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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

OCTOBER, 1967

The Madison County Quarterly meeting
assembled with Copper Mine Church Friday
evening and Saturday, October 6 and 7. Rev.
Loyd Durbin preached the opening ser-
mon and Don Jones preached at 11 a.m.
Saturday. Each of their churches represent-
ed with delegates. Time was given for our
Cooperative Program, which most of their
churches support faithfully. Their monthly
"Youth for Christ" rally was held Satur-
day evening with Mine LaMotte church.
The youth rendered a good program, and
they were well represented.

Sunday, October 8, I delivered the 11 a.m.
sermon in our Mill Creek Church. Pastor
Darrell Morris is doing a good work here.
We welcome Pastor Stitt, our new pastor
at Fredericktown into the state of Missouri.
We enjoyed the annual homecoming fellow-
ship there Sunday afternoon. Several gospel
singing groups participated in this service.

Sunday evening, October 8, I delivered the
sermon in our Grace Church following the
Church Training Service. Especially re-
member Grace Church in prayer during
this time of pastoral change.

Friday evening, October 20, the Quarterly
Meeting of the St. Louis District assembled
in Overland Church. Rev. Al Helm delivered
the opening sermon and Rev. Fred Harris
preached at 11 a.m. Saturday. Time was
given to Missouri Promotional Sec. to ex-
plain the 1968 Allocation of Mo. Cooperative
Funds. 66% of this district currently gives
through Missouri State.

The attendance was good with all the
member churches represented. The reports
of revival in local churches indicate souls
being saved, and growth in several phases
of our work. Pastor Asher and Overland
Church did a splendid job hosting the
Quarterly meeting.

To encourage in term Pastor Lewis, we
visited Meramec Heights Church in Valley
Park, Mo. We visited them Sunday even-
ing, October 22. They have improved and

enlarged their building, adding a pastor's
study and ect. Recently they have resumed
giving through our Missouri Cooperative
Plan of support.

LaClede County Quarterly Meeting as-
sembled with the New Home Church east
of Lebanon, Mo., Saturday, October 28.
I was privileged to deliver the 11 a.m.
sermon. They also gave time for our Mis-
souri Cooperative Program, to which one of
their churches made their first contri-
bution this month. Sunnyview Church re-
cently experienced a good revival meeting.
Pastor Eddie Vincent and Cedar Ridge
Church, near Long Lane, Mo., hosted Ni-
angua Fifth Sunday meeting October 29.
Bro. Beatty also preached the 11 a.m.
sermon here. We enjoyed other sermons
and special singing throughout the entire
day. Pastor Vincent baptized two new con-
verts in the river nearby following the
noon service. In recent months, a score
of young adult people have been saved in
this church. They have built a nice new
sanctuary adjacent to their present church
with indirect lighting system, and a beauti-
ful new matching altar and pulpit stand.

We enjoyed the Cuba Church program
Sunday evening, entitled, "This Is Your
Church." Former pastor, Grover Pingleton,
delivered the gospel message to a packed
house.

Forty churches contributed in October to
the Missouri Cooperative Plan of support.
Brethren, we earnestly challenge every
church in the Missouri State Association to
contribute to this type of support, and,
thus, participate in the world-wide ministry
of the word of the Lord.

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Bibles for the holiday season. The King
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Bible companies — Cambridge, Collins,
Oxford, World, Holman, plus Zondervan's
marked Bible.

Harry Beatty

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS OCTOBER, 1967

Monett	\$122.89
Union F.W.B.C.	25.00
Farmington	127.00
Faith & Hope	15.00
Waynesville	81.59
Beacon	89.51
Mill Creek Sunday school	12.50
Overland	449.00
Aulsbury Chapel	158.94
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Salem	10.00
Twin City, August, September	71.04
Carterville	17.32
Oskaloosa	57.47
Rock Chapel	21.63
Independence, June-August	41.94
Victory, September	117.14
Hannon, September	55.00
Kirkville, September	30.00
Grace, September	115.00
North Side, St. Louis	55.01
Twin Oak, July-September	150.00

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THE VALUE OF LITTLE ONES

BY REV. BOB KING

"There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many?" John 6: 9

On the day that Jesus went over the sea of Galilee and the great multitude followed Him to see his miracles, there was a small lad who attached himself to this group. Surely no one gave any consideration at all to a child following in such a large crowd. No one in the group had any thought that such a lad was an important figure in their day, and that because of the small package he carried they would be fed.

Even today this same situation is evident in our churches as far as our Juniors and Primaries are concerned. Lest we overlook the important place of these small ones in our church, let us discuss it now.

It has been said that you can have a Sunday School without a church, but you cannot have a church without a Sunday School. Now, we can say furthermore, that the Juniors and Primaries are as important to the Sunday School as the Sunday School is to the Church. This group is important because they are the best workers of the Sunday School. Every pastor has, no doubt, found that this age child usually loves his Sunday School a little more than others, and he is not ashamed to invite his friends to come. Often these little ones are faithful even in the most unpleasant conditions. Would you go to Sunday School if you had to sit on chairs so high that your feet dangled in mid-air? Would you go if you had to be in a dingy basement? Would you go if the teacher read the lesson every Sunday? Would you go if the teacher told you to be still every time you talked? Would you go if you didn't like and understand the songs? Would you go if you thought the teacher considered her work a bore? Well, many boys and girls endure just this treatment in so many schools each week. Now, does not this faithfulness merit our consideration in giving them the best conditions and the most qualified teachers available?

Also, these boys and girls occupy a place of most importance

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because at this age they are so ready to receive Christ as their Saviour. They are enjoying the time of their lives when hearts are most tender and receptive to the call of Christ. Teachers and pastors can spend endless time telling adults of the death of Christ and His power to save with little response. But the Junior and Primary students listen to the story of Jesus, and their tender hearts are touched and they are ready to believe. They do not reason it out, but simply believe the Scripture record. If we could evaluate the value of a soul, then we could evaluate the importance of this age group. Satan started the age limit on salvation, God did not put an age limit for it.

"I am a Christian, though I'm small;
Jesus does not care at all
If we're three years old, or four;
Or if we are fifty more.
If we come to Him and say,
"Jesus wash my sins away,"
And His Word we then believe,
He will gladly us receive.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Of what use is a boy? Simply this—he may become a man someday!" And we know that under the blessing of God, the greatest things can come from the smallest beginnings. In Zechariah 4: 10 we find we are not to despise the day of small beginnings. The church must work faithfully with these little ones inasmuch as someday these very ones will be our deacons, our pastors, our teachers and our missionaries. We should consider not so much what the child is today as what he may become tomorrow.

People who handle other people's money are required to account for every cent. Are children less valuable?

