

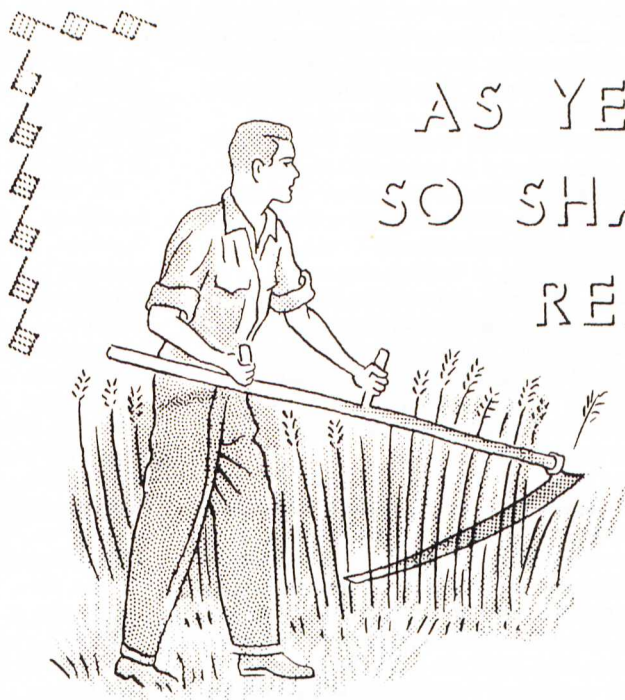
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ASHAMED?

This is a statement that has been bother-  
ing me in the last few months. As I have  
visited the hospitals and saw how many of  
our Free Will Baptist people do not state  
on the hospital records that they are Free  
Will Baptist it has put me to wondering  
about this question, "Are we ashamed that  
we are Free Will Baptist? I feel we have a  
doctrine that is second to none. Why don't  
we be proud of this fact. Do we train our  
people to witness to the fact of what Free  
Will Baptist believe or is the reason for  
this lack of letting people know who we  
are due to the fact we can not tell them  
what we believe. This is something to stop  
and consider.

Not only is it the people that go to the  
hospitals, but it is many others. Recently,  
two of the young ladies from the Grant  
Avenue Free Will Baptist Church went  
through approximately 1800 religious pre-  
ference cards of Baptist students at South  
West Missouri State College and out of  
these 1800 cards, they found just three  
persons who had written that they were  
Free Will Baptist. Are we ashamed? or  
lazy? I wonder which it is? Or are we  
ashamed to let people know we are a  
Christian?

In Luke 9: 26, the Bible says, "For  
whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my  
words, of him shall the Son of man be  
ashamed, when he shall come in His own  
glory, and in His Father's and of the holy  
angels." If we are ashamed to say we are  
a Christian, then Christ will be ashamed  
of us. We, as Free Will Baptist, need to  
take our stand for Christ. What does the  
Bible say concerning this fact? II Corin-  
thians 6: 17, "Wherefore come out from  
among them, and be ye separate, saith  
the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;  
and I will receive you." We need to be  
separate from those who would tear down  
the Bible and take our stand against them.

If we are going to be Free Will Baptist,  
let us be Free Will Baptist and not pretend  
that we are. Let us go along with all the  
doctrine and not just part of it and this  
includes all of the ordinances, not just  
two. Let us as Free Will Baptist put to  
practice at all times the following:

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith  
in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word

of God as our rule of faith and practice,  
we now give ourselves to one another by  
the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and  
obey Him in all things, to avoid all ap-  
pearance of evil, to abstain from all sin-  
ful amusements and unholy conformity to  
the world, from all sanction of the use  
and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to  
provide things honest in the sight of all  
men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our  
obligations in reference to study of the  
Scriptures, secret prayer, family de-  
votions, and social worship, and by self-  
denial, faith, and good works endeavor to  
grow in grace and in the knowledge of  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of  
ourselves together for church con-  
ferences, public worship, and the obser-  
vance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor  
fail to pay according to our ability for the  
support of the church, of its poor, and all  
its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition  
and reproof with meekness, and to watch  
over one another in love, endeavoring to  
"keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds  
of peace, to be careful of one another's  
happiness and reputation, and seek to  
strengthen the weak, encourage the af-  
flicted, admonish the erring, and as far as  
we are able, promote the success of the  
church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian prin-  
ciple sacred and Christian obligations and  
enterprises supreme; counting it our chief  
business in life to extend the influence of  
Christ in society; constantly praying and  
toiling that the Kingdom of God may come,  
and His will be done on earth as it is in  
Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the  
promotion of educational and denomina-  
tional enterprises, the support of mis-  
sions, the success of Sunday schools, and  
evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the  
world. And may the God of peace sanctify  
us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In closing I would like to urge every  
Free Will Baptist to be proud of the fact  
that you are a Free Will Baptist and let  
others know about it by telling them and  
living for Christ.

Free Will Baptist Gem



# PRACTICAL WORK CONFERENCES

RAYMOND RIGGS & ROGER REEDS  
SPECIAL SPEAKERS AT CONFERENCES

The Missouri State Sunday School and Church Training Service Board is happy to announce that Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Roger Reeds will be the special speakers at our "Practical Work Conferences".

Rev. Riggs, pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, will speak at the conferences in Kansas City and St. Louis.

The conferences at Springfield and West Plains will feature Rev. Reeds, General Director of our National Sunday School Department. These men have many years of experience in the area of church leadership training. You can count on receiving practical helps, and hearing motivating sermons.

Make your plans now to attend the "Practical Work Conference" in your area May 3 and/or 4. Further details can be found in this issue of the GEM. Direct any questions to the Sunday School and CTS Board, 3124 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL and CTS "PRACTICAL WORK CONFERENCES"

for  
District #1 at Kansas City  
and

District #2 at Springfield  
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1968

7:30 P.M. - Sword Drill, Crusader Declarations, Special Speaker

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Preliminary Tic-Tac-Toe  
10:00 A.M.

Special Speaker - Superintendents & Directors

Special on Visual Aids - Teachers & Leaders

Speaker on Christian Living - All Others

10:45 A.M. - Recess

11:00 A.M. - Bible Bowl

12:00 - Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Finals in all Competition

2:30 P.M. - Practical Work Conferences

Group 1 - Supt.'s & CTS Directors

Group 2 - Nursery - Beginners (S.S.)

Group 3 - Primary - Junior (S.S.)

Group 4 - Teen - High (S.S.)

Group 5 - Helpers & Listeners (C.T.S.)

Group 6 - Learners & Adventures (CTS)

Group 7 - Heralds & Crusaders (C.T.S.)

Meals and lodging must be arranged by each person in attendance.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL and CTS "PRACTICAL WORK CONFERENCES"

for  
District #3 at West Plains  
and

District #4 at Berkeley City  
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1968

9:15 A.M. - Preliminary Tic-Tac-Toe

10:00 A.M. - Sword Drill, All Declarations

10:45 A.M. - Recess

11:00 A.M. - Bible Bowl and all other competitive activities

12:00 - Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Finish competitive activities

2:00 P.M. -

Special Speaker - Superintendents & Directors

Special on Visual Aids - Teachers & Leaders

Speaker on Christian Living - All Others

2:45 P.M. - Practical Work Conferences

Group 1-Supt.'s & CTS Directors

Group 2-Nursery - Beginners (S.S.)

Group 3-Primary - Junior (S.S.)

Group 4-Teen - High Teen (S.S.)

Group 5-Helpers & Listeners (C.T.S.)

Group 6-Learners & Adventurers (CTS)

Group 7-Heralds & Crusaders (C.T.S.)

7:30 P.M. - Finals: Bible Tic-Tac-Toe and Bible Bowl and Special Speaker

The noon meal must be arranged by each individual.

## PRACTICAL WORK CONFERENCE DISTRICTS

Each district will be formed by the churches in the counties as they are listed below. Do not confuse this with your Quarterly or Yearly meetings, it is strictly based on the geographic location of your church building.

