

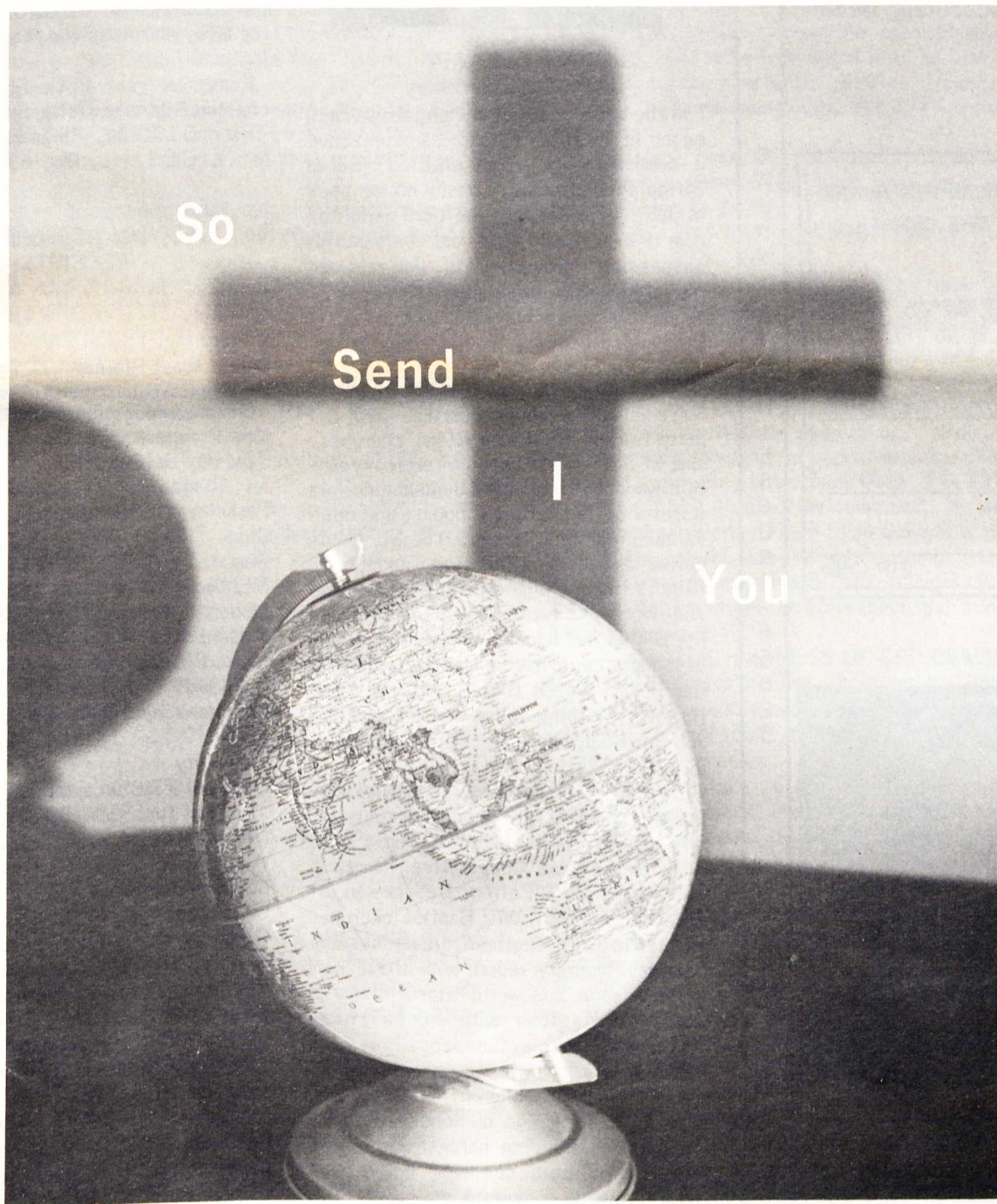
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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

In the early years of my ministry, which
began in 1930, I prepared and preached
a sermon in my parish entitled "Satan
Stripping Christians," based on the book
of Job. In Job's case the Lord permitted
him to be stripped of almost every earthly
possession. Nevertheless, Job retained
the integrity and unmovable Faith in God.
Thus, preserved his soul, untouched by
Satan, his adversary. I experienced some-
thing unusual late Sunday night, June 5.
After returning home from Liberty Quarterly
Meeting and weekend services with Li-
berty Buffalo and Cedar Ridge churches.
One of Satan's ambassadors stole my sta-
tion wagon with almost a thousand dollars
worth of Bibles, religious books, and other
valuable personal things. The St. Louis
police recovered my station wagon, with
Illinois license tags on it, 44 hours later
and two weeks later, about two thirds of
the Bibles and books. What Satan's am-
bassadors could have expected to do with
that many stolen Bibles perplexes me.
However, I think I know better now how
Job felt then, when I preached that sermon
in the past.

Liberty Church hosted Liberty Quarterly
Meeting June 4, with good representation
from each of their churches. They gave
time for our Mo. Cooperative Program,
which Liberty, O'Fallon, Desota and In-
dependence Free Will Baptist churches
adopted in June. Brethren, please observe
from my monthly report how these new
works support this world-wide ministry of
God's word, along with 66 faithful
churches in Missouri Commendations, and
may the Lord give you a reward of souls
saved in your local church. Liberty, Buf-
falo and Cedar Ridge churches are exper-
iencing a soul saving harvest and scores
following the Lord, command being bap-
tized following conversion.

Beacon Church hosted the Greater Kan-
sas City Quarterly Meeting Friday night,
June 9 and 10, with good fellowship,
preaching and harmonious business ses-
sion. They are already for Missouri State
Meeting, to be held with Central FWB
Church, who have their new spacious church
completed now.

The closing day of our Youth Camp, June
30, was a great day, with C.T.S. Rally
and Final Contest Winners declared. The
scores of souls saved during the two week
camp made this a glorious camp meeting.

Brethren, our Youth Camp proves to be
a great evangelistic and missionary cause
combined. Some have gone to the Mission
fields who dedicated themselves at Camp;
others have gone to be with the Lord.
Thank God their testimony and works fol-
low on to glorify the Lord in the lives of
the many who attend the yearly camp meet-
ing.

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JUNE, 1967 CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS:

Berkley	May	\$297.52
Garfield	May	24.68
Victory	May	112.66
Bethel West Plains	May	34.00
Liberty FWB in Liberty Assn. (adopted coop plan & paid)		25.00
New Prospect FWB Sunday School		87.00
Mt. Pisgah	June	18.80
Parkview	June	85.63
Cuba	June	146.07
Beacon	June	111.22
Mt. Grove	June	224.30
Monett	June	93.51
Hannon	June	68.80
Merls Chapel	June	21.48
Overland	Feb.	180.00
New Harmony Sunday S.	June	4.33
Olivett	June	26.36
Twin City	May	45.60
O'Fallon FWB (adopted & paid for first time) March, April, May		146.88
Jefferson City First	June	14.14
Viburnum	May	17.58
Copper Mines	June	40.00
Leadington	May	126.00
Grace	June	150.00
Carterville		28.00
Rock Chapel	June	30.84
Mine La Motte	June	10.68
Desota FWB (adopted & paid for first time) March, April, May		146.88
Lebanon First FWB		273.00
Cabool	June	50.07
Fellowship	June	50.00
Eldorado First FWB		2.00

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"REGENERATION"

Scripture - John 3: 1-7 — Text - John 3: 3

It is of the utmost importance that we have a clear understanding of this vital doctrine. By Regeneration we are admitted into the kingdom of God. There is no other way to become a Christian but by being born from above. This doctrine, then, is the door of entrance into Christian discipleship. He who does not enter here, does not enter at all.

1. THE NATURE OF REGENERATION:

To often we find other things substituted by man for God's appointed means of entrance into the kingdom of heaven. It will be well for us to look at some of these substitutes.

A. REGENERATION IS NOT BAPTISM:

It is claimed that John 3: 5 - "except a man be born of water and of the spirit," and Titus 3: 5 - "The washing of regeneration" teach that regeneration may occur in connection with Baptism. These passages, however, are to be understood in a figurative sense, as meaning the cleansing Power of God. Eph. 5: 26 - "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. (OR IN THE WORD)" John 15: 3 - "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

That the Word of God is an agent in regeneration is clear from James 1: 18 - "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures."