Rev. Bob King
Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church
Farmington, Missouri

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

DECEMBER

STATE HOME MISSIONS MONTH



Please Send All Reports To:
Mrs. Peggy Davis
1915 E. 23rd
Independence, Mo. 64052
Dues by the 15th of each month.

THINGS TO REMEMBER
DECEMBER 18-22: Pre-Christmas Week of Prayers

DECEMBER 10: Bible Sunday
DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS

HELPS NEEDY FAMILY

The First Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary of Festus met at the church November 7 with ten members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Sis. Wilma Stallings. Opening with prayer by Sister Geraldine Bay.

Our project for November was to furnish a needy family with Thanksgiving dinner and to visit the nursing home for the aged and have Thanksgiving services with them. The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Sister Dorothy Burkett. Pray for us as we work for the Master.

Corresponding Secretary
Hazel Waymire

BUSY MONTHS FOR THE LORD

Since the beginning of the new year 1967-68, we in the South Sidw Women's Auxiliary have been richly blessed and feel we are accomplishing something for missions, not only in foreign countries, but at home, too, and also in the local church.

Each month as we have had our regular meeting we have been able to learn and grow through our Mission Emphasis. Since the beginning of this new year we have received three new members into our Auxiliary. They are Mrs. Sue Winihester, Mrs. Nancy Ferguson, and Mrs. Ralph Cook. Also we have been blessed through our local projects.

Our July Project was purchasing silverware with the help of other members of our church and donating it to the church kitchen. We also collected trading stamps for the Lees' in India. In August we collected school supplies and personal items for our college students, Erma Skiles and Walley Price. We also sent fruit baskets to several of our members who were ill. Our September project was purchasing, collecting and saving all plastic pill bottles for Dr. Miley in his medical missionary work. October's project was a

cleaning day at the church. November's project will be taking cookies to the Veteran's at Jefferson Barracks Hospital and sending cookies to our college students at the Bible College.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES

The Thayer Woman's Auxiliary met Nov. 14 with 16 members and six visitors present.

Sister Elsie gave the history of our church, and then Sister Clara Allen gave the lesson, "The Seven Churches of the Northwest." A poster was made by Sister Fern representing the seven churches with light bulbs coming on as each church was told about its beginning.

Personal Service reported that the Aux. had sent cookies to the service boys.

Sister Fern reported that we sent 5 lbs. of Christmas cards to S. Benjamin, pastor in South India. The Study Course Chairman reported that we will have a study course on Evangelism in January. Missions Chairman reported a special offering will be taken in January and will go to the Postlewaites.

Instead of having a gift exchange for Christmas, we are to bring what we would spend for a gift and we will send it to some missionary. We also will be having our Pre-Christmas week of prayer the week of our revival and we will have it in the day time. Our revival begins December 4.

Jo Pingleton
Ass'n Cor. Sec.

HELPS BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT

The Alton FWB Woman's Auxiliary met October 9 with nine members and one visitor present. A motion was made and seconded to send a love offering each month to Sis. Carol Wright, who is studying to be a missionary at the FWB Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. A motion was made and seconded to have our study course on missions during the time of our Pre-Thanksgiving Program.

MYRTLE HOST TO DISTRICT MEETING

The Myrtle FWB Woman's Auxiliary was host to the Cave Spring District Meeting on Thursday evening, October 26. This being our first meeting since we were organized in June, and with the help and leadership of the Lord, we all felt like we got off to a good start.

All Auxiliaries of the district reported. After the business session each of the locals had a part in the program given. Some sang specials, presented a skit, and there was a sermonette. I think each one present received a blessing by being there.

About thirty-two ladies, six or eight men, including three ministers, and three children attended.

After the program, a short intermission for refreshments and visiting, then Bro. Finis Johnson of the West Plains Church spoke to us of how the women of the Bible carried on God's word and that we should be ready and willing to do the same even now.

Corresponding Secretary
M. Crase

MISSIONS ON THE MOVE

The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo., entertained their husbands with a covered dish supper in the church dining hall on Monday, November 6. The tables were decorated with paper turkeys and candles in keeping with the Thanksgiving season.

After the completion of supper, the ladies had their regular Co-Labor study for November. The program, "The Seven Churches of the Northwest" was given.

A very interesting program was given by Betty Reeves on the work of our Free Will Baptist home missionaries in the Northwest, the Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite.

During the Mission Emphasis, Pat Morris read some letters from our Missionary Ruby Griffin.

During the business plans were made for a study course, "Missions on the Move." The study course will be held at the church November 17 at 7:00 p.m. with the ladies from Parkview church as special guests.

Christmas cards to be sent to Free Will Baptist Churches in India were also collected during the business.

The evening closed with prayer by Verna Malone.

GIVES TOWARD STATE PROJECT

The West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met November 6 with 14 members present.

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The Cor. Secretary read letters from Missionaries, Miley's and Plunkett and the Powells'.

Pre-Thanksgiving and Study Course on Missions were set for November 16 & 17.

The Personal Service Ch. reported on a prayer service at the "West Plains Nursing Home."

It was motioned and seconded to send \$19.00 or \$1.00 per member to our State Project, the St. Joe Mission.

The lesson on the seven churches in the Northwest was enjoyed by all present.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT MEETING

The St. Louis District Woman's Auxiliary met on September 26, 1967, at 7:30 p.m. at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church. Sister Vivian Burton led us in a Hymn Title Testimony and God Bless. Next on the program was the business session, followed by the registration report with seventy-six present—Berkeley, 7; Southside, 13; Faith, 11; Trinity, 9; Grace, 10; Fourth, 9; Overland, 12.

The Credentials Committee report was received, with the First Free Will Baptist Auxiliary of Festus petition for acceptance into the District. Motion, second, carried. The Nominating Committee report was received with the following nominations—President, Mrs. Jerry Plummer; Vice President, Mrs. Brenda Evans; Sec. & Treas., Miss Lillian Moore; Musician, Mrs. Elaine Spurgeon; Assist Sec. & Treas., Mrs. Marie Wood; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Joan Barr; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Erma Lea Hogan; Field Worker, Mrs. Marian Willhite; Mission Chairman, Mrs. Katherine Mertz; Evangelistic Chairman, Mrs. Lucy Warden; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Gillman; Historian, Mrs. Mildred Dobkins.

A motion was made to accept all the above, seconded, carried. These officers will serve for a term of two years.

Motion made, seconded, accepted to send \$25.00 to the State Project, and \$10.00 to Lillian Moore.

