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Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary

The St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting assembled November 3, Friday afternoon and Saturday, with Auslbury Chapel Church. Each of their churches were represented with delegates. They received the newly organized Desota Church into their fellowship. Time was given for the Missouri Cooperative Program, which is supported by 100% of their churches. Our entire missionary program receives good support from their churches. Rev. Ronnie Graham is the pastor at Auslbury Chapel. They did a fine job taking care of their quarterly meeting.

On Sunday morning, November 5, I was privileged to deliver the gospel message in Leadington Church. Bro. Guinta and Leadington Church continue to win souls for the Lord. Thus, they are filling their new sanctuary and Sunday school facilities for the Glory of the Lord.

In response to an invitation to an invitation from Pastor Lou Miller and Desota Church, I delivered the evening sermon there November 5. Their congregation is growing. Therefore, they are in the initial process of purchasing land, and launching a church building project.

Pastor Horton and Hartville Church hosted the First Mission Quarterly meeting Thursday, November 9. Each of their twenty-three churches was represented with letters and delegates. We enjoyed several good gospel sermons throughout the day. One young minister was ordained in the evening service. Time was given to explain the 1968 Cooperative Allocations, to which 50% of their churches currently contribute. The ladies of the church served a bountiful dinner and supper in the church basement.

The Indian Creek Association resumed their quarterly meeting assembly again November 11. The meeting was held with Merl's Chapel Church. Ministers preaching were Reverends Nuttings, Allred, and Beatty. This was a good spiritual ser-

vice and Christian fellowship prevailed. Rev. Lloyd Jefferies is the pastor at Merl's Chapel Church.

Sunday morning, November 12, I worshiped with our Carterville Church, and also delivered the morning sermon there. Rev. Nutting is the pastor there. The Carterville Church has faithfully supported the State Cooperative Plan throughout the years past.

I delivered the Sunday evening sermon, November 12, in our Sunnyview Church in LaClede Association. Rev. Milton Ruble is the pastor here. They experienced a good revival here recently. They have just finished building a Sunday School annex to their church. They have begun to contribute to our Missouri Cooperative too.

Sunday evening, November 19, I delivered the sermon in our O'Fallon Church. Souls were saved in their revival held recently, and one lady joined the church this Lord's Day. Rev. Hugh Stogsdill pastors O'Fallon Church, and lives in the parsonage home above the place of work at 716 Sandy Lane.

Please remember each of our new works in prayer. If you have people living near who do not attend church, send their names and addresses to the church and pastor.

Our entire Missouri State Association General Board met here in headquarters, November 27. They unanimously okayed, paying one thousand dollars from our Missouri Promotional Department funds, to the Free Will Baptist Bible College expansion program, which was proposed in the closing session of our State Association in August. The check has been issued. Thus, Brethren and Churches, we all must strive earnestly and give freely to reach the proposed \$44,000.00 goal in Cooperative giving for 1968. You will observe from my monthly report that our Cooperative receipts are below average this month.

NOVEMBER, 1967 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Leadington	Oct.	\$146.00
Beacon	Oct.	141.21
Central K. C.	Oct.	86.67
Farmington	Oct.	147.35
Parkview	Oct.	93.59
Jefferson City	Oct.	12.00
Mt. Grove	Oct.	256.32
Cope	(2 months)	65.70
Victory	Oct.	148.21
New Harmony S.S.	Oct.	5.63
Monett	Oct.	125.43
Overland	Oct.	273.00
Mt. Pisgah		21.00
Pleasant Home		23.05
Sunnyview FWB		5.00
Merl's Chapel	Oct.	25.00
Grace	Oct.	164.00
Twin City	Oct.	43.71
New Home	Oct.	10.26
Carterville		19.45
Cabool	Oct.	46.83
Cooper Mines	Nov.	40.00

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I WAS JUST THINKING

Today I was just thinking that its time again for an inventory of ones own self. First I'm reminded of the scripture in St. John 5: 39 where Jesus himself said to "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they that testify of me." As I meditate, my mind goes to I Corinthians 3: 16 which says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Romans 12: 1 says, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

So I must examine myself to see how I stand before God. Starting at the top of my head I am reminded what the wise man Solomon said in Proverbs 23: 7, "For as he thinketh in his heart so he is." Then I read in Phillipians 4: 8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

When I go to my ears, I think again of Solomon as he said in Proverbs 23: 12, "Apply thine heart unto instruction and thine ears to the words of knowledge."

Going to my eyes, I think of God's all-seeing eyes and think of Samuel 16: 7, "But the Lord said unto Samuel look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature because I have refused him for the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Then I think of the mouth that contains the tongue and what Jesus said in Luke 6: 45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good and an evil man out January 1968

of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." My next thought goes quickly to James 3: 2, "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body." I think I know a little how David must have felt when he said in Psalms 19: 14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Then going to my hands, I Timothy 2: 8 where Paul said, "I will therefore that men pray, everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting." I've almost covered this body which is the temple of God.

Finally, I'm to my feet, and think of a complete shield for protection. Again my mind goes to Paul as he said in Ephesians 6: 11 to "Put on the whole armour of God, that He may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." and verse 15 says, "and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

To sum it all up, I'm convinced to believe its the condition our hearts are in that we are able to control our bodies. Again I think of Jesus in Matthew 5: 8 when He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

How is it with your heart at the ending of this old year and the beginning of a new year? As for me, I want to live so that people will know God is not dead, but lives forever more because He lives in my heart.

By Maxine Smith, Member
Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church
Springfield, Missouri

GLEANNINGS

FROM THE

FIELDS



During the month of October and November the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at Flat River, Mo., had a very successful Sunday school enlargement campaign. The campaign was entitled the "Crown Him King Campaign", with special emphasis put on each Sunday. The first Sunday, October 8, was "Bring Your Twin Sunday"; October 15 was "Bring Your Kin-Folks Sunday"; October 22 was "Bring Your Neighbor Sunday"; October 29 was "Family Sunday", and November 5 was "Old Fashioned Sunday."