DISTRICT #1 - Date: May 3 & 4.  
Location: CENTRAL FWB CHURCH, 1112 East 77th, Kansas City, Mo.

Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Barton, Benton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Lafayette, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Moniteau, Morgan, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Randolph, Ray, Saint Clair, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, Vernon, Worth.

DISTRICT #2 - Date: May 3 & 4.  
Location: GRANT AVE. FWB CHURCH, 1060 South Grant Ave., Springfield, Mo.

Barry, Camden, Christian, Dallas, Douglas, Green, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark,

Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, Wright.  
DISTRICT #3 - Date: May 4. Location: WEST PLAINS FWB CHURCH, West Plains, Mo.

Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dent, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Pemiscott, Perry, Phelps, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard, Texas, Wayne.

DISTRICT #4 - Date: May 4. Location: BERKELEY FWB CHURCH, 8912 Springdale, Berkeley City, Mo.

Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Lincoln, Maries, Marion, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Osage, Pike, Ralls, Saint Charles, Saint Francois, Saint Genevieve, Saint Louis, Shelby, Warren, Washington.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Competition is being held at district levels this year, on May 3 and/or 4, as noted above. The location of each district meeting is also given above. From these district levels, first and second place winners in the Sword Drill, and first place winners in all other competitive activities will then meet for the State Finals May 11 at the First FWB Church in Lebanon. Winners at the State level will represent our State at the National in Oklahoma in July.

We ask each team or individual who enters the competition to pledge to attend the National Competition in Oklahoma City, this year, should they become winners in their division.

We will help defray the expense of attendance at the National Convention for each winner, or each member of a winning team in the amount of \$25.00 per person. We also pay the registration fees for contestants entering National Competition.

Every young person participating in any of the District Level activities will receive a Certificate of Participation Award. Special awards will also be made to the winners of each event at the District level, and to the first, second, and third place winners at the State Finals.

All competition participants must file a registration form with the C.T.S. Board and include the proper registration fees no later than April 20, 1968. Anyone failing to do so will not be allowed to compete in the district or state competition.

The National competitive rules will all be in effect for both district and state competition, such as school grades, manner of dress, etc. If you have any questions about the rules please contact this Board. Any individual or team not present and ready for competition at the scheduled time for their activities will be automatically eliminated.



# GLEANNINGS

## FROM THE

# FIELDS



CHILDREN GIVE TO MISSIONS

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Whereby are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises..." II Peter 1:14.

We at Aulsbury Chapel have been truly blessed by the young people of our church. We have been supporting Billy Fulcher, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, our missionaries to Uruguay, for some time. Our young people are now responding with their gifts by giving to a penny march. There is a small church bank placed on the altar every Sunday morning and as the children pass by they give their part to support Billy. It blesses our hearts to see the joy in the eyes and smiles of these children who so happily and willingly give. At the end of the penny march we follow with prayer for Billy and his father and mother who are sending forth the Gospel in a far land.

In December the church also corresponded with the Fulchers and Billy wrote our children a letter, telling of his activities and plans of going to Brazil with his Dad. We told Billy of our project and sent him a picture of our children with their church bank.

Please pray for the Fulchers in their work that the Blessings may be many and for our church at Aulsbury that we may ever be a lighthouse for souls. Someone once said, "The Lord uses our eyes to search out the lost, our feet to carry the message, and our hands to reach out to a lost world."

This is our monthly report to the Gem, from the Sunnyview Free-will Baptist Church at Lebanon. We had one brother in Christ, who has accepted the call to preach the gospel, Herbert L. Boggs, and we thank God for this, and for him.

We feel our church is in good condition and growing. We are thanking the good Lord for our pastor, Bro. Milan J. Rubles, who is a hard working Christian, and who is devoting his life to God's work.

Our church desires your prayers.

Thank you,

Marilyn Dublin and Benne Fulkerson, Reporters

### PASTORAL CHANGE

Rev. Gene McCally has accepted the Alton, Mo. church in the Cave Springs Association.

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### CHURCH STILL GOING FORWARD

Desoto, Missouri

January 18, 1968

Dear Christian Friends:

It is once again we, the people of the Desoto Free Will Baptist Church come to you with joyful hearts and greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We have so much to thank God for. He has been doing so many wonderful things for us we don't know where to begin so we will just say, Thank you, God, for everything and praise your name.

Sunday, January 7, 1968 we attended the St. Francois County Sunday School convention. Our youth choir sang, "This world is not my home", "Do Lord," and "How Great Thou Art." 27 represented our Sunday School totaling 59% which won us the Sunday School attendance banner.

Our church is still growing, two were added to the church Sunday, January 14.

Our building fund has grown considerably and we are preparing to purchase our land. As soon as the weather breaks we plan to begin construction on our basement.

We thank God for our wonderful pastor and family. They are so faithful to the Lord's work in this community.

The Lord has been so good in hearing and answering our prayers. We know if "we keep seeking we shall find; asking, we will receive; knocking, it shall be opened unto us", because Jesus said so.

We still desire your prayers for the Lord's work here in Desoto. There are many that need Christ in their lives.

We pray God's blessing upon each one and again we say, "Pray for us."

Yours in Christian Love

Desoto Free Will Baptist Church

Brenda Berry, reporter

### AVAILABLE FOR REVIVALS

Rev. Alton Wall, Route 3, Box 238, Conway, Arkansas, 72032, is now available for revival services. He can also be reached by calling FAirview 7-7038. Brother Wall is a fine young man and preacher.

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Rev. George Bryant, Pastor of Pleasant Home #1 will be available for revivals this summer. He may be contacted by writing to Mt. Grove, Missouri.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN

The church in Cape Girardeau reports that for February 4 and 11, the Sunday School records were broken. On the 4th there were 42 present and then the following week 54. Remember to pray for this church. Bro. Don Jones is the pastor.

### CHURCH REPORTS

Parkview Church at Desloge, Mo. is looking forward to and planning to be in revival beginning April 17th thru April 24th. Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia is to be the evangelist.

Bro. Everett Bowen had served his six month trial for deacon Free Will Baptist Gem



and was ordained at his home church. Rev. Harley Brown, pastor of the church, brought the message.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. department leaders and teachers held a joint meeting January 22nd to discuss ways and means of better and more effective teaching.

Bro. Leroy Huff, our Sunday School Superintendent, has procured several attendance banners. They are presented to classes with perfect attendance. Special mention is made in the closing assembly each Sunday morning.

Bro. Arthur Jenkerson, president of our C.T.S. is conducting a series of interesting lessons this quarter. Each lesson is based on following Jesus. Bro Jenkerson is calling for participation of the C.T.S. members and the response has been good.

Bro. Jenkerson has been elected to serve as president of the St. Francois county C.T.S. Rally.

Remember us in prayer especially during revival time.

#### LORD STILL BLESSING

The Lord is still blessing us at the Grant Avenue F.W.B. Church in Springfield. In January we had 6 rededications and so far in February three more. New families have started attending due to our visitation program, "Operation Doorbell". Remember us in your prayers as we strive to reach the lost for Christ. Rev. Bud Hill is the pastor.

#### LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Gem Readers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished in the past few months. We're looking forward with assurance that we will see greater things in the coming year.

We at Grace thank God for all His goodness to us. We're all so thankful for His sending Rev. Glen Rehkop and family our way. Rev. Rehkop, who is a God-fearing, God-loving man began his pastoral duties at Grace church Dec. 17. We had a reception and grocery shower for the Rehkop family following the evening services, and all got acquainted with them.

Rev. Rehkop has been preaching spirit-anointed messages, and we have seen souls find the Lord in our services for the past 4 weeks. Our Sunday School is growing and our prayer meeting attendance has been in the 70's and 80's. God is blessing.

We are seeking God's will for an evangelist for our spring revival. We desire your prayers as we labor together for the cause of Christ.

