MELVIN AT THE NAE MEETING

Evangelical Christianity faces today an increasingly secular world. Gone are most of the comfortable community structures where a biblically Christian ethic set the tone for a basic morality.

Swelling church rolls since World War II do not necessarily reflect spiritual vigor, but rather there is the suggestion that the church has been prostituted to a secular culture. This is not intended as a blanket indictment of the church. It is still the instrument of God where we will allow it. And this is the point at issue.

For the evangelical Christian, the commission of Jesus Christ is May 1967

to confront man in an increasingly secular world, as well as a frequently secular church, with the Gospel, for God would have all men everywhere to be saved.

While giving first place to the saving power of the Gospel in the life of the individual, evangelicals traditionally have demonstrated a deep concern for social action and the resolution of problems which face the community.

It is with this sense of mission that we move forward from this 25-year milestone to serve God and our fellowman.

#### STATE MEETING RESOLUTION

Item # 5.... "Inasmuch as the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches tend to be liberal, modern, ungodly, unchristian, and favoring communism; be it resolved that our Free Will Baptist ministers abstain from any affiliation with said organizations."

(Editors Note: This was passed last year at the State Meeting. It came from the Resolution Committee and was noted to have it printed in the Gem.)

#### A LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Bro. Hill,

As March 12, 1967, was a day of much rejoicing, fine preaching, happy singing, and the fellowship of God's people, I would like to send this report.

The power of the Holy Spirit lingered in each service throughout the day. The very presence of God indeed was manifested in many ways.

There were 212 counted for Sunday School, with several coming in after the count. God did truly bless.

Rev. Bill Turnbough, the church's first pastor, brought the message at the 11:00 hour.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough brought the message in the afternoon. He was the second pastor of the church.

Rev. Fred Harris, the supply pastor, in the absence of a regular pastor, led in a very moving testimony service.

Then Rev. Max Courtney, the third pastor, preached the evening message. Our pastor at present is H. T. Dann.

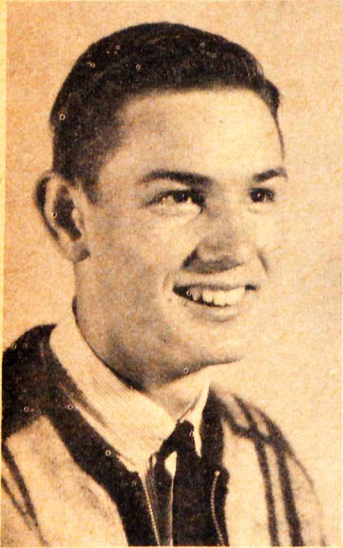
The following history of the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church was read in the afternoon service:

There was a Mission started March 8, 1953. Rev. Bill Turnbough was the pastor. There was 28 in attendance. The Lord certainly blessed, as He always does, when people set out to do the will of God.

On June 13, 1953, the mission was organized into a church and



# NEWS AND VIEWS ABOUT YOUTH CAMP



Dallas Matthew



Wendy Glenn

## THE THREE R'S OF YOUTH CAMP

The title may raise some question in your mind, but I would like to replace the conventional "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic," with "relaxin', reviewin', and religion." I feel these pretty well sum up camp.

First a look at Relaxin'. I can think of no better place to relax than in a small establishment in South Missouri; completely removed from the newspaper, television, or the other means of outside strifes, and all those things which tend to make one tired in mind. The policy of "Early to bed and early to rise" is practiced at camp, and this provides a rest which is welcomed by the camp visitors. So I feel youth camp provides a true rest of mind and body.

Secondly, a look at the aspects of Reviewin'. I have reference to the classes which are taught at camp. These classes take a Biblical view at topics of teen-age interest and help to straighten things out that the world has all tangled up.

Third and last, the Religious aspect. To the Christian, the God-sent messages and the inspired music provide a wonderful spiritual blessing. To the unsaved these services and the witness of two or three hundred Christian lives show salvation in action, and what it can do in their lives. Camp presents a picture which an unsaved soul does not often see in the world.

One more "R" which I almost forgot was Reunion. I can truly say that some of my closest friends were met at youth camp and Christian acquaintances are a very important aspect of youth camp.

Written by  
Dallas Matthew  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
Kirkville, Missouri

## "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

I was saved and baptized at the age of twelve. I am now seventeen and during those five years, each day, month, and year, I have come to love the Lord and to feel His presence even more than the last.

When I am in need or I just want to talk to God, and let Him know

that I care and have not forgotten Him, I pray. Yes, I pray often!

When I pray I don't always ask for things or for help but I get a wonderful feeling and a blessing each time I pray. It is as though He is here, talking to me personally. I always feel closer to God and I feel as though sometimes my heart will burst with love. Try it soon, I'm sure you too, will be blessed also.

The Lord always answers my prayers even though many, many times they are not the way I want them to be, or think they will be answered.

Just knowing that the Lord is always with me, I feel more happy and secure. I know that my life is in good hands. I have even found that as my love grows more and more so does my faith.

I can get along better with people and I hope that somehow or someday, whether it be in a big or small way, that I can help turn someone turn to the Lord with love. I'm sure they will acknowledge his love although it has always been with them.

You see, you can't make people learn about God or believe unless they want to and have that certain feeling of love in their heart. You can only tell them and show them the best way you can.

I think that this is something that is between the Lord and yourself. Giving your life to the Lord must be a decision that only you can make. I am a Christian and am proud of it! ARE YOU??

Wendy Glenn  
Berkeley Church

## A PASTOR'S WIFE VIEWS YOUTH CAMP

For many years Youth Camp work has been dear to my heart. When asked what I thought about Youth Camp, I began to think of so many good things about Camp. These I would like to share with you. A very special Christian fellowship is enjoyed among our young people. Old friendships are renewed and new friends are made. Christian young people with high ideals and morals find other young people of like character to fellowship with and with which to work and worship. The emphasis upon God's Word is another joy of Camp. In all the classes, God's Word has a very special place. Camp presents opportunity for witnessing among the young people. Many times the privilege to "Let your light so shine" is given to the young people. The supervised recreational activities are always enjoyed by everyone. This is good, clean, Christian fun for the children. The evangelistic services are always an inspiration. It is heart-thrilling to see the Holy Spirit work in their lives and then to see the youth of our churches respond to Him. The results of Youth Camp are seen as our young people return to their homes and churches with changed hearts and lives.

Youth Camp is not only good for the Youth. I believe every adult worker, whatever the job may be, returns home a better Christian. Truly we can say, "It was good to have been there."

Sold on Youth Camp! Definitely yes! I've been sold on Youth Camp for a number of years. Why? Because I can name personally many dedicated Christian workers who gave God not only their hearts, but also their lives at Youth Camp. This tells me Youth Camp is very worthwhile. Please urge your young people to attend Youth Camp in 1967.

Mrs. Luther Gibson  
Free Will Baptist Gem



## REPORT FROM THE

# N. A. E.



**N.A.E. CONVENTION...LOS ANGELES, April 4-6, 1967**  
Good food! Good fellowship! These, to many, are highlights of an NAE annual convention. Here, Dr. Paul S. Rees, editor-vice-president of World Vision, addresses a luncheon Apr. 6 of NAE's Stewardship Commission. He spoke on **STEWARDSHIP AT WORK OVERSEAS**.

### DR. JARED F. GERIG SPEAKS

LOS ANGELES---"Men with an evangelical sense of direction, churches and institutions honoring the historic truths of the Gospel and cooperation among those a common faith--these constitute the answer to an age of uncertainty." So said Dr. Jared F. Gerig.