Sunday, October 29, was a very special Sunday, as the members of the church elected their "Family of the Church". Ballots were given and votes were cast the previous Sunday. The voting was as follows: third place, Bro. and Sister William Barker and son; second place, Bro. and Sister Marion Bailey and family; and first place was Bro. and Sister Elwood "Knot" Ragsdale and family. Bro. Ragsdale is the Adult and Junior Choir Director, Sister Ragsdale is the church organist as well as a Sunday School and C.T.S. teacher; Jean Ragsdale is the church pianist; Wayne, Jerry and Bonnie sing in the adult choir, and Wayne is also CTS Director. The smallest member of the family, Cherry, sings in the booster band. The church is very proud of this family. They will be honored by the church during the coming year. A set of books, The Living Letters, The Living Gospels and The Living Prophecies, were given to the family in appreciation for what they mean to our church.

An award was given also the Bro. and Sister Lawrence Ragsdale for having the most members of their family present (19).

At the close of the Sunday School campaign, awards were given to the person from each department who brought the most visitors during the campaign. They were as follows: Becky Smith, Beginner Dept.; a tie between David Barker and Steve Bess in the Junior Dept.; Bernell Crocker, Senior High Dept.; and Sister Mildred Hilderbrand, Adult Dept. The person who brought the most visitors for the entire church was Sister Peggy Bailey. The wonderful thing about it is, she and her husband were saved the second Sunday of the campaign and she went out working and inviting people to church, and brought more visitors than anyone in the Sunday School. For this, she was also presented a set of books, "The Liv-

ing Letters, The Living Gospels, and The Living Prophecies.

God richly blessed our church during this campaign. Precious souls were saved and a total of 19 new members were added to our Sunday School. We thank God for blessing our church.

Crown Him King. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," I Cor. 10: 31.

Mrs. Marion Bailey

THE MANY BLESSINGS OF OUR LORD

We, at Faith FWB Church, were very happy when the St. Louis District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met in our church. There were seventy-six or more present. We had a wonderful time in the name of our Lord.

The theme was "Look on the Fields". Text, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." John 4: 35.

Prayer and a congregational song. Overland Church had a very good devotional.

There were many wonderful hymn titles and testimonies heard and everyone was blessed.

Southside had a special song for the Lord.

The "Field of Labor" program told us "As Free Will Baptist Women, we should be happy to do works in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith Church was blessed with her tenth anniversary, November 12, 1967. This day held many blessings for us all. One of the many blessings is having Rev. Floyd Arnold and his wonderful family back with us.

We had 145 present for Sunday School which broke the record. The Sunday School department is picking up and with the Lord's help it will continue to grow.

The Lord blessed us with the presence of some of the charter members who started the Faith Free Will Baptist Church.

The morning worship service was brought by our pastor, Bud Arnold. The title of the sermon was "The Lost Christ".

This service was followed with dinner in the church basement. Following the dinner, an afternoon of singing was enjoyed by all.

The Soul Winners Quartet, accompanied by Bro. Ned Templeton, and The Gateway Trio, accompanied by Mrs. McFarland, sang many wonderful messages about our Lord which were truly a blessing.

Bro. and Sis. Viengia and six year-old daughter, Cindy, sang and played beautiful praises to the Lord.

Bro. Ned accompanied The Clark Sisters, who sang at Faith Church many times in the past. It was nice to hear them once again singing praises unto the Lord.

Three ladies from Faith Church accompanied by Doris Arnold, sang praises also.

There were three solos: Rhonda from Overland FWBC; Kathy from Gateway FWBC, and Rev. McFarland at Gateway Church. After the singing the birthday cake was cut.

We then had our evening worship service at 7:30.

The Lord has greatly blessed us this day.

Isn't He wonderful!

Faith FWB Church

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CENTRAL HAS WONDERFUL SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

The Central Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City experienced a wonderful spirit of revival during the past few weeks. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Attendance records have been broken with 197 in Sunday School and 195 in C.T.S. October 29. Our church attendance was over 200 in the morning worship and over 275 in the evening service. We praise the Lord for these records. During this time more than 30 people have come forward to bow at the church altars to either find Christ in conversion or to be reclaimed. Twelve have been baptized and fourteen have united with the church.

We were very happy to have Rev. James Franklin with us in a revival meeting October 22-29. Brother Franklin proved himself to be a wonderful preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will be honored January 10-14 with the presence of Rev. Ed Morris of Oklahoma City. Brother Morris will be teaching special Christian workers courses daily as well as preaching each night. The singing Ledbetters of Wichita, Kansas will be here January 13-14. All our friends across the state are welcome to attend any or all of these services.

Dear Bro. Hill and GEM Readers,

In my previous letter, I asked that our Christian Brethren help us to pray for a heaven-sent revival here at Fourth Church.

We indeed give thanks, because of your prayers and prayers of our church, we enjoyed a most wonderful, victorious, revival November 6-18, 1967.

Rev. Cliff Bowman, pastor of the Cuba Church, was our evangelist. Truly a messenger sent by God, anointed by God, and preaching the Word of God. His messages went forth each night as a two-edged sword, piercing the hearts of the unsaved, stirring the very depths of each Christian, and praise God, revival sprang forth.

Christians rededicated their lives unto God, and with a deeper burden for those who were lost, their prayers reached the very portals of glory, and God looked down from His throne of mercy, and praise God, the fires of revival were ignited.

The wonderful power of God was manifested in every service. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit touched on the hearts of the unsaved, hands were raised for prayer, precious souls were hungry for Jesus. They gathered at the altar each night asking God to forgive them and cleanse from all unrighteousness. They rose with tears of joy, and shouts of thanksgiving.

Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

There were around forty-five who rededicated their lives to Jesus and fifteen first time conversions. Thank God.

