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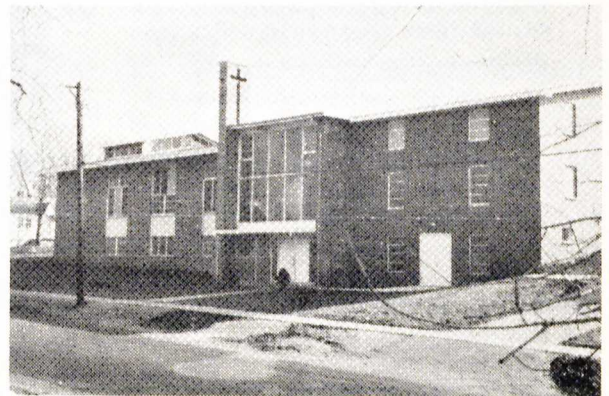
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HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

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PROMOTIONAL SEC.

First Mission Quarterly Meeting of Mission Association assembled with The Number One Free Will Baptist Church near Ben Davis, Mo., Thursday, May 11. Each of their churches sent delegates. We received six good gospel sermons during the day. They ordained one minister and liscensed two others to the ministry. They gave plenty time for our Mo. Cooperative Program, which another church in this quarterly meeting adopted this month. Bro. Gene Postlewaite is the pastor at the Number One Church. They did a good job hosting this meeting.

Pastor John Peterson and Meramec Heights Church in Valley Park, Mo., gave us the opportunity to deliver the gospel message there Sunday morning, May 21, and to solicit in behalf of our Mo. Co-operative Program, which we are hopeful they will adopt in the near future.

They have redecorated their church and put nice pews in also. Better than that--they are winning men to Lord, thus, into their church. Sunday evening we visited O'Fallon Church to encourage them, and their interim minister, Hugh Stogsdil, in the work of the Lord. Some unsaved are attending their services and their potential is good.

Grace and Overland Free Will Baptist churches each held ten night evangelistic revival services this month. Several souls in each meeting. I attended two nights in each church. And there are other reports throughout our Missouri state of souls being saved in the regular church services. Brethren, this is glad tidings, indeed!

We have received and disbursed through our Cooperative Plan for the past ten months \$30,195.70. However, to reach

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MISSION FIELDS NECESSARY ELEMENTS IN MISSIONS

Prepared by Raymond Riggs

The Dictionary tells us that logic is the Science of the Laws of Thought as Thought, of the Science of the formal Laws of Thought. With this definition in mind, and with the Word of God as the Thought of God we must conclude that the Cause of Missions is Pure Logic.

Every Christian should understand the essential facts and principles of the Program of Missions. No where in the Bible are these principles and necessary elements set forth more clearly than in the tenth chapter of Romans. Here, the apostle Paul gives to us in outline, the pure logic of Missions. We should ever be reminded that the salvation of men is the paramount concern of the Missionary Program.

Let us now consider Romans 10:8-17. (Please Read)

In these verses we note the logical elements of the Cause of Missions.

First we note:

I. THE ELEMENT OF NEED.

Man needs to be saved. In his natural state he is alienated from God, lost and without hope. This is true of all men--for the scriptures teach that "all have sinned", "gone astray", "there is none righteous", and "he that believeth not is condemned already". Thus, the spiritual need of men is the chief concern of missions. It is of major importance because it affects the happiness of men here on earth and determines their eternal destiny. Man is under the guilt and penalty of sin which is spiritual and eternal death. The imperative need is deliverance from this terrible end of everlasting doom. It is with this deliverance that missions must be primarily concerned. Study these: Gal. 3: 10; Rom. 3: 9-10; II Thes. 1:5-9; James 1: 15; Matt. 13: 40-42.

Second we notice:

II. THE ELEMENT OF PROVISION:

John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 1: 29 — "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," I John 2: 2 — "And he is the propitiation for our July, 1967

sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Marvel of Marvels! Provision has been made to meet the utmost spiritual and eternal needs of men. This provision has been made by and centers in a divine person—Jesus Christ the Son of God. It was he who paid the terrible price for man's deliverance from the penalty of the law and from the wrath of God. He bore the sins of men in his own body upon the cross, and he thereby became the end of the law for righteousness to all who accept him. In him and him only is salvation.

To proclaim the good news that provision for salvation has been made for all men is the task of missions.

Third, we note:

III. THE ELEMENT OF FAITH.

John 1: 12 — "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Even though ample provision for the salvation of men has been made, the offer must be accepted by each individual himself. It cannot be accepted by proxy. The acceptance is made by faith. This faith includes two ideas: namely, belief and trust. Man must not only believe that Christ is able to save, but he must trust his own salvation to Christ.

The fourth element in this Cause of Pure Logic is:

IV: THE ELEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE.

Salvation comes through faith in a person. That person is none other than Jesus Christ the Son of God. But faith in Christ is dependent upon a knowledge of him. It is impossible for one who has never even heard of Christ to trust him for salvation. It is true that not all who hear about Christ accept him as Saviour, nevertheless Christ should be made known to all men, everywhere that whosoever will may believe and be saved.

There are millions in the world today who have never heard the name of Jesus. They have no opportunity to hear of him because there is no one to tell them. It is to these that we are commanded to go. "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard." We cannot believe for them, but we are charged by the Word of God to tell them. Knowledge of the Saviour must first be imparted before they can believe. Knowledge of Christ is essential to faith, and faith is essential to salvation. Those in the United States and in other gospel en-

lightened countries, who are unsaved, in most cases have heard the Message. To be sure they must continue to be told. We must deal with them gently and pray for them. But remember, they have had their chance. What about the 65% of the world who have never heard. Who have no knowledge of the gospel what-so-ever. Surely, we are more responsible to tell them for the first time, than we would be to offer a second, third or perhaps the one hundred chance to some one here. Acts 16: 30-31; Romans 4: 5; Galatians 2: 16; 3: 26.

The next element in the process of missions is:

V. THE ELEMENT OF PREACHING.

The task of a preacher is to make known the gospel. He is to preach the Word of God. True, today there are many ways in which the Message of salvation may be conveyed. We have the object lessons, the eye gate, the printed page, and many others, but there is absolutely no substitute for preaching the Word. I Cor. 1: 21, "For after that in the wisdom of God, the the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of PREACHING to save them that believe." The preacher, then, is God's messenger delivering God's message to men. The message is the important thing, not the method of delivering it. Peter delivered a sermon on the day of Pentecost to a large audience. Phillip made Christ known to one man, through explaining the Scriptures. It is the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that hears and believes it. The gospel, therefore, should be preached. It must be preached, for through the gospel, and only through the gospel can men be saved. Matt. 3: 1-12; Mark 1: 14-15; Acts 8: 4; 10; 42-43; I Cor. 1: 18.

Next we come to the:

VI. THE ELEMENT OF MISSIONARIES

If the message of Christ is to be given to the world, messengers bearing that message must be sent into all the world. This is the will of Christ, and this is his command, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" The missionaries, the ones sent out—must be fully qualified to make Christ known to men. In the plan of God, only the persons selected, called and empowered by the Holy Spirit are to be entrusted with the task of evangelizing the

WE BELIEVE IN PERSEVERENCE

The articles of faith of the Free Will Baptist Church tells us that Free Will Baptists believe that "All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation."