The president of the Fort Wayne Bible College addressed the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals on the eve of the organization's 25th Anniversary Convention. Speaking on "Men of Certainty in an Age of Uncertainty," he described the times as a period when "life has become a profaned, secular and dispiritualized thing committed to no God and governed by no Book."

The former president of NAE saw the heart of the problem of uncertainty in this age as "our acceptance of the doctrine of universal change." We have accepted as a fact that everything changes and consequently we have nothing to stand on that is fixed or permanent, he said. This leads to a total relativism, stressed Dr. Gerig.

"We have been left with little that is sacred, absolute or eternal," said the speaker. "And we are so dominated by relativism that 'indoctrination' has become an evil word, one to shun like 'discipline' or 'patriotism.'"

A result of uncertainty in our time is that divine law is violated, eternal standards are compromised and God is cheapened, Dr. Gerig said.  
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The solution to such a time will be found if there are "men, unique men, thoroughly saved and completely filled with the Spirit of God, who will stand in the gap," continued the speaker.

"And there must be churches and institutions of the same character and persuasion, such as will build up the broken walls and stand in the breach."

The National Association of Evangelicals is an "ecumenical" fellowship of conservative Christians, denominations and individual churches, representing a constituency in the United States and overseas of nearly 3 million.

### COCU MERGER PLAN

#### NOW UNDER STUDY

Los Angeles--An evangelical alternative must be provided for churchmen who cannot agree with the ecumenical Consultation on Church Union now under study by ten Protestant denominations, Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, editor of *The Presbyterian Journal* told 800 representatives of the National Association of Evangelicals meeting.

The COCU is a merger plan that would bring together ten denominations, possibly by 1970, into one unified church of 22,000,000 members making it the largest Protestant denomination in the United States.

The leaders of the COCU discussion are preoccupied with "A this-world application of the consequences of commitment, in a visible manifestation of unity," Tay-

lor said. "The evangelical Christian cannot see any benefit to be derived from the organic merger of Churches which outweighs the doctrinal compromises necessary to achieve such merger."

After surveying the present progress of COCU merger talks, Taylor stressed the importance of an evangelical ecumenicity as an alternative for those churches which find the COCU plan unacceptable.

The National Association of Evangelicals unites forty-one Protestant denominations and nearly one hundred missionary organizations. Total membership of the Association is over two and a half million.

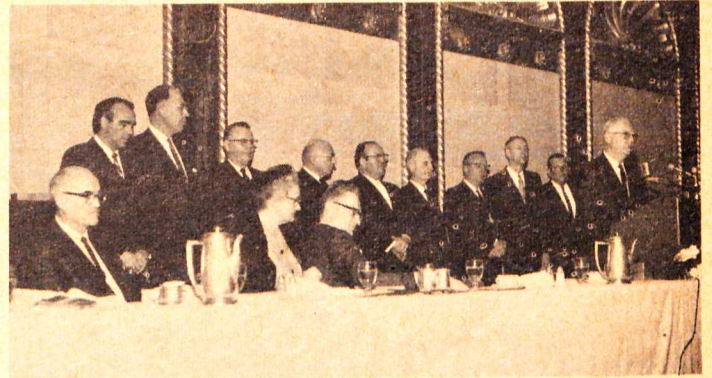
### EVANGELICALS STATE BASIS OF THEIR UNITY

Los Angeles -- Twenty-five years of "cooperation without compromise" were celebrated in the adoption of a "25th Anniversary Covenant" by the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The Covenant reiterated the desire of delegates from nearly 40 denominations to strengthen the ties that have united conservative Christians in fellowship and in many forms of service.

"In our multi-diversity founded on a common acceptance of the infallibility and plenary authority of Scripture," declares the covenant, "we shelter without offense varieties of Biblical understanding."

Some of the "varieties" mentioned by  
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**N.A.E. CONVENTION...LOS ANGELES, April 4-6, 1967**  
Dr. Jared F. Gerig, president of Fort Wayne Bible College and former president of NAE, introduces the officers of the National Association of Evangelicals at the closing banquet of NAE's silver anniversary convention. From left, standing, they are: the Rev. Billy A. Melvin, new executive director of NAE; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, general director of NAE; Dr. Harold Sheets, NAE convention program chairman; Seth Rohrer, chairman of the NAE finance committee; Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, secretary; Dr. Rufus Jones, entering his second year as president; Dr. Arnold T. Olson, first vice-president; Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, second vice-president, and Mr. Robert Van Kampen, treasurer.



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## MAY CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH



### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

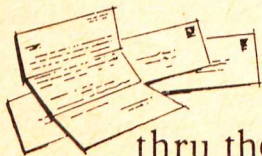
National Family Week

May 14 - Mother's Day (do something special for one of your elderly ladies of the church.)

May 28 - Chaplains and Servicemen Sunday (Pray for our boys that are away from because of war.)

May 30 - Memorial Day

Looking ahead: Monday, July 10, 5:00 p.m., WNAC Fellowship Dinner. You are urged to order tickets early. There is a limited amount. Mail to: Banquet Tickets, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202.



### thru the LETTER BOX

#### AUXILIARY CONVENTION

St. Louis Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Fourth FWB Church on March 28, 1967, with 52 ladies present.

Theme "An Open Door Before Us"

Text: I have set before thee an open door. (Rev. 3:8)

Special music - Grace Trio sang the beautiful song, "It's Real."

Recommendations were made and accepted that we contribute \$25.00 to the Fulchers Travel Fund, and \$15.00 to the Youth Camp.

The Overland Woman's Auxiliary was accepted into our district auxiliary.

A reading entitled "The Master is Coming" was read by Mrs. Kay Case of Trinity Church. It centered around an ordinary housewife who knew the Master was coming that day. She worked very diligently and refused to care for the needs of others who ask her assistance, giving as an excuse, "I have more important tasks to accomplish", while thinking, "The Master is coming and my house must be neat." At the close of the day the Master had not come. After wondering the reason, He revealed He had come in the form of those in need, but she had not recognized Him. The reading caused us to realize our Christian duty to those in need.

An offering of \$17.08 was received, followed with a special prayer for the physical condition of Sister Lucille Beatty, one of our very fine leaders of the Auxiliary in Missouri. The congregation was led in the song "My Faith Looks Up To

Thee", followed with a play entitled "An Open Door", presented by the Fourth Church. It helped us to recognize the open doors of service we have available to serve the Lord in the everyday life of a dedicated Christian.

#### Announcements:

Year ends May 30th, please send reports and dues to District Secretary & Treasurer as soon as possible.

Woman's Retreat - Watch Gem for dates.

Mrs. Lillie Tallent

St. Louis Woman's Aux. Convention  
Corresponding Secretary

#### NEW ORGANIZED AUXILIARY

The women of the Alton Freewill Baptist Church met January 27, 1967 to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. 16 women joined the Auxiliary.

Our regular meeting is the second Monday night of each month.

Our last meeting:

The Alton Freewill Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met March 13, 1967, with 15 members and 3 visitors.

Opened by singing "Send The Light." Prayer was led by Sis. Barbara James. Minutes were read, and the treasurer's report given.

We received three new members, which makes a total of 19 members. Sis. Rachel Murray was elected as Corresponding Sec.

Motion was made and seconded to have a Pre-Easter season of prayer. We met at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion was held on starting a church library.

Our program chairman, Sis. Lida Wallace, took charge of the program.

A short study course was presented by Sis. Ilene Gonterman.

Rachel Murray

Corresponding Sec.

#### PRE-EASTER PRAYER SERVICE

Ladies of the Overland Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary, wearing lavender and white to illustrate their colors, gathered at the church Wednesday evening, March 22, to conduct the Pre-Easter prayer service. This was the first presentation of our auxiliary to the congregation and we were enthusiastically received.