But, wait, God was not finished. At the very height of one service, two of our young brethren, Bro. Wayne Adrian and Bro. Larry Bryant came forward and fully dedicated their lives for special service. They announced their call to preach the Gospel... Even as Jesus calls sinners to repentance, He also calls dedicated Christians to special service... Thank God for hearing and answering prayer. We praise Him forever.

Our new auditorium continues to rise. The roof will soon be finished.

We are selling executive church bonds for the capital to build. Our pastor, along with the church, extends to our many Christian friends the privilege of helping us in this endeavor. We have several bonds of \$1000.00, \$500.00, \$250.00, and \$100.00 denomination yet to be sold. If you would like to share in this new building, please call or write Rev. H. T. Dann. His phone is ST 1-2499; his address, 1944 Forest Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Thanks again for your prayers. Continue to pray. There are many, many souls still out of the ark of safety.

Your Brother in Christ,
Leamon L. Killian
Fourth FWB Church
St. Louis

LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Co-Workers,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus.

We trust all are well and the Dear Lord is near and dear to each of your hearts.

The Lord is blessing the DeSoto Church with showers of blessings.

We thank the Lord from the depth of our hearts for what he has done for us.

We are working on our building program. Rev. Francis Boyles, from Nashville, was with us four days the last week of November to help us with our bond sale. We sold several bonds and we are thankful to the Lord for these who have helped us.

The Lord's work is growing here in the DeSoto Church. God is still saving people. Two have been saved since we last wrote and these two were baptized Sunday, December 10.

We had our youth night December 3 in which the young people had charge of the singing and devotional service, and testimony service. Linda Stevens brought the message. She chose her scripture from II Peter 2: 1-10 and talked on each scripture concerning the temptations of the young people and how to overcome them. The message was accompanied by the Holy Spirit. It was very inspiring. We are proud of our young people and their work for the Lord.

We thank God for our good pastor and his family. They are faithful workers.

We know that we shall have a building to worship the Lord in. Psalms 127: 1 says, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it, except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain." We are trusting the Lord to help us build the house.

We desire your prayers for the building program and for the DeSoto Church that the Lord will continue to bless us.

In Christian Love,

Brenda Berry,

Reporter, DeSoto FWB Church
Pastor, Rev. Charles Miller

KOSHKONONG CHURCH EXPERIENCES REVIVAL

On December 3, the Lord's presence was felt when six persons came forward and accepted the Lord as their Saviour. We praise God for what He is doing in this new church. Bro. Davie Combs is the pastor.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT GRANT FWB

The Grant Avenue FWB Church presented the beautiful Christmas message in song to over 200 persons on December 17 at 7:30 p.m. The choir was under the direction of the Pastor Chesley R. Hill. Bro. Gilbert Lartney was the narrator and solos were rendered by Sis. Mary Lartney, Dianne Hogen, Marilyn Bagwell, and Bro. Paul Marlin and Gary Walls. The musicians were Sis. Jean Collins and Kathy Morton. The Lord blessed in a great way and everyone went home saying, "It was good to be in the House of the Lord."

A REVIVAL AT LONE STAR

The Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church near Seymour recently conducted a revival meeting with Rev. Chesley Hill, pastor of the Grant Avenue FWB Church of Springfield as the evangelist. The church was blessed in a great way from the messages each night and the singing of Bro. David Latimer from the Grant Avenue Church.

There were six persons who stepped out to the altar to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Rev. Seth Draper is the pastor of this fine rural church, and he stated that this was one of the best revival meetings that he had ever been in during his ministry. Please pray for this church.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

JANUARY

ENLISTMENT MONTH



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YOUR EDITOR SPEAKS

It has been a privilege for me to serve my Lord and our Woman's Auxiliary of the State of Missouri in the capacity of editor of the Auxiliary pages in the Gem for 4 1/2 years. It is a form of service that I do not take lightly but feel the weight of its' responsibility heavy upon my heart. The support and responses of the local Auxiliaries across the state has been most gratifying during this time. I feel I owe a very hearty "thank you", to each Auxiliary that has sent in an article or a word of encouragement over the past 4 years.

I do not, however, feel that I should serve in this capacity any longer. I do not feel that I can do justice to this responsibility under our current printing procedure. Under a method where no one is to proof read the copy, or correct spelling and typing errors by the print-

ers. Many embarrassing errors are printed each month. For the many misspelled words that have been published on the Auxiliary pages I humbly ask your forgiveness. But, in all fairness, it is a situation over which I have no control. My own address has been misprinted for the past two editions, so therefore my mail has not reached me. As a result, there are only a few reports this month. Please send all Auxiliary reports to 3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

Before I made this decision I contacted our State President, Mrs. King, and she concurred that at present we should not continue with a woman's editor. For the facts as stated plus my own physical condition, I am resigning as your woman's editor.

Mrs. Peggy Davis

DATES TO REMEMBER

Woman's Auxiliary Enlistment Month
National Youth Week (January 28-Feb. 4)
Master's Men Enlistment Month

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HELPS HOME MISSIONARIES

The West Plain, Mo. Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary met December 5 with 12 members present. Opening song, "Bringing In the Sheaves". Prayer by Tula Johnson. Scripture lesson, Psalm 122 and Luke 19: 41. Report of officers as follows: Cor. Sect. read the announcement of Rev. Lloyd Plunkett's new daughter, born November 13, and of the mailing of 20 cards, 2 letters and 3 packages.

Personal Service Ch. reported good cottage prayer meeting with Sister Cara Boles.

Study Course Ch. reported of a good Study Course on "Mission" and planning a Study Course on the "Manuel" in Jan.

Program Prayer Ch. had the pre-Christmas program planned for Dec. 20. We voted to pay the guest speaker \$20 for the pre-Christmas program.

It was also voted to buy a potted plant for Sister Stubblefield's 50th wedding anniversary since she is such a wonderful helper on our quilting project of the Auxiliary. It was voted to send the Rev. Plunkett \$15.00. We are also sending the Plunketts' a quilt as a Christmas gift.

Sister Evelyn, Program Prayer Ch., did a wonderful job of presenting our Co-Labor Lesson.