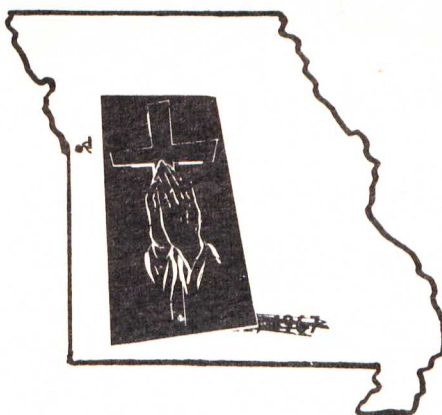
With the business session ended, an offering was received in the amount of \$23.77, followed by a skit entitled, "Field of Labor," written by Mrs. Mildred Killian. The Hymn, "I Surrender All" was sung, followed by the prayer of dismissal.

Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Joan Barr

Merry
Christmas

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PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK OF PRAYER



During this wonderful time of the year let's remember our own State Home Work! Last year our auxiliaries over the state gave \$293.32 during this week of prayer. God has blessed in a great way in our Missouri State Home Mission efforts. Please remember to pray — pray — pray for our mission work in St. Joseph, Independence, O'Fallon and Cape Girardeau. Then GIVE as God has blessed. Please remember our State Home Mission Board in your prayers. Send your offerings through our state auxiliary treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutsell.

CAVE SPRING DISTRICT



On October 26, 1967, at 6 o'clock p.m., the first meeting of the Cave Spring District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at they Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. Delegates from each auxiliary were recognized with Myrtle having 7 delegates present; Thayer, 7; West Plains, 6 and Alton, 7.

The theme for the program, "So Send I You". The four local auxiliaries each had a part in this program.

Ruth Robinson of the West Plains Aux. presented "A Sermonette", challenging each of us to be better workers for the Lord, as he said, "So send I you".

The Alton Auxiliary presented two special

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Richwoods	97.52
Desota	21.00
O'Fallon	46.23
Olivett	16.00
Copper Mines	50.00
Mine La Motte	8.92
Jefferson City	11.90
Verdella	117.29
Thayer, September	41.24
Cape Girardeau	20.87
Fellowship	50.00
Sunnyview	5.00
Cuba	148.33
Berkley	321.20
Grant Ave., October	196.22
Salem	10.00
Thayer, October	52.85
Hannon, October	73.88
Mt. Valley, July-September	57.68
Garfield, October	30.28
West Plains, Bethel	54.00
South Side	169.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$3,432.39

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55.00% National FWB Assn.	\$1,887.82
1.00% Missouri CTS	34.32
2.00% Missouri Youth Camp	68.64
8.25% General Fund	283.17
3.75% GEM	128.72
14.00% Promotional Dept.	480.54
16.00% Mo. State Home Mission	549.18

TOTAL DISBURSED \$3,432.39

songs, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me," and "I Love to Tell the Story."

The Thayer Auxiliary displayed a large poster with the words, "So Send I You", (In picture above), over-shadowed by a cross with a world map and an open Bible. This program was given by Fern Hickinbotham, Gay Combs, Charlene Janes and Jo Pingleton. There was also a solo, "Follow Me," by Ruby Johnson.

The Myrtle Auxiliary gave a mission skit, "Chocolate Drops", showing how careless and neglectful we are many times about taking the gospel to the dark people in Africa or other foreign fields where they have never heard.

NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS



Home and Foreign

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DONATIONS FROM MISSOURI

Myrtle FWB	5.00
Miss Elsie Pereival, Urbana	5.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Peterson, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mr. Jack Judd, West Plains	5.00
Mrs. Oma Scott, Mtn. Grove	2.00
First FWB, Mtn. Grove	9.00
First FWB, Mt. Grove	6.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Leadington FWB	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mr. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Overland FWB, St. Louis	25.00
Hi Teen SS Cl., Rock Chapel FWB, Mtn. Grove	10.00
First FWB, Monett	20.00
Festus Frist FWB	3.05
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Long, Festus	5.00
Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Edwards, Hartville	10.00
New Home FWB, Hartville	20.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	8.00
Richwoods FWB	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Sims, W. Plains	5.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	7.50
Missouri Home Mission Bd.	435.00
Wom. Aux., Overland FWB	5.00
Cooperative Plan	170.66
TOTAL	\$832.21

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS MISSOURI - AUGUST, 1967

First FWB (W.A.), Lebanon	\$ 4.25
C. R. Mays, St. Ann	10.00
West Plains FWB	91.25
Garfield S. S., Thayer	20.00
Mrs. Lloyd B. Smith, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Jacobs, Fredricktown	5.00
Nora Allen, Mtn. Grove	15.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	112.39
Hannon FWB, Liberal	36.30
Ronald Barr, St. Louis	5.00
Pleasant Ridge, Alton	5.00
Eli Stephens, St. Louis	5.00
First FWB, Berkeley	147.50
Glen Murray, Kansas City	50.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Winchester, St. Louis	5.00
Myrtle FWB	57.17
Mrs. Larine Maxwell, Cabool	1.00

Mr. & Mrs. Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Co-Laborer	604.52
Arlo Starnes, Kansas City	10.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	17.17
Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Christensen, Pleasant Hill	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Williams, Bismark	75.00
Glen A. Rehkop, Kansas City	10.00
First Church, Kirksville	56.00
FWB, Farmington	151.41
Leadington FWB	11.00
Overland FWB, St. Louis	16.14
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Pirtle, Flat River	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brakefield, St. Louis	38.00
Bailey Chapel, Urbana	22.67
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	3.00
First Church, Kansas City	21.66
First Church (Children), Kirksville	5.83
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	30.00
Northeastern Assoc., Kirksville	18.11
New Harmony S.S., Greentop	31.08
First Church, Springfield	31.00
First Church, Mtn. Grove	116.25
Calvary Church, Niaugua	19.03
Mr. Floyd Green, Harrisonville	15.00
Milford House, Gower	5.00
Rock Chapel, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Meramec Hgts., St. Louis	22.20
Alton Church	26.24
Northeast Mo. W. A.	47.71
Parkview FWB Church, Desloge	15.00
Ronald Barr, St. Louis	50.00
Clyde Montgomery, Cabool	5.00
Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
Neva Thomas, Kirksville	3.00
Hazel Creek CTS, Kirksville	5.00
First Church, Kansas City	10.00
Mrs. Edith Blair, Kansas City	5.00
Bailey Chapel Ch., Alton	15.50
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Mo. State W. A. Conv., St. Louis	80.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	135.00
First Church, Cape Girardeau	8.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River	10.00
Central FWB, Kansas City	82.04
Val Arnold, Florissant	75.00
TOTAL	\$2,620.27

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OCTOBER REPORT:

CAPE GIRARDEAU: The Cape Church is in the process of completing a \$12,000

basement church. They expect to move into their new building in the next week or two. Pray for them that God might continue to bless their work for Him.

INDEPENDENCE: The Church in Independence is experiencing unusual growth under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Teedy Davis. They are averaging in the fifties in Sunday School. Certainly, God's hand has been upon them. Pray for this church who is witnessing for Christ in the midst of Mormon country.