Donna Vincent, Church reporter, Grace F.W.B. Church, Arnold

#### CHURCH PLANS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

In the month of April the Grant Avenue F.W.B. church is planning a week-end missionary conference with Bro. Earnie Deeds being there for services. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### JAMES HOWARD ATKISON AND FRONA GARDNER ATKISON

James Howard Atkison was born November 26, 1884 near Mt. Grove, Missouri, the son of Woodward and Sarah Adeline Atkison. Frona Gardner Atkison was born February 14, 1890 near Niangua, Mo. the daughter of Rev. John M. and Nancy Jane Gardner.

They were united in marriage November 26, 1905. To this union were born six children: Ora, now of Springfield, Mo., Carlos, who preceded them in death in 1933 at the age of 23, Dorothy, who died in infancy, Nan, now of Kansas City, Missouri, Leon, of Marshfield, Mo. and Raymond who passed away three months ago on October 9, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkison spent most of their lives in Wright and Webster counties where he was engaged in farming and served as a rural mail carrier.

Both were life long Christians and were members of the Free Will Baptist Church. At the time of death they were charter members of Marshfield, F.W.B. Church.

Mr. Atkison departed this life January 13, 1968 at the Webster County Rest Home at the age of 83 years, one month and 18 days; March 1968

his beloved wife and constant companion for a period of 62 years survived him by only one day, departing his life on January 14, 1968 at the Webster County Rest Home at the age of 77 years, 11 months.

They leave to mourn their passing two daughters, Mrs. Ora Rankin of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Nan Jones of Kansas City, Missouri and one son, Leon, of Marshfield, Mo. Also surviving are: a sister of Mr. Atkison, Mrs. C.O. Brown of Long Beach, California; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends. One step-sister of Mrs. Atkison, Mrs. Menerva Moore, of Mt. Grove, Mo. also survives.

They are greatly missed by the Marshfield F.W.B. Church as they attended regularly until their health would not permit them traveling.

#### HOW TO KILL YOUR CHURCH

There are several ways to kill your church—quickly and most effectively:

Don't come.

If you do come, come late.

When you come, come with a grouch.

At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"

Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticize. Visit other churches about half the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.

Sit pretty far back and never sing. If you sing, sing out of tune, and a little slower than everyone else.

Let the pastor earn his money. Let him do all the work.

Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.

Never encourage the preacher. If you like a sermon, keep mum to page 15

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1967

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Fellowship, Flat River	231	227	256	240	211	200		
Farmington	113	131	123	156	136	112	116	
Southside, St. Louis	114	122	118	128	129			
Trinity, St. Louis	110	104	123	146	138	118	117	
Kirksville	114	125	124	123	122	110		
Grant Ave., Springfield	176	184	186	186	189	163	175	
Viburnum Church	47	49	38	46	40	43	43	
Mine La Motte	46	29	36	25		31		
Koshkenong	52	49	55	59	59	57		
First, Mtn. Grove	303	279	294	293	285	260		
Desloge	80	91	93	91	91	74	74	
First, Springfield	211	200	208	222	232	187	211	
Hannon	65	69	60	62	68	59	54	
Leadington	137	138	139	143	140	107	112	
Copper Mines	101	96	86	80	77	69	62	
Joplin	95	96	93	103	102			
Fourth Church, St. Louis	142	148	170	186	199	171	162	
West Plains	182	182	175	176	169	177	162	
First, Lebanon	115	106	121	115	108	96		
Myrtle Church	62	52	59	62	66	66		
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	49	60	51	60			
Hartville Church	69	60	69	67	68	57	64	
Salem Church		27	34	27	28			
Cape Girardeau		16	28	28	25		23	
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	93	92	92	85	86	79	76	
Sunnyview, Lebanon				69	63	59	67	
Desoto	38	35	49	51	52	47	41	
Grace Church	156	169		180	169	138	154	
East Independence Church	28	27	39				48	
Berkeley	277	315	302	344		321	304	
Central Church	115	134	139	151	157			
Thayer	125	113	108	111	125	124	102	
Liberty Church			76	76	66	53	53	
Alton	95	83	79	78	85	66	51	



# MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

## JANUARY REPORT:

INDEPENDENCE: Pastor Teddy Davis, of the East Independence Church, reports an average attendance in Sunday School of 48 for the month of January. This fine church is experiencing unusual growth under the leadership of Brother Davis. We thank God for Brother Teddy and his family. Please continue to remember them and the East Independence Church in your prayers.

ST. JOSEPH: Snow and cold weather has caused a decline in our attendance this past month. We averaged 19 in Sunday School. However, with the weather improving, we are looking forward to wonderful and marvelous blessings from the Lord. Pray for us that God might use us to glorify His name in this city. Just this reminder to you who are supporting the mission work in St. Joseph with your monthly offerings. I am under a 30 month contract with the National Home Mission Board. This means that if the work here is to be successful, you also must plan on a 30 month pledge of support. Please do not terminate your pledge at the end of one year, as this will only see the beginning of the work here. Please pray about this matter very sincerely, as it is an item of utmost importance. May God challenge us to keep the mission work going through our continued financial support.

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

Frances Foger	\$ 2.00
St. Francis Co. Quar. Meeting	25.00
Bethel Church, West Plains	17.00
Oskaloosa Church	7.00
Mrs. Alma Jean Golden	3.00
Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Roberts	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Land	10.00
Mine La Motte Church	5.00
Myrtle Ladies Auxiliary	5.00
Monett Church	60.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	15.00
Central Church, Kansas City	33.00
Overland Church, St. Louis	24.00
Merl's Chapel Church	8.00
Garfield Church, Couch	16.75
Jones Chapel	8.00
Hazel Creek Church	4.02
Victory Church, Kansas City	13.00
Farmington Church	20.00
Hannon Church	23.30
Madison County Quart. Mtg.	61.88
Union Light Church	15.00
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	15.00
Cooperative Receipts, State Ass'n.	560.00
Total Receipts	\$920.95

On behalf of the State Home Mission Board, thank you very much for your support of this very vital work in our great state.

Dale Skiles,  
Sec-Treasurer



## HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REVIEW

Nine states exceeded their quotas for National Home Missions giving. These are Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Tennessee.

Tennessee gave \$22,859.77 and the runner-up was Oklahoma with \$19,367.17. Third place in giving goes to North Carolina with \$13,213.39 and fourth place was Missouri with \$11,929.26.

Thirty-three missionaries and their families served the church as home missionaries with new works started in Nova Scotia and the Virgin Islands.

Total giving was short of the proposed budget due to our November "Thanksgiving Offerings" not being as good as in past years.

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### MISSOURI:

January receipts	\$719.67
Quota balance	\$10,280.33

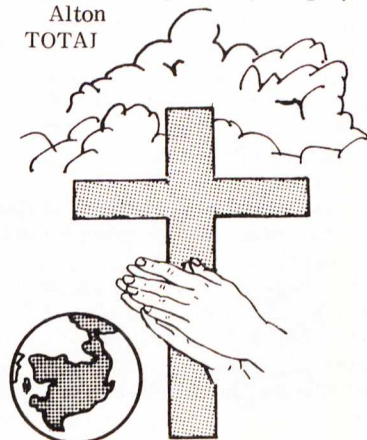
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### MISSOURI GIFTS