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LETTER FROM A MISSIONARY

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary

Dear Friends,

Nous saluons au nom Jesus! (We greet you in Jesus Name!) Right now the weather is (il fait froid) it is cold. Our water is frozen up right now and we are experiencing other problems due to the cold weather. We thank the Lord, however, for His help and daily strength.

We have moved into a French community and we are praying the Lord will help us to be a witness among our precious Catholic neighbors. We need your prayers as never before.

We are now involved in two nights of French classes a week so we have extra studies along with our church activities.

Our being here could not be possible if folks like you were not sending us forth with your prayers and your gifts. We want to express our sincerest thanks for the gifts each month you have been sending to keep us in this part of God's vineyard. We know God uses much more than us to win a soul and you have had a definite part in winning souls here. May the Lord bless you is our prayer for your consistent concern and effort to send forth the Gospel.

Yours in His Service,
Mack and Jackie Owens

(Mrs. Jackie Owens has had an operation recently. Please pray for her health. Editor's note)

NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

Tuesday evening, November 14, the Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield met for their monthly meeting. The program, entitled "The Seven Churches of the Northwest", was presented by Mrs. Bea Felts. Our Personal Service Project for the month of November was to fix a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family. The Foreign Mission Project was to send \$15.00 to Bill and Barbara Phipps, missionaries in Panama.

A study course was given Thursday evening, November 9, by Mrs. Judy Underhill. The book entitled, "A Good Shepherd", by George A. E. Salstrand, was used for the study on stewardship.

The Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer Program, TO ALL MEN BY ALL MEANS, was held Thursday, November 16, at the church. Those speaking during the day were, Max Smith, Braxine Evans, Wilma Stewart, Mary Hill and Dorcas Weisman. A solo, "Come Ye Thankful People", was sung by Mrs. Bea Felts. The offering taken for Home Missions was \$27.68.

Psalms 100: 4, "Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

Alene McCormack
Corresponding Secretary

January 1968



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John Henderson on Thursday night, December 7. Mrs. Henderson's home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

The meeting opened with a devotional given by Mrs. Delois Loveless and prayer by Mrs. Mildred Gandy. A brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Delois Loveless with plans being made for the Christmas Week of Prayer. The ladies also decided to prepare trays of fruit and Christmas candy and cookies to be delivered to nursing homes.

The program on "Metropolitan Missions," was presented by: Mrs. Fern Ellis, Mrs. Shirley Hunter, Mrs. Lucy Largent, and Mrs. Mildred Gandy.

Refreshments consisting of several varieties of Christmas sweets, fruit punch, and coffee were served from a buffet table decorated with Christmas candles, and poinsettias. There were 16 ladies present.

WILLOW SPRINGS COMBINATION STUDY COURSE AND BANQUET

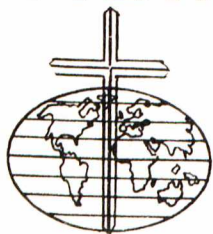
The Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary decided to combine their study course of (Understanding and Guiding Young People) with a banquet supper for the teenagers and their parents, which turned out to be a very enjoyable evening for everyone.

The room was very festively decorated for the occasion.

The banquet dinner was very delicious which consisted of baked ham and all the trimmings. After which Mrs. Phillip Fry gave a very interesting talk designed to bring about a better understanding and relationship between the teenager and parents. The several topics discussed were about the problems of growing up, both physical and spiritual. This course was well planned and given. Special prayer was rendered by the pastor Bro. Ezra Butts. Then Mrs. Leo Hill gave an interesting talk on Billy Graham's book, (to the teenagers). Gary Fry gave the reading (the boy who wants to be like his dad).

Prayer for the parents was given by Mrs. Nathan Middleton and the benediction was given by Steve Millsap.

NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS



Home and Foreign

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

NOVEMBER REPORT:

CAPE GIRARDEAU: Brother Don Jones, pastor of the Cape Church, reports an average attendance in Sunday School of 25 during the month of November. They had their first service in their new building on November 26. Please remember the Jones' and the Cape Church in your prayers.

ST. JOSEPH: We averaged 24 in Sunday School during the month of November. We praise the Lord for the people who He has sent our way to help us in the Mission here. We also thank the Lord for our Free Will Baptist People throughout the state of Missouri who are supporting us financially in this mission endeavor. We especially thank God for you who have remembered us in your prayers. We have received many letters from churches and individuals in the state, and these have been a real encouragement in our work here. I try to answer all correspondence personally, so if you have not heard from me as yet, I will be writing to you in the near future. Please continue to pray for us that we might glorify the Name of Christ here in the city of St. Joseph.

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

Myrtle Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Land	5.00
Oskaloosa Church	8.00
Central Church, Kansas City	33.00
Festus Church	3.00
Frances Foger	2.00
St. Francis Co. Quarterly Meet.	25.00
Olivet Church, Marshall	42.00
Thayer Church	14.00
Mine LaMotte Church	5.00
Hartville Church	16.00
Garfield Church	19.22
Jones Chapel Church	16.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	15.00
Merl's Chapel Church	6.00
Grace Church, Arnold	30.00
Alton Ladies Auxiliary	26.00
Monett Church	40.00
Victory Church, Kansas City	15.00
Pleasant Hill Church, Thayer	5.00
Overland Church, St. Louis	6.00
Farmington Church	20.00
Hannon Church	26.60
Mo. State Assn. Co-op. Receipts	457.30
TOTAL	\$840.12