It is the Holy Spirit working in us that enables us to live a victorious Christian life. When we were saved we were made sound; healed of our sickness of sin; delivered; liberated; saved from moral troubles; given victory and peace; and made whole. It is not enough to just receive Christ, we must continue in this same glorious position. In 2 Peter 2: 20 we find a description of one who did not persevere. "For in after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." Please note the following: 1. They have escaped the pollutions of the world. They have been liberated, set free, healed of sin sickness. 2. Through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The amplified new testament says that they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the full, personal knowledge of Christ. Jesus said in John 14: 6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the father, but by me." In John 8: 32, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." When we receive the knowledge of the truth we are liberated or set free." 3. They again become entangled in them and are overcome. In Hebrews 6: 4-6 the writer states, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy

Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." In these verses the believer has forsaken, and rejected his experience of conversion. He has rejected revealed truth. He has committed a sin for which there is no further redemption. But in 2 Peter 2: 20-22 Peter says nothing of a rejecting of revealed truth, he says this person gets entangled again in the pollutions of sins of the world. A man becomes worldly when he gets in the sinning business, whether it is failure to pray, failure to tithe, gossiping or other sins of omission or commission. God is merciful and gracious toward us, recognizing our weakness, and sometimes gives us opportunities to repent and turn from our wicked ways (II Chron. 7: 14) But this is mighty dangerous ground to be on. We might not be willing to take the opportunity God affords us.

The question is asked, "How many sins does a person have to commit before he is lost?" I don't know, but Peter says that a man can be overcome. Whether that occurs with one sin or two, at least we know that he gets involved in sin and is overcome when he no longer tries to live holy; allows the sins of the world to defeat him; in Matt. 24: 48 Jesus speaks of an evil servant who became an open sinner, loses everything and is cast out with the other hypocrites. This man is in a much worse condition than he was before he was saved. This does not mean that he cannot be reclaimed, but it is very probable that his heart has become so hard that he won't again yield to God, and dying in this con-

dition he is lost. We have had this sorrowful experience of seeing this very thing, and none of us can deny its possibility.

But, recognizing that this is based in interpretation of God's word, we offer again the paragraph 12 of the articles of faith of Free Will Baptists. "All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation." Whereas, salvation is a past experience (I have received salvation), a present experience (I am receiving salvation), and a future experience (I shall receive salvation), we believe in the persevering. Look closely at this article.

1. All believers in Christ: This must be those who have experienced the new birth. John 3: 36 tells us "He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life."

2. Who through grace persevere in holiness: It is through grace that we persevere. The Holy Spirit living in us, abiding in us, enables us to persevere. This grace does not force us to persevere, anymore than it forced us to be saved but it enables us to do all things through Christ who strengthens us. We must persevere in holiness. In First Peter 1: 16 the scripture says, "Be ye Holy for I am Holy." The word holiness comes from the Hebrew "ka-dash" to be clean ceremonially or morally; and from the Greek "hosiotes" piety, which in I Timothy 5 refers to Christian graces. The man of God must persevere in purity, obedience, and Christian graces. He must persevere in holiness until the end of life, he has the PROMISE OF LIFE ETERNAL.

Yes, we believe that the Lord has saved us to serve. We need to keep on keeping on until Jesus comes and calls for us.

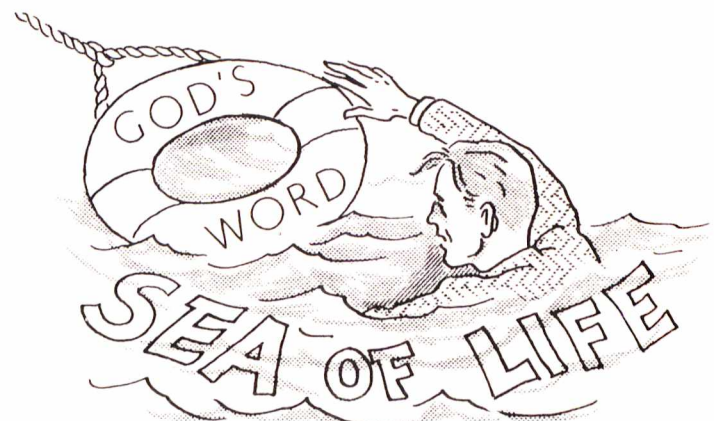
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our proposed goal of \$40,000.00 for 1966 & 1967 we need approximately \$9,800.00. Two new churches adopted this plan in May. Please, further observe from the monthly reports how new works adopt and contribute to this plan. Although they are in the initial process of purchasing building sites or church property. This method puts first things first. Thus, helping send the gospel to every nation on earth as commanded by our Lord!

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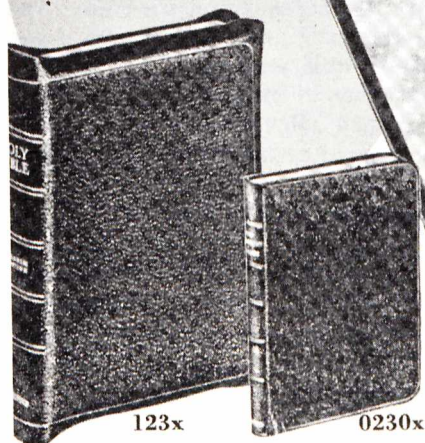


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EDITORIAL

Editors Note: This article was written by Bro. Ronald Creech, Editor of the "Free Will Baptist Witness", state paper of North Carolina. As Editor, I feel that this is an article that all of us should pay heed. This is one of the best articles that I have read in a long time on this subject. Also, some of the statements that he wrote concerning their paper are true concerning the "Gem". Let us as a state get behind our paper and make it what it should be. There are just a few churches and persons that can be relied on to send articles and news for the paper. May I count on you next month for material?

The Bible says, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15. "And He gave some...pastors..." Ephesians 4:11.

I believe that pastors are the most criticized and "cussed" crowd on earth. If a church prospers, everybody takes the credit. If it fails, the poor old pastor gets the blame. If programs and projects succeed, their proponents take the credit. If they fail, the pastors are beat over the head. If a service is good, the choir, ushers, musicians, nursery workers, etc., get the praise. If the service was a flop, "that pastor of ours just can't preach" flows from the lips of the folk.

My beloved friends, with the help of our Heavenly Father, I want to say a few words in defense of that group called pastors. I am not here defending foolish men who have apparently missed their calling and are not God's pastors. I am talking about Godly men.

I feel rather strongly about some of these things, I want to mention, when I was the pastor of a church and if anything I feel stronger about them now. My friends, it is doubtful to me that a pastor could carry the load he carries were it not for the Lord's help, protection, and encouragement. The Lord holds the pastors in His hand. (Rev. 2:1; 1:20—stars angels, or messengers or pastors of the churches.) It is mighty comforting to know that, with all his burdens and problems, Christ holds the pastor in His right hand.

Often folk will present their problems to the pastor and he will carry their load for years and then when the least little thing happens they will forget the broad shoulders that has carried their problems for years and will verbally chop him to pieces. Dear friends, that isn't right. It is God who gives you pastors! Love them and help them and encourage them. Some folk will vote against a raise in pay for the pastor and will pester him to death with

every little thing and cause him to spend more of his gas money on them than anyone else. How inconsistent can we get!

My friend, I believe with all my soul, if a church is going well and growing, the one person, more than any other who is responsible for it is the pastor. It won't hurt to brag on your pastor a little while he is still living. Don't wait until he dies and then hug and kiss his widow and kids. That won't do him any good. Tell him while it will help him and encourage his heart. Now if you decide to brag on him a little and he happens to fall over—you'd better rush over to him because he probably has fainted. He is not used to much of that!

Remember, you just know about your problems, but he has the problems of everyone in the church on his shoulders. Speak a word to encourage him and let him know you love him and appreciate him and are praying for him. Too, let him come over to your house and eat with you. He will love the fellowship and it will help his dear wife, who has more on her than any other woman on earth. (I want to write a few words about the preacher's wife some day.) Not only will he like the fellowship but he will dearly like that chicken, ham, roast, bar-b-que, or chicken stew and beans, peas, collards, slaw, homemade biscuits, and red-eyed or saw mill gravy, banana pudding, strawberry shortcake and the like. If I have left anything out, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, "He likes to eat."