ST. JOSEPH: We are praising God for the wonderful Christian people He has given us to work with in the mission in St. Joseph. They all are interested in the Lord's work and all are willing to do what they can for the furtherance of the kingdom of God. We have had people saved in our regular services, and there is always that feeling of love and cooperation among our people, and a communion with the Holy Spirit that makes our hearts rejoice together in ever service. Pray very earnestly for those people that we have witnessed to in their homes. Some have expressed an interest, others seem to be uninterested, but we know that God is able to reach their hearts with his Word. Again, we wish to express our thanks to every individual and every church who is supporting the word here in St. Joseph through your financial support and especially through your prayers. May God reward you exceedingly because of your interest in His work.

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

Frances Foger	\$ 2.00
Central Church, Kansas City	33.00
St. Francis Co. Quar. Meeting	25.00
Hartville Church	11.00
Myrtle Ladies Auxiliary	5.00
Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting	55.45
Mill Creek Church	15.00
Union Light Church	15.00
Mine LaMotte	10.00
Oskaloosa Church	8.00
Jones Chapel Church	16.50
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Hannon Church	48.94
Garfield Church	20.49
Thayer Church	16.00
Pleasant Hill Church	5.00
Victory Church	16.00
Smyrna Church	5.00
Overland Church	29.00
Merl's Chapel Church	6.00
Farmington Church	20.00
Hazel Creek Church	3.72
Monett Church	40.00
Cooperative Receipts - State Assn.	549.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$970.28

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NO ROOM FOR HIM

By Elder W. C. Hill
Grandfather of the Editor, Rev. Bud Hill

NO ROOM FOR CHRIST

"And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." Luke 2: 7

For four thousand years the world had been looking for this child. Away back in the Garden of Eden, before Adam and Eve had been driven out, God promised that the "seed of the woman should bruise the serpents head." But when He came there was no room for Him.

WHAT HE CAME TO DO

"He came to give rest to the weary. He came to seek and to save the lost, to give sight to the blind; to help those who need help, and to heal the broken-hearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn." Isa. 61: 1-3. Yet there was no room for Him when he came. This seems very strange to us. He came to bring so many good things and yet He was not wanted.

Let the king of England come to the United States, and every city from New Jersey to San Francisco would open up their doors for him and feel honored if he should pay them a visit. But the King of Glory came to the world and there was no room for Him. He was despised and rejected, and slain.

WHAT SOME SAY

Some say, "They did not know Him. If they had, they would have accepted Him." I believe they are mistaken. When the wise men from the East came and made inquiries about Him, saying, "Where is He that was born king of the Jews?", Herod and all Jerusalem was troubled and sought to kill Him. Jerusalem closed her doors against Him. His parents had to flee to Egypt for his protection.

IS THE WORLD READY TO RECEIVE HIM NOW??

What nation would gladly receive Him? The U.S. is called a Christian nation—would she welcome Him should He come today? Suppose it was left to a vote of the people, would they vote for Him to come? He would not carry a single precinct. Why? Because of the world's conditions. Even a great many so-called Christians would say, "We are not ready for Him yet."

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Suppose He was to make a sudden appearance in Congress—what would be the result? It would strike pandemonium to the heart of all present. He would not have to make a whip of cords to drive out the moneychangers, they would slip out one at a time until He would be left alone. Why? They would be afraid He would show up their rotten political rascality and graft.

BUSINESS

Do businessmen want Him? No—there would have to be many changes made in business methods. The truth would have to be told about stocks and bonds, securities and merchandise. That would be the very thing which they do not want. Speculators don't want Him. When He comes He is going to rule in righteousness. Rotten business methods will have to be given up.

WHO WANTS HIM TO RULE?

Does your politicians want Him for their leader? Do you think the Republican party would be willing for Him to take charge of their campaign? Do you think that the Democrat party would welcome Him? Politics have no use for Him. (There is a reason). What is the reason? He would show up their political graft and rascality. Politics is rotten from center to circumference.

FASHIONABLE SOCIETY

Does "Fashionable Society" want Him? Go to some fashionable party and begin to tell what Christ has done for your poor needy soul and you will soon be told that your room is worth more than your presence. They don't want Christ. (They don't want you if you are a Christian.) They want strong drink, gambling, and the satisfying of the lusts of the flesh.

OUTSTANDING FACTS

There is no room for Christ down here. Let a man get up in Congress and talk religiously, calling attention to "thus saith the Lord," and he will be hissed at and slurred. Insult after insult will be thrown out at him. Do you think that graft and political juggling would still go on in Congress if Christ was the Speaker of the House? No, a thousand times NO.

NO COUNTRY WANTS HIM

Do you think England wants Him? If she had Him for a ruler she would have

to give up her liquor traffic and opium trade in China and many other things too numerous to mention. England is called a Christian nation, but let a man get up in Parliament and begin to talk and quote Bible, and he will be called a fool. No country wants Him for a Ruler. When He was here and went from village to village, and city to city, He did not receive a welcome from very many. When He cast a legion of devils out of the young man of Gadara, the people got uneasy about this pork business and ask Him to leave their country. They got uneasy about their sausage.

About two thousand years has passed away since then, and the world still does not want him—He that was rich became poor that we who are poor might be made rich in spiritual things through Him. And after all of His love and sacrificial offerings, the world does not want Him.

BORROWED THINGS

The colt upon which He rode into Jerusalem did not belong to Him. The house in which He took shelter was the home of another. The tomb in which He was buried was the tomb of Joseph. It was borrowed. He owned the cattle on a thousand hills and all the Glory of Heaven was His own, and yet He was so very poor that He had no place to lay His head. He said, "The foxes have holes and the birds have nests, but the Son of Man hath no place to lay His head."

HIS SACRIFICE

"He laid aside His royal robes in glory, and came down here to be despised and rejected of men; became a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, that He might bear our griefs and carry our sorrows." Isa. 53: 3-7. And yet when He came there was no room for Him.

HE GOES TO THE MOUNTAIN OF OLIVES

In John, the 7th Chapter, when there was a division which arose about Him, the people went to their homes, and He went to the Mount of Olives. Why? Because every door was closed against Him. There was no room for Him. He stayed all night long on the mountain. It is even so today, the masses of the people do not want Him. This day some of you have closed your hearts door against Him.

A WOMAN'S INVITATION

One day when He was teaching in the
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GLEANNINGS

FROM THE

FIELDS

CHURCH PLANS BUILDING

The Cuba Church is rejoicing after a week of revival. Evangelist Johnny Land preached spirit-filled messages that brought conviction and caused souls to be saved and rededications. Our church purchased the remainder of the city block on which the Church building is located. This will provide parking space. Plans for construction of Sunday School class rooms are underway. We covet the prayers of all Christians.