Dale Skiles,
Secretary-Treasurer

MISSOURI - SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pleasant Home, Vanzant	\$ 16.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn D. Murray, K.C.	50.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	6.20
South Side FFWB, St. Louis	80.00
Garfield FFWB, Thayer	20.00
Leadington Young Adult Class	8.00
Missouri State Association	21.65
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	5.00
First FFWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Hannon FFWB, Liberal	39.50
Victory FFWB, Avondale	46.54
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Kirksville FFWB	60.69
Leadington FFWB	30.00
New Harmony SS, Greentop	21.98
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Plummer, Florissant	10.00
FWB, Cuba	8.36
First FFWB, Springfield	33.00
Festus FFWB	12.25
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. David R. Bruce, St. Louis	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
Rock Chapel C.T.S., Mtn. Grove	10.00
Janet S. Combs, O'Fallon	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	10.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Winchester, St. Louis	5.00
Houston FFWB Church	10.00
Kirksville FFWB	34.00
Leadington FFWB	5.00
Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
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Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
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First FFWB, Kansas City	14.00
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Mr. Clifford Heasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Carr, Arnold	5.00
Hazel Creek C.T.S., Kirksville	5.00

Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
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Young Adult Class, Leadington	10.00
Fellowship FFWB, Flat River	187.00
Mr. W.G. Spencer, Kirkwood	25.00
First FFWB, Cape Girardeau	8.00
Cope FFWB, Hartville	70.76
Martinstown FFWB, Worthington	32.00
W.N.A.C.	10.00
Parkview FFWB, Desloge	26.00
Oak Grove FFWB, Cabool	10.00
TOTAL	\$2,518.01

(Editor's Note: Sorry this list is late. Didn't receive the list from Foreign Mission Department until Nov. 29.)

MISSOURI - OCTOBER OFFERINGS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

Central FFWB, Kansas City	84.30
Mr. L.D. Aldridge, Grandview	22.00
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South Side FFWB, St. Louis	85.00
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Myrtle FFWB	50.51
Nora Allen, Mountain Grove	15.00
Verdella FFWB, Liberal	20.00
Garfield FFWB SS, Thayer	20.00
Cooperative Plan	309.32
Pleasant Ridge FFWB, Urbana	10.00
First FFWB, Joplin	10.00
Mr. Earl Brakefield, St. Louis	37.00
First FFWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00
Willow Springs FFWB, Mtn. Grove	14.00
Mr. Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Rock Chapel CTS, Mountain Grove	10.00
Mr. Ernest Cliff, Marshfield	6.00
Mr. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
First FFWB, Kansas City	20.41
Hazel Creek, Kirksville	121.52
Hannon FFWB, Liberal	27.50
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn D. Murray, K.C.	50.00
Trinity FFWB, Bridgeton	105.00
First FFWB, Springfield	31.00
Kirksville, FFWB	54.21
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	45.00
Victory FFWB, Avondale	12.65
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. David Buie, St. Louis	5.00
Overland FFWB Church	15.00
Grace FFWB, Arnold	36.30
Hazel Creek CTS, Kirksville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	4.00

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Junior Boys, Berkeley FWB	5.00
Adventurers, Trinity FWB, St. Louis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Winchester, St. Louis	5.00
Parkview FWB, Desloge	26.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Barks, St. Louis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. Hickenbotham, Thayer	50.00
Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Junior Sunday School, Festus	4.36
Berkeley FWB	147.50
Rev. William Evans, St. Louis	10.00
Lowground FWB, Novinger	10.00
Mr. Clifford D. Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Alton FWB	14.00
New Harmony Ladies Aux., Greentop	15.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Verdella FWB, Liberal	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	10.00
Trinity FWB SS, St. Louis	5.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mr. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	6.45
Thayer FWB	6.00
First FWB, Joplin	10.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	144.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Williams, Bismark	70.00
FWB, Cape Girardeau	15.55
Berkeley FWB	147.50
Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
W.N.A.C.	18.25
TOTAL	

\$2,781.74

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MO. NOVEMBER OFFERINGS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

Leadington FWB, Young Adult Class	9.00
FWB, Cuba	11.80
Hannon FWB, Liberal	36.94
First FWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Bethel FWB, West Plains	88.05
Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
South Side FWB, St. Louis	95.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Randleman, Kansas City	25.00
Mr. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	2.00
Cooperative Plan	750.56
Geneva Barks, St. Louis	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. William Evans, St. Louis	10.00
Farmington FWB	139.94
Merl's Chapel, Cassville	67.80
Leadington FWB	39.50
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	60.00
Nora Allen, Mountain Grove	15.00
Fourth FWB, St. Louis	10.00
Pleasant Home FWB, Vanzant	6.00
Pleasant Ridge FWB, Urbana	10.00
New Home Church, Hartville	61.60
First FWB, Berkeley	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	10.00
Houston FWB	20.00
Verdella FWB, Liberal	10.00
Farmington FWB	10.00

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Otho McCarmack, Springfield	2.00
Bailey Chapel Church, Urbana	6.16
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Stephens, St. Louis	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. David R. Buie, St. Louis	10.00
Olivet FWB, Marshall	8.35
First FWB, Mountain Grove	84.00
Garfield Sunday School, Thayer	20.00
Grace FWB, Y.P.A., Arnold	15.55
First FWB, Berkeley	100.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	14.48
Alton FWB	14.00
First FWB, Kansas City	17.27
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brakefield, St. Louis	36.00
New Harmony SS, Greentop	24.90
First FWB, Monett	20.00
Grace FWB, Arnold	27.24
Trinity FWB, Bridgeton	105.00
Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Christensen, Pleasant Hill	10.00
Betty Banes, Fredericktown	3.50
Rock Chapel	10.00
Willow Springs FWB, Mtn. Grove	13.03
Festus First FWB	4.61
First FWB, Springfield	40.00
Rev. & Mrs. Clarence R. Mays, St. Ann	10.00
Cora Johns, Ferguson	30.00
Lowground FWB	10.00
C.T.S. Convention, St. Louis	66.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	10.00
New Home, C.T.S. Class, Cabool	3.50
Kirksville FWB	61.21
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	10.00
Edith Blair, Kansas City	9.00
Mr. W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Calvary FWB, Conway	25.97
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Sr., Florissant	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold, Jr., Florissant	20.00
Parkview FWB, Desloge	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen D. Murray, K.C.	50.00
Garfield Sunday School, Thayer	20.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River	198.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Lavelle Beeson, Cassville	70.50
First FWB, Joplin	10.00
W.N.A.C.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd D. Aldridge	11.00
Mr. Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	25.00
TOTAL	\$2,970.96