Marie Wood, President, introduced the group, and gave a brief summary of what the Auxiliary stands for, its functions, motto, etc.

Norma Buie, Program Prayer Chairman, presented the main topic, "I Am A Debtor.

Am I Ready?" She then introduced the ladies and their subtopics, which were illustrated in poster form. Congregational singings, prayer, and special hymns by the ladies were included. Silent prayer concluded the service.

We found our first presentation quite rewarding. Many of us, I feel, found out just how much we could "talk up" for the Lord and "stand up" for our own individual beliefs. We hope to play an active part in many more programs of this type in the life of our newly organized auxiliary.

Lois Buie

Corresponding Sec.

#### SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

The Woman's Auxiliary, of Farmington Free Will Baptist Church, met Tuesday night, April 11, at the church, with fourteen members present.

The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Showers of Blessings." The president, Mrs. Bob King, presided at the business session. Mrs. Alvin Highley presented the nominating committee's list of officers for the new year and the new officers were elected.

Our theme was, "Showers of Blessings" and each member was given a miniature umbrella which, when opened, contained the evening's program.

Mrs. Pearl Denton read the scripture, James 2: 14-24 and gave the introduction to the program, "Ministering to the Deprived."

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Margie Hahn. The May meeting will be an installation of officers at the parsonage.

Mrs. Alvin Highley

Corresponding Sec.

#### MISSIONARIES HONORED

The First Free Will Baptist of Kansas City Woman's Auxiliary meeting for December was held at the Suedon House at Truman Corners. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Richard, our missionaries to Africa, and Mr. Fred Hersery, our missionary of Japan, as our honor guests. They spoke to us about their work in their different fields.

The missionary offering for November was \$40.46 and was sent to the Sander's. December's offering was \$101.55 with \$10.00 going to the McLain's and the remainder to the Richard's. January offering - Free Will Baptist Gem



ing of \$20.79 was sent to the Robirds. Our holiday baskets evaluated at \$95.00 was delivered to the needy.

Several sick calls were made by various members during this period also.

Kansas City, Missouri



### SPECIAL SKIT

On March 6 the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckely St., has their regular CoLabor study, with seventeen members and three visitors present.

The program "A Foreign Field At Home" opened with hymns, "Jesus Calls Us" and "The Regions Beyond". Prayer and Scripture from Matthew 25: 35-40 by Verna Malone.

A skit given by five members of the auxiliary was very impressive and left its message of the importance of our auxiliary with each member present.

A question and answer period followed with each member taking a question on the auxiliary from a grab bag and then in turn giving the answer.

The topics for the evening were introduced by Betty Reeves and given by Wanda and Jean Ragsdale.

A duet was then rendered by Janet Bailey and Verna Malone.

During the business we received three new members -- Mrs. Alpha Moore, Mrs. Ruth Goad and Mrs. Rhonda Stroup.

We plan to have a study course on Home Missions during our Pre-Easter week of prayer.

Mrs. Turley, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. M. Burcham were elected as historians to write the history of our auxiliary which will be sent to our National Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bernice Dodd.

Refreshments served and an attendance prize awarded to Mrs. Stroup.

### MISSIONARY SPEAKS

The Twin City Free Will Baptist Auxiliary of Festus met March 27 with 13 members and one visitor present.

Our business meeting was short with the election of a new study course chairman, Mrs. Oneida Whitehead.

Discussion was brought forth on our project for Mother's Day.

Our meeting was then turned over to our May 1967

visitor, Mrs. Reed, who spent 3 1/2 years as a missionary in Africa.

Her report consisted of the spiritual and physical needs of our missionaries. It was a great help to us as well as being interesting.

Our meeting was closed with a devotional by Mrs. Adams.

Corresponding Sec.  
Sally Knotts

### TREASURER'S REPORT MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION Receipts for Dec. '66, Jan. & Feb. '67

Central Western District .....	\$ 154.22
St. Louis District .....	319.63
Thayer Auxiliary .....	20.60
Kirkville Auxiliary .....	61.80
Fellowship Auxiliary, Flat River .....	24.11
Mission District .....	137.33
Indian Creek District .....	30.43
Myrtle Auxiliary .....	7.50
First FWB Auxiliary, Monett .....	3.03
Parkview Auxiliary, Desloge .....	13.00
West Plains Auxiliary .....	60.50
New Harmony Auxiliary, Greentop .....	32.81
St. Francois County District .....	23.25
Victory Auxiliary, Kansas City .....	48.73
Fredericktown Auxiliary .....	56.32
Total receipts .....	\$993.26

The above receipts were disbursed to the following accounts:

Student Loan Fund .....	23.80
Mo. State Home Missions (Including Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer Offerings)	163.28
FWB Orphanage, Tenn. ....	73.66
Foreign Missions (General Fund) .....	28.72
National Home Missions - General Fund (Including Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer) .....	158.93
Co-Laborer Fund .....	67.46
Mo. State project-Thomas Willey, Sr. acct.	72.14
Home Missions - Personal accounts .....	85.18
Foreign Missions - Personal Accounts .....	165.13
WNAC General fund and linen closet .....	25.12
Double Bible Sunday .....	65.87
Tithes .....	63.97
Total disbursed .....	\$993.26

Total gifts made on the State Project-Thomas Willey Sr., "A Goal That is Greater", total \$140.69. These were received from:

First Auxiliary, Mountain Grove .....	\$32.44
Beacon Auxiliary, Raytown .....	10.39
Verdella Auxiliary .....	8.93
St. Louis District Convention .....	25.00
Trinity Auxiliary, St. Louis .....	10.30
South Side Auxiliary, St. Louis .....	6.29
Grace Auxiliary, Arnold .....	5.13
Kirkville Auxiliary .....	11.50
West Plains Auxiliary .....	20.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary .....	10.71
Total Amount .....	\$ 140.69

### THAYER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

March 14, the Thayer Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met with 19 members present.

Reports were given by all officers. Study Course on Missions is to be given with the Pre-Easter Prayer services. Study Course will be "Missions on the Move." We will have our Pre-Easter services and study course Tuesday, March 21, with Pot-Luck lunch. We plan to have our Study Course on Stewardship April 27-28. Our project for April is to give to the Fulchers' Return Funds.

Our lesson "A Foreign Field At Home" was given.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Sis. Ema

Hinkle, has been unable to attend the meeting for some time, due to illness, but has carried on her job very faithfully. She is in the Burge Hospital at this time undergoing a major operation. Please remember her in prayer.

Asst. Corresponding Sec.  
Sis. Jo Pingleton

### A YEAR'S WORK

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer was observed March 20 through 24, by the Woman's Auxiliary of the South Side FWB Church in St. Louis.

On Monday and Tuesday evening Mrs. Miriam Willhite of the Fourth FWB Church taught a standard study course on Stewardship. Wednesday night, under the direction of Sister Evans, a group of young people participated in the program with a reading, "Beneath The Cross."

Thursday, at 11:00, Mrs. Gusta Borks, Mother of Glenda Fulcher, gave an inspiring talk on "The Life of a Missionary's Mother." At 11:30 Brenda Evans, our Program Prayer Chairman, gave a brief sketch of "Foreign Missions In Review" At 12:00 o'clock a lunch was served followed by devotional, "The Word of God." An offering of \$16.96 was received for Foreign Missions. Friday we observed regular 9:00 devotion and prayer time for missions.

### Projects of the Woman's Auxiliary

July: \$15.00 to the Miley's account.