January, 1968

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brakefield, St. Louis	28.00
Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Anonymous	138.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n.	55.16
Hannon FFWB, Liberal	86.50
Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Walker, Mountain Grove	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mountain Grove	8.00
Oak Grove FFWB, Mt. Grove	25.00
Verdella FFWB, Liberal	10.00
Hannon FFWB, Liberal	20.30
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Carter, Liberty	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Coy Rader, Marshfield	5.00
Betty Banes, Fredericktown	3.50
Cooperative Plan of Support	455.88
Fellowship FFWB, Flat River	138.00
South Side FFWB, St. Louis	110.00
Mr. Val W. Arnold, Florissant	25.00
Union Light FFWB, Marquand	38.43
Bethel FFWB, West Plains	109.50
W. L. Evans, Springfield	10.00
Paul Hatfield, St. Louis	12.00
FWB, Berkeley	172.50
Leadington FFWB	59.08
Farmington FFWB	124.60
Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jacobs, Fredericktown	124.60
Myrtle FFWB	98.64
Northeast Mo. Young People, Kirkville	7.27
Farmington FFWB	10.00
Willow Springs FFWB, Mt. Grove	10.93
Beacon FFWB, Raytown	20.00
Ernest Clift, Marshfield	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Muse, Alton	5.00
Rev. William Evans, St. Louis	20.00
Otho McCormack, Springfield	2.00

Glenn Thurston, Kansas City	3.50
Hazel Creek Union, Kirksville	214.54
Beacon FFWB, Raytown	20.00
Garfield SS, Thayer	20.00
Eli Wood, St. Louis	25.00
First FFWB, Fredericktown	40.00
Jr. Girls SS Class, Overland	2.32
First FFWB, El Dorado Springs	10.00
FWB, Cape Girardeau	21.00
First FFWB, Mt. Grove	65.00
First FFWB, Monett	30.00
New Harmony SS, Greentop	21.81
Mrs. Laurine Maxwell, Cabool	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey, Greentop	5.00
New Harmony FFWB, Greentop	31.54
Grace FFWB, Arnold	34.56
Richwoods FFWB	6.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	170.00
Victory FFWB, Avondale	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Reeves, Farmington	12.00
Alton FFWB	14.00
Rock Chapel CTS, Mt. Grove	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Cooper, Kirkville	10.00
New Rock Springs FFWB, Cabool	13.17
Hurryville FFWB, Farmington	61.00
Twin Oaks FFWB, Fredericktown	100.00
Beacon FFWB, Raytown	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Alvie Francis, St. Louis	10.00
Aulsbury Chapel, Bonne Terre	22.50
Mrs. Ard Hoyt, Thayer	11.00
Ronald E. Barr, Arnold	5.00
Billy J. Miller, St. Louis	5.00
Hazel Creek CTS, Kirksville	15.00
Jr. Boys Class, Berkeley FFWB	5.00
First FFWB, Springfield	31.00
Fourth FFWB, St. Louis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Crossgrove, Novinger	5.00
Lowground FFWB, Novinger	5.00
Houston FFWB	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milford House, Gower	5.00
Rev. Andy W. Lay, Kirksville	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Neasby, Phillipsburg	12.00
Beacon FFWB, Raytown	5.00
Kirkville FFWB	50.72
Northeast Mo. Association	407.42
First FFWB, Monett	190.00
Betty Barnes, Fredericktown	3.50
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd D. Aldridge, Grandview	11.00
Northeast Mo. Association	15.00
Fellowship FFWB, Flat River	160.00
Adult Bible Class, Overland FFWB St. Louis	31.05
Ed Freeland, Fredericktown	20.00
Pleasant Ridge Young People, Alton	3.80
TOTAL	\$3,925.72



## Home and Foreign



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CIRRICULUM CHANGE COMING**



Starting with the first quarter of 1969 the curriculum on the Intermediate through the Adult levels will go through a sweeping change. We will depart from the International lesson outlines to use material that is entirely our own. The International lesson outlines are owned and controlled by the National Council of Churches. The lessons have often been fragmentary and I think that you'll agree that they also play Bible hop-skotch.

In developing our own curriculum we are going to start at the most logical starting point and that is with the Book of Genesis. We plan to give as thorough coverage of the Bible as is possible in a seven year cycle. We will alternate back and forth from the Old Testament to the New Testament. Now and then we shall pause for a topical study.

Let me point out one glowing weakness that we will have in our own cur-

riculum. You will not be able to use any of the commentaries that are available on the International Lesson Outlines. This weakness can be made a strong point with your cooperation. Many good Bible commentaries will be recommended from time to time that will be valuable additions to your personal or church library.

I am looking forward to this change in curriculum. Several years ago our National Association voted to make this curriculum change and this is finally being culminated. The real proof of the success of our own curriculum will come seven years from now. How will we be able to tell? Sales will prove the success somewhat but the real proof will come from higher Bible I.Q.'s. If we fail to increase your Bible knowledge then we have failed. We don't intend to fail!

By Roger Reeds



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



ATTENTION PLEASE!!  
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
Free Will Baptist Gem  
3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63111



Involved", written by Betty Hill, and presented to us by our Prayer Program Chairman, Sis. Brenda Evans. We felt this lesson gave us an incentive to fulfill the purpose of Woman's Auxiliary, that of "Helping To Promote Missions In The Church And Through The Local Church."

## WOMANS AUXILIARY

Dear Co-Laborers,

The following is a list of the 1967-68 Auxiliary Officers that I have received. Please check the list and if your Local Auxiliary or your District Auxiliary is not listed, please send me a list of your officers immediately. It is very necessary that I have these in order that I may send the report forms to the persons to whom they should be sent. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor to make our reports correct.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Luther Gibson  
State Aux. Corr. Sec.



## MISSIONARY STUDY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, met at the church Monday, February 5, for their Co-Labor Missionary Study with twelve members present.

The program opened with the hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer", prayer by Betty Reeves.

The scripture for the evening was taken from John 15: 5-8, 16. A very inspiring program was presented by Verna Malone entitled "Prayer and Power in Missions". She stressed the importance of our prayers as laymen in behalf of our missionaries.

Following the program Janet Bailey presided over the business meeting. Reports from each committee and circle were given on projects and meetings during January.

The evening program closed with prayer by Wanda Ragsdale.

## SOUTHSIDE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary during December and January has been very busy in the work of the Lord. In addition to having our regular monthly meetings we attended a pre-Christmas Week of Prayer during December and a Study Course on Christian Living the 29th and 30th of January.

Our projects for these months included making up a fruit basket for the sick, sending candies and cookies to our servicemen from the church, and our special project for the month of December was getting an orphan from the Greenville, Tennessee Orphanage through Bro. Ray Turnage, Director, and making an orphan's Christmas a little bit brighter.

In the picture you will see gifts our ladies bought or donated money for, and you will also note by the gifts that our orphan was a boy, 13 years of age. All of our ladies agreed that this project was a worthwhile one and helped them remember the true meaning of Christmas—that of giving of ourselves in Christian love and help, not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the year.

We also wish to thank Sis. Virtess Kellerman, Benevolence Chairman, for her work and dedication to these projects.

During our January meeting we all especially enjoyed the program "Woman

DISTRICT AUX. CONVENTIONS  
Mission Woman's Aux. Convention  
Cave Springs Association  
N. E. Missouri W. A. Convention  
St. Francois County W. A. Convention  
Central Western Association

## LOCAL AUXILIARIES

Cabool  
Grant Avenue  
Lebanon  
Mountain Grove  
Willow Springs  
Myrtle  
Bethel-West Plains  
Thayer  
Alton  
Kirkville--1st  
St. Louis--4th  
St. Louis--South Side  
St. Louis--Trinity  
St. Louis--Berkley  
Flat River  
Leadington  
Kansas City--1st  
Beacon  
Victory  
Joplin

## HOUSEHOLD SHOWER

The Woman's Auxiliary of Twin City Free Will Baptist of Festus met Tuesday night, January 29. The meeting was opened with prayer by Sis. Wilma Little. Devotional was led by our president, Mrs. Jeweldean Adorns. Scripture lesson was in Romans 13: 11,12.

After a brief business meeting, names were exchanged for secret pals. Our project for this month was a household shower for a family who's house was destroyed by fire.

1967 has been a wonderful year for our Auxiliary as God has been with us through every undertaking. We have sent sheets and bandages to the Ivory Coast hospital, maternal to the orphans home and offerings to help our missionaries. God has really blessed and we are more missionary-minded. Pray for us that 1968 will be a greater year for our Auxiliary and that

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we may help win the lost to Christ.