DONATIONS FROM STATE OF MISSOURI FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Fellowship FWB, Flat River	\$ 10.00
Mr. Macy Gregory, Hartville	5.00
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00
Mrs. Vencie Long, Hartville	5.00
Victory FWB, Avondale	13.00
New Home FWB, Hartville	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Fredericktown	5.00
Mr. Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	10.00
Farmington FWB	27.99
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Mr. & Mrs. L. P. Fry, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Leadington FWB	38.50
Kirksville Wom. Aux.	6.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove	5.00
Mrs. Geo. W. Scott, Mtn. Grove	2.00
Overland FWB	25.00
Sun Light Miss. Cox f., Cabool	34.76
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Edwards, Hartville	10.00
Mtn. Grove FWB	6.00
Mtn. Grove FWB	2.00
New Rock Springs, Cabool	8.30
Mrs. Mary Vest, Bridgeton	10.00
First FWB, Festus	5.00
Mr. N. S. Miller, W. Plains	10.00
Rock Chapel FWB, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mr. Troy Sims, W. Plains	5.00
Mrs. Ethel Thompson, Kirksville	2.00
Mr. Melvin Shaffer, Cantwell	5.00
Mr. William Daniel, Overland	5.00
Mr. R. L. Eades, St. Louis	2.00
Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Smith, Monett	5.00
Miss Faye Hitton, Monett	200.00
Mo. Mission Board	435.00
Mr. Carl E. Aldridge, Kansas City	10.00
Myrtle Woman's Auxiliary	30.00
Mr. Dale Huddle, Thayer	2.00
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Fellowship FWB	10.00
Mrs. Mona Chrisman, Novinger	1.00
Mrs. Merle Rouse, Liberal	2.00
Cooperative Plan	414.10
TOTAL	\$1,418.65

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Rock Chapel	Nov.	24.75
Desota	Nov.	33.00
O'Fallon	Nov.	50.68
Waynesville	Oct.	48.11
Kirksville		30.00
Hickory Grove	Nov.	18.00
Fellowship	Nov.	50.00
Mine La Motte	Nov.	6.42
Grant Avenue	Nov.	161.54
Garfield	Nov.	24.46
Cabool	Nov.	49.65
New Harmony SS	Nov.	4.87
Merl's Chapel	Nov.	24.75
South Side	Nov.	133.00
Cope	Nov.	15.57
West Plains, Bethel	Nov.	40.00
Berkeley	Nov.	243.65

Received \$2,858.16

Disbursed:	
55.00% National FWB Assn.	\$1,572.00
1.00% C.T.S.	28.58
2.00% Youth Camp	57.16
3.75% Gem	107.18
8.25% General Fund	235.80
14.00% Promotional Dept.	400.14
16.00% Missouri Missions	457.30

100.00% \$2,858.16



WANTED...

A WORKER!!

Introduction: God never goes to the lazy or to the idle when He needs men for His service. When God wants a worker He calls for a worker. When He has a work to be done, He goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant. He calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth.....

Moses was a busy man with his flocks at Horeb.
Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the press.
Saul was searching for his father's lost beasts.
David was busy caring for his father's sheep.
Elisha was busy ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen.
Amos was busy following the flock.
Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.
Peter and Andrew were busy mending their nets.
Matthew was busy collecting customs.
Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.
William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.

WORKING, BUSY, PEOPLE WILL NOT GIVE UP WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH.....!

In Southport, England, trying to qualify for the British Open, Walter Danecki shot rounds of 108 and 113 over the comparatively easy 6,544 yard, par 70 Hillside course. His 221 total was 81 strokes over par and 71 over the qualifying limit. When somebody asked him why he didn't just tear up his card, Danecki replied, and not to faint." (Luke 18-1)

"I'M NOT A QUITTER. I just turn in my card. That's what I'm supposed to do and that's what I do."

We could only wish that similar spirit of determination would be manifested by the members of our Bible-believing Free Will Baptist Churches in the matter of serving the Son of God. How many times God's people get discouraged and GIVE UP! Evidently our Lord knew such would be the case, since He has given us so many encouragements not too quit.

For example, we are told in Galatians 6-9..."And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Paul told the church at Corinth the same thing, when he wrote..."Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor.

16-13. Luke tells us..."And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Luke 18-1)

Friends, this is not only thankless, but it could be disastrous. November 26, 1967, our C.T.S. Adult Focus taught us a sad story. It was about a man who started out with Christ only to backslide and as far as we know, went to Hell. Why? Because he willfully, deliberately and with complete consciousness, TURNED HIS BACK UPON CHRIST, HIS CHURCH, AND SALVATION, for what? Paul said, ".....having loved this present world." The moment Demas STOPPED WORKING for Christ, and turned to the cold crackling fires of this old world, HE WAS IN DANGER....! Demas was committing "Apostasy" (abandonment of what one has voluntarily professed; total desertion of principles or faith) and when this man Demas died, he became an "Apostate". (one who has forsaken the faith, principles, or party to which he before adhered.) The only difference is, that while he had abandoned his faith and salvation, as long as breath was in his lungs, as long as his mentality was sound HE COULD HAVE ASKED FOR MERCY AND GOD WOULD HAVE FORGIVEN HIM! Not saved him again, but forgive as a father forgives a disobedient and ungrateful son. But once he procrastinated his life away, the moment he died he became an "Apostate" without any hope of eternal salvation. The Bible says...".....be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life." Also the Word of God says..."He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels." Also, we read from the inspired Word of God, "And whosoever was not found written in the BOOK OF LIFE was CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE."