August: \$15.50 to the Hanna's account.

September: Established home prayer meetings.

October: Grocery shower for Pastor Evan's family.

November: Clothing to the Cuba refugees. Also a \$61.00 gift to Miss Wilson's account.

December: Cookies and candy to the service boys, and services at Jefferson Barracks, after which cookies were given to the men.

January: Christmas cards were collected for the City Hospital.

February: Purchase of tupperware for the Missionary Closet (\$103.00 worth) Fruit basket for the McCutchen boys.

March: \$90.00 love offering for McCutchens. (These boys were badly burned.)

April: Prayer meeting in an old folks home. Study Courses taught.

Home Missions Pastor Evans  
Evangelism: Mrs. Irma Lee Hogan of the Berkley FWB Church.

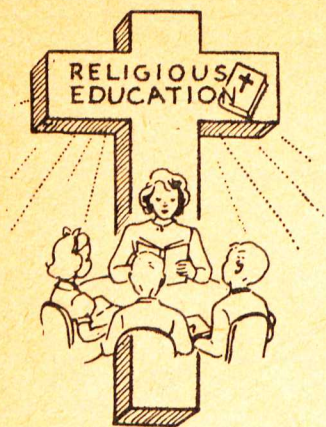
Stewardship (Standard): Mrs. Miriam Willhite of the Fourth FWB Church.

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# REPORT

## FROM OUR COLLEGES

### COLLEGE'S 24TH BIBLE CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

More than 1,000 people, from as far away as California and New Hampshire, attended Free Will Baptist College's 24th annual Bible Conference earlier this month. Pastors, students, and laymen packed to overflowing the school's Memorial Auditorium during the day services and nearly filled 1,200-seat High School auditorium in the evenings.

Speakers for the Conference were North Carolina pastor, Rev. Herman Hersey; Rev. Rolla Smith, now ministering in Georgia; Bible College President L. C. Johnson; and Rev. Charles Thigpen, the College dean.

Among the highlights of the Conference was the presentation on Tuesday evening of a play entitled "The Black Sheep." Sponsored by the College speech department, the production was attended by more than 500 people. Fifteen young people responded to a plea for rededication at its conclusion.

The school's administration feels that the impact and enrichment of the Conference will be strongly felt throughout the denomination.

March 24, 1967

Dear Friends:

You would be excited to be on the campus at Free Will Baptist College these days. The students are excited with the two new buildings that are under construction. They have done without adequate facilities so long and they are happy with the thought of having something better. They and I join in thanking you for investing in their future. They are the hope of our denomination.

The next few weeks will be crucial in our building program. The loan from the bank is about used up. We must depend on gifts to complete the task.

I must appeal to you to help us finish the job. Many churches across our denomination are lining up gifts which should come in later on. Right now, however, we need many generous gifts to tide us over until we begin receiving more church gifts. Can you help Free Will Baptist College some at this time?

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,  
L. C. Johnson  
President

### S. S. BOARD GIVE COLLEGE \$1,000 FOR EXPANSION

The National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board presented a check for \$1,000 to College President L. C. Johnson during one of the school's regular chapel services last month. The board passed by unanimous vote a motion to make the gift in recognition of the fact that both the Sunday School Board and the Bible College

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are involved in the vital ministry of Christian education within the denomination.

Rev. John West, Oklahoma pastor who has been a member of the board for 22 years, made the presentation.

### 44 STUDENTS MAKE COLLEGE MID-SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

"A" Honor Roll - Lonnie Skiles, Sophomore; Lynn Miley, freshman

#### "B" Honor Roll

Seniors: Jimmie Ferrell, Charles Francen, Raymond Getz, Larry Montgomery, Mike Trest, German Vogel

Juniors: Lorene Francen, James Dixon, Harvey Dupree, David Popiel, Robert Woodard

Sophomores: James Baskins, Brenda Baster, Bobbie Brewton, A.B. Brown, Joy Crain, Sandy Goodfellow, Larry Hampton, Juanita Hinton, Dari Keifer, Jerry Powell, Willis Shimel, Lavinia Toole, Ted Turnbough, Lana Turner, Ronald Webb

Freshmen: Alfred Cates, Linda Collings, Marcella Crow, Dale Edwards, Reynold Flippo, Beverly Lee, Kay Malone, Dixie Page, Lana Perkins, Nathan Ruble, Wanda Spruill, Kerry Steedley, Dolly Stox, Neva Thomas, Patsy Vanhook, Brenda Wehmeyer

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was named The Fourth Free Will Baptist Church. The Lord truly blessed and souls continued to be saved.

Bro. Bill Turnbough continued as pastor until Sept. 1, 1956. Rev. Elmer Turnbough assumed pastorate on Sept. 2, 1956.

The Lord continued His blessings and the church continued to grow.

On Sept. 12, 1956, God answered many prayers in providing a building to worship in. This was located at 2150 Yale Avenue.

On October 14, 1959, it was voted to put the pastor on full time. God's hand continued to be upon the work. Souls continued to be saved and the church grew in the love of the Lord.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough resigned on October 16, 1960.

Dec. 7, 1960, Rev. Max Courtney was called as pastor. The Lord opened up a door that a regular church building with better facilities could be purchased.

On Nov. 8, 1961, the church voted to purchase the building. We are in it at the present.

God continued to save souls and work in marvelous ways that His work might be a work from which He could get honor and glory.

Bro. Max Courtney resigned as pastor Nov. 3, 1963.

Then, as the church was without a pastor, Rev. Fred Harris was elected as supply pastor until the Lord sent a full time pastor.

Then, on Nov. 1, 1964, Rev. H. T. Dann, our present pastor,

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## REPORT FROM PARKVIEW

began his pastorate.

We are at the present in a building program. The basement will soon be ready for use. We ask God to continue to bless and provide the funds so that we can complete the new building. It will have a seating capacity of 350 in the auditorium.

Yes, we can praise God for all His bounteous blessings down through the years. Each department in the church has increased steadily.

Much has been accomplished. Much more to be accomplished.

Our present church membership is 130.

Our prayer is that God will continue to use us in a way that would be pleasing unto Him.

We ask the prayers of all our many friends that Fourth Church will continue to be a soul-saving station for all who weary of sin.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Leamon L. Killian, Reporter

Parkview Church at Desloge, Mo., is looking forward to a revival which will begin May 3, 1967. Rev. Elmer Turnbough, a former pastor of Desloge Church and now at East Molene, Ill., will be the evangelist.

Four young people accepted Christ as their Saviour at the Easter morning worship service.

Three new members have come into the church since Rev. Harley Brown, our new pastor, has been with us.

The St. Francois County Sunday School Convention met at Parkview Church on April 2, 1967, with an attendance of 286. There are seven churches in the area and each Sunday School is given an opportunity to take part in the program.

Our Sunday School attendance is gradually increasing. Some of our classes are needing more room and occasionally we have some classes with perfect attendance, which is all encouraging.

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School. We expect to begin as soon as school is out for the summer.

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name are "the Calvinist, Arminian, Wesleyan, Anabaptist and Charismatic traditions belonging to the denominations affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals.

Expressing gratitude "for twenty-five years of fellowship...as an association of evangelicals," the Covenant looks to the future with confidence.

"Totally committed Christians in a total-committed Church, by the grace of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit, can meet the needs of this generation," it says.

### ADMINISTRATORS FROM 6 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GROUP IN UNIQUE SEMINAR

Los Angeles, Calif. -- Are Christian schools developing American patriots or world citizens? How to finance Christian schools? What are the implications of federal aid and state regulations?