Our prayer for this month was for unlisted women in our church that they will become members of our Auxiliary. God gave us five new members this month. Praise his Holy name.

#### KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR YOUTH CAMP

The Woman's Auxiliary voted at the State Association in Kansas City this past year to have a State Benevolence project. The project choosen was to supply kitchen equipment for our Youth Camp. The following are some of the items that are needed.

1. one five gallon size mixer.
2. one large food chopper.
3. Gray sealer and finish coat for the floor of the dining room and kitchen.

Some of these items would be good projects for our larger groups and some for the smaller. If you are interested in helping with these needs, please contact Mrs. Hilda Nichols, State Personal Service Chairman, Route #1, Iantha, Mo. 64753.

#### ENLISTMENT TEA

The Woman's Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin held their enlistment tea Sunday afternoon, January 21, at the home of Mrs. Ferrill Anderson.

Mrs. Mildred Gandy, Vice Pres. of the Auxiliary gave the welcoming remarks to all the ladies present. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Barbara Oxindine, followed by a devotional on "Christian Mothers", by Delois Loveless. A social hour followed.

Prayer by Mrs. Jerry Davidson, a visitor from Jones Chapel.

Mrs. Anderson, assisted by Mrs. Wayne Largent, served coffee and punch, along with many varieties of pastries from a beautifully decorated dining table.

#### HELP TO MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE

The Woman's Auxiliary of West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met January 15. The opening song was "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Scripture lesson was from Romans, I Thessalonians and Ephesians. Prayer was led by Phyllis Miller.

Each officer gave good reports and told of their work. A Study Course on the Manuel was set for January 26. The Cor. Secretary read letters from the Rev. Plunkett and Sanders. Mission Chairman reported of new mission work to hope to begin in Maine and Alaska.

It was voted to send \$25.00 to Rev. Larry Powell and \$19.00 or (\$1.00 per member) to the Bible College. It was also voted to send 10 sheets to the Provision Closet. Arrangements were

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made for our parts on the program of our District Auxiliary Meeting.

We had a wonderful lesson in our Co-Labor Book to begin the new year. The title of it was "Women Involved". Our Program Prayer Chairman does a wonderful job of presenting our lesson. She also read a good piece on "Facing the Future Through Faith."

We were dismissed by Gene Caldwell.

#### ENLISTMENT PARTY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri, held their January Co-Labor Study combined with their enlistment party at the church Monday, January 22, with twenty-two members and two visitors present.

The room was beautifully decorated in orchid and white streamers, our auxiliary colors. The refreshment table was covered with a white lace table cloth and orchid streamers. It held a three tierd cake decorated in orchid flowers and topped with a miniature white cross.

The evening program opened with the hymn "Win Them One by One". The scripture was taken from Romans 13: 11-12.

Verna Malone then rendered a solo "So Send I You" which is the auxiliary song for the year.

The program, "Women Involved" was given by Pat Morris.

A short, but very interesting monologue, "Enlisting Mrs. Too Busy", was presented by Florence Burcham.

During the business meeting reports from each committee were given. Mrs. Alpha Moore was elected to serve as Missions Chairman.

After the closing prayer games and refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

#### STUDY COURSE ON YOUTH

The Grant Avenue Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield met Tuesday evening, January 9. The January program, "Women Involved", was presented by Mrs. Fay Roderick. Our purpose as an auxiliary is TO HELP THE CHURCH PROMOTE MISSIONS. May we each in 1968 be more determined to be better workers for the Lord. It was decided to send \$15.00 to Carlisle and Marie Hanna, missionaries in India.

A birthday card was sent to Betty Plunkett. She and her husband are Home Missionaries in Seattle, Washington. Each lady brought discarded Christmas cards to be sent to the native pastors of India to be used in their work.

A study course on youth was presented Tuesday evening, January 20. The books, "Youth Exciting Possibilities", "Amusements For Christians...Right or Wrong", "Christian Youth and Morals", and "Christian Youth and Entertainments", were used for the study course. Pro-

blems and questions were discussed that our youth have today. The ladies present shared their views on each subject. Those on the panel were: Georgia Glenn, Braxine Evans, Mary Hill with Mary Fortney as discussion leader. Each one present received a real blessing from the study course.

Proverbs 22: 6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

#### ALTON FWB AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Alton Free Will Baptist Church met Monday evening, February 12, 1968, with nine members and two visitors present. The meeting opened with prayer by Sister Kate McCully.

Interesting reports were given by the Personal Service Evangelism Chairman, Sister Lois Forrest, and the Missions Chairman, Sister Lela Muse.

We were happy to welcome Sisters Kate McCully and Bea Frey as new members to our auxiliary.

The following delegates were selected to represent our auxiliary at the District Auxiliary meeting to be held at Thayer February 29, 1968. Sisters Lela Muse, Kate McCully, Bertha Wright, Barbara James, Clara Wheeler and Lois Forrest. Sister Forrest will bring the Sermonette.

Plans were made to provide refreshments for our young people's Valentine party at the church February 14, 1968.

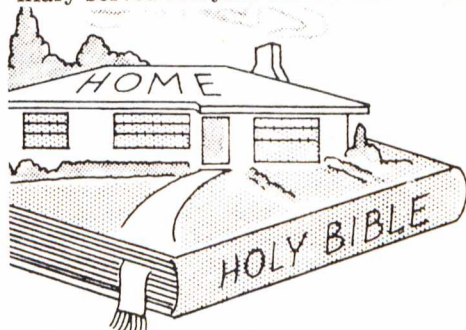
After our business meeting our Program-Prayer Chairman conducted the February Co-Laborer program which was "Prayer and Power In Missions." Our pastor, Brother Gene McCully opened the program with prayer. Each lesson topic was read and discussed.

We were dismissed by an alter of prayer.

#### VALENTINE PARTY

The Valentine party, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, was enjoyed by over thirty of our young people of Alton, also we had some young people from Bransville. Everyone joined in playing Bible and sweetheart games.

After our fun time the Women's Auxiliary served everyone with refreshments.



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# LOVE



As we look at the world today in its turmoil and strife we realize that the THING most needed has been given, but rejected by the majority of the world. (John 3: 16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

As we look into the scripture we find love is presented as the very nature of God. (1 John 4: 8-9) "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

Love is defined in the scripture by the listing of its attributes. (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a) "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth."

Is love essential? Yes, because it lies at the very heart of Christianity, being essential to man's relationship to God and his fellowman. (Matt. 22: 37-39) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou

shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Let us also look at Matt. 22: 40, here we find the Lord Jesus teaching that upon it "hang all the law and the prophets". It is also the fulfillment of the Law, for its sense of obligation and desire for the welfare of the one loved implies it to carry out the demands of the Law.

Love is supremely expressed in the self sacrifice on Calvary. (1 John 4: 10) "Herein is love, not that we love God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins." God not only loves, He is love, His own son Jesus Christ is the very object of His eternal love.

God loves the world as a whole (John 3: 16) as well as every individual therein, and in spite of man's sinfulness and corruption, God's love for his creatures manifests itself in supplying all their needs (Acts 14: 17) "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

Believers in Christ are the objects of His special love (John 16: 27) "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God." God's love causes Him to deal in chastisement with His children (Heb. 12: 6-8) "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If you endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are you bastards, and not

sons."

All human love whether Godward or manward has its source in God. Love in its true reality and power is seen only in the light of Calvary, it is created in the believer by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5: 5) "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Gal. 5: 22,23) "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

The Holy Spirit is always promoting and encouraging us to love both God and man. Love finds its expression in service to our fellowmen and is the chief test of Christian discipleship. Love is vitally related to faith: faith is basic but a faith that does not manifest itself in love both toward God and man is dead and worthless.