Thank God for the doctrine of Free Will Baptists that our forefathers have handed down to us. IT WILL KEEP US ON OUR TOES...! IT WILL GET US TO HEAVEN...! Oh, Blood-washed saints of God, let's march forward to Victory...!!! Psalms 126: 6..."He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Rev. Harry R. Asher
Pastor, Overland FWB Church
Free Will Baptist Gem

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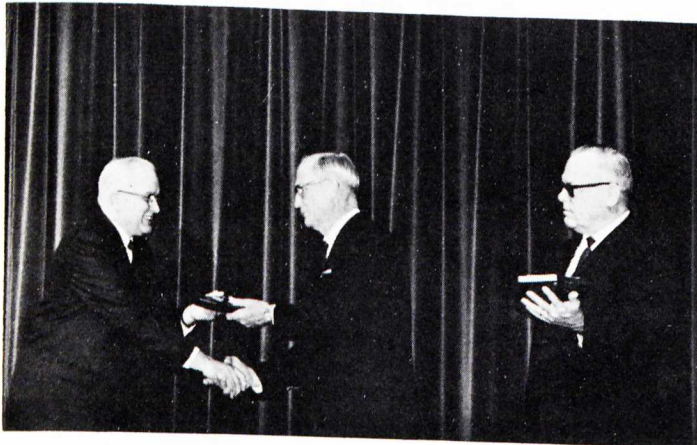
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NEWS FROM OUR COLLEGES



AN OPEN LETTER TO MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

Dear Friends,

All of us who labor for Christ on the campus of FWBBC greatly rejoice at the way our people are rallying behind the current program of development. Many gifts are unusual and significant and deserve public recognition. When a progressive state with its own "irons in the fire" and pressing needs takes from its treasury a sizeable sum to invest in a National cause it is noteworthy.

This you have graciously seen fit to do. Just a few days ago your check for \$1,000.00 reached my office. It was my privilege to attend your state meeting when the motion was made that such a gift be made. There was not one dissenting vote, so that in a real sense, this is a gift from all of you. Words are not adequate to express our appreciation. I trust that as ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers go from this campus to serve our Lord their lives will be a source of blessing and inspiration to you. You see, I consider your gift an investment in the lives of the sons and daughters of our denomination which will pay dividends until Jesus comes.

It is commendable that your state work is so operated as to have the funds available for such a large gift. May God grant continued wisdom for your leadership.

In Him,
Evangelist Jack Paramore
Campaign Director

BIBLE COLLEGE MID-SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

"A" Honor Roll: Lonnie Skiles, junior; Patsy Vanhook, sophomore; Brenda Wehmeyer, sophomore

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Recently completed Founders Monument rests in front of the Bible College's Davidson Hall.

BIBLE COLLEGE PROGRAM HONORS FOUNDERS

November 23 was set aside on the Bible College campus to honor those who were instrumental in founding the school. The entire day was spent in expressing gratitude and giving honor to people such as Rev. L. R. Ennis, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Welch, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Goen.

The climax of the day's activities was an evening program depicting events that lead up to the founding of the school as well as highlights from the Bible College's history. Scenes such as the 1942 National Association, at which the denomination voted to found the school, were re-enacted. The ministry of FWBBC alumni around the world was graphically displayed.

Special tribute was paid to Rev. Ennis and Rev. Davidson. President L. C. Johnson presented both men with plaques symbolic of the school's appreciation for their work in its behalf. Rev. Ennis, who was Free Will Baptists' first Executive Secretary, worked untiringly in promoting the idea of a denominational Bible school. From 1944-1947 he also served as Bible College president. Rev. Davidson travelled to Free Will Baptist churches across the country encouraging active support for the school.

Free Will Baptist Bible College took this occasion to express to these men, and to hundreds of others, its appreciation for their interest, prayers and faithful support.

MEMORIAL OF BIBLE COLLEGE FOUNDING UNVEILED

A white marker commemorating the founding of the Bible College was unveiled as part of the Founders' Day activities on November 23. The bronze plate set on the face of the monument reads:

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

July 16, 1942

in session at Columbus, Mississippi

The school officially opened on this site, September 15, 1942 as a two-year institution with 10 students enrolled. President L. C. Johnson, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, and Rev. Henry Melvin composed the original faculty.

The college conferred the first Bachelor of Arts degrees upon five graduates in May, 1951.

Founding Board of Education

J. R. Davidson, Chairman

J. R. Bennett

Melvin Bingham

George Dunbar

Winford Davis

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Free Will Baptist Gem

MISSOURI STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS BOARD

At the last meeting of the Board the major item of discussion was in regards to the 1968 Sunday School and C.T.S. Convention to be held May 3 and 4. (Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and keep them open.) Plans presently call for dividing the state into four (4) districts, with Kansas City, Springfield, West Plains, and St. Louis to be the central points for the benefit of speakers and their travel.

These district meetings will be called "Practice Work Conferences", and will include a special speaker, quarter-finals for all C.T.S. competitive activities, and sessions of interest for all Sunday School teachers and helpers, all C.T.S. leaders and their helpers, as well as all general superintendents. These sessions are to present ideas and methods each person can put into practical use in the class room situation. They will help make teaching and training more effective on the local level.

Watch for details in later issues of the Gem. In case you have areas you would like help in please feel free to write this Board and mention them. Address all correspondence to State Sunday School and C.T.S. Board, 3124 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

PURPOSE AND DIRECTION OF THE BOARD

A statement of the "purpose and direction" the Board feels it should take is as follows:

"To provide the leadership, and make available practical means, through which the local congregation can be encouraged and instructed to do a better job in Sunday School and C.T.S. development."