These were some of the live issues facing 200 Christian school administrators, board members, pastors and interested parents in a one-day "Christian School Seminar" at the Church of the Open Door.

The unique gathering brought together for the first time, participants from six church-related elementary and secondary school associations. The National Association of Christian Schools, an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals, which recently held its annual meeting in conjunction with NAE's silver anniversary convention, initiated the seminar.

Besides NACS, these groups were represented: California Association of Christian Schools (NACS regional affiliate), Los Angeles Baptist Day School Association, American Lutheran Education Association, Lutheran Schools-Missouri Synod and the National Union of Christian Schools (which serves schools of the Reformed persuasion).

John F. Blanchard, Jr., NACS executive May 1967

tive director, spoke at the first session on "What is the Excellence We Seek?" Panel discussions were held throughout the day.

NACS, now in its twentieth year, serves 240 member schools in 36 states and a dozen foreign countries. These schools employ 2500 teachers and enroll 38,000 students. CASC has 102 elementary and secondary schools with 15,000 students. Paul A. Kienel is executive secretary.

### YOUTH IN REVOLUTION SAYS EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Los Angeles -- "Is he real? Should I listen or tune him out?" These are questions being asked by today's teenagers as some 10,000 messages confront him daily, according to Dr. Edward L. Hayes.

At an afternoon session of the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. Hayes, associate professor of Christian education, Conservative Theological Seminary, Denver suggested some possible answers to what he called, the "pathetic revolution" among our teenagers.

Dr. Hayes diagnosed the revolutionary spirit as a rebellion against institutional pharisaism. He said young people are grabbing for inner reality and when they don't find it, they rebel.

Dr. Hayes suggested seven elements of effective communication to youth.

"One must have something to say, and then live up to it. One must present his message so as to provoke action. This can be accomplished by using the best tools possible. Effective communication must use an image source, coupled with use of the art of good listening. Most important, Dr. Hayes said, "effective communication of the Gospel involves relying upon the Holy Spirit of God."

Essentially "straight talk" is lacking according to Dr. Hayes. The Church and related ministries need to tune in to the yearning or needs of young people today.

You can't begin to help young people un-

til you know what they think," Dr. Hayes said.

### PREJUDICE CAN CHANGE EVANGELICALS TOLD

Los Angeles--"Prejudice can be changed if Christian men will realize that just because they cannot do everything, that is no excuse for doing nothing," the Rev. Aaron Hamlin, Vice-President of the National Association of Evangelicals at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. "We know from God's Word from whence prejudice springs.... only the Christian has the message which will under God deliver us from it."

Hamlin addressed the Social Concern, Evangelical Action, and Theological Commissions of the National Association of Evangelicals, an organization embracing forty-one Christian denominations totaling two and a half million members. Speaking on "The Nature of Prejudice" Mr. Hamlin stressed the effects of prejudice on the individual and the churches. "When a person is prejudiced he does damage to himself even as he does to the object of his prejudice. Christians of the evangelical persuasion have been strangely quiet. When in matters so important we lag behind the world, how in the name of Christ can we speak prophetically to it? The Church should influence culture not be dominated by it."

Mr. Hamlin's address was one of a series of four dealing with social responsibility of evangelical Christians called "Beyond the Social Gospel."

### COLLEGE PROFESSOR INDICTS SITUATION ETHICS

Los Angeles--A college professor said the new morality--or "situation ethics"--betrays its foundations and is unworthy of human trust.

Dr. H. Phillip Hook, chairman of the department of Bible and philosophy at Wheaton (Ill.) College, told delegates at the

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# NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS

## Home and Foreign

### V.B.S. OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONS

Nashville, Tennessee - The Department of Home Missions and Church Extension of the National Association adopted the 1967 budget with Vacation Bible School offerings anticipated. The treasurer said today that in past years many churches have given their V.B.S. offerings to the account of the missionary of their choice or to the general fund. Vacation Bible School offerings are needed and appreciated. They should be clearly earmarked "National Home Missions" when mailed.

Dear Pastors,

I wish I could use this entire letter just to thank you for your support of our missionary program in North America. These past months have been most encouraging as we have been able to increase our ministry in every way, including evangelism, church extension, home missionary activities, church loan ministries, literature ministries, and we are sending the largest number of summer workers that we have ever been able to send to the field.

Since I must discuss something else with you, just let me say one big thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have opened our work in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada, recently and are opening our first work in the Caribbean on the island of St. Croix--VIRGIN ISLANDS about July 15, God willing. We have many other areas of work which will be discussed at our next board meeting. The responsibility of directing all of these ministries in North America is becoming increasingly strenuous. I sincerely plead for your prayers and co-operation, for I realize that it takes all of us working together to get the job done. I need your prayers for physical strength, mental alertness, and spiritual power. I ask for your prayers because I know I can count on you to remember me before the throne of God's grace.

I am asking all of our pastors to give their Vacation Bible School offerings to the home mission ministry again this year. Many of our churches have been doing this and it is a large source of income for the home mission ministry. Will you please see that this letter gets into the hands of the person who directs your Bible School? We have lots of materials which you may have for the asking to use in your Bible School. If your church does not plan to have a Vacation Bible School this year, could you make some provision to send a special offering from your church at this time. Beginning with the month of May, Page 10

I intend to give recognition in our publication for all churches and individuals who send offerings of \$50 or more to the National Home Mission Department. Of course, lesser amounts are appreciated, for without them we could not continue our ministry.

I hope you plan to attend the National Association in Jacksonville and that you will come by our booth and visit with our missionaries and personnel. I would like to visit with you while you are attending the National Association, if you find the time.

I will be watching the mail for a letter from you.

Your brother in the ministry,  
Homer E. Willis  
General Director

Dear Friend of Missions:

Thousands will die on Free Will Baptist mission fields this year who have not heard the message of salvation. How can we hasten with the message? How can these souls be saved from eternal damnation?

I have seen these perishing multitudes. I know the concern of our missionaries. They need help. And I am writing you at this time because I believe you share their concern. A man called of God has a heart moved by compassion for lost souls. We need an expression of your compassion now.

This letter comes to you because of a very serious financial dilemma confronting your foreign missionary family, so serious that we have been forced to take drastic action. These deficits are the result of inadequate regular support for these missionaries and essential ministries.

Your foreign missions department has a two-fold responsibility. First, we have a commitment to those whom we have set forth. Basic allowances are essential for physical needs. To be effective, adequate tools for evangelism must be provided. Second, we have a responsibility to those who have not heard. In areas of Panama, Japan, Ivory Coast and North India, we are the only witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Can we fail these missionaries who have gone as God's ambassadors to the heathen? Can we afford to limit our outreach and let thousands die and go to hell?

Our board has established a "hold a line" policy for the present. The Board of Foreign Missions took action in annual session last month to appoint no new missionaries after July 15 until adequate support for present operations is secured and all

deficit accounts are cleared.