I Peter 1: 23 - "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

IF BAPTISM AND REGENERATION WERE IDENTICAL, WHY SHOULD THE APOSTLE PAUL SEEM TO MAKE SO LITTLE OF THAT RIGHT? (I Cor. 4: 15. Compare with I Cor. 1: 14.)

I Cor. 14: 15 - "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet, have ye not many fathers: For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

I Cor. 1: 14 - "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius."

In the first passage, Paul asserts that he had begotten them through the gospel; and in 1: 14, he declares that he BAPTIZED NONE OF THEM SAVE Crispus and Gaius.

Could he thus speak of baptism if it had been the means through which they had been begotten again? (Simon Magus was baptized (Acts 8), but was he saved? Cornelius (Acts 11) was saved even before he was baptized.

B. REFORMATION IS NOT REGENERATION:

Regeneration is not a natural step in Man's development. It IS A SUPERNATURAL ACT OF GOD: It is a spiritual crisis.

It is not evolution, but INVOLUTION — THE COMMUNICATION OF A NEW LIFE.

It is Revolution — A CHANGE OF DIRECTION RESULTING FROM THAT LIFE.

C. REGENERATION IS A SPIRITUAL QUICKENING: A NEW BIRTH.

Regeneration is the impartation of a new and divine life; a new creation; the production of a new thing. It is Gen. 1: 26 over again. It is not the old nature altered, reformed, or re-invigorated, but a new birth from above. This is the teaching of such passages as John 3: 3-8; 5: 21; Eph. 2: 1-10; 2 Cor. 5: 17.

By nature, man is dead in sin (Eph. 2: 1). The new birth imparts to him new life—the life of God, so that henceforth, he is as those that are alive from the dead. He has passed out of death into life. (John 5: 24)

D. IT IS THE IMPARTATION OF A NEW NATURE—

GOD'S NATURE:

In regeneration we are made partakers of the divine nature. (2 Peter 1: 4). We have put on the new man, which after God is created in holiness and righteousness. (Eph. 4: 24; Col. 3: 10). Christ now lives in the believer (Gal. 2: 20). God's seed now abides in him (I John 3: 9). Henceforth, the believer is possessed of two natures (Gal. 5: 17).

E. A NEW AND DIVINE IMPULSE IS GIVEN TO THE BELIEVER:

Thus, regeneration is a crisis with a view to process. A new governing power comes into the regenerate man's life by which he is enabled to become Holy in experience: Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5: 17). See also Acts 16: 14; Ezek. 26: 25-27; I John 3: 6-9).

II. THE IMPERATIVE NECESSITY OF THE NEWBIRTH A. THE NECESSITY IS UNIVERSAL.

The need is as far reaching as sin and the human race: "Except a man (Literally anybody) be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

No age, Sex, position, condition exempts anyone from this necessity. Not to be born again is to be lost. There is no substitute for the new birth: "Neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature." (Gal. 6: 15).

The absolute necessity is clearly stated by our Lord. "Whatever is born of the flesh, must be born again of the Spirit." (John 3: 3-7)

B. THE SINFUL CONDITION OF MAN DEMANDS IT:

John 3: 6 - "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." And it can never, by any human process, become anything else. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13: 23)

"That that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Rom. 8: 8).

"In my flesh dwelleth no good thing." (Rom. 7: 18). The mind is darkened so that we cannot apprehend Spiritual truth. We need a renewing of the mind (Rom. 12: 12). The heart is deceitful, and does not welcome God. We need to be pure in heart to see God. There is no thought of God before the eyes of the natural man. We need a change in nature that we may be counted among those "Who thought upon his name." No education or culture can bring about such a needed change. God alone can do it.

C. THE HOLINESS OF GOD DEMANDS IT:

If without Holiness no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12: 14) And if Holiness is not to be attained by a natural development or self effort, then, the regeneration of our nature is absolutely necessary. This change, which enables us to be holy, takes place when we are born again.

Man is conscious that he does not have this holiness by nature; he is conscious that he must have it to appear before God. (Ezra 9: 15). The scriptures corroborate this consciousness in man, and, still further, state the necessity of a righteousness with which to appear before God. In the new birth alone is the beginning of such a life to be found. To live the life of God we must have the nature of God.

III. THE MEANS OF REGENERATION.

I. Regeneration is a divine work.

We are "born, not of the blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD. (John 1: 13).

It was of his own will he begat us. James 1: 18 - "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should kind of first fruits of his creatures."

Rev. James Franklin,

Pastor, First FWB Church, Monett, Mo.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

AUGUST

WNAC Emphasis Month
Christian Camp Month

Dates to Remember:

* Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat: August 7-8 State Youth Camp, Niangua, Mo., Mrs. Georgia Hill, National Auxiliary President, Special Speaker.

* Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Kansas City, Missouri, Special Speaker, Rev. Joe Haas, Missionary to India, August 22.

* Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Dinner: Sweden House Smorgasbord, Special Speaker, Miss Mary Clark, August 23, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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INSTALLING NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist church of Kirksville, Mo., held its first regular meeting of the new year, June 1 in the fellowship house. The meeting was opened in prayer by Sis. Velma Welman. Rev. Andy Lay then proceeded with devotions and installing of the officers for the coming year. Rev. Lay read Romans, Chapter 10, verses 13 to 15, stressing the importance of those bearing witness to other. As Rev. Lay installed the officers he compared each to a shoe and the important place in a wardrobe; so is each officer in the auxiliary.

Rev. Lay led the group in prayer. Sister Velma Welman, the new president, then took charge of the meeting and the song, "To The Regions Beyond", was sung by 13 members, 1 associate member, and 2 children. The program, "Europe, A New Missions Field, was given.

Cor. Secretary, Martha Barnhill



Officers of Auxiliary, left to right, Velma Welman, president; Bernice Thomas, vice president; Jean Barnhill, sec.-treasure; Laura Glospie, personal service chairman; Martha Barnhill, Corresponding Secretary; Elfie Dare, Historian; Kathy Lay, program prayer chairman; Joan Filkins, missions chairman; LuEtta Stewart, program chairman was unable to attend.

\$25.00 FOR ST. JOSEPH MISSION

July 11, the Thayer Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met, with 14 members and two visitors, Mrs. Jerry Johnson and Mrs. Agnes Landis, present. The program, "Caribbean Conquest", opened with singing "Jesus Saves", prayer, Sis. Ruby Johnson.

Business meeting followed the program. Reports of officers given. Mission Chairman, Sister Nettie Bennett, gave the Missions Emphasis for the evening. Each member is to give a free will offering to the Lonnie Palmers' and Fred Herseys' at the August meeting. Two visitors joined the Auxiliary.

It was voted to give \$25.00 to the St. Joseph Mission. Bro. Dale Skiles, one of our local pastors, will be going there to begin a new work. We pray God's blessings for Bro. and Sis. Skiles and their new work.

It was voted that we give a skit, "Woman's Auxiliary Clinic", at the yearly meeting of the Cave Springs Association July 22, which will be with the Alton church.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Sis. Clara Allen.

Cor. Secretary, Helen Underwood



SHEETS FOR AFRICA

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo., met at the church July 3, 1967, for their monthly CO-Labor Study, with seventeen members present.

The program, "Caribbean Conquest," opened with song, "Send the Light." Scripture for the evening taken from II Kings 7: 1-9, was read by Rachel Milburn. Solo "So Send I You" by Jean Ragsdale.

Pat Morris then gave the introduction to the program that dealt with the Free Will Baptist new missionary work in the Virgin Islands. Speakers for the evening were Mary Grieshaber, Janet Bailey and Janice Reeves.

The business followed with reports from each officer. It was decided by the Auxiliary to send sheets to our hospital in West Africa. Verna Malone, our president, will go as our representative to the National Convention during the week of July 10.

The service closed with prayer by Verna Malone.

Mary Grieshaber, Cor. Sec.