Cuba Church, Cuba, Mo.

PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. Pinkney Askren resigned the pastorage of Richwoods Free Will Baptist Richwoods, Mo., on October 22, 1967, and has accepted the church at Meremac Heights at Valley Park, Mo.

We desire your prayers very much in our new work for the Lord.

Rev. Pinkney Askren

REVIVAL AT VICTORY

A week's revival was held October 9-15 at Victory Church in Avondale, Mo., with Rev. Ben Scott as our evangelist. Bro. Scott brought us real challenging messages from the Word of God and souls were saved for which we say "Praise the Lord."

We also had a weekend revival on October 27, 28, and 29 with Rev. Johnnie Land as our evangelist and The Singing Ledbetters presenting the Gospel in song.

How thankful we are for the presence of God's Holy Spirit that we so strongly felt during these services and for the souls that were saved.

How thankful we are too for our pastor, Rev. Glenn Rehkop and his family, and his ministry and leadership here at Victory Church. Pray for us.

Lou Thurston, Reporter

CHURCH PLANS NEW AUDITORIUM

God continues to open the windows of Heaven and pour out His bountiful blessings to us here at the Fourth Church in St. Louis. We give thanks for each and every blessing He bestows upon us.

We are at present in a building program. After much prayer the church voted to build a new auditorium on our new basement.

The Sunday School has continually increased over the past several months to where more room was badly needed. God has wonderfully blessed the Sunday School. The Church purchased a large school bus and it is now in operation. Bro. Billie Vancil is the driver and is doing a fine job in transporting pupils to our Sunday School.

We, as a Church, along with Rev. H. T. Dann, ask that you remember us when you pray. Sometimes we fail to pray for one another. Let us pray much for a Heaven sent revival that will sweep our denomination as a whole and draw us closer to God. Modernism is creeping in to our churches. Let us not sleep, as some do, but let us be awake and submit ourselves to God, the Ruler of the Universe... "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you". James 4: 8. We, as Free Will Baptists, need a closer fellowship with God.

May the Lord bless you, Bro. Hill, as you edit the Free Will

Baptist Gem. We look forward to receiving it each month.
Your brother in Christ,
Leamon L. Killian, Church Reporter

CHURCH STILL GROWING

The KoshKonong Church reports that they are gradually growing and the Lord is still blessing. Recently one mother was converted and then united with the church. They still ask the prayers of each person. The pastor of this growing church is Rev. Davie Combs.

DEACON OF CHURCH CALLED AWAY

On August 21, the Lord called one of His children home to be with Him when Bro. Arnold P. Stone passed away. Bro. Stone was a member and deacon of the Union Light Church near Marquand, Missouri. He is survived by his wife and two sons. Bro. Stone has been affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Church at Union Light for 40 years.

CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield had a very successful revival October 16-27 with Rev. Harvey E. Hill, home missionary to Winter Haven, Florida, as the evangelist. During the revival services, two persons were converted, twelve rededicated their lives and two united with the church. Beside these, one man was saved in the home.

Recently four young men, Bill Swearingin, Tommy Hampton, Rocky Slaughter and Dean Walls, announced the call to the ministry. The Church desires the prayers of the Christians for these young men. Rev. Bud Hill is the pastor.

FALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

The Fall Enlargement Campaign in our Sunday School was a great success here at the Overland Free Will Baptist Church, 9440 W. Milton, Overland, Mo. (St. Louis County). We averaged 243 for the five Sundays. This was an increase of 79 per-Sunday. We thank God for the opportunity that has been ours to teach the Word to these many people. Several were saved and many rededications were recorded in Heaven as a direct result of the hard work of Brother Phillip Miller, our Sunday School Superintendent and his dedicated staff of teachers and officers. Without these God-sent teachers and officers, success would have been impossible. Our laymen did an outstanding job of making contacts, for instance—the Ladies Bible Class in the five weeks made over 800 contacts. We, at the Overland Church, are proud of them. Each department and each class made a great contribution towards the campaign. Our prayers are that we will continue to G-R-O-W (Go-Right-On-Working) for Him that gave so much for us. If at anytime our Gem readers are ever in St. Louis, please accept our invitation to come and visit our Sunday School and Church. You will find an Old Fashion Free Will Baptist Church. Here at Overland God's people still call one another Brother and Sister. We have a beautiful new building that is air-conditioned but still God's people feel free to shout and say amen. We have twenty feet of altar space where at almost every service someone kneels to talk with Almighty God about a personal need of salvation or rededications. You will be met with a friendly hand-shake and

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a smile at the door. God bless all of you wonderful Free Will Baptist is my prayers. Rev. Harry Asher is pastor.

LETTER FROM DESOTO CHURCH

Dear Co-Workers,

Greetings in the lovely name of the Lord Jesus whom we love and serve.

We, the people of De Soto Free Will Baptist Church, come to you with joyful and thankful hearts. The Lord has richly blessed us. Our church is growing rapidly. The Sunday School attendance is quite good.

On Saturday, November 4, six delegates attended the St. Francois Quarterly meeting, which convened at Aulsbury Chapel Church in East Bonne Terre, Missouri. Upon request, we, the First Free Will Baptist Church of DeSoto, were accepted into the Quarterly Meeting, for which we thank our Lord.

We were very happy to have our pastor, Bro. Charles Miller, and family join us by letter Sunday morning, November 5. We thank the Lord for our wonderful pastor. He is a hard working Christian who has devoted his life to the preaching of God's Word. At the Sunday evening service we were delighted to have our Promotional Secretary, Brother Beatty, bring the message, "Every Man Stood In His Place." It was inspiring and enlightening with the text taken from Judges 7: 21/

We are quickly out-growing our present building and are working on a building program. On Monday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. Brother Boyles from Nashville, Tennessee was with us to help us set up our bond program for the building of our church. Anyone who is interested in our program and feels the need to help in the Lord's work is welcome to buy a bond because we sincerely need your help.

Our Halloween party was held at Bro. Henry Stephens' home. About forty attended and reported they had a nice time. It was rainy and cold. Refreshments were served by Sister Stephens. We had a hymn sing around the piano and a good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We have a fine group of young people in our church who can testify to the saving grace of our Lord. We thank God for them.

We have so many things to be thankful for. The Lord has blessed us in very many ways already that we know we shall have a church with His help. We desire the prayers of all our friends in Christ for our church.

God Bless Everyone
In Christian Love,
Brenda Berry, Reporter

Dear Alumni,

The group was small, but enthusiastic; the food was good, games and music were fun, and there was lots of talking, talking, talking! You guessed it! It was a meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the Alumni Association, September 22 at Salem House Cafeteria in St. Louis.