The following missionaries and ministries are in immediate need:

	Monthly Support Needed	Present Deficit
<b>Brazil:</b>		
Louis, Florine Coscia (Tenn., N.C.)	\$ 50	
<b>Brazil:</b>		
Dave, Pat Franks (Ala., W.Va.)	145	\$ 210.20
Eula Mae Martin (N. C.)	50	529.95
Don, Carol Robirds (Cal.)	250	3,892.79
Sam, June Wilkinson (Ga., Tex.)	150	1,059.82
<b>India:</b>		
Daniel, Trula Cronk (Mich., Tenn.)	425	1,059.82
Carlisle, Marie Hanna (S.C., Mo.)	460	2,402.25
Sherwood, Vada Lee (S. C., Ark.)	300	
Volena Wilson (N. C.)	300	2,183.12
<b>Ivory Coast:</b>		
Ruby Griffin (Miss.)	50	
Archie, Sarah Mayhew (Cal.)	75	
Lonnie, Bernice Palmer (Tex.)	225	
Eddie, Sandra Payne (Okla., Fla.)	150	
Norman, Bessie Richards (Ark.)	350	
Lonnie, Anita Sparks (Okla., Mich.)	125	292.76
<b>Japan:</b>		
Fred, Evelyn Hersey (Ill.)	150	414.38
Jim, Olena McLain (Tenn., Mo.)	325	
<b>Panama:</b>		
Estenlo, Anita Garcia (Cuba)	500	
Bill, Barbara Phipps (N. C.)	200	1,807.35
<b>Uruguay:</b>		
Molly Barker (N. C.)	100	799.90
<b>Deputational Missionaries:</b>		
Thomas, Mabel Willey, Sr. (N. C.)	100	2,888.70
<b>Special:</b>		
CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund)	300	
Operational Fund	2,200	
Total additional monthly support needed	\$6,980	

April is foreign missions month and we can clear these deficits this month if every pastor cooperates. A gift from your church would lift the clouds of discouragement hovering over your missionaries. A gift each month to one of the missionaries in need is a vote to continue our Free Will Baptist missions advance.

In the light of perishing multitudes, we do not wish to curtail our missionary advance, but we cannot expand to meet these pressing needs until present deficits are eliminated and adequate support for our existing operation is secured.

Will you receive a "clear the deficit" offering in your services April 16 or other Sunday that may be more convenient? A quick response from you and your church will assure us of your desire that your foreign missions' team continue its evangelistic thrust.

How many souls will die without Christ on Free Will Baptist mission fields this year? Next year? Our response here at home will determine the answer.

Yours in Christ,  
J. Redford Wilson  
General Director

Nishi 2 Jo 3 Chome  
Tsukisamu, Sapporo  
Hokkaido, Japan  
April, 1967

Dear Christian Friends,

A whole year has passed since our family came back to Japan to begin our third Free Will Baptist Gem



term of service. The children have really grown and are fast becoming "little helpers" around here. Rebecca is busy with school, basketball, piano practice and plays the organ at Sunday School sometimes. Michael, whom some of you met, is still with us. His first works after school each day are usually, "Mommy, did we get any mail?" His main problem right now is learning how to eat with new braces on his teeth. Jonathan often bursts in saying, "Mommy, there's some kind of man at the door with something in his hand and wonders if you have any kind of..." I'm not sure just what..." Mommy can't always tell which is causing more trouble these days--Japanese or English. One often hears, "...surely you know what THAT WORD means. You haven't forgotten English already, have you?" These "kids" in grades seven, five and four would like to hear from your children, exchange pictures, etc., or receive some of your old youth magazines, puzzles and games. Jonathan is collecting stamps.

Wesley and Aileen have been busy too. Living here in the big, needy city of Sapporo has brought many opportunities for witness and contact. At first, we started teaching English and holding simple Japanese services in our home. In October, we rented a small building and began a program of teaching English and holding Church services. The Abashiri Church in East Hokkaido has been without a pastor for about a year now and Wesley has been going over there every other weekend. This arrangement made it difficult to do a good job in either place and was also hard on the missionary. He goes once a month and the pastor from Bihoro Church goes one night a week. Please pray that they may have a pastor soon.

Mrs. Yamada, the Bihoro pastor's wife who was in the hospital with tuberculosis, deeply appreciated your prayers. She came home last November and now happily reports that they are expecting their first child next summer. Another lovely young lady, a Sunday School teacher from that church, is having a serious operation for tuberculosis in a few days and is not expected to live. This disease takes such a heavy toll of young lives here.

The church in Sapporo is showing some signs of spiritual growth. We started with only one Christian but several have made decisions of faith. Just recently there seems to be a working of the Holy Spirit. They are beginning to witness and are becoming concerned about lost families. The first baptismal service was held Easter Sunday afternoon.

We cannot appropriately thank you for your prayers and financial support. But they are constantly before us and may you continue to render these "as unto the May 1967

Lord." Please be much in prayer about guidance for further work and witness in Sapporo, pastor for Abashiri Church, spiritual maturity for all Christians here, more workers to join us and the financial, physical and other needs of Wesley, Aileen, Rebecca, Michael and Jonathan.

Sincerely in Him,  
The Calverys

#### NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

SouthSide FWB, St. Louis, Mo.	2.00
Victory FWB, Avondale, Mo.	13.00
Mo. State Assn., St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Jacobs, Fredericktown, Mo.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Peterson, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	10.00
Leadington FWB	14.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Edwards, Hartville, Mo.	10.00
Mrs. Anna Robertson, Cabool	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hobart Slinkard, Fredericktown, Mo.	20.00
Twin Oak S.S., Farmington	5.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	14.64
Ever Ready S.S., Monett	15.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	5.00
Leadington Yng. Adult S.S.	5.00
First FWB, Flat River, Mo.	175.00
Rev. E.M. Kennedy, Flat River	12.00
Special offerings, Mo.	60.00
New Rock Spgs FWB, Cabool	20.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River	2.00
Kirksville FWB	5.00
Mrs. Philip Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
New Home FWB, Hartville	10.00
Mr. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
Mrs. Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove	4.00
Mary-Martha Cir, Mtn. Grove FWB Church	10.00
Cabool FWB	10.00
Kirksville FWB	10.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	10.00
Myrtle FWB	5.00
Victory FWB, Avondale, Mo.	16.00
FWB, Cape Girardeau	5.00
Mr. E.M. Kennedy, Flat River	1.00
Cooperative Plan	291.41

Total March 1967 \$807.05

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS MISSOURI FOR MARCH, 1967

Fellowship FWB, Flat River	\$135.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Cooperative Plan	528.12
South Side FWB, St. Louis	85.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	20.00
Hazel F. Martin, St. Louis	5.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	25.36
Rev. Les Means, Willow Spgs.	3.00
Oak Grove Church, Mtn. Grove	15.00
Leadington FWB, Leadington	14.00

Mrs. H.A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Pleasant Ridge, Mack Creek	5.00
Alton FWB, Alton	21.17
Victory FWB, Avondale	23.66
First FWB, Mtn. Grove	104.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bunton, Liberal	100.00
New Harmony Sunday School	31.34
Cope FWB, Hartville	83.23
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	2.00
Leadington FWB, Leadington	5.00
Sharon Arnold, Florissant	15.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.50
Willow Spgs. FWB, Mtn. Grove	11.56
Pleasant Home Church, Vanzant	13.50
First FWB, Monett	20.00
Overland FWB, St. Louis	39.42
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Smyrna FWB, Thayer	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Rock Chapel Church, Mt. Grove	10.00
First FWB, Berkeley City	147.50
Kirksville FWB, Kirksville	87.00
Mr. & Mrs. John McAllister, Miami	10.00
First FWB, Springfield	37.00
Cuba FWB, Cuba	15.09
Thayer FWB	6.00
Park View FWB, Desloge	15.00
Calvary FWB, Conway	20.61
Glen Murray, Kansas City	25.00
Grace FWB, Arnold	26.79
Hazel F. Martin, St. Louis	5.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	10.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	97.18
Myrtle FWB, Myrtle	37.88
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
Rock Chapel FWB, Mtn. Grove	33.26
Myrtle FWB, Myrtle	20.62
Beacon FWB, Raytown	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel FWB, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mr. & Mrs. William Barker, Flat River	30.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	135.00
Clifford Beasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
FWB Woman's Aux.	17.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB, Alton	8.50
Mrs. Hope Combs, Couch	3.00
Total	\$2,274.85

#### EAST MEETS WEST

The east meets the west in our fiftieth state of Hawaii. Approximately ninety-five percent of the residents of our fiftieth state are eastern orientals, including Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, and Filipinos. The University of Hawaii sponsors the east-west center where students and professors from the east and west meet together for an interchange of east-west intellectual ideas and culture.