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1967-1968 of Missouri Sunday School and CTS Bo rd

Proposed Receipts:

Balance brought forward	\$ 419.23
Cooperative Fund, 1%	440.00
Church gifts	100.00
1968 C.T.S. entry fees	200.00
Total proposed receipts	\$1,159.23

Proposed Disbursements:

Office supplies, postage, secretary	\$ 59.23
Mileage and Board expenses	100.00
Awards and Trophies	100.00
National Contestants, expenses and entry fees. . .	300.00
Honorarium and convention expenses	450.00
Total proposed disbursements	\$1,009.23

Total proposed receipts	\$1,159.23
Total proposed disbursements	1,009.23
Proposed Balance	\$ 150.00

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FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING BOOSTS DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

Development Campaign Director, Jack Paramore, has announced that November was a record month in gifts to the College's expansion fund. More than \$27,500 was received in designated gifts. Nearly one-third of this came as the result of special gifts in recognition of the school's Founders' Day. Nearly \$10,000 in cash and \$5,000 in commitments were received during the morning Development Campaign service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1967

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Fellowship, Flat River		231	227	256	240			
Farmington	113	131	123	156	136			
Southside, St. Louis	114	122	118	128	129			
Trinity, St. Louis	110	104	123	146	138			
Kirksville	114	125	124	123				
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Mine La Motte	46	29	36	25				
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Salem Church		27	34	27	28			
Cape Girardeau		16	28	28	25			
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	93	92	92	85				
Sunnyview, Lebanon				69	63			
Necoho Church	47	49						
Desoto	38	35	49	51	52			
Mill Creek Church	50	50	47					
Grace Church	156	169		180	169			
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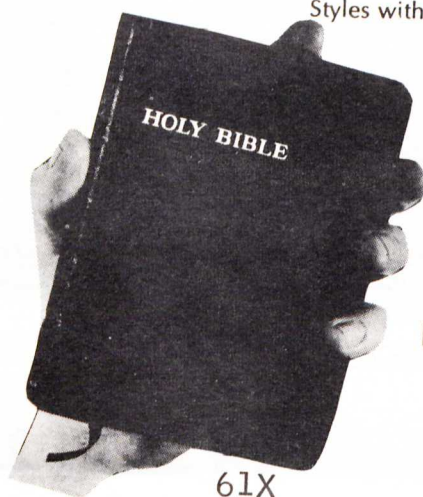
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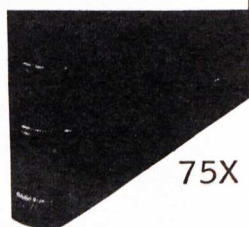
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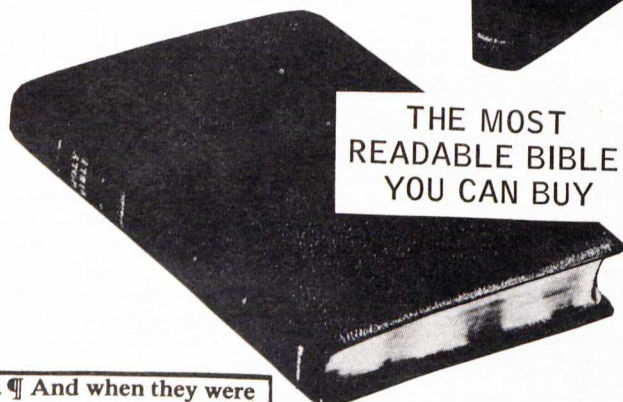


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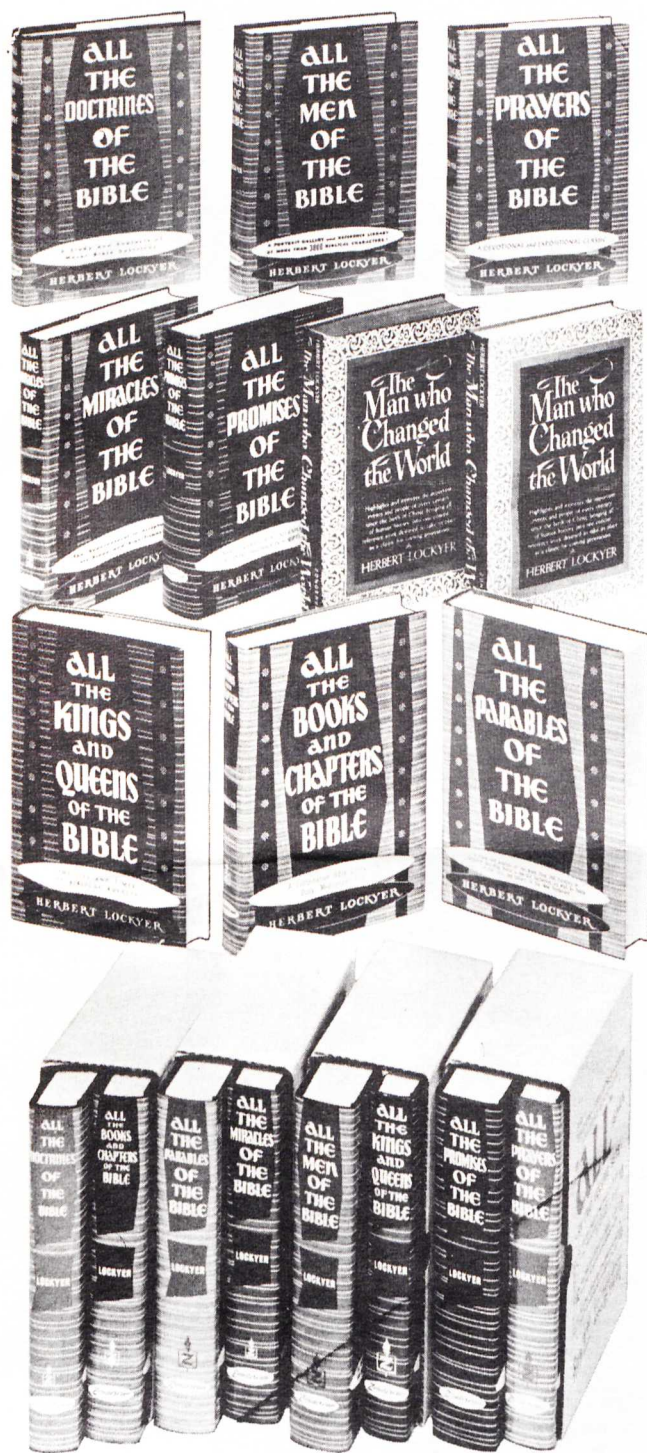
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