The Christian must love God supremely and his neighbor as himself, not only must he love God supremely and his neighbor as himself, but he must love his enemy as well as his brother. Jesus says in Matt. 5: 44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you."

Our love must be without hypocrisy, but must be in deed and truth (1 John 3: 18) "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

By Milan J. Ruble

Pastor Sunnyview FWB Church, Lebanon  
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# IN ALL THINGS

# CONQUERERS

# THROUGH CHRIST

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8: 35-39)

Security and insurance, it would appear, mean a lot to American people today. This would seem to be true judging from the hundreds and thousands of dollars spent annually in the United States for insurance. I suppose it is just natural for man to have feelings of insecurity; however, I think a Christian can truly say that he is a "conqueror" even in this with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I think the problem with man lies, at least partially, in the fact that God did give us the reasoning power and the understanding that animals lack. We so many times falsely think that our own power is sufficient to take care of anything which may come our way. At the same time, very few of us would ever fail to acknowledge the diety of God. If we believe in the diety of God, and if we believe in the inspired Word of God, then why don't we trust and

believe that He has the power to do that which He says He'll do? Why is it that we suffer from insecurity when we have One who has promised to help us in all thing?

In Romans the eighth chapter, Paul the Apostle has set forth an insurance policy for all Christians. This insurance policy is unlike any insurance policy every known or ever to be known. It has no falacies and no loopholes. There is never a fear that the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our insurance, will ever fail because He is "...the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Dianna Hagan  
Grant Avenue FWB Church  
Springfield, Missouri



# NEWS

## FROM OUR BIBLE COLLEGES



Free Will Baptist Bible College will conduct its 25th consecutive Bible Conference in Nashville, April 7-11. Speakers for this year's meeting will include the Reverends Randy Cox, J. E. Blanton, and Tom Hamilton.

Reverend Cox, a prominent Free Will Baptist pastor, is a 1958 graduate of the Bible College. He received his Master's degree from Columbia Bible College in 1960. Totalling more than 10 years in the ministry, his pastorates include churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina and his present work in Columbus, Mississippi.

Reverend Blanton, who will this summer begin a Free Will Baptist work in Atlanta, Georgia, has been preaching for more than 12 years. He is a 1957 Bible College graduate and has pastored successfully in Tennessee and Georgia.

Reverend Hamilton, a full-time evangelist, has been preaching for more than 20 years. He received the Bible College's Bible diploma in 1947, graduated from Columbia Bible College in 1950, and in 1952 received his Master's degree from Bob Jones University. He entered the ministry of evangelism in 1962 following several pastorates in the state of Georgia.

Other speakers will be selected from the Bible College faculty for the Bible Conference. Special music will be provided by the school's music department.

A constant growth in attendance for the Bible Conference has given the College administration reason to expect well over 1,000 people for this 25th session.

**BIBLE COLLEGE ENLARGES SUMMER SCHOOL, ADDS PASTORS' CONFERENCE**

Free Will Baptist Bible College has announced intentions to lengthen its Summer Session program and to add a special conference for pastors as part of its 1968 summer activities.

The Summer Session, from June 11-28, is being provided for those wishing an opportunity for intensive Bible study as well as training in other church-related areas. The program, which has been enlarged from 10 days to three weeks, is designed to give college-level training to pastors, teachers, and other Christian workers in various subjects from the Bible College's regular curriculum. The following courses will be taught this summer.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2 semester hours

teacher: Geraldine Hall

### HERMENEUTICS

2 semester hours

teacher: Leroy Forlines

### DOCTRINE OF THE SECOND COMING

1 semester hour

teacher: Leroy Forlines

### ANCIENT HISTORY

3 semester hours

teacher: Ralph Hampton

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

1 semester hour

teacher: Charles Thigpen

### HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

1 semester hour

teacher: Stanley Outlaw

### PARLIAMENTARY LAW

1 semester hour

teacher: Charles Thigpen

### FREE WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE

1 semester hour

teacher: L. C. Johnson

### LUCAN WRITINGS

3 semester hours

teacher: Laura Barnard

### BIBLE SURVEY

2 semester hours

teacher: Stanley Outlaw

Up to four semester hours of college credit may be obtained in this Summer Session. A brochure giving full information may be obtained by writing the school.

The Pastors' Conference, scheduled for August 5-9, will strive to bring together pastors from across the denomination for four days of Bible study, preaching, fellowship, and special discussions related to the pastoral ministry. Information concerning the Conference may be obtained by writing:

Free Will Baptist Bible College  
3606 West End Avenue  
Nashville, Tenn. 37205

### THE CHECKBOOK SYSTEM OF BIBLE COLLEGE SUPPORT

Reverend L. R. Ennis, the first executive secretary of the Free Will Baptist National Association and an early pioneer in the Christian education movement, initiated the checkbook system for the support of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The arrangement was simply this: Individuals were asked to sign twelve checks provided by the school for any amount they wished. These checks were then cashed, one each month, until the year expired. If an individual, at any time, felt that he could no longer afford to continue his monthly gifts, all remaining checks were returned to him at his request.

This same system has continued to find supporters throughout the denomination down to the present day. More than 300 Free Will Baptists currently have checkbooks being held in the Bible College business office which amount to nearly

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\$1,500 per month in regular gifts. The ease of this system should make it attractive to hundreds of other Free Will Baptists who feel a personal concern for the support of the school.

A recently purchased Burroughs Check Encoder will enable the College business office to imprint the bank routing code, as well as the personal checking account number, on all gift checks. This purchase was made in compliance with the recent Federal Reserve ruling requiring it. This machine will eliminate many of the problems that have confronted the school regarding the checkbook system of support. Reverend Paul Kettelman, the Bible College's field representative, feels that the convenience of this system will add many more to the current number of monthly checkbook givers.

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Missouri has 20 people holding college checkbooks and amounting to \$104.50 monthly for the school. The College expresses its thanks for this faithful support.

#### STATE GIVING (thru December, 1967)

Alabama	\$ 11,700
Arizona	100
Arkansas	7,900
California	700
Florida	12,600
Georgia	10,200
Illinois	5,400
Indiana	4,200
Kentucky	2,800
Maryland	300
Michigan	23,200
Mississippi	9,300
Missouri	11,300
North Carolina	45,600
Ohio	12,100
Oklahoma	5,700
South Carolina	14,200
Tennessee	48,400
Texas	17,100
Virginia	9,000
West Virginia	4,000
Other States	1,400
Match gifts	7,900
Other gifts	26,300

TOTAL \$290,600

#### INCOME

Cash and Commitments	\$130,000 in '66
	\$288,000 in '67
Needed	\$323,000 in '68

#### EXPENDITURES

Library and Grounds	\$ 75,000
Dormitory Land and Staff Housing	50,000
Site Preparation	20,000
Classroom Building	100,000
Balance owed on Classroom Bldg.	323,000
Operational Expense (salaries, travel, etc)	45,600

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# Oklahoma Bible College

## DORMITORY DESIGN APPVD.

Architectural plans for the new men's dormitory have been given the approval of the Oklahoma Bible College Board of Trustees.

The four-story dormitory will contain 15,800 square feet of floor space and will ultimately house 68 men students. The building, which was designed by the architectural firm of Fritzler, Knoblock, Furry and Associates of Oklahoma City, will also contain a counselor's apartment, a student lounge, a recreation area, laundry facilities, storage areas,

and a maintenance center. The approximate cost of construction will be \$225,000.

The new structure will be of crisp contemporary design to compliment the existing campus buildings. The red brick exterior will be accented with white cast-stone ribbons and vertical strips of solar gray glass. Free standing columns at the entrance will accentuate the height.

Bids will be let in late February with construction to begin in mid-March. The completion of the building is scheduled for late August.