As the orientals migrated into the Hawaiian islands to work on the sugar and pineapple plantations several generations ago, they brought with them Buddhism and other oriental religions. Today Buddhism



# A NEW CURRICULUM

# WHY?

For sometime now letters have crossed my desk from Free Will Baptist folks demanding a new curriculum. Their chief reason for desiring this change is because the International Sunday School Lessons are under the control of the National Council of Churches. To use these outlines we have to pay a royalty to the National Council of Churches. As a result Free Will Baptist dollars have found their way into the treasury of the Curriculum Committee of the National Council of Churches. Thus far it has just been a token amount but as our volume increases our royalty increases. It does seem ironical that one would have to pay a royalty for the use of the Scriptures. Those who have objections to our use of these outlines may well have a justifiable complaint.

I am not persuaded that money is the only reason we need a change. The outlines prepared by the Council are fragmentary and do not give a thorough coverage of the Bible. They repeat themselves too frequently. Many times the same passage of Scripture is covered twice within the period of a few quarters. Many passages of Scriptures are omitted. There is also a tendency to advocate a social gospel in the passages and topics selected by the Council. These are a few additional reasons why I dislike the outlines. My dislikes have extended from my days in the pastorate and my teaching a pastor's class. Please let me clarify the fact that a curriculum change was not entirely my idea. It was pondered, prayed over, and decided upon by the Sunday School Board of the National Association of Free Will

Baptists. This board proposed a curriculum change to the National Association three years ago and the proposal was adopted unanimously by the convention.

I am sure you will agree that many passages of Scripture are difficult to be taught to every age level. A good for instance is a series of studies that we had recently on the Adult level. This series covered the Ten Commandments one by one. I am sure you will agree it would be very difficult to teach the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," to all age levels.

In the development of a new curriculum one must decide upon direction. The chart below provides four of the basic modern curriculum plans.

The Sunday School Board decided to follow the system of departmental grading. Thus passages of Scripture have been selected for study with each particular age level in mind. The Pre-Schoolers have a two year cycle covering such topics as Creation, Stories of Old Testament and New Testament Characters, a look at the life of the Lord Jesus, and Children of the Bible. The Primary and Junior levels will spend three years of interchanging study in the Old and New Testaments. During 1968 they will cover studies about the Old Testament Kings and Prophets, The Life of the Apostle Paul, and People whom Jesus met. The Teen curriculum in 1968 will cover such topics as Living Letters, Great Bible Passages, Heroes of the Old Testament and the Prophets and Their Message. Both the Primary-Junior curriculum and the Teen curriculum are on three year cycles which follow the natural

grading of each level.

The Adult level curriculum, when finalized, will give a seven-year coverage of the Scriptures. We hope to have a survey type of study that will take us through the Bible on a book by book basis. An entire quarter of study will be covering the Free Will Baptists doctrines. As much as possible our peculiar beliefs will be interwoven into our lessons.

There will be some noticeable weaknesses in our having our own curriculum. The major weakness is that teachers will no longer be able to use some of the familiar commentaries. Another weakness is that the same passage of Scripture will not be under study by the entire Sunday School. Let me say a few words about these weaknesses. The wise teacher will select some good commentaries on the particular books that we will be covering in our curriculum. These commentaries can be added to the teachers library and used time and time again.

Our new curriculum has had a good reception by most of our people, especially on the Pre-School, Primary, and Junior levels. I hope you will keep in mind that our literature program is still in its infancy. There will be many things we will learn by trial and error. It is our desire to produce literature that will honor the Lord Jesus and champion our Free Will Baptist doctrines and causes. Our own literature program is the only surety that we have that our children and adults will not be taught heretical ideas. Please add the ministry of the Sunday School Department to your prayer list.

## MODERN CURRICULUM PLANS

UNIFORM GRADING	UNIFIED GRADING	DEPARTMENT GRADING	CLOSE GRADING
The same Bible portion is taught to each age-group.	Different Bible content, related by a single theme, is taught to each age-group.	Different Bible content is provided for each department group (Primary, Junior, etc.).	Different Bible content is provided for pupils in each public school grade.
(1) A small church can unite all pupils in a single lesson-related worship service. (2) All family members can discuss their common lesson at home.	(1) Several age-groups can meet in a single theme-related worship service. (2) At-home discussion of the theme is possible.	(1) All activities are closely related to the Bible lesson in each department group. (2) Lessons can be geared to the social, psychological, emotional and mental level of all pupils.	(1) Curriculum can be planned to fit the stage of development of pupils.
(1) Lessons are repeated on a 5-7 year cycle, provide limited Bible coverage. (2) Bible content often not suitable for pupils of all ages.	(1) Limited number of themes make it difficult to give complete Bible coverage. (2) Lessons taught in each department determined by theme, rather than pupils' developing needs.	(1) Common at-home discussion is limited, since parents and children study different material.	(1) At-home discussion limited. (2) Hard to relate all activities in SS hour (songs, worship service, etc.) to theme, since each grade has a different lesson.



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claims the largest percentage of the people in our fiftieth state with Mormonism and Catholicism coming second and third. Many evangelicla leaders estimate that a smaller percentage of Hawaii's people attend a Bible-preaching church than in any other state in the United States.

Luther Sanders first saw the need of Hawaii while serving in the United States Navy. By the providence of God, he missed experienceing the attack on Pearl Harbor on that eventful day, December 7, 1941. The Lord called Reverand and Mrs. Sanders and their daughter Brenda to begin the pioneer ministry for Free Will Baptists in Hawaii in September 1959, after attending Free Will Baptist Bible College and Bob Jones University and experiencing several successful pastorates.

The growing city of Waipahu was selected as the place to begin our Free Will Baptist ministry in Hawaii. Brother Sanders has manifested faith and ability as an administrator in his negotiations for the very fine property for which Free Will Baptists can be proud.

Brother Sanders has had very commendable ministry among the military personnel and has labored tirelessly in making contact with the people of the island. Some of the converts of the Hawaiian churches are currently maintaining an active witness for the Lord through Sunday school classes and Bible calsses in Vietnam and other areas around the world. There is a growing nucleus of oriental membership in our Hawaiian church.

The Lord has greatly blessed Mrs. Sanders ministry with the Ladies' Bible Classes and other related activities of the church. Brenda's testimony has been blessed of the Lord among the younger generation. Little Bobby has successfully worked his way into the hearts of Hawaii's citizens.

Brother Sanders has a great vision for future development of our Hawaiian ministry. The expansion of the Free Will Baptist ministry in Hawaii will depend greatly upon the faithfulness of your prayers and financial support.

#### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MARCH REPORT:

**O'Fallon:** Bro. Lloyd Durbin has resigned as pastor of the O'Fallon church. Please pray for God's leadership in the election of a new pastor there.

**Independence:** Bro. Teddy Davis reports that they are still facing very strong opposition as they try to find a building suitable for worship services in Independence. Let us all make this an item on our prayer list that God might open up the way for them. He reports an average of 15 in Sun-  
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day School for the month of March.

**Cape Girardeau:** Bro. Don Jones reports an average of 28 in Sunday School during this month. He further reports that his people are very faithful and very much concerned about the work in Cape. Please pray for them.