INTERESTING LESSON

Following is a list of newly elected officers for the coming year in Myrtle Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary:

President, Rosalee Reed; Vice-President, Jane Huddle; Sect.-Treas., Dorris Brown, Cor.-Sect., Mamie Crase; Study Course, Geneva Sorrell; Program Chairman, Bernice Cantrell; Personal Service Chairman, Orbie Campbell; Youth Chairman, Phyllis Schaffer; Historian, unfilled at present.

The lesson was presented by Bernice Cantrell — "The Natural Vision and The Spiritual Vision." On a table before the group a pair of binoculars, eye glasses, eye drops and tissues for the natural vision, dirty glasses, or something in the eye, or looking through binoculars from the wrong end—it spoils our view of things. On the Spiritual vision end of the table was an open Bible, a replica of praying hands, and the co-labourer magazine, which was a very good demonstration of our lesson and a better vision of missionary needs. We are small and need your prayers. We pray that what little we can

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do will be for the glory of God.

We are sorry to see our ex-president Sister Skyles leave our Auxiliary. The Skyles' have been called to another field of work.

Cor. Sec.

PLANS STUDY COURSE

The Ladies of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met July 3 with 10 members. All officers reported as follows:

Cor. Sec. read an interesting letter from our missionary in Seattle, Wash., Rev. Pluckett. Mission Ch. reported on latest news of three of our missionaries. Personal service Ch. reported a good cottage prayer at Sister Ethel Odell (a shut-in.) Study Course Ch. is planning on getting Rev. Wade Jernigan from Idaho to be with us sometime in August.

Motioned and seconded we buy two rocking chairs for the nursery room of the church.

V.B.S. was set for July 24.

Motioned and seconded we buy a rug runner for the new part of the church at the the entrance. Motioned and seconded we send Rev. Floyd Pluckett a love offering of \$15.00.

Our program prayer Ch. had a wonderful Imaginary trip planned on paper for our lesson on the Caribbean Conquest. We imagined we stopped on these small islands and had a wonderful trip and finding how bad we need to send more missionaries to the island to tell the people of Christ who died for them.

We were dismissed following the imaginary trip by Gracie Stephen.

Cor. Sect. - Hattie Sims

FREEDOM

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Baptist church met at the church on July 5, for their regular meeting.

A special program, with emphasis on "Freedom" was presented by Mrs. Sandy Morris. Decorations were the Christian and American flags on either side of a map showing the Virgin Island group.

Each lady was presented a small corsage of lavender flowers with white ribbon, and a tiny American flag, representing the W.N.A.C. colors and our nation's colors, to be a reminder to pray for freedom for all nations. This program consisted of a short devotional by Mrs. Sandy Morris, stressing our duty as Americans to help further the cause of freedom to all people of all nations. A solo by Mrs. Peggy Giunta, and prayer by Mrs. Beulah Clay.

The CO-Laborer program for the month, "Caribbean Conquest", was then presented. After a short business session the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Bernice Halter.

August 1967

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION Kansas City, Mo., August 22, 1967 TUESDAY MORNING Theme: READY to Every Good Work. Titus 3: 1b

Thought for the Day: In Christian service we have need of more productive, life-giving, vibrant Christians who bring happiness, joy and salvation to a dying world.

9:30 A.M.

Convention Hymn ----- "Ready"
Devotional ----- Beverly Jones
Special Music ----- Verna Malone
Recognition of delegates and appointment of committees

"Something Different"

11:00 A.M.

Worship in Song "The Regions Beyond"
Special Music ----- Janice Moore
Message ----- Rev. Joe Haas
Missions Offering

Adjourn Session

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P.M.

Chorus Time ----- Margaret Dixon
Devotional ----- Peggy Davis
Special Music ----- Barbara Oxendine
Business Session, Report of Committees
Final Adjustment
Music Director, Margaret Dixon; Organist, Brenda Evans; Pianist, Jean Williams



The Joe Haases were approved for service for South India. Visas for the Haases will be sought as replacements for Miss Volena Wilson, who is home on medical leave. Haas has attended Free Will Baptist College and is a graduate of Taylor University. The Mississippi native has pastored churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

!!!ATTENTION - SOMETHING NEW!!!

The Woman's Auxiliary is having a State Dinner this year, on Wednesday, August 23, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., at the Sveden House Smorgasbord; Grandview, 12000 S. 71 Highway.

This dinner is open to anyone that is interested. The cost will be \$2.00 per person.

Mrs. Mary Clark, National Chairman of the Christian Women's Club of America, will be the speaker.

Special music will be a ladies trip from the Beacon's Woman's Auxiliary, of Raytown, Missouri.

Make plans to attend this time of good fellowship.

TOWARD NEW FRONTIERS

The St. Francois County Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist churches held their district convention June 26, at the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church. The theme of the meeting was "Toward New Frontiers."

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "To The Regions Beyond." The welcome was given by the president, Mrs. Verna Malone.

Mrs. Malone called for the reading of the minutes and treasurers report by Mrs. Janet Bailey. The registration report was given and there were 35 present. A special offering was taken and Mrs. Smith of the Farmington church led in prayer for the offering. The Fellowship Trio consisting of Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale, Mrs. Janet Bailey and Ruth Goad sing "Go Tell The Untold Millions".

A special prayer for our Missionaries was led by Mrs. Paul Clay. The devotional, entitled "To all Men..by all Means" was given by Mrs. Orela Kennedy of the First Church. I Corinthians 9: 22 was the scripture used and Mrs. Kennedy of Paul's life, his conversion and his burden for Souls. We were reminded of our mission fields, the missionaries and their needs and our need of a vision. We were challenged to Pray, Give and Sacrifice.

Mrs. Jo Ann King led the congregation in singing the choruses "Untold Millions of Yet Untold" and "A Little Talk With Jesus."

A playlet entitled "An Ounce of Prevention" was presented by the Fellowship ladies.

Farmington church presented a playlet showing the model auxiliary.

Mrs. Malone expressed her thanks to all who took part on the program and all who were present. Announcements pertaining to the next convention were made and Mrs. Malone led in the closing prayer.

SUPPORTING — CO-LABORER FUND

The Alton Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met with 9 members and one visitor present.

We decided to send \$2.00 each month to the Co-laborer Fund.

June 20 was set for our last Study Course on the manual.

Report of the district meeting was given by Sis. Dorothy Kerr. Sis. Lulu Forrester gave a report on personal service evangelism.

Sis. Lyda Wallace took charge of the program. Those having topics on our lesson, "Europe and New Mission Field", were Sis. Clara Wheeler, Sis. Lulu Forrester, Sis. Louis Forrest, Sis. Eileen Gonterrman. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Eileen Gonterrman.

Sis. Rachel Murray, Cor. Sec.

NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS



Home and Foreign

Dear Friends,

I have been back in Hawaii a few weeks now and even though the back log piled up during the seven weeks I was on the Mainland, I believe I am just about to get caught up. I found Helen, Brenda, and Bobby in good health and the Lord continuing to bless our church. We were fortunate to have several of our "Preacher Boys" to very capably supply the pulpit while I was away. One of our experienced pastors, Mike Kaneshiro, supplied in the Sunday morning services and acted as supply pastor.

I guess the Lord wanted me to take things at a little slower pace than I have been for the past several weeks because I now have my leg in a cast. While helping the Master's Men work around the church property, I stepped in a hole and broke my right leg in two places at the ankle. I have not had to miss any of our regular preaching services; however, many of the other activities have been curtailed because I am unable to drive a car, climb ladders, etc.

I certainly enjoyed my visit with many of you while on the mainland. I wish Helen, Brenda, and Bobby could have been with me to enjoy the fellowship. All of us are looking forward to the fall of 1968 when we can all come together.

In recent months we have lost several of our military families because of the war in Vietnam. Within a few weeks we will say aloha to another family, Mike and Pauline Kaneshiro and their four children. They will be leaving for the Mainland on June 15 to do debilitation work before going to Okinawa as missionaries under the auspices of Child Evangelism Fellowship, International. I commend this family to Free Will Baptists everywhere and urge you to attend their services if they are in your area. They are faithful servants of our Lord and have been members of our church for about three years. If you would like to have this family in your church for a missionary service you can contact them through me or the Home Mission Office in Nashville, Tennessee.