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**NEWS** Service  
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## Progress Report No. 3

#### HELP US WRAP UP CURRENT BUILDING DEBTS

(So your future pastor's wife will have a place to stay)

A new women's dormitory is the next probable unit on Free Will Baptist Bible College's Development Program agenda. Our young women now are scattered through three separate buildings on campus. A larger, more central building is urgently needed. But a new women's dormitory cannot be built until all present building debts are underwritten.

The current phase of the school's development drive has been in progress for two years. During that time two new Bible College buildings have been completed. The debts incurred thus far must be cleared before the next phase of expansion is begun.

Approximately \$325,000 must be raised to completely pay for the new classroom building. Three hundred new \$1,000 commitments from churches and individuals can keep up the momentum gained earlier in the campaign. Hundreds of smaller gifts are also essential. The list of those

responding is growing, however, many have not yet participated. In fact, the percentage of those who have given, over against the number of Free Will Baptist in this country, is quite small. Therefore, those who have given must give again, and others must join them to share in the load. If you have hopes of helping provide these new buildings, your immediate response is vital.

The decision as to when to begin construction on a women's dormitory depends on what you do early in 1968 relative to underwriting the first phase of development. Your gift or commitment will hasten the decision and, should we hear from enough people today, the go-ahead could be given tomorrow. In the past you have done well. Now help us to achieve total victory.

The women's dormitory should be built this year. There are approximately 140 young women presently housed on the Bible College campus. Your current gift to the school's Development Program could provide a home for your future pastor's wife, a missionary, or other Christian worker.



# YOUTH CAMP VIEWS



GET SMART!!!!

II Timothy 2: 15 - "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the work of truth."

Teenagers, how many times have you read or heard this particular scripture? MANY TIMES, I'm sure. However, will it benefit anyone for you to study if you never put what you learn to practical use?

Each year Free Will Baptist young people look forward to Youth Camp. It is the high point of the year, something to look forward to and remember when it is over. I know from personal experience what camp can mean to a young person. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend camp for several years when I was a teenager, and have many wonderful memories. (Some humorous and some serious)

You meet and make new friends, fellowship with other Christian young people, and study God's Word. You go home with a burning zeal and new enthusiasm to serve God. If you don't get to work in the local church and just sit back and do nothing, soon this enthusiasm begins to die.

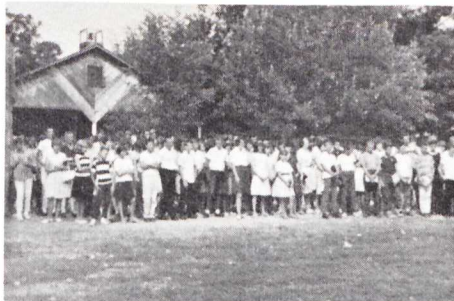
The best place that I can think of for you to work for the Lord is in your C.T.S. Here you are given the opportunity to put to use what you have learned. This is the training arm of the Church where you can get the experience of speaking before others and use your talents and knowledge for the Lord. By doing this your enthusiasm will grow not die.

So, remember teenagers "GetSmart". Study and then use what you have learned for the Lord in C.T.S. or any other place in the church where you are called upon to work.

Gigi Barks C.T.S. Director

First FWB of Berkeley

## YOUTH CAMP NEWS AND VIEWS



By Clarence Burton  
Promotional Secretary  
Youth Camp Board

We read quite a lot about young people in the daily news and current magazines. As we well know, most of it is not good. And, we have to admit that according to recent reports, a great percent of the crimes committed, especially petty, are committed by teenagers. No decent, respectable person approves of this. But this IS NOT THE WHOLE STORY. The young people who are involved in committing crimes are not the majority. The majority of young people are decent, law-abiding citizens. They may act a little far-out, that is far-out to we parents, but basically they are decent and responsible teenagers.

I am convinced that the church I serve has some of the finest young people in the world. They are kind, helpful, responsible and zealous to work for the Lord through the church. In my association with hundreds of young people in Missouri, (and I have come in contact with hundreds through our Youth Camp), I am of the opinion that we have some of the very best. Our young people have a purpose; they believe the cause of Christ is right and if they are challenged, will meet the challenge with the proper motivation to get the job done. This is the primary purpose of our Missouri State Youth Camp. We want to lead unsaved to Christ, then challenge them to live a dedicated life for Him. The record will show that over 1400 professions of faith have been made for Christ during the history of the camp. There has been many rededications and commitments for special Christian service, also. The Lord has blessed! Surely we praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

It would be wonderful if every church in Missouri would set an attendance goal for Youth Camp this year. If this could be set in the near future, with a little encouragement it could be reached. Let's have a total enrollment (for both sessions, teen and pre-teen) of 600 again this year. The greater the enrollment the more encouragement it is for the ones present. A large enrollment enables our young

people to see that a lot of people are involved in the cause of Christ. So, let's make this year 1968 one of the best and the biggest.

A list of Youth Camp workers will appear in a later issue. The dates for the 1968 sessions are:

Pre-teen: June 16-21  
Teen: June 23-28.

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Greetings Brethern,

In the wonderful name of Jesus "Who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth; . . . who, His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree. . . ." I Peter 2-22. .24.

We are sending this report on the youth camp siding project, that you might rejoice with us over the progress being made. We need less than \$100.00 to reach our goal of \$1,000. We have men ready and waiting to begin the work as soon as we receive the rest of the finance for materials.

If you have not made a contribution for this project we urge you to prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you to do, and then what you must do, do quickly, so we can complete this project before Youth Camp season.

Those who have already made contributions are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burcham	\$40.00
Rock Chapel Church	50.00
Liberty Qtly Meeting	82.00
Macendonia Sunday School	10.00
Happy Ridge Church	29.10
New Harmony Church	15.00
Monett Church	50.00
Kansas City Qtly. Meeting	67.80
Hazel Creek Church	36.00
Cuba Church	100.00
Cabool Church	50.00
Amity Church	55.00
Liberty Church	50.00
Cave Springs Quarterly	5.00
Bethel Church	84.63
Clifton Church	8.97
Mt. Valley Church	30.00
Hannon Church	50.00
Berkley Church	35.00
Grover Terry	2.00
Doris Day	1.00
Freida Sells	1.00
Total as of December 30, 1967	\$902.50

Send all contributions to:

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Free Will Baptist Gem





Rev. Homer E. Willis, Director Chaplains Commission, National Association of Free Will Baptists

"Today's long-haired, tight-trousered young men, whom elders tend to regard as hopelessly undisciplined, are turning out to be some of the most highly disciplined soldiers of current history, and the Army Chaplains who minister to these young men are adding a new dimension to the term 'Soldiers of God,'" said Chaplain (Major General) Francis L. Sampson, Army Chief of Chaplains, in an interview following his recent 30 day tour of the Far East.

Chaplain Sampson's itinerary, which included Vietnam, Thailand, Okinawa, Korea, Japan and Hawaii, enabled him to visit commanding officers, chaplains and individual soldiers at each echelon from major headquarters down to small units in the field.

Commenting on the young soldier in Vietnam, the Chief of Chaplains added, "I will never in my life again prejudice our youth, because time after time when heavy demands are placed on their young shoulders, they've made the pessimists and cynics eat their own words. The United States soldier has never looked better, never been more disciplined, never met the challenge of duty, honor and country with greater faith in God and in his fellowman than these men in Vietnam."

"I thought in World War II no unit could have higher morale than my parachute outfit, but I've never seen morale like Vietnam. I can't quite explain it."

"These young men are better soldiers than their dads were. They accept responsibility better. They are better motivated, more committed. It is indicated in their acceptance of hardships, in their care for the people (the Vietnamese) who are caught in a desperate situation, and in the many voluntary extensions of duty in that war-beset country."

"One reason the morale is so high is that they know they must be there for only one year. Also, they know if they are hit they will get immediate aid, evacuation and treatment."

"Hot meals are provided for them in the most amazing places. We ate delicious hot chicken and drank ice tea at an outpost right next to the Cambodian border."