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

Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention	
New Harmony Aux., Greentop	7.76
Grant Ave. Aux., Springfield	16.77
Neosho Aux.	4.30
Thayer Aux.	20.60
Parkview Aux., Desloge	5.50
Kirkville Aux.	9.75

Mountain Grove Aux.	13.36
Hannon Aux.	22.45
Fredericktown Aux.	14.06
Southside Aux., St. Louis	20.52
Oskaloosa Aux.	2.10
West Plains Aux.	15.00
Total	\$163.78

Aux. Convention	\$ 163.78
Mountain Grove Church	22.00
St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting	50.00
Monett Ladies Aux.	5.00
Victory Church, Kansas City	10.00
Fredericktown Church	32.78
Fellowship Flat River	15.00
Mine La Motte	5.00

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966-1967

	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan.	Feb.
Fellowship, Flat River	229	244	246	285	249	236	233	227
New Harmony Church	36	33	37	31	33	30	34	36
Farmington	112	126	120	169	127	124	124	136
Southside, St. Louis							128	122
Trinity Church, St. Louis	101	108	121	149	128	119	122	144
O'Fallon Mission	37	30	48	33	30	31	41	54
Kirkville	111	107	98	108	96	89	100	110
Grant Ave., Springfield	200	216	221	231	216	206	221	243
Viburnum Church	42	41	47	46	38	44	36	40
Mine La Motte	31	36	25	26	23	28	30	30
Koshkonong				32	29	27	48	37
Thayer	113	125	117	109	125	113	115	120
First, Mtn. Grove	321	314	321	312	321	314	311	326
Desloge	73	76	75	80	81	83	90	101
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	51	51	47	51	47	51	48	52
Union Light	106	112	113	105	108	110	110	103
First, Springfield	171	179	185	199	198	183	226	221
Central, Kansas City	123	129	142	149	153	122	133	148
De Soto Mission					27	26	29	
Hannon	56	52	59	64	65	57	64	62
First, Monett	112	122	128					
Garfield-Couch	52	45						
Leadington	128	129	125	166	146	138	153	170
First, Fredericktown	165	165	168	177	166	158		
Cooper Mines	92	90	74	83	82	81	75	73
Joplin	76	88	102	100	105	95	94	109
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	118	119	125	155	138	115	160	150
Twin Oaks Church	58	55	66	62	58	60		
West Plains	179	195	180	175	185	185	176	178
First, Lebanon	112	107	122	121	121	117	130	133
Myrtle Church	70	66	67	64	66		62	58
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	36	64	44	44	46	51	58
Richwoods	53	54	56	59	45	46		
Hartville Church		58	60	58	56	54	55	60
Berkeley Church	255	291	330	300	301	328	317	339
Grace Ch., Arnold	152	159	152	205	186	186	204	212
Cuba Church	53	63	72	88	107	92	92	119
Salem Church					32	30	26	30
Meramec Heights Ch.			46	62	67	60	57	44
Cape Girardeau	20	19	24	22	27	20	22	33
Liberty-Phillipsburg	55	63	79	66	57	54	58	
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove							82	92



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Hannon Church 18.00  
Twin Oak Church, Fredericktown 45.00  
State Assn. Cooperative  
Receipts \$491.30  
Total \$857.36

#### SPECIAL ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

Myrtle Ladies Aux. \$5.00  
Special offerings to the State Home Mission Department increased \$339.48 over last month. This was due largely to offerings by local Ladies's Auxiliaries throughout the state, and an increase in cooperative giving. However, more of our churches are seeing and meeting the challenge of state home missions. We thank and praise God for this. We would like to challenge every church in the state of Missouri to see your individual responsibility in the home mission endeavor. We still need support for the St. Joseph Project. Please let God direct you in these very vital days which lie ahead. The fundamental doctrines of the Bible are being challenged by the modernistic teachings of unregenerate theologians today. We need Bible-preaching churches filled with born-again believers in our state. And, we can accomplish this through the combined efforts of Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri. May God burn this need into the hearts of every Free Will Baptist.

Dale Skiles,  
Sec.- Treas.

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#### MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

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#### \$10.00 FOR YOUTH CAMP

The Ladies of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met April 3 with ten members present.

We voted to buy a hot plate for the church to be used for the help of the janitor. It was voted to send \$10.00 to Youth Camp. It was also voted to send our missionaries the Sanders' in Hawaii a quilt.

We agreed to attend the Study Course at the Thayer Church April 27 and 28 and discuss the idea of trying to get a district Aux. organized in the Cave Spring area.

We had a wonderful lesson from our Co-Labor Book, "Ministering to the Deprived."

Hatti Sims  
Corresponding Sec.

#### PILL BOTTLES

Ladies Aux. of the First Free Will, Lebanon, met April 5, with 18 members and three visitors.

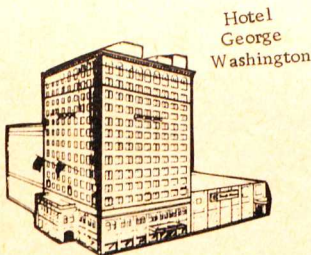
The three visitors, Beulah Burton, Jean Rogers and Pat Fike became members.

Officers were elected for the new year beginning in June. They will be installed in the May meeting.

Our project for the Missionaries are saving small plastic pill bottles for Dr. Milley in the months of April and May.

Jean Bowman was in charge of the Lesson, "Ministering To The Deprived."

Corresponding Sec.  
Eunice Barber



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plete recovery, from his recent physical ailment.), we were able to have Bro. Mooneyham as special gospel messenger for the final service Friday night.

Pastor Finis Johnson and West Plains Church were hosts for Cave Springs Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 1. Twenty churches were represented with delegates. They gave time for our promotional program and I delivered the Sermon there Sunday morning. West Plains contributes monthly to coop fund, plus missionary giving. May the Lord bless all for good coop receipts in March. Remember your own book store at 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Mo., 63111.

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National Association of Evangelicals Silver Anniversary convention that "situation ethics can never really define what love is...it fails to understand that God's love is a characteristic only of God's people possessed by God's Spirit...(and it) reverses the phrase 'God is love' and says 'love is god'."

The young theologian, who was voted "Teacher of the Year" by the 1700 students of Wheaton College in 1965, addressed the Theology Commission of the NAE. Over 1,000 conservative Protestant pastors, laymen, educators, church mission executives gathered at the Statler-Hilton Motel for the convention. Dr. Hook is chairman of the NAE Theology Commission.

He quoted the publisher of Joseph Fletcher's book, Situation Ethics -- The New Morality, which says in the introduction: "Rising above any creed, this renewed

morality of loving concern is based on agape, the love of which only God is capable, but which every man must endeavor to emulate. Just as Jesus defied convention to make decisions on the basis of particular people and particular circumstances, so must modern man. The sensational deductions which the author (Fletcher) draws from this premise include the bold statement that any act -- even lying, premarital sex, abortion, adultery and murder -- could be right, depending on the circumstances."

"The new morality of 'love,' or situation ethics....is the morality which has conquered the college world today," Hook said, "and if it has conquered the college world...it is less than half a generation from becoming the standard ethics of our nation. Therefore I believe it is our responsibility to deal with this trend of modern thinking and to bring ourselves up to date on what is its basic viewpoint."

## 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  
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Southside Church ..... St. Louis  
Thayer Church ..... Thayer  
Carterville Church ..... Carterville  
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Bethel Church ..... West Plains  
Mt. Pisgah Church ..... Cabool  
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Twin Oak Church ..... Fredericktown  
Victory Church..... Kansas City  
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Mill Creek Church ..... Mill Creek  
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