Please continue to pray about the land fund and funds for our church bus. We still owe \$11,724 for the land and about \$2,000 for the bus. One of these needs would be a good project for your Vacation Bible School. Thank you for your faithful

prayer and financial support.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." (II Thessalonians 1: 16, 17).

Your Missionaries in Hawaii,
The Sanders

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

Cape Girardeau: Bro. Don Jones reports an average of 21 in Sunday School for the month of June. He further reports that they have launched a \$12,000 bond project through Executive Church Bond Inc. They expect to be in their new building sometime in September. Pray for them as they build for the Lord.

Independence: The Independence Mission continues to progress under the leadership of Pastor Ted Davis. Continue to support them through your prayers.

St. Joseph: I will begin my itinerant work to raise support for the St. Joseph project the first of August. Please pray for God's leadership in this endeavor.

Those giving designated gifts to State Home Missions this past month are listed below:

Mine La Motte	\$ 5.00
Twin Oaks	45.00
Hurryville	30.00
St. Francis Co. Qtly. Meeting	25.00
Mountain Grove	50.00
Central, Kansas City	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Fredericktown	41.29
Hannon	27.20
Farmington	10.00
Oskaloosa	1.50
Desoto Mission	15.41
Coop. Receipts - State Assn.	530.60
Total	\$806.00

Thank you for your support. Continue to pray for your State Board and the Home Missions endeavor in Missouri.

Dale Skiles
Secretary - Treasurer

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Philip Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	10.00
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New Home FWB, Hartville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Edwards, Hartville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
First FWB, Monett	54.47
First FWB, Monett	20.00
Myrtle FWB	5.00
Leadington FWB	19.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrison- ville	2.50
Central FWB, Kansas City	7.54
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	10.00
Mine La Motte FWB	60.00
FWB Wom. Aux., Neosho	9.04
FWB, Kirksville	10.00
FWB Church, Kirksville	5.00
First FWB, Cape Girardeau	10.50
Overland FWB	25.00
WNAC	297.91
Total - June, 1967	\$733.96

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS

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Central FWB, Kansas City	\$ 78.85
Southside FWB, St. Louis	75.00
Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stallings, Kansas City	10.00
Victory FWB Church, Avondale	35.53
Mr. & Mrs. Glen E. Thurston, Kansas City	10.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB, Alton	3.00
Cuba FWB Church	13.50
Aulsburg Chapel FWB, Bonne Terre	22.50
Overland FWB, Saint Louis	19.57
Bethel FWB, West Plains	39.25
Oskaloosa FWB, Liberal	47.89
First FWB, El Dorado Springs	17.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	61.00
Mount Zion FWB, Gower	64.60
Central FWB, Kansas City	30.00
Olivet FWB, Marshall	35.85
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	50.00

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REPORTS & HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 31ST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Wednesday night the offering for Missions amounted to \$3,160.04.
- * Rufus Coffey was elected Executive Secretary to replace Bro. Billy Melvin who has resigned.
- * Bro. Robt. Picirilli, Bible College Registrar, was re-elected as Moderator.
- * The placing of the 1969 & 1970 Conventions were selected with St. Louis the site of the 1969 Session and Fresno, California in 1970.

REPORTS

Sunday School Report

THE PAST

The Lord has blessed the ministry of the Sunday School Department throughout 1966. We have continued to grow. One wonders if the growth will ever cease. Let's pray that it will not. Our growth is indicated by the following:

1. Our sales totaled \$242,697.12. This is \$35,203.58 above 1965 sales. It represents a 14 per cent increase.
2. We have added 174 new customers during 1966. Our greatest geographical area of growth has been North Carolina.
3. We issued 884 Teacher Training Certificates during 1966. This is a marked increase over the certificates that were issued in 1965.
4. We have enjoyed an increase in sales in all levels of our own curriculum.
5. Our operational costs only reveal a marginal increase.
6. We netted a total of nine per cent over and above all expenses.
7. We circulated our new Sunday School Standard as widely as possible.
8. The Promotional Secretary, Reverend Harrold Harrison, and I travelled approximately 75,000 miles promoting our work.

THE PRESENT

Our six months report for the first half of 1967 reflects a continued growth in sales. We can anticipate another increase in sales throughout 1967.

We began our Teen curriculum this year. The response has been mixed. Further time will tell if this has been a step in the right direction.

Our new warehouse building is presently under construction. This will relieve the crowded condition that has existed every since we began our operation five years ago. This should help to improve our service tremendously.

THE FUTURE

The Sunday School Board is still projecting a curriculum change on the Adult levels in the future. Listed below are some of the modern curriculum plans.

Our board chose to follow the third plan which is department grading. You will notice that this plan has fewer weaknesses than the others.

There will be another fall enlargement campaign. The campaign is titled "God Speaks." We hope many of our churches will participate in this fine campaign.

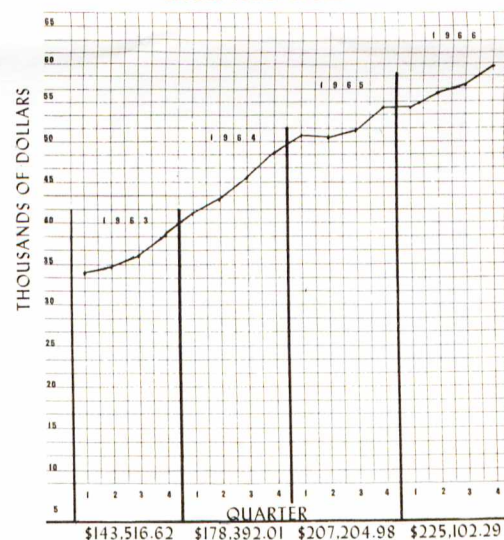
Applications for the Sunday School Superintendent of the year (1968) will be mailed this fall. Why not recommend your superintendent for this honor?

FINALLY

This is my report. It is difficult to cover in a single report the anxieties, difficulties, joys, and blessings that occur in a full year. The blame for any failures can be placed upon me. The credit for any success must go to the Lord Jesus. Colossians 1: 18, ".....that in all things he might have the pre-eminence."

Yours for greater Sunday schools,
Roger C. Reeds, General Director
SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
National Association of Free Will Baptists

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT LITERATURE SALES



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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First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Sharon Arnold, Florissant	5.00
Hannon FWB, Liberal	34.40
First FWB, Kansas City	54.12
Cope Church, Hartville	207.73
Edith Blain, Kansas City	5.00
Mountain Grove FWB	87.43
New Harmony Sunday School, Greentop	16.80
First FWB, Springfield	28.61
Willow Spgs FWB, Mt. Grove	11.76
Glen Murray, Kansas City	50.00
Alton FWB	24.29

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GLEANINGS

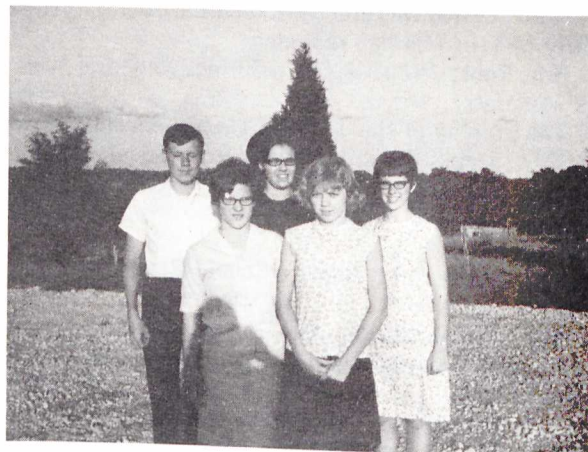
TRINITY BIBLE BOWL AND TIC-TAC-TOE TEAMS
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After four months of hard competition, the Trinity Bible Bowl Team won the District championship. Trinity's record was five wins - no losses. Team members are Nedra Horton, Debbie Heine, Ronnie Hendershott; coach, Mr. Albert Morlen.



Trinity's Tic-Tac-Toe Team, after losing their first two games of competition, came back to win four straight games, winning the District with a four wins-two losses record. Team members are Jean Ann Spurgeon, Debbie Hendershott, Ruth McDonald; coach, Miss Diana Horton.