During his trip, the General talked with more than 300 Vietnam ca-  
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sualties receiving medical care at Army hospitals in Okinawa, Japan, Hawaii and San Francisco. He said that his purpose for visiting these men was to comfort and encourage them, but he himself received inspiration and encouragement from the patients. Their morale was unbelievably high. Not one of the wounded soldiers whom he met was bitter or disgruntled.

The war in Vietnam is producing not only a new-type soldier, but also a new-type Army chaplain, according to the General.

Through his travels, Chaplain Sampson found that today's chaplain does not wait at the chapel for the men to come to him. Chaplains are going into the elephant grass, the swamps, and jungle to hold services for as few as five men at a time. "Services are short, spontaneous, to the point and sometimes as many as 12 or 14 are held during a day. They are held outdoors, in the battle areas. The men are not as attracted to the institutionalized, rigid, chapel services," he said. Because the chaplain is taking the church to the servicemen rather than the servicemen coming to the church, the chaplain learns to know the men better.

"There is a much more intimate relationship between chaplain and soldier than has existed before because the U.S. Army Chaplains in Vietnam have made religion a man-to-man ministry," said the Army's top chaplain.

When asked about the tactical situation in Vietnam, the Chief said that the chaplain is not a tactician. "That is not his mission," he stated firmly, and added, "So long as this world puts men on crosses, the church must put crosses on men. So long as there is conflict, there must be courage. The church must be where the issues are faced. On the battlefield, the chaplain is the church. To go with these men to their battle stations and to their places of watchful waiting and vigilance is a great privilege and almost overwhelming responsibility. The chaplain goes with them not as a hawk or a dove -- but under the aegis of the American Eagle and in the inspiration of the Holy Paraclete. We, too, are soldiers—soldiers of America and soldiers of God."

The Army has more than 350 chaplains in Vietnam. Chaplain Sampson talked with 331 of them during his visit there which extended from the Delta to the DMZ and from the Cambodian and Laotian borders to the South China Sea. Every one of these chaplains could be replaced with volunteers from stateside Army posts.

Known as the "paratrooper padre," the general made several combat jumps with airborne units in World War II and one in Korea.

He was captured by the Germans after jumping into Normandy on D-Day in 1944, where he volunteered to remain behind with American wounded as the enemy counterattacked.

He was wounded by the Germans but escaped and returned to his unit.

He jumped into Holland in December 1944 and was again captured at Bastogne in 1945, spending the rest of the war in a German POW camp.

Among his many decorations, Chaplain Sampson wears the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest U.S. award for bravery, awarded for his staying with wounded soldiers in Normandy.

NOTE: After reading this letter please pray for, and if possible, write our Free Will Baptist Chaplains. Also pray that we may have other men from our denomination join the chaplains ministry.

—This release from The Chaplains Commission  
Homer E. Willis, Director

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about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.

It is good to tell your pastor's faults to any strangers that may happen in. They might be a long time finding them out.

Of course, you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.

If there happen to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church's being run by a clique.

If your church happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal, or anything except what it is.

This will kill your church.



## Promotional Secretary's Corner



HARRY BEATTY  
Promotional Secretary

The Cave Springs Ministers and Deacons Fellowship meeting assembled with the Koshkonong Church Friday morning, January 5. Assigned Bible subject discussions were held throughout the day, and at 7:00 p.m. Tommy Carlson and Finis Johnson brought messages. Both preaching services were times of spiritual refreshment.

On January 6, Saturday morning, the Quarterly meeting assembled. However, due to ice covered roads, only seven churches were represented. Therefore, the business session was postponed two weeks. I was given time to speak on the Cooperative program, and also privileged to deliver the gospel sermon for the worship hour. Following the worship service, the church served a bountiful dinner in the basement of their new church. Rev. Davie Combs is pastor here. They have been able to reach some for the Lord in this community who are now in this new organization laboring for the Master.

Pastor Bernard Roberts and the Clifton Church invited me to be guest messenger Sunday morning, January 7. I rejoice to see some fine families now in this church serving the Lord, who were unreached in past years by the Gospel, when this was one of the preaching points I served in Oregon County.

Pastor Stitt and Fredericktown Church hosted the Madison County Quarterly Meeting January 12 and 13. The combined youth choirs furnished the music and conducted the devotional service. Pastor Stitt delivered the evening sermon. Saturday morning the severe snow storm kept some from coming. However, a quorum being present, they preceded with their annual election of officers, and other necessary items, then adjourned. I was previously designated to preach the 11 a.m. message, so I used the time promoting the work, especially preaching the Word.

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Sunday morning, January 14, I preached at our Twin Oak Church. Rev. Truman Huffman is pastor here. Twin Oak has consistently supported our Missouri Cooperative Program, plus good missionary support too.

Sunday evening, January 21, I was privileged to deliver the evening sermon in our Faith Church in Lemay. Faith Church is moving forward. Their Sunday School and Church Training Service has increased in attendance. Rev. Floyd Arnold pastors Faith Church, and lives in the parsonage home adjacent to the Church, 9824 Clyde Street.

Rev. Hugh Stogsdill delivered the introductory sermon Friday evening, January 26, for St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting, held with our South Side Church. Rev. Glen Rehkop delivered the morning sermon Saturday. We enjoyed these Gospel sermons and the Christian Spirit which prevailed. These messages were followed with a real harmonious business session throughout the entire assembly. South Side Church did a fine job taking care of this district meeting. All twelve churches were represented in person, plus the new Gateway Free Will Baptist organization. This church petitioned for membership and they were received by unanimous vote. Rev. Albert McFarland pastors Gateway Church. They presently worship in a rented church building on Lemay Ferry Road in Lemay. They are now in the process of purchasing land, and they propose to build in a new location in the near future. Please remember this new work and pastor in prayers.

We welcomed two ordained ministers into St. Louis District this session—Glen Rehkop and Bill McCuin.

January Cooperative receipts were real good. We received contributions from forty churches. Bibles and religious material is available at your Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo. 63111.

### JANUARY, 1968 CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Garfield	Dec.	29.48
Leadington	Dec.	179.00
Myrtle	Oct.,Dec.	145.10
West Plains-Bethel	Dec.	44.00
Hannon	Dec.	40.50
Overland	Dec.	265.00
New Harmony	Dec.	5.33
Pleasant Hill	Dec.	10.00
Carterville	Dec.	25.39
Thayer	Dec.	105.79
Beacon	Dec.	128.71
Farmington	Dec.	128.90
Victory	Dec.	149.07
Monett	Dec.	184.06
Mt. Grove	Dec.	257.61
DeSoto	Dec.	45.00
Oskaloosa		29.39
Union FWB		25.00
Cape Girardeau	Dec.	34.00
Mill Creek	Oct.,Dec.	73.68
Mt. Valley	Oct.,Dec.	64.64
Richwoods		85.99

Hurryville	Oct.,Dec.	244.00
Independence	Sept.,Dec.	97.65
Waynesville	Nov.,Dec.	72.10
Alton		14.00
Cooper Mines		50.00
Rock Chapel		17.11
Aulsbury Chapel		106.20
Cope		22.34
Twin City	Nov.	38.43
Lebanon First		110.00
O'Fallon	Jan.	41.28
Kirksville		30.00
Mine La Motte		13.75
Fellowship	Jan.	50.00
Berkeley		309.53
Garfield	Jan.	24.08
Cabool	Jan.	42.03
Salem	Jan.	20.00
South Side	Jan.	132.00
A Friend		9.86

TOTAL RECEIPT \$3,500.00

### DISBURSED:

55.00% Nat. FWB Ass'n.	\$1,925.00
1.00% Mo. CTS & SS	35.00
2.00% Mo. Youth Camp	70.00
3.75% GEM	131.25
8.25% General Fund	288.75
14.00% Promotional Dept.	490.00
16.00% Mo. Missions	560.00
100.00% DISBURSED	\$3,500.00



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