About 25 Alumni gathered to discuss what we the Missouri Chapter of the Alumni Association can do for our Alma Mater. As Jack Paramore, our guest speaker, said, "Most of us shudder when we think what our lives would have turned out to be, had we not gone to Free Will Baptist Bible College."

As you know, eighteen months ago the Alumni Association, meeting at FWBBC during Bible Conference, voted to raise \$250,000 for building a gymnasium. To date, about \$3,000 has been given by various alumni. However, at last interest is sprouting and the project is gaining momentum.

The group at Salem House decided on this plan for the Missouri Chapter: --That we raise \$2500 by March 31, 1968 to be presented to the Alumni Association at its annual meeting at Bible Conference, April 1968. There will be three campaign phases—the first to raise \$400 by October 31; the second to reach the \$1000 mark by December 31; the third to reach \$2500 by March 31, 1968. --That we begin immediately with every Alumni giving something. (the group voted to take \$50 out of the treasury to

begin the campaign) Some pledged to give \$5.00 a week; others said they could give more than that, some said they could give less. The point is ALL OF US CAN GIVE SOMETHING, large or small.

All checks are sent to Mrs. Peggy Davis, 9615 E. 23rd Street, Independence, Mo., and are made payable to Free Will Baptist Alumni Association. Dues (\$3.00) to help meet mailing expenses, etc., are sent to me also.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12 in Rolla, Mo. Arrangments are being made for a restaurant for the meeting.

Remember—if we reach our first goal—\$400 by October 31—we must ALL give something!

At this present time we have \$145 toward our project, November 19, 1967. Remember, each alumni MUST do their part to reach our goal.

Report from our

YOUTH CAMP PROJECT

Dear Bro. Bud,

Greetings in the wonderful name of Our Lord Jesus. I am sending a report on the Youth Camp siding project. We want to thank each individual, each church, and association for their interest in this project. So far, we are still short of the goal, but we feel there are others who are planning to help with this project. May we again plead our cause and urge everyone to give this project prayerful consideration and immediate attention. We are anxious to get the work started but the finance must be turned in first. To follow are the contributors to this project.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Burcham	\$ 40.00
Macedonia Sunday School	10.00
K. C. Quarterly Meeting	67.80
Liberty Quarterly Meeting	82.00
Lebanon First FWB Ladies Aux.	50.00
Amity Church	55.00
Cabool Church	50.00
Cuba Church	100.00
Hazel Creek Church	36.00
Monett Church	50.00
New Harmony	15.00
Happy Ridge	29.10
Rock Chapel	50.00
Berkley Church	35.00
Hannon Church	50.00
Mt. Valley Church	50.00
Mrs. Doris Day	1.00
Mrs. Faeda Sells	1.00
Rev. Grover Terry	2.00
TOTAL	\$753.90

Please send all contributions to Mr. Woodrow Montgomery, Washington St., Lebanon, Missouri.

Thanks again,
Project Chairman,
Cliff Bowman

THE WORD OF LIFE

BY SOPHIA ACKERSON

St. John 6: 67-68-69 "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away?" Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord To whom shall we go? Thou has't the Word of Eternal Life. And we believe and are sure that thou Art Christ, The Son of the living God."

As we study Genesis through Revelations we find as God spoke the word, things came into existence, as we read, "And God said" and the work was done. And God saw it was good. By the living word all things were done. God is still speaking today and things are being done by the living Word.

The Law was given by Moses, but truth and grace came by Jesus Christ. Grace is to find favor in the eyes of God, and grace is the kindness and love of God toward men. It is not the works of righteousness that we have done. None of us were righteousness, we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. The Law demanded blessings be earned by works, but the grace of God is a free gift.

In John 5: 39, we are told "To search the Scripture, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Here is where the majority of the people fail. They do not study or neither do they search "The Word of Life". So many think if they don't know what God says and are ignorant of the Word, they will be excused by God. The Holy Word tells us that God once winked at ignorance, but now he commands men to repent. The Word is so plain a little child will not error therein.

2 Timothy 2: 15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

As I think of Jesus and all the words he spoke and the wonderful works he did, my heart rejoices to know Him as Saviour and Lord of my life. He sits

upon the throne of my heart to rule and reign in my life. He is my King of Kings.

As we look around us and see so many people working and striving for the material things of the world, seems as though they think they will live in this life forever. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and these things shall be added unto you."

I remember the words of Jesus when he had been fasting and praying in the wilderness, and afterwards was weak and hungry. Then the Tempter, the old Devil came to Him and tempted Him. The Devil knew Jesus was hungry and weak at this time. He said, "If thou be the Son of God command these stones to be made bread." Jesus being stronger than we, yielded not to this temptation, but said, "As it is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone but by every

Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' " We know the Word of God is

very near us. The Lord gave the Word of Life to us.

As we look into the Word of God we see it as three symbols. The first symbol is light. David once said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." He said also, "The entrance of thy Word giveth light, it giveth understanding to the simple." Sin represents darkness and Salvation represents light. Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. His life on earth brought light to all who will receive it. By following Christ, Christians are light in a dark world. There are four things a lamp or a light will do. We must notice the Psalmist mentioned the Word as a lamp as lighting his path, so his feet would not stumble. The lamp will reveal hidden obstacles and pitfalls that might cause us to stumble. The entrance of thy Word giveth light. This speaks of hope out of despair.

Like light, the Bible gives hope to men regardless of their state in life.

All who will except this "Word of Life" is never left without hope. Light also speaks of cheer. Light brings gladness to the heart. All who will read the Word with a sincere heart finds happiness and strength. As a light, the Word also brings comfort, the comfort that comes with this great light is one of the greatest blessings on men. It dispells fear of darkness and brings comfort to all who will except it. This is the Bible the "Word of Life."

The Bible is a symbol of a Sword. Ephesians 6: 17 tells us, "And take the Helment of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit which is the "Word of God." The picture here is one of warfare. A soldier's sword was and is always used to cut down the enemy. Liking the Word of God is very appropriate. Jesus used the Word of God (Sword) against the devil in the wilderness. He used it three times on this occasion. Jesus thrust the devil down with the Word of God.

The Word of God is a defense against harm and danger. The Word of God is quick, and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing the heart and soul of man, tearing them asunder. It is the only thing that can reach the soul of man. The Word is a protector. David said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."

The Bible is a symbol of Fire. Jer 20: 9 says, "But his Word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones." Jer 23: 29 says, "Is not my Word as a fire, saith the Lord." Fire brings us three things. First is warmth. His Word will drive the chill from our hearts. Besides the comfort of warmth, the Word of God will also burn within us so much that we ourselves will become flames of fire for Him. The Word will arouse men to action. The Lord touched the lips of Isaiah with a coal of fire. On the day of

Pentecost, tongues of fire set upon the early Christians. Fire also speaks of

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destruction and judgement. Jer 5: 14 says, "I will make my words in thy mouth with fire, and this people wood and it shall devour them." Those who may resist the wisdom and persuasion of the Bible will find yourselves unable to resist its judgements.