Editors Note: These two teams also won on the state level. They represented our state at the national level. Report of these was not known at the printing of the Gem.



CRUSADERS PURCHASE CHURCH BUS

The Crusader group of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, Missouri, is living proof that the combination of the enthusiasm of youth plus dedicated leaders can accomplish great things for the Lord.

In March, 1966, after prayer and careful consideration, the teenagers voted to accept the responsibility of buying a bus for the church by collecting trading stamps.

Many hours were spent each Saturday, walking from house to house, asking for trading stamps. The Crusaders also used this opportunity to witness for Christ, as they visited over 1400 homes. The teens also did cleaning and other tasks for the church and donated the money earned to the bus project.

On Sunday, April 23, 1967, the teenagers presented the bus keys to the Chair-



man of the Board of Trustees. In June, 1967, they made the final payment on the bus.

The Crusader leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Hal Colby, Pastor R. B. Spurgeon.

CABOOL PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. O. T. Allred has resigned the Cabool Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Allred is moving back to Monett, Mo., and will be available for revivals or as a supply pastor. He is not planning on doing regular pastoral work. He may be contacted at 904 5th St., Monett, Mo.

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KANSAS CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Greater Kansas City Area Quarterly met with the Beacon FWB Church June 10-11.

The meeting opened Friday evening with Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Moderator, presiding and a good number in attendance.

Special Music was furnished by a trio from the Central Church.

The message was brought to us by Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of the Victory Church, from Luke 10: 25-37; challenging our hearts by telling us the different things that can hinder our Christian lives.

Saturday's service opened at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Jim McAllister, Assistant Moderator, presiding.

The devotion was given by Rev. James O'Dell, pastor of the Hickory Grove Church.

The 11:00 message was brought to us by Rev. Ted Davis and was a real blessing to our hearts.

After a very good dinner, the afternoon business session began.

The devotion was given by Rev. James Elmore, pastor of the Marshall Church.

In the business session, it was Motion Seconded Carried that all the churches in our Greater Kansas City Area Quarterly Meeting assist in both the District and State Meetings that are to be held in Kansas City this year.

Also that we send \$15 to the Youth Camp.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Moderator, Rev. Woodrow Matthews; Assistant Moderator, Rev. James McAllister; Clerk, Rita Carter; Assistant Clerk, Kathryn Barcliff; Reporter, Lou Thurston; Board Members, Joe Cockrel, Rev. James Elmore, Glenn Murray, Rev. Charles Black.

Letters were read from the McLains and Rev. Bob Picirilli. Delegates were elected to the District Meeting. They were Joe Howard, Jean Williams, and Lou Thurston.

A vote of thanks was given to Rutha Altis for her seven years she served as clerk.

Bro. Harry Beatty was with us and spoke to us about our State Co-Operative Plan. We were happy to hear that Sis. Beatty is improving.

The next meeting will be in Sept. at the Victory Church.

FOURTH CHURCH PASTOR NOW ABLE TO FILL PULPIT

Rev. H. T. Dann, our pastor, is feeling much better, and is taking charge of his pastoral work.

God bless you as you edit our Free Will Baptist Gem. We think you are doing a wonderful work.

August 1967

INTERIM CHURCH ELECTS PASTOR

The Grant Avenue FWB Church at a recent business meeting elected Rev. Bud Hill as Interim Pastor. Bro. Hill will serve as pastor until the church elects a new pastor to replace Rev. Dixon who has resigned.

JOINT BAPTISMAL SERVICE

One Sunday evening in June at 2:30 p.m., the Twin City and DeSoto churches met for a joint baptizing service with each pastor having three candidates. These followed the Lord in this sacred ordinance. What a blessed thrill to witness such an event out under the beauty of God's blessed sky surrounded by His nature. Bro. Moyers and Bro. Weir, under the command of Jesus, presented a beautiful scene as the crowd watched from the banks at Joachim Creek.

Under the unction of God's Holy Spirit Bro. Whitehead spoke on the importance of baptism.

Please pray for these two churches.

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Trinity FWB, Bridgeton	105.00
Myrtle FWB	42.54
Verdella FWB, Liberal	100.00
Billy J. Miller, Saint Louis	10.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Leadington FWB	19.00
ParkView FWB, Desloge	70.45
Bob Burchom, Flat River	10.00
Earnest Thomas, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hall, Kansas City	10.00
Carl E. Aldridge, Kansas City	10.00
J. E. Williams, Raytown	10.00
Fredericktown, A Friend	50.00
Eli Styshem, Saint Louis	5.00
Frank R. Raney, Mountain Grove	10.00
Mrs. Emma G. Brewer, Houlton	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	3.00
Rev. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Dare, Kirksville	10.00
Harold Kelsey, Greentop	10.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	161.00
Oak Grove, Cabool	10.00
First FWB, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Carter, Kansas City	10.00
A Friend	1.00
Cuba FWB	11.00
B. H. Filkins, Kirksville	10.00
Celia A. Lay, Kirksville	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack V. Stallings, Kansas City	50.00
Lester Barks, Saint Louis	10.00
Ausburg Chapel Church, Bonne Terre	22.50
R. Reeves, Farmington	12.00
T. M. Wilson, Arnold	10.00
L. D. Aldridge, Grandview	21.00
Gerald Getz, Flat River	10.00

Patricia Moyer, Mountain Grove	10.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	145.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Burcham, Flat River	25.00
Trinity FWB, Bridgeton	300.00
Eli Stempns, Saint Louis	5.00
Garfield Sunday School, Thayer	20.00
Union Light FWB, Marquand	39.47
Grace FWB, Arnold	7.08
First FWB, Kirksville	211.88
Ronald Barr, Arnold	5.00
Geneva Barks, Saint Louis	25.00
Wayne J. Smith, Kansas City	10.00
Pleasant Home Church, Vazant	21.35
Central FWB, Kansas City	63.71
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Andy W. Lay, Kirksville	10.00
Sherdell Reeves, Desloge	10.00
Mrs. Glen Murray, Kansas City	10.00
Rev. Jim O'Deal, Belton	10.00
C. T. Christenson, Pleasant Hill	10.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River	10.00
W.N.A.C.	1033.32
Cooperative Plan	375.12
Total	4436.10

PROPOSED STATE QUOTAS BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION - 1968

Alabama	\$ 8,500.00
Alaska	500.00
Arizona	500.00
Arkansas	6,000.00
California	10,500.00
Colorado	500.00
Florida	10,000.00
Georgia	5,000.00
Hawaii	500.00
Idaho	1,000.00
Illinois	4,000.00
Indiana	2,000.00
Iowa	500.00
Kansas	3,500.00
Kentucky.....	5,000.00
Maine	500.00
Mexico	500.00
Michigan	6,500.00
Mississippi	4,940.00
Missouri	11,000.00
New Jersey	500.00
New Mexico	500.00
New Hampshire	500.00
North Carolina	20,000.00
Ohio	5,000.00
Oklahoma	21,000.00
Oregon	500.00
South Carolina	4,500.00
Tennessee	21,000.00
Texas	4,500.00
Virginia	5,000.00
Washington	2,500.00
West Virginia	2,500.00
Other States	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	6,631.16
TOTAL	\$ 180,071.16

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YOUTH CAMP

"News and Views"

"We Hit Our Goal"

"It was wonderful." "It was a joyous time in the Lord." "The Lord blessed in a marvelous way." "I plan to come back again next year." These statements and many, many more express the heartfelt feeling of each one who attended Youth Camp this year. There were over one hundred and fifty decisions for Christ in both sessions. Several of these were rededications; the others were professions of faith. There was a total enrollment of six hundred for both pre-teens and teens. Isn't this something for which to be thankful? Surely we can say along with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

It seemed that several got a deeper burden and an enlarged vision of the potential for Missouri State Youth Camp. Truly, we believe that only God knows the ultimate that can be accomplished through this Spirit directed endeavor. I am using an

article prepared by Brother Clifford Bowman, pastor of the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church, which shows the burden some people have for Youth Camp. His article is self-explanatory on it but I will mention why he wrote the article. The Youth Camp Board, at the request of the Cuba Church, gave permission for this Church to spearhead and promote a drive to complete the work on the recently expanded cafeteria, kitchen and utility area. This Church is to be commended for this endeavor and it is hoped that every Church that appreciates the Youth Camp will respond to this project.