My friends, I believe 95% of the pastors in our Free Will Baptist denomination would be far more effective if they got a few words of encouragement.

Too, I believe a church's first obligation is to their pastor. Now, I am in a work where I am trying to raise money but I frankly and honestly and without hesitation say to you that if your pastor's salary needs to be raised and you can't do that and support the WITNESS too—give your pastor a raise!

Your church will be much better off if you take real good care of that pastor. He can't do his work if he worries over where he will get money to pay his bills. I do not mean to infer that preachers ought to recklessly make debts either. They should be real careful but they should be paid well enough to meet legitimate obligations.

For instance, I believe churches ought to cut off the salaries of liberals and modernists like Bishop Pike and his kind who do not believe the Bible. In fact, I imagine lots of liberals would suddenly become fundamentalists if their salaries were cut off. Liberals feel no compulsion to reform theologically as long as they can draw their salary in spite of their infidelity. But if a man is a sound, Bible preacher and good pastor, then he should be well paid. After

all, he is on call 24 hours of every day.

Lots of times when people get in a job like the one I am trying to do now, they sorta look down on the pastor and feel if the pastor sees them, he must look up. There is no higher office in the whole wide world than that of undershepherding God's flock as a pastor. I am going to try to be a friend of the pastor if I can. In fact, I can not understand how anyone in the kind of work that I am doing could do otherwise. I am keenly aware of the fact that I am dependent upon pastors for my salary and the support of the WITNESS magazine. I certainly don't want to bite the hand that feeds me. You see, pastors are not dependent upon me for their salary but I am dependent upon pastors for mine. Brother if the good men of God who lead the churches of our State do not lead their churches to help me and this magazine, we're sunk. I certainly hope God will help me to be their true friend.

A fellow in North Carolina, not with us now, has for years slurred at energetic and live-wire preachers and has tried to discredit them. He pictured their churches as "writhing under the dynasty of the pulpit." No wonder, he couldn't stand fellows who had a little fire and zeal. He would go into his pulpit with his Revised Standard Version of the Bible and icicles hanging on his coattail. No wonder, he was verbal in his disgust for the fellows with fire and zeal and the old King James Version. He had to do something to cover up his deep-freeze situation. I believe there is something wrong with one who tries to discredit God-called and God-appointed pastors. I hope I can be the true-blue friend of the 200 plus pastors in our State who read this paper.

What should you call him? I believe it should be Brother or Preacher or some such warm title of respect. I was eating lunch at a place not long ago with a number of church families and the mothers, dads, and children all were referring to their pastor as Preacher _____. That's good. I do not believe you should call him by his first name. If for no other reason, do not call him by his first name for the children's sake. Let them grow up feeling that this is the man God has given us to feed us knowledge and understanding. (Jeremiah 3:15)

I am aware that pastors cannot respond to everything that comes to their mail box. They must set up a priority list of their own. They can't do everything everybody wants them to. They shouldn't be blamed if our programs collapse.

In fact, everyone does not support the WITNESS nor the other four agencies of our Association in North Carolina. Only 40 or 50 churches are carrying the load of our whole state work. I know though!

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that I will not encourage you to lead your church to help us by jumping down your throat. I hope I can be your friend. I hope you can see your way clear to lead your church to help us. May God bless you.

Now, dear church member, please do not misunderstand what I am saying. Some of you dear folk who read these lines are as faithful as you can be to your pastor. God bless you and let me remind you that it is folk like you that makes a godly pastor feel like keeping on. All churches have a few that hold up the arms of their leader. (Ex. 17: 11-12) Remember that victory will come if you hold his hand up. You may say, well, I can't sing or teach or usher or be an officer or any such thing. Bless your heart—if I know how your pastor feels (and I should, I was one about 18 years) you just hold his hands up. He will be eternally grateful to you for it and to God for you.

Let's don't fuss at the pastors but encourage their hearts and thank God for them.

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world. Each one who goes forth as a minister or missionary should be assured in his own mind and heart that he has been called of God and separated unto the Gospel of Christ. Churches need to exercise great care in ordaining men to the ministry and mission board, likewise, need to exercise great care in selecting and approving persons for mission work. The individual and the approving agent should at least keep the following things in mind as they become messengers of the Lord. First, the need. Second, the ability to meet the need and, third, the opportunity. Mark 3: 14; Acts 13: 1-4.

The last point in our missionary analysis is:

VII. THE ELEMENT OF SUPPORT.

"How shall they preach except they be sent?" Ministers, missionaries and all other Christian workers, who give their full time and energy to the furtherance of the cause and program of Christ, deserve and must have financial support. Surely, there would be no doubt or argument at this point. Financial aid for the promoters of Christ's world-wide program come only from the voluntary contributions of other Christians.

Every Christian should be deeply interested in the success of his Master's Cause. Every Christian is deeply indebted to the missionary enterprise. Love, loyalty, and obedience to Christ all demand liberal giving for the support of the cause for which Christ died. Also, love and compassion for lost men call loudly and persistently for expression in and through liberal giving of money to make Christ known. Actually, you and I are beneficiaries of the missionary enterprise, 1967

prise. We are indebted to this cause because beyond the power of words to express, and beyond the power of figures to estimate. Through the activities of faithful followers of Christ, we heard of the Saviour, we believed in him, and we were saved by him. Every impulse of gratitude and every emotion of love to God and men call loudly for our interest, for our prayers, and for our support of the divine enterprise of missions.

O Love that will not let me go
O grace divine so full and free
Help me thy love to others show
That they may share thy grace with thee.
Give me a heart of tender love
Help me to see the debt I owe
My affections set on things above
And all my pride keep "way down low."
Give me a vision far and wide
A burden deep for all in sin
Thy Holy Spirit to always guide
That we may all this big world win.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS

MISSOURI

FOR MAY, 1967

Pleasant Ridge FWB, Alton	4.00
Alga Helsley	10.00
Mr. Clifford Neaby	12.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	90.00
Trinity FWB, St. Louis	2.37
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	178.00
Phillip Fry, Mt. Grove	5.00
Harold E. Coble, Vanzant	12.73
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	95.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
FWB, West Plains	172.83
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	10.00
Myrtle FWB	48.59
Oak Grove, Mt. Grove	15.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville	33.01
Central Western Mo. Assn.	13.95
C.R. Mayo, St. Ann	14.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	21.35
Pleasant Ridge FWB, Mack Creek	10.00
Mo. State Assn. St. Louis	662.18
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	11.00
Mrs. G.W. Hopper, Poynor	5.00
Glen Murray, Kansas City	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
FWB Church, Berkeley	147.50
FWB, Farmington	200.16
St. Louis Dist. Quarterly Meet.	100.00
Floyd Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Steadfast SS Class, St. Louis	26.09
First FWB, Kirksville	34.52
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	32.35
Fourth FWB, St. Louis	10.00

Victory FWB, Avondale	43.15
Alton FWB Church	21.14
Calvary FWB Church, Conway	20.08
Grant Avenue SS, Springfield	9.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	5.00
Grace FWB, Arnold	69.28
Willow Springs FWB, Mt. Grove	11.63
Overland FWB	25.00
Rock Chapel CTS, Mt. Grove	10.00
Madison Co. Youth Rally, Fredericktown	12.50
Kirksville FWB	69.76
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nillian, Bismarck	54.00
Hickory Grove FWB, Harrisonville	20.00
New Harmony SS, Greentop	21.37
Leadington FWB	28.90
First FWB, Springfield	33.00
Parkview FWB, Desloge	15.00
Sunday School Class, Bonne Terre	30.74
Mr. & Mrs. Joe N. Howard	25.00
Mt. Grove FWB, Mt. Grove	57.00
W. G. Spencer, Kirkwood	50.00
M. L. Combs, O'Fallon	5.00
Thayer FWB	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brakefield, St. Louis	28.00
New Rock Spring, Cabool	18.00
Ronald Barr, Arnold	5.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	160.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Leadington FWB	8.00
Garfield Sunday School, Couch	20.00
Oak Grove Church, Mt. Grove	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Williams, Bismarck	20.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	14.00
Grace FWB, Jr. Girls, Arnold	5.00
Cooperative Plan	559.73
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burhcan, Esther	25.00
Total	\$3,696.54

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Fellowship FWB, Flat River	10.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	2.50
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Myrtle FWB	5.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB	10.00
Mary- Martha Cir., Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mrs. Geo. W. Scott, Mtn. Grove	2.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Farmington FWB	40.03
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	2.50
Mr. Gene Peterson, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mr. Lindell Willhite, St. Louis	10.00
Mr. O.D. Matthews, Fredericktown	12.50
Cabool FWB	1.81
Leadington FWB	15.00
Leadington FWB	15.00
Miss Janet McGown, Mtn. Grove	5.00
New Home FWB, Hartville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Edwards, Hartville	10.00

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELDS



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY HELD Nashville, Tennessee.....