Jesus was teaching a multitude of disciples one day. They saw his mighty works and saw the sick healed, the hungry fed, and heard His Words of Love and Peace. But when He began to tell them of the great discourse of the "Bread of Life" and of His body and blood and what they would have to do to inherit eternal life, they began to say, "This is a hard saying." and many from that time went back never to walk with Him again. Jesus, seeing this, turned to his twelve apostles and said, "Will ye also go away?" and Simon Peter answering said, "Lord to whom shall we go, thou hast the Word of Eternal Life? And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the Living God." This was Peter's great confession of Christ. We that are Christ's must live by His Word. We that preach or teach the Word must do it with all our might.

John tells us, "The Word was made flesh and dwelleth among us." It was that Word that was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, "The Word of Life." There is no other place to go, only to Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." The Name of Jesus, "There is no other name under heaven where by men can be saved but by the name of Jesus." Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ because it is the power of God unto the Salvation."

In Revelations 19: 11 John tells us, "He saw the Heavens open and behold a white horse and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true and in righteousness, He shall judge and make war. He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God." This will be when Jesus comes in glory the second time. I am looking for His coming any time now. Then He will be Lord of Lords and King of Kings. We are told to write the living Word on the tables of our hearts. The day is swiftly coming when we will not be allowed to preach or teach the Word or even carry our Bibles out in public. So if we have searched it, studied it, if we have been to the Lord who has the Word of Eternal Life, we will be able to live on it because it will be in our hearts and cannot be taken away from us. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away."

This blessed Living Word has stood the test all down through the ages. God's prophets and many of God's servants have preserved it with their blood. It went through the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children; it was cast into the lion's den

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with Daniel, and many, many other ways was tested and was victorious. The Road of eternal life has been paved with the blood of the saints. Jesus suffered and died to persevere it. So all could have the right to the "tree of life." We must choose the Word of Eternal Life to live spiritually and live for our God. There is nothing in this world for the Christian. We are just passing through as pilgrims and strangers, seeking a city to come, whose Builder and Ruler is God. For all that is in this world is "The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life," and this is not of the Heavenly Father, but is of the world. All things of the world will perish, but the things of God will stand forever. Amen
THE HOLY BIBLE—THE WORD OF LIFE

I am a staff when you need one,
I am a light in the dark,
I am wisdom to lead one,
I am a song like a lark.
I am rest and contentment.
I am a guide on the way,
I am a balm for resentment
I am a hope for each day;
An anchor I am to the worried,
A potion of cheer to the sad,
A soft holding hand to the hurried,
A reason for those who are glad,
I am, although you abuse me,
A clear, shining path in a rut,
All these I am if you use me,
My covers must be open, not shut.
Praise His Holy Name

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Temple at Jerusalem, a woman from Bethany came to the Temple to worship. She found the Master there teaching, and she was so well-pleased with the things which He taught that she invited Him to visit her home.

THE COST OF THE INVITATION

What was the cost? It was not money. Then what was it? It was social prestige. Christ was hated by the Pharisees, rulers, and Saducees. To invite Him into the home was to invite their enemy. So she knew that many of her former friends would turn away from her. But she invited Him! That one act of her life will live forever. But it cost her much to invite Him.

COST EXAMPLES

Peter and Andrew had to forsake their fishing and leave all behind and take up their cross and follow Christ to become fishers of men. Zaccharius had to come down out of the tree before Christ could dine with him and bring salvation to his home. He had also to quit his tax fanning. The young ruler had to sell his property and distribute it to the poor and take up his cross and follow Christ to be saved. Martha sacrificed many of her former friends when she invited Christ into her home. You, too, must sacrifice to be saved. Some of you will have to bid farewell to the old gang.

A DARK CLOUD

A dark cloud was hanging over Martha's home when Jesus paid the home the first visit. Martha did not see it, Mary did not see it. Lazarus did not see it. But Christ saw it, and knew the sorrow that was soon to come to that home. Lazarus took sick and died. O, the sorrow of that day! Some of us know what it meant.

JESUS AGAIN IN THE HOME

After Lazarus had been dead four days, Jesus visited the home again. When Martha heard that He was coming she went out to meet Him. Mary sat still weeping for she had not heard as yet that Jesus was come. When Martha came to Him, she said, "Master, if thou hadst been here my brother would not have died. But I know whatsoever thou wilt ask, God will give thee." O, what simple trusting faith! Yes, she knew! She had made room for Him and He had come in. Jesus said unto her, "Thy Brother shall rise again." I know that he shall arise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me—though he were dead yet shall he live again." She said, "Lord, I believe that Thou art the Christ the Son of God." This statement shows that she was truly a child of God. "For whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God". I John 5: 1. Then she went and called her sister and together they went to the grave.

JESUS AT THE TOMB

Jesus said, "Where have you layed him," "Come and see." When He came to the grave he said, "Roll away the stone." Why did He say, "Roll away the stone." Our Lord never does for us that which we can do for ourselves. Therefore He said, "Roll away the stone." They rolled it away and He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth", and he arose. Then Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." Martha invited Him into her home when He needed a home, and now when her home was broken up by death, He came to her rescue when none other could help her, and, restored life to her brother and brought joy to her heart. It pays to invite Christ to come in.

THE CONDITIONS

He must be earnestly invited in. He will not come in on a formal invitation. He is no intruder. Zaccheous had to come down out of the tree before Christ could dine with him and bring salvation to his home. Naaman had to dip seven times in the hated waters of the Jordan to be healed of his leprosy. The conditions of salvation must be met.

CONDITIONS MADE PLAIN

"Seek the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while he is near; let the wicked man forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto our God who will have mercy and abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 6-7. Are you willing to meet the conditions?

NEWS

FROM OUR

COLLEGES



This furniture in the central lounge of the Bible College's new men's dormitory is being provided through projects sponsored by small groups across the denomination.

BIBLE COLLEGE PROMOTES FURNITURE PROJECTS

Free Will Baptist Bible College has adopted a small-projects plan to provide furniture for the school's new men's dormitory and classroom building. Development Campaign Director Jack Paramore has announced that the school is urging state associations, quarterly meetings, auxiliaries, C.T.S. groups and Sunday schools across the denomination to adopt a project that will aid in equipping these buildings. The suggested projects range from \$16 to \$7,000 and are suitable for groups of all sizes. All projects of \$200 or more may be designated as memorials.

The following projects are suggested:

Classroom Building: Science Laboratory - \$7,000; Teachers' Office Equipment - \$1,500; Lounge Furniture (3 needed) - \$500;

11 Typewriters (each) - \$275; 23 Typing Desks (each) \$70; 23 Bookkeeping Desks (each) - \$40; 200 Student Desks (each) - \$16; Men's Dormitory: Lounge Furniture - \$1,100; Venetian Blinds (60) - \$600; Mirrors (60) - \$275; Furniture (one room) - \$400; Furniture (one student) \$200.