It was wonderful to be at Youth Camp again this year. May God richly bless each child who attended and each adult who attended and each adult who helped. Let us look forward, work and pray for another wonderful year in 1968!

Clarence Burton - Promotional Secretary YC Board

A REQUEST

Greetings in Christ Jesus. I come to you to plead a cause, which I know you will share. I am sure everyone who is acquainted with the FWB Youth Camp and its work of love will say it is one of the most blessed contributors our FWB people have to offer our youth. During the two week encampment this year there were more than 600 enrolled and the decisions were in excess of 150.

Many new cabins have been built in the last few years and many old ones removed, making our camp one of the finest. This has been accomplished through individuals, churches and associations who love God and have a vision. Last year a new addition was added on to the dining hall and kitchen, which was so necessary to take care of the campers, but because finances were limited, it was impossible to complete the job and install siding. And now it is that we plead our cause with God's people scattered over the state of Missouri that you will rise up in this hour and meet the challenge.

During the Youth Camp session, the Youth Camp Board met and approved a proposed plan to obtain finance to buy and install masonite siding on the kitchen and dining hall. It will take approximately \$1,000 to accomplish this task. Some churches have already been contacted and proposed a \$50 gift and others a free will offering. Regardless of your plan, will you give this project your prayerful consideration. We would like to have all gifts in before the State Association in August, so please act immediately.

Brother Woodrow Montgomery, a Deacon of the First Free Will Baptist Church of

Lebanon, Mo. will act as treasurer for this project. All gifts should be sent to:

Mr. Woodrow Montgomery, Washington Street, Lebanon, Mo.

In case you send more than enough to side the kitchen and dining hall, it will be used to side the tabernacle and other buildings on camp property.

God Bless You.

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Bethel, West Plains	June	30.00
Union Light		60.00
Cape Girardeau		24.10
Garfield	June	24.05
Fredericktown April, May, June		287.25
Kirkville First FWB		150.00
Mt. Pisgah	June	19.35
Oskaloosa	June	45.47
Hurryville April, May, June		229.00
Sourth Side	June	120.00
Pleasant Home	June	23.13
Central	June	86.66

TOTAL RECEIPTS JUNE \$3,790.07

DISBURSED:

55.00% Nat. FWB Assn.	\$2,084.54
1.00% Mo. C.T.S.	37.90
2.25% Youth Camp	85.28
3.75% Gem	142.12
8.00% General	303.21
14.00% Mo. Missions	530.60
16.00% Mo. Promotional	606.42

100% Total Disbursed \$3,790.07

(Designated Fulcher Travel Fund, June 1967)

New Rock Springs C.T.S. \$50.00

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Report for 1966

"The Lord is....not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Christ has commanded "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Through your Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department you have a witness to the perishing multitudes. Free Will Baptists believe that only in Jesus Christ is there salvation (Acts 4: 12), and he who does not believe in Jesus Christ is condemned already (John 3: 18). Therefore, a Bible believing Christian is missionary in thought, in word and in deed. His attitude, testimony and work is prompted, anointed and guided by the Holy Spirit. This Bible basis of missions is the reason Free Will Baptists are responding more and more to our ministry of foreign missions.

On the behalf of our 77 missionaries, their 82 children, our board of foreign missions and our home office staff, I express thanks to you at this 1967 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptist for your gifts and prayers. Humbly, I submit to you one of the most important reports ever given to a Free Will Baptist assembly.

First, I present individual field reports:

BRAZIL: 22 missionaries; five churches; four preaching points; one Bible institute with eight students; three radio boardcasts; "Carnival of Pretense" now in premiere showings and a pilot issue of an evangelistic magazine scheduled for later this year.

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Many more missionaries can be used effectively in Brazil, and plans are made to enter other states in the country.

CUBA-MIAMI: Our Christians in Cuba have continued their faithful witness under the restrictions of a communist-controlled government. In spite of the limitations, sanctuaries often are filled with worshippers. Pastors are harassed and intimidated, but they suffer for Jesus Christ. Thousands of refugees continue to come to the United States. The Reverend and Mrs. Benito Rodriguez have operated the Cuban Refugee Center (CERF) in Miami. However, clothing and money have not been adequate to provide the needs and serious consideration is being given to closing the center as an operation of the Foreign Missions Department.

Cuban Free Will Baptist pastors who have come to the States have continued their Christian service. One is pastoring in Texas, another in Florida, one in California, one is with the American Sunday School Union in Texas, another with the American Bible Society in New York, one is manager of a Christian Book Store in Miami, one is a missionary to Panama and another has made application for appointment to Panama.

The Reverend and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. are deputational missionaries and have traveled extensively this year in missionary services.

ECUADOR: Two missionary nurses assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship. Ella Rae Jones is ministering at the hospital in Quito and Patsy Tyson is stationed at the Shell Mera hospital, both operated by WRMF.

FRANCE: Two missionaries. The Reverend and Mrs. Dan Merkh have made a survey of west-central France and have uncovered a desperately needy area.

Mr. Merkh has requested five more couples to come immediately to this field. In one area of his survey, there are four cities of 10-20,000 with no Protestant church and six cities of 5-10,000 with no Protestant church.

INDIA: Four resident missionaries; one medical leave; four missionaries under appointment; nine churches; 46 preaching points; two hostels; two kindergartens; two elementary schools.

Miss Volena Wilson returned last September on medical leave and is now well and doing deputational work. A request has been made for the Reverend and Mrs. Joe Haas to enter South India as a replacement for Miss Wilson. The Reverend and Mrs. Dan Cronk are returning to the States in late August for furlough. A request has been filed with the government of India for the Reverend and Mrs. Sherwood Lee to enter North India as replacements for the Cronks. Pray that visas for August 1967

these missionaries will be granted.

IVORY COAST: 19 missionaries; 35 preaching points; one Bible institute; two dispensaries; one medical clinic. The Reverend and Mrs. Howard Gage are on special assignment to supervise the building program in the Ivory Coast. The medical clinic is being enlarged to provide hospital facilities. Lonnie Sparks and Bill Jones have continued translation ministries. The field council has requested more workers. It is encouraging to receive the reports of many new converts, including village chiefs, and to learn of their faithful witness among the villagers.

JAPAN: Eight missionaries; six churches; one radio broadcast. Literally millions are perishing in Japan with no knowledge of Jesus Christ. I urgently issue a strong and passionate plea for missionaries for the islands of Japan. Herbert Waid writes of the overwhelming task in Tokyo. Wesley Calvery writes of the thrilling response in Sapporo. The Fred Herseys and Jim McLains will leave in late August for this field. Pray that others will soon join them.

PANAMA: Six missionaries; two churches; several preaching points. Bill and Barbara Phipps came home in February on medical leave. Estenio and Anita Garcia have been on a leave of absence but are now reappointed to Panama. We could easily use five more couples in this country immediately. Tom and Ruth Willey, Jr. have assumed tremendous work responsibilities. Pray for others to soon join them in this work.

URUGRAY-SOUTH BRAZIL: Seven missionaries; two churches; three preaching points; four students attending Brazil Bible Institute. Walter and Marcia Ellison have been given an early furlough to provide medical treatment for their son, John. Your prayers are requested for his healing. A commendable work has been done in this area, evidenced by the number of students now in training and the fact that some of the work is already under the ministry of national workers.

A brief look at the growth of our mission since 1956 will indicate the progress which has been made:

A LOOK AT GROWTH IN PERSONNEL AND GIVING

Year	Adults	Children	Countries
1956	16	6	4
1958	24	14	5
1960	34	28	5
1961	40	40	5
1962	41	40	7
1963	49	50	7
1964	61	56	7
1965	65	68	7
1966	74	75	9
1967	77	82	9

Your Board of Foreign Missions and home office staff are conscious of their stewardship responsibilities. A special committee consisting of three board members and the general director made a special study of job responsibilities and a survey of policies and practices of other mission boards. As a result of this study, the Rev. Rufus Coffey was named director of missions education to conduct mission seminars for pastors and students in addition to preaching in missionary conferences. The Reverend Henry Van Klyve was brought to the department as director of deputation. He is responsible for scheduling itinerary and conference services and will assist in representing the department at district and state associations.