Reverend Roger Reeds, General Director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, turns a spade of dirt at ground breaking services which were conducted recently on the property owned by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The National Association has given approval for the erection of a warehouse building of masonry and metal design is to be constructed.

The building will be 80 x 122.3 feet in size giving a total of 9784 square feet. A front portion of the building will house the business and promotional offices. The remainder of the building will be used for storage and shipping of Sunday School literature and supplies.

Continued growth has forced the erection of this building. The Sunday School Department has experienced a steady growth during the past five years.

Present office facilities will be used to house the editorial staff of the department. Mr. Reeds will also maintain his office in existing facilities.

The new construction is expected to be completed and occupied by the 1st of September.

LETTER FROM THE HOST PASTOR AT THE SITE OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Brother Hill:

The Central Free Will Baptist Church is very happy to be able to host the 1967 session of the Missouri State Association

of Free Will Baptists. Central Free Will Church is located at 1112 East 77th St., Kansas City, Missouri. The phone number is JA 3-0837.

Although Central Church is in a large city, it is possible for those coming from the south to come all the way to the church and yet not get involved in heavy city traffic. Those coming by way of Interstate 70 will leave the highway at Noland Road, go south to Bannister and then west to 71 highway, north to the church which is located right on Highway 71. There is a very large neon sign in front of the church. Those coming by way of Highway 50 will simply turn west on Bannister and go to Highway 71. Those coming south on Highway stay on 71 right to the door of the church. Those coming from the north on Highway 69 or 35 will stay on these highways until they lead into 71, then go south on Highway 70 to 77th Street, turn left and the church is on the north side of the street. We are sure you will have no difficulty at all in finding the church, however, if you should have trouble, we will have people at the church to receive your call and help you in any way possible.

We are very happy to open our homes for your stay with us. Our placement committee will have beds for you if you desire. We also include a list of convenient motels for those who wish to stay in them.

FOUR ACRES - 8220 So. Highway 71, Air-conditioned; five minutes drive from church; Single, 1 person, \$7.00; double, 2 people, \$10.00 and \$11.00; Twin, 4 people, \$15.00.

HOLIDAY INN - 11081 Blue Ridge Extension; Air-conditioned; 12 minutes drive from church; Single, \$9.00; Double, \$11.00; Twin, \$14.00, two people only.

HIWAY MOTEL - 9512 Hickman Mills Drive; Air-conditioned; 12 minutes from church; Each room double bed, \$5.50 and \$6.00.

You can make reservations in Four Acres or Holiday Inn, but Hiway Motel does not take advance reservations. I suggest that you come to the church and receive directions from there.

Eating places are plentiful, and we feel that you will not have difficulty finding a place to eat.

COME TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR.

Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church
1061 South Grant Avenue
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Christians:

Since coming to serve you as pastor over four years ago, February 1, 1963, my family and I have enjoyed many wonderful services with you here in our church. Hur-
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dreds of souls have responded to the gospel in services almost as if we were in continuous revival. Souls saved, restorations at the altars, and people joining the church with the Holy Spirit moving upon hearts Sunday after Sunday has made this an enjoyable work.

The beautiful new Auditorium stands as a monument to the work of many people with whom God has worked and blessed. Therefore, it is with joy that we can truthfully say, "It has been good to serve you as pastor."

With the pressure for full-time evangelistic work, and calls from other churches that desire to build evangelistic work, and feel that God is speaking to our hearts about officially resigning as your pastor.

This church shall find a competent man of God who shall lead you on to new heights. He shall love you as you love him and together blessings will be forthcoming from God our Heavenly Father.

We sincerely desire the good will of all and promise to work for the cause for which this church was founded and built.

In the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Othel T. and Margaret Dixon

FORMER MISSOURIAN WRITES

Since leaving Missouri almost four years ago, we have been in contact with the fine work of our Missouri churches through the Gem paper. We wish to congratulate the editor for his splendid and devoted work in behalf of this paper.

During the time spent away from Missouri, we have been serving as the pastor of the Loudendale Free Will Baptist Church near Charleston, West Virginia.

God has blessed our labor here. Two and one-half years have been spent in a building program, and on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1967, a beautiful auditorium, with a seating capacity of between 300 and 350 people was dedicated to God. Approximately, 150 conversions and rededications have been experienced through the regular services, revivals, Vacation Bible Schools, etc. Our Sunday School attendance has averaged between 190 to 200 during the last three months. In spite of all the victories, there is much that remains to be done. So we urge you to pray earnestly for us.

We close with the words of Apostle Paul who wrote: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

Your fellow-workers in Christ,
Rev. & Mrs. Albert Halbrook

REVIVAL AT VICTORY CHURCH

A revival was held at the Victory Church, in Avondale, Mo., beginning April 16, and continuing through the 25th. Bro. Johnny Land, pastor of the Grace FWB Church in Arnold, Mo. was our evangelist. July, 1967

Our hearts were made to rejoice by the messages from God's Word, preached to us so effectively by this wonderful man of God.

Through this preaching of the Word, we were able to see 36 precious souls won to the Lord and a large number of rededications of lives to His great cause. We praise the Lord for these decisions.

We were thankful to have the Mason Family to sing for us one night and then on the weekend the Singing Ledbetters from Wichita, Kansas, who have a special place in all our hearts here at Victory Church. They present the Gospel in song in such a way, that our hearts are filled to overflowing.

I'm sure each of us can say our hearts were blessed and that we were strengthened in our Christian lives as a result of this revival, for which we say, Thank you Lord.

Lou Thurston,
Church Reporter

PASTOR IMPROVING

Rev. H. T. Dann, who was injured in a car accident recently, is improving. At last report, he still has not been able to fill the pulpit. Please remember him in prayer.

PARKVIEW HAS GOOD D.V.B.S.

The revival services at Desloge were held from May 3 to May 13, 1967. Although the services have come to a close, we know that the spirit of revival is still with us. Two were saved during the revival meeting and since then one young man was saved in Bible School. Two young women renewed their vows to the Lord on Sunday morning, June 11. Two came for church membership and are waiting to be baptized.

A Baptismal Service was held on Sunday afternoon, May 28, and four were baptized and are now in full fellowship with the church.

Rev. Elmer Turnbaugh was the Evangelist for the revival meeting. It was a blessing to have Brother Turnbaugh with us again. He was pastor here from 1961 to 1963.

Vacation Bible School closed Sunday night with a special program. Parents and friends were welcomed to see what the children has accomplished during the two weeks of V.B.S. attendance for the program was very good.

The number enrolled has dropped this year. Many children were having to attend summer school and the Head Start Program. Our highest number was 66.