BIBLE COLLEGE ADDS BUSINESS MINORS

The Free Will Baptist Bible College recently announced the addition of two minors in the field of Business. Minors may now be earned in Business Administration and in Secretarial Administration, beyond the 2-year Business Certificate already offered. Twenty-four semester hours beyond basic freshman courses will be required for each minor.

Among the six new business courses added recently to the

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curriculum are Law, Business Machines, Work Experience and Seminar, Economics, and Administrative Office Management.

BIBLE COLLEGE YEARBOOK OFFERED TO CHURCHES

The 1968 Lumen, official Free Will Baptist Bible College yearbook, will be sold to a number of churches across the demoni- nation, as well as being distributed to members of the student body. Dann Patrick, the Lumen business manager, states his belief that the annual can be a powerful force in building interest in the school among our people and in encouraging Free Will Baptist young people to consider attending the Bible College.

More than 3,000 letters have been sent out to churches and pastors urging them to purchase a copy of the yearbook. The price is \$6.50, but all churches purchasing ad space of a half page or more will receive their copy free. The prices for ads are full page, \$50; half page, \$30; quarter page, \$18; and an eighth page, \$10. Any church desiring ad space or an annual are asked to contact the yearbook staff as soon as possible.

The Lumen is a project of the Junior Class and receives assistance from the student body at large. The members of the staff for the year's edition are: Editor, Larry Hampton, Okla- homa; Associate Editor, Dari Keifer, Idaho; Business Manager, Dann Patrick, Ohio; Copy Editors, David Popiel, Florida; Floyd Wolfenbarger, Ohio; Layout and Art, Willis Shimel, Texas; Doug Henderson, Texas; Class Editors, Doris Anthony, Georgia; Marci Crow, Oklahoma, Ruth Everson, Georgia; Patsy Perry, Tennessee; Kerry Steedley, North Carolina; Typists, Diana Mea- dows, Kentucky; Peggy Weaver, South Carolina.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1967

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Fellowship, Flat River	231	227						
Farmington	113	131	123	156				
Southside, St. Louis	114	122	118					
Trinity, St. Louis	110	104	123	146				
Kirksville	114	125	124	123				
Grant Ave., Springfield	176	184	186					
Viburnum Church	47	49	38					
Mine La Motte	46	29	36					
KoshKonong	52	49	55	59				
First, Mtn. Grove	303	279	294					
Desloge	80	91	93	91				
First, Springfield	211	200	208	222				
Hannon	65	69	60	62				
Overland	148	168						
Leadington	137	138	139	143				
Copper Mines	101	96	86	80				
Joplin	95	96						
Fourth Church, St. Louis	142	148	170	186				
Hazel, Creek Ch.	38	43	43					
West Plains	182	182	175	176				
First, Lebanon	115	106	121	115				
Myrtle Church	62	52	59	62				
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	49	60	51				
Richwoods	51	52	55					
Hartville Church	69	60	69	67				
Cuba Church			99	104				
Salem Church	27	34	27					
Cape Girardeau	16							
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	93	92	92	85				
Sunnyview, Lebanon				69				
Neosho Church	47	49						
Desoto	38	35	49	51				
Mill Creek Church	50	50	47					
Grace Church	156	169						
East Independence Church	28	27	39					
Kansas City	115	133	136	151				
Berkeley	277	315	302	344				

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Hawaii		50.00
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Illinois	929.05	4,557.64
Indiana	20.00	3,947.79
Kansas		91.23
Kentucky	1,000.00	2,770.82
Maryland		260.00
Michigan	230.00	21,575.44
Mississippi	1,014.87	8,148.42
Missouri	176.61	8,789.40
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New Jersey		25.00
New Mexico		18.00
New York		30.00
North Carolina	1,502.30	39,205
Ohio	1,008.00	11,760.53
Oklahoma	292.00	4,512.54
Oregon		50.00
Pennsylvania		25.00
South Carolina	1,303.18	10,396.73
Tennessee	2,311.02	39,519.44
Texas	45.00	17,010.28
Virginia	364.71	7,235.45
West Virginia	10.00	3,920.21
Foreign Missionaries	150.00	421.99
WNAC		246.82
Faculty & Students	303.00	6,280.82
Match Gifts	50.00	6,690.00
Special Gifts		18,571.59
TOTAL CASH GIFTS	\$12,112.36	\$253,665.38

UNPAID COMMITMENTS BY STATES

Alabama	\$ 6,168.10
Arkansas	7,183.08
California	845.00
Florida	4,240.00
Georgia	11,390.00
Illinois	1,118.14
Indiana	1,800.00
Kentucky	250.00
Michigan	20,739.16
Mississippi	4,950.00
North Carolina	32,695.74
Ohio	4,376.00
Oklahoma	4,461.00
South Carolina	3,394.73
Tennessee	18,671.53
Texas	3,000.88
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Virginia	11,158.98
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TOTAL UNPAID COMMITMENTS	\$142,490.34

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TOTAL	\$401,308.94

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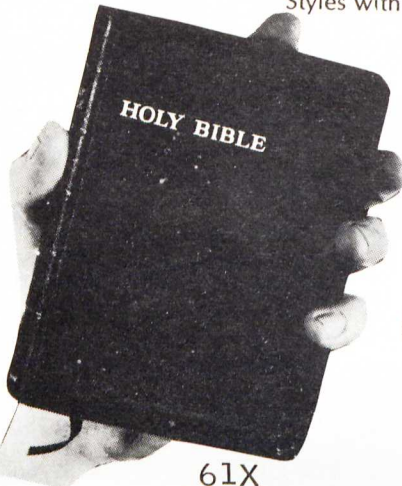
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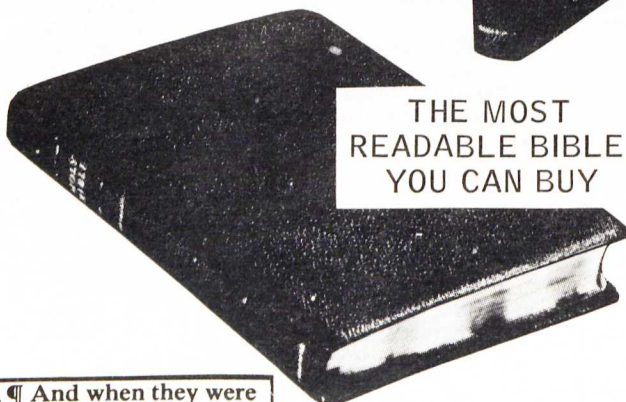


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