I am proposing a special study of our financial structure for changes which I believe must be made. Our major problem lies in the fact that we have an uncontrolled outgo by budget appropriations or by board direction. To illustrate, we may receive a designated gift of \$10,000 for one field which may not need but \$6,000 while the budget allows \$10,000 for a need in another field which receives only \$6,000. This creates deficits in some accounts while accumulating balances in others.

To be consistent with a policy in allocating gifts according to designations many missionaries in deficit would have to be brought home for lack of funds.

What can be done to correct this problem? At the present we are endeavoring to eliminate deficits by your special gifts to these accounts from new support and by requesting donors to rechannel their gifts from those who have more than enough support to those missionaries whose support is not adequate to sustain their ministry; we are not permitting any missionaries to go to their fields until adequate support is underwritten; the board has adopted a "hold the line" policy by not appointing missionaries until deficit accounts are cleared and all present missionaries are adequately underwritten.

I do not propose to deny the donor his privilege of designating his gift. How-

DISTRIBUTION OF HEARTBEAT CIRCULATION

Year	January Circulation	Increase During Year
1961	15,000 (approx.)	7,749
1962	22,749	4,077
1963	26,826	2,108
1964	28,934	3,504
1965	32,438	1,562
1966	34,000	5,097
1967	39,097	



1967-68 STUDENT BODY OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIBLE COLLEGE

Bible College students held their annual election of student body officers shortly before commencement. The new leaders chosen were Blaine Hughes, president; Harry Hampton, vice president; Lynn Smith, secretary; and A. B. Brown, chaplain.

President Hughes, from Columbia, Tennessee, is the son of a Free Will Baptist minister. He has distinguished himself as president of his men's society, vice president of his junior class, and by serving as a Prayer Captain in his dormitory.

Larry Hampton, from Shawnee, Oklahoma, will edit the Bible College yearbook next year, as well as serving the student body as vice president. A sophomore student, he has also served as a Christian Service group leader.

Lynn Smith, student body secretary for 1967-68, comes from Charlotte, Tenn. She has worked in the College mailing department and is doing summer missionary work in New Brunswick, Canada.

Chaplain A. B. Brown, from Rockingham, N. C., has distinguished himself academically, maintaining a consistent dean's list average. Prior to his selection as student body chaplain, he was an officer of Ministerial Fellowship.

REGISTRAR RECEIVES D.D. DEGREE

Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, Bible College registrar and professor of Bible and Greek, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) degree at Bob Jones University on May 31. A native of Pamplico, S.C., he has been with the College for 14 years. He holds the B.A. degree from the Bible College as well as the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Bob Jones.

67 ENROLLED FOR BIBLE COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Sixty-seven students from 17 states were enrolled in the Bible College's 11th annual summer study session. Pastors, laymen, and students registered for classes in Old Testament Highlights, Hebrews, Doctrine of the Scripture, and Church Administration. Enthusiastic comments on the session were offered by the students, many of whom had never visited the Bible College before. The following statements were noted:

Lester Horton, Gainesville, Va. "The thing that has impressed me most is the dedicated leadership and high standards."

Robert Prichard, Cleveland, Ohio "I have

had a chance to learn things vitally needed in my ministry, . . . it has meant very much." Walter Jaggers, Benton Harbor, Mich. "This has been a revival for me!" Mattie Ritz, Dover, N.C., "Some of the courses have been very hard for me, but I do want to grow and I feel that I have gained more than I can say from my teachers." Jerry Williams, Asheville, N.C., "It has helped me to understand my duties and how to carry them out more effectively." Joseph Mullens, Taylor, Mich., "It has been an inspiration, both because of the lessons and the fellowship." Robert McCuin, Rich-

ton, Miss., "If I didn't receive one cre-

BIBLE COLLEGE REPORTS NEARLY 500 DECISIONS

The 30 Christian Service groups going out from the school distributed 25,927 tracts in the Nashville area between September and May. Dr. Douglas Simpson, Christian Service director for the Bible College also reports that 1,070 messages were preached, 2,878 people dealt with, and 492 decisions recorded. Groups go out weekly from the school to state hospitals, convalescent homes, and street corners for tract distribution. Every student enrolled at the Bible College gains experience in witnessing through the opportunities provided by the Christian Service Department.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

to the
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION - 1967

	1966-67	1965-66	1964-65
Total enrollment for year	430	354	343
New students	196	188	170
Returning students	234	166	173
Men students	217	203	201
Women students	213	151	142
Ministerial students	130	120	145
Missionary candidates	70	50	25
Degrees awarded:			
Bachelor of Arts	19	26	28
Bachelor of Theology	0	2	0
E. T. T. A. diploma	2	7	13
Business Certificates	1	3	0
Christian Workers Bible diploma	2	3	1

Students came from 32 states and 3 foreign countries as follows:

South Carolina	68	New Hampshire	1
North Carolina	64	Indiana	5
Michigan	28	Washington	5
Florida	27	Kansas	4
Missouri	26	New Mexico	2
Oklahoma	21	Alaska	1
Arkansas	20	Iowa	1
South Carolina	18	Maryland	1
Virginia	17	Montana	1
Texas	17	New Hampshire	1
Illinois	16	Oregon	1
Alabama	15	Pennsylvania	1
Georgia	15	Vermont	1
Ohio	11	Wisconsin	1
Mississippi	10	Canada	2
West Virginia	10	Argentina	1
Kentucky	8	Mexico	1
California	5		

LIBRARY REPORT:

Total number of books catalogued	15,275
Number of books catalogued this year	750
Number of books not catalogued (about)	450

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966-1967

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Fellowship, Flat River	233	227	273	243	240	220
New Harmony Church	34	36	38			
Farmington	124	136	146	139	122	133
Southside, St. Louis	128	122	125	127		112
Trinity Church, St. Louis	122	144	134	148	138	128
Kirksville	100	110	110	111	114	125
Grant Ave., Springfield	221	234	221			
Viburnum Church	36	40	38	33		29
Mine La Motte	30	30		27		
Koshkonong	48	37	42	56	60	58
Thayer	115	120	125	120	116	119
First, Mtn. Grove	311	326	335	302	306	285
Desloge	90	101	104	88	90	91
Union Light	102	94	105	84		126
First, Springfield	226	221	257	216	208	216
Hannon	64	62	66	69	67	63
Overland	163	175	204	183		
Leadington	153	170	173	165		
Cooper Mines	75	73	88	78		
Joplin	94	109	104			
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	160	150	163	157	149	167
Twin Oaks Church				57		
West Plains	176	178	184	173	171	164
First, Lebanon	130	133	131	126	112	118
Myrtle Church	62	58	60	54	64	68
Twin City Ch., Festus	51		45	50	49	46
Richwoods	47	53	42	53	46	54
Hartville Church	55	60	62	61	57	58
Berkeley Church	317	339	385			
Grace Ch., Arnold	201	213	257	222		
Cuba Church	92	119	136	126	111	
Salem Church	26	30	29	30		
Cape Girardeau	22	33	28	25	29	21
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	82	92	89	86	95	

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE SUGGESTED STATE QUOTAS

General Fund	
June 1, 1967 - May 31, 1968	
Alabama	\$ 6,500.00
Alaska	200.00
Arizona	1,200.00
Arkansas	3,500.00
California	5,000.00
Colorado	600.00
District of Columbia	300.00
Florida	5,000.00
Georgia	9,500.00
Hawaii	100.00
Idaho	750.00
Illinois	5,000.00
Indiana	1,500.00
Iowa	200.00
Kansas	1,000.00
Kentucky	2,700.00
Michigan	12,000.00
Mississippi	5,500.00
Missouri	9,500.00
New Hampshire	400.00
New Mexico	700.00
North Carolina	20,000.00
Ohio	7,000.00

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Oklahoma	6,500.00
South Carolina	7,500.00
Tennessee	16,000.00
Texas	3,500.00
Virginia	6,000.00
West Virginia	1,500.00
Washington	850.00
W. N. A. C.	1,800.00
Other	8,200.00
	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>

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ever, your Board of Foreign Missions and its executive staff are charged by the National Association to supervise this worldwide ministry of evangelism. Latitude and sympathetic understanding must be given if we are to wisely distribute funds according to budget appropriations approved by this association.