The theme for this year was God's Power For My Life. Sister Nellie Rasnie was our director again this year and Rev. Harly Brown, our pastor, directed the devotional for each morning. One young man

was saved in Sister Helen Brown's Teenage Class. Although we were fewer in number the Lord gave us a spirit-filled two weeks of study of and fellowship.

Our C.T.S. is growing under the leadership of Brother Arthur Jenkerson. The increase we enjoy is in compliance with the standard set by the C.T.S. board for this past quarter.

We are receiving blessings here at Parkview and thank the Lord for them, but, we aren't satisfied. Remember us in prayer.

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Rev. Wm. Buster is available for pastoral work. If any church is interested, he may be contacted at 124 W. Maple St., Hartford, Ill. 62408.

KOSHKONONG CHURCH STILL GROWING

We have our new church pews installed in our church building, and also a new piano was given as a gift to the church. We praise the Lord for being so wonderful to us in this community. We would be glad to have any of you to come and be with us in the services.

TO IMPROVE YOUTH CAMP CABINS

Those who gave to remodel the old Myrtle cabin and improve the new cabin of the Cave Springs Association were as follows:

West Plains	\$30.00
Pleasant Hill	17.00
Clifton	19.00
Alton	25.00
E. D. Robertson, West Plains	10.00
Bailey Chapel	5.00
Myrtle	25.00
Thayer	32.11
Total	\$163.11

We thank each one for giving and we are sure God has blessings in store for those who did so.

COMMITTEE: Rev. Glen Murray
Rev. Terry Forest
Rev. Grover Pingleton

OVERLAND CHURCH EXPERIENCES REVIVAL

We concluded our revival meeting on a high note of praise. Rev. Jim McAllister, our evangelist, certainly was sent of God. He preached some of the very best messages that I have ever heard. Our church has experienced REVIVAL. (Praise His Holy Name) We saw twenty-five (25) walked down the path of repentance, 7 for salvation and 18 for rededication. One young married man, Brother Ray Andereck, announced his call to preach the Gospel of our wonderful Lord. The members of the body of Christ (those who have been washed in the Blood of Christ) ought to rejoice to the fact that REVIVAL is still possible for

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- * Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Jacksonville, Florida--July 11
- * Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, Niangua, Missouri--August 7-8,
Special Speakers--Mrs. Georgia Hill,
National Auxiliary President
- * Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Kansas City, Missouri - August
22, Special Speaker, Rev. Joe Haas,
Missionary to India.
- * Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Dinner, Sweden Rest, Kansas City, Missouri--August 23, Special Speaker,
Miss Mary Clark, National Chairman of
of Christian Women's Club of America
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Christian Women's Club of America

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S RETREAT RETREAT PROGRAM NIANGUA, MISSOURI AUGUST 7-8, 1967

- 9:30 A.M. Registration
Mrs. Orela Kennedy
- 10:00 Singing and Devotional
Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson
- 10:15 Who are you?
Mrs. Peggy Davis
- 10:55 Special Music
Mrs. Kenneth Stillwell
- 11:00 Mrs. Georgia Hill
National Aux. President
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Missionary Prayer Band
Mrs. Barbara Oxendine
- 2:00 "The Breaking of the Bread"
Mrs. Betty Bagwell
- 2:45 Count Your Blessings
Mrs. Alton Loveless
- 3:30 Fun Time
Mrs. Peggy Junta
- 5:30 Evening Meal
- 6:45 Vesper Service
Mrs. Joan King
- 7:00 Mrs. Georgia Hill
National Aux. President
- TUESDAY
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 What's Your Favorite
Bible Verse?
Mrs. Verna Malone
- 9:30 Tic-Tac-Know
Mrs. Margaret Dixon
- 10:30 Woman's Auxiliary News
Delegates; Chorus Time
- 11:00 Special Music
Mrs. Jean Bowman
- 11:10 Offering
- 11:15 Mrs. Georgia Hill
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Adjourn

We urge everyone to please attend, a time to relax in a good Christ centered effort. If you can attend please send registration fee of \$4.00 to Mrs. Orela Kennedy, 306 Cedar Street, Flat River, Mo. 63601. This takes care of meals for the two days. Bring bed rolls and towels. If you can't send your fee then please bring it with you to the Retreat.



thru the LETTER BOX

MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT

A spring theme was carried out in decorations of flowers and Maypoles by the Woman's Auxiliary held in the church dining hall of the Monett church.

Streamers in pastel colors extending from the center of the ceiling to form a Maypole and a Dutch garden scene, containing spring flowers, a windmill and Dutch boy and girl, decorated the dining hall for the occasion. Tiny Maypoles centered each serving table and favors of miniature May baskets, holding a bouquet of spring flowers, were given to each person present.

Following a bountiful meal served by Donnie Davis and Gary Jefferys, Mrs. Ruth Meier sang a solo, "Mother Knows". A short devotional was given by the pastor, Rev. James A. Franklin. Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Jewell Campbell, who spoke on the relationship of mothers and daughters and their relationship with God.

There were over 100 mothers and daughters present. Everyone truly enjoyed this warm fellowship.

INSPIRING METHOD OF GIVING

The St. Francois County Woman's Auxiliary District Convention met April 21 at the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church in Desloge, Mo. The president, Mrs. Jo Ann King opened the meeting. Mrs. Verna Malone led in singing the hymn, "To The Regions Beyond," with Mrs. Pearl Denton at the piano.

The Rev. Harley Brown gave this morning devotional, and a special song was sung by Mrs. Marian Wilson. The title was "The Circle of His Love." Mrs. King recognized the auxiliaries and appointed the nominating committee to select officers to select officers to be voted on for the coming year. Sister Malone led in singing "Jesus Saves." Mrs. King then called for each auxiliary to present their offering

to the Willey Senoir Account in their own original way. The program was most interesting and inspiring to all.

Mrs. King spoke on scripture taken from Mark 2: 1-4. Four ladies from the Farmington church brought forward their offering of \$50 on a stretcher depicting the four helpers spoken of in the scripture reading.

Mrs. Betty Reeves represented the Fellowship church and spoke on the scripture taken from Romans 11: 16-24. The parable of the Olive tree was the scripture, and they gave their offering of \$64.75 placed on the branches of a money tree.

Mrs. Orela Kennedy represented the ladies from the First Free Will Baptist Church. The offering of \$10 was presented by the use of flannel graph and songs. Mrs. Marie Kemp assisted at the piano and Mrs. Wilson read a portion of the scripture readings and sang with Mrs. Kennedy. The words spelled out Teach, Pray, Give and Compassion. This scripture and songs were Matthew 28: 19-20: "In Times Like These," Matthew 21: 22 with the song "Did You Think To Pray." Luke 6: 38 with the song "Jesus Use Me." The scripture 1 Peter 3: 8 was read and the song, "So Great Is His Love" was sung.

The Leadington Church offering of \$10 was placed on a cross which was attached to a map of Brazil. The title of the presentation was "Foot Work in Brazil."

Mrs. Mildred Miller represented the Parkview auxiliary. The scripture reading was St. John 4: 18-30. The theme was Living Water. Their \$20 offering was placed in a cleverly designed Jacob's Well.

The Rev. Kennedy of the First Church led in a prayer of dedication of the offering. The congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him." We were dismissed to enjoy a covered dish luncheon in the dining room of the church.

The afternoon session opened with a singspiration led by Jo Ann King. Mrs. Hilderbrand led in prayer. Mrs. King called the business meeting to order and several items of business were discussed. Among the reports read was that of the registration and there were 41 present.

The new officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Verna Malone; vice-president, Mrs. Jo Ann King; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Verna Malone; Free Will Baptist Gem

suror, Mrs. Janet Bailey; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Marian Wilson; study course chairman, Mrs. Helen Brown; stewardship-prayer chairman, Mrs. Orela Kennedy; missions chairman, Mrs. Peggy Guinta and personal service chairman is Mrs. Pearl Denton.

The final portion of the day's program was a service for the installation of the new officers. Mrs. Smith, of the Farmington Church, was in charge of the installation entitled "Slaves of Christ Jesus." A charge was given to each officer and Mrs. Elsie Grey pinned a corsage on each one. A golden link was placed on the wrist of each lady which represented their slavery for Christ. The Rev. Brown led in a prayer of dedication, and Mrs. Jo Ann King led in the closing prayer.

HELPING THE SERVICEMEN

The first meeting of the new year for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo., was held on June 6 at the church with thirteen members present.

The program, "Europe—A New Mission Field" opened with the hymn, "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations." Prayer by Minnie Burcham. Scripture for the evening was taken from Acts. Mrs. Hilderbrand commented on the scripture. A very interesting program given by Wanda Ragsdale gave us an inside look at the spiritual needs of Europe.

During the Mission Emphasis, Edith Brooks called to our attention as objects of prayer the financial needs of our Missionaries.

Prayer by Mrs. Turley just before entering our business, during which the projects from each circle was discussed. The circles will be sending cards and cookies to our servicemen. A letter from Mrs. Aldridge, our Missionary to the Ivory Coast, was read.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIVING

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity FWB Church of Bridgeton, has just completed a three-month series of programs prepared by Study Course Chairman Elaine Spurgeon and Program-Prayer Chairman Opal Hughes. It was based on the interesting book, "Christian Family Living", by V. Raymond Edman. Some of the challenging subjects in the book for discussion are: "What is a Christian Family; Discipline in the Home; The Individuality of Children; and Meeting Family Crises."

If you group has not read this book, our Auxiliary recommends it for a study course or monthly program.

Bea Colby

GUIDING LIGHTS

The Mission District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, Mo., on May 23, 1967. The devotional and every part of the service developed the theme of "Guiding Lights." The Grant Avenue Auxiliary presented a very interesting and challenging playlet. After the evening meal, the officers for 1967-1968 were elected and installed. Mrs. Luther Gibson used "What is in a Name?" for an impressive installation service. Mrs. Hazel Elliott used a candlelighting service for the special Youth Camp offering. Necessary reports and business were taken care of. Miss Sherry Hill presented the special music just before Rev. Dale Jones of Lebanon brought the message. His text was "He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life." We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Dora Fry.

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Mrs. Stella Hanna
District Cor. Sec.

WALKING WITH GOD

"WALKING WITH GOD" was the theme used for the Mothers and Daughters Banquet Friday evening in the fellowship hall of the First Free Will Baptist Church. Used to emphasize the theme was a table that was decorated with special prepared shoes, filled with flowers, pointed to the theme at the head of the table, with simulated tracks of all sizes made from gold colored paper. There were visitors attending and the Welcome Address was delivered by Mrs. Clara Gammon. "Live's One Way" was the subject of Mrs. Orela Kennedy. A "tribute to mothers" was given by Mrs. Mary Bell Gammon. In the middle of the table that made a form of a cross were three candles, representing: Courage - lighted by Mrs. Marie Kemp, giving a topic on Courage. The second candle represented Love - topic given and candle lighted by Rose Mary Kemp. The third candle represented Faith - topic given by Mrs. Hazel Scott. Mrs. Marion Wilson gave a talk on "A Mother Speaks". A special song was rendered by Miss Midge Wilson, entitled "Mother Knows". Mrs. Kennedy gave a talk on the subject "My Mother". The Girls Trio of the church, Vickie Matthews, Rosemary Kemp, Karen King, sang "You Got To Keep Walking". Prayer by Mrs. Allie Thruman, "Motherhood". Refreshments served, Mrs. Bessie Kirkpatrick dismissed with prayer.

There were forty in attendance and a wonderful spirit of fellowship prevailed.

First Free Will Baptist Church
Flat River

WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

Twenty Christian women from four local Woman's Auxiliaries—Alton, Myrtle, Thayer and West Plains, Mo.—met June 3, 1967 at West Plains Free Will Baptist Church, along with Sister Elizabeth Gibson of Mountain Grove, Mo. to organize a district Woman's Auxiliary. The meeting was opened by singing "There's Power In The Blood." Prayer by Sister Gibson for the election of new officers. Sister Gibson acted as Chairman in the absence of Margaret Dixon.

All officers were nominated and elected. President, Rachel Murray, Alton, Mo.; Vice President, Phyllis Miller, Thayer, Mo.; Recording Sect., Bernice Cantrell, Myrtle, Mo.; Asst. Record Sect., Dorothy Kerr, Alton, Mo.; Treasurer, Effie Lou Moss, West Plains, Mo.; Field Worker, Maureen Holman, Thayer, Mo.; Study Course, Eileen Gonterman, Alton, Mo.; Corresponding Sect., Lorene Pohnert, Thayer, Mo.; Stewardship Prayer, Hattie Sims, West Plains, Mo.; Personal Service, Jo Pingleton, Thayer, Mo.; Missions, Mamie Crase, Myrtle, Mo.; Historian, Gene Pierce, West Plains, Mo.

Motion made and carried to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws for the district Woman's Auxiliary as in the Woman's Auxiliary Manuel. Motion made and carried to name the district Woman's Auxiliary, "The Cave Spring District Woman's Auxiliary."

Open discussion was held on the duties of the officers and many helpful ideas were discussed on how to plan a good program to increase the attendance and do work for the Lord.

At the close of the service the officers were installed by Sister Gibson. Closing prayer by the new district president, Sister Rachel Murray. The first meeting will be in October with the Myrtle Church.

Corresponding Secretary,
Lorene Pohnert, Thayer, Mo. 65574

VOTES ON NATIONAL DELEGATE

The Woman's Auxiliary of Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday evening, June 13. All officers gave good reports. Mrs. Maureen Holman gave a report on the new district meeting. It was voted to serve lunch at the sale of the late Mrs. Gola Carroll on Saturday, June 24. We voted to send Mrs. Lorene Pohnert as a delegate to the national Woman's Auxiliary in Jacksonville, Florida, July 11 and 12.

Our Program Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Fern Hickinbotham was in charge of the program. Mrs. Clara Allen gave the lesson. She had given much time and study to the First Church in Asia.

Following the meeting a hankie shower was given Mrs. Phyllis Miller our past president who is moving to West Plains. We regret losing Sister Phyllis. She has been a great blessing to the Auxiliary and the church. We pray God's richest blessings upon her.

NEHEMIAH 1:3

In Nehemiah 1:3 the Bible says the Walls of Jerusalem were broken down. This is the very picture of the church today. The walls are broken down. These walls represent the Standards of the Church. After the Walls of Jerusalem were broken down it was simple for the enemy to enter the city. This is also true of the Church. When the Standards are torn down Satan and his followers can come right into the Church even the high places, as Church leaders.

This should not be, but you ask "What can I do about it?" The Bible tells us what Nehemiah did about it. Verses 4 through 11 we find that it caused Nehemiah to fast and pray. In this prayer he confessed, "I and My Fathers house have sinned." Certainly if we today would confess our sin and rebuild the Walls, God would forgive our sin and restore the Old Time Power.

Before Nehemiah and his followers could rebuild the Walls of Jerusalem they first got rid of the rubbish, then they rebuilt the

walls on a solid foundation. This is so of the Church also. If the Church is to withstand the wiles of the devil, there must be a clearing of the Rubbish and then erect Standards with Bible foundation. A Bible Standard will keep worldly people out of spiritual offices.

A Church with Standards is a Church which Christ can be proud of and bless. We who truly Love the Lord, hold his Word Precious and his standard high. Many have lowered the standards only to hurt themselves and the cause of Christ.

It is my desire to take Christ as my example and to be able to say with the Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 11: 1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ?"

I covet your prayers that I will love and even that I will be willing to die for him who died for me. What less could I do? I want to be your friend, God's Servant and the devil's enemy.

Rev. Dennis Bowman, Student at F.W.B. Bible College,
Cuba, Missouri

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those that are willing to pay the price. The members of the Overland Free Will Baptist Church want to thank God for sending this revival in our church. If any of our Gem readers are ever in St. Louis, Mo. please drop by the lovely new church in Overland. We are one half block off Woodson Road on West Milton, 9440 W. Milton Ave. Accept our invitation to come and worship with us--we feel that you will receive a great blessing. Thank God for Free Will Baptist.

VALUABLE GIFT

Recently Mrs. Vicki Graves Bowen donated the Free Will Baptist historical materials of her late husband, Rev. Ernest Bowen, to the National Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.

There were a number of very valuable items among this fine collection. In fact, Brother Bowen had one of the finest personal collections of Free Will Baptists that that we know of. We are so very grateful that Mrs. Bowen wanted the denomination to have this collection. This certainly shows her interest in our denomination and that she felt Brother Bowen would want his denomination to have these materials and benefit from them.

Our Commission has requested our Bible College in its development program to provide a safe, fire-proof depository for these valuable Free Will Baptist historical materials.

We want to urge you other Free Will Baptist friends who may have things of historical value to seriously consider donating them to the National Free Will Baptist historical collection. Please send things like Free Will Baptist books, treatises, photos, minutes, song books, sermons, periodicals, or any other Free Will Baptist materials. If there is a doubt in your mind whether or not it is of historical

value, please send it to us and let us decide whether it should or should not be preserved.

Another thing, we want all the current things being printed today. All Conference or Associational Clerks, please place the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection 3606 West End Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee 37205 on your mailing list. If your State publishes a paper or magazine, please see that a copy of each issue from the beginning is sent to the Collection. One of everything that is printed with the name "Free Will Baptist" on it, we want in the National Collection.

Everyone, please help us preserve the history of our beloved denomination. We have not been as diligent as we should have been in preserving these valuable items. We have found them in old trunks, laying on open shelves, in drawers and even in barns. If it has "Free Will Baptist" on it--no matter where or what it is, it is valuable. Please help us get these things into the National Collection for safe keeping.

It is nearly National Association time. If you have things of value, please mail them to the Nashville address or just bring them to Jacksonville, Florida, in July and give them to either of us.

May God bless you. We are counting on you to help us preserve the history of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rev. William Hill
Rev. G. C. Lee
Rev. Ronald Creech

REPORT OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHEREAS, there is a present effort to

unite all religious bodies into an organic super world church under the guise of Christian unity known as the ecumenical movement, and

WHEREAS, this attempt to unite all religious faiths into an organic entity ignores the New Testament teaching of the church as the mystical body of Christ and the spiritual bond of Christ's Kingdom, and WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Church is fostering co-operation and merger as a scheme to bring all Christendom under the control of Rome, and

WHEREAS, the Bible plainly forbids us to "Be un-equally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Corinthians 6: 14) and that we are to "come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord" (II Corinthians 6: 17), and that we are commanded plainly in II John 10, 11, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth speed is partaker of his evil deeds", and WHEREAS, these plain Scriptural commands have been misinterpreted in evangelical Christian circles today in so-called "Co-operative Evangelism" which allows any and all churchmen, regardless of their doctrinal position or attitude to Christ and the Bible, to take active parts in such evangelistic efforts, and

WHEREAS, this tendency is contrary to the historic position of Free Will Baptists, and

WHEREAS, this 1967 session of the North Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptists wishes to make its position abundantly clear,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we go on record as being--unalterably opposed to the ecumenical movement.
2. That this Association has never, does not now, and by God's grace, never will be in favor of yoking up with

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modernists, liberals, Jews, Catholics, cults, etc., in a one-world church, but believe we should obey God.

3. That we do not to any degree approve of any type of co-operative evangelism with modernists, liberals, Catholics, Jews, etc., which brings all theological persuasions together, and after the campaign turns decision cards over to and new converts back into liberalistic and modernistic churches.
4. That we are firmly against, and strictly opposed to the Neo-Evangelical Movement, which seeks to build a bridge between the fundamentalists and the liberals, and modernists by flirting with, having dialogue with, and tolerating liberals and modernists, when Almighty God has plainly said, "and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5: 11)
5. That copies of this resolution be spread on the pages of our Associational Minutes, and that copies be sent to our Free Will Baptist publications.

NEW OFFICERS

The following is a list of the newly elected officers for the new year in the Leadington Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary:

President, Peggy Giunta; Vice-President, Bernice Halter; Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Rains; Program Chairman, Sandy Morris; Personal Service, Ruby Boren; Corresponding Secretary, Beulah Clay; Mission Chairman, Ruth Wilfong; Study-Course Chairman, Iva Treaster; Historian, Allie Penrod.

Present officers presented oral and written reports. The ladies decided to make Friday, May 12 as a day to make bandages for our medical Missionary. Each member was to write to a foreign missionary this month. Sis. Peggy Giunta read a letter from the Mileys'.

Sis. Sandy Morris than gave a very inspiring program entitled "Queens for a Day". A program dedicated to women and mothers.

The meeting was closed by saying "The Lord's Prayer" in unison.

Pat Rains, Cor. Sec.

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Central FWB, Kansas City	17.57
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	10.00
First FWB, Cape Girardeau	6.00
Mr. Ray Barker, Flat River	1.50
Cooperative Plan	308.82
Cooperative Plan	206.96
Total - May 1967	\$759.19

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS MAY REPORT:

Independence: The Independence Mission, July, 1967

sion averaged 21 in Sunday School for the month of May. They are presently worshipping in a school building. Pray for Brother Davis and the mission.

Cape Girardeau: The Cape Church averaged 29 in Sunday School for the month of May. Brother Don Jones reports that plan to carry out a building program with the aid of Executive Church Bonds, Inc. Pray for them during this building endeavor.

St. Joseph: We still need monthly support for the St. Joseph project. I will be moving to St. Joseph the first week in August. Anyone knowing of any contacts in that area, please let me know.

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

listed below:

Mine La Motte, Fredericktown	\$ 5.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Victory, Kansas City	10.00
Central, Kansas City	10.00
Farmington Church	20.00
Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention	37.05
Kirksville Aux.	\$2.00
Monett Aux.	12.00
Joplin Aux.	6.05
Berkeley Aux.	17.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux. Con.	16.45
Hannon Church	34.40
De Soto Mission	15.41
State Cooperative Receipts	448.56
TOTAL	\$ 611.87

Dale Skiles, Sec.-Treas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966-1967

	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Fellowship, Flat River	229	244	246	285	249	236	233	227	273	243	240
New Harmony Church	36	33	37	31	33	30	34	36	38		
Farmington	112	126	120	169	127	124	124	136	146	139	122
Southside, St. Louis							128	122	125	127	
Trinity Church, St. Louis	101	108	121	149	128	119	122	144	134	148	138
O'Fallon Mission	37	30	48	33	30	31	41	54			
Kirksville	111	107	98	108	96	89	100	110	110	111	114
Grant Ave., Springfield	200	216	221	231	216	206	221	234	221		
Viburnum Church	42	41	47	46	38	44	36	40	38	33	
Mine La Motte	31	36	25	26	23	28	30	30		27	
Koshkonong				32	29	27	48	37	42	56	60
Thayer	113	125	117	109	125	113	115	120	125		
First, Mtn. Grove	321	314	321	312	321	314	311	326	335		
Desloge	73	76	75	80	81	83	90	101	104	88	90
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	51	51	47	51	47	51	48	52			
Union Light	106	112	113	105	108	110	102	94	105	84	
First, Springfield	171	179	185	199	198	183	226	221	257	216	208
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	66	69	67
First, Monett	112	122	128								
Overland							163	175	204	183	
Leadington	128	129	125	166	146	138	153	170	173	165	
First, Fredericktown	165	165	168	177	166	158					
Cooper Mines	92	90	74	83	82	81	75	73	88	78	
Joplin	76	88	102	100	105	95	94	109	104		
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	118	119	125	155	138	115	160	150	163	157	149
Twin Oaks Church	58	55	66	62	58	60				57	
West Plains	179	195	180	175	185	185	176	178	184	173	171
First, Lebanon	112	107	122	121	121	117	130	133	131	126	112
Myrtle Church	70	66	67	64	66		62	58	60	54	
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	36	64	44	44	46	51		45	50	49
Richwoods	53	54	56	59	45	46	47	53	42	53	
Hartville Church		58	60	58	56	54	55	60	62	61	57
Berkeley Church	255	291	330	300	301	328	317	339	385		
Grace Ch., Arnold	152	159	152	205	186	186	201	213	257	222	
Cuba Church	53	63	72	88	107	92	92	119	136	126	111
Salem Church					32	30	26	30	29	30	
Meramec Heights Ch.			46	62	67	60	57	44			
Cape Girardeau	20	19	24	22	27	20	22	33	28	25	29
Liberty-Phillipsburg	55	63	79	66	57	54	58				
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove							82	92	89	86	95

Highlights of National Association July 10-13, 1967

Jacksonville, Florida

Convention Theme: Teach or Perish

Speakers



MILTON WORTHINGTON
is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. He will bring the keynote message on Monday night, July 10. His subject: "That Other Responsibility."



ROBERT SHOCKEY
is pastor of the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky. He will speak on Tuesday night, July 11. His subject: "Thy Word is Truth."



LONNIE SPARKS
is a second-term missionary to Ivory Coast. He will return to the States on furlough to be our speaker Wednesday night, July 12. His subject: "Our Mission High Fulfilling."



LUTHER GIBSON
is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri. He will bring the closing message on Thursday morning, July 13. His subject: "Strength Through Maturity."

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 A.M.

A time of prayer when all convention delegates may join together in common intercession for God's will to be done in the business sessions. Bonnie Hughes, pastor of Loyal Chapel Church, Columbia, Tennessee, will be the leader.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCH MUSICIANS

Monday, July 10, 2:30 P.M.

Organized last year at Little Rock, this will be the second meeting of the fellowship which seeks to share knowledge of church music, methods and materials, and to improve the effectiveness of church music throughout the denomination.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 A.M.

Short session planned for CTS leaders who work with Adventurers, Heralds and Crusaders.

MASTER'S MEN BREAKFAST

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 A.M.

Planned as a time of fellowship, inspiration and challenge for the laymen of the denomination. Speaker: Ray C. Turnage, superintendent of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Greenville, Tennessee.

YOUTH COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 11, 8:00 A.M.

National finals for Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl, Adventurer's Declamation, Herald's Declamation and Crusader's Declamation.

WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Tuesday, July 11, 9:00 A.M.

Over 1,000 women are expected to register for a review of last year's work and to approve plans for next year. Theme will be "So Send I You" with Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil, featured speaker.

PASTOR'S DINNER

Tuesday, July 11, 5:00 P.M.

Pastors 60 years of age and older will be our guests and will be given special recognition. Henry Melvin, whose ministry spans the 31 sessions of our association, will be the speaker.

WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Monday, July 10, 5:00 P.M.

Friendly get-together for all women of the auxiliary and others interested in this time of fellowship. Speaker: Anita Sparks, Ivory Coast. Theme: "The New Africa—Unlimited Opportunity."

WORKSHOP ON CAMPING

Monday, July 10, 1:30 P.M.

For all individuals interested in the camping program of their church, district or state. Conducted by Jack L. Franck, associate director of Christian Camps and Conferences.

PASTOR'S WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 11, 10:30 A.M.

"Building A Denominational Sunday School" will be the theme of the morning session. Roger C. Reeds and Harrold Harrison will be speaking. In the afternoon session, Wayne E. Buchanan, Jr., of Moody Bible Institute will give a demonstration on the use of visual aids in teaching.

HERALDS, CRUSADERS & AMBASSADORS BANQUETS

Tuesday, July 11, 5:00 P.M.

Separate banquets are planned this year, one for the Heralds and another for the Crusaders and Ambassadors. The Bordermen will present a program to a combined audience.



THE BORDERMEN

YOUTH RALLY

Tuesday, July 11, 1:30 P.M.

For all young people attending the convention. The rally will feature The Bordermen in song and message. Immediately following, a field trip is planned for Learners and Adventurers (primary and junior age) to the Jacksonville City Zoo. Cost, including picnic supper: \$1.25.

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PROGRAM OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST August 22-24 CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1112 E. 77TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Host Pastor: Rev. James McAllister

Theme: "WE PERSUADE MEN"

II Corinthians 5:11a - "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord
we persuade man."

Tuesday Evening, August 22

7:30 P.M. Worship in Song
Director of Music Rev. Clarence Burton
Organist Miss Brenda Painter
Pianist Mrs. Joyce Moore
7:45 P.M. Convening of the Session Rev. Frank Giunta
8:00 P.M. Welcome to State Assn. Rev. James McAllister,
Host Pastor
8:10 P.M. Response Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
8:15 P.M. Moderator's Message Rev. O. T. Dixon
8:25 P.M. Special Music Rev. Jack Stallings
8:30 P.M. Keynote Message: "
"WE PERSUADE MEN - TO BE SAVED"
Rev. James Franklin

Report of State Mission Board
Report of Youth Camp Board
Report of State Treasurer
Report of State Promotional Secretary
Report of Business Committee
4:00 P.M. Adjourn

Wednesday Evening, August 23

7:30 P.M. Presiding Rev. O. T. Dixon
Music Director Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Special Music Rev. Ted Davis
8:00 P.M. Message: "WE PERSUADE MEN - TO GO"
Rev. Wade Jernigan
Benediction

Wednesday Morning, August 23

9:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. Andy Lay
Devotional Rev. Cliff Bowman
9:10 A.M. Credential Com. Report
Corres. Letters Rec'd
Seating of Corres. Messengers
Report of Com. on Committees
10:45 A.M. Adjournment for Worship Service
11:00 A.M. Presiding Rev. Harry Asher
Music Director Rev. Glen Rahkop
Special Music Preachers Quartet
Message:
"WE PERSUADE MEN - BY TEACHING
AND TRAINING"
Rev. Bill Evans
12:00 P.M. Adjourn for Lunch

Thursday Morning, August 24

9:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. Don Jones
Devotional Rev. John Land
9:15 A.M. Business Period
Report of Business Committee
Report of Superannuation Board
Report of Missions Committee
Report of Obituary Committee
Report of Placement Committee
Report of Temperance Committee
Report of Publications Committee
Report of Sunday School and C.T.S. Board
Report of Nominating Committee
10:50 A.M. Recess
11:00 A.M. Presiding Rev. Cletis Nichols
Music Director Rev. Ernest Kennedy
Special Music

Wednesday Afternoon, August 23

1:30 P.M. Music Director Rev. Jack Stallings
Devotional Rev. Alton Lovelace
1:50 P.M. Business Period
Report of Statistician
Report of General Board

Message: "WE PERSUADE MEN -
UNTO FAITHFULNESS"
Rev. Woodrow Matthews

12:00 P.M. Final Adjournment

ATTEND THE 31ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

JULY 10-13, 1967

Jacksonville, Florida

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
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

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.

First Church Jefferson City
Willow Springs Church Mtn. Grove
Granby Church Granby
Central Church Kansas City
Mt. Olivet Blue Eye