I would also point out that gifts to the operational fund have not increased over the years proportionately to our growth. Though we have greatly increased services and work loads, receipts per month to the operational fund have stayed in a range from \$112,943.09 to \$114,731.13

for the past five years while designations to other accounts have increased several times. This has not been sufficient to meet the needs of our expanding ministries. You can see from allocation percentages given earlier that we have maintained a wholesome ratio in disbursements of our funds.

The Project 5000 plan of special support has received commendation by many friends. A mailing was made to all pastors after annual meeting of the National Association last year requesting their support in securing commitments from their members. The response was disappointing. A direct mailing was made to our complete mailing list in the Western Zone, of 7,500 and as of June 10, 1967, we had 307 commitment cards in our file. We have a total of 343 commitments from the other four zones combined, zones which have not been contacted by direct mail. Letters were sent in June to Zone One requesting gifts to return the Lonnie Palmers to the Ivory Coast, and letters were sent to the other zones for the Fred Herseys'. I believe this is an excellent plan to meet special needs but more people must be enlisted to make it effective. This is an effective means of support by which we can send missionaries to reach the perishing millions.

"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 3: 16) Dare I ask the question, What have you given?

Sincerely in Christ,
J. Reford Wilson
General Director-Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The members of the Board of Superannuation have a very grave sense of responsibility as we consider that we have been charged with the task of planning retirement for the ministers, missionaries and other full-time workers in our denomination. We are aware of the fact that we may be able to persuade them to plan and prepare for that inevitable fact -- old age. We, therefore, offer the following recommendations:

(1) That we conduct a program of promotion to educate and assist each minister, missionary and others to subscribe to a retirement plan which will be adequate.

(2) That we familiarize ourselves with different retirement plans, social security and laws concerning tax exemptions toward contribution for retirement.

(3) That we sponsor a booth at the National Association to make it convenient for our people to obtain this information from the Board of Superannuation and a

representative of the Federal Social Security Administration.

(4) That we receive offerings on Father's Day, and other times, to help sponsor this program of education and retirement.

(5) That each church throughout the de-

nomination inquire about the matter of retirement and discuss it with their pastor, to make every effort possible to see that he has some kind of retirement plan which will be adequate for his need.

(6) That we impress upon our mission boards this matter of grave concern, since

it is possible that Social Security will not be sufficient for our missionaries.

(7) That each minister, missionary or other worker either apply for Social Security or an annuity and, if possible, both.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester A. Huckaby, Chariman

Delegates and friends of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists
In session at Jacksonville, Florida

Re: Report for 1966

The signal blessings of God were upon the work of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension in 1966. There was an increase in number of missionaries on the field, of churches organized, and of souls won to Christ. The financial increase was unusual, with gifts of more than \$29,000 above the past year.

The following workers were employed by the board for service in North America:

Reverend and Mrs. Bill Adkinsson - New Brunswick, Canada; Reverend and Mrs. Harvey Aguirre - Monterrey, N. L., Mexico; Reverend Herman Brooks - New Brunswick, Canada; Reverend and Mrs. Leslie Carney - Trenton, New Jersey; Reverend and Mrs. Harvey Hill - Winter Haven, Florida; Reverend and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin - Juneau, Alaska; Miss Kay Hall - Summer Missionary; Reverend and Mrs. Harvey Henderson - Austin, Texas; Reverend Carl Hinz - Summer missionary; Reverend and Mrs. Wade Jernigan - Idaho; Reverend and Mrs. Carl Johnson - Anchorage, Alaska; Reverend and Mrs. William Buster - Lexington, Kentucky; Reverend and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow - Montgomery, Alabama; Reverend Greg Lewis - Summer missionary; Reverend and Mrs. Thurmon Murphy - Youngstown, Ohio; Reverend and Mrs. Mack Owens - Nova Scotia, Canada; Reverend and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett - Seattle, Washington; Reverend and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite - Portland, Oregon; Reverend and Mrs. Larry Powell - Virgin Islands; Reverend and Mrs. Luther Sanders - Hawaii; Reverend and Mrs. Richard Shade - Salina, Kansas; Reverend and Mrs. Norlin Jones - Jackson, Tennessee; Reverend and Mrs. Arutur Billows - Mexico; Miss Avis Watson - Summer missionary; Miss Shelia Williams - Summer missionary; Miss Bessie Yeley - Retired missionary.

In addition to the above-mentioned men and women, designated funds were channeled through the home mission office in some amount for:

Mr. Dave Cochrane - Mexico; Miss Dixie Myers - Alaska; Reverend and Mrs. Benito Rodriguez - Florida; Reverend and Mrs. Don Jones - Missouri; Reverend and Mrs. Major Followill - Texas; Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Perry - Nebraska; Reverend and Mrs. Joe Grizzle - Idaho; Reverend Fabian Guzman - Mexico; Reverend and Mrs. Lee Whaley - Alaska; Miss Millie Hall - Alaska; Reverend and Mrs. Frank Cousineau - Canada; Reverend Roy Jenson - Kentucky; Reverend Johnnie Vick - Michigan.

In addition to these, several national workers were supported in Mexico, funds were used for buildings and/or land in Mexico, Alaska, and Hawaii, and one gift was made to Rock of Ages church in Colorado.

Reverend and Mrs. Dale Skiles will begin a work under "Project 30" in St. Joseph, Missouri, in August. This is a project jointly sponsored by the national and state boards.

The following states exceeded their quota in giving for 1966: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. Ronnie Winkle are doing a good work on an Indian reservation in Nevada, and Reverend and Mrs. Dan Parker

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are being used of God in a teaching ministry with the Indians of Arizona. These areas offer numerous opportunities for others in the medical and teaching professions.

Activity has increased in our church loan fund program, literature program college-servicemen program, and summer missionary program, and we hope to hold some evangelism conferences in our churches with our evangelists next year.

This is the thirteenth report of this board since the first fulltime worker was sent to the mission field of America. We are all indebted to the host of men and women who have served as missionaries during these past thirteen years, and we should continue to support those who are now on the field.

I urge your support for all of the work everywhere, and especially do we need support in the opening of the work in the Virgin Islands.

We need to pray daily - "Lord of harvest, send forth laborers."

Sincerely in Christ,
Homer E. Willis
General Director - Treasurer

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BUDGET FOR 1968

INCOME:

Sale of Literature and Supplies	\$ 256,930.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 257,930.00</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Cost of Production and Merchandise	153,367.12
Salaries	37,000.00
Housing Allowances	2,700.00
Postage and Freight	5,500.00
Headquarters and Warehouse Maintenance	8,500.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00
Travel - Board Members	2,000.00
Shipping Supplies	3,500.00
Travel - Other Than Board Members	4,500.00
Promotion and Advertising	2,500.00
Legal and Auditing	1,000.00
Employees Group Insurance	1,000.00
Employees Social Security	1,500.00
Automobile Expense	1,000.00
Contributions	250.00
Additions to Fixed Assets	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,000.00
Warehouse Permit	15,000.00
Working Capital	10,612.88
	<u>\$ 257,930.00</u>

From the Desk of the Editor:

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

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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

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

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
Message: "WE PERSUADE MEN -
UNTO FAITHFULNESS"
Rev. Woodrow Matthews
12:00 P.M. Final Adjournment

ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist

AUGUST 22-24

CENTRAL FWB CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

HOST PASTOR: REV. JAMES McALLISTER

CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Fellowship Church Flat River
Aurora Church Aurora
Black Oak Church Marshfield
Alton Church Alton
Happy Home Church Ava
Leadington Church Leadington
Copper Mines Church Fredericktown
Myrtle Church Myrtle
First Church Kirksville
Overland Church Overland
First Church Berkeley
Liberty Church Phillipsburg
Hickory Grove Church Harrisonville
Meremec Heights Church Kirkwood
Verdella Church Liberal
First Church Farmington
Trinity Church Bridgeton
Richwoods Church Richwoods

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